Senior General Than Shwe sends message of congratulations to Iranian President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on his re-election as the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 12 June, 2009.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Cuban Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—H.E Mr Lazaro Herrera Martinez, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 10 am today. Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. — MNA

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Canada’s confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 7,983

Ottawa, 30 June—The total of confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in Canada has risen to 7,983, with 208 new cases added during the past three days, according to the latest figures released by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Monday. Two more persons have died of the virus, bringing the total victims of the flu in Canada to 25. The number of patients that require hospitalization has increased to 636, with 140 cases added during the past three days.—Xinhua

Relatives burn tires after Lebanese sectarian clash

BEIRUT, 30 June—Relatives angry over the fatal shooting of a Lebanese woman in a clash between rival Sunnis and Shiites in a Beirut neighbourhood burned tires and briefly blocked a road on Monday, in a sign of the country’s lingering tensions as it struggles to form a unity government. The brief protest came despite heavy deployment of troops in mixed Sunni-Shiite districts of the Lebanese capital to prevent any renewal of Sunday’s outburst — the first sectarian violence since this month’s divisive parliament elections.—Internet

A general view of the World Cup 2010 Cape Town Green Point stadium on 22 June. The South African city of Johannesburg is to host several matches during the football tournament and economic divisions run deep in the city and there are concerns over security.—INTERNET

Study charts swine flu’s spread through air travel

ATLANTA, 30 June — In a startling measure of just how widely a new disease can spread, researchers accurately plotted swine flu’s course around the world by tracking air travel from Mexico.

The research was based on an analysis of flight data from March and April last year, which showed more than 2 million people flew from Mexico to more than 1,000 cities worldwide.

Researchers said patterns of departures from Mexico in those months varies little from year to year; swine flu began its spread in March and April this year.

Passengers traveled to 164 countries, but four out of five of those went to the United States. That fits with the path of the epidemic a year later. The findings were reported on Monday in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The research shows promise in forecasting how a new contagion might unfold, indicated one government health official who praised the work. “We share a common interest in this issue: If we map the global airline distribution network, can we anticipate, once a virus emerges, where it is likely to show up next?” asked Dr Martin Cetron of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He leads CDC’s division of global migration and quarantine.—Internet

Major air accidents since 2008

BEIJING, 30 June—A Yemeni airliner with 150 people on board crashed off the Comoros archipelago in the Indian Ocean on Tuesday, and no immediate news was available on whether there are any survivors.

The following is a list of major air accidents worldwide since 2008:

- 21 Feb, 2008, a passenger plane belonging to a small Venezuelan airline company Santa Barbara crashed in the Andes just after taking off. All 46 people on board were killed;
- 15 April, 2008, a passenger plane crashed into a market in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, killing more than 50 people;
- 20 Aug, 2008, 154 people died and 18 others were injured when a 15-year-old plane crashed and burst into flames during takeoff in Madrid.
- 24 Aug, 2008, a Boeing 737-200 owned by Itek Air crashed shortly after takeoff from the airport at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, killing 65 people and injuring 22 others;
- 14 Sept, 2008, an Aeroflot Boeing 737 plane crashed in a ball of fire near the Ural mountains, killing all 82 passengers and six crew members;
- 20 May, 2009, an Indonesian Air Force Hercules C-130 crashed and burnt in Magetan, East Java, killing at least 98 people and injuring 15 others.
- 1 June, 2009, Air France Flight 447, an Airbus A330, went down into the Atlantic Ocean after leaving Rio de Janeiro for Paris, killing all 228 people on board.—Internet
Ailing California economy could prolong US recession

Sacramento, 30 June — California faces a $24 billion budget shortfall, an eye-popping amount that dwarfs many states’ entire annual spending plans.

Beyond California’s borders, why should anyone care that the home of Google and the Walt Disney Co might stop paying its bills this week?

Virtually all states are suffering in the recession, some worse than California. But none has the economic horsepower of the world’s eighth-largest economy, home to one in eight Americans.

California accounts for 12 percent of the nation’s gross domestic product and the largest share of retail sales of any state. It also sends far more in tax revenue to the federal government than any other state.

Tourism spending in Canada falls for third consecutive quarter

Ottawa, 30 June — Total spending on tourism in Canada declined by 1.3 percent in the first quarter of 2009, constituting the third consecutive quarterly fall of this industry, government agency Statistics Canada reported on Monday.

Tourism spending measures the cumulative expenditures by both travelers from abroad and Canadians. Three consecutive quarterly drops last occurred in Canada in the aftermath of the 11 September, 2001 attacks, when the tourism industry experienced a major decline.

Tourism spending has declined a cumulative 2.4 percent so far in the current downturn, the report said. Spending by visitors from abroad fell by 5.7 percent in the first quarter of 2009, the sharpest decline since just after the SARS outbreak in the second quarter of 2003. These travelers spent less on all tourism commodities, Statistics Canada reported.

Among this group, consumption of vehicle fuel was down 10.3 percent, and spending on food and beverages fell 8.0 percent. These drops could be driven in part by declining numbers of US visitors.

Meanwhile, tourism spending by Canadians fell slightly by 0.1 percent in the quarter. Canadians flew less, as spending on air transportation fell 2.3 percent.

At least seven migrants killed off Spanish coast

MADRID, 30 June — At least seven African migrants died on Monday when a boat thought to be trafficking up to 30 people hit rocks near Cadiz in southern Spain, a spokesman for the Coast Guard said. The bodies of four people who appeared to be North Africans were found on Monday morning, near the fishing town of Barbate, near Spain’s southernmost tip, before police found three more corpses during the afternoon. The website of newspaper El Pais reported that 10 passengers survived, and that police were searching for the remainder. More than 13,200 immigrants risked their lives to reach the Spanish coast from Africa in 2008 and 2009, and thousands more are believed to have drowned attempting to seek a better life in Europe. People smugglers increase the number of trips in the summer, because better weather conditions reduce the dangers of shipwreck and hypothermia, common causes of death for those who risk the dangerous journeys to southern Spain or the Canaries Islands.

