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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

Secretary-1 receives Permanent Member of Communist Party of Central Committee of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council and party

NAYPYITAW, 19 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received the visiting goodwill delegation led by Permanent Member of the Communist Party of Central Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman Mr. K Sor Phuco at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, this morning. Present on the occasion together with Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo were Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo, Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min, CEC members of USDA U Thein Nyunt, U Tin Naing Thein, U Khin Aung Myint and Thura U Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col. Kyaw Kyaw Win and Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw.

The goodwill delegation led by Permanent Member of the Communist Party of Central Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman Mr. K Sor Phuco was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Chong Phung.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeting Mr. K Sor Phuco, Permanent Member of the Communist Party of Central Committee of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council.—MNA

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Factories to operate at full capacity for industrial development

Industrial development lies at the centre of the drive for transforming a nation into a modern, developed one. With this concept in view, the government is working tirelessly, exploiting the natural resources and mobilizing the participation of the people for industrial development.

In the process, the government is opening industrial zones for progress of both State-owned and private-owned industries. Simultaneously, it is constructing factories and mills of import-substitute goods, while boosting the capacity of the State-owned industries.

Now, many factories with advanced technologies and high manufacturing capacity have been set up in industrial regions, which manufacture a wide variety of goods including diesel engines, heavy machinery and machines. In addition, a large number of new factories and mills help boost production of personal goods, household utensils, foodstuff, and import-substitute items.

Owing to the government’s establishment of heavy industries extensively, the contribution the industrial sector makes towards the GDP is growing year by year. Setting up of more and more factories and mills boosts up regional development and generates job opportunities for local people. Having access to modern machines, they have gained advanced technologies and a lot of experience.

Establishment of a growing number of modern factories in industrial regions and industrial zones suggests that the nation is enjoying cumulative industrial development. Therefore, all those responsible are to focus on ensuring better operating ratio of factories and their operation at full capacity, uninterruptible supply of raw materials and boosting quality products to scale up industrial development.

Staff’s outstanding children of Ministry of Transport honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—The Ministry of Transport held a ceremony to present awards to the staff’s children who passed the matriculation examination for 2009 with Flying colours at the meeting hall of the Ministry here on 17 July afternoon in conjunction with a ceremony to provide cash assistance for the students in 2009-2010 academic year, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Afterwards, the minister and wife awarded the outstanding students who won five and six distinctions. After that, Directors-General, Managing-Directors, the rector, the principal and their wives awarded the outstanding students, and presented cash assistance through responsible persons.

On behalf of the outstanding students, a six-distinction winner spoke words of thanks.

ISD Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament concludes

YANGON, 19 July—The 40th Inter-State/Division Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament was held at Bahtoo Gymnasiun Hotel Zone.

The delegation led by Mr K Sor Phuco called on CEC member of USDA U Thein Nyunt at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall this morning.

In the evening, CEC member U Khin Aung Myint and officials saw off the Vietnamese goodwill delegation leaving Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given in Mawlamyine Township

YANGON, 19 July—Under the supervision of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, a talks on traffic rules took place at Basic Education High School No. 2 in Mawlamyine on 11 July in Mandalay this morning. Sagaing Division won over Mandalay Division in the final match in the women’s event and Yangon and Magway divisions tied at third place. Mandalay Division beat Shan State (North) while Kachin State and Sagaing Division were held to third place match.

After the final events, officials presented prizes to winners. Next, Vice-President of Myanmar Basketball Federation U Myint Thein presented best player awards to Ma Yu Mon Aung of Sagaing Division and Maung Than Aung of Mandalay Division.

Next, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented K 200,000 each to third place teams, K 300,000 each to second prize winning teams and K 500,000 to champion team. Then, K 50,000 each were presented to Yangon Division Women’s Team and Kachin State Men’s Team.—MNA

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presenting shield to the winning team.—SPED

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents prize to an outstanding student.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presenting shield to the winning team.—SPED

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Government routed wages to wrong accounts

WASHINGTON, 19 July — A defence agency is investigating whether the Department of Defence paid more than $15 million to the wrong people, a report released in Washington said.

The Defence Criminal Investigative Service found the Defence Department may have paid more than $15 million into civilian employee accounts with invalid Social Security numbers or to people below the legal age to work. The investigation found wages of several employees were paid into a single account.

Among the invalid Social Security numbers were some with all zeroes in one or more sections, investigators told CNN. The report was released 15 July.

The Defence Civilian Pay System, which manages payroll for the department's 7.3 million civilian employees, paid out $148 billion in wages during a six-year period reviewed by the Department of Defence Office of the Inspector General.

The investigators found $905,000 was paid to deceased employees and concluded the DCPS did not use procedures to identify deceased employees, including one who died in 1948. The report said the department overseeing payroll is changing procedures to prevent similar problems from cropping up. — Internet

Lebanese stone UN peacekeepers, injure 14

BEIRUT, 19 July — Villagers threw stones at UN peacekeeping troops in southern Lebanon on Saturday, lightly injuring 14 soldiers, in an attempt to prevent an investigation near the site of a recent explosion, a spokeswoman said.

In one instance, a peacekeeping patrol had to fire warning shots in the air to clear its path, said peacekeeping spokeswoman Yasmina Bouziane.

Saturday's incident is believed to be the most serious confrontation between Shiite Muslims sympathetic to the militant Hezbollah group and the thousands of UN peacekeepers deployed in southern Lebanon after the 2006 war between the guerrillas and Israel.

The incident came after an explosion Tuesday in a southern village was blamed on a suspected Hezbollah weapon depot that apparently accidentally blew up. — Internet

A tourist takes photos of the Hukou Waterfall on the Yellow River in the Hukou scenic area on the border of northwest China's Shaanxi Province and north China's Shannxi Province, 18 July, 2009. Recent rainstorms in north and northwest China have caused serious soil erosion, making the river yellower than usual. — Internet

Turkish oil exploration ranksle Greeks

NICOSIA, 10 July — An oil exploration plan by Turkey increased tension created when Turkish jets violated Greek air space, officials told the news agency Kathimerini.

Turkey authorized its Turkish Petroleum Corp on 17 July to explore for oil off the coast of Cyprus. Greek officials did not react to the news but reports from Athens said the mood was tense in the Foreign and Defence ministries, partly because Turkish jets violated Greek air space in the Aegean and over Agathonisi earlier in the day.

