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

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- 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

Sittaung Bridge (Motpalin), Gateway to Mon State

The emergence of a large number of roads and bridges throughout the nation has formed a network of transport facilities. With better transport, there has been an extensive use of roads and bridges by different kinds of vehicles. Therefore, it is common that the old bridges have to be replaced with the new ones that can bear heavy loads. Although Sittaung Bridge (Theinzayat) can be used by cars and trains, (See page 7)

SCIENCE DAILY, 28 July—The aloe vera plant has a long history of healing power. Its ability to heal burns and cuts and soothe pain has been documented as far back as the 10th century. Legend has it that Cleopatra used aloe vera to keep her skin soft. The modern use of aloe vera was first recognized the 1930s to heal radiation burns. Since then, it has been a common ingredient in ointments that heal sunburn, minor cuts, skin irritation, and many other ailments. Recently, aloe vera has gained some popularity as an active ingredient in tooth gel. Similar to its use on skin, the aloe vera in tooth gels is intended to perform the same function as toothpaste, which is to eliminate pathogenic oral microflora-disease-causing bacteria-in the mouth.—Internet

If the law is breached ...

The core of the Myanmar judicial system is the law and whether the accused is found guilty or not, without discrimination on the grounds of colour, race or status.
Maintain dams and reservoirs for regional development

A ceremony to open Linpan Dam in Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division was held at the pandal near the dam on 26 July. The dam built on Linpan Creek has a watershed area of 16 square miles. With an annual rainfall of 41 inches, the average annual water inflow is 8,000 acre-feet.

The birth of Linpan Dam has brought about the emergence of the 11 miles long earth road linking Htankon Model Village and Linpan Village in Kanbalu Township. With this, local people are now enjoying the fruits of better transport. Meanwhile, perennial crops such as mango, jackfruit and shade trees were grown for greening the environs of the dam and for the sake of local people.

In the past, local people in Shwebo District had to rely solely on rainwater for agriculture. At present, with the emergence of Linpan Dam they can fully utilize irrigated water for the agriculture purpose making better use of the facility, and it is estimated that the per care yield of paddy would increase to over 100 baskets from 70 baskets.

Linpan Dam, 40 feet high and 9,800 feet wide, is of earthen type with 5.21 miles long main canal and 9.92 miles long tributary canals which can irrigate 2,000 acres of farmlands.

At a time when the government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of a large number of roads and bridges as well as dams and reservoirs throughout the nation the onus is on all the local people to maintain those facilities for durability and regional development.

Tobacco Kills

Dr Maung Maung Thein gives talks on insurance. — MNA

Commander attends Commander’s Shield Chess Tourney

NAV PYI TAW, 28 July—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae attended the opening ceremony of Commander’s Shield Chess Tourney at the Gymnasium in Taunggyi on 22 July.

Next, the commander delivered an address at the opening ceremony and enjoyed events for the first day.

On 23 July, the Commander attended the educative talks on care of pregnant women and the opening ceremony of Instructor Course, and delivered an address on the occasion. MNA

Director-General of No 2 Basic Education Department visits schools in Shan State (South)

YANGON, 28 July—Director-General U Aye Lwin of No 2 Basic Education Department visited schools in Loelem, Namhsan, Pinyo and Hopong townships in Shan State (South) from 20 to 22 July.

The director-general gave instructions on cleanliness of school environs, regular renovation of the schools, high pass rate of matriculation exams, high pass rate of every single subject, having record of study progress of every single subject, systematic supervision on subject teachers, teaching according to monthly course and holding of chapter-end-exams regularly, teaching extra time, organizing night learning session in meeting with the township education officers, principals, and teachers. MNA

Monsoon sales of Myanmar Book Centre on 1 August

YANGON, 28 July—Myanmar Book Center will hold a Monsoon Sale from 1 to 15 August. A total of 50,000 new books of 60 subjects imported from the USA, Britain, India and Singapore will be sold at a special price at Myanmar Books Centers in Yangon and Mandalay simultaneously.

Those who bought books worth 5000 kyats will get a book from gift books worth from K 5000 to K 20000 under first comes first serves programme.

Books including dictionaries, thesauruses, readers, comic books, health books, English Language Teaching Book and Course Supplementary books, biographies will be sold at a special price.

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Nile nations discuss sharing their river

CAIRO, 28 July—Ministers from the 10 African countries on the Nile river began crucial discussions Monday over drafting a new water sharing agreement, which is hampered by Egypt’s refusal to reduce its share of world’s longest river.

In an opening address to the Nile Basin Initiative, held in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, Egypt’s Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif urged for a “return of the cooperation and harmony” among the group’s members, describing the ongoing dispute as a “misunderstanding.”

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A 1929 agreement between Egypt and Britain, acting on behalf of its then east African colonies, set up the original sharing framework and gave Cairo the right to veto upstream projects.—INTERNET

Most want troops out of Afghanistan

LONDON, 28 July—More than half of Britons think military operations in Afghanistan are futile and want troops to be withdrawn immediately, according to an opinion poll published on Tuesday.

Fifty eight percent see the offensive against Taleban extremists in Afghanistan as “unwinnable” and only 31 percent disagree, according to the poll conducted for the Independent newspaper.

The poll showed 52 percent want troops out while 43 percent would like them to stay.

Some 75 percent believe British troops lack the equipment they need to perform their role in Afghanistan safely, compared to 16 percent who think they have adequate resources, it said.

However 60 percent of those polled do not think more troops and resources should be sent to the front line, according to the ComRes survey of 1,008 Britons polled over the phone earlier this month.

The poll comes as Britain on Monday announced the end of a major bloody offensive against the Taleban in the south of Afghanistan, while the Ministry of Defence said two more soldiers had been killed there.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown—who has been forced to defend the country’s Afghan policies as troop casualties soar — claimed success in Operation Panther’s Claw in southern Helmand Province.—INTERNET

Two killed, 18 injured in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 July—Two people were killed and 18 others injured in separate attacks in Iraqi cities on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

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Tax hike has little effect on smokers

BEIJING, 28 July—The government should raise both taxes and the retail price of cigarettes as a tobacco control measure, experts said after a survey found 80.5 percent of Chinese smokers support raising tobacco taxes.

The survey, conducted by Tsinghua University, Harvard University and the research institute for fiscal science under the Ministry of Finance, polled 3,000 families in 18 cities about their opinions on cigarettes taxes. About 85 percent of respondents supported the government increasing tobacco taxes, and 80.5 percent of smokers were also in favor.