Oil spikes to 8-month high

Perth, 30 June — Oil prices jumped more than 2 percent to an eight-month high above $73 a barrel on Tuesday, as a sudden spike in Brent buying pinned on fund positioning cemented the market’s best quarterly gain since 1990.

While the rally drew support from fresh attacks on oil facilities in Nigeria, improving risk sentiment aided by rising equity markets and a weaker dollar, traders said those factors were secondary to the sudden big Brent bid orders that triggered the frenzy, overwhelming liquidity during the thin Asian day.

Trading volume in both Brent and US crude oil futures surged to more than 10 times the norm for the Asian time zone as prices leapt more than $1.50 in under half an hour around 0200 GMT (10 pm EDT), the sort of move typically only seen in the event of hurricanes or other major disruptions.
Palestinians gloomy over success of inter-dialogue in Cairo

Gaza/Ramallah, 30 June—Most of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza are pessimistic over the reconciliation between rival Fatah and Hamas movements in their inter-dialogue in Cairo, a poll published on Monday indicated.

The survey, conducted by Jerusalem Media and Communication Center (JMCC) said 52.1 percent of the 1,199 Palestinians polled, expected the dialogue would fail to reach an agreement, while 37 percent said it would succeed.

The poll was carried out in both Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and the West Bank, administered by President Mahmoud Abbas, during the period between 20 June and 24 June. Rival Fatah and Hamas leaders began on Sunday night a sixth round of dialogue in Cairo amid disputes on unresolved issues, mainly the file of ending arrests by both groups’ security forces in both territories, and the transitional period before holding parliamentary and president elections on 25 Jan of 2010.

The poll said 26.5 percent held Israel fully responsible if Fatah and Hamas conferees fail to reach an agreement, while 23.5 percent held the Islamic movement (Hamas) responsible for the dialogue’s failure and 15.15 percent said that Fatah would be responsible.—Xinhua

Yemeni airliner crashes in Comoros with 150 on board, airport employee confirms

SANA’, 30 June—A Yemeni airliner with 150 people on board crashed in the Comoros archipelago in the Indian Ocean on Tuesday, an employee working at the airport’s control tower confirmed with Xinhua. The employee said on condition of anonymity that an Airbus A310 belonging to Yemenia Air crashed with 150 people on board some 15 minutes before its landing at Moroni, capital of Comoros.

According to the airline’s schedule on website, Flight 626 flew to Moroni from Sana’a at 8:00 pm local time, on Monday. The plane is scheduled to land on the islands at 23: 59 pm local time.

Quoting Comoros Vice President Idi Nadhoim from the airport, Reuters said the plane crashed in early hours of Tuesday, but no immediate news was available on whether there are any survivors.

The report said the flight left Paris on Monday morning before landing in Yemen and then taking off for Moroni.

Media reports cited Yemenia airport official as saying that most of the passengers on the plane were believed to be Comoros residents returning from Paris.—Xinhua

Pakistan security forces kill 18 terrorists

Islamabad, 30 June—Pakistan security forces killed 18 terrorists in Swat and North Waziristan tribal agency in northwest Pakistan during the last 24 hours, while 16 soldiers were dead including three officers, the Army said in a Press briefing on Monday.

Responding to a totally unprompted attack by terrorists on the convoy with intense fire, the security forces killed 10 terrorists in North Waziristan agency but 16 soldiers were also killed.

In Swat, the security forces killed eight terrorists during search operation and also recovered cache of arms and ammunition, but six soldiers including one officer were injured during the operation.

The operation commencing from different directions has linked up at critical junctions and with securing of Bha valley in the North and Shamaozai in the West, main areas occupied by terrorists have been cleared, according to the briefing.

Xinhua

Seven wind power bases to be set up in China by 2020

Beijing, 30 June—China plans to build seven wind power bases with a minimum capacity of 10 gigawatts (gW) each by 2020, in a move to dramatically increase the use of the clean energy.

The seven bases are Jiujuan in Gansu Province, Hami in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Hebei Province, western Jilin Province, eastern Inner Mongolia, western Inner Mongolia and Jiangsu Province, Shi Pengfei, vice-president of Chinese Wind Energy Association, was quoted by Tuesday’s China Daily as saying.

Once completed in 2020, the seven bases will have combined capacity of around 120 gW, when the country’s total power capacity is projected to be 1,500 gW, Shi said.

Construction of these bases would require an investment of around 1 trillion yuan, Shi said.

China’s wind energy resources are mainly located in the northern regions and the coastal areas. Construction of large-scale wind power bases in these areas is in line with the healthy development of the industry, Shi said. —Xinhua

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MOSCOW, 30 June—The Russian Air Force has resumed flights of Su-24 bombers after a 10-day suspension following two crashes earlier this month, an Air Force official said on Monday.

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Expo tickets to go on sale to individuals tomorrow

BEIJING, 30 June—From tomorrow World Expo 2010 ticket sales would begin globally to individual buyers, the Expo organizer said. Three million tickets to the Expo have been sold since group sales began on 27 March, Chen Xianjin, deputy director general of the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination, told a press conference yesterday.

The public will be able to buy tickets from tomorrow at more than 2,800 outlets of China’s four major ticket agencies—China Mobile, China Telecom, China Post and the Bank of Communications—across the country. The agents have opened hotlines, Websites and outlets around the world.

