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

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

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects regional development works in Yangon North District

YANGON, 18 July—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials inspected works for supplying 54 million gallons of water per day to Yangon and progress of construction works for 45 million gallons water supply project for the second phase at Yangon (See page 7)

Developing Shan State (South) with peace and stability

Today’s Shan State achieves prevailing peace and stability and tangible development results in all aspects.

Shan State (South), located on 21,652.96 acres of land, is formed with 21 townships in three districts namely Taunggyi, Loilem and Lankho. In the past, a total of 20 wards were included in Taunggyi Township. New Taunggyi is constituted with 22 wards. Ayethaya, the satellite town of Taunggyi Township, has 12 wards. Shwenyaung has 11 wards. Therefore, Taunggyi Township is formed with 45 wards now.

The Union Highway linking Ayethaya and Taunggyi was upgraded to the dual road decorated with landscapes, flowery plants and shade trees. Everybody who arrives in Taunggyi can see the neat and tidy Bogoke Road and modern and beautiful buildings. (See page 7)

Main building of Technological University (Taunggyi) in Shan State (South).
**Safeguard Our Three Main National Causes**

Today is the 62nd Anniversary of Azarni Day. It is a memorable day when Azarni leaders were assassinated while they were struggling for the Union of Myanmar to be free from the rule of the imperialists.

The Azarni leaders struggled for the country to liberate from slavery based on great commitment and perseverance for Myanmar’s independence.

Although the Azarni leaders had fallen, their anti-colonialist spirit, anti-fascist spirit, national liberation, national solidarity and independence struggles went down in the annals of Myanmar’s history. The people of the Union of Myanmar will have to emulate and uphold the leaders’ Azarni spirit, anti-colonialist spirit, patriotism and nationalistic spirit.

The independence regained through the sacrifices of the Azarni leaders has perpetuated till today. Therefore, all the Myanmar people with patriotic spirit are to maintain and safeguard the already-achieved independence and the Union for their perpetuity. They will have to maintain and promote the strengths of national unity forged by the Azarni leaders.

All the national people are to fulfill the wishes of the Azarni leaders while safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty in order that it can perpetuate as long as the world exists.

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**A&I Minister receives Japanese Ambassador**

**NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa at the hall of Irrigation Department in Yangon on 14 July. It was also attended by departmental heads and officials of the ministry.**

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**Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa.**

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**SWRR Minister inspects fire stations**

**YANGON, 18 July—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspected construction of buildings for fire stations and staff quarters here today. Accompanied by Director-General of Fire Services Department U Myint Tun, the minister visited fire stations in Thakayta, Kyimyindine, Mayangon and Insein townships. During his tour of inspection, he inspected construction of buildings at the stations and gave instructions to officials concerned.**

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**Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects construction of staff quarters at the station in Insein Township.**

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**Bridges in Magway Division under construction**

**NAV PYI TAW, 18 July — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe accompanied by officials of Public Works arrived at the worksite of Chitthaung Bridge in Magway Division on 15 July. The deputy minister heard reports on work progress presented by Senior Engineer In-charge UKyaw Thu of Bridge Construction Project Special Group (7) at the briefing hall and attended to the needs. The deputy minister and party then inspected the worksite of Yawchaung Bridge and Seikphyu-Pakokku motorway. At the briefing hall of Chaungmagyi Bridge (1) and (2) construction project being implemented by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (8) (Myitichay), the deputy minister heard reports on progress of bridge construction and future tasks presented by Senior Engineer U Tin Soe and looked into the worksite. Next, the deputy minister and party went to the worksite of Chaungmakaing Bridge near Pakokku. After hearing reports on work progress and future plans presented by Pakokku District Senior Engineer U Tin Maung Oo, the deputy minister oversaw the construction of bridge and left necessary instructions.**

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**Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe looks into construction of Chaungmagyi bridge in Magway Division.**
Ahmadinejad appoints new nuclear chief

TEHERAN, 18 July — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has appointed a new chief for the country’s nuclear programme, following the abrupt resignation of its veteran head, the official IRNA news agency reported Friday.

Ali Akbar Salehi, a US-educated physicist who was Iran’s former envoy to the UN nuclear watchdog agency, is replacing Gholam Reza Aghazadeh as the new vice president and the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

Three aide workers kidnapped in Kenya

NAIROBI, 18 July — Gunmen have seized three foreign aid workers in northern Kenya and taken them across the border into Somalia, a security official said on Saturday.

Roughly 10 gunmen arrived late on Friday night at a house in the border town of Mandera where the workers were staying, shot the watchman in the head and kidnapped the three, the official said, speaking anonymously because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

He would not say who the victims worked for or what their nationalities are.

US House panel to probe into CIA’s assassination programme

WASHINGTON, 18 July — A US House panel will probe into an assassination programme against al-Qaeda leaders which the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had been hiding from the Congress for 8 years, the panel’s head said on Friday.

Silvestre Reyes, a Democrat from Texas who chairs the US House Intelligence Committee, said in a statement that the investigation will determine if it was illegal for the CIA to conceal the programme.

from the Congress. He argued that according to the law, the CIA should inform both the House and Senate intelligence committees about significant intelligence programmes like the assassination programme.

The programme was designed after the 9/11 attacks when then President George W Bush signed a secret order authorizing the CIA to capture or kill al-Qaeda members.

However, the Congress had been kept in the dark on the matter until the new CIA Director Leon Panetta revealed it to the Congress at a secret briefing on 24 June.

US fighter jet crashes in Afghanistan, two dead

KABUL, 18 July — A US F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jet crashed in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, the US Air Force said, and a military source said both crew members on board were killed.

The Air Force said in a statement that the crash, which took place at 3:15 am local time (2245 GMT on Friday), was not due to hostile action.

“There is an active investigation going on at the site at this time,” Air Force spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Trent Christopherson said by telephone from Qatar, the main base of US air operations in the Middle East and Central Asia. Christopherson declined to discuss the status of the crew members, but a military source in Kabul confirmed they had been killed. The source asked not to be identified pending the Air Force’s official announcement of the deaths.