Nicosia announced plans this year to prospect for oil off the island's coast.

The Turkish government issued a decree, published in the Turkish government gazette, that a Turkish vessel will embark on hydrocarbon exploration in four areas. One of those areas, in the eastern Mediterranean, northeast of Cyprus, may have been selected in reaction to Nicosia's prospecting plans, the news agency reported. — Internet

Rivers that circle Dhaka are dead or dying

DHAKA, 19 July — Rivers near Dhaka, Bangladesh, are biologically dead and especially toxic during dry seasons, a water resource expert said on Saturday.

“The rivers around Dhaka have too little oxygen for the survival of aquatic life,” Umme Kusum Naver, assistant professor of Water Resource Engineering of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, told the news service IRIN. Oxygen levels increase during the monsoons but not enough to allow for a healthy aquatic environment. Specialists warn the rivers cannot be cleaned.

The Water Resource Engineering department researched the rivers and reported they learned some invertebrates and small organisms come to life in the rivers when water flow increases. In the dry season these organisms disappear from four major rivers that encircle the city. — Internet

A wounded boy lies in a hospital after a bomb attack in Fallujja, 17 July, 2009. A bomb planted in the house of a police captain killed two children and wounded 11 other members of the same family in the city of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said. — Internet

Five killed in bomb attacks in western Iraq

BAQDHAD, 19 July — Two bomb explosions in Iraq's western province of Anbar on Saturday killed five people and wounded six others, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb targeting Naim al-Halbousi, an Awakening Councils group leader in the town of Garma, some 15 km northwest of the city of Fallujah, killed three of his bodyguards, including his son, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Halbousi was seriously wounded by the blast, along with three bystanders who were close to the site of the explosion, the source said.

The Awakening Councils are armed groups, including some powerful anti-US Sunni militant groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.

In a separate incident, an explosive charge detonated outside the house of an Iraqi police officer in the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing two of his daughters and wounding two more family members, the source added. — Internet
Calif budget cuts could cost later

Sacramento, 19 July — Experts say cuts made for short-term savings to resolve California’s budget crisis could cost the state billions of dollars in the next few years.

Eliminating funding for home health aides could force many elderly and disabled residents to move to nursing homes, the Los Angeles Times reports. Cutting spending on poison-control hotlines could lead to thousands of additional visits to emergency rooms, the newspaper said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, struggling to resolve disagreements with Democrats who control in the state legislature over how to close a $26 billion budget gap, is aware of the problem. “As much as we believe those cuts will result in greater expense down the line — especially in healthcare — we have to do it because I can’t promise the people something we don’t have,” Schwarzenegger told a Sacramento radio station, KXJZ-FM.

Nicholas Freudenberg was the author of a 2006 study that estimated less than $10 billion in cuts to public services in New York during the financial crisis of the 1970s cost the city $54 billion during the next 20 years.

“It’s pay now or pay later,” Freudenberg said.

Nepali Gov’t to invite bids for 8 power projects

Kathmandu, 19 July — Nepali government plans to invite bids from the private sector for detailed feasibility studies and construction of eight hydropower projects with a total capacity of 175 MW.

According to Sunday’s eKantipur.com report, the Department of Electricity Development (DoED) under the Ministry of Energy will set the bidding process rolling soon.

According to a senior official with the DoED, the eight projects come under three categories. The first category includes projects in areas severely affected by the decade-long conflict, namely Budhi Ganga in Achham district, Madi in Rolpa district and Inkhu in Solukhumbu district. The second-category projects aim to address power shortfall in the eastern region.

Dudh Koshi and Simbuwa come under the third category.

The first-category projects are ready for bidding for feasibility study, contractors are studying the second-category projects, while officials are evaluating proposals for the third-category projects. — Internet

China’s gross ocean product tops 1.3 trln yuan in H1

Beijing, 19 July — China’s gross ocean product (GOP) topped 1.386 trillion yuan (202.96 billion US dollars) in the first half, according to an initial assessment by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA).

The figure represented an increase of 6.9 percent over the same period last year, the SOA said in a report published on its website on Sunday.

GOP is a component of a nation’s gross domestic product, reflecting development of ocean-relevant industries, including oil and gas production, fisheries and maritime transport. — Internet

Bangladesh offers tax incentive to lure investment in power sector

Dhaka, 19 July — The Bangladeshi government has offered 15 years of tax waiver on income of private power generation companies to lure investment in power sector, local newspaper The Financial Express reported on Sunday.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has already issued an order to this effect offering the facilities for the private companies that will start power production on commercial basis by 30 June, 2012, the leading English-language newspaper said.

The facilities will be effective from the first day of their commercial production.

The move has been taken to lure investment in the cash-starved power sector and ease power supply problem in the South Asian country, which produced around 3,500 to 4,000 MW power a day against demand for 5,000 MW, according to the newspaper.

“Private power generation companies that will start power production within the stipulated timeframe of 2012 will be able to enjoy the tax holiday facilities, effective from fiscal 2009-10 (from July),” one senior tax official was quoted as saying.

Cameroon airline to hire 443 workers

Yaounde (Cameroon), 19 July — Cameroon Airlines Corp says it plans to hire 443 new employees, including 30 pilots and 75 crew members, to get the new African airline off the ground. Paul Alain Mendouga, managing director of the airline, said in a release Cameroon also would be seeking dozens of ground operations workers, maintenance workers, security officers, administrative and financial resource members and other employees, ToutCameroun.com reported on Thursday.

ToutCameroun.com said the airline was incorporated on 11 Sept, 2006, via 100 percent public capital. Since then the airline was formed, its first director-general, Gilbert Mitonneau, resigned and was replaced by Mendouga. — Internet

Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) astronaut Koichi Wakata, Expedition 19/20 flight engineer, takes pictures out the forward Kibo or JEM window of the International Space Station as the Space Shuttle Endeavour approaches for docking 17 July, 2009. — Internet

Nokia sells Symbian unit to Accenture

New York, 19 July — Nokia has agreed to sell the professional services unit of its Symbian mobile phone operating system to the US consulting firm Accenture, officials say.

The move, announced by Accenture on Friday, is seen by industry analysts as a further step by the Finnish handset maker to distance itself from Symbian and establish it as a stand-alone software firm, Information Week reported.