The survey was conducted in April ahead of the 1 May increase in production and consumption taxes on cigarettes.

Under the hike, a five percent consumption tax was imposed on cigarette wholesalers. It meant taxes on cartons of cigarettes costing 70 yuan ($10) or more increased from 45 percent to 56 percent. Taxes on cartons costing less than 70 yuan increased from 30 percent to 36 percent.—INTERNET

Vessel carrying as many as 200 Haitians capsizes

PROVIDENCIALES, 28 July—A vessel carrying as many as 200 Haitian migrants capsized and sank near the Turks and Caicos Islands on Monday, the US Coast Guard said. One survivor said the boat struck a reef as they tried to elude police.

About 70 passengers were stranded on a reef and four bodies were recovered, said Petty Officer Third Class Sabrina Elgammal, a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami. The rest of the passengers were missing and feared dead.

“Our main goal right now is just to get everybody out of the water and get medical attention for those who need it,” Elgammal said.

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Labourers work on the framework of an unfinished stadium at the construction site in Changzhi, Shanxi Province on 28 July, 2009. —INTERNET

**EU publishes annual report on US trade, investment barriers**

**BRUSSELS, 28 July—**
The European Commission Monday published its 2008 annual report on barriers to trade and investment in the United States, focusing on some key trade barriers and measures that prevent EU exporters from tapping into the full potential of the US market.

“Only a small proportion of EU-US trade is affected by trade disputes, but raising and addressing these issues helps to boost confidence in the transatlantic marketplace and allows exporters to reap the full benefits available,” said the European Union (EU)’s executive body in a statement.

The report noted some continuing concerns and highlighted a number of new barriers introduced in 2008.

It reiterated concerns about US legislation governing ports and freight, in particular with respect to the potential costs of the scanning requirement and its impact on EU supply chains.

The report also highlighted problems arising from the complexity of US regulatory systems and regulatory divergences with the EU, which can represent an important structural impediment to market access, the statement noted.

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**Canada to appeal to WTO on EU seal products ban**

**OTTAWA, 28 July—**Canada on Monday announced it is requesting World Trade Organization (WTO) consultation on EU concerns about the ban.

The European Union voted earlier on the day to approve a ban on the import of seal products, a move Ottawa says violates the EU’s WTO commitments.

The ban will have a drastic impact on the livelihoods of thousands of Canadian sealers, Canadian officials said, stating the ban should contain an exemption for humanely harvested seal products like those in Canada.

“I stated that the government of Canada would launch a WTO challenge should a seal products trade ban not include an acceptable exemption, and today I am following through on that promise,” Minister of International Trade Stockwell Day said on Monday in a press release. —INTERNET

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**Peru seeks FTAs with Russia, India, Morocco, South Africa**

**LIMA, 28 July—**Peru would push for Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Russia, India, Morocco and South Africa in 2010, the Foreign Trade and Tourism Ministry said on Monday.

Vice Minister Eduardo Ferreyros said, “in the agenda for future commercial negotiations with Peru, there are very important markets for us, like Russia, India, Morocco and South Africa.”

Ferreyros said Peru’s focus to date had been on the negotiation of FTAs with the European Union, the Republic of Korea and Japan.

Official statistics showed that the trade exchange between Peru and India in 2008 was of 785.5 million US dollars, of which Peru’s exports made up 281.4 million dollars, while India’s exports were 504.1 million dollars.

A seal carcass lies on the Gulf of St Lawrence, Canada, in 24 March, during seal hunting season. Canada said it would take its fight for the country’s seal hunting industry to the World Trade Organization, vowing to appeal a European Union decision to ban imported seal products. —INTERNET

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**S Korea’s SK Telecom profit rises 4.6 percent**

**SEOUL, 28 July—**South Korea’s top mobile carrier SK Telecom said on Tuesday net profit rose 4.6 percent year-on-year for the second quarter due to an increase in wireless Internet revenue and new subscribers.

Net profit was 311.6 billion won (250.7 million dollars) in the April-June period, up from 298 billion won a year earlier, the company said.

Operating profit increased 3.8 percent year-on-year to 553.4 billion dollars in the April-June period, up from 533 billion won. 

Sales increased 4.7 percent to 3.068 trillion won from 2.931 trillion won a year earlier. —INTERNET

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**Brazil’s current account deficit down 58% in first half of 2009**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 July—**Brazil registered a current account deficit of 7.07 billion US dollars in the first half of 2009, down 58 percent year-on-year, the country’s Central Bank said on Monday.

Brazil’s current account deficit in the first half of 2008 was 16.8 billion dollars.

The country’s current account deficit stood at 535 million dollars in June, down from 2.78 billion dollars in the same month last year.

The sharp decrease was largely due to a fall in the profit and dividend remittances and the fact that the country’s imports fell more than exports.

The current account consists of the trade balance, unilateral transfers from abroad and services and income account results. In June, Brazil’s trade balance registered a surplus of 4.62 billion dollars, up from 2.72 billion dollars registered in June 2008. —INTERNET

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**China’s Beiqi Foton to set up assembling plant in Indonesia**

**JAKARTA, 28 July—**The China-based automotive manufacturer Beiqi Foton Motor planned to set up an assembling plant in Indonesia to support its aim in dominating the Asia Pacific market, the Bisnis Indonesia reported here on Tuesday.

Dong Haiyang, Vice President of Beiqi Foton Motor Co who is also the general manager of Foton International Trade Co Ltd, regarded Indonesia as an important market in the Asia Pacific region.

He said that Foton’s investment in Indonesia would be a production base for Foton’s market in the region.

Setting up a production plant in Indonesia is part of Foton’s global business strategy, he added.

“Outside China and Indonesia, we now run assembling plants in Thailand, Mexico and South Africa,” Dong said on the sidelines of a Foton Multi Purpose Vehicle (MPV) launching in the ongoing 2009 Indonesia International Motor Show (IIMS) exhibition here.

As a new comer in bus, truck and heavy duty vehicle market in Indonesia, which, Dong said, is a lucrative market in the Asia Pacific region, Foton set realistic sale targets in the market. —INTERNET

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Greek FM to inform EU of Turkey’s airspace violations

ATHENS, 28 July—Greek Foreign Minister Dora Bakoyannis will raise the issue of continuing Turkish violations of the Greek airspace at a meeting of the European Union (EU), the Foreign Ministry said Monday.

