Importance of security, peace and stability, rule of law and sustainable economic development in shaping nation into developed one underscored

Staff urged to take part in successful realization of processes to ensure peace and stability, economic development and advancement of education standard of nation

Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

on both banks of Ayeyawady River, prevention measures against bank erosion and supply of construction materials. Next, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min submitted reports on construction of Yangon-Pathei railway and preparations for construction of approach roads through Nyaungdon. In his instruction, the Prime Minister stressed the need to complete tasks at the top of the agenda as quickly as possible, coordination with departments concerned for timely arrival of construction materials, and standard quality of the main bridge and approach roads, preservation of river banks and water ways. The Prime Minister then inspected the construction site. Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) will be made of RC Type foundation and lower structure, and steel truss upper structure. The main bridge will be 7402 feet in length. On the way to Zalun Railway Station Construction Project along Kyeinbinse-Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun-Hinthada, the Prime Minister and party, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development (See page 8)
Aiming to create good citizen

Science and technology is changing in global countries. Likewise, information and communication technology and mechanical technology are advancing day by day. These have enormous impact on economic, social and other sectors.

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The government is conducting special refresher courses for uplifting proficiency of the teachers while creating sound educational foundations. Hence, they would observe the sound foundations in political, economic and social sectors and emergence of a democratic nation laid by the State.

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At least two killed in car bomb explosion in N Iraq

TIKRIT, 30 June—At least two were killed, including a police officer, and six people wounded in a car bomb explosion near a police patrol in northern Iraq’s Salahuddin Province on Tuesday, a provincial police source said.

The blast took place when a booby-trapped car parked outside a parking lot on the main road in the town of Baiji, some 200 km north of Baghdad, went off near a passing police patrol, killing a police Lieutenant Colonel and a civilian, the source from the provincial operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also wounded three policemen and three civilians along with destroying one of the police vehicles, the source said, adding that the powerful blast damaged several nearby civilian cars, shops and buildings.

The toll could rise as ambulances and civilian vehicles evacuated many victims to the town’s hospital and medical centres, he said.

Sporadic attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities more than three months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.—Xinhua

Turkish drones ready for flight to monitor borders

ISTANBUL, 30 June—Turkey manufactured unmanned drones and they are ready for flight to monitor borders, semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported on Tuesday. The Unmanned Air Vehicle was developed for the Turkish Armed Forces by Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI).

The mid-altitude drone can fly to 30,000 feet (9,144 metres) and can remain in the air for 24 hours, and will be monitoring Turkey’s borders.

TAI President and CEO Muharrem Dortkasli said the designing, detail production and mounting of the drone, which is to be named MALE, was completed.

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Afghan militians attack air field, eight killed

KABUL, 30 June—Militants set off a car bomb and stormed the entrance to an airport in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday in a failed attempt to enter the air field used by Afghan and international forces, authorities said. Eight militants died in the ensuing gun battle. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault, part of an upswing in violence in the nearly 9-year-old war.

Using light weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, the militants battled international forces for 30 minutes on the outskirts of Jalalabad city, according to information provided by the media office at the airport. An Afghan soldier and one international service member were wounded in the fighting, NATO said.—Internet

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 30 June—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 30 June reached 702049 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1269295, according to the news on the Internet.

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 30 June—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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**Formula One embarks on carbon-cutting drive**

LONDON, 30 June—The notoriously gas-guzzling sport of Formula One is on track to curb its carbon footprint. The Formula One Teams Association is unveiling an analysis that projects emissions cut of 15% in three years. Fota says the sport is the first to have a comprehensive and externally audited carbon reduction programme.

**Desert bats reveal the secret of their survival**

PRAGUE, 30 June—Desert bats reduce water loss by changing the make-up of their skin, allowing them to thrive in some of the world’s most inhospitable environments.

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**Hunting weapon 10,000 years old found in melting ice patch**

BOULDER, 30 June—To the untrained eye, University of Colorado at Boulder Research Associate Craig Lee’s recent discovery of a 10,000-year-old wooden hunting weapon might look like a small branch that blew off a tree in a windstorm.

Nothing could be further from the truth, according to Lee, a research associate with CU-Boulder’s Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research who found the atlatl dart, a spear-like hunting weapon, melting out of an ice patch high in the Rocky Mountains close to Yellowstone National Park.

Lee, a specialist in the emerging field of ice patch archaeology, said the dart had been frozen in the ice patch for 10 millennia and that climate change has increased global temperatures and accelerated melting of permanent ice fields, exposing organic materials that have long been entombed in the ice. “We didn’t realize until the early 2000s that there was a potential to find archaeological materials in association with melting permanent snow and ice in many areas of the globe,” Lee said.