After purchasing Symbian for $410 million, Nokia moved to spin it off into an independent foundation where it says it can further develop its open source, royalty-free mobile phone operating system, which faces competition from Apple’s iPhone, Google’s Android and Research In Motion’s BlackBerry, Information Week said.

Internet

Aerial view of the area where two houses were swept away by a landslide in Nachterstedt, eastern Germany. — Internet
China to build cardiac surgery treatment, training center in Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM, 19 July—China is set to build a cardiac surgery treatment and training center here to provide better training for Tanzanian medical service workers and help improve the health status of the Tanzanian people.

At the signing ceremony for the contract of the cardiac surgery Treatment and Training Center of Tanzania, Blandina Nyoni, the permanent secretary of the Tanzanian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, said that China has been providing medical service to her country since 1968 in accordance with the traditional friendship between the two countries.

"China assisted Tanzania with medical equipment and training as well as the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients via traditional Chinese medicine. The project of the construction of the cardiac surgery Treatment and Training Center of Tanzania is of great importance and will further help improve Tanzania’s medical service level, as Tanzanian cardiac patients will have no need to go abroad to receive surgery," Nyoni noted.

For his part, Fu Jijun, Charge d’affaires of the Chinese Embassy to Tanzania, said that the cooperation in medical sectors between China and Tanzania is expanding as the two countries have a long history of good relations.—Internet

India, US work on agreement on arms, defence technology

NEW DELHI, 19 July—The visiting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Saturday that India and the United States are working “very hard” to finalize the agreement on monitoring the end use of arms and sensitive defense technology that the United States sold to India, reported the Press Trust of India.

The report said it was aimed to ensure the technologies were not diverted to any other country.

Clinton also said she was optimistic that they would get such agreements resolved when she was asked whether there would be an agreement for the end use monitoring of sensitive technology transferred to India by the United States, during a visit to the prestigious St. Xavier College in Mumbai, the financial capital of India.

The US top diplomat arrived in Mumbai Friday night for a five-day visit, during which she is expected to meet with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Monday in New Delhi.

China’s SFDA launches pharmaceutical safety programme

BEIJING, 19 July—China’s State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) has announced a two-year campaign to improve the quality standards of pharmaceuticals from manufacture to sale.

The programme is aimed at better regulating the production, distribution, pricing, advertising and application of basic pharmaceuticals across the country, according to a statement posted on the website of the administration on Friday.

Pharmaceutical companies and hospitals that violate the regulations would face prosecution and the revocation of their operation licences, according to the statement.

In addition to the administration, five central government departments will join in carrying out the campaign, including Ministry of Health, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Industry and Informatization, State Administration for Industry and Commerce, and State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine.—Xinhua

OPEC says members to continue oil production cut

LUANDA, 19 July—Chairman of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Botelho de Vasconcelos said here at the weekend that OPEC member countries will continue to comply with the OPEC’s decision on oil production cut.

Botelho de Vasconcelos, who is also Angola’s minister of Oil Industry, guaranteed that all the OPEC member countries are complying with the oil production cut decision made in May in Austria.

In his capacity as OPEC chairman, he told reporters that the OPEC members whose oil production are being cut by 20 to 22 percent have achieved a desired goal of maintaining acceptable oil prices in the world market.

However, he admitted, some elements of the oil market are not yet fully controlled, hence the continuation of oil production cut.—Xinhua

Small plane crashes in US, killing two

Small plane crashes in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 19 July—A small plane crashed on Saturday at an air show in Dunakeszi, 15 kilometers north of Budapest, killing a man on the ground.

The local wire service MTI reported that the Zlin aircraft was performing a stunt when a gust of wind overturned it and caused the crash.

The pilot was seriously injured. A 60-year-old staff member of the security firm serving at the local airport was killed in the accident.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency
Russian Mideast envoy meets with exiled Hamas chief in Syria

DAMASCUS, 19 July—Russian Deputy Foreign Minister and Mideast envoy Saturday night held talks with exiled Hamas leader here to discuss a wide range of issues, official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported. Visiting Russian Deputy Foreign Minister and Mideast envoy Alexander Sultanov met in Russian embassy with Khaled Mashaal, exiled chief of the Hamas movement.

The two discussed the latest developments of Middle East region, Palestinian-Israeli conflicts as well as the reconciliation of Palestinian factions, according to the report.

In a statement issued after talks, Hamas movement said that the talks is “positive”.

Palestinian factions, mainly Fatah and Hamas, have been at odds since Hamas seized control of Gaza from Fatah forces loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007. The two rival groups, together with other Palestinian factions, have held several rounds of negotiations in Cairo since March to iron out the rifts to reach national reconciliation. However, the talks have yielded no results so far.

Indonesia intensifies hunting for fugitive Noordin Top

JAKARTA, 19 July—The Indonesian Government has intensified efforts to find fugitive Malaysian-born extremist Noordin M Top with the help of Malaysia and several other countries following the bombings of two hotels in Jakarta on Friday.

Indonesia continued to communicate and coordinate with the government and security personnel of Malaysia to look for and arrest Noordin M Top, Inspector General Aminy Mba, head of the anti-terror desk of the political, legal and security affairs coordinating ministry, said here on Sunday. The coordination with Malaysia covered among other things financial flows and sources of the terrorist’s funds and explosive substances used to make the bombs.—MNA/Xinhua

Japan police raid tour agent over mountain deaths

TOKYO, 19 July—Japanese police raided the offices of a tour organizer Saturday on suspicion of negligence after eight senior citizens died of apparent hypothermia in cold, wet weather during a climbing tour of Japan’s northern mountains, officials said.

The hikers, most of them in their 60s, were found dead Friday. They were climbing Mount Tomuraushi on Hokkaido, Japan’s main northern island, police official Tsuyoshi Matsuya said.

The members of an 18-member tour organized by Amuse-Travel Co Ltd. were found at separate locations on the mountain, a sign that they were not well escorted, the police official said.

Another senior citizen died on the mountain in the same period while hiking alone, and a 10th died on another mountain on Hokkaido. Police and media reports said bad weather affected their descent and all 10 died sometime between Thursday and Friday.—Internet

First STS-127 spacewalk takes place

WASHINGTON, 19 July—Two US astronauts ventured outside the International Space Station Saturday to install the final section of the station’s Japanese laboratory, NASA said.