“Thuggery is not accepted in Europe...And I say this as an old friend of the Turkish people and a long-standing supporter of Turkey’s European course. Turkey is obliged to adhere to what it has agreed to,” Bakoyannis said before travelling to Brussels to attend the meeting, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

Greek media have reported that a formation of six fighter jets from neighbouring Turkey entered the Greek airspace over the northern Aegean last week. Greek Air Force planes intercepted the Turkish F-16s.

Overflights of Turkish Air Force planes over Greek islands, which Greece says were in violation of international law, have intensified this summer, fuelling concern in Athens, which also denounces Ankara’s intention to carry out geophysical survey within the Greek continental shelf.

French tourists appreciate Chinese musical instruments in the Yunnan Ethnical Museum in Kunming, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 27 July, 2009.—XINHUA

Dead zone in Gulf of Mexico smaller than expected, but severe

WASHINGTON, 27 July — NOAA-supported scientists, led by Nancy Rabalais, from the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, found the size of this year’s Gulf of Mexico dead zone to be smaller than forecast, measuring 3,000 square miles, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said Monday.

However, the dead zone, which is usually limited to water just above the sea floor, was severe where it did occur, extending closer to the water surface than in most years. The dead zone is fueled by nutrient runoff, principally from agricultural activity, which stimulates an overgrowth of algae that sinks, decomposes, and consumes most of the life-giving oxygen supply in the water. The Gulf of Mexico dead zone is of particular concern because it threatens commercial and recreational Gulf fisheries that generate about 2.8 billion dollars annually.

Earlier this summer, NOAA-sponsored forecast models developed by R Eugene Turner, of Louisiana.—XINHUA

Water pollution sickens 231 people in Inner Mongolia

HORHOT, 28 July—Water pollution had caused 231 people to suffer from diarrhea in Chifeng City, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, local authorities said on Monday.

The first diarrheal case was reported on late Saturday. As of 5:30 am Sunday, 231 cases have been reported. All the cases were suspected to be caused by water pollution, said an official with Chifeng municipal health bureau.

All the patients received free medical treatment, said the official. The pollution was caused by the heavy rainfall in 23 July, which raised the city’s water level and made water from a nearby lake flow into the water-supply well, the official said.

Measures had been taken to clean the water system, the official said.—Xinhua

New Zealand likely to set greenhouse gases target to 15 percent

WELLINGTON, 28 July — New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said on Tuesday that the government is likely to set a target of a 15 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

A round of public consultation on what the target should be has just been completed, with environmental groups pushing for a 40 percent reduction.

The target will be tabled at the next round of international climate change negotiations in Germany in August. Key said New Zealand Climate Change Minister Nick Smith will present his recommendation to the cabinet in the coming weeks. The target will not be 40 percent because such a target would cripple New Zealand’s economic activity and the country “cannot afford to write that check”, Radio New Zealand reported on Tuesday.

Migration biggest source of Australia’s population growth

CANBERRA, 28 July — Migration accounts for 60 percent of Australia’s population growth with the United Kingdom remaining the biggest source of new arrivals from overseas, Australian Associated Press reported on Tuesday.

The latest immigration snapshot from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed 5.5 million Australians, or about a quarter of the population, were born overseas. About 213,000 people migrated to Australia in 2007/08, accounting for 60 percent of the nation’s population growth, with the bulk of new arrivals (60 percent) aged between 15 and 34.

The United Kingdom remains the greatest source of migrants with 1.2 million people born in Britain now living in Australia.

UNIFIL emphasizes ties with southern Lebanese, despite conflict

BEIRUT, 28 July — The UN Interim Forces in South Lebanon (UNIFIL) said on Monday that it was committed to boosting excellent relations with the Lebanese residents, despite the tension raised by a conflict which broke between the two sides earlier this month, Lebanese official National News Agency reported.

In a statement made after a meeting in the southern town Tibnine between UNIFIL and Lebanese Army Intelligence Commands and Dignitaries, UNIFIL Commander General Claudio Graziano emphasized the importance of maintaining good relations with the people of the South, saying that UNIFIL Command is committed to boosting excellent relations with the southerners.

Graziano said in the statement that the work of UNIFIL is based on guaranteeing full respect of UN Resolution 1701 and preventing any violation of its clauses.—Xinhua

Women of the Miao ethnic group pound cooked glutinous rice into paste to demonstrate the producing method of Cha, a traditional rice food, during the celebration activities in Geduo Village of Wangsi Township in Dayun City, southwest China’s Guizhou Province on 26 July, 2009.—XINHUA

Performers give stage show at the opening of the Original Folk Culture Festival held in Qinghen City of southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 26 July, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency
Bank theft started with trojan virus

Elizabethtown, 28 July—Federal investigators said malicious software worked its way from Bullitt County, Ky., e-mail systems to a bank account to steal $415,989.

The heist of county funds occurred in late June, The Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal reported Monday. But investigators say Ukrainian computer thieves have also used the trojan software to infiltrate bank accounts in the Britain, Spain and Italy in thefts.

The software does not slow computers or prompt annoying pop-ups, giving users little indication that it may be in the system hunting for information.

“It’s looking over your shoulder when you’re doing your banking,” said Elizabeth Clarke at SecureWorks.

“It usually grabs everything it needs to play you,” she said.—INTERNET

Lightning strikes car, no injuries

Fort Lauderdale, 28 July—A Florida woman said she, her 4-year-old son and a 17-year-old cousin were uninjured when a bolt of lightning crashed through her car.

Michelle St Val, 23, said she was driving Friday evening on Interstate 595 toward the airport in Fort Lauderdale to pick up her brother when her “car lit up like it was Christmas,” the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported on Monday.

“It was a huge boom, and then lightning completely took over the car,” she said.

St Val said the 2003 Chevrolet Impala lost power and began drifting across three lanes of traffic.

She said the car came to a rest and she noticed her son, Mikyal, had escaped from his car seat and crawled into her lap during the incident.

“I was so scared, I never thought a storm would choose my car.”

A Florida Highway Patrol officer determined the bolt of lightning had hit the upper-left corner of the rear window before traveling through the frame of the car and blowing a hole through the rear tire on the opposite side.—INTERNET

Sculpture at Fla shopping plaza turns heads

Parents in Florida are complaining about a sculpture of a nude male outside a shopping centre west of Delray Beach.

