Kyaiklat Township, largest summer paddy producer in Myanmar

Kyaiklat Township in Ayeyawady Division is well-known for largest summer paddy production. It is the largest summer paddy producer as well as one of the townships with highest per acre yields of crops in Myanmar.

In Kyaiklat, thriving paddy fields are seen stretching to the horizon. The green paddy fields seemed to meet a good harvest. During our tour of Kyaiklat Township, we interviewed Chairman U Aung Than Zaw of the Township Peace and Development Council.

He told the Myanma Alin, “Our township achieved the targeted per acre yield of summer paddy from 2004 to 2006, and won township level first prize for outstanding performance in growing summer paddy three years successively. Moreover, our township won first prize in 2007-2008. This year, we plan to grow 136,431 acres of monsoon paddy. Up to July 6, we had grown 38,271 acres of monsoon paddy. Now, we are trying hard to meet the targeted acreage of monsoon paddy.

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Active participation in building a modern and developed nation

Peace and stability is indispensable for development of a country or a region. Only when there is prevalence of law and order and peace and stability across the country including border areas will the socio-economic status of the people improve.

The government is making all-out efforts for ensuring stability of the State, bringing about sound national economy and promoting national education. As it forged national reconciliation, progress has been made in fostering friendship and understanding among national brethren, thereby further strengthening Union Spirit and national consolidation.

At present, the government is building development infrastructures for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. In that regard, it has laid down and is implementing the seven-step Road Map in line with the wishes of the people. As it has already approved the State constitution, the fourth step of the seven-step Road Map, it is now making arrangements for holding the multi-party general election, the fifth step, in 2010.

Nowadays, peace and stability prevails in the length and breadth of the nation. And the government is making great strides in agriculture and production. With smooth and secure transport, trade and commerce is in full swing. As a result, the entire national people are enjoying the fruits of peace and development.

At a time when peace and stability prevails along with national solidarity and regional development, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to actively participate in the drive for the emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Commander looks into development of Mongyawng, Mongphyat stations

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo on 10 July met with servicemen and their families at the hall of Mongyawng Station and presented foodstuffs to them. At the hall of Mongyawng Township PDC, he met with departmental personnel, social organization members and townsenders.

The commander attended the fertilizer broadcasting ceremony at monsoon paddy plantations in Monlaik Village-tract of Mongyawng. He visited the construction of Mongphyat—Mongyawng road Pammakya Village Basic Education Primary School in Mongyawng Township and the model plantations of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton and maize in Hsainghsat Village of Mongphyat Township.

At the hall of Mongphyat Station, the commander met servicemen and their families.—MNA

C-in-C’s (Air) Football championship match ends

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—The final match and prize-presenting ceremony of the Commander-in-Chief’s (Air) Football Championship shield (2009) took place at the playground of the ground training base in Meiktila on 13 July. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Commander of the ground training base presented prizes to winner team and athletes.

YUCS pays respects to faculty members

YANGON, 17 July—The third ceremony to pay respects to faculty members by the old students of the University of Computer Studies (Yangon) took place at the Conference Hall of Myanmar Info-Technic Hlne Township, here, on 12 July.

First, Rector of YUCS Dr Thin Nu Naing introduced the attendees to faculty members. The old students then paid respects and presented gifts to the faculty members.

Next, Rector (retired) of YUCS Dr Kyaw Thein delivered an address and old student Nay Lin Zin from batch No. 10 spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, they also have donated K 500,000 to medical fund of Yangon General Hospital in memory of the late faculty members. Moreover, under the patronage of faculty members who may not attend the ceremony, cash have been donated to organizations and books to YUCS.—MNA

NIPRO Corporation (Japan) donates Haemodialysis Machine

YANGON, 17 July—On behalf of NIPRO Corporation (Japan), Managing Director of Myanmar Yutani Co Ltd, Mr Yoshinori Komaru donated US $ 17,000 worth Haemodialysis Machine to the Renal Medical Ward of Yangon General Hospital today.

Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha accepted the donation and spoke words of thanks.—NLM

Managing Director of Myanmar Yutani Co, Ltd, Mr Yoshinori Komaru donates Haemodialysis Machine to Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha of Yangon General Hospital.—NLM

The old students present gifts to faculty members.—NLM
Air strike claims four civilian lives, wounds a dozen in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 July—Four members of a family were killed and a dozen others sustained injuries as a house was attacked from the air in Taleban stronghold Kandahar early Thursday, owner of the house Hajji Nematullah Khan said.

The upsur Khan who took the injured members of his family to Mir Wais Hospital in Kandahar city the capital of Kandahar Province said the bombardment occurred this morning in Shah Wali Kot district.

“It was early this morn-

ing that aircraft of foreign troops raided his house in Tawala village killing four people including a child and injured 12 oth-

ers including four men and eight women and children,” Nematullah Khan told newsmen at the hospital.

However, he did not say if the planes belonged to NATO-led multinational peacekeeping force ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) or the US-led Coalition forces.

Local officials have yet to make comment.

A deadly air raid against Taleban militants in the west Farah Province last May left some 140 civil-

ians dead.

17 killed in torrential rains in southern India

NEW DELHI, 17 July—Seventeen people have been killed in torrential rains which hit the southern Indian state of Karnataka over the past one week, said Indian police on Thursday.

Police officials in the state said eight people were killed over the past 24 hours, including a three-mem-

ber family and a boy washed away by floods. Many parts of India have been hit by torrential rains over the past several days. In the eastern state of Orissa, more than 20 people were killed in flood and heavy rain has been pouring over the past several days.—INTERNET

Two killed, five wounded in New Jersey shooting

WASHINGTON, 17 July—Two suspects were killed in a shootout with police early Thursday in Jersey City, New Jersey, as five police officers were also wounded in the incident, authorities said.