Three dead as Typhoon Molave exits Philippines

MANILA, 18 July — At least three people were killed and nearly 100,000 displaced in the Philippines by Typhoon Molave, as the storm gained strength before rolling away from the country Saturday, officials said.

Among the dead was a 13-year-old boy who drowned in a swollen river in suburban Caloocan city north of Manila and a 32-year-old man who was electrocuted in norther Ilocos Province.

Radio reports meanwhile said a baby also drowned in central Iloilo province after her house was flooded.

With maximum winds of 95 kilometres (59 miles) per hour near its centre and gusts of up to 120 kilometres (74 miles) per hour, by early Saturday Molave was moving west-northwest of Batanes island, in the extreme northern Philippines.

It is forecast to be within the vicinity of southeastern China by Sunday, the state weather bureau said.
Aldi to add stores in new US markets

FRANKFURT, 18 July—German discount store Aldi is taking advantage of the economic slowdown to expand in the United States, a Frankfurt-based market researcher reported Friday.

Although facing declining revenues at home, the discount food store will open 75 new stores in the US, Planet Retail's Senior Discount Analyst said. "Of course the current economic crisis is really helping Aldi to gain more customers, but is also making some changes in its concept," explained Matthias Queck.

The changes Aldi made include more fresh products, especially produce, and sprucing up its stores. New stores are coming into more affluent neighbourhoods than Aldi originally targeted.

Oil extends rally on better housing data, bank performance

NEW YORK, 18 July—Oil prices extended its rally to end above 63 US dollars a barrel on Friday as data showed positive signs in most-battered housing and banking sectors.

Light, sweet crude for August delivery rose 1.54 dollars, or 2.5 percent, to settle at 63.56 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, wrapping up the week with a 6 percent jump, partially reversing its 10 percent plunge last week.

Oil's gains came after the Commerce Department's announcement on Friday that new homes and apartments unexpectedly jumped by 3.6 percent in June to settle at 63.56 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, wrapping up the week with a 6 percent jump, partially reversing its 10 percent plunge last week.

A man looks at a laptop on display at a computer show. Dutch computer chip equipment maker ASML announced net losses for the first quarter after a collapse in sales, but said it saw signs of improving market conditions.

Exxon Mobil facing $1-bln fine for alleged sabotage of wells

HOUSTON, 18 July—Exxon Mobil Corp, the largest US oil company, could face more than 1 billion US dollars in penalties for alleged sabotage of abandoned oil wells to prevent producers from reviving them, authorities said on Friday.

Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, said in a statement that Exxon Mobil intentionally damaged the wells, filling them with trash, sludge and explosives, to prevent other producers from exploring them, according to Dow Jones report.

"Exxon committed irreparable, intentional and flagrant violations of state rules regulating the oilfield," Patterson said in the statement.

Patterson asked the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the state's oil and gas production, to hold hearings on the allegations, which stem from a lawsuit between Exxon Mobil and a Texas family that leased land to the company in the 1950s.

British Airways to raise almost $1 billion

LONDON, 18 July—Hard-pressed British Airways said on Friday it plans to raise 600 million pounds ($980 million) to see it through the recession and financial losses, which it estimated at 100 million pounds for the three months through June.

The airline, which has been seeking cost-cutting deals with staff, announced it intended to raise 300 million pounds through a convertible debt issue and that it had secured the return of 330 million pounds worth of guarantees from pension fund trustees.

The debt issue is subject to approval by shareholders. British Airways shares were up 2 percent at 134.8 pence on the London Stock Exchange.

"The additional liquidity is clearly positive. Nevertheless, we believe that a significant rerating of the stock is unlikely, given the exceptionally weak market conditions, reflected in poor premium traffic volumes," said Gert Zonneveld, analyst at Panmure Gordon & Co.
UN Security Council
condemns terrorist attacks in Indonesia

UNITED NATIONS, 18 July—The UN Security Council strongly condemned on Friday the bomb attacks at two hotels in Jakarta, Indonesia, and called for bringing to justice those behind the terrorist attacks.

Unanimously adopting a presidential statement, the 15-member body condemned “in the strongest terms” the attacks that have caused “numerous deaths and injuries.”

The council urged the Indonesian government to bring “perpetrators, organizers, financiers, and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism to justice,” and called on all states to cooperate in this regard.

Speaking to the press, Indonesia’s UN Ambassador Marty Natalegawa welcomed the “timely adoption” of the statement by the Security Council. He said that it is premature to speculate who the perpetrators are and that the Indonesian authorities will make deliberate investigations on the attacks. —Xinhua

US wind power market keeps growing

LOS ANGELES, 18 July—For the fourth consecutive year, the US was home to the fastest-growing wind power market in the world, according to a report released on Friday.

Specifically, US wind power capacity additions increased by 60 percent in 2008, representing a 16-billion-dollar investment in new wind projects, said the report released by the US Department of Energy and prepared by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab).

Wind projects accounted for 42 percent of all new electric generating capacity added in the US in 2008, and wind now delivers nearly two percent of the nation’s electricity supply, the report said. “At this pace, wind is on a path to becoming a significant contributor to the US power mix,” noted report author Ryan Wiser, of Berkeley Lab.

According to the report, the US overtook Germany to take the lead in cumulative wind capacity installations. And the growth is distributed across much of the US. —Xinhua

US shuttle Endeavour docks with Int’l Space Station

WASHINGTON, 18 July—After a nearly two-day pursuit, the US space shuttle Endeavour docked with the International Space Station on Friday, delivering the final pieces of the Japanese Kibo complex and a new flight engineer to join the Expedition 20 crew.

According to NASA TV, Commander Mark Polansky guided the shuttle to a docking at 1:47 pm EDT (1747 GMT) as the two aircraft flew 220 miles about the northern coast of Australia. Before closing to the station, Polansky commanded Endeavour through a “backflip” allowing the station’s Expedition 20 Commander Gennady Padalka and Flight Engineer Michael Barratt to take photos that imagery experts will review to assess the health of Endeavour’s heat shield.