**University of Colorado at Boulder Research Associate Craig Lee holds a 10,000-year-old atlatl dart that had been frozen in an ice sheet near Yellowstone National Park. The dart was straight when it was entombed and became bowed from the melting and barely survived being snapped in half by a passing animal.**

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**Total water loss is made up of the sum of cutaneous (through the skin) and respiratory (exhaling) water losses, explained lead researcher Dr Muñoz-Garcia.**

Desert bats were found to have reduced cutaneous water loss (CWL), the biggest contributor to total water loss, when compared to non-desert species of bats of the same size.
Aged care an issue for Australians

Canberra, 30 June—
Access to affordable quality aged care has been an issue weighing on the minds of all Australians, not just the elderly, new polling suggested on Wednesday.
The issue has been more of a worry than education or the environment for most of the 1000 respondents of a recent online poll conducted for a coalition of aged care groups.

More than 90 percent of respondents agreed aged care should be an entitlement, and even more wanted to see an increase in Commonwealth funding. Even more, 95 percent agreed there should be a boost in Commonwealth support for people who cannot afford to pay for care.

The Campaign for Care of Older Australians, which conducted the poll, said the system needs to be set straight now, to meet future demands.

“The poll reinforces that Australia’s aged care issues must be addressed,” group chairman Greg Mundy said in a statement, adding that nearly one-quarter of Australians will be over 65 by 2050, compared with 13 percent now.—Xinhua

China, US open disease study centre in Shanghai

Shanghai, 30 June—
American and Shanghai health authorities opened an epidemiology centre in the Chinese city on Tuesday to train experts in sleuthing out ways to prevent chronic and epidemic diseases.
The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention is helping with training and technical assistance at the centre that will be “driven by what are the major public health issues in this country,” said CDC deputy director Stephen B Thacker.

“We need more field epidemiologists in China and around the world and we need them better trained,” Thacker told The Associated Press.

Outbreaks of SARS (sudden acute respiratory syndrome) and bird flu since 2003, and last year’s swine flu epidemic have driven home the rising risks from new diseases or deadly mutations of epidemic ailments, especially in developing countries that may lack the infrastructure to cope with them before they get out of hand.

Earlier joint research in field epidemiology helped identify routes of infection for some of those ailments.—Internet

Get moving: Cancer survivors urged to exercise

Birmingham, 30 June—
Cancer survivors, better work up a sweat.

New guidelines are urging survivors to exercise more, even — hard as it may sound — those who haven’t yet finished their treatment.

There’s growing evidence that physical activity improves quality of life and eases some cancer-related fatigue. More, it can help fend off a serious decline in physical function that can last long after therapy is finished.

Consider: In one year, women who needed chemotherapy for their breast cancer can see a swapping of muscle for fat that’s equivalent to 10 years of normal aging, says Dr Wendy Demark-Wahnefried of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In other words, a 45-year-old may find herself with the fatter, weaker body type of a 55-year-old. Scientists have long advised that being overweight and sedentary increases the risk for various cancers. Among the nation’s nearly 12 million cancer survivors, there are hints — although not yet proof — that people who are more active may lower risk of a recurrence. And like everyone who ages, the longer cancer survivors live, the higher their risk for heart disease that exercise definitely fights.—Internet

Health

Bobbie Ritt, right, watches as her husband, Ed Ritt, lifts weights at a couples exercise class for cancer patients, on 24 June, 2010, at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.—INTERNET

Report says Americans get fatter

Washington, 30 June—
Adult obesity rates increased in 28 US states in the past year, and declined only in the District of Columbia, according to a report released on Tuesday by the Trust for America’s Health (TFAH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

The report also shows that more than two-thirds of states (38) have adult obesity rates above 25 percent. In 1991, no state had an obesity rate above 20 percent.

The report highlights troubling racial, ethnic, regional and income disparities in the nation’s obesity epidemic. For instance, adult obesity rates for Blacks and Latinos were higher than for Whites in at least 40 states and the District of Columbia; 10 out of the 11 states with the highest rates of obesity were in the South — with Mississippi weighing in with highest rates for all adults (33.8 percent) for the sixth year in a row; and 35.3 percent of adults earning less than 15,000 dollars per year were obese compared with 24.5 percent of adults earning 50,000 dollars or more per year.

“Obesity is one of the biggest public health challenges the country has ever faced, and troubling disparities exist based on race, ethnicity, region, and income,” said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of TFAH.

