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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
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- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
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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

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Chinese guests led by Governor of China Development Bank Mr. Jiang Chaoliang of the People’s Republic of China and party at the SPDC office here at 10 a.m today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC office, Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar, Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and Director-General U Thant Kyaw of International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Chinese guests led by Governor of China Development Bank Mr. Jiang Chaoliang were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo.

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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

Plant trees and conserve forests
As the rainy season is the most suitable time of the year for planting trees, tree-planting ceremonies are being held all over the country. In Myanmar, systematic measures are being taken for planting trees, conservation of forests and greening the environment.

Every year, the government has an average of 70,000 acres of land put under teak, ironwood and gum-kino and allows national entrepreneurs grow various kinds of hardwood trees, including teak. In the year 2009, it is targeted to establish 55,200 acres of forest plantations. More than 17 million saplings will also be distributed to carry out tree-planting as a mass movement to green the environment.

Planting trees fulfil people’s basic needs such as houses, food and fuel. Therefore, it is necessary to plant trees suitable to respective regions and take care of them till they are fully grown. Various kinds of trees such as shade-giving trees, fruit-bearing trees and flower plants should be planted.

Tree-planting is one of the ways to conserve the environment and conservation of the environment is important for regulating climate. This being so, tree-planting ceremonies are being held in the environs of schools and offices.

As trees and plants benefit people directly or indirectly, it is the duty of the entire national people to constantly plant trees and conserve forests for their own sake and for their children’s.

All this needs to be known
* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flat-tered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends coord meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee

YANGON, 29 June—The coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command, Konemyinttha, here, this evening, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.
Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for producing the import-substitutes in order that the public can consume quality products, boosting the products and making efforts for the development of industrial sector.
Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint explained tasks being carried out.
Next, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin touched upon the ongoing tasks.
After hearing the reports on measures taken and requirements presented by departmental heads, Chairman of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee and entrepreneurs, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the mayor coordinated and fulfilled the requirements. Lt-Gen Myint Swe then made concluding remarks.

Ministers U Soe Tha, Maj-Gen Hla Tun meet with Chinese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with Chinese delegation led by Governor Mr. Jiang Chaoliang of China Development Bank of PRC, and party, today. They cordially discussed matters related to promoting economic cooperation between the two countries.
Also present on the occasion were the deputy-ministers for Electric Power-1, Industry-2, Rail Transportation, Energy and Transport, the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and the departmental heads. The Chinese delegation included Director Mr. Du Jian of China Development Bank Board, Governor Mr. Deng Tingduo of China Development Bank of Yunan Province Section and officials.

Ministers U Soe Tha and Maj-Gen Hla Tun hold discussion with Chinese delegation led by Governor Mr. Jiang Chaoliang of China Development Bank of PRC, and party.—MNA

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Deal on US healthcare overhaul still uncertain

WASHINGTON, 29 June — President Barack Obama’s drive to overhaul the US healthcare system may be back on track thanks to Senate efforts to cut the price tag to $1 trillion, but a bipartisan deal on the sweeping proposal still is far from certain.

Obama wants changes that rein in the escalating costs of healthcare in the United States and bring insurance to most of the 46 million Americans who currently lack it.

He also wants a bill that the Democrats who control Congress and the Republican minority can support to give a bipartisan stamp of approval to his top legislative priority. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus was upbeat last week after announcing that panel members had found ways to bring the price tag to about $1 trillion over 10 years, down from an earlier estimate of a staggering $1.6 trillion.

The new estimates helped move lawmakers closer to an agreement, Baucus said. But he was unable to close the deal with Republicans before senators left for a weekend 4 July Independence Day holiday recess.

Instead, the core group of negotiators — three Democrats and four Republicans — issued a tepid statement on Thursday merely affirming their commitment to continue negotiations.

Six dead in Sudan tribal clashes

KHARTOUM, 29 June — Six people were killed in weekend tribal clashes in Sudan’s South Kordofan region, which borders Darfur and south Sudan, one of the most unstable parts of the country.

It has been has been rocked by tribal clashes, with 244 people, including policemen, killed in May in fighting between the Misseriya and the Rizeyqat tribes.

The interior ministry said at the time that policemen who moved in to contain the fighting were attacked by 3,000 horsemen from the Rizeyqat tribe.

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ISTANBUL, 29 June — Turkey will successfully adjust to a smoking ban in its restaurants and bars if it follows the same path as France, an international health expert says.

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“They were told to stop and warning shots were fired,” the official said.

He added that two wounded men, one of whom was shot in the back, are Eritrean and Rwandan. Egyptian police killed at least 28 sub-Saharan migrants near the border last year.

Rains, flooding hit parts of Czech Republic

PRAGUE, 29 June — Heavy rains are flooding southern parts of the Czech Republic, with mudslides damaging houses and roads in the region.

Rivers have been swelling in rural areas some 60 miles (100 kilometres) south of Prague, the capital, and no casualties have been reported. Army troops and firefighters are helping to restore roads in the region.

Rain hitting the region of northern Moravia is one of the most unstable parts of the country.

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Three killed in passenger train collision in central China

CHANGSHA, 29 June — Two passenger trains collided in central China on Monday morning, leaving at least three people dead and 60 injured. The accident took place at 2:34 am at Chenzhou railway station in Hunan Province, according to local railway company sources.

A train going from Changsha to Shenzhen collided with another train from Tongren to Shenzhen, causing several cars to derail, according to the sources.

Liu Zhijun, minister of railway, has gone to Chenzhou, 300 kilometers from Changsha, capital of Hunan Province, to oversee the rescue work.