Parents of children who attend a nearby elementary school say the bronze statue is inappropriate, and the PTA president e-mailed parents Wednesday asking them to complain.

The sculpture is by artist Izik Asher and titled “Journey to the New.” It is supposed to represent the journey of Russian and Ethiopian Jews from their homes to Israel. It was previously displayed at other locations in the area.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel reports that Asher’s sculptures have drawn criticism before. In 1999 the Boca Raton City Council made him cover the private parts of several of his sculptures with cardboard fig leaves. The leaves were later removed.

Germans can now grab poolside chairs even earlier

German tourists can now reserve their poolside recliners before they have even left home.

The German arm of Thomas Cook, Europe’s second-largest travel company, has been deluged with inquiries since announcing that holidaymakers at nine hotels in Turkey, Egypt and the Canary Islands can book recliners in advance for a fee.

Germans are famous around Europe for rising early to reserve recliners near the pool with their towels, and then going back to bed or eating a lengthy breakfast.

This often annoys tourists from other nations, but they will be unable to take advantage of the new service — it is valid only for tourists booking their trips from Germany, Mathis Brandes, head of communications at Thomas Cook in Germany, said.—INTERNET

Aviation buffs recreate 1st English Channel flight

Louis Bleriot was declared crazy by his own mother.

“He wants to fly over the English Channel in a kite,” she complained to friends a century ago. Bleriot defied her and helped usher in commercial plane travel with an epic flight from Calais to Dover in 1909, aboard a winged contraption with bicycle wheels and wooden propeller.

A pilot is recreating the journey of the 37-year-old Frenchman in one of Bleriot’s monoplanes to mark Saturday’s anniversary.

The aircraft, made famous after the Channel crossing, was commercialized with more than 800 copies made, and put into action in World War I by several air forces.

The flight came six years after the Wright brothers flew overland over Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and in a decade in which pioneers in Europe and North America were developing the rudiments of airplane technology and expanding its limits.

Bleriot was oblivious to chiding about his project. He had put 10 years of his life and his entire fortune into his dream.
Pleas of lawyers defending the accused heard in cases against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma

YANGON, 28 July—Criminal Cases Nos 47/2009, 48/2009, 49/2009 against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma were heard at Yangon North District Court at 10 am today.

The court heard the arguments of the lawyers defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma and Mr John William Yettaw in Criminal Case No 47/2009.

It pronounced an order rejecting the lawyers’ application for submission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ response to the queries raised by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in the United Nations and for questioning the presenter as a court witness under Article (540) of Penal Code of Criminal Procedure.

The order says that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is put on trial under Article (22) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that Article (22) is that any person placed under restriction will face a legal punishment if he opposes, breaches or fails to obey the restriction order or prohibition order; that nothing is arguable regarding the restriction order, prohibition order and extended prohibition order put on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that the plaintiffs submit restriction order as evidence (b), prohibition order, as evidence (b-1) and extended prohibition order, as evidence (b-2); and that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s Advocate U Kyi Win submitted an appeal against the said restriction order, prohibition order and extended prohibition order to the Government Office of the Union of Myanmar, however the appeal was rejected because of lack of sound evidences.

It says that the Government Office sent a forwarding letter on rejection of the appeal dated 30 April 2009; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi knows that restriction order, prohibition order and extended prohibition order have been issued and they are still in force; and that in the case, plaintiffs and their witnesses and the accused and their witnesses have been questioned.

It is found that the statements and arguments and the evidences provided by both sides do not support or reflect the reasons enumerated in the application; that the context of the case is to find out whether the accused opposes, breaches or fails to obey the restriction order or prohibition order; and that so an order is pronounced to reject Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s lawyers’ application for submission in the court under Article 540 (Part II) of Penal Code of Criminal Procedure, deducing that there is no reason to take the application into consideration.

Final arguments of Lawyer U Khin Maung Oo defending Mr John William Yettaw and final statements of the deputy district law officer for the plaintiffs in Criminal Cases Nos 48/2009 and 49/2009 were heard.

The court fixed the 31st of July to pronounce the final judgement for Criminal Cases Nos 47/2009, 48/2009 and 49/2009.—MNA

Sittaung Bridge (Motpalin), Gateway...

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a new bridge that can bear heavy trucks is in need as there is an increase in commodity flow. Hence, the 2,392.7-foot long Sittaung Bridge (Motpalin) was constructed in the lower reaches of the old bridge. The bridge was opened on 12 July 2008.

In the past, vehicles were not allowed to pass Sittaung Bridge at night time as the region was lack of peace and stability. At present, with the prevalence of peace and stability plus with combined efforts of the government and local people, remarkable progress has been made in the region. Meanwhile, local entrepreneurs are making progress in trade and commerce making better use of the new bridge.

The upgrading of Kyaihkto-Thatoh Mawlamyne Road in Mon State and Thaton-Myaingkalay Road into 24 feet wide facilities is being carried out by Shwe Thanlwin Construction Co Ltd. The company will upgrade bridges on those roads up to the ones capable of bearing 60 tons of loads.

On arrival at Mon State, the news crew members of Kyemon Daily met with those in charge of Shwe Thanlwin Construction Co Ltd at its special construction site Naungkala Village between Kyaihkto and Bilin. In an interview, they said, “Shwe Thanlwin Construction Co Ltd has upgraded Sittaung-Kyaikhto Road from mile post No (87/0) to mile post No (116/7) since 2002. It upgraded the 71 miles and six furlongs long Kyaihkto-Mottama Road from mile post No (116/0) to mile post No (188/5) starting from 2008.

The maintenance works are being carried out in monsoon and the upgrading will continue in two phases in the open season. The upgrading of roads and bridges will be carried out in line with the standard set by Public Works.”

The news crew proceeded to Kyaihkto along smooth and straight tarred road and met Chairman of Kyaihkto Township PDC U Tin Aung Win. At the meeting, the chairman said that the government is striving for development of education, health and transport sectors of Kyaikhto Township in order to bring about equitable development to the length and breadth of the nation.

The township is extensively engaged in the growing of rubber and monsoon and summer paddy. The township is now enjoying the fruits of better transport with the emergence of new roads and bridges. It is safe to say that Sittaung Bridge (Motpalin) is a gateway to Mon State. Kayin State and Taninthayi Division including border areas can be accessible all the year round with the use of the new bridge. Now, it takes only three hours from Kyaikhto to Mawlamyne by car, and this can be attributed to the fruitful results of better transport in the region.”