NASA reported on its Web site that while STS-127 shuttle mission member Dave Wolf and space station crew member Tim Kopra donned their battery-powered spacesuits to begin work on the third piece of the Kibo laboratory, called the Japanese Exposed Facility, other crew members were taking care of installation and robotics activities inside the station and shuttle. CBS News said Saturday’s spacewalk by Wolf and Kopra marks the first of five scheduled spacewalks for astronauts from the Endeavour Space station Flight Director Hal Getelman offered an explanation regarding the installation of the new laboratory section.—Internet

Japanese laboratory, section of the International Space Station Satellite—XINHUA

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Points that are more important for new nation

Ko Myanmar

These days, some journals and magazines carry a good many articles on political affairs for public knowledge. The writers of the articles are from various fields: some of them used to get involved in political movements, some are those whose views are different from that of the government, and who are bookworms with a vast knowledge.

About three years ago, such political works were hardly found in the nation’s media. So, that is a tangible progress in the freedom of press in Myanmar.

However, those with negative attitude claim that the people have not enjoyed the freedom of press fully as anti-government works cannot be embodied in the publications. Things are to be done according to the objective conditions of the nation. They should have realized that now the nation is in the process of being transformed from old into new political system. When Myanmar sees multiparty political system, surely, the people will be able to enjoy better freedom of expression.

Literary works designed to attack the ruling government are not featured in the media of the nation, but such pessimistic articles well receive media coverage outside the nation. It is not strange that local media do not state such articles, because foreign media will not carry any works in favour of the government. So, it can be said that the expressions of the two sides are equally balanced.

Anyhow, stating such political works in publications is progress worthy of welcome because that helps the people make themselves ready for forthcoming political changes.

Among them, some writers may have political backgrounds, but some may not have, and I believe they share a common goal in the interest of the people — the political proceedings will not divert from their routes, and the nation will not face undesirable events. Here, there may be a question: what can be undesirable events? To be short and to the point, undesirable events are things that do not fulfill, but harm the public wishes.

The majority of the people want to see peace and stability and national development, lead a peaceful life with freedom of business, have life security, enjoy the freedom of act in the framework of the law without any worries, and have their basic needs fulfilled. They aspire to multiparty democracy system believed to guarantee fulfillment of their wishes.

The Tatmadaw government is working hard to implement the seven-step Road Map in order to fulfill the public desire. The Road Map is: —

1) approved by more than 90 per cent of Myanmar people,
2) supported by neighbouring countries and regional organizations like ASEAN,
3) accepted by the United Nations.

In this regard, I notice that those who prioritize the interest of a particular person and a particular group, rather than that of the people are resorting to all possible ways and means with the intention of disrupting the democratic transition process.

What is the use of doing so? I sense their acts are generating adverse effects, not positive results to the people.

Nonetheless, they claim they are doing so to introduce genuine democracy to the nation. Every person with reasoning power knows well that according to the political background and objective political conditions of Myanmar, democracy acceptable to each and every public member is impossible.

And the world has not seen any country with a type of democracy that wins the support of the entire people of the nation concerned. Each type of democracy has its defects and weak points. Here, what is the most important is that the type of democracy must be the most suitable one for the nation concerned.

If they are not complacent about what they can get and are anxious to get what is far better than what is possible, they will miss good opportunities in their hands. At present they should be content with what is available, and should try till their dream come true.

Democracy is a practice that can flourish only if all the forces concerned have high intellectual power and vast experience, and the people have better socio-economic life with high education standard and a great deal of knowledge. A neighbouring country, which has practiced democracy for more than 70 years, publicly say that its people are not mature enough and have not deserved democracy yet.

Even the United States of America had to take over two centuries to meet present conditions.

Therefore, I would say they should make a self-criticism in order to know to what extent they deserve democracy, instead of persisting in their demands.

Moreover, they should assess their acts to realize whether what they are doing now is in conformity with the democracy practice.

Democracy is a peace-focusing practice. Unrest, riots and mob rules do not represent democracy.

Democracy is a non-violent process. So, terrorist acts, massacres of innocent people and creating public panic are against democracy.

Democracy is, indeed, a practice in which the minority have to respect the desire of the majority. Coercing the government into making amendments to the case that has been approved with the great majority of the people is not consistent with democracy.

In other words, democracy is a practice in which the interest of the majority of the people is placed in the centre. Calling for economic sanctions against the nation to make the entire people impoverished in the interest of a particular person and a group is opposed to democracy.

To put in another way, democracy is a practice of approaching the people by honouring their wishes, not the policy of taking shelter in the popularity of a particular person, and sticking to personality cult. If one wants to enjoy genuine democracy, one first has to quit committing destructive acts and confrontation with the government that are against democracy.

And it is needed to give priority to public interest instead of one’s own. So, one has to do all what should be done in order that one comes to deserve democracy. At the same time, it is required to nurture and educate the people in order that they will participate in the democratization process with a sense of duty.

Besides, all are to work hard in concert for proportionate development in social and economic sectors in order that the rights bestowed by democracy will not be associated with anarchic habits.

These points are more important for the new nation that will come into being soon.

Translation: MS

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Habits of exploitation of human rights by certain powerful... (from page 16)

Minister U Nyan Win attended the luncheon hosted at the Congress Center by President Mr Hosni Mubarak and wife in honour of the Heads of State/Government and wives and heads of delegation of the NAM.

On 16 July, Minister U Nyan Win delivered a general statement in the general debate of the 15th NAM Summit Meeting. He said:

Forty-eight years ago, the Non-Alignment Movement was founded during the time of Cold War by a group of like-minded developing nations wishing to determine their own destiny without outside interference. This firm resolve remains unchanged to date. The basic principles that our Movement cherishes most include respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, non-interference in internal affairs of any state, peaceful settlement of disputes and refraining from acts or threats of aggression or use of force against any state. These are irreplaceable bedrock principles underpinning the current international system that enabled us to successfully deter world conflagrations.

The end of Cold War has not ended the looming threat over these principles. On the contrary, they are now under greater challenge than ever before, as there are some bent on compromising these cardinal principles, promoting the concept of interference in internal affairs of sovereign States on various grounds such as humanitarian intervention and the responsibility to protect. This is indeed a dangerous trend with serious implications for peace and stability.

The purposes and principles of the Movement therefore remain valid and relevant today in the light of prevailing complex world situation.