The shuttle and station crews opened hatches and greeted one another at 3:48 p.m. EDT (1848 GMT), beginning more than a week of joint operations between the two crews.—Xinhua

China’s construction material sector reports growth in first five months

BEIJING, 18 July—China’s construction material sector reported a double-digit growth in added value in the first five months thanks to fast fixed-assets investment growth, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

The added value was up 13.6 percent in Jan-May period and expanded 16 percent in May, 2.2 points higher than the previous month. Cement output hit a new monthly record of 150 million tonnes in May, up 13.5 percent year on year. It topped 750 million tonnes in the first five months, up 13.3 percent year on year.—Xinhua

China’s first nuclear power plant’s expansion starts new concrete pouring

HAIYAN, 18 July—Workers Friday began pouring the foundation for the last of the two new generating units planned as an addition to the first phase of the Qinshan nuclear power plant in Fangjishan, Haiyan, on the northern coast of Hangzhou Bay, Zhejiang Province.

The nuclear power plant, not far from Shanghai, is the first Chinese facility of its kind. Its expansion project, with an investment of 26 billion yuan (about 3.82 billion US dollars), is one of the first group of large infrastructure items approved for construction by the State Council in the latter half of last year as a way to combat the global financial meltdown, said Qinshan Nuclear Power Company Limited of China National Nuclear Corporation, the developer, Friday.

The expansion requires installation of two pressurized reactors, and each will have an installed capacity of 1 million kilowatts. Concrete pouring for the first reactor facility was done on 26 Dec, 2008.

The two generating units will be operational by 2013 and 2014. And electricity produced by the two units will be used to power economic development in the Yangtze River Delta, according to the company.—Xinhua

4.5 magnitude aftershock hits New Zealand’s Fiordland

WELLINGTON, 18 July—Another aftershock measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale struck Fiordland, New Zealand’s lower Southland, on Saturday morning, the 14th since a 7.8 magnitude quake occurred in the area on Wednesday night.

The latest aftershock occurred at 8:25 am on Saturday local time (20:25 GMT Friday), the New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS Science) reported. It was centered 80 km west of Te Anau at a focal depth of 10 km. Another aftershock measured at magnitude 5.6 occurred at 6:39 pm Friday, at a focal depth of 5 km. Wednesday’s 7.8 magnitude earthquake occurred at 9:22 pm, at a depth of 12 km, causing no casualties. The Earthquake Commission has now received more than 570 claims relating to damage, mainly minor damage.—Xinhua

The space shuttle Endeavour is seen from this camera view from aboard the International Space Station as it approaches the orbital outpost for docking on this image from NASA TV on 17 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Workers walk through a construction site in Beijing, China, on 16 July, 2009. China’s economy accelerated in the second quarter amid huge stimulus spending, expanding by 7.9 percent from a year earlier as retail sales and industrial output grew strongly, data showed on 16 July, 2009.—INTERNET
One killed, four missing in southwest China mud-rock flow

CHENGDU, 18 July — One person was killed while four others were missing after a rainstorm triggered mud-rock flow in southwest China's Sichuan Province, local authorities said on Saturday.

The disaster occurred at 1:50 am on Friday, when the mud-rock flow ravaged a road construction company in the Zamu village of Xiaoqin county in the Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, sweeping away five workers and some equipment.

More than 200 rescuers found one body Friday noon and are still looking for the rest.

The five workers were from east China's Jiangxi Province who came to Sichuan to help with post-quake reconstruction. More than 30 other workers were evacuated to safer places.—Internet

Dengue fever claims 180 lives in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 18 July — The number of dengue deaths has risen to 180 while 18,030 cases have been reported in Sri Lanka so far, officials from the Epidemiology Unit of the Health Ministry said on Saturday.

They said of the 18,030 cases the highest number of patients was reported from June totaling 7,005.

This represents a sharp increase as 4,156 dengue cases and 85 deaths were reported for the whole year of 2008.

Government officials said dengue virus has hit the countryside this year affecting mostly the youth, many of them students.

The rapid rise in the level of the epidemic has forced the health authorities to carry out an extensive public awareness campaign to eradicate the mosquito based epidemic.—Internet

CIT collapse could ripple through retail industry

NEW YORK, 18 July — The possible collapse of a key lender is sending panic through the retail industry, threatening to hang up deliveries of back-to-school clothing and other merchandise and throw holiday ordering into disarray.

A bankruptcy filing by CIT Group would hurl the worst spending slump in decades. The ripple effect could be as simple as a zipper maker that can't rely on CIT to advance payment for orders. That would then hurt trucking companies that would ship the zippers and overseas factories that need the zippers to make dresses. The result could be mounds of zipperless dresses at factories, piles of goods sitting on docks — and products not making it to store shelves.

"CIT is like an octopus with its tentacles that reach out to so many industries and sub-Industries," said Jeffrey Knopman, a principal at Profit Solutions Group, which helps suppliers recover chargeback money from merchants.

A primary business of CIT is short-term financing, mostly to small- to medium-sized businesses that can't afford to wait the 60 to 90 days it takes to get paid for shipments to retailers.

Calif teen youngest to sail solo around world

A 17-year-old Californian became the youngest person to sail the ocean alone.

Zac Sunderland, a 17-year-old Californian, became the youngest person to sail solo around the world. Zac Sunderland docked in the coastal community west of Los Angeles, completing a 28,000-mile trip that began last year. His family, friends and hundreds of onlookers cheered as he arrived in an intrepid boat.

Shaggy-haired Sodoma later gave a whoop of joy before addressing the crowd.

"It's been a crazy 13 months," said Sunderland, hugging his younger siblings.

Sunderland was 16 when he left Marina del Rey on June 14, 2008 — a voyage that included encounters with pirates and wild storms.

His father, shipwright Laurence Sunderland, met him at various stops and helped him repair damage to the boat while Zac surfed.

Renault sales fall 16.5% in first half of 2009

PARIS, 18 July — France's second largest carmaker, Renault SA, said on Friday its global vehicle sales dropped 16.5 percent in the first half of 2009 amid the economic downturn.