A standard single-day ticket costs 140 yuan (US$20.53), and a peak-day ticket costs 180 yuan until on 31 September, the end of the second sales phase.

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NASA selects nine new astronauts

WASHINGTON, 30 June — The US space agency says it has selected nine people to begin training in August as NASA’s newest astronaut candidates. NASA officials said they reviewed more than 3,500 applications before selecting the candidates, who will train at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. “This is a very talented and diverse group we’ve selected,” said Bill Gerstenmaier, NASA’s associate administrator for space operations. “They will join our current astronauts and play very important roles for NASA in the future. In addition to flying in space, astronauts participate in every aspect of human spaceflight, sharing their expertise with engineers and managers across the country. We look forward to working with them as we transcend from the shuttle to our future exploration of space, and continue the important engineering and scientific discoveries aboard the International Space Station.”


Navigation tech used to monitor endangered sharks in S China’s Hainan

BEIJING, 30 June — For the first time on the Chinese mainland, fisheries officials are using SPLASH, a state-of-the-art navigation technology, to tag and track two whale sharks—an endangered species and the world’s largest mammal.

The two sharks were released Monday at Sanya of southernmost China’s Hainan Province. The SPLASH navigation technology is one of the most accurate and innovative techniques in the world to conserve marine animals, David Rowat, chairman of Marine Conservation Society in Seychelles and an expert in marine conservation, was quoted as saying by Tuesday’s China Daily.

Ancient well, and body, found in Cyprus

Archaeologists have discovered a water well in Cyprus that was built as long as 10,500 years ago, and the skeleton of a young woman at the bottom of it, an official said.

Pavlos Flourentzos, the nation’s top antiquities official, said the 16-foot (5-metre) deep cylindrical shaft was found last month at a construction site in Kissonerga, a village near the Mediterranean island nation’s southwestern coast.

After the well dried up it apparently was used to dispose trash, and the items found in it included the poorly preserved skeleton of the young woman, animal bone fragments, worked flints, stone beads and pendants from the island’s early Neolithic period, Flourentzos said.

The skeleton could be as old as the well itself, but archaeologists don’t know how the girl died or when and why the skeleton was left there, he said. Radiocarbon dating found the well is between 9,000 to 10,500 years old, he said.

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Calif man working 3 jobs wins $39m lottery

A man who works three jobs to support his family — including one as a limousine driver — won a $39 million jackpot in California’s SuperLotto Plus.

Clyde Persley, who is married with a 4-year-old daughter, turned in his winning ticket on Tuesday night and should get his first check for about $16 million in four to six weeks, said a California lottery spokeswoman.

The 49-year-old Santa Cruz man operates candy-making machines for Santa Cruz Nutritions, drives a limousine and picks up extra hours at a restaurant. He says his first moves will be taking his wife on a trip to Hawaii and hiring a financial adviser.

Python’s meal of radio collar helps cops

A thief in Western Australia made the mistake of stealing a python from a research lab that had swallowed a radio-collared marsupial, police said.

The radio-tracking device led investigators to a house in Heathbridge, where police found the python and arrested a 30-year-old man, police said. The snake was discovered in the Narrogin bush by Department of Environment Conservation researchers tracking a radio-collared woylie, a small endangered marsupial. By the time they found the woylie, it was inside the snake, along with its collar and tracking device.

The 6-foot snake was brought to the Woodvale Research Center to make sure the snake was not harmed by its meal. The snake was stolen from the lab last week, police said.

Atlanta parking deck partially collapses

WASHINGTON, 30 June — A parking deck in midtown Atlanta, Georgia, partially collapsed Monday afternoon, crushing dozens of cars, authorities said.

Atlanta Fire Department spokesman Bobby Stewart told reporters that a section of the deck collapsed from the 4th floor, falling onto the 3rd, 2nd and 1st floors, as well as the basement.

Emergency personnel responded shortly after 12:30 pm eastern time (1630 GMT) at the Centery Parking garage on the Abercornbe place between Spring and Williams streets in midtown Atlanta.

Authorities said roughly 35 vehicles were damaged and that a structural engineer was being called to the scene.

There has been no reports of any injuries so far while search and rescue crews are combing through the area.—Internet

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Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers address at opening of Special Refresher Course No (34) for Basic Education Teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar).

Nav Pyi Taw, 30 June—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) opened Special Refresher Course No (34) for Basic Education Teachers at its Yadana Hall in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, on behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thitha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, delivered an address, saying that the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan is designed to scale up the development of human resources for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accordance with the technical and communication advancements of the 21st century.

In the process, tasks are being carried out with five objectives and 10 work programmes to improve the basic education sector. The 10 work programmes are: to generate an education system that encourages national development; to make sure that every citizen completes basic education level-wise; to elevate the basic education standard; to enable the youth to have access to pre-vocational and vocational education according to their basic education levels; to equip aids for e-Education, modern communication and technological improvement; to produce reliable versatile citizens; to speed up tasks for improvement of basic education in cooperation with parents of the students; to expedite non-formal education services; and to ensure development of education research.

With this in view, the minister urged the students to assume the national education promotion duties to be a lofty, national duty.

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**Outstanding students honoured in Kungyangon**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 30 June**—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended a ceremony to present prizes to the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2008-2009 at the hall of No. 2 Basic Education High school in Kungyangon, Yangon Division on 28 June.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials, teachers, townsenders, guests, students and their parents.

The Minister delivered an address to the students, and he and the managing-director of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise presented prizes to the outstanding students who passed the matric exam for 2008-2009 with flying colours. On behalf of the students Ma Thatphu Zun, four-distinction winner, spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the Minister posed for documentary photo with the outstanding students.—MNA

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**Dy Health Minister, experts meet to prevent, control New Influenza A (H1N1)**

**Yangon, 30 June** — Secretary of the central committee for fighting infectious diseases Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo called for cooperation and unity in making efforts for prevention and control of the New Influenza A (H1N1) in accordance with the motto “One Nation, One Health” yesterday.