Today, the world structure is now perceived to be undergoing a profound change in recent years apparently moving towards the direction of multipolar world. We take pride with the achievement of the Movement over the past five decades in expanding its strength and in promoting its ideals and principles. The Movement is playing an important role with its influential voice in international fora. In just a couple of years away from now, we will be commemorating the golden jubilee anniversary of the founding of the Movement. However, we should not be complacent with the progress made so far and we call upon the Movement to further strengthen its cooperation among member States.

It has long been the vision of the founding members of the Movement to establish a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order. Despite our long and arduous efforts to that end, the world we live in is still far from a peaceful one. Injustice and imbalances in the world economic order are growing and the inequality gap between the North and South is widening.

The world is still plagued with various challenges including the threat of unilateralism, interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States, aggression and foreign occupation, violent conflicts, ethnic strife, terrorism, nuclear proliferation, drugs trafficking and human trafficking, poverty and hunger, emergence of pandemic diseases. The Movement must therefore strengthen its cooperation and coordination to effectively address these challenges and to jointly resist all new modalities of intervention, economic coercion and other measures that currently hover over the Non-Aligned countries.

We are also witnessing a disturbing trend in which smaller countries are singled out for censure by the powerful on grounds of pace of democratization or alleged human rights infringements. Undue political pressures are imposed selectively on some weaker countries of matters which essentially fall under domestic jurisdiction including electoral process and domestic judicial process. Equally worrisome is the growing tendency of some powerful states to bring to the UN Security Council certain issues that do not constitute a threat to international peace and security. We are grateful for the Movement for its steadfast opposition to this dangerous trend. We urge the Movement to continue to adhere to those principled positions.

At a time when the world is faced with pressing global issues, there is a need for all nations to uphold the principles and purposes of the UN Charter in order to achieve a more secure, just and prosperous world.

Development Goals are being blocked by both man-made and nature-made obstacles.

Man-made obstacles include economic embargoes and unilateral sanctions imposed on some NAM members which adversely affect the peoples of those countries in contradiction with international law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. Such measures only serve to worsen the plight of the people, particularly the most vulnerable among them, women and children. They are unfair and immoral as they deprive the people of their right to development. My delegation is therefore pleased to welcome that the proposed Sharm El Sheikh Declaration included, as one of the highlights, an important paragraph rejecting such unilateral sanctions. In the same vein, we also fully support the adoption of the Declaration calling for an end to economic embargo unfairly imposed by the United States against Cuba.

We are deeply concerned over the global financial and economic crisis which has even more compounded the problems being faced by the developing countries. It has impacted more severely on developing countries than on developed countries that are mainly responsible for the crisis. There is a legitimate concern over the danger of developed countries reducing the already limited resources allocated to the Official Development Assistance (ODA), thus affecting development programs with
**Commander attends tree planting ceremony**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo on 12 July attended the ceremony to mark the School Environment Greening Day at Basic Education Middle School in Haungleik Ward of Taichilek.

The commander and those present planted saplings.

The commander also attended the opening ceremony of Youth Development Home in Wamkaung Ward.—MNA

**Fish released into Yethoe, Pathi dam**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min attended the fish releasing ceremony at Yethoe Dam in Ottwin of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min attended the Division Peace and Development Council Commander.

Next, the commander attended the tree-planting ceremony at Taunggyi University. The commander also attended the opening ceremony of No 2 Basic Education High School, Taunggyi on 12 July morning.

Next, the commander attended the ceremony to donate cash for football sport of Taunggyi University and prize awarding ceremony of body building and physical culture in the hall of Taunggyi University.

The commander also attended prize presenting ceremony of Commander’s Shield Sepak Tekraw Tournament.—MNA

**Maintenance of roads, bridges inspected**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win inspected durability of Mogaung Bridge in Mogaung Township on 11 July. He viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation in Kyundaw Village, maintenance of road section and bridges on Mogaung-Phakant Road and maintenance of bailey bridges across Uru Creek.

At Phakant Township Hospital, the commander presented cash assistance and medicines to patients.

On 12 July, he inspected Mashakhaung bailey bridge and Hwakya bridge and gave necessary instructions to officials.—MNA

**Refresher Course for Junior Engineers concluded**

YANGON, 19 July—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint addressed the concluding ceremony of Refresher Course for Junior Engineers Grade-4 (Civil) at the central training school of Public Works (Thuwana) yesterday morning.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees. On behalf of the managing director of Public Works, Director-General for Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win gave away completion certificates to trainees. Total of 31 trainees attended the six-week course.

Next, the minister met engineers and staff at the office of senior engineer of Yangon North District Public Works and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

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In taking measures to respond to the crisis, the developed countries must avoid measures that could have negative impact on the developing countries, especially the weaker economies. Furthermore, we need to make collective efforts to turn the crisis into an opportunity to reform the world financial institutions for all its members to have a fair representation. Our efforts must also be directed towards preventing the spread of protectionism and advancing the WTO Doha Round negotiations. We believe that a solution to the economic crisis cannot be left just to the G-8 industrialized nations or the G-20 nations. It must take into account of the views of the developing world. We therefore welcome the outcome of the recent United Nations High-level Conference on World Economic and Financial Crisis and its impact on development.

We believe that this summit would provide us further opportunities to formulate a meaningful course for the Movement to face the new challenges and complex international situations. It is imperative for the Movement to further strengthen its solidarity, improve the Movement’s working mechanism to promote and protect the common interests of its member countries.

We are confident that under the able leadership of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Movement will further advance and take concrete steps forwards in strengthening solidarity among our member countries for promoting peace and development. We reaffirm our commitment to work collectively with other members towards achieving the goals of our Movement.

Minister U Nyan Win also attended the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting held on 13 and 14 July at Savoy Hotel of Sharm El-Sheikh. On 13 July, the minister participated in the Ministerial Interactive Debate and made intervention on the theme of “International Solidarity for Peace and Development”. In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win attended the dinner hosted at the Savoy Hotel by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mr Ahmad Aboul Gheit in honour of the heads of delegation to the ministerial meeting.

The summit which concluded successfully on 16 July, adopted its Final Document of the 15th NAM Summit, Sharm El-Sheikh Summit Declaration, Special Declaration on Nelson Mandela International Day-18 July and Special Declaration on the Necessity of Ending the Economic Commercial and Financial Embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba. Sharm El-Sheikh Summit Declaration includes a paragraph rejecting the unilateral sanctions imposed on some NAM countries, which adversely affect the economy and peoples of those countries, in contradiction with international law and the purpose and principles of the UN Charters.