In a statement, Renault said it sold 1.106 million vehicles in the first six months of 2009, down from 1.326 million for the same period of 2008. Sales of passenger cars fell 13.7 percent in the first half of the year.

Renault's share of the global market remained stable at 3.7 percent, while its market share in Europe stood at 8.4 percent, the company said. Renault gained market share in Germany, Spain and Belgium, but lost in Italy and Britain.

Sales of Renault's Romanian brand Dacia, which makes low-cost Dacia and Sandero models, increased 20.3 percent, while sales of Renault branded vehicles fell 21.5 percent.—Internet

Iowa man accused of smearing feces on building

A man faces criminal mischief charges after he allegedly defecated on a downtown Elgin sidewalk and smeared feces on the door of a building.

Authorities said the building houses the Valley Community Coalition. Officials believe the man targeted the organization, but they aren't sure why.

Matthew J. Sodoma, 21, was arrested and was also charged with defecating on a public sidewalk or building.

The performers give the stage play of "Hello Kitty's Dream Light Fantasy" in Suzhou, a city of east China's Jiangsu Province.
Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects...

Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) of Yangon City Development Committee at Nyaungshabing village in Hmaubdy Township here this morning.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe went to Ngamoeyeik Dam, Irrigation Department in Phanggyi, Hlegu Township. After hearing reports on facts about the dam, inflow of water into the dam, arrangements made for supplying water to Yangon including farmlands and supply of water from Paunglin and Mahura water supporting dams with the effective use of watercourses of Ngamoeyeik creek, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs.

The 75 feet high and 6100 feet long Ngamoeyeik Dam is earth embankment type. It can store 181000 acres of water. The dam supplies drinking water to Yangon, controls flood in Ngamoeyeik creek and irrigates farmlands for growing of mixed-crop.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into maintenance of water intake structure of Yangon Water Supply Project near Ngamoeyeik Dam and construction of canal for outflow of water from draw off tower of the dam to Ngamoeyeik creek, and storage of water in the dam by boat.

At Paunglin water supporting dam, four miles upstream of Ohmebin village in Hlegu Township, he oversaw durability of the dam, inflow of water into the dam and storage of water in the dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into conservation of forest at 150-acre watershed area at Block No (57) of Mahura Forest Reserve.

At the briefing hall of Mahura Forest Reserve, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on conservation of forests in watershed area presented by officials and fulfilled the requirements. Then he inspected hybridization and production of quality strains. Then Lt-Gen Myint Swe grew a teak plant and the commander presented a Padauk plant.—MNA

Developing Shan State (South) with peace and stability

At the entrance to the town, everybody can witness an archway “Shan State must be peaceful, tranquil, modern and developed state”.

In the education sector, the state had 1821 Basic Education Primary Schools in 1988. Now, the region has 2146 BEPSs, up 325 schools. The number of BEMS increased up to 113 schools from 80 schools in 1988. The present 118 BEHSs are 89 schools plying their routes for enabling the local people to have easy access to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Kengtung and Lashio. In addition, the passengers can travel to Namsung and Monai from Taunggyi by train. Moreover, airplanes are flying their routes from Heho and Namsang to other regions daily.

Foreign tourists visit Shan State (South) all the yearround. Especially, they tour neat and tidy hill station Taunggyi, pine forest city Kalaw, Inlay Lake and Pinglong. Monument commemorating the place where national unity was conceived.

The Tazaungdine hot air balloon festival of Taunggyi and Inlay Lake is popular among foreign tourists. In the tourism season, many domestic and foreign tourists take relaxation in Taunggyi.

In the modern day, all the people are seeking general knowledge and doing business for the regional development. The state in the past was insufficient in food supply. Now, the region achieves food sufficiency by extending sown acreage, using highyield strains and applying correct agriculture methods.

Today, there are 1,399,668 acres of arable lands in Shan State (South). Indeed, the state could extend 647,447 acres of farmlands more than 752,221 acres of cultivable lands in 1988. A total of 613,532 acres of land are put under monsoon paddy and 27,696 acres under summer paddy in the state. At present, the local farmers use high yield paddy strain Shweinyaye mango, djenkol bean and rubber contributes to improving the social-economic standard of the local people.

Indeed, the achievement gained in the economic sector includes the progress of meat and fish sector of the region. Factories and workshops are being operated at Ayethaya Industrial Zone of Shan State (South). In addition, the state is producing antimony, barite, coal, lead and iron ore.

The far-flung areas of the state sharing borders with Thailand, Laos and China lagged behind in development in the success era. In undertaking the border areas and rural development plans, all the regions of Shan State (East) are gaining equitable development.

Actually, Shan State has fertile soil and favourable weather with fine environs. Atpresent, all-round development can be witnessed in the state. The government is building a democratic nation with utmost efforts. Therefore, we would like to urge the entire people to take part in the respective sectors in building a modern and developed nation. ****

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An auto-exchange built in Lankho.

Shan State (South) had only Taunggyi University in the past. As an opportunity of the local youth for pursuing higher education, the government opened University of Computer Studies in Taunggyi and Pinglong University and Technological University in Pinglong.
To provide health care services to the local people, the 200-bed specialist hospital was opened in Taunggyi in addition to Sao San Htun Hospital and Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

Due to better transport, various highway bus lines are extending sown acreage, for ensuring local food sufficiency.
Moreover, about 200,000 acres of sesame, groundnut, sunflower, niger and oil mustard plants are cultivated for local edible oil sufficiency.
In undertaking water supply task, Kakku river water pumping station in Hshiseng Township, Chammythaya river water pumping station in Phekhon Township and Dasseik river water pumping station in Lankho Township benefited 4,400 acres of farmlands. In Shan State (South), 325 dams irrigate 203,369 acres of farmlands.