It took place around 5 am eastern time (900 GMT) as two police officers spotted a vehicle suspected of being involved in a recent armed robbery, the city’s police chief Thomas Comey told reporters at a news conference.

When a man went to the car, police approached him.

The man, dressed like a priest, pulled out a shot-

gun and fired, grazing one officer in the leg.

The man then fled and holed up in a nearby apart-

ment building with another suspect.

Police called in backup and evacuated other resi-

dents of the building.

As police entered the building, they were met with gunfire.

In the end, four more officers were wounded and the two suspects were killed in an exchange of gun-

fire. Among the five wounded officers, two suffered from serious injuries.—INTERNET

Blasts at Jakarta Ritz, Marriott kill nine, wound 50

JAKARTA, 17 July—Bombs minutes apart ripped through two luxury hotels in Jakarta Friday, killing nine and wounding at least 50 more, ending a four-year lull in terror attacks in the world’s most populous Muslim nation. At least 14 foreigners were among the dead and wounded.

The blasts at the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels, located side-by-

side in an upscale busi-

ness district in the capi-

tal, blew out windows and scattered debris and glass across the street, kicking up a thick plume of smoke. Facades of both hotels were reduced to twisted metal.

Alex Asmasubrata, who was jogging nearby, said he walked into the Marriott before emerg-

ency services arrived and “there were bodies on the ground, one of them had no stomach,” he said.

“It was terrible.”

The Marriott, which was attacked in 2003 in a bombing blamed on

Southeast Asian terror network Jemaah Islami-

yah, was hit first, fol-

lowed by the blast at the Ritz two minutes later.

The attacks came just two weeks after presiden-

tial vote expected to re-

elect incumbent Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono who has been credited with stabilizing a nation previously wracked by militancy.—INTERNET

Test of Russia’s Bulava missile fails

MOSCOW, 17 July—Russia’s latest test of its new Bulava submarine-launched ballistic missile has failed, the Russian Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

The missile was launched on Wednesday from the strategic nuclear-powered submarine Dmitry Donskoi in the White Sea off Russia’s northwest coast, the mini-

stry said.

“The missile self-destructed after a malfunction of the first stage,” it was quoted as saying by RIA Novosti and Interfax.

Mexico sends more police, army after gang attacks

MEXICO CITY, 17 July—Mexico on Thursday ordered 5,500 federal police, soldiers and navy personnel to move into a gang-plagued western state following a cartel’s slaying of 20 officers and troops in one of the boldest revenge attacks ever mounted against the gov-

ernment. Amid the violence, US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton indicated Thursday that the United States is committed to the Merida Initiative, a $1.4 billion funding package aimed at helping Mexico train and equip its anti-drug efforts.

Mexico is facing a huge challenge, and late Thurs-

day Interior Secretary Fernando Gomez Mont said the government was pouring 1,500 federal police offic-

ers, 2,500 soldiers and 1,500 navy personnel into Michoacan state, the home base for the violent La Familia cartel.—INTERNET
Google profit jumps 18\% in second quarter

**SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July**—Despite the ongoing economic downturn, Google Inc on Thursday said its profit climbed more than 18 percent in the second quarter ended on 30 June. The Internet giant earned 1.48 billion US dollars in the quarter, compared with 1.25 billion dollars in the same period a year earlier. The company’s profit in the most recent quarter increased about 4 percent from 1.42 billion dollars in the first three months this year. However, as a reflection of the continued difficult economic conditions, Google saw its sales growth slowing. Its revenues increased just 3 percent to 5.52 billion dollars over the year-ago period, down from the 6-percent growth in the first quarter this year. Paid clicks to ads on Google sites rose about 15 percent over the same quarter of 2008, but representing a decrease of 2 percent from the previous quarter. —Internet

Unemployment hits 15.2\% in US state of Michigan

**CHICAGO, 17 July**— Already high unemployment rate in the US state of Michigan jumped 1.1 percent in June, hitting 15.2 percent, it is reported here on Thursday. According to officials of the state, the latest jobless rate was 7.1 percentage points above the state’s June 2008 rate of 8.1 percent. A large drop in manufacturing jobs caused by restructuring in the auto industry accounted for much of the rise. The headquarters of the three US auto companies — GM, Chrysler and Ford are all in Michigan State. GM and Chrysler shed thousands of jobs as they went through bankruptcy in June. The national unemployment rate in the June was 9.5 percent.—Internet

Indonesian economy growth slows in Q2

**JAKARTA, 17 July**—Indonesian economy growth in the second quarter 2009 slowed to 3.7 percent compared to 6.4 percent in the same period last year, the Kompas daily reported on Friday. It also recorded slowdown compared to the previous quarter of 4.4 percent, said the daily. The decrease was contributed by slowing export-import growth and government’s consumption. Early Monitoring Data by the Finance Ministry’s Fiscal Policy Agency predicted that the second quarter figure was supported by investment growth of 7.6 percent compared to the same period of 2008. The figure was bigger than the 3.3 percent in the first quarter of 2009. The head of economist in the Bank Mandiri, the country’s biggest bank, Mirza Adityaswara said that the slow growth in the second quarter was due to low banks’ credit realization. It reached almost zero growth in the period of December 2008 to June 2009. Banking credit growth in 2009 is predicted to reach no more than 15 percent but no less than 12 percent. In 2010, the credit growth is predicted to reach 15 percent. —Internet

Chicago grains end lower, corn dropping to a two-year low on favourable weather

**CHICAGO, 17 July**— Grain futures in Chicago Board of Trade declined on Thursday as corn fell to a two-year low due to favourable weather in Midwest. September corn fell 12.75 cents, closing at 3.1675 dollars a bushel, the lowest closing level since July 2007. Wheat future for September delivery was down 1.5 cents, settled at 5.3325 US dollars per bushel. November soybean lost 14.5 cents to 8.90 dollars per bushel. Consistently favourable weather conditions for crop development over the past few weeks and forecasted for the rest of this week and this weekend weighed on corn.—Internet

Cisco to cut about 700 jobs at headquarters

**SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July**— In response to the global recession, Cisco Systems is planning to cut as many as 700 jobs at its Silicon Valley headquarters, US media reported on Thursday. The layoffs will be in the range of 600 to 700 employees and will be “company wide” and involve “multiple departments,” the San Jose Mercury News said in a report on its website, citing a source close to the company’s leadership. The cuts are part of a restructuring effort announced earlier by the world’s biggest networking equipment maker, the newspaper said.—Internet
Majority of Canadians oppose Afghan mission

OTTAWA, 17 July—There are more Canadians who oppose the country’s troops deployment in Afghanistan than those who support it, according to polls released Thursday.