As a parallel sideline event, the Summit of the First Ladies was also held on 15 and 16 July to discuss the theme of “Women and Crisis Management, Ideal Practices and Lessons Learnt”. The purpose of the parallel Summit was to explore the avenues to enable women to play their part in overcoming the impact of the world economic and financial crisis.

On the sidelines of the summit, Minister U Nyan Win attended the Informal Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers held at the Savoy Hotel in the afternoon of 14th July and discussed matters related to the Association including promoting ASEAN’s role in NAM.

During the summit, Minister U Nyan Win attended the separate bilateral meetings with Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal Ms Tevesa Ri beiro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Timor-Leste Dr Zacarias Albano Da Coasta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives Dr Ahmed Shaheed and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan Mr Lyombo Ugyen Tshering respectively and held discussions on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation in international fora.

After attending the summit, Minister U Nyan Win left Cairo on 17 July and proceeded to Phuket of Thailand to participate in the 42nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and the 16th ASEAN Regional Forum.
62nd Anniversary Arzani Day observed

YANGON, 19 July—The 62nd Anniversary of Arzani Day was observed at the Arzani Mausoleum, here, this morning. Chairman of the 62nd Anniversary Arzani Day Observation Committee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the ceremony, laying wreath at the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and the fallen leaders, paying tribute to them and dispensing Metta.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Work Committee of Arzani Day Observation Committee Secretary of YCDC U Aung Than Win and members, departmental heads, the Guard of Honour and officers of Myanmar Fire Brigade.

On arrival at the Arzani Mausoleum at 8 am, Chairman of the 62nd Anniversary Arzani Day Observation Committee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin took position. The mayor laid wreaths before the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and the fallen leaders and paid tribute to the Arzani Leaders. At the same time, the State Flag was flown at half mast, the Guard of Honour and the band saluted the fallen leaders. This was followed by the dispensing of Metta and two-minute silence in memory of the Arzani Leaders. Then, the mayor left the Arzani Mausoleum.

Next, in laying wreaths and paying tribute by the families members of the Arzani, first, on behalf of U Aung San Oo, U Hla Pe laid a wreath before the tomb of Bogyoke Aung San and paid tribute to him and dispensed Metta.

Then, the family members of the other fallen leaders laid wreaths at the respective tombs and paid tribute to the Arzani leaders and dispensed Metta.

Later, representatives of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Artists and Artists Association laid wreaths at the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and fallen leaders and paid tribute to them.

Mid-year meeting of Myanmar Dental Association on 25-26 July

YANGON, 19 July—The Myanmar Dental Association will hold the Mid-Year Meeting 2009 at its hall on Thanthuma Road in Thutwaingyi Ward of Thingangyun Township on 25 and 26 July.

At the meeting, dental medicine companies will display the booths. All the member dentists may visit the booths. Medicines and medical equipment will be sold at the special prices. At the first-day session, the talks on New Influenza A (H1N1) and development of dental and oral medical education will be organized. At the second-day session, the ceremony to honour those who volunteered at the relief and rehabilitation for the victims of the cyclonic storm Nargis will be held in conjunction with the bowling event.

For detail information, may dial the secretary of Myanmar Dental Association, Tel: 095006893 and 524815.—MNA

Reintroduced Chinese alligators now multiplying in the wild in China

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 July—The Wildlife Conservation Society announced yesterday that critically endangered alligators in China have a new chance for survival. The WCS’s Bronx Zoo, in partnership with two other North American parks and the Department of Wildlife Conservation and Management of the State Forestry Administration of China, has successfully reintroduced alligators into the wild that are now multiplying on their own.

The announcement was made at the International Congress for Conservation Biology, convened by the Society for Conservation Biology in Beijing, China (July 11-16).

“We are grateful to our Chinese partners for their commitment to reintroduce Chinese alligators back into the wild,” said Dr. Steven E. Sanderson, President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society. “WCS has championed careful wildlife reintroductions for more than a century. The reintroduction of Chinese alligators is a great example of how WCS partners with governments and local communities around the world to save wildlife and wild places.”

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Single molecules as electric conductors

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 July—Researchers from Graz University of Technology, Humboldt University in Berlin, M.I.T., Montan University in Leoben and Georgia Institute of Technology report an important advance in the understanding of electronic conduction through single molecules.

Minimum size, maximum efficiency: The use of molecules as elements in electronic circuits shows great potential. One of the central challenges up until now has been that most molecules only start to conduct once a large voltage has been applied. An international research team with participation of the Graz University of Technology has shown that molecules containing an odd number of electrons are much more conductive at low bias voltages. These fundamental findings in the highly dynamic research field of nanotechnology open up a diverse array of possible applications: More efficient microchips and components with considerably increased storage densities are conceivable.—Internet

A single molecule as electric conductor.
Egypt’s water needs to surpass resources by 2017

CAIRO, 19 July — Egypt’s water needs will surpass its resources by 2017 because its population, now around 76 million, is still increasing fast, the state-run news agency MENA said on Saturday.

The agency cited a recent report by the Cabinet’s Information and Decision Support Centre as saying the Arab world’s most populous country would need 86.2 billion cubic metres of water in 2017 while resources would be only 71.4 billion cubic metres.

Egypt’s water resources stood at 64 billion cubic metres in 2006, of which the River Nile provided 55.5 billion cubic metres, or 86.7 percent, the report said. By 2017 the Nile is expected to supply only 80.5 percent of Egypt’s resources.

Egypt is heavily dependent on river water as it has little rainfall.

A 1929 agreement between Egypt and Britain, acting on behalf of its then east African colonies, gave Cairo the right to veto projects higher up the Nile that would affect its water share.

Egypt’s water supply is equivalent to an allocation of 860 cubic metres per capita per year, well below the water poverty line of 1,000 cubic metres per capita a year.—MNA/Reuters

Mudslide swallows house in Germany, 3 missing

GERMANY, 19 July — A mudslide undermined a house and buried it in a crater along a lake shore in central Germany on Saturday. Three people who lived in it were missing.

“It is too dangerous to search for the missing persons, the hillside is still moving,” local fire department spokesman Christoph Voigt said in the town of Nachterstedt.

The destroyed building, half of a pair of attached houses, slipped down about 100 yards (100 meters) to nearby Lake Concordia and was buried under mud and water.