In his concluding remarks made at the coordination meeting of the committees for prevention and controlling the flu pandemic and heads of the health department at the Yangon Division Health Department, the deputy minister also stressed the need for cooperation of the authority, health staff, businessmen and social organizations to monitor the outbreak of flu infection.

He said the ministry could control the spread of the flu pandemic in accordance with the directives of the respective authority and he stressed the importance of the home quarantine and contact tracing in making efforts for controlling the A/H1N1.

The deputy minister briefed on preparations for prevention and control of the A/H1N1 virus based on experiences gained during the preparation for SARS and avian influenza disease and tasks for prevention and controlling the swine flu pandemic sector-wise.—MNA

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**Hong Kong Trade Fair introduced**

**Yangon, 30 June**—The schedules of Hong Kong Trade Fair were introduced at the Traders Hotel here yesterday, with the aim of strengthening the trade between Hong Kong and Myanmar.

Senior Exhibitions Manager Mr Johnny Wong of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HK TDC) explained the arrangements for Hong Kong Trade Fair to be staged in Hong Kong.

Regarding the trade fair, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and HK TDC are now holding talks. The trade fair will be held at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibitions Center from 6 to 9 July. Similar fairs will be organized in 2010.

The exhibits to be on display at the fair include gifts, decorations, garments, textiles, electronics, badges from around the world, and works of Beside Couture in Lebanon and Indonesia-based Italian designer Espen Salberg.

A three-metre booth is charged at 3800 US dollars for the four-day trade fair. Those wishing to buy goods and those wishing to exhibit goods at the fair will be provided with free transportation and accommodation.

Interested entrepreneurs may contact www.hktde.com.—MNA

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**Chairman of Yangon Division Health Committee Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Tun briefed on home quarantine and contact tracing of the swine-flu infected patient, her family and those who contacted her and contact tracing of passengers who took the same flight with the patient and crew of the flight and employees at the arrival lounge.**

Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and participants of the meeting also reported on prevention and controlling the swine flu pandemic sector-wise.—MNA
Transport Minister inspects freight handling tasks

YANGON, 30 June—Chairman of the Committee for Expediting Port Freight Handling Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe together with Director-General U San Thaung of Customs Department, Managing Director U Thein Huy of Myanmar Port Authority and responsible personnel yesterday morning arrived at Bo Aung Kyaw Container yard where he inspected the commodities, systematic storage of commodities in the containers, examining the containers through X-ray machine. He then inspected loading and unloading of logs, cement and railways onto and from ocean vessel at Bo Aung Kyaw jetty and Sule jetty.—MNA

Opening ceremony of Journalism Course (2/2009) held

YANGON, 30 June—The opening ceremony of Journalism Course (2/2009), organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA), was held at the meeting hall of MWJA in Sarpay Beikman building on Merchant Street here this morning.

At the ceremony, group leader U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) made an opening speech. After that, Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo of MWJA and Secretary U Ko Ko of Journalism Course Management and Supervisory Work Group explained the purpose of opening the course and giving lectures. Also present on the occasion were Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information and departmental officials, chief editors and editors in-charge of local journals and trainees. Trainees from local journals and departmental staff, and those who are interested in news are attending the six-week course.—MNA

Ministry of Health copes with the patient found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) with great care

People urged to take part in preventive measures against possible spread and outbreak of disease

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—The news was reported on 27 June that a 13-year-old girl who has been confirmed to be infected with A/H1N1 on her arrival in Yangon from Singapore on 26 June and she is being looked after at the private room of Yangon People’s Hospital.

A total of 14 people who have come into contact with her — family members, her friends and their family members who visited Singapore together with her, private class teacher and classmates — have been kept in quarantine and official of health department are taking care of them and local authorities concerned are providing social assistance to them.

Among those who flew together with her, 69 passengers including two foreigners are given health care by Yangon Division Health Department and heads of respective township Health Departments at hotels and their residences in Yangon. Other 22 passengers living in the states and divisions, except the one who is not yet found at his or her address, are being provided with medical care by heads of state/division/township Health Departments with the assistance of local authorities concerned.

In addition, all the 98 airport staff from respective departments who served at the foreign arrival lounge of Yangon International Airport on 26 June are also being provided with medical care and a person who was to meet with the patient in order to cover the news at Yangon People’s Hospital has also been hospitalized at Waibagi Hospital and is being looked after.

As the 13-year-old girl, who has been confirmed to be infected with New Influenza A/H1N1, is recovering from her illness and her temperature has fallen, she will be discharged from the hospital after a certain period of surveillance.

A steward also fell ill on 29 June evening and he was hospitalized at the Waibagi Hospital. After he had had a medical checkup, it was found that his illness was seasonal influenza, not New Influenza A (H1N1). Those who are being kept under surveillance are in good health and there is nothing unusual.

After the 13-year-old girl has been confirmed to be infected with New Influenza A (H1N1), eight sick people, including a foreigner, who were together with her in the same flight, went to the hospital themselves. After taking laboratory test, their illness was seasonal influenza, not New Influenza A (H1N1).