Fifty-four percent of respondents opposed the Afghan mission, while 34 percent supported it and 12 percent were undecided, according to a poll by Ekos that was done for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

The survey suggests the strongest opposition exists in the French-speaking Quebec Province, with 73 percent of those polled saying they did not support Canada’s presence in Afghanistan. Only 15 percent offered their support.

Opposition was very high among women across the country, with 60 percent saying Canada should not be involved in Afghanistan and only 27 percent saying it should.

Ekos conducted the poll between 8 and 14 July, 2009, surveying 2,713 Canadians from across the country over the age of 18. The margin of error for the survey is plus or minus 1.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Another poll released on the same day also suggested that 52 percent of Canadians want the combat mission to end in 2011 as planned.

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Stage for French Madonna show collapses; 1 dead
Marseille, 17 July—The roof of a stage being built for a Madonna concert in the French port city of Marseille collapsed on Thursday, leaving one worker dead and nine injured, city officials said.

One worker was killed and two of the injured were seriously hurt, said Maurice Di Nocera, Marseille city councilor in charge of major events, said on France Info radio. The seriously injured were an American and a Briton, said the Marseille central fire department. The killed worker was French. No identities were released.

Four other people had multiple injuries, including fractured bones, and three others suffered light injuries, the fire department said. All of the injured were taken to local hospitals.

Di Nocera said the roof had been about two-thirds complete when it collapsed gradually on top of several workers.—Internet

Lost French hiker survives 11 days on only a picnic
A 62-year-old French woman hiker survived 11 days lost in the Pyrenean mountains with nothing but a picnic to eat, her husband said Thursday.

Therese Bordais lost her way after wandering ahead of the rest of her hiking party, in the Ondesa national park in the Spanish Pyrenees.

Spanish rescuers scouried the area with helicopters and dogs for over a week until spotting her at the foot of a gorge where she had spread brightly coloured clothes by the side of a stream to attract attention.

"Frankly, I had lost all hope. How on earth can someone survive 11 days without food, alone out in the storms?" said her husband Marcel Bordais.

A pelican checks out a snapping turtle in their enclosure at the zoo in Hamburg, Germany. Internet

Man sues Kimberly-Clark over bad-breath device
A Boston-area inventor sued Kimberly-Clark Corp, contending that the maker of Kleenex tissues and Huggies diapers had violated his patent on a device to detect bad breath.

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Man falls to death into vat of chocolate
Authorities say a man has died after falling into a vat of melted chocolate in a New Jersey processing plant.

A spokesman for the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office says the 29-year-old temporary worker at Cocoa Services Inc plant fell after a blade used to mix raw chocolate hit him. The man’s name has not been released.

The accident happened around 10:30 am on Wednesday as the worker was loading raw chocolate into the vat where it’s melted and mixed before being shipped elsewhere to be made into candy products.

The victim was said to have been trapped in the vat for nearly 10 minutes before being freed, reports CBS station.

Eight Serbs, three Egyptians killed in coach crash
CAIRO, 17 July—Eight Serb tourists and three Egyptians were killed when a truck on the wrong side of the road hit their coach head-on along Egypt’s Red Sea coast on Thursday, a security official said.

Nine Serbs were also injured in the crash near Safaga while on their way to the ancient pharaonic city of Luxor in southern Egypt, the official said.

Security and medical officials said earlier that other European tourists were involved in the crash, but all the victims have now been identified as Serbs.

Egypt’s roads are among the most chaotic and dangerous in the world, with traffic laws frequently flouted and roads poorly maintained.

In 2008, more than 8,000 people died from traffic-related accidents, officials say.

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“A view of Australia’s Blue Mountains where a British teenage backpacker has been found alive, 12 days after he went missing in the area, police have said.

“Hitler tree” may face the axe in Polish town
An oak tree planted in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War Two to mark Adolf Hitler’s birthday may soon face the axe if the local mayor has her way.

Authorities in Jaslo in rural southeastern Poland discovered the origins of the tree when plans were lodged to fell it to make way for a traffic roundabout.

“We obtained information that this is no ordinary tree but was put here to mark Adolf Hitler’s Birthday.” said Jaslo’s mayor, Maria Kurowska.
Commander inspects development tasks in Hmaubby, Taikkyi townships

YANGON, 17 July—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint heard the reports on maintenance tasks presented by the Executive Officer of Hmaubby Township Development Affairs Committee on the inter-district road in Inkan Village yesterday morning.

At Shwe Inwa Rubber Cultivation Company in Taikkyi Township, the in-charge of the rubber farm reported on cultivation of rubber. After giving necessary instructions, the commander visited the rubber farm.—MNA

Ministry of Industry-1 holds 2nd monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung grew Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) at the 2nd monsoon tree-planting ceremony held at Minister's office here on 15 July. Directors-General and Managing-Directors of Departments and Enterprises also grew star flower saplings. A total of 7149-sapling were grown at the ceremony and so far, altogether 40,632 saplings have been grown.