“This report shows that the country has taken bold steps to address the obesity crisis in recent years, but the nation’s response has yet to fully match the magnitude of the problem.”—Xinhua

Pavilion prep: A worker (top-C) cleans the floor in Shanghai.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Choosing athletic shoes

Washington, 30 June—
With all of the choices for athletic shoes, how do you make sure you’re buying the right pair?
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offers these suggestions:

* Try on athletic shoes later in the day or post-workout, when your feet are their largest.
* Try on shoes with appropriate socks that you’ll wear during your sport or activity.
* Make sure you can easily wiggle your toes while wearing the shoes.
* Walk around or even run a couple of steps in the store while wearing the shoes.
* Lace the shoes properly when you try them on, starting at the top and tightening evenly as you lace them.
* Your heel should fit firmly inside the shoe without slipping.
* Choose shoes that are specific to a sport if you play it at least three times weekly.
China’s AgBank launches world-record IPO

HONG KONG, 30 June—Agricultural Bank of China on Wednesday kicked off a share offer worth a world-record 23.2 billion dollars as China strives to develop depressed regions in the rural lender’s heartland.

AgBank, the last of China’s “big four” state banks to list, plans to float its shares in Hong Kong where the country’s big banks, owing mainly to its burden of bad loans and the nature of its business lending to less affluent customers in rural China.

The initial public offering has already won bedrock support from heavyweight investors — including Qatar’s sovereign wealth fund, British bank Standard Chartered and US food giant Archer Daniels Midland. On Wednesday, small-time retail investors had their first chance to grab a piece of the action and queues were building outside bank branches in Hong Kong where the AgBank prospectus was being handed out.

“I think it will be a pretty good investment — there is good demand for this stock,” Warren Ng, 24, told AFP as he grabbed a weighty prospectus at HSBC’s headquarters in the city’s financial district.

US auto sales seen slowing with recovery in doubt

DETROIT, 30 June—When it comes to car shopping, Americans are tapping the brakes.

Forecasts think US sales of cars and light trucks have slowed in June after months of improvement. It’s another sign that people are beginning to doubt the economic recovery with unemployment still high.

“The two big issues with consumers right now are employment growth and income growth, and they’re not seeing much of either,” said George Pipas, Ford Motor Co.’s top sales analyst.

Three firms that track auto sales predict automakers will report a sales decline of anywhere from 9.5 to 12 percent from May to June when they turn in their figures on Thursday. A double-digit decline would be the biggest monthly drop since January.

There is good news for shoppers: If sales keep falling, automakers will be more tempted to try to lure car buyers in with low-interest financing, rebates and sweet lease deals.

The US economy has been sending mixed messages for months, but lately the signs are worse. Last week, the government lowered its estimate for first-quarter economic growth because people spent less than previously thought.

Australia offers ‘watershed’ mining tax compromise

SYDNEY, 30 June—Australia has offered mining companies a “watershed” compromise on a controversial new tax which helped trigger last week’s dramatic change of prime minister, a report said on Wednesday.

The watered-down proposal makes key concessions to the powerful mining companies, including reducing the profit tax’s impact on existing projects, the Australian Financial Review said without citing sources.

New Prime Minister Julia Gillard has made the tax row her top priority after last week ousting Kevin Rudd, whose once record popularity was fatally sapped in the public dust-up with the mining companies.

Assistant Treasurer Nick Sherry played down speculation that Gillard was poised to announce a deal as early as Wednesday as she looks to settle the row before calling national elections.

“As Julia Gillard has mentioned on many occasions, a key priority for the government is resolving the uncertainty over the tax, Sherry told Sky News.

“There is a lot of hypothetical about details and changes, I think we should wait until those negotiations are concluded and announcements are made,” he added.

European businesses must engage rising Asia: HSBC

HONG KONG, 30 June—As the global economic axis tilts towards Asia, European businesses are at risk of being left behind, according to a report released Wednesday by HSBC bank. The model where the West did the development work and the East took care of production with cheap labour is dead, it says, adding that innovation will increasingly originate from the East.

“Unless European business confronts the implications of the re-balancing of economic power and the growth of Asia, business opportunities will be lost and business threats will increase,” it said.

The deepcuts in public spending and slowing economies in Europe have drawn investors’ concerns.

On Tuesday, the Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 52.9 in June from 62.7 in May. The economic research group also said that its leading economic index for China rose just 0.3 percent in April, the smallest gain since November, suggesting that growth could slow.

The euro dropped against the US dollar on Tuesday from 1.0875 francs.

The British pound declined to 1.5081 dollars, but the dollar slipped to 88.49 Japanese yen from 89.40 yen. The dollar gained to 1.0550 Canadian dollars while dropped to 1.0807 Swiss francs from 1.0875 francs.