The Ministry of Health is taking necessary measures to prevent the spread of New Influenza A (H1N1) and control the outbreak of disease. Authorities concerned have urged the people to cooperate with them.—MNA

Special sales of Industry-1 Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Ministry of Industry-1 will launch special sales in Thirtyadanana Hall of Ayadaw in Sagyin Division from 3 to 9 June, Myaing in Magway Division from 6 to 12 July, Kyauk padoaung in Mandalay Division from 7 to 13 June, Khittara Cultural Theatre in Pay of Bago Division from 8 to 14 June and Gymnasium of Kyauktan in Yangon Division from 12 to 18 June.—MNA

 Talks on “Risk Management”

YANGON, 30 June—Banking Service expert U Wint Kyaw will give talks on “Introduction to risk Management” in Asia Plaza Hotel, here at 4 pm on 2 July. Myanmar Hoteliers Association organizes the talks with the sponsorship of Bay View Beach Resort, Ngapali.

The executives, members and those interested may attend the talks on every Thursday in the first week of a month.—MNA
Commander inspects hospital and tea factory

NAI PYI TAW, 30 June—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htu on 22 June inspected construction project of 50-bed Namhsan People’s Hospital project and left necessary instructions. Aftewards, the commander inspected Namhsan Township People’s Hospital and Tatmadaw tea factory. MNA

Industry-1 Minister meets people in Myingyan Township

NAI PYI TAW, 30 June—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with local people from 21 villages in Myingyan Township at Thamongai Village on 28 June. At the meeting, the minister handed over K 500,000 and 50 bags of cement to Thamongai Village to renovate the basic education primary school in the village, cash and cement to other villages to renovate schools and bridges. During his tour, the minister also met with local people from 26 villages in Myingyan Township at Nabuai Village and attended to the needs of the village after hearing reports of the local people. At the meeting, the minister presented cash, cement and construction materials to three villages to renovate schools in the villages.—MNA

Ministry of Transport holds 4th monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAI PYI TAW, 30 June—The 4th monsoon tree-planting ceremony of the Ministry of Transport was held in front of the Ministry here this morning. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung grew Padauk and star flower plants and viewed tree growing of departmental heads and staff families. At the 4th tree-planting ceremony, altogether 356 saplings were grown in staff quarters of the Ministry of Transport. So far, over 8,000 saplings have been grown around the Ministry’s office.

Mayors attends opening ceremony of basic computer course No. 2/2009 of MCDC and inspects development tasks

NAI PYI TAW, 30 June—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han attended an opening ceremony of basic computer course No. 2/2009, organized by MCDC, at the City Hall at 11 a.m. on 22 June and made a speech on the occasion. Then, the Mayor looked into laying of water pipes in Sebei Street in Chanmyathazi Township and road construction works in the Township. On 24 June, the mayor inspected tasks carried out for proper flow of Panyantaw Creek and Yetagontaung No-1 integrated farms. MNA

Industry-2 Minister receives CEO of SUZUKI

NAI PYI TAW, 30 June—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received a delegation led by CEO Mr Shinzo Nakanishi of SUZUKI Motor Corporation at his office here this afternoon. At the call, they mainly discussed matters on benefits and production processes through cooperation between Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries and Myanma SUZUKI Co in last 10 years.—MNA

Books donated to schools in Myanaung and Kyangin Townships

NAI PYI TAW, 30 June—Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay presented cash to offspring of veterans, exercise books to basic education schools and cash to offpring of veterans. After that, the deputy minister made a speech at the ceremony to donate exercise books to Basic Education High School (Branch) in Myaukchawgon village and monastic education schools held at Dharmayon town and Myaukchawgon village, Kyangin Township and donated exercise books. MNA

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay presents prize to a distinction winner.—MNA
55 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 30 June—A European health agency said Monday that 55 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 22 were confirmed in Germany, 15 in Greece, five in Cyprus, three in Bulgaria, two respectively in Belgium, Ireland and Portugal, one respectively in Sweden, Norway, Luxembourg, and Romania, the European Centre 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 EU and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 6,173, with 541 cases in Spain and 4,250 in Britain, 239 in France and 382 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.

Maine expands MacBook program to high schools

MACWorld, 30 June—The Maine Department of Education on Tuesday announced that it has expanded its student laptop program to include high school students. It’s a huge win for Apple, because the state will be acquiring another 64,000 MacBook laptops, with up to 7,000 additional MacBooks possibly ordered in the coming weeks.

The Maine Technology Learning Initiative (MTLI) has equipped middle schoolers in the state of Maine with MacBooks since 2002. The expansion of the program will provide MacBook laptops for students and faculty in grades 7 through 12. Negotiations to make the expansion were reported in March.

Apple is providing educational software, professional development, repair, replacement and technical support according to the Maine Department of Education. Apple won the first MTLI contract in September 2001. The company also competed for additional MacBooks possibly ordered in the coming weeks.

EPA approves California pollution rule

WASHINGTON, 30 June—The Environmental Protection Agency gave the go-ahead Tuesday for California to impose stringent regulations on greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, setting the stage for a national requirement expected to mirror the state’s effort. California has been fighting the federal EPA over the issue for years.

The EPA decision Tuesday to grant California a formal waiver clears the way for the state to implement a 2004 state pollution law to combat global warming. The Bush administration repeatedly rejected the waiver request, which was required by the federal Clean Air Act. The California regulation requires automakers to increase the fuel economy of cars and trucks sold in the state by 40 percent over the next seven years, to an average of 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016.

The EPA decision had been expected since President Barack Obama in May announced plans to implement a national requirement similar to the one in California. But the federal waiver for California sets the stage for the national program. At least 14 states already have said they want to follow California’s lead once the EPA gives a green light.

NASA sports drink gives everyone the right stuff

WASHINGTON, 30 June—Spac-ex walks, extreme G forces, microgravity - astronauts must be able to handle it all. Staying hydrated and healthy is crucial.

To help astronauts avoid muscle fatigue and dizziness from dehydration, NASA scientists developed an electrolyte formula that is now available for weekend warriors and athletes here on Earth. The formula is a concentrated liquid that when mixed with water quickly restores hydration and prevents fluid loss.