The cultivation of maize, soya bean, beans and pulses, orange, coffee, and pulses, orange, coffee.
Inspire people to take lessons from the past untold miseries; study objective conditions for long term maintenance of stability, peace, development momentum

Information Minister attends 39th Anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise

YANGON, 18 July—A ceremony to mark the 39th Anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise of the Ministry of Information took place at the assembly hall of Central Printing Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, Botataung Township, here, this morning. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony and awarded the outstanding staff.

It was also attended by departmental heads, the chairman and CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, chairmen and officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, members of Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board, Motion Picture and Video Censor Board, departmental officials, staff of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, Myanmar Radio and Television, News and Periodicals Enterprise and Printing and Publishing Enterprise.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the anniversaries of the departments and enterprises of the ministry were marked with two aims. The first aim was that departments concerned were to review their strong points and weak points in implementing their tasks in previous year and then to try to make more progress this year.

The minister said the second aim was to award those who deserve so. And this can facilitate the progress of the departments concerned. Departments and enterprises would make more progress only when they were to perform their duties by adopting systematic aims and objectives, added the minister.

The main duty of the staff of the ministry was to organize the people through the media to actively participate in national development drives realizing prevailing peace and stability of the State and prevailing conditions of the nation.

The ministry has laid down and is realizing 12 objectives for the year 2009-2010. Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise is to realize the following 11 objectives:

(1) to actively cooperate in successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map of the State through media
(2) to work hard in order to earn the enterprise’s income and ensure balanced budget
(3) to try to develop Myanmar film and video world
(4) to try to make Myanmar movies and videos in collaboration with foreign countries and to penetrate not only domestic but also foreign markets
(5) to cooperate in making the media coverage across the country
(6) to scrutinize domestic and foreign films and videos in accord with Myanmar customs and traditions
to upgrade and maintain the long-term State-rented cinema halls
(7) to accelerate tasks for staff welfare and undertake agriculture and livestock breeding tasks
(8) to improve the standard of equipment for motion picture owned by MMPE
(9) to upgrade and maintain the film rental market and to uniteedly cooperate among them to be able to penetrate the foreign film market based on the domestic market. Nowadays, the nation has given prosperity to rapid development, he said, spotlighting the importance of inspiring the people to take lessons from the past untold miseries and to study the objective conditions for long-term maintenance of stability, peace and development momentum.

In conclusion, the minister urged the staff to try hard to become reliable, competent media professionals serving the national interest and to uniteedly implement the 11 objectives adopted by the ministry.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented the medal on Excellent Performance in Administrative Field (First Class) for 2008 awarded by the State Peace and Development Council to Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of MMPE and prizes to three staff who won the Good Public Service Medals.

The managing director gave first, second and third prizes to the video branch, the feature film division and Yangon branch through officials for their efforts in earning income by exceeding the target in 2008-2009 financial year.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television also awarded first, second and third prizes to Yangon Division video scrutiny supervisory committee, Mandalay section and Hpa-an section.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint gave staff uniforms to Deputy Director U Khin Maung Kyaw.

Later, the minister cordially greeted the guests and staff.—MNA
Ministry of Transport holds monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NA MY P YI T AW, 18 July— The Ministry of Transport held the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2009 at the place, behind the ministry, yesterday.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and wife planted a gum-kino sapling at the ceremony. Directors-General, managing directors and their wives grew the saplings at the designated places. The minister and wife viewed participation of the staff and their children in the tree-planting ceremony.

So far, the ministry has planted over 8,400 trees in the rainy season tree growing ceremony.

MNA

Commander on inspection tour

NA MY P YI T AW, 18 July—Chairman of Shan State(East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo, accompanied by officials inspected Kengtung-Tachileik-Wampon motorway, growing of monsoon paddy and perennial crops on both sides of the road and loading and unloading of goods at Wampon jetty in Tachileik Township.

Next, the commander heard reports on freight handling services and gave necessary instructions. He also looked into the progress of construction of new market for Wampon village and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Forestry Minister inspects furniture factories

NA MY P YI T AW, 18 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung heard the reports by officials at the briefing hall of No 4 Furniture Factory of timber based industry department under the Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Thingangyun Township, Yangon on 14 July morning.

The minister inspected production process of the factory. The value-added teak products, door frames, cabinets and doors produced by the factory were exported and sold in local markets.

On arrival at finished wood factories of Lin Win Co Ltd and Beautiful Industrial Zone No (2) in Dagon Seikkan Township, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected production live of the factories. The products of the factories were exported.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.
The gates of Wadaw Sluice Gate.

The main canal of Wadaw Sluice Gate in Maubin Township.
Baghdad’s antique shops tell city’s sad story

BAGHDAD, 18 July — Antique dealer Riyadh al-Khralaf has so few customers he hasn’t bothered to dust his collection of fine metalware from the early 20th century. Other dealers say they can go for days without seeing even a browser.

But while their business may be sparse, the two dozen or so antique shops in the Iraqi capital boast treasures of museum quality. Like Baghdad, a city of mosques with turquoise tiled domes and streets divided by barbed war and blast walls, the shops’ contents speak of both Iraq’s recent dark days and its more gloried past.

“The story of Iraq is here if you care to look closely,” Abdul-Kareem Yahya, a 51-year-old father of five, said from behind a desk at his downtown antique shop. Behind him sat Ottoman-era swords, engraved silver trays and a tea set bearing the image of Iraq’s last king.

The antique dealers themselves — some retired security officers, military veterans or ex-government employees — are also proof of the resilience of Baghdad’s people in surviving decades of hardship from war, UN sanctions and occupation by a US-led international force. —Internet

World’s oldest man, WWI veteran dies at 113

LONDON, 18 July — The world’s oldest man, 113-year-old World War I veteran Henry Allingham, died Saturday after spending his final years reminding Britain about the 9 million soldiers killed during the conflict.

Allingham was the last surviving original member of the Royal Air Force, which was formed in 1918. He made it a personal crusade to talk about a conflict that wiped out much of a generation. Though nearly blind, he would take the outstretched hands of visitors in both of his, gaze into the eyes of children, veterans and journalists and deliver a message he wanted them all to remember. —Internet

Somalia pirates release German cargo ship

NAIROBI, 18 July — Somali pirates have released a German-owned cargo ship they seized in the Gulf of Aden in May, regional maritime official said Saturday.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa’s Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), said the MV Victoria and its 11 Romanian crew members were freed early on Saturday.