The dollar gained to 1.2209 dollars in late New York trading Tuesday from 1.2287 dollars late on Monday.

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—While visiting TV re-transmission stations in Bago, Nyaunglebin and Toungoo yesterday, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan looked into re-transmitting TV programmes to the surrounding areas of the stations, broadcasting of FM radios and maintenance of TV towers and satellite dishes.

He instructed officials to effectively retransmit the TV programmes to cover the surrounding regions, TV re-transmission stations to make preparations for airing extended TV and FM programmes, mend TV towers and satellite dishes on the spot, to take preventive measures against short circuit and fire, equip fire extinguishers at the stations and cooperate with security personnel for security of stations.

The minister made an inspection tour of Information and Public Relations Departments in DaikU and Toungoo Townships and met with Heads of Division and District IPRDs and heads and staff of Kawa, Thanatpin, Waw, Toungoo, Yedashe, Ottwin, Kyaukkyi, Nyaunglebin, Kyaukdaga, Shwegyin, Pyu and Htantabin Township IPRDs. He instructed them to systematically keep books and journals at libraries of IPRDs, to organize the local people to enjoy taste of books at the libraries, make greater efforts in carrying out the tasks of mobile libraries, holding educative talks and establishment of self-reliant rural libraries in line with the set standard, and to deliver one each of newspaper and Doh Kyayywa journal to each village based on collaborative efforts of the local authorities, the local people and the wellwishers.

In conclusion, the minister noted that the staff of IPRD, serving the national interest as highly-qualified media persons, are to disseminate information and knowledge to the people in time after realizing conditions of the regions and the people.—MNA

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Since 2003, Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd has been importing 300 Kobelco brand heavy machinery from Hiroshima of Japan. Aceras Geospec Super can save fuel oil. The heavy machinery weighing two to 85 tons have capability of operating weight. Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd also gives after sales services and supplies spare parts to the customers.—MNA

MRMA to open Yangon Division branches

YANGON, 30 June—Myanmar Rice Miller Association will hold a ceremony to clarify on formation of township and division level branches in Yangon Division at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township, here, at 9 am on 3 July. Paddy growers, rice millers, merchants, companies concerned and exporters have been invited to attend the ceremony without fail.—MNA

Festival of Chinese Culture to be held in Cuba

HAVANA, 30 June—Cuba will hold a festival of Chinese culture on July 17 and 18 July at the Havana ExpoCuba Fairground, an official said here on Tuesday.

The scheduled activities include a performance of the Shenzhen Aihua Chinese Folk and Traditional Orchestra, which will offer two concerts in the capital city on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday night, said Alfredo Ruiz from the city’s culture ministry. The two-day event will also see a performance of the Cuban School of Wushu, parades of Chinese ethnic costumes and photo exhibitions. Cuba counts with over 150 years of Chinese culture in its history.

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Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt, inspected roadworks and growing and preparations for cultivations of monsoon paddy along the road.

At the briefing hall of Zalun Railway Station Construction Project, the Prime Minister heard reports on progress of Hinthada-Dhanhyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad construction, earthworks, embankments and bridges, arrangements to commission 17.85 miles long Hinthada-Zalun railroad section by Minister U Aung Min. It was followed by supplementary reports of Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the needs and then gave instruction to administrative personnel of Hinthada, Maubin and Zalun townships.

Hinthada-Dhanhyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad road will be 48 miles long linking Pathein, Kyangin, Pakokkhu, Kale, Minbu, Ap, and Sittway on western Ayeyawady bank with every town across the nation.

Having looked round progress of Zalun, the Prime Minister proceeded to Hinthada. On arrival at Hinthada, the Prime Minister inspected embankments constructed on Hinthada bank. At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on equipping of GEO TUBE to prevent Hinthada bank from erosion and construction of embankments presented by Minister U Huy Oo.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the needs and oversaw embankment construction. The Prime Minister met departmental officials at district and township levels and senior citizens.

The Prime Minister inspected Hinthada-Myinkhaikwin-Kwinkauk Road and upgrading of Pathein-Monywa Road on a motorcade. He also visited Kanyin Mulu Purpose Dam Project in Ingapu Township.

In meeting with district and township level departmental staff, the Prime Minister underscored the importance of security, peace and stability, rule of law and sustainable economic development in shaping the nation into a developed one.

He expressed that Ayeyawady Division had experienced poor transportation as it had to rely only on waterway. But now it becomes a region with smooth transport thanks to the implementation of roads, bridges and railroads construction projects in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State.