“With all that Americans and the government have invested in the space program and our astronauts, this is one clear way to protect and maximize that investment.”

Sad dads may lead to crying infants

THE HAGUE, 30 June—Don’t automatically blame mom: A crying, colicky baby can be just as much the result of dad’s state of mind, Dutch researchers report.

Other studies have found that depression among mothers can be related to excessive crying orcolic, a common problem with newborns, but the researchers said that little was known about whether fathers’ emotions and behavior also have an effect.

“Up to now, almost all attention went to the prenatal effects of maternal depression on child development, leading to the development of detection and treatment programs that focused on mental well-being of mothers,” said lead researcher Dr. Mijke P. van den Berg, a psychiatrist at the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam.

Cocoa planters are seen here in Ivory Coast. Africa needs to invest more in agriculture to rescue millions from hunger, aid agency Oxfam says, warning both African nations and donors have failed to meet funding pledges.

People use computers at an internet bar in Beijing, China is to delay a controversial plan to require all computers sold in the country to come with a Chinese-made Internet filtering software programme installed, state media has reported.

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (295)**

Consignees of cargo carried on **MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (295)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: MS ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV QUANG MINH VOY NO (126)**

Consignees of cargo carried on **MV QUANG MINH VOY NO (126)** are hereby notified that the vessel due to arrive on 28.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: MS VIETSEA SHIPG CO., LTD**

Phone No: 256919/256916/256912

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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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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: MS NOBLE PACIFIC WORLD WIDE CO., LTD**

Phone No: 256919/256916/256912

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**Children can inhale growth hormone**

**INDIANAPOLIS, 30 June**—A clinical trial led by a US hospital found growth hormone can be delivered via inhalation to children, researchers said.

The five-centre study of 22 patients led by Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis found that in a one-week period the inhaler safely and effectively delivered growth hormone to the bloodstream of children being treated for a deficiency in this small peptide hormone usually administered by daily injections.

Dr Emily Walvoord of the Indiana University School of Medicine, the study’s coordinating investigator, said the children — as young as age 6 and as old as age 16 — reported they preferred the inhaler.

The researchers also found that when a drug is delivered via the lungs, children have very different physiologies and drug absorption rates than adults.

“We saw that children in the study needed higher doses of growth hormone to attain the same blood level as the adults,” Walvoord said in a statement.

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**Rainstorm leaves six dead, two missing in China**

**BEIJING, 30 June**—Six people were killed and another two are missing Monday after severe rainstorms lashed a wide swath of south and east China, local officials said.

Of the dead, one was from the southwestern municipality of Chongqing, two from Wuhan city of central Hubei Province, and three from the eastern province of Anhui. Two others are missing after a rainstorm hit southwest Hubei Province.

Rescuers were digging through the slag heap in Beichuan District of Chongqing on Monday afternoon, said officials from the district government. The rainstorm, said officials from the district government.

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**Moderate quake hits southwest China**

**CHENGDU, 30 June**—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale shook Mianzhu City, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, at 2:03 am on Tuesday, said China National Seismological Network.

The earthquake, with a magnitude of 5.1, occurred in the Mianzhu City, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, said the Sichuan Provincial Earthquake Bureau on Tuesday.

A bureau had received reports of fatalities, but it warned of the possibility of aftershocks, including some measuring 5 on the Richter scale.

The Emergency Response Office of the Sichuan Provincial Government reported no casualties in Mianzhu, one of the areas hardest hit in the Sichuan earthquake on 12 May last year.

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**Six more deaths of A/H1N1 flu reported in four US states**

**HOUSTON, 30 June**—At least six more deaths of the A/H1N1 flu virus have been reported in four US States on Monday.

Massachusetts health officials said that an 84-year-old man in Boston died from complications of the A/H1N1 flu, becoming the second victim of the virus in the state.

He died on 18 June after being hospitalized for six days, they said, adding that he also suffered from underlying health problems that increased his risk of complications from the flu.

A Boston woman in her 30s died from the virus earlier this month. There have been 474 confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu in Boston and 1,287 statewide as of 26 June.

Health Commissioner John Auerbach said the numbers of flu cases have been decreasing in the state, but authorities still are seeing person-to-person spread of the virus.

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**A parking meter that is powered by solar energy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Abu Dhabi will host the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), despite criticism of the United Arab Emirates’ high carbon footprint.**

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**Internet**
Central Asians seek help to clear cold war waste

GENEVA, 30 June—Four Central Asian countries called on Monday for international help from governments and business in clearing toxic nuclear waste left over from the Cold War when they formed part of the Soviet Union.

The appeal from the four—Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan—was backed at a one-day meeting in Geneva by United Nations officials.

“We, the governments of Central Asia, have shown our readiness to work together to tackle this serious and dangerous threat not only to our region but beyond,” Kyrgyz Prime Minister Igor Chudinov told a news conference at the end of the talks. “We look to the big powers who have experience in this area to share their knowledge with us and to private firms to invest in the projects that require modern and safe technology,” said Chudinov, whose country is especially affected by the waste.—MNA/Reuters

A resident walks past a collapsed house damaged by heavy rain in Chongqing Municipal on 29 June, 2009. INTERENT

Ninth A/H1N1 flu case detected in Bangladesh

DRAKA, 30 June—Number of the A/H1N1 flu cases in Bangladesh rose to nine on Monday, as one more person was found infected with the virus, leading English-language newspaper The Daily Star reported on Tuesday.

A 46-year-old woman who recently returned from the United States was diagnosed with the A/H1N1 flu on Monday, the newspaper said, quoting officials.