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Surprising number of teens think they’ll die young

CHICAGO, 29 June—A surprising number of teenagers — nearly 15 percent — think they’re going to die young, leading many to use drugs, suicide attempts, and other unsafe behavior, new research suggests.

The study, based on a survey of more than 20,000 kids, challenges conventional wisdom that says teens engage in risky behavior because they think they’re invulnerable to harm. Instead, a sizable number of teens may take chances “because they feel hopeless and figure that not much is at stake,” said study author Dr. Iris Borowsky, a researcher at the University of Minnesota. That behaviour threatens to turn their fatalism into a self-fulfilling prophecy. Over seven years, kids who thought they would die early were seven time more likely than optimistic kids to be subsequently diagnosed with AIDS. They also were more likely to attempt suicide and get in fights resulting in serious injuries.

Borowsky said the magnitude of kids with a negative outlook was eye-opening.

Adolescence is “a time of great opportunity and for such a large minority of youth to feel like they don’t have a long life ahead of them was surprising,” she said.

First solid-state quantum processor created

WASHINGTON, 29 June—US researchers said on Sunday they had created the first rudimentary solid-state quantum processor and used the super conducting chip to successfully run elementary algorithms.

The findings, which appeared Sunday in Nature’s advanced online publication, are seen as another step toward the ultimate dream of building a quantum computer. “Our processor can perform only a few very simple quantum tasks, which have been demonstrated before with single nuclei, atoms and photons,” said Professor Robert Schoelkopf of Yale University. “But this is the first time they’ve been possible in an all-electronic device that looks and feels much more like a regular microprocessor,” Schoelkopf said.

Unlike regular processors, which store information in the form of digital bits that each possess a value of either 0 or 1, quantum processor use qubits, or quantum bits, which can hold values of 0 and 1 at the same time.

Qubits in this “superposition” of both values may allow many more calculations to be performed simultaneously than is possible with traditional digital bits, thus allowing for greater information storage and processing power.

The Yale team made their device out of two qubits, each of which is actually made up of a billion aluminum atoms. The device processed a simple search algorithm, also known as the reverse phone book search, where someone’s number is known but not the name. The processor essentially reads all the numbers in the phone book at once to find the right number.

Australian A/H1N1 flu death toll reaches seven

CANBERRA, 29 June — Australia’s tally of A/H1N1 flu-related deaths reached seven on Monday following the deaths of two Victorian men.

The two men, aged 50 and 85, had underlying medical conditions. Victoria’s deputy chief health officer Rosemary Lester revealed the Department of Human Services was told of the deaths over the weekend. “The 50-year-old was being treated for a life-threatening cancer and was later diagnosed with A/H1N1 flu,” Lester said, adding “he died while receiving treatment in hospital.”

Brazil reports first swine flu death

BRASILIA, 29 June—Brazil reported its first swine flu fatality on Sunday, saying the woman died after returning to South America’s most populous nation from a trip to neighbouring Argentina.

Brazil’s health ministry said in a statement that the victim was “an adult woman from the state of Rio Grande do Sul who had spent one week in Argentina,” but it did not release the woman’s identity.

Second Briton with swine flu dies

LONDON, 29 June—A second Briton has died after contracting swine flu, the Scottish government said on Sunday. The 73-year-old man died in hospital in Paisley, central Scotland, late Saturday and had “serious underlying health problems”, having been in intensive care for two weeks.

Scotland’s Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said: “Although it is concerning that the patient had swine flu, we are aware that the patient had very serious underlying health issues.”

Vodafone may bid for rival UK operator T-Mobile

BEIJING, 29 June—The world’s largest mobile company, Vodafone, is believed to be interested in buying up rival operator T-Mobile UK in what many believe to be an audacious move that may create huge repercussions within the mobile industry.

Vodafone has so far made no comment on the bid which may run into problems with UK regulators which oversee the mobile industry.

T-Mobile, which is owned by Deutsche Telekom and valued at between 2.5 and 3.4 billion pound (4.12 and 5.6 billion US dollars), holds only 15 percent of the UK mobile market compared to Vodafone’s 25 percent.
Iran’s warship thwarts hijack of its oil tanker by pirates

TEHERAN, 29 June — Iran’s navy has prevented an attempt to hijack an Iranian oil tanker by pirates in the Gulf of Aden, the official IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

According to a report by the public relations department of Iran’s Navy Force, pirates in the Gulf of Aden planned in the past days to hijack an Iranian oil tanker named “Hadi” but its warship arrived in the scene on time to rescue it, IRNA said.

In May, Iran announced that it will send two warships to Somali coast to fight pirates. Iran’s ambassador to the United Nations informed UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in a letter of Teheran’s decision to send two warships to the Somali coast waters and the Gulf of Aden for at least five months to confront pirates, according to IRNA — Xinhua.

At least five killed in building collapse in Nigeria

LAGOS, 29 June — At least five people were killed and many others injured in a building collapse here on Sunday, reports from the local media said.

The three-storey building was located at Lagos’s Ebute neighbourhhood and the collapse was probably triggered by the heavy rains the commercial city has experienced these days, the reports said.

Rescue workers were working on the spot and the casualties may rise, the reports said. — Xinhua

Overnight shooting kills four in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — Four people were killed and six other people wounded in an overnight shooting that broke out at a motorcycle club’s charity event in Pico Rivera of Los Angeles, authorities said on Sunday.

Three men, two of whom were brothers, died at the scene, Deputy Byron Ward said.

Seven other people were wounded and taken to hospitals, and one of them died later, he said. — Xinhua

One woman dead, three wounded in West Beirut clashes

BEIRUT, 29 June — One woman was killed and three other people were wounded in West Beirut area of Aaysha Bakkar on Sunday when clashes erupted between Shiite members of Speaker Nabih Berri’s Amal Movement and Sunni supporters of designated Prime Minister Saad Hariri, local Elnashra website reported.