“The pirates released MV Victoria and 11 Romanian crew members today morning. All the crew members are all safe,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone.

The Antigua and Barbuda-flagged cargo ship was seized on May 5 with 10,000 metric tons of rice and was bound for Jeddah.

Maritime officials said the vessel was seized in the Gulf of Aden in an area 120 km south of Yemen. —Internet

China steps up efforts to fight typhoon Molave

BEIJING, 18 July — China’s Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) said Saturday night that areas to be affected by typhoon Molave should take measures to get prepared for it, as the typhoon would bring adverse effects to the farming sector.

Molave, the sixth tropical storm this year which became typhoon on Saturday morning, was likely to make landfall between Huilai and Taishan in southern Guangdong Province on Saturday night or Sunday morning, and affect Fujian, Hainan and other provinces, according to the National Meteorological Center.

The ministry urged local agricultural agencies to help fishermen and fishing boats to evacuate to safe places. —Internet

Zimbabwe begins to collect toll fees next month

HARARE, 18 July — the Zimbabwean government will start collecting toll fees from motorists with effect from next month to maintain and upgrade national roads, Finance Minister Tendai Biti has said.

Presenting the Mid-Term Fiscal Policy and revised budget in Parliament on Friday, Biti said the delay in introducing the fees gave authorities enough time to consult. The government instructed the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (Zimra) to set up some rudimentary toll gate structures to facilitate the collection of the money along the major highways in March this year but shelved the plan to consult further.

According to Statutory Instrument 39 of 2009 published in the government Gazette in April this year, the government disclosed that the toll fees would be collected from ports of entry and on city to city routes. —Internet

Egypt seizes explosives, mortars in Rafah

RAFAH (Egypt), 18 July — Egyptian authorities seized on Saturday 500 kg of TNT explosives and 10 mortars in Rafah city on the borders with the Gaza Strip, a security source said.

The explosives and mortars with Hebrew characters written on them were seized in two different places, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The security source said the explosives and mortars were intended to be transported to Gaza, adding that no suspect was arrested. A week ago, Egypt confiscated 700 kg of explosives in a mountainous area near its border with Israel. The Egyptian authorities said they had often raided weapons caches and seized explosives in northern Sinai, which were set to be sent to the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip via underground tunnels. —Internet
Washingto, 18 July—A NASA panel investigating the unsuccessful launch of the Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO) said on Friday that the mishap was caused because the Taurus launch vehicle fairing failed to separate upon command. The fairing is a clamshell structure that encapsulates the satellite as it travels through the atmosphere. The failure to shed the fairing mass prevented the satellite from reaching its planned orbit and resulted in its destruction. The Mishap Investigation Board led by Rick Obenschain, deputy director at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, identified four potential causes that could have resulted in the fairing not separating. The panel also provided recommendations to prevent any future problems associated with the four hardware components that could have caused the OCO accident.

The six-member board began its investigation in early March. They conducted hardware testing, performed and reviewed engineering analysis and simulation data, reviewed telemetry data, collected and secured more than 2,000 documents, and conducted 78 interviews of critical personnel associated with the mission.

**NASA says hardware problem blamed on OCO satellite crash**

**Wildfire closes Kitt Peak observatory**

Tucson, 18 July—The Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona was closed to visitors on Friday because of a wildfire, authorities said.

On its Web site, the observatory near Tucson said the visitors’ center would be closed and all public programs canceled until at least Monday. The San Juan fire was first reported on Tuesday on the Tohono O’odham Reservation. The Tohono O’odham Nation reported the fire 35 percent contained on Friday and said it was at least 2 miles from any buildings. KVOA-TV, Tucson, reported. The fire does not appear to threaten the observatory but the road to Kitt Peak is closed.

The observatory, part of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, houses the world’s most diverse collection of astronomical telescopes, including some belonging to universities.—Internet

**Study: Higher speed limits cause 12,500 deaths**

Chicago, 18 July—In the 10-year period after repeal of the National Maximum Speed Law in 1995 there were some 12,500 US deaths due to the increased speed, researchers said.

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health law said the federal law, which restricted the maximum speed limit to 55 mph on all interstate roads, was initiated in 1974 to conserve gasoline in response to the oil embargo. “During the first year there was a drop of almost 17 percent in fatalities after the speed laws were reduced to 55 miles per hour,” lead author Lee Friedman said in a statement.

The law, modified in 1987, allowed states to raise the legal speed limits to 65 mph on some interstates, but in 1995, the federally mandated 55 mph speed law was revoked nationwide.—Internet

**Colombia seizes 1.7 tons of cocaine**

Bogota, 18 July—The Colombian army arrested 8 suspects and seized 1.7 tons of cocaine in the central-east province of Meta, a military report said on Friday. The drugs, worth about 42 million US dollars on the black market, were found in a group of trucks which were stopped by the soldiers near Gaitan port.

The report said a group alias “Cuchillo” were behind the drug-trafficking. Some weapons and communication devices were also confiscated during the operation. Colombia is the largest producer and second exporter of cocaine in the world. Drug-traffickers in Colombia often use illegal sea routes to export drugs to Central American countries and the United States.—Internet

**Teen fined $25,000 for cost of NH mountain rescue**

Concord, 18 July—A Massachusetts teenager who spent three nights alone on Mount Washington in April after he sprained an ankle and veered off marked trails has been fined more than $25,000 for the cost of his rescue.

Scott Mason had been praised for utilizing his Eagle Scout skills — sleeping in the crevice of a boulder and jump-starting fires with hand sanitizer gel. But authorities say he wasn’t prepared for the conditions he encountered and shouldn’t have set out on such an ambitious hike.