Mahmudur Rahman, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under the health ministry, told the newspaper that the woman was not tested earlier in the airport as the incubation period of the virus was going on at that time.—Internet

Costa Rica confirms second death of A/H1N1 flu

SAN JOSE, 30 June—Costa Rican Health Minister Maria Luisa Avila on Monday confirmed the second death of A/H1N1 flu in the country. A 36-year-old woman died in hospital with complications from high blood pressure and lung problems, Avila told Xinhua.

“The woman has pathological obesity. It is not a case of contracting the influenza, but routine tests found that she had A/H1N1 flu,” said Avila.

Costa Rica reported its first death of A/H1N1 flu on 9 May 9. The dead was a 52-year-old man.—Internet

Thailand reports 1,414 A/H1N1 flu patients

BANGKOK, 30 June—Thailand’s Public Health Ministry on Tuesday announced 84 more patients, who are confirmed to have infected with the A/H1N1 flu virus, bringing the country’s total number to 1,414.

Of the total, some 1,390 cases had recovered, while 24 others were still in hospitals, Deputy Public Health Minister Manit Noanomnooddee said.

Meanwhile, Manit said the condition of the infected 47-year-old, who also had pneumonia, was still critical.

People with flu symptoms should have enough rest and not to exercise excessively, Manit suggests.—Internet

A/H1N1 flu cases in Vietnam increase to 123

HANOI, 30 June—Vietnam’s Ministry of Health confirmed 15 more A/H1N1 flu cases in the country, bringing total number of flu patients to 123, local newspaper the Liberty Saigon on Tuesday.

Of the 15 newly-detected cases, 13 cases were detected in Ho Chi Minh City and the rest two in Hanoi, said the ministry.

Of these patients, there was one Thai patient entering the country through the Moc Bai border gate in southern Tay Ninh province of Vietnam, becoming the first case of flu coming to Vietnam by land, said Tay Ninh department of health.—Internet

Rising sea levels threatening Florida Keys

MIAMI HERALD reported on Sunday.

“South Florida is on the front line against sea-level rise in the United States, and the Florida Keys are ground zero,” Flugman said.

The non-profit group Nature Conservancy estimates nearly 9,000 acres of Florida Keys land could be underwater by as early as 2100. That estimate is based on best case predictions regarding the rise in sea-levels, the Herald reported.

Chris Bergh, the group’s director of coastal and marine resilience for Florida, said the news regarding the rising sea-levels should be treated as a true threat to the Florida Keys.—Internet

Malaysia rescues smuggled baby orangutans

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 June—Malaysian wildlife authorities have rescued three baby orangutans believed to have been smuggled into the country, in raids on a zoo and an ostrich breeder, a report has said.

The three young apes were among a smuggled group of five, and a search is under way for the remaining two, Department of Wildlife and National Parks deputy chief Misliha Mohamad Basir told the Star newspaper.

One of the orangutans was discovered in a raid on the ostrich breeder in central Selangor state, who then revealed that the other two were being kept at the Taiping Zoo in Malaysia’s north.—Internet

People wearing facial masks walk out of a hospital in Manila, capital of the Philippines, on 29 June, 2009. The total number of confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu has risen to 604 in the Philippines as far as Sunday night, according to figures released by the Philippine Ministry of Health.—Internet
**SPORTS**

**Veteran Alexander staying at Burnley**

**London, 30 June—** Newly-promoted Premier League side Burnley have agreed a one-year contract extension with veteran defender Graham Alexander.

The 37-year-old Scotland international played a key role last season in the Lancashire side’s drive through the playoffs into the top flight for the first time in 33 years. Alexander played 61 games for Burnley during the season, scoring 11 goals in the process.

The defender’s new deal follows that of manager Owen Coyle, who recently signed a two-year extension to his contract. —Internet

**Eto’o transfer in doubt over bonus demand**

**Madrid, 30 June—** Samuel Eto’o is demanding a “transfer bonus” of 15 million euros from Barcelona to sign for Manchester City, which could scupper any deal for the Cameroon striker.

Spanish media said on Monday Barcelona president Joan Laporta said at the weekend that Eto’o had received a “stratospheric” offer from a foreign club, later identified as Manchester City, which is ready to pay 30 million euros to Barca plus 10 million a year in salary.

But Catalan sporting dailies Sport and Mundo Deportivo said Eto’o, whose contract with Barca ends in 2010, is demanding a “transfer bonus” of 15 million euros, something the Spanish club will not accept. —Internet

**Williams sisters surge into Wimbledon quarter-finals**

**London, 30 June—** Venus and Serena Williams remained on course for a fourth clash in the Wimbledon final as they powered their way through to Tuesday’s quarter-finals. The pair cruised their fourth round opponents in imperious fashion as world number one Dinara Safina came back from a set down to earn a spot in the last eight, becoming the first player to win a competitive match under the new Centre Court roof.

Defending champion Venus easily won the first set 6-1 against former world number one Ana Ivanovic, who retired hurt in floods of tears, as temperatures shot past 30 degrees.

—Internet

**Murray triumphs, Federer cruises at Wimbledon**

**London, 30 June—** Andy Murray marked the first appearance for a competitive match of Wimbledon’s 80-million-pound Centre Court roof by clinching a late-night five-set thriller.

The British third seed defeated brave Swiss 19th seed Stanislas Wawrinka 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 in a fourth round clash which ended at 2239GMT, the latest finish in Wimbledon history.

Murray, bidding to end Britain’s 73-year wait for a home men’s champion, stayed on course for a dream final against five-time winner Roger Federer who eased into his 25th Grand Slam quarter-final with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5) win over Robin Soderling.

Murray was angry that his Wimbledon fourth round clash was played under the new 80 million-pound Centre Court roof, but believes the steamy conditions it creates could prove a powerful ally.