Rockets and machine-guns were used during the clashes which were intensified Sunday afternoon due to Saturday’s provoca-tions after celebrating gunshots were fired by Hariri’s supporters for his designation as prime minister, local New TV reported.

“Since yesterday, tension increased between the two sides when Hariri’s supporters intimated Berri’s followers,” a New TV reporter said.

US company expands recall of E coli contaminated beef

BEIJING, 29 June — A Colorado meat company expanded voluntarily its beef recall due to possible contamination by E coli O157:H7 bacteria, according to media reports on Monday.

The JBS-Swift Beef Co made a recall on 24 June and the expanded one came after an investigation found 18 illnesses may be linked to the meat.

The expansion further included about 171,000 kg of assorted beef products, for a total recall of about 189,450 kg now.

The affected beef was produced on 21 April and was distributed nationwide and internationally.

The contamination was investigated by the Food Safety and Inspection Service of United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

E coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacteria that can cause bloody diarrhea, dehydration, and, in severe cases, kidney failure. The very young, seniors, and persons with weak immune systems are at the most risk. — Xinhua

Photo taken on 28 June, 2009 shows the Sevan Driller, the world’s first cylinder-shaped deep sea water crude oil rig and bulky storage platform, which is constructed by the Nantong Shipyard under China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company (COSCO), being unveiled during a launching ceremony in Nantong City, east China’s Jiangsu Province. — Xinhua

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Japan’s industrial output rise 5.9% in May

TOKYO, 29 June — Japan’s industrial output in May rose 5.9 percent from the previous month for the third straight month of gain, but the rise is lower than expected, the government data showed on Monday.

The market’s average forecast for the seasonally adjusted May output growth stood about 6.7 to 6.9 percent.

The index of output at mines and factories stood at 79.2 against the base of 100 for 2005, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry said in a prelimi-nary report.

The index of industrial shipments gained 4.5 percent to 78.7 and that of industrial inventories was down 0.6 percent to 96.5.

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Lightning is seen over Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, as a thunderstorm hits the city on 28 June, 2009. — Xinhua

A special mechanical mining equipment is shown at the ongoing 5th China International Coal Equipment and Mine Technical Equipment Exhibition 2009, which opens at the China International Exhibition Center in Beijing, on 28 June, 2009. — Xinhua
**Govt, bankrupt GM reach liability deal**

NEW YORK, 29 June — The White House and General Motors have resolved liability issues that could have derailed the US automaker’s emergence from bankruptcy, documents show.

Documents filed in bankruptcy court late last week indicated a deal has been reached in which a successor company to General Motors would remain liable for claims filed against GM products, even if it currently has legitimate claims against GM.

The new company that emerged after the automaker emerged in a new corporate identity, the newspaper reported. “While the sacrifices being made in this process — by workers, retirees, creditors, dealers, suppliers, and individuals injured by GM products — are painful, there is nothing exceptional about these bankruptcy terms,” an unnamed administration official told The Times.

**Shackled Mass girl escapes kidnapper**

HANOVER, 29 June — Massachusetts police said a Hanover man was in custody Sunday on charges he allegedly kidnapped, shackled and intended to rape a 6-year-old neighbour girl.

Justin Shine, 26, was hospitalized for injuries suffered when he was arrested on Saturday on kidnapping and attempted rape charges. WCVB-TV in Boston reported Shane allegedly grabbed the child while she was riding her bike in her neighbourhood and then shackled her ankles.

**Chrysler says ready for plant relaunches**

DETROIT, 29 June — US automaker Chrysler LLC says all is ready for the bankruptcy-salvaged company’s restart of its seven assembly plants, powertrain plant and other facilities. Chrysler said late last week it is on target to re-open the plants on Monday after a shutdown that began with its 30 April bankruptcy filing, The Detroit News reported.

The new company that emerged after the bankruptcy is a partnership with Italian automaker Fiat. Its biggest concern had been making sure that parts would be available after stocks were depleted by lower volumes and an inability to secure credit to restart production lines, the newspaper said.

Chrysler, however, has not resolved all unpaid bills with suppliers, the News reported. But company spokesman Dave Eshoff asserted those issues won’t jeopardize Monday’s assembly plant relaunches, saying, “When necessary, we will negotiate in good faith to resolve our business issues and assure the timely and efficient commencement of our manufacturing operations.”

A number of Chrysler suppliers are in bankruptcy themselves, including Delphi Corp, Visteon Corp and Metaldyne Corp, the News said.

**Intact ancient tomb uncovered in Bethlehem**

Workers renovating a house in the traditional town of Jesus’ birth accidently uncovered an untouched ancient tomb containing clay pots, plates, beads and the bones of two humans, a Palestinian antiquities official said.

The 4,000-year-old tomb provides a glimpse of the burial customs of the area’s inhabitants during the Canaanite period, said Mohammed Ghuyaya, director of the Palestinian Authority’s Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

Workers in a house near the Church of the Nativity uncovered a hole leading to the grave, which was about one metre (yard) below ground, he said. They contacted antiquities officials, who photographed the grave intact before removing its contents.

They dated the grave to the Early Bronze Age, between 1,900 BC and 2,200 BC.

**Pregnant woman falls four stories in car**

Police in Massachusetts said a 31-year-old pregnant woman was miraculously unharmed after accidentally backing her car off the fourth story of a parking garage.

Springfield Police Lt Rupert Daniel said the woman, who was alone in her car at the time, accidentally put her Hyundai Sonata in reverse and drove off the fourth story of the downtown garage, plunging 40 feet to the sidewalk below, WWLP-TV, Springfield, reported.