“Everything must have happened within a few seconds,” said county official Ulrich Reder.

Authorities confirmed that a 48-year-old woman and two men, 50 and 51 years old, were missing. They lived in the collapsed building and were probably asleep at the time of the accident. Official said they were still trying to find out if a fourth person was also missing.

The residents of the other side of the pair of houses, which was damaged, were on vacation. Ursula Rothe, a county spokeswoman said.

Rothe said a 350-yard (350-meter) section of the lakeshore broke off, burying part of a street with mud and gravel. The cause for the mudslide was not known.

Police cordoned off the area and 44 residents were taken away.

The lake is a former coal pit that was flooded in 1994.—INTERNET

Man and 3-year-old daughter die after falling off waterfall

ENGLAND, 19 July — A man and a three-year-old girl have died after falling 50 feet from a waterfall into a river in North Wales. A massive underwater search for the pair was launched when they were reported missing after venturing into the waterfall at a scenic spot.

“This tragic incident highlights the dangers of swimming in unknown waters.” Alan Edwards, community safety manager for North Wales Fire and Rescue service, told Sky News. The pair, thought to be a 33-year-old father and his daughter who were on vacation and staying at a nearby campsite, were reported missing at around 8 a.m.

Fire service search teams were joined by the police helicopter and ambulance crews and assisted by two trained divers, who happened to be in the area at the time.

The two bodies were found shortly before 1 p.m.—INTERNET


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Guyana finds possible debris from Air France crash

GEORGETOWN, 19 July—A fisherman in Guyana apparently has found a large piece of a plane that authorities suspect might belong to the Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean, an aviation official said on Saturday.

The 30-foot-long piece of wreckage washed up on a beach in the South American country this week, said Paula McAdam, deputy director of Guyana’s Civil Aviation Authority.

The Brazilian embassy said it would send experts to examine the debris, she said.

An Air France flight that departed neighboring Brazil on June 1 crashed into the ocean more than 900 miles (1,450 kilometers) off that country’s northeastern coast.

All 228 people aboard died.

French officials expect to begin a new underwater search next week to look for more wreckage.

Guyana fisherman Denis Baksh told local media that he took the aircraft part home on Wednesday after spotting it while heading out to sea.

UK school children quarantined for H1N1 flu in China

LONDON, 19 July—A group of 52 British school children and their teachers have been quarantined in Beijing after four pupils were admitted to hospital infected with the H1N1 virus, Britain’s Foreign Office said on Saturday.

The group arrived in China earlier this week for a culture and study tour. But shortly after arrival at Beijing airport, four of the students — all believed to be teenagers — were admitted to hospital showing symptoms of swine flu infection. As a precaution, the remainder of the group was quarantined in their four-star hotel in Beijing.

“We can confirm that a group of 52 British school children and teachers are being held in quarantine in their hotel,” a Foreign Office spokeswoman said.

“In addition, a further four students have been hospitalized and diagnosed with the H1N1 virus.

“Consular officials on the ground are in touch with the group and their families, providing consular assistance.”

Parents have been told the quarantine should last a week. British media reported.

The students were part of a 1,000-strong group of visitors to China from around the world learning about the country’s language and culture. More than 500 Britons in total were on the trip, organized with the help of the British Council.—MNA/Reuters
Traffic lights are not enough for safety

BEIJING, 19 July—Should a driver jumping a red light be reminded of the violation with bricks flung at the car? Definitely not. But when the bricks are hurled by people endangered by such violations, who is to blame? An old chap in his 70s reportedly chucked bricks at as many as 30 passing motor vehicles that jumped red lights on a single night last week. The zebra crossing is located near a densely inhabited residential area in Lanzhou, capital of northwestern Gansu Province. After a request from local residents, traffic lights were installed there a year ago. But many motorists have turned a blind eye to the red lights, posing a threat to whoever dares to use the crossing. The old man has been nearly knocked down by defiant drivers on a number of occasions. His extreme reaction was not only joined by a couple of old fellows but has won praise from pedestrians. Now nary a driver whose cars were pummelled with bricks have stopped and reasoned with the old man, except one recent motorist. Angry looks from passers-by, however, shrunk the driver back into his car and he drove off without saying a word. Drivers ignore red lights at the Lanzhou intersection because the violation doesn’t cost them a thing. But when most drivers do not stop at red lights, it sends the wrong message to those who normally follow traffic laws and possibly encourages law abiders to defy red lights themselves. That is the awful result of lax enforcement.—Internet

A youth jumps into the ocean from a pole at Isabela de Sagua, province of Santa Clara in central Cuba, on 18 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Singapore reports its first death related to flu A/H1N1

HONG KONG, 19 July—Singapore reported its first death case related to flu A/H1N1 on Saturday, signaling a still worsening situation of the new flu in the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, the Philippines and China’s Hong Kong had reported deaths in connection with the new flu infection.

According to Singapore’s Health Ministry, a 49-year-old man, infected with A/H1N1 flu, died of heart attack on Saturday afternoon. Singapore reported its first confirmed case of influenza A/H1N1 on 27 May. On 18 June, the country confirmed its first locally infected case. According to the latest official data, Singapore has confirmed over 1,200 infection cases.

Women saves five-legged dog from sideshow

CHARLOTTE, 19 July—A Charlotte, NC, woman says she paid $4,000 for a five-legged puppy to save it from a life on display in a sideshow featuring animal freaks, Alysson Siegel told The Charlotte Observer when she plans to pay another $2,000 to have the dog’s extra leg surgically amputated.

The puppy, a Chihuahua-terrier mix now named Lilly, is about 6 weeks old. The owner, Calvin Owensby, a laid-off electrician who lives in Gastonia, had agreed to sell the puppy to John Strong, who runs a sideshow exhibit on Coney Island in New York.

Siegel, when she heard about the puppy, agreed to match the $3,000 Strong offered plus another $1,000 because Owensby had to return Strong’s $1,000 deposit.

The extra leg, which is between Lilly’s two back legs, interferes with walking but has no nerves. Siegel, who already has six cats, plans to give Lilly to her sister. Strong is resigned to missing a chance at an “incredibly rare” five-legged dog. “Sometimes, you just gotta say, ‘OK, I still have nine-live, two-headed animals,’ and move on,” he said.