Federer clinched an 11th win in 11 meetings with Soderling earlier in the day when the roof was open and temperatures reached a scorching 35 degrees.

In a repeat of the French Open final, where Federer claimed a record-equalling 14th Grand Slam title, the great Swiss on Monday won 6-4, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5). —Internet

**Djokovic into Wimbledon quarter-finals**

**London, 30 June—** Serbian fourth seed Novak Djokovic beat Israel’s Dudi Sela 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 on Monday to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals.

Djokovic faces Germany’s Tommy Haas for a place in the semi-finals. —Internet

**Safina raises the roof at Wimbledon**

**London, 30 June—** Dinara Safina became the first player to win a competitive match under the new Centre Court roof at Wimbledon, beating France’s Amelie Mauresmo 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Monday to book a quarter-final spot.

The Russian world number one claimed victory over the 2006 champion in two hours and nine minutes as the pair made history at the All England Club.

Top seed Safina was a set down, but leading 4-1 in the second set when heavy rain prompted the 80-million-pound, 1,000-tonne roof to slide into action.

The Russian now faces Germany’s unseeded 19-year-old Sabine Lisicki for a place in the semi-finals.

Safina, number one despite never having won a Grand Slam, raced into a 3-0 lead in the first set but 17th seed Mauresmo turned on the power and stormed back, taking the first set 6-4 in 39 minutes.

Mauresmo broke in the first game of the second set and was 40-0 up in the second game but ended up losing it to Safina, who got angry about a line call and stormed her way through the rest of the set. —Internet

**German Under 21’s take Euro crown**

**Malmo, 30 June—** A double by Sandro Wagner rounded off a stunning 4-0 success for Germany over England in the European Under-21 championship final to give them their first success in the tournament.

The Germans — who added this title to the ones presently in the hands of their Under-17 and Under-19 counterparts — also scored through Gonzalo Castro and the hugely impressive Mesut Ozil.

It was England’s first appearance in the final since 1984 and brought to an end a run of having not lost open play in 21 matches and gave German coach Horst Hrubesch echoes of his major success as a player with the then West Germany in the senior 1980 European final over Belgium. —Internet

**Chelsea appeal against Drogba and Bosingwa bans**

**London, 30 June—** Chelsea announced on Monday they’d appealed against the bans handed out to striker Didier Drogba and defender Jose Bosingwa by European football’s governing body UEFA earlier this month.

Drogba was given a four-match ban and Bosingwa a three-match ban, with other games suspended for their comments following Chelsea’s 1-1 second leg semi-final draw with eventual champions Barcelona at Stamford Bridge in May which saw the London club go out of the Champions League.

The Blues were also fined 85,000 pounds (100,000 euros) for the improper conduct of their players and the throwing of missiles by fans. —Internet

**Safina raises the roof at Wimbledon**

**London, 30 June—** Dinara Safina became the first player to win a competitive match under the new Centre Court roof at Wimbledon, beating France’s Amelie Mauresmo 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Monday to book a quarter-final spot.

The Russian world number one claimed victory over the 2006 champion in two hours and nine minutes as the pair made history at the All England Club.

Top seed Safina was a set down, but leading 4-1 in the second set when heavy rain prompted the 80-million-pound, 1,000-tonne roof to slide into action.

The Russian now faces Germany’s unseeded 19-year-old Sabine Lisicki for a place in the semi-finals.

Safina, number one despite never having won a Grand Slam, raced into a 3-0 lead in the first set but 17th seed Mauresmo turned on the power and stormed back, taking the first set 6-4 in 39 minutes.

Mauresmo broke in the first game of the second set and was 40-0 up in the second game but ended up losing it to Safina, who got angry about a line call and stormed her way through the rest of the set. —Internet
Elephants painted as pandas are led on a walkabout in Ayutthaya province, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok, on 26 June, 2009. Five elephants were led on a walkabout to send a message to the Thai public not to ignore its elephants, the symbolic animal of Thailand. A female panda and its newborn baby in Chiang Mai zoo have captured the attention of the public.—Internet

Freight train derails in Italy, kills 12, burns 50

VIAREGGIO, 30 June—A freight train carrying gas derailed and exploded in the midst of a small Italian town, setting off a fire that killed at least 12 people, many as they slept in their homes, and injured at least 50, officials said Tuesday.

The 14-car train was traveling from the northern city of La Spezia to Pisa when a car derailed while traveling through a residential neighborhood beside the train station in the Tuscan seaside town of Viareggio just before midnight Monday.

A train car filled with liquefied petroleum gas, or LPG, sprang a leak, causing an explosion that collapsed five buildings and set fire to a vast area. Homes crumbled or burned, killing residents as they slept.

The exact death toll was unclear as hundreds of rescuers searched through the rubble for survivors.

Guido Bertolaso, the chief of the Civil Protection Department, told reporters at the scene that 12 people had been killed, the ANSA and Apcom news agencies said. He said four people were missing.—Internet

WEATHER

Tuesday, 30 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, scattered in Shan State, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Naypyitaw (Thapayakeone) (1.49) inches, Naypyitaw (0.43) inch, Khayin (2.05) inches, Hkamti (1.70) inches, Bago (1.30) inches and Taunggg and Dawei (1.22) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 29-6-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-6-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hour on 29-6-2009 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-6-2009 was (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (0.40) inch at Kabu-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (36.69) inches at Mingaladon, (42.09) inches at Kabu-Aye and (47.20) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 29-6-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1st July 2009: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Iranian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—H.E. Mr. Majid Bizmark, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 10.30 am today.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thara Tin Aung Myint Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.—MNA

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconciliation
* 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

Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador Mr. Majid Bizmark, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

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