The woman was treated for minor injuries at Baystate Medical Center and released.

**Firefighters called to own station blaze**

Firefighters in Waipahu, Hawaii, said food left cooking while they were out on a call caused an embarrassing blaze at their own station house.

Fire Capt Terry Seelig said firefighters left food cooking when they responded to reports of a traffic crash 22 May. They received a second call on their way back from the crash to put out a fire at their own station, the Honolulu Advertiser reported.

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The fire caused about $25,000 worth of damage to the station house, Seelig said. He said the kitchen was previously scheduled for renovation and the damage has already been repaired.

**Oklahoma pile-up death toll hits 10**

MIAMI, 29 June — A 10th victim from a multi-car pileup on the Will Rogers Turnpike in Oklahoma died on Sunday, the state highway patrol said.

The death of Shelby Hayes, 36, Frisco, Texas, left only two survivors — a 12-year-old Phoenix girl whose mother and father perished in the accident, and a 76-year-old semi-truck driver — of Friday’s crash that occurred near the town of Miami, Okla.

The Oklahoma reported Hayes had been pinned in the wreckage of her family’s vehicle for two hours after the semi-truck driven by Donald Creed slammed into a line of cars that had slowed at another accident scene.

Creed, who is from Willard, Mo, was listed in good condition at a hospital in Joplin, Mo Andrea Reyes, 12, was listed in critical condition at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. The highway patrol was continuing its investigation on Sunday.

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**People observe a gray whale swimming close to an eco-tourist boat, near the coast of Baja California peninsula. Mexico and France have launched Mexico’s first marine observatory on the edge of one of the world’s most diverse ocean ecosystems, the Sea of Cortez.**
How high carbohydrate foods can raise risk for heart problems

Tel Aviv, 29 June — Doctors have known for decades that too much carbohydrate-laden foods like white bread and corn flakes can be detrimental to cardiac health. In a landmark study, new research from Tel Aviv University now shows exactly how these high carb foods increase the risk for heart problems.

Endocrinology Institute — visualized exactly what happens inside the body when the wrong foods for a healthy heart are eaten. He found that foods with a high glycemic index distended brachial arteries for several hours.

Elasticity of arteries anywhere in the body can be a measure of heart health. But when aggravated over time, a sudden expansion of the artery wall can cause a number of negative health effects, including reduced elasticity, which can cause heart disease or sudden death. — Internet

What makes a great soccer player?

Brisbane, 29 June — Scientists are studying footballing ability (known as soccer ability in the US) to gain insight into the role that skill plays in the physical performance of vertebrates.

The results show that skill is as important, if not more important, than athletic ability.

The study also suggests a scientific method that could help professional football clubs in the selection and identification of new talent.

While most fans are in awe of what their football heroes can do with physical training alone can turn an average bloke into a Ronaldo. Now, scientists from the University of Queensland have decided to study what this “something else” might be.
To prevent the dangers of human influenza pandemic and minimize losses, the entire people are to seriously observe the following preventive measures.

(a) Dos and don’ts for everybody are to
- practise personal hygiene
- cover nose and mouth with handkerchief while sneezing and coughing
- wash hands thoroughly with the use of soap
- take a good rest and sleep
- have nutritious foods
- take exercise regularly
- pay attention to good ventilation
- do not visit crowded areas and festivals
- avoid excessive drinking alcohol and using narcotic drugs
- stay at least six feet from infected and suspicious persons
- use surgical mask to cover nose and mouth to avoid being infected with disease
- avoid unnecessarily visiting residences of infected persons and hospitals
- report to the nearest health centre as soon as possible for help if one has symptoms of disease

(b) At schools, worksites, hotels, social centres and homes,
- practise personal hygiene
- make buildings well-ventilated
- keep the surrounding areas clean
- throw away garbage and waste systematically
- sterilize personal goods, ladders, lifts, walls and office furniture two to three times a day
- watch health conditions of all persons at schools, worksites, hotels, social centres and homes
- deal with the health care centre concerned if there is a suspicious person with influenza

Members of Yangon Division WAO unveil the billboard to mark Myanmar Women’s Day.—MNA

YANGON, 29 June—The opening ceremony of billboard to mark Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July 2009 was held at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and U Htaung Bo Road in Bahan Township today.

Central Executive Committee members of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Chairperson of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization and members, members of Township WAO, members of social organizations and personnel concerned attended the ceremony.

Members of Yangon Division WAO, cutting the ribbon to open the ceremony and Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myat Htwe unveiled the billboard.

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Villager loses foot in mine blast in Kyaukkyi

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — A villager lost right foot in a mine blast in Kyaukkyi Township on 26 June.

Along with his friends, Aung Myo Oo, 29, of Kyaungpya Village in Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, stepped on the mine planted by insurgents on his way to a jungle to find herbal roots.

The blast blew off his right foot and wounded his left leg. The victim is receiving treatment at the hospital in Kyaukkyi. — MNA

Respect-paying ceremony on 25 July

YANGON, 29 June—Kyaukse Association (Yangon) will organize a ceremony to pay respects to elderly persons and honour outstanding matriculation students (2008-2009 academic year) at Kyaukse Dhammayon (preaching hall) in Bahan Township here at 8 am on 25 July.

Lists of those members aged above 75 persons living in Yangon, and lists of outstanding schoolchildren with testimonies of the schools concerned are to be sent to the association in person of on phone (552736). Well-wishers may donate cash and kind by 19 July. All members, whether they received invitation cards or not, are to attend the ceremony.—MNA

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YANGON, 29 June — Special Refresher Course No 68 for basic education teachers was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu this morning.