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The already upgraded Bilin-Kyaikhto road section.

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Chairman of Kyaihkto Township PDC U Tin Aung Win.

National level sustainable development strategy opens

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Organized by National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) with cooperation of United Nations Environmental Programme, Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP.RRC.AP), the opening ceremony of national level sustainable development strategy was held at International Business Center (IBC) in Yangon this morning.

Secretary of NCEA, director-general U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department made an opening speech on the occasion. After that, Dr Aida Karazhanova (Officer in Charge) of UNEP.RRC.AP also made a speech.

Afterwards, Joint-Secretary Dr San Win of NCEA explained the facts about the summary of national-level sustainable development strategy and the impact of sustainable development on environmental, economic and social sectors about sector-wise. Those present took part in the discussion.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

Second best time is now.
Even independent country has its sovereignty. They can freely exercise legislative power, executive power and judicial power for their interest.

Myanmar is an independent, sovereign country with the rights to formulate and prescribe appropriate laws, and to form a government with suitable administrative machinery. It also has its own judicial system and judicial organs.

About 200 world countries have different geographical features, climates, races, traditions, cultures, languages, literatures, religions, faiths, customs and historical backgrounds. However, they share some goals in writing and enacting necessary laws for the sake of stability and community peace, according to their security and development; forming governments, according to the leadership of the country concerned, and operating courts to enforce the laws.

All countries such as the United States of America, United Kingdom, France, China, the Russian Federation, India, Korea, Australia, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Philippines, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, etc. have their large number of cases are heard secretly behind closed doors. In Myanmar, some cases were heard by special tribunals (the people were not allowed to listen to the trial proceedings). In the times of the British colonialists, the AFPFL government, and the revolutionary government. For instance, murder case in Hsinwese Village by Thakin Soe and the treason case by Ohn Kyaw Myint and party were heard under the guard of heavy security force at the hall (training hall) of Insein Jail.

Both in other countries and in Myanmar, important cases are heard in specific halls because unscrupulous persons in disguise of ordinary people listening to the legal proceedings, can disrupt the hearing of the case, try to grab or kill the accused to prevent from providing evidences.

The core of the Myanmar judicial system is the law and whether the accused is found guilty or not, without discrimination on the grounds of colour, race or status. In many cases in the US, prison term is sentenced to the Blacks (Negroes) not to the Whites although they are the same, offenders; woman culprits are asked to walk with bare foots and with iron fetters in public. In Abu Ghirab Prison in Iraq and Guantanamo Prison of the US Navy in Cuba Island, and CIA’s secret prisons in Europe, prisoners are interrogated inhumanly. Myanmar does not practise such inhuman methods.

Certain radio stations in the West and other media where expatriates are given places are constantly criticalizing Myanmar’s judicial system and law with bias towards the accused.

It is the case that US citizen Mr John William Yettaw secretly entered the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house through the door on the side of Inya Lake on the night of 3 May 2009, and left the house on 5 May night, swimming across the lake.

He intruded the second time. Daw Suu Kyi had to nurse him for two days. It was strange that he did not get any cramp in his legs on his way back even though he had to swim diagonally across the Inya Lake to nearly reach HIC and the residence of the US diplomat. Anyhow, if there is a criminal case, just face charges in accord with the law.

Now, the NLD inside the country started to make political profit taking advantage of the case. There are three types of contempt of court:

(a) Inclusive are defamation of the court, criticism of the court to harm its dignity, presenting wrong facts about the trial in progress before the judge, satirical writings about the judge and accusations against the court that it will not be able to pass sound judgment.

(b) Inclusive are disturbing of the court activity, taking photos of the trial in progress without any permission of the court and presenting the photo of the defendant before the court in the case in which there is a problem of whether the face of the defendant is recognized or not.

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**UN Under-Secretary-General calls on A & I Minister**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 28 July**

— UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Dr Noeleen Heyzer called on Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Hla Oo at the ministry here yesterday. Also present at the call were officials from the departments and enterprises under the ministry. —MNA

**Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu receives UN Under-Secretary-General Dr Noeleen Heyzer. — MNA**

**UN official meets CSSTB Chairman**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 28 July**

— Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu received UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary-General of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Dr Noeleen Heyzer and party at his office here today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on selection and training of civil service personnel by CSSTB, training for instructors of the CSSTB, cooperation of the ASEAN Human Resource Central Department and cooperation for service personnel affairs between ASEAN nations and regional countries. —MNA

Also present were Members of CSSTB U Aung Myint and U Hla Myint Oo, the directors-general of the departments under the CSSTB, Resident Representative of UNICEF to Myanmar and acting UN coordinator Mr Ramesh Shrestha and others.

**Symposium on Tropical Cyclone Nargis and Nutrition held**

**Yangon, 28 July**

Organized by National Nutrition Development and Research Department of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science and UNICEF, Symposium on Tropical Cyclone Nargis and Nutrition was held at Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) on Ziwaka Road, here today.

Chairman of MAMS Dr U Ko Ko and Director-General of Department of Health Dr U Win Myint made opening addresses. Professor Dr U Thein Aung presided over the symposium. Deputy Director of National Nutrition Development Department Dr Daw Aye Aye Thaw gave talks on Nutrition Status in Pre Nargis Period, Nutrition Consultant Specialist Dr U Hla Kyi of UNICEF on Nutritional in Post Nargis Period and Corrective Measures, Dr U Kyaw Win Sein on Nutritional Programme in PONEREPP Period with long term preventive measures and Coordinator of Nutrition Group Dr U Aye Thwin of UNICEF and Deputy Director of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) Dr. Daw Theingi Thwin on Multi-sector Response to Nutrition in PONEREPP Period. —MNA

**Director-General of the Health Department Dr U Win Myint delivers address at Symposium on Tropical Storm Nargis and Nutrition.**

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**If the law is breached ...**

U Myo Myint (Law)

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(c) Inclusive are biased writings about the trial in progress, writings about which side will win or lose in that trial, predicted writings about the possibility of the defendant’s conviction and writings about tendency to give instructions to the judgment of the judge.

There have been some people against whom action was taken for their writings about court trials in newspapers that led to contempt of court. We have often seen sketches in newspapers as the judge did not approve of taking photos of some trials in the US courts. We have also seen that those who disturbed the trials were thrown out of the courts by the police.