The researchers investigated seven traumatic head injuries caused by car surfing for their study, along with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System. The researchers, who published their “Neurological Injuries from Car Surfing” study, found head injuries suffered from the practice of standing on a moving car’s roof could potentially be more serious than head injuries from motor vehicle collisions.—INTERNET

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City sign Adebayor

MANCHESTER, 19 July — Manchester City on Saturday said they had clinched the 25 million pound (35 million euros) signing of Togolese forward Emmanuel Adebayor from Arsenal on a five-year contract.

The 25-year-old Adebayor completed his medical test at Eastlands to become the latest big-money new face at City, after the recent captures of midfielder Gareth Barry and strikers Carlos Tevez and Roque Santa Cruz.

Hundreds of City fans greeted Adebayor, who said: “It made me feel really welcome and special and I can’t wait to play for City’s fans and show them what I can do.”

“I was born to play football and that is what I want to do. I have come here to make history for this club and those supporters,” he told reporters.

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Forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic is pictured on July 14, 2009.

Ibrahimovic’s agent denies Barca talks

ROME, 19 July — Zlatan Ibrahimovic’s agent has denied reports the Sweden forward has reached an agreement to join Barcelona, claiming he has yet to speak to the Catalans.

Press reports in Spain have suggested that a swap deal between Inter Milan and European champions Barcelona for Ibrahimovic and Samuel Eto’o has been concluded with the Cameroon striker’s wage demands in Italy the only matter still to be ironed out.

But Mino Raiola claimed Barca have yet to make contact with him about Ibra.

“This is not true,” Raiola told AFP. “The two clubs have come to an agreement, now we’ll see.” He added: “I haven’t yet spoken with Barcelona, I’ve not negotiated anything.”

Khan wins 1st title fight, outpointing Kotelnik

MANCHESTER, 19 July — Highly touted Amir Khan finally lived up to lofty expectations, earning a unanimous decision over Andreas Kotelnik on Saturday to become the WBA junior welterweight title.

The 22-year-old Khan’s blistering victory came five years after a career-launching Olympic silver medal, and 10 months after he was knocked out by Breidis Prescott in 54 seconds. Two judges scored the fight 118-111, while the third had it 120-108. “It’s the best feeling ever,” Khan said. “I picked the right shots and was composed. I stuck to the game plan and stayed concentrating.”

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Ronaldinho ready to lead Milan to glory

ROME, 19 July — AC Milan playmaker Ronaldinho has insisted he is ready to fill the boots left by departed Brazilian compatriot Kaká during the coming season.

Ronaldinho will begin his second season in Italy with memories of a disappointing first campaign fresh in his mind but with Kaká having moved on to Real Madrid, he knows there will be added responsibility on him this time around.

Having begun well during his first season at Milan, Ronaldinho fell out of favour with former coach Carlo Ancelotti over the second half of the campaign as the now-Chelsea boss preferred an attacking triumvirate comprising Kaka, Pato and Filippo Inzaghi.

But with Kaká gone and Brazil compatriot Leonardo the new coach, Ronaldinho believes his time has come to shine once again and try to reproduce the form he showed at Barcelona when earning world player of the year awards in 2004 and 2005.

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Horton added: “It is frustrating, we are trying like hell.

“But they have gone to three big clubs. If we were losing Joe Bloggs from Division Three it would be a different matter.

“We want to bring somebody in but we need to have a bit of patience, things will evolve. “It’s not the fact we are not trying to get better players in.”

Hull went out of Division Three to Division One and were promoted to the Premier League in their second season. The club has had some success in the Premier League since then.

World Cup, David Beckham may yet return to the English Premier- ship with Chelsea or Spurs, the Mail on Sunday reported.

After spending an impressive second half of last season with AC Milan, Beckham returned to US Major League Soccer outfit LA Galaxy in Thursday’s 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls, his first match since the end of the Serie A campaign.

The 34-year-old former England captain had been loaned by the Galaxy to Milan with the proviso that he return for the entire 2009 MLS sea-
INTERNET

People enjoyed themselves in the game, organised by a shopping center in Guiyang, capital of southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 19 July, 2009. Lots of people enjoyed themselves in the game, organised by the shopping center to promote sale.—INTERNET

Dozens hurt in San Francisco rail accident

LOS ANGELES, 19 July—Two light rail cars collided in San Francisco on Saturday, injuring 48 people, four of whom were in critical condition, officials said.

The mid-afternoon accident caused service delays into the evening between the West Portal and Castro stations in California’s third largest city.

Initial reports indicating that a single-car train was travelling at low speed when it collided with a stopped train have not been confirmed, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) spokesman Judson True said in a statement.

The investigation of the accident is ongoing, True said. There have been several such accidents in the United States in recent months.

Last month nine people were killed and more than 70 injured when a commuter train in Washington D.C. slammed into another that had stopped during the afternoon rush hour. The cause of the crash has not been determined.

Twenty-five people were killed and 130 injured last year when a Los Angeles commuter train collided with a freight train.—MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Sunday, 19 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagoa Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagoa Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Mon and Kayin States and isolated heavy fall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.16) inch, Thatton (4.45) inches, Hpa-an (4.29) inches, Mawlamyine (3.74) inches, Kawkayik (3.19) inches, Gwa (3.15) inches, Ye (2.71) inches, Ngatangiayaung (2.44) inches, Thandwe (2.28) inches, Aunggan and Chauk (0.36) inch each. Maximum temperature on 18-7-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 19-7-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-7-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 18-7-2009 was (1.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-7-2009 was (0.12) inch at Minglendon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.10) inch central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (53.39) inches at Minglendon, (57.05) inches at Kaba-Aye and (59.96) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (14:20) hours MST on 18-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (10:00) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong to vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagoa and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagoa and Taninbarya Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Rakhine State. 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 increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-7-2009: One to two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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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

Habits of exploitation of human rights by certain powerful countries as a pretext for meddling in internal affairs of member states still linger on. Equally worrisome is the growing tendency of some powerful states to bring to UNSC certain issues that do not constitute a threat to international peace and security.

15th Summit of Heads of State/Government of NAM and Preparatory Ministerial Meeting held in Egypt

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attends 15th Summit of Heads of State/Government of Non-Aligned Movement. — MOFA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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Points that are more important for new nation

Democracy is a practice that can flourish only if all the forces concerned have high intellectual power and vast experience, and the people have better socio-economic life with high education standard and a great deal of knowledge.