On behalf of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of the CSSTB and the rector, pro-rectors, heads of department and trainees of the CICS.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said the education system of Myanmar is on the way to achieving the 30-year long term project of National Education Promotion as part of efforts for establishing an education system which can create sustainable learning society to overcome challenges of the knowledge age.

Five objectives and 10 tasks were laid down in the basic education sector. The five objectives aim at helping every citizen to achieve the basic education level and to become good citizens; laying down professional skills which can serve the interests of the State; giving priority to science and arts and laying down foundations for the tertiary education, he said.

Meanwhile, objectives and tasks have been laid down for the higher education system. Since the Tatmadaw government took the responsibility of the State, the government has been making efforts for building the new nation based on the education system, he added.

He continued to say that there are global challenges and hardships in the political, economic and education sectors in the 21st century and it is necessary to lay down good foundation for the education system so that the future nation and generation can stand tall among the nations of the world.

He urged the trainees to possess the right understanding on the history of Myanmar and to review the changes at home and abroad through the history and today. Only then, will the trainees win the modern media war on the country, he added.

The Union Spirit is the life blood of the State and all national races. Therefore, imperialists practised the divide-and-rule policy to separate the Union, he said. Only the Union Spirit can help the Union of Myanmar last long.

The new nation can be built with the unity, the development of the economy underpinned by the State and the people and the human resources equipped with the Union Spirit, he said.

He called on the teachers to improve their teaching skills as they are teaching the students who will take responsibility of the future nation.

He also stressed the importance of the cooperation of the parents of the students for achieving the objectives of the education aim. Teachers are to educate the parents to understand the tasks of the education system, he said.

In conclusion, he urged the teachers to understand the implementation of the development of border areas, 24 special regions and rural areas while making efforts for achieving the national education promotion project.

A total of 1,501 teachers are attending the five-week course. —MNA

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**Talks on A/H1N1, DHF held**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—An educative talks on New Influenza A/H1N1 and Dengue Hemorrhage Fever were given at No 5 Basic Education High School here on 27 June morning.

Headmaster Dr Aung Kyaw Hlaung made an opening speech. Deputy Director-General of the Health Department Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director-General Dr Thein Thein Htay, Assistant Director Dr Phyu Phyu Aye, and Deputy Director Dr Aung Tun gave talks on New Influenza A/H1N1 and preventive methods.

Preventive measures against DHF were taken and demonstrated at the school. —MNA

**Health staff demonstrate preventive measures against DHF at No. 5 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw.** —MNA

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**Special Refresher Course No 68 for basic education teachers commences**

On behalf of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister U Thaung delivers an address at opening of special refresher course No 68 for basic education teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi).—MNA

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Commander Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Kayah State PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Win Myint, Public Works MD cutting the ribbon to open Hti-se-kha Bridge. (News on page 16)—MNA

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Industry-1 Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAV PYI TAW, 29 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with local people of Innma, Khaungkhwe, Sinchaung, Nyaungto, and Thapaung village-tract in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Division on 27 June and presented 50 bags of cement, and K300,000 for the Aungma, Myaungmyan, Khaungkhw, and Anaink villages. The minister also met with the departmental heads, members of social organizations, local people at the Myoogyion Basic Education High School. He presented cement bags to schools in Myoogyion, Kyartaing, Mayoeo, Kyaukkon, Hlaingtet and Yetaing villages and fulfilled the needs.— MNA

Railway schedules of Pyinmana Station...

Myanmar Railways has announced that passengers traveling on all trains except mail and local ones are to get off only at Nay Pyi Taw Station as they will not stop at Pyinmana Station.— MNA

Minister inspects Aunglan-Pyay-Hsatthwa railway

NAV PYI TAW, 29 June — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than, inspected endurance of Phatashin Bridge, linking Kyangin Township and Myanaung Township, on Kyangin-Hinthada railway section on 28 June.

After meeting with the staff of Mezalegon and Ingapu stations, the minister and party looked into 1015 foot-long Myokwin Bridge over Ngawun River between Ingapu Township and Hinthada Township.

At the Hinthada station, the minister and party met with departmental staff and fulfilled the need. On 27 June, the minister and party inspected implementation tasks at the yard of Hsatthwa Railway Station and looked into rails at Konglaung Station to upgrade the standard of Pyay-Aunglan-Hsatthwa railway.

On arrival at Shewdagar station by RBE, the minister and party viewed the yard.

After hearing the report of project engineer U Myo Win on building the factory and the supplementary report of the deputy minister at the briefing hall of Okshiptpin Concrete Sleeper Factory Building Project in Padaung Township, the minister stressed the need to complete the project in time and inspected the tasks carried out at the factory. — MNA

(b) Schedule and Time Table of trains that will stop over at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station

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Farmers from Ayeyawady Div get agricultural loans, aids

YANGON, 29 June—Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein attended the ceremony of disbursing loans and providing aids to farmers by Myaungmyana Naga Co Ltd.

The ceremony was held at Pannya Yadana Hall in Myaungmyana yesterday morning.

Chairman of the company U Win Myint, Division Manager U Myint Thein of Myanmar Agriculture Service, and Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Naing reported on disbursing loans and providing assistance and replied to the queries raised by local farmers and entrepreneurs.

The minister called for cultivation of high yield paddy strains.

The minister viewed presenting of agricultural loans to 102 farmers from 37 village-tracts.

The minister also observed collective ploughing and paddy transplanting at Kyonwar village-tract and watched Myaungmyana Naga Co Ltd presenting agricultural loans to the farmers from the village-tract and Shewkanthar Paddy Trader Co., agricultural loans and aids to 35 farmers from 8 village-tracts. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivers an address at the ceremony to disburse loans and provide aids by Myaungmyana Naga Co Ltd to farmers.— COMMERCE
Vietnam’s fish export to Russia expected to rise

HANOI, 29 June—Vietnam’s Steering Committee for Tra and Basa Fish Export to Russia House of the country predicted that the country could earn about 1.3 billion US dollars from tra and basa fish export this year, the local newspaper Vietnam Economic Times reported on Monday.