“Yes, he’d been out there in July when you could step across the brooks. And people have been out there in winter in hard-packed snow. But with these spring conditions, it was soft snow, it was deep snow,” said Fish and Game Maj Tim Acerno. —Internet

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV SINAR BANTEN VOY NO (054)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BANTEN VOY NO (054) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19-7-2009 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 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDEURA SHIPPING LINES**

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Turmeric may help lower breast cancer risk

COLUMBIA, 18 July—Turmeric may help lower risk of breast cancer after exposure to hormone replacement therapy, US researchers say.

The study, published in the journal Menopause, found curcumin—a component of the spice turmeric—delayed the first appearance, decreased incidence and reduced multiplicity of progestin-accelerated tumors in an animal model. Progestin is a synthetic progesterone that has effects similar to the hormone progesterone. Curcumin also prevented the appearance of gross abnormalities in the mammary glands, the study says.

“Curcumin and other potential anti-angiogenic compounds should be tested further as dietary chemopreventive agents in women already exposed to hormone replacement therapy containing estrogen and progestin in an effort to decrease or delay the risk of breast cancer associated with combined hormone replacement therapy,” study co-author Steven Sanderson, the society’s president, said.

Childhood adversity may affect brain

BOSTON, 18 July—US researchers suggest childhood adversity may affect how the brain anticipates rewards.

The study, published in Biological Psychiatry, suggests weaker responses of the brain to rewards might contribute to apathy, low motivation, or a reduced ability to experience pleasure. The Harvard University researchers used magnetic resonance imaging scanning to track neural reactions as two groups of adults played a game involving cues predicting monetary rewards and penalties.

“In the group that had childhood adversity, two structures in the left basal ganglia were not responsive to reward cues, which differed from what we saw in the control group,” study lead author Daniel Dillon said in a statement.

US A/H1N1 flu death toll rises to 263, cases pass 40,000

HOUSTON, 18 July—The A/H1N1 flu death toll in the United States has reached 263, while confirmed and probable cases rose to 40,617, according to the latest statistics released by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Friday.

The CDC said that 52 more deaths have been reported in the past week, a 25-percent jump from the previous total of 211, and 3,371 new cases have emerged, representing a 9-percent increase from the previous record of 211.

The state of New York continues to lead the nation with 57 deaths of the new flu virus, while the state of California follows closely with 55. Meanwhile, the state of Wisconsin has been leading the nation with 6,031 cases of the A/H1N1 flu, followed by the state of Texas with 4,975 cases.

Endangered alligators hatching in China

BEIJING, 18 July—Endangered Chinese alligators have been reintroduced at the mouth of the Yangtze River and are multiplying on their own, authorities said.

Fifteen hatchlings born on the river this year are the descendants of Chinese alligators exported to New York’s Bronx Zoo, bred in captivity and then exported back to China, Wildlife Conservation Society officials said in a release on Friday.

“We are grateful to our Chinese partners for their commitment to reintroduce Chinese alligators back into the wild,” Dr. Steven Sanderson, the society’s president, said.

Plans to reintroduce the Chinese alligators began in 1999 when scientists confirmed there were fewer than 130 of the alligators left on the Yangtze, which is highly developed and has pollution problems.

More being done to reduce infant pain

MELBOURNE, 18 July—Doctors are finding ways to reduce the agony for infants undergoing painful procedures such as heel lances to draw blood, Australian researchers said.

Studies have shown poorly managed pain in infants can have immediate and long-term physiological and behavioral effects, Australian researchers wrote in the Journal of Pain.

As a result, pediatric researchers have recommended reducing the number of painful procedures routinely administered, giving oral sucrose before and during minor painful procedures, and using preemptive opioid analgesia before endotracheal intubation.

More summer camps hit with A/H1N1 flu in Canada

OTTAWA, 18 July—At least two more camps were confirmed to be hit with the A/H1N1 flu in central Canada’s Ontario Province on Friday, after three other camps reported cases of infections earlier this week.

Another summer camp in the Simcoe-Muskoka District has tested positive for the H1N1 virus, bringing the total cases in the area to 275, local health officials said. The region had reported three camps were infected earlier this week, with 227 people sick. A handful of other camps are also under investigation for clusters of respiratory illness. No camps have been closed but parents have been urged not to send kids with flu symptoms to the camps.

Meanwhile, a camp in the Ottawa area had reported confirmed cases of the novel strain. There are at least one camp in other parts of the province that is under investigation.
Ibrahimovic edges closer to Barca move

ROMA, 18 July—Forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic looks to be headed to Barcelona after Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti admitted he was in talks with the Swedes about the Swede.

Cameron forward Samuel Eto’o could be heading in the opposite direction while Brazil full-back Maxwell and Belarus winger Alexander Hleb could also switch between the two.

“We’ve finalised a transfer for Maxwell and now we’re trying to do likewise for Hleb,” Moratti told Sky Sport 24.

“Obviously we spoke about other things because they were interested in knowing something about Ibrahimovic and talking about Eto’o — two players of the same level — to see if it would be possible to do something with these two players,”—Internet

**Top seeds on course in Prague**

PRAGUE, 18 July—The top three seeds - Francesca Schiavone, Sybille Bammer and Iveten Benesova - all clinched a spot in Saturday’s semi-finals of the Prague WTA Open after winning their games Friday.

The fourth semi-finalist is Switzerland’s Timea Bacsinszky, who beat the tournament’s number four, Spain’s Carla Suarez Navarro, 6-4, 6-4 in the last quarter-final disrupted by a heavy downpour.

In the first game of the day, a nervous Bammer, the tournament’s number two from Austria, needed two hours and 45 minutes to topple Czech Lucie Hradecka 7-5, 7-5, 7-5. Another Czech Benesova, seeded as number three, eased past the tournament’s teenage sensation, 16-year-old Zarina Diyas from Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-1.—Internet

**Eveton reject City Levett bid**

LIVERPOOL, 18 July—Everton have turned down a bid from Manchester City for defender Joleon Lescott, the Liverpool club confirmed on Friday.

Representatives of the big-spending Manchester club offered 15 million pounds (18 million euro) on Thursday for the 26-year-old England international but the deal was promptly rejected, Everton Chief Executive Robert Elstone said.