At the time when the trial against Daw Suu Kyi, Yettaw, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma is taking place in accord with the law, anyone should not say unnecessarily that Daw Suu Kyi is guilty. Anyone should not say that all political prisoners including Daw Suu Kyi are to be released. Please read the above three points on contempt of court carefully. There should be no prediction that who is guilty or who is not guilty until the court passes the judgment. It is not possible to say that one is not to be arrested or convicted as he is from a political party or a politician regardless of the crime he has committed. No man is above the law. Crime does not pay. Everyone who breaches the law shall face a lawsuit and obey the court decision. Only then, will there be the rule of law and community peace and tranquility. If politicians and a certain party members who are in prison for their offences are to be released as political prisoners, criminals who are in prison for their offences such as theft, robbery and murder will apply for party membership, wear party brooches and demand their release.

The AFPFL government held a trial against an American spy, Gordon Seagraves who was serving as a doctor at Namkham Hospital and doing missionary works, for his persuasion of Kachin army officer Naw Sai to go underground. At that time, the Time magazine criticized the Myanmar judiciary system saying whether the judges of the Supreme Court understood the law. Now there are also criticisms. Seagraves got only a light sentence and in prison for six months. He was ordered not to go back to Namkham.

If right judiciary system is desired, don’t commit contempt of court. Follow the court decision as a member of the civilized society. Threatening and unnecessarily attempting to influence the trial should be avoided. Anyone should not be involved in such acts as favouring the defendant, favouring the plaintiff and using influence. We have already taken lessons from the four 8’s unrest with anarchy reigning such as looting, beatheadings and lawlessness. Respect the law and feel safe.

Translation: MS+ST
UN Under-Secretary-General calls on NPED Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Dr Nooleen Heyzer called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at the ministry here today. Also present at the call were officials from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. MNA

Minister U Soe Tha receives UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Dr Nooleen Heyzer.—MNA

Minister Inspects training sessions

YANGON, 28 July—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint inspected practice sessions of Myanmar Karatedo Federation, Myanmar Billiard and Snooker Federation, Myanmar Taekwando Federation, Myanmar volleyball Federation and Myanmar Weightlifting Federation in Aung San Gymnasium for the XXV Southeast Asian Games yesterday.

After that, the minister also looked into training sessions at National Swimming Pool, judo training camp and Padonna Sports Ground.

Next, the minister delivered an address at the meeting with coaches, managers and players who will go to international contests and seminars in Ruby Hall of the National Indoor Stadium-1.

Upon arrival at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) in Kyakkaikasan Stadium-1, the minister oversaw sports gear to be used in sports and education combination course.—MNA

Technological University (Mawlamyine) designed to beef up human resource development

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chemical engineering; that in that academic year, more than 2000 students were pursuing education in the university; and that Plastic & Rubber Course was also prescribed due to flourishing rubber farming in Mon State.

Technological University (Mawlamyine) is located in a strategic place, so students are from surrounding areas in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division and in addition to Mon State, he said, adding that opening technological universities in strategic regions is generating opportunities for the youth to pursue such higher education in their own regions as well as laying foundations for human resources development.

Wah Wah Thin (B. Tech) from Mawlamyine said, “Before this university was opened, we attended the classes in the lecture rooms a short distance from here. The roads were earth ones, so it was difficult for us to get there. Since the university was opened, we attend the classes here. Lecture halls are large with teaching and learning aid, and teachers know well the arts of teaching. So, I am happy to study here. It would be a great challenge for us to pursue technological education in our state without this university. So, I take great pride in our state’s university. I plan to serve as a demonstrator here when I get my degree.”

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Book on 2009 ESCAP Study on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Asia and the Pacific handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and ESCAP, a ceremony to hand over book on 2009 ESCAP Study on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Asia and the Pacific compiled by ESCAP was held at the ministry here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Win Aung, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Dr Nooleen Heyzer, UN Resident Coordinator Mr Ramesh Shrestha, FAO Resident Representative Dr Shin Imai and members of social organizations and officials.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo made an opening address, and FAO Resident Representative Dr. Shin Imai and UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Dr Nooleen Heyzer, UNICEF Resident Representative and Acting UN Resident Coordinator delivered addresses. Next, Dr. Nooleen Heyzer handed over book on 2009 ESCAP Study on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Asia and the Pacific to Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

Dr. Nooleen Heyzer presented books to the ministers, the deputy ministers and observed method for ensuring electricity in rural area at the booth displayed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. —MNA

The youngest drug dealer at 12 arrested in Berlin

BERLIN, 28 July—Shocked police arrested a 12-year-old boy for pushing heroin, and described him as the youngest drug dealer in Berlin.

The child was caught in the Kreuzberg area of the German capital selling the deadly drug heroin on Monday evening. He was spotted in a park digging around in a sand pit.

When officers approached they found 150 pellets filled with heroin. Each one is sold for between 10 and 15. The boy tried to escape but the police caught him and confiscated his money.—INTERNET

Bangladeshi capital flooded by record July monsoon

DHAKA, 28 July—Rickshaws and cars ploughed through waist-high water in the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka on Tuesday as the city received its biggest rainfall in a single July day for 60 years.

In the six hours after 01:00 am (1800 GMT Monday), 200 millimetres (11.42 inches) of rain fell, according to officials.

“It’s the highest single day of rain in July since 1949,” said Dhaka meteorologist Ayesha Khatun, adding that more downpours were forecast.

Six people were killed after standing on powerlines that were under the water, police told AFP.

The flooding brought the city to a standstill, with schools and offices unable to open and many of its 12 million residents stranded in their homes.

Much of Bangladesh has been experiencing drought conditions as the monsoon season, which runs from June to the end of September, has brought little rain.

Last week the government ordered free electricity for farmers to pump underground water after shortages threatened the summer rice crop, which accounts for 40 percent of food grain production.

Farmers had held special prayers this week to bring on rain to irrigate their land so that summer rice can be sown.—INTERNET

Harry Potter stays top of box office

LONDON, 28 July—“Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince,” the sixth in eight movies in the boy wizard franchise, has stayed top of the UK box office for a second week with another huge take, Screen International said on Tuesday. Skip related content

After setting an opening record of 19.8 million pounds, it added another 5.1 million over the weekend, keeping Sandra Bullock in Walt Disney’s romantic comedy “The Proposal” down in second place on the film’s British debut.

“Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs,” the third in the animated Ice Age series, slipped from second to third while Sacha Baron Cohen’s “Bruno” was down one at four. Lads’ comedy “The Hangover” eased down one to five, with “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen” also down one, to six.

“Public Enemies,” starring Johnny Depp as the 1930s gangster John Dillinger was down from six to seven, while “My Sister’s Keeper,” featuring Cameron Diaz and Alec Baldwin, slipped a spot to eight.

Sci-fi movie “Moon,” directed by David Bowie’s son Duncan Jones, fell to ninth while director Lars von Trier’s arthouse offering “Antichrist” was new at 10.—INTERNET

A woman walks past a Baidu Inc. advertisement billboard on display during an event in Beijing on Tuesday, 28 July, 2009. Baidu Inc., which operates China’s leading Internet search engine, said last Friday its quarterly profit rose 44.6 percent from a year earlier on strong growth in revenue and numbers of advertisers.—INTERNET

A ferris wheel is seen in the Jardin-anglais park in the center of Geneva, Switzerland. This city on Lake Geneva with a view of snowcapped Mont Blanc is one of the world’s most expensive cities, with famous shops selling exquisite jewelry and luxury watches.—INTERNET

UK unveils weapon to fight climate change

SCOTLAND, 28 July—A pilot project in Scotland has begun testing a method of cutting the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere, which Britain hopes will be a leap forward in the fight against climate change.

Doosan Babcock Energy switched on its Oxifuel combustion burner, Britain’s largest demonstration project for carbon capture and storage (CCS), on Friday. More than 100 people from industry, the media and the regional and national governments were invited to witness the event, just outside the city of Glasgow.

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A Lufthansa Boeing 747 takes off from Frankfurt airport. Lufthansa was seeking to extend a July 31 deadline for its takeover of Austrian Airlines to give itself more time to secure approval from Brussels, Austrian newspapers reported on Monday.—INTERNET
Poor health linked with divorce, widowhood

LOS ANGELES, 28 July— Divorced or widowed people are more likely to have chronic health problems than those who stayed married, a new study has found.

To determine the link between poor health and divorce or widowhood, researchers at the University of Chicago’s Center on Aging examined a study of Americans interviewed in 1992, when they were ages 51 to 61. They focused on a sample of 8,652 people.

After adjusting their statistics to account for such factors as race and gender, which could skew the results, the researchers found that those with “marital loss”—meaning losing a spouse to death or divorce—had 20 percent more chronic health conditions than people who stayed married.

They also had 23 percent more conditions that limited their ability to get around, according to the study published by Health Day News on Monday. People who remarried were somewhat less likely to have these problems than those who had stayed single but still more problems than those who remained married, said the study.— Internet

Exercise equipment in a downtown fitness gym. Men who regularly do heart-pounding exercise are less likely to develop cancer, according to a study released Tuesday.— Internet

WHO confirms 816 A/H1N1 influenza deaths worldwide

GENEVA, 28 July— The A/H1N1 influenza has caused a total of 816 deaths worldwide as the virus continues to spread, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

Of all the deaths, 707 occurred in the Americas, 44 occurred in South-East Asia, 34 in Europe, 30 in the Western Pacific region and one in the Eastern Mediterranean region, the UN agency said in a latest update of the pandemic situation.

In addition, more than 20 countries and territories have reported their first confirmed case(s) of the H1N1 influenza since the last update of information was released on 6 July.

Those countries and territories include Afghanistan, Andorra, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Haiti, Namibia, Sudan, Tanzania, and Solomon Islands.— Internet

Hearing loss linked with sound volume

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — People who like to crank up the volume on their music face greater risk of hearing loss, a new study has found. Nearly half of the people surveyed said they experienced symptoms such as tinnitus or hearing loss after being exposed to loud music, according to the study. The survey was conducted by Vanderbilt University researchers in conjunction with MTV.com and was published in the July issue of Pediatrics.

About 75 percent of those surveyed said they owned a music player, and 24 percent listened to it for more than 15 hours a week. Nearly half said they use a music player at 75 percent to 100 percent of its maximum volume, which exceeds government regulations for occupational sound levels.— Internet

Weight loss improves mood in depressed people, study shows

WASHINGTON, 28 July— Weight loss programme could counteract depressed mood and reduce risk factors for heart disease in obese patients, a new study shows.

The study, to be presented on Tuesday at the annual meeting of the US Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior (SSIB), finds that after a six-month behavioral weight loss programme, depressed patients not only lost 9 percent of their initial body weight, compared with 11 percent loss by non-depressed individuals.

After six months on the weight loss programme, depressed subjects also showed significant improvement of their depressive symptoms, based on a questionnaire. Additional significant improvements in glucose, insulin and high density lipoprotein cholesterol were observed in both depressed and non-depressed subjects, and depressed individuals showed reduced levels of triglycerides in the blood, which have been linked to risk of heart disease and stroke.— Internet

Surgery an option for advanced lung cancer

MAYWOOD, 28 July— Lung cancer significantly prolongs survival without progression of the cancer, but does not dramatically improve overall survival, US researchers found.

Lead author Dr Kathy Albain of Loyola University Health System’s Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center and colleagues said the patients who did appear to have a major benefit from surgery were those in whom a section of the lung was removed, rather than the entire lung.

The study included patients with non-small cell cancer, which accounts for about 80 percent of all lung cancers. The patients had stage III cancer, in which the cancer had spread to lymph nodes in the center of the chest. This type of stage III cancer accounts for about 30 percent of all non-small cell lung cancer cases.

Patients were treated at multiple academic and community hospitals in the United States and Canada.