The prediction, which exceeded the previous projection of one billion US dollars by the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP), was made on the fact that Russia and several other foreign markets had increased purchases of tra and basa fish from Vietnam.

Regarding Russian market, Vietnamese fish will have more opportunities to be consumed in this huge market as Russia will stop importing fish from Chile, Canada and China from July.

The country would export 70,000 tons of tra and basa fish to Russia till the end of this year, bringing total export volume of tra and basa to Russia to 100,000 tons this year, worth about 200 million US dollars, said Duong Ngoc Minh, head of the steering committee. The steering committee was set up under Vietnam’s Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) to monitor the exports to this market.—MNA/Xinhua

Jaguar, Land Rover roll into India

MUMBAI, 29 June—Two of Britain’s most luxurious and elegant auto brands, Jaguar and Land Rover, were launched here on Sunday at prices as rich as their features, although their Indian owner Tata Motors swallowed a 25-billion-ruppee loss on account of them.

Tata will sell the Jaguar, which had its origins in a motorcycle sidecar company, XF and XKR series for between 6.3 million rupees and 9.2 million rupees, while Land Rover’s Discovery and Range Rover would be priced between 6.3 million rupees and 8.9 million rupees. “It’s quite a memorable day in the history and heritage of Tata Motors... JLR has been well received and well established in India (in the past), but over the years this brand has been disconnected from India,” Tata group chief Ratan Tata told reporters here announcing the launch.

Tata Motors, the country’s largest automobile company, suffered a net loss of 2,505.25 crore rupees in 2008-09 mainly on account of JLR that it acquired in March 2008. The expensive JLR marquees suffered on account of the economic meltdown.

Putin says CIS remains key priority of Russia

Moscow, 29 June—Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) are pivotal political and economic priority of Russia, said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Sunday. “Cooperation is profound. We have common transportation and energy networks and speak Russian,” Putin was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as telling leaders of political groups in Russia’s State Duma, the Lower House of Parliament.

The CIS, an alliance of 11 former Soviet Republics, groups Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Moldova, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine and Turkmenistan. Georgia withdrew from the bloc due to the South Ossetia conflict last year. Putin also said that entering the World Trade Organization (WTO) remains on Russia’s agenda, but “the customs union of Belarus and Kazakhstan has come to the forefront”. Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan agreed on June 9 to start new talks on WTO accession as a single customs union, and thus suspend individual talks.

Russia, which has been seeking WTO membership for more than 15 years, is the largest economy remaining outside the global trade watchdog. Putin also recalled the recent Yekaterinburg summits of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India and China), “We will build up cooperation in these formats,” he said.—MNA/Xinhua

Kadafi urges quick steps to form AU authority

CAIRO, 29 June—Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi underlined the necessity to take quick steps for the formation of African Union (AU) authority, Libyan official news agency Jana reported on Sunday.

During the opening of the 15th Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council, the Libyan leader said the formation of AU authority is a necessary step for Africa to be capable of defending its political, economic and social interests. The AU is currently composed of several organs, including the Heads of State and permanent Representatives Committee, with the AU commission being the secretariat.

Oil prices rose as sentiment was lifted by positive economic data in the eurozone and Japan, while traders kept an eye on simmering tensions in crude producer Nigeria.—INTERNET
the Claims Day.

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (455) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.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 up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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North Canterbury District Commander, Inspector David Lawry, said the man had contacted his family earlier in the day saying he was suicidal.

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Somali ‘killer’ stoned to death

MOGADISHU, 29 June — Hardline Islamist militiamen in Somalia have stoned to death a man accused of raping and murdering a woman.

The execution took place in front of a large crowd in the town of WanaLweyn, about 90km (55 miles) south of the capital Mogadishu.

The man was convicted by an unofficial court set up by the al-Shabab movement. — Internet

Europe’s oldest person dies

ROME, 29 June — The oldest person in Europe, Italian Lucia Lauria, has died at the age of 113 in the village where she was born, news agency ANSA reports. Lauria passed away in Pietrapertosa, in the southern Basilicata region of Italy, aged 113, three months and 24 days.

She returned several days ago to the village where she was born on 4 March, 1896, and died early today. Lauria is survived by two children, both aged over 80, one who used to spend part of the year with her and a second who has emigrated to the United States.

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BURNSIDE, 29 June — New Zealand police have shot dead a wheelchair-bound suicidal man after he fired on police, hitting an officer in the head. The 40-year-old paraplegic man fired more than 100 rounds from a shotgun and .308 "indiscriminately" down Wakefield Place, BURNSIDE, about 9pm last night police said.

North Canterbury District Commander, Inspector David Lawry, said the man suffered from a head injury and was understood to have been drinking.

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Anti-smoking campaign targets young grooms

RIYADH, 29 June — The catchy slogan, “Kicking the habit is on you, and marriage is on us,” is meant to entice young grooms to give up smoking by offering an attractive incentive.

And, indeed, hundreds have expressed interest in the first anti-smoking drive of its kind in the kingdom, with one man saying he is ready to take up smoking just to be eligible for the grand prize — an all-expenses-paid wedding.

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On Thursday in Mogadishu, al-Shabab — which advocates a strict form of Sharia — publicly amputated a hand and a foot from each of four men accused of theft.