The minister put fingerlings into No.1 small dam and so did the directors-general and the managing-directors. A total of 20,000 fingerlings were released at the ceremony.

MNA

Kyaiklat Township, largest summer paddy producer in Myanmar

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Last year, Kyaiklat Township gained per acre yield of 100 baskets in summer paddy, and 75.55 baskets in monsoon paddy. And the paddy strains it grew commonly were Hnankha, Hsintwela, Manawthukha and Theehtatyin.

“In order to achieve paddy per acre yield, we choose high-yield strains, and organize and encourage farmers to use advanced agricultural methods. Now, we have set up a plot of 200 acres for paddy seeds to distribute them to farmers in order that they come to use high-yield strain paddy seeds. In that regard, we will distribute high-yield strain paddy to farmers at the rate of two baskets a farmer. The high-yield paddy strain we choose is Theehtatyin,” he said.

Then, we observed the plot with the accompaniment of U Aung Than Zaw. To get to the plot, we had to walk on muddy embankments of paddy fields filled with irrigation water. There, we saw the thriving green paddy plants swaying gently in the breeze.

He explained, “It is amazing that here the per acre yield of Theehtatyin strain paddy is as many as 195 baskets if it is grown in summer. I would like to prove that if opportune. That strain yields high, although its lifespan is short, about only 110 days. We can collect grains in a short term. It is suitable for our region and resistant enough to pests.”

Last year, Kyaiklat Township put 118,719 acres under summer paddy and harvested 11,909,891 baskets, thus hitting the target. This year also, the township is working hard to achieve the targeted per acre yield of paddy.

Next, we proceeded to Hleseik Ywama in Hleseik Village-tract in Kyaiklat Township. Along the way, we noticed thriving monsoon paddy fields, nurseries, and workers transplanting paddy. The paddy fields were found stretching as far as we could see.

This rainy season, Kyaiklat Township has grown high-yield strain paddy for paddy seeds. So, the township is certain to achieve the targeted per acre yield of summer paddy, using the collected high-yield strain paddy seeds, as the previous year. It is very heartening to learn that one-third of the total rice output is adequate for its consumption, and the remaining paddy is distributed to other states and divisions. In a word, the paddy harvest of Kyaiklat Township reaches at its peak.

Translation: MS Myanma Alin: 15-7-2009

U Aung Than Zaw, Chairman of Kyaiklat Township Peace and Development Council.
The true aspiration of Myanmar people

Mi Khin Thant

Dear Chief Editor,

I am not a writer. As a mother I have written some articles from a mother’s angle of loving kindness and goodwill and view point during the year of 1988 and 1989. I write this article as I can no longer tolerate the attempts to harm the interest of our country at present.

Dear Chief Editor,

After the end of the 1988 disturbances, while the so-called four big democracies or five big democracies were vying for power, the country was facing various kinds of tragedies including looting, beheadings between Myanmars for no particular reason and starvation as the people were not able to earn their living.

The Tatmadaw took over the duties of the State on 18 September 1988 while the nation was on the verge of falling apart, facing intrusion of troops from five naval ships of a power that were in the Myanmar territorial waters and facing clashes between trouble-makers creating violence and the people who could not accept violence and anarchy.

The Tatmadaw government made continuous efforts for restoring peace and stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, the rule of law, secure and smooth transportation and freedom of business and livelihood.

Internal peace, which is the public aspiration, was achieved during the years the Tatmadaw was assuming the State duties. The whole Union was free from areas which were under the rule of insurgency. The unity of national brethren or the national unity became stronger.

As all the people are witnessing all-round development in the entire country, they are enjoying and knowing the taste of independence with happiness. The nation was enjoying peace and stability and the rule of law.

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My heart almost broke with sorrow when I read a news report featured in The Bangkok Post and The Nation. The news report appeared together with photos that Thai police arrested over 50 young Myanmar girl students at a brothel in Ranong. I wrote my first article with heart-rending feeling.

The so-called democracy leaders told student youths, “Now, the soldiers are coming. Even we don’t know where to hide. So you’d better flee to border areas”. Some of the youngsters arrived at insurgent camps and became insurgents, some fell into the hands of human traffickers and were sold into prostitution and some faced tragic death. All in all, it was so heart-rendering as those youngsters were forced to become absconders fleeing the nation after betraying the State.

Thanks to the cooperation of Thai and Myanmar governments, we were able to rescue a large number of youth who were facing a lot of troubles in the other country and convey them back to the embrace of their parents. Actually, these youths were too late to learn a lesson. Under the influence of the words of the power craze these youths made wrong judgements. Only after facing a lot of troubles, they began to realize the truth and came back to their parents.

The colonialist media including BBC and VOA made brazen lies concerning the youths who came back home via Tak district reception camp in Thailand. The West media in their news reports said that the military killed these youths with bayonets.

In that way, they stopped remnant students from returning home from the hell of insurgency. In consequence, they had no chance but to trouble their motherland for their living and earning dollar. That is really awful. So-called democracy leaders at home who incited those conditions are unforgivable. Again, the persons and organizations are resorting to assorted means to harm the interest of the nation and the people.

Dear Chief Editor,

Myanmar, being an independent, sovereign nation, the people have the freedom to do and make decision in the interest of their country. That represents independence, fundamental right, self-determination and democratic rights. Fundamental rights bestowed by the nature, international law, United Nations Charter, and Principle of Bandung Conference of the Non-Aligned member countries bestow and recognize those rights.

The following four points are embodied in the United Nations Charter formulated in San Francisco, the United States of America, in 1945.

(1) every member country has the right to cast only a vote in an issue to be addressed with the approval of other member countries.

(2) the vote of the least powerful country is equal to the vote of the most powerful country.

(3) no country has the right to ask jurisdiction over any other member country.

(4) courts of a member country do not inquire the official acts of another country that fall on the jurisdiction of the latter to know whether they are official or not.