One group of 202 patients was randomly assigned to receive surgery plus chemotherapy and radiation, while a second group of 194 patients received just chemotherapy and radiation.— Internet

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**S P O R T S**

**Football star Ibrahimovic signs deal with Barca**

*Barcelona, 28 July—Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic signed a five-year contract with Barcelona Monday and said he is finally “living a dream.” The 27-year-old was transferred from Inter Milan in a deal which will also see Cameroon striker Samuel Eto’o move the other way and the Italian side receive 46 million euros as well as Alexander Hleb on loan. “It feels like I’m living a dream now,” Ibrahimovic told a news conference. “It was not easy for me in the last weeks.” The 32-year-old had an injury-plagued campaign last season and is known to have chronic knee problems so the length of the contract extension, which will take him past his 37th birthday, will surprise many. “I want to thank (club president) Rosella (Sensi) for helping me in believing in me once again and for extending my contract with Roma for five years,” he said at a ceremony at the Town Hall in Rome called to celebrate his 178 Serie A goals for the club.*

**Man Utd chase four in a row without Ronaldo**

*Manchester, 28 July—Manchester United may have won the last three Premier League titles but they will face even more scrutiny than usual when they come up against Birmingham on the opening day of the season on August 16. Despite a summer of upheaval in Sir Alex Ferguson’s camp, United will be expected to open the campaign with a convincing win. But whether they will be able to repeat the achievements of the past few years, in the absence of Cristiano Ronaldo, is open to question.*

**Green wins Canadian Open in playoff**

*Oakville, 28 July—Nathan Green looked up and flashed a wry smile when the latest round of heavy rain hit the Canadian Open. But instead of wiping out play again and possibly forcing yet another day at drenched Glen Abbey, the 28-year-old Australian looked the winner of the second round where four runners-up, including Retief Goosen, were bettered at the 13th World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy on July 27, 2009.*

**Five world records rewritten in swimming**

*Brenton Rickard of Australia celebrates after winning the men’s 100m breaststroke final at the 13th World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy on July 27, 2009.**

**Eto’o signs five-year Inter deal**

*Rome, 28 July—Cameroon striker Samuel Eto’o has signed a five-year contract with Inter Milan, the Italian champions announced on Monday. The 28-year-old had arrived in Milan on Monday morning to take a medical examination before the officially signing on the dotted line, on the same day that Zlatan Ibrahimovic finalised his move in the opposite direction by joining Barcelona.*

Inter did not reveal how much the Cameroon striker will be paid but he is believed to have signed a deal worth 10-10.5 million euros net per season. He is part of a swap deal that sees Swedish international striker Ibrahimovic move to Catalonia while Inter also pocket 46 million euros and take Belgian winger Alexander Hleb on loan for a year. Upon arriving at Milan’s Linate airport, Eto’o claimed he was coming to Inter to win a third Champions League crown.—Internet*

**Dementieva advances at Stanford tennis**

*Stanford, 28 July—Russia’s Elena Dementieva breezed past Anne Keothavong 6-1, 6-4 in the opening round of the 700,000 dollar WTA Bank of the West Classic. “For the first round it was a good match,” Dementieva said. “I was playing well but I hope to have a practice and work on some things.” Third seeded Dementieva advances to the second round where she will face the winner of an all-Russian match between Maria Kirilenko and Anna Chakvetadze. Maria Sharapova continued her comeback from shoulder surgery by outlasting pesky Japanese veteran Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-7 (68), 6-1 in the night session.—Internet*
Arsenal's Ivory Coast defender Kolo Toure.

INTERNET

signed by Mark Hughes this pre-season following Emmanuel Adebayor's 25 million pounds move to Eastlands.

The Adebayor deal has given Wenger money to play with in the transfer market and he is ready to splash out for the right player.

"I am more focused on getting everybody fit for the start of the season but we are looking at opportunities as well, there are still some pre-season games to see what we really need," Wenger said. "When the time comes we will do something."

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Wenger refuses to rule out Toure City switch

LONDON, 28 July—Arsene Wenger has refused to rule out the possibility of selling Ivory Coast defender Kolo Toure to Manchester City. Reports in England on Tuesday suggested Toure was preparing to fly back from Arsenal's Austrian pre-season training camp ahead of a 15 million pounds transfer to big-spending City later this week.

Wenger signed Belgium defender Thomas Vermaelen from Ajax earlier in pre-season and the Gunners manager admits that has left him with a surplus of centre-backs which could lead to Toure's exit in the next 24 hours. "We will see what's happening in the next 24 hours, nothing is decided yet," Wenger said. "When the time comes we will do something."

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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

Earthquake Report
NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about 1,600 miles south of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 19 min 23 sec MST on 28th July 2009.

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Two more patients found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—The Township Health Department transferred a 23-year-old woman who had returned from the Republic of India to Yangon East District People’s Hospital yesterday as she had a fever. The National Health Laboratory gave her a medical check-up and she was found infected with the New Influenza A(H1N1) virus. The patient had arrived Myanmar by flight No TG-303 via Thailand on 20 July.

Five family members together with the patient are kept in home quarantine. The authorities concerned are keeping a close watch on 128 passengers who were with the patient on the same flight at places where they are living.

Similarly, a 33-year-old man who had returned from Malaysia was found having a fever and thus he was sent to Waibargi Specialist Hospital yesterday under the arrangement of Airport Health Department and North Okkalapa Township Health Department. The National Health Laboratory gave him a check-up and he was found infected with the New Influenza A(H1N1) virus. The patient had returned to Myanmar by flight No BM-502 from Malaysia on 27 July.

Two family members of the patient are kept in home quarantine. The authorities concerned are keeping a close watch on 94 passengers who were with the patient on the same flight at places where they are living.

Up to now, the number of patients infected with the virus has reached nine and four out of them have been discharged from the hospital as they have fully recovered. The specialists are taking intensive care to the remaining five patients.

So far, the National Health Laboratory has tested a total of 99 suspected patients and only nine were found A (H1N1) positive.—MNA

Technological University (Mawlamyine) designed to beef up human resource development

Today, people can know what is going on in the other hemisphere in seconds thanks to incredible technological advancement. Myanmar established the Ministry of Science and Technology in 1996 with the aim of observing the advantages of technological advancements and making academic processes effective. Then, it opened a technological university each in all the states and divisions to enable local youths to pursue higher technological subjects without any gap of learning opportunities between rural and urban areas. One of them is Technological University (Mawlamyine).

The campus of the Technological University (Mawlamyine) has an area of 100.75 acres. In the east of the educational institution is thriving rubber farms, and in the west, green and lush paddy fields.

In an interview, Principal Dr Yan Aung Oo of Technological University (Mawlamyine) said that previously, Mon State had only a technical high school and a government technical institute; that technical high schools and government technical institutes were upgraded to technological colleges and technological universities, and so Technological University (Mawlamyine) came into being on 21 March 2009; that the university conducted civil engineering, electronic engineering, electric power engineering, mechanical power engineering, mechanical electronic, information and technology, plastic and rubber engineering, and food and (See page 10)