“This man was accused of raping and killing an 18-year-old girl in May this year. The court found him guilty of the charges brought against him,” Sheikh Mohamed Saleh, a local al-Shabab official, told AFP news agency on Sunday. — Internet

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She was considered the oldest living person in continental Europe. A Frenchwoman, Eugenie Blanchard, is actually several weeks older than Lauria, but lives in Guadeloupe, an overseas department of France in the Caribbean. — Internet

Anyone can get swimmer’s ear

DALLAS, 29 June—People who swim in pools and lakes this summer should remember their refreshing lakes this summer should remember their refreshing
Old Summer Palace to kick off Lotus Festival

BEIJING, 29 June—Lotuses are in full bloom again at the Old Summer Palace. They fill the ponds. They line the paths: bright pink and yellow blossoms amidst a sea of round green leaves. Yanming Yuan, or Garden of Eternal Brightness, is set to kick off its 14th annual Lotus Festival on Wednesday. The garden has the largest area covered by lotuses and the most lotus breeds in Beijing. But this year’s festival will feature more than just lotuses.

Eighty-eight red stars fill the square lawn outside the South Gate. Designed by land artist Di Naizhuang, the decoration is a gift for the 60th anniversary of the Communist Party’s founding, which coincides with the start of the festival. The design also continues to harass one another by spreading rumors, turning fellow students into outcasts and intimidating others through words and violence. Thirteen percent of students said others physically bullied them — hit, kicked, pushed or shoved them or locked them indoors.

Study says one in ten kids bullied online

TUCSON, 29 June—Nearly 10 percent of children are bullied by electronic means such as text messages, with girls more likely to be victims, US researchers said. The study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, found bullying remains much more common in person, with large numbers of kids continuing to harass one another by spreading 26 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 29 June — A European health agency said Sunday that 26 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 16 were confirmed in Switzerland, four in Ireland, two in Portugal, one respectively in Belgium, Poland, Romania and Denmark, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 6,118, with 541 cases in Spain and 4,250 in Britain, 191 in France and 366 in Germany, the ECDC said.

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

Bomb blast hits Philippines market

MANILA, 29 June—At least one person has been killed in a bomb blast at a market in the southern Philippines.

Fifteen people were wounded when the blast rippled through the market in Datu Saudi Ampatuan township in Maguindanao Province early on Monday. According to witnesses, the dead man was the suspected bomber who was seen placing an explosive device inside a rubbish bin near a coffee shop.

Number of Canada’s A/H1N1 flu deaths reach 25

OTTAWA, 29 June—Twenty-five people have died of H1N1 flu in Canada, health officials said on Sunday.

The western province of Saskatchewan has recorded its first death, provincial Health Ministry officials said on Sunday. The victim was a woman in her 40s with underlying health conditions.

Another death was reported in Quebec on Friday, bringing the total in the province to 12.

Australian scientists kill cancer cells with “trojan horse”

SYDNEY, 29 June — Australian scientists have developed a “trojan horse” therapy to combat cancer, using a bacterially-derived nano cell to penetrate and disarm the cancer cell before a second nano cell kills it with chemotherapy drugs.

The “trojan horse” therapy has the potential to directly target cancer cells with chemotherapy, rather than the current treatment that sees chemotherapy drugs injected into a cancer patient and attacking both cancer and healthy cells.

Sydney scientists Dr Jennifer MacDiarmid and Dr Himanshu Brahmbhatt, who formed GenEnelC Pty Ltd in 2001, said they had achieved 100 percent survival in mice with human cancer cells by using the “trojan horse” therapy in the past two years.

The scientists plan to start human clinical trials in the coming months.
Brazilians rally to beat US in Confed Cup final

JOHANNESBURG — 29 June — Next year’s World Cup will come two days after he celebrated his 54th birthday. Three days after he won the tournament, we did well here and got to the finals and we showed that we belong.

“We’re not just going to be a pushover in the World Cup when we come down here,” Luis Fabiano scored twice for Brazil, and Lucio added the third in the 84th minute to give Brazil its second straight Confederations Cup title and third overall.

Nielson rallies to win at En-Joie

ENDICOTT, 29 June — When Fred Funk birdied the fifth hole on the final round of the Dick’s Sporting Goods Open, he squinted at Lonnie Nielson’s line on the leaderboard and then turned for some help.

“I go to my caddie, ‘I can’t quite read that. Does it say 14?’” Funk said. “He tells me, ‘No, it’s 18.’ Then he told me the distance that we played so well against the big teams here. This is a difficult tournament, we did well here and got to the finals.

Brazilian midfielder Kaka posed with the trophy he was awarded as best player of the tournament after the FIFA Confederations Cup final football match United States vs Brazil at the Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg. —INTERNET

Kaka voted star of Confed Cup

JOHANNESBURG — 29 June — Spanish giants Real Madrid’s recent signing Brazil midfielder Kaka was awarded the Golden Ball on Sunday after being voted best footballer at the Confederations Cup.

Striker Luis Fabiano, a teammate in the side that came from two goals behind to defeat the United States 3-2 in the final, finished second and American midfielder Clint Dempsey third.

Fabiano collected the Golden Boot for being leading scorer with five goals and USA goalkeeper Tim Howard received the Golden Glove as the best in his position at the dress rehearsal for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Kaka paid tribute to his teammates for taking Brazil to the title and allowing him to win the player of the tournament.

Guiza delivers as Spain finish third in Confed Cup

RUSTENBURG, 29 June — Liverpool midfielder Xabi Alonso scored off a free kick to give Spain a dramatic 3-2 extra-time victory over South Africa on Sunday in the Confederations Cup third place play-off.

A largely incident-less game sprang to life late in the second half when Bafana Bafana (The Boys) striker Katlego Mphela scored only for another substitute, Daniel Guiza, to strike twice for Spain within 60 seconds. —INTERNET

Real Madrid offer 32 million euros for Benzema

MADRID, 29 June — Real Madrid have offered 32 million euros for Lyon striker Karim Benzema after switching their attention to the France international from Valencia forward David Villa, Marca sports daily reported on Sunday.