All member countries have signed to pledge that they will honour the principles. The UN Charter and purposes and principles include a point “Nothing in the Charter is to authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State as long as the matters do not pose a threat to regional and international security and stability”.

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Dear Chief Editor,

In Myanmar, the ruling government is an official one, which is recognized by the UN and international community. So, the countries maintain their diplomatic relations with Myanmar. It is recognized by the world according to international customs and international law. It is common knowledge that the Tatmadaw saved the Union from collapse in 1988, following the nationwide unrest, and took up State duties and since then has been shrouding nation-building tasks day in, day out to restore stability and peace, and bring about national development.

Now, the government is implementing the State’s seven-step Road Map, and the fourth step has been implemented. The fifth step is to hold election in 2010, and the sixth step is for representatives-ele. to form Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and elect the governing body led by the President. The seventh step is to build a modern, developed and democratic nation by the government and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Now, the State constitution or the fourth step has been approved by the great majority of the voters.

The draft constitution (2008), the fourth step of the Road Map, was approved by the majority of the public voters. After Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has been formed, constitutional amendments, supplements, removals and substitutions can be carried out in accord with democratic practices if necessary. Such tasks can be carried out with the consent of the 75 per cent of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

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The true aspiration of Myanmar people

Mi Khin Thant

Some basic principles (articles) on non-disintegration of the Union, perpetuation of sovereignty and separation of power will be decided by the 75 percent approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives as well as by the majority of the people through a referendum.

Articles on procedures can be amended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Basic principles on perpetuation of the Union and public interests can be amended only through the desire of the people. However, no one has the right to amend the constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar approved by the vast majority of the people before the emergence of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Any organization or party cannot do so. Even a world body like the United Nations has no right to do so let alone a certain global nation.

If democracy activists, nations wishing to see democracy flourishing in Myanmar and international organizations and persons wishing to see more progress in Myanmar believe in genuine democracy, they, even if they are not satisfied, will have to accept and honour the constitution (2008) approved by the Myanmar national people of their own volition.

Myanmar, a sovereign nation, has the internationally recognized government. It has its own territory, population and sovereignty. It also has its own identity. In this country, everything the government is doing in the interests of the people is legitimate. This is the practice of sovereignty. Outside interference is unnecessary. Here, I would like to firmly say that any nation does not need to interfere in the internal affairs of our country at all.

In practising sovereign power along with legislation and executive, it is always necessary to prohibit, under the judiciary system, those who breach laws, oppose the State and the legitimate government and harm the public interests. All global nations have their laws, courts, police stations, confinements and prisons. I would like to know whether there is any nation in the world that does not take action against, file a lawsuit and convict those breaking the laws.

Nowadays, tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in bomb blasts in some nations under alien aggression and occupation due to lack of sovereignty and some nations with civil wars and internal conflicts due to outside interferences. The buildings have burned down to ashes, and civilians have to be running and hiding in fear. No nation wants to invite such tragedies. No traitor is welcomed.

We already experienced such tragedies in the colonialist period. We have learned tragic news about some troubled nations in danger of neo-colonialists.

Today's Myanmar will not tolerate the breaking-up of the Union, her people getting into trouble, losing of independence and harming the already achieved peace and development. Now is the time all the Myanmar people are to unitedly and cooperatively strive for the nation to be prosperous and to reach the goal of genuine democracy.

Here, I would like to present the genuine desire of the people of Myanmar. This is the wish to see stability, prosperity and development.

Religious Ministry holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July
Ministry of Religious Affairs held coordination meeting at the ministry here today.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Religious Affairs Department Director General U Myo Kyaw, Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Director-General Dr Myo Myint, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University pro-rector Dr Myint Kyi and heads of religious affairs departments in states and divisions.

The participants of the meeting discussed tasks for resolutions of the previous meeting and future tasks to be carried out.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. MNA

Cultural evidences of early and later stone age found

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July
A research team comprising service personnel from Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (North) of Mandalay and Historical Research Department led by Lecturer U Win Kyiang of Archaeology Technology Training School of Pyay made a field trip to search the evidences of stone age of Myanmar around Pyay and Pakokku from 5 to 20 June.

It was the second field trip supervised by the Ministry of Culture. During the trip, the team collected 169 stone weapons from Hsinpaungwe, Mgyaungyee, Kwechaung, Mindla, Minbu, Kyapin and Pakokku regions. It was estimated that these findings were related to early and later Anyathian Culture. Weapons of Anyathian Culture can be divided into chopper and chopping tools, hand adze and scraper.

Significantly, the team found the stone weapons of later Anyathian culture level-2 at the old river bank-3, northwest of Leyar Village and west of Pakokku.

The research team conducted the initial study on classification, measurement and putting record on stone weapons. Other experts will hold discussions on the life span of Anyathian culture through comparative study and scientific dating method.

The team could extend the area of Anyathian culture by collecting the stone age findings.

The Ministry of Culture plans to study geographical boundary of Anyathian culture and stone weapons of Anyathian culture. MNA
Forestry Minister inspects construction of new school buildings

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visited People’s Hospital and Myoma North BEPS in Ingapu Township on 13 July.

The minister met with local people there and coordinated matters for renovation of school buildings. The minister inspected construction of new school building in Htaungpingon village affiliated BEHS and provided construction materials. He presented cash to the funds of the school and grew Mesua ferrea trees together with personnel.

The minister also visited construction sites of new school buildings in Gunon village BEPS, Shan Kwin village BEPS (Affiliated) and Tawngyasa village BEPS. He met with locals and attended to the requirements. The minister then inspected Thayagon village BEPS and made arrangements for construction of new school building. He presented cash for the school and delivered an address in meeting with locals.—MNA

Runway of Myitkyina Airport in Kachin State being extended

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Junior Engineer-2 U Aung Hsan Oo of Myitkyina District Public Works explains extension of runway at Myitkyina Airport.