“As a club, we have publicly stated as recently as Wednesday night that we do not intend selling any players,” Elstone said on the club’s website.

“(Team manager) David Moyes’ primary focus is on building a squad so that we can continue to compete effectively in what is the most competitive League in world football,” he added.—Internet

**Ancelotti says he expects Terry to stay at Chelsea**

SEATTLE, 18 July—Whatever uncertainties new Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti faces, the future of captain John Terry with the club doesn’t appear to be one of them.

“I am sure he will remain in Chelsea,” Ancelotti said Friday as the English Premiership club prepared for a friendly against the Seattle Sounders of Major League soccer on Saturday, the first fixture in a four-match tour of the United States.

“I am sure, 100 percent,” Ancelotti said. “He has a contract for three years more and this is the situation now.”

There has been much speculation about Terry’s future after Manchester City revealed they had made an offer for the defender, but Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon insisted earlier this week that the player is not for sale.—Internet

**Turnabout at Turnberry:**

Watson leads, Woods leaves championship.

“Kept making mistake after mistake,” said Woods, the No. 1 player in the world.

Tom Watson of the US reacts during a press conference, following his second round of the British Open Golf championship, at the Turnberry golf course, Scotland, on 17 July, 2009.—Internet

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**Higuain unfazed by presence of star signings**

MAYNOOTH, 18 July—Real Madrid’s Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain, the club’s top scorer last season, is unfazed by the prospect of facing more competition for a place in the starting line-up due to the arrival of stars Cristiano Ronaldo and Karem Benzema.

“Very good players have joined the squad and it will be hard to earn a starting spot. We’ll have to do our best and show the coach he can count on all of us,” he said at the club’s pre-season training camp at Maynooth near Dublin. —Internet

**Ibrahimovic**

**BUENOS AIRES, 18 July—**Argentine football legend Diego Maradona is to appear in court here following a car accident in which two young people were slightly injured, judicial sources said on Friday.

Maradona, 48, who is now Argentina coach, allegedly crashed into a telephone box in which the two people were in February 2006.—Internet

**Gunter makes Forest move permanent**

LONDON, 18 July—Tottenham’s Wales international Chris Gunter, who joined Nottingham Forest on loan last season, is poised to join the Championship side on a permanent basis. Forest agreed a 1.75 million pound (2.4 million dollar) fee on Friday with Tottenham for the full-back who has agreed personal terms with the Reds and is set to undergo a medical.

Gunter failed to make an impact at Spurs following his two million pound arrival from Cardiff in January last year making just 16 appearances for the Premier League club in all competitions.—Internet
Asleep in Jesus
Daw Naw Phaw Lar
58 years
Residing at 511/A Away Yar Road, Insein, Yangon; beloved wife of Tancy McDonald; and mother of Naw Sarah Jane fell asleep in Jesus on 18 July. Funeral will be at Yewyaw Crematorium at 10 am on 20 Monday, July.
Bereaved family

Owen scores winner on Man United debut in Malaysia
KUALA LUMPUR, 18 July—Michael Owen made an immediate impact in his Manchester United debut Saturday, coming off the bench to score with five minutes left in a 3-2 victory over a Malaysian all-star squad in the team’s Asian tour opener.
The striker, who joined Man United on a free transfer from Newcastle, scored after the Premier League champions surrendered a two-goal lead to Malaysian XI before a crowd of 85,000. Owen pounced on a loose ball after Darren Gibson’s pass to Ryan Giggs was blocked by goalkeeper Mohamad Farizal Marlias. Owen replaced Wayne Rooney in the 61st minute. “Michael is different to the other strikers we have here,” manager Alex Ferguson said. “He’s always searching for that space in and around the box, and he reacted really well to take his goal.—Internet

Manchester United’s Michael Owen, left, celebrates with his teammate Ryan Giggs after he scored a goal during a friendly match at Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Saturday, 18 July, 2009. Manchester United won 3-2.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

WEATHER
Saturday, 18 July, 2009
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in Chin State, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kayin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfall in Shan State and Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.27) inch, Belin (5.35) inches, Minesat (5.00) inches, Louлонg (4.57) inches, Kyakamarw (4.28) inches, Kyekkhame (4.17) inches, Mudon (3.94) inches, Duwezi (3.42) inches, Coco Island (3.15) inches and Pakokku (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-7-2009 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 18-7-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-7-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 17-7-2009 was (5.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 18-7-2009 was (Tr) inches at Mingaladon, (Tr) inches at Kabga-Aye and (0.06) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (53.27) inches at Mingaladon, (56.93) inches at Kabga-Aye and (59.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabga-Aye) was (10) mph from West at (17:15) hours MST on 17-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin and Kachin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Hockey Training Course
No (2/2009) opened

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The hockey course No.(2/2009), organized by Nay Pyi Taw Command, was opened at the meeting hall of Production Depot on 14 July attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

After delivering an address on the occasion, the commander and party inspected the hockey sports gear for the training.

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Wadaw Sluice Gate in Maubin Township

On our recent trip by boat along the Ayeyawady River to Wadaw Sluice Gate, we first reached the port in Danidaunt Village, three miles from Maubin. Danidaunt is a riverside village. So, just as the motorized boat approached the port, we got to the village. Soon after we passed through the bank of the river, we were greeted by a sluice gate, with a large stone plaque on the slope of its embankment, saying “Wadaw Sluice Gate”.

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Second patient living with A (H1N1) discharged from hospital
Remaining two patients recover from illness

No more person with fever found

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—A news report was released recently that one patient out of four found with New Influenza A (H1N1) in Myanmar had been discharged from the hospital as she fully recovered from her illness; and that the remaining three patients are under medical treatment at Waibargi Specialist Hospital.

Today, a man of 21 years old, the second victim, was also discharged from the hospital. The surveillance measures on the family members who came into contact with him were halted. At present, there are two patients living with New Influenza A (H1N1) at Waibargi Specialist Hospital. They are kept in private rooms and their health has improved remarkably. The Ministry of Health continues screening those with fever and suspected persons, and no more patient is found.—MNA