Marcos said the French have yet to respond to Real’s offer but last week Bernard Lacombe, assistant to Lyon chairman Jean-Michel Aulas, told Marca that “nothing is impossible and if we receive a good offer we will not close the door to anyone.” Lyon’s director of communication Olivier Blanc said merely that “the only news is Real Madrid contacted Olympique Lyon a few days ago to discuss Karim Benzema.”

Benzema and Olympique Lyon confirmed his initial desire is to stay another year with Lyon, Blanc said, adding that was also the club’s preference. Manchester United are also admirers of Benzema but Real have decided to swoop now given the reluctance of Valencia’s new chairman Manuel Llorente to sell them Spain striker Villa. —INTERNET

Teens shake up on women’s draw at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, 29 June — There was a grizzled look to the men’s side, at least by tennis standards, after one week at Wimbledon. On the women’s side, youth was being served — and whacking return winners.

Those reaching the gentlemen’s round of 16 included six players age 27 or older, among them Tommy Haas, 31, and Radek Stepanek and Ivo Karlovic, both 30. The message: When it comes to the brief lawn tennis season, experience pays.

Grass definitely takes some getting used to,” said Andy Roddick, 26, who reached Week 2 for the fifth time in nine Wimbledons. “If you’ve played on it for years and years and years and years, I think the adjustment period will be probably a little bit quicker.” —INTERNET

Federer and Williams resume bids for sixth Wimbledon title

LONDON, 29 June — As Week 1 gives way to Week 2 at Wimbledon on Monday, the primary story lines have not shifted since the beginning of the tournament. Will Roger Federer win a sixth Wimbledon championship and record 15th Grand Slam title? Will Andy Murray end Britain’s 73-year wait for a male singles champion at the All England Club?

Will Venus Williams become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1991-93 to win the Venus Rosewater Dish three years in a row, bringing her career haul to six? “Will Serena Williams end her older sister’s reign and add to her own Wimbledon championships from 2002 and 2003?”

Will they ever play a point on Centre Court with the spiffy new retractable roof closed? “The common joke has been that they haven’t had to use it yet,” said And Roddick, twice a runner-up to Federer at Wimbledon. “All this money, and the weather’s been nice.” —INTERNET
Iran detained eight local employees of British Embassy

TEHERAN, 29 June—Iranian authorities have detained 8 local employees of the British Embassy in Teheran who had a considerable role in creating riots. One day earlier, Iran took the step of expelling two British diplomats over allegations of meddling in Iran’s disputed 10th presidential election. Iran has condemned the interference in the country’s internal affairs by some Western countries, particularly the United States, Britain, France, and Germany.

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Hti-se-kha Bridge across Thabat Creek in Loikaw Township inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — Hti-se-kha Bridge in Loikaw Township, Kayah State, was inaugurated today. Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and the managing director of the Public Works formally opened the bridge.

The newly opened bridge is located on Thabat Creek near Hti-se-kha Village in Loikaw Township. The 241-foot-long and 24-foot-wide bridge is flanked by 3-foot-wide walkways. The bridge can withstand 60 tons of load and the clearance of the bridge is 40 ft wide and 6 ft high.

The bridge is the 227th one among the 180-foot-long and above constructed by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

Hti-se-kha Bridge is the first of its kind in Kayah State. Thanks to the opening of the bridge, the region will enjoy smooth transportation and fruits of development in the education, health, economic and transport sectors.

Railway schedules of Pyinmana Station to be shifted to Nay Pyi Taw Station

(NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Myanmar Railways has extended railway schedules based on Nay Pyi Taw by building Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station. They are four Yangon up/down trains, two up/down Mandalay trains, two up/down Bagan trains, two up/down Pyay up/down trains, two up/down Shwe Nyaung trains, two up/down Loikaw trains and two up/down Myingyan trains, two up/down Mawlamyine trains, two up/down Mandalay trains, two up/down Bagan trains, two up/down Pyay up/down trains, two up/down Shwe Nyaung trains, two up/down Loikaw trains and two up/down Myingyan trains, two up/down Mawlamyine trains, two up/down Mandalay trains, two up/down Bagan trains, two up/down Pyay up/down trains, two up/down Shwe Nyaung trains, two up/down Loikaw trains and two up/down Myingyan trains.

For the convenience of railway passengers, Nay Pyi Taw railway stations will be shifted to Nay Pyi Taw, announced Myanmar Railways.

The departure time of No 32 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon) train, No 8 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon), No 16 down/15 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine), No 109 Up (Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay), No 107 Up (Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan), and 101 Up (Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk) from Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk) from Nay Pyi Taw has changed slightly and their new schedules have been announced at respective stations. There is no change in arrival and departure schedules of all trains except No 32 down. (See page 10)

A/H1N1 patient in recovering stage

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — The girl, 13, who has been confirmed to be infected with A/H1N1 on 27 June after her visit to Singapore with her family, is receiving medical care at Yangon People’s Hospital. On 29 June, her temperature fell and she is gradually recovering from her illness. Officials concerned are taking intensive care of her and monitoring those who have brought into contact with her: family, private class teacher and classmates. However, the contacts did not fall ill nor show symptoms of the disease.—MNA

Noteworthy amount of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygon) 0.87 inch
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Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) 0.47 inch
Thandwe 2.87 inches
Mogok 2.84 inches
Sittway 2.56 inches
Hinthada 2.52 inches
Shweygin 1.77 inches
Theinzayat 1.77 inches
Bago 1.73 inches
Kyaikhami 1.73 inches