U Saw Nwe Pha Hein Sae, in-charge of Myitkyina Airport.

Tornado hits Ayeyawady Division leaving one dead

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—News had been reported on 16 July that roofs and walls of some houses and buildings were destroyed by tornado and some people were injured in some townships of Ayeyawady Division on 14 July.

According to the news covered today, tornado destroyed some houses and huts at Kyin-kaw village in Hainggyigyun Township from 10 a.m to 10.10 a.m on 14 July. Similarly, tornado hit Ka-zaung-wa village in Mawlamyinegyun Township from 2 p.m to 2.10 p.m. It blew off roofs of some houses and school buildings. After 15-minute of heavy rains and strong wind which started from 11.05 am at Hantha village in Einme Township on 15 July, a paddy transplanter was injured in the field. The victim died on her way to the Einme Township hospital.

Local authorities are providing necessary assistance to storm victims.

Industry-2 Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Mr Kung Leewook, Vice President of Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd and party at the ministry here today.

They held discussions on industrial matters. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, director-general, managing-director and personnel. —MNA

Translation: TTA

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address in meeting with local people at Shan Kwin Village BEPS (Affiliated) in Ingapu Township.—FORESTRY

Airport Building seen at Myitkyina Airport.

Photo shows progress of ground work on extended runway at Myitkyina Airport.
**BMW recalls 135 sedans over airbag system defects in China**

**BEIJING, 17 July** —BMW is recalling 135 of its 2008 BMW 1-Series and 2008 BMW 3-Series sedans in China because of airbag system defects, the country’s quality supervisor said Friday. The sedans, all imported, were produced between 23 May, 2008 and 21 July, 2008, said a statement released by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

There is a chance that some of the cars may have incorrect crimp connectors installed to the side airbag and seatbelt tension wire, said the statement.

This would result in the possible failure of the airbag or belt fastener in an accident. BMW will conduct checks and maintenance free of charge.—**Internet**

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**Site of South Han Palace discovered in Guangzhou**

**BEIJING, 17 July**—Archaeologists from the Nanyue Kingdom Palace preparatory office announced Wednesday that the site of a Five Dynasties palace was discovered on 14 July in Guangzhou, capital of south China’s Guangdong Province.

As the seat of the Western Han Nanyue Kingdom and the Five Dynasties South Han Kingdom, the site has been the centre of Guangzhou for some 2000 years.

Cultural relics of 12 dynasties, covering the Qin Dynasty to the People’s Republic of China, are being discovered there. Li Zaixiong, director of the Archaeological Research Department of the Nanyue Kingdom Palace preparatory office, said, “We are now in the backyard of the second South Han Palace. All of the floor tiles here are decorated with images of butterflies. This is an important discovery in art history, since we thought the butterfly decoration was often used in the Ming and Qing dynasties.” The South Han is one of the Five Dynasties of south China, during which kings built grand palaces in the capital of Guangzhou. According to Li, the newly-discovered site might be one of the palaces where kings handled their daily affairs.

Li added, “We are standing in the South Han dynasty section now. We can also see sites of other dynasties, for this was the center of Guangzhou during the Qin Dynasty, and capital of the Nanyue and South Han Kingdom.” Archaeologists will further excavate the ancient treasure, and plan to preserve it as a museum.—**Internet**

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**“Art crocodile” gallery shows contemporary ink-wash**

**BEIJING, 17 July**—Cutting-edge ink-wash paintings take the ancient art to new levels, and even oil painters, printers and sculptors put brush to rice paper in a refreshing show. Wang Jie picks up her brush.

Contemporary ink-wash paintings by 58 artists are exhibited at Mingyuan Art Center which aims to become a heavyweight dealer, commonly known as an “art crocodile.”

The exhibit of very different works running through 5 August displays the best of innovative ink-wash works building on ancient traditions.

In October the centre will present “Open Expression 2009 - Shanghai Young Artists.”

“This show features ink-wash artists whose style and technique contrast with each other,” says Lin Feifei, director of Mingyuan Art Centre. “With different approaches, concepts and forms, these artists together present the real local art scene of contemporary ink-wash paintings.”—**Internet**

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**Scientists save India’s moon mission from failure**

**NEW DELHI, 17 July**—India’s only satellite orbiting the moon came close to failure after overheating but scientists improvised to save it and have achieved more than 90 percent of the mission’s objectives, an official said Friday.

The launch of Chandrayaan-1 in October 2008 put India in an elite group to have lunar missions along with the US, Russia, the European Space Agency, Japan and China.

But on 16 May, the satellite lost a critical instrument called the star sensor, the Indian Space Research Organization’s chief Madhavan Nair told reporters.

The sensor helps the satellite stay oriented so its cameras and other recording equipment are constantly aimed at the lunar surface.

However, ISRO scientists were able to salvage the $80 million satellite within a week and resume normal operations by activating the satellite’s gyroscope, which also gives satisfactory orientation, Nair said.

He said more than 90 percent of the two-year mission’s objectives had already been achieved, and dismissed suggestions that the sensor’s failure might reduce the life span of the spacecraft.—**Internet**
The new Harry Potter film earns more than $100m in first day

Los Angeles, 17 July—“Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” brought in more than 100 million dollars in its first four days in release and broke both box office records in the process, Warner Bros Pictures announced on Thursday.

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The surgery was performed at Cincinnati’s University Hospital by an eight-member team from the Brain Tumor Center at the university’s Neuroscience Institute.

“This marks the culmination of one of the most important developments in brain tumor surgery in the last 100 years,” said Dr John Tew, a neurosurgeon, professor and clinical director of the Neuroscience Institute. Dr James Leach, an associate professor of neurosurgery, performed the processing and fusion of images.

“The ability to completely map the brain and to understand before we operate where the tumor lies in relation to important structures is a milestone in our use of digital computer technology to heighten patient safety during complex brain tumor surgery,” Tew said.—Internet

Roadside bomb kills 11 Afghan civilians

Kandahar, Afghanistan 17 July—A roadside bomb ripped through a vehicle in southern Afghanistan on Friday, killing 11 civilians, including five children, a border police official said.

The bomb exploded in Kandahar province’s Spin Boldak district as the civilians were traveling toward a shrine, said Gen. Safullah Hakim.

Hakim blamed Taliban militants, who regularly use roadside bombs against Afghan and foreign troops.

“Implicit civilians are dying as a result,” Hakim said. He also said three women were wounded. The number of such attacks has spiked this year, as thousands of additional American troops have joined the fighting in Afghanistan. President Barack Obama has ordered 21,000 additional troops into the country this year, most of them into the south.—Internet
Chickens destroyed in west Nepal for fearing bird flu

KATHMANDU, 17 July — Security forces wednesday evening seized 1,000 live chickens in Rajapur, some 390 km south west of capital Kathmandu and destroyed them. The operation was launched to prevent the spread of avian influenza (avian influenza) outbreak in some Indian cities bordering to Nepal. It is said that there has been no let-up in import of poultry products from India to Nepal, despite measures to discourage cross-country poultry trade since secret routes have been used to bring in eggs and live birds taking advantage of open border, said the report. On 16 Jan, Nepali government confirmed the outbreak of bird flu virus in Jhapa district (bordering to neighbouring country India), some 320 km southeast of Nepal capital Kathmandu and issued a bird flu alert in the area.

Solar activity linked with Earth’s weather

BOULDER,17 July — US climate researchers say a rapid evolution of the Y chromosome carried only by men has led to a rapid gene loss that might lead to the chromosome’s disappearance. Pennsylvania State University Associate Professor Katerina Makova, who led the study, and researcher Melissa Wilson compared the DNA of the X and Y chromosomes in different classes of mammals. The researchers found that DNA of the human Y chromosome began to evolve rapidly 80 million to 130 million years ago. But while DNA on X chromosomes evolved at a constant rate, the rapid evolution of the Y chromosome has resulted in a rapid loss of genes.

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HK reports first suspected fatal case of influenza A/H1N1

HONG KONG, 17 July — A 42-year-old Filipino seaman, who died last week with a superbug infection, was tested positive for the influenza A/H1N1, overnight, Hong Kong’s Center for Health Protection announced on Thursday. If confirmed, it would be Hong Kong’s first fatal case from influenza A/H1N1. Earlier tests found community-associated methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (CA-MRSA) in the man’s blood sample, the center discovered he also tested positive for the human swine flu virus on Wednesday night.

Med student with rare cancer in research

Bredel, head of research at the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute, a few weeks after learning he had a life expectancy of just over a year. He said some people think of cancer as having a “mystical power” but Bredel “has really reduced it to a set equation, with these genes as variables.” At the time, Lukac was a second-year medical student at Columbia University. The cancer, the same one afflicting Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, is extremely rare. Internet

Parents should raise child ‘safety IQ’

NORTHBROOK, 17 July — Ninety percent of parents say they feel responsible for supplying their children with safety information, a US survey indicates. A survey by Underwriters Laboratories, an independent product safety certification organization, also found 90 percent of children in grades kindergarten through fifth rely on their parents for information to keep them safe. US children sustain an estimated 14 million potentially disabling unintentional injuries annually, John Drengenberg, director of Consumer Safety at Underwriters Laboratories, says. Internet

Filipino schoolchildren ride a tricycle through a flooded street following heavy downpours in suburban Malabon city north of Manila. Internet

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California reports 24 more deaths, 707 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

HOUSTON, 17 July — The A/H1N1 flu death toll in the most populous US State of California has reached 55, while confirmed and probable cases rose to 3,168, according to the latest statistics released by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) last Thursday. The department said that 24 more deaths have been reported in the past week, a 77-percent jump from the previous record of 31, and 707 new cases have emerged, representing a 29-percent increase from the previous total of 2,461 released a week ago by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Since the outbreak of the A/H1N1 flu, California has been among the top states leading the nation with most deaths and confirmed cases of the new flu virus. The latest CDPH report shows that San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles and Long Beach counties have been the four hardest-hit, with San Diego and Orange each has 8 deaths, while Los Angeles and Long Beach each has 7 victims of the new A/H1N1 virus. Internet

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Participants run with Nunez del Cuvillo fighting bulls on the last day of San Fermin Festival bull run, on 14 July, in Pamplona, northern Spain. The festival is a symbol of Spanish culture, despite heavy condemnation from animal rights groups, and attracts thousands of tourists to watch the bull runs. Internet

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**England winger Downing completes Villa move**

**LONDON, 17 July—** England winger Stewart Downing on Thursday joined Premier League Aston Villa from relegated Middlesbrough for 12 million pounds (19.7 million dollars).

Downing, 24, explained he needed to play in the top flight to improve his chances of being selected for England in the 2010 World Cup.

“Leaving Boro seems strange to me because I have always been at the club. I supported them when I was young and I’ll always be a Boro fan,” he said.

“I hope the fans will understand that I’m ambitious and want to win things.”

“This move gives me the chance of that. Also I definitely want to play at next year’s World Cup, so that’s my aim - to get back to full fitness and get myself definitely want to play at next year’s World Cup, so that’s my aim - to get back to full fitness and get myself back to full fitness and get myself back to full fitness and get myself back to full fitness and get myself back to full fitness and get myself back to full fitness.”

Don’t compare me to Ronaldo, says United new boy Valencia

**MANCHESTER, 17 July—** New Manchester United winger Antonio Valencia brushed off comparisons with Cristiano Ronaldo on Thursday and insisted life in the north-west of England suited him just fine.

The Ecuador player moved from nearby Wigan for 15 million pounds, a fraction of the world record 80 million pounds United received from Real Madrid for Ronaldo.

“I don’t make any comparisons between myself and Cristiano,” said 23-year-old Valencia.

“Obviously Cristiano did very well here but, when I had my talks with Manchester United, it was never said I was coming here as a replacement for him. “What I want is to make sure I do my own job and concentrate on the things I do well.

“That is the main thing for me because I have a real desire to be a success here.”

**Milan need to up Fabiano offer, says agent**

**ROME, 17 July—** AC Milan will have to make an improved offer for Brazil forward Luis Fabiano if they are to prise him away from Sevilla, the player’s agent said on Thursday.

Speaking to Radio Onda Zero, Jose Fuentes, said the only thing blocking a move for the Confederations Cup top goalscorer was Milan’s reluctance to up their offer.

“Right now it’s Milan who need to take a step forward for Luis Fabiano, we’re waiting, we’ll see if it’s possible to close out this deal,” Fuentes said.

“It’s Milan who have to move, fly to Seville and increase their offer.” Fuentes said he understood Sevilla president Jose Maria del Nido’s demand that the Italians stump up 20 million euros for the 28-year-old, although Milan don’t want to pay more than 14 million euros.

**Lucio switch to Inter ‘not done’**

**ROME, 17 July—** Bayern Munich’s Brazilian international defender Lucio’s proposed move to Serie A champions Inter Milan has not been completed, the Italians said on Thursday.

Inter’s transfers consultant Gabriele Oriali rebuked an earlier claim from the German club and was later confirmed by club president Massimo Moratti. “Nothing is signed regarding Lucio’s transfer, there’s nothing official,” Moratti told Inter’s official website.

However he did admit that any such deal for the centre-back could spell the end in Inter’s interest in Chelsea pair Ricardo Carvalho and Deco.

“From what I know there’s nothing agreed. Would the signing of Lucio mean we abandon a deal for Deco and Carvalho?” he said.

“Think it’s sufficiently clear that we can’t sign 40 players.”

**American striker Davies joins Sochaux**

**PARIS, 17 July—** French first division side Sochaux have signed US international striker Charlie Davies from Swedish side Hammarby, the club said on Thursday.

The 23-year-old striker, scorer of 22 goals for the Swedish side, is the first ever American to play for the French club. Davies was spotted while playing for low-profile side Westchester Flames and went to Holland for a trial with Ajax.

**Beckham back as Galaxy beat Red Bulls 3-1**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, 17 July—** David Beckham returned to Major League Soccer with a whisper, not a shout.

Playing in a stadium nearly three-quarters empty, the star midfielder was slow and had little role in the Los Angeles Galaxy’s 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls on Thursday night.

“The most important thing is for us to get three points, and tonight we did that in style,” Beckham said.

**Chalmers, Klau tied at 6 under after 1 at US Bank**

**MILWAUKEE, 17 July—** The US Bank Championship has only a few notable names when compared with the British Open. But a lack of star power doesn’t deter Greg Chalmers’ belief something amazing will happen — maybe even to him.

Chalmers shot a 6-under 64 on Thursday to tie Jeff Klauk for the lead after the first round of the Milwaukee tourney on Thursday.

“I’ve played in several other World events and it typically provides a fantastic story for someone if they’re not a named player,” Chalmers said. “It could be a first-time winner, it could be someone who goes from nowhere to somewhere very quickly.”

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The number of people using cell phones to access the Internet hit 155 million, up 32.1 percent in the first half. Most people used the Internet for news, entertainment and social networking. Online shopping was gaining popularity as the number of shoppers jumped by 14 million in six months to 87.9 million by June.—MNA/Xinhua
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Talks on New Influenza held

YANGON, 17 July—Health educative talk on new influenza A (H1N1) was held at Yangon Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College on 16 July, here. Principal U Win Aung explained the purpose of the talk and Officer of Yangon Division Health Department and Health and Educative Department U Thein Soe gave talk on the subject including the history of New Influenza, preventive measures and surveillance tasks.

The deputy principal and professors, teachers and trainees totalling over 500 attended the talk.

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Runway of Myitkyina Airport in Kachin State being extended

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Photo shows the runway of Myitkyina Airport tarmacked by Myitkyina District Public Works.

While forging national reconsolidation, the government is focusing on equitable development in social, education, health and economic sectors of the local people.

At present, unprecedented development can be witnessed in border areas. No one can deny the fact that a region restored with peace and stability will gain development momentum gradually.

Recently, the news crew of the Myanmar Alin Daily toured Kachin State to write bylines on development of the region. As we had learnt that the Myitkyina Airport is being extended, an interview was made with Junior Engineer-2 U Aung Hsan Oo of the Ministry of Construction.

He explained, “Myitkyina District Public Works under the Ministry of Construction has started extension of the runway of Myitkyina Airport from the 6000 feet by 100 feet facility to the 7000 feet by 100 feet one since 2005-2006 financial year. In 2005-2006 financial year, the 300 feet by 100 feet tarred runway section was constructed, and the 400 feet by 500 feet ground work was carried out.”

He continued to say, “In the 2007-2008 financial year, the runway extension tasks were carried out on the 200 feet by 500 feet section. In 2008-2009 financial year, we carried out the ground work on the 250 feet by 500 feet section.”

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H&T, EP-1, CPT win over opponents

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—The 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued at the designated places, here, this afternoon.

At Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism whitewashed Ministry of Forestry 15-0.

Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 beat Ministry of Energy with a 2-0 result at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports Ground.

At Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs routed Ministry of Construction 3-1.

Tomorrow fixtures: Ministry of Rail Transportation vs CSSTB at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground; Transport Ministry vs Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports Ground; and Culture Ministry vs Attorney-General’s Office at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.—MNA