He highlighted the development in economic and social sectors in parallel for the State has developed the necessary infrastructures, calling for working in concert in addition to the effective uses of the infrastructures.

The Prime Minister stressed the need of cooperation between the departments concerned and public in boosting agricultural production of Ayeyawady, Bago and Sagaing Divisions in both quantity and quality.

He revealed the development in regional education and health sectors thanks to the emergence of universities and hospitals in 24 special development regions including Maubin, Hinthada and Pathein.

He also urged the staff to take part in successful realization of processes to ensure peace and stability, economic development and advancement of education standard of the nation.

12 armed group members exchange arms for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Peace and Development Council is forging the national reconciliation while striving for equitable development of all regions of the nation. Realizing the correct works and genuine goodwill of the government, the remnant armed groups are exchanging arms for peace individually or in groups after realizing their wrong doings.

During the period in January, February and May 2010, captain Kya Nyee, lieutenant Law Wu and Won Kya Ou of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group bringing along with two AK-47s, one .38 rifle, two magazines, 81 rounds of ammunition, two mines and two fuses and Pvt Ya Pa (a) Kya Mu exchanged arms for peace in the area of Triangle Region Command; platoon commander Doe Do of KNU armed group bringing along with one .32 rifle, five rounds of ammunition and one magazine and Pvt Khon Ta Lun (a) Thurein of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group, one AK-47 and 26 rounds of ammunition in the region of Eastern Command; 2nd-Lt Ko Kyaw (a) Thein Naing of ABSDF armed group and Sgt Win Aye of Mon (break away) group with one AK-47, 97 rounds of ammunition and two magazines in the area of South-East Command; deputy commanding officer Tun Tun Zaw (a) Zaw Gyi of Parliamentary Democracy Party (PDP) armed group with one .36 rifle, one .22 rifle and 106 rounds of ammunition and Pvt Soe Wai (a) Aung Kyaw Ngwe of ABSDF armed group, with one .9mm pistol, seven rounds of ammunition and one magazine in the area of Coastal Regional Command; and Pvt Kyaw Than (a) U Tha Hwi Aung of ALP armed group in the area of Western Command and Pvt Saw Pho Tha Hoo of KNU armed group in the area of Southern Command.

Officials of the military camps warmly welcomed 12 persons who have exchanged arms for peace and provided necessary assistance to them.

It is learnt that there are many persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.

National Work Committee for Bay of Bengal Ecosystem Plan meets

YANGON, 30 June—Fisheries Department held the 1st Meeting of the National Work Committee for the Bay of Bengal Ecosystem Plan, at its office on Bayintaung Road, here, on 25 June.

The meeting decided to ensure sustainable development of fishery industry in the Bay of Bengal, minimize the degradation of ecosystem, create job opportunities and social welfare and conserve fishery resources. The work committees were formed to conserve Myeik Archipelago and maritime resources.

It was attended by officials of seven ministries, representatives of NGOs, fishery experts and observers. —MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein views installation of GEO TUBE and construction of embankment for prevention against bank erosion of Ayeyawady River.

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Commander attends rainy season tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township on 26 June. Also present on the occasion were the chairmen of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District PDC and Township PDC, departmental officials, members of social organizations and students. The commander planted gold mohur sapling and presented saplings to representatives of departmental personnel, teachers and students. Later, he viewed participation of those present in the tree planting ceremony.—MNA

Star Resources provide free services for dip course of London Hotel School College

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy is providing free services for Hospitality Management Diploma course at London Hotel School College in England. The course takes two years. The first academic year is divided into morning and evening sections.

Those who are interested to know subjects of the course at the Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy may contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at Room No 302, Building 267, Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Ph 01-529257, 09-5020302.

Rapidly developing west bank...

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During the trip, we focused on the rural sector which is the main business of the region.

Pakokku District of Magway Division is a hot and dry region with shortage of water. In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State to use water resources for ensuring are sufficiency in Pakokku region, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation dug 71 small dams and lakes to make Pakokku lush and green and to be able to supply water for agricultural purpose.

A total of 15 rivers water pumping stations namely Shwechaung, Naing and U Aung Min of Konywa Village-tract told the news crew that they could grow one crop per acre. Next year, I will cultivate 90-day paddy. My paddy field is expected to yield over 100 baskets per acre. This year, we can grow summe and green gram for cultivation. At present, we can grow summe and monsoon paddy, chick pea and sunflowers applying the triple cropping pattern.

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Make harmonious efforts to combat trafficking in persons

Myo Lay

Trafficking in persons has existed around the world for many centuries. It used to be called slavery. Frankly, it is the process of buying and selling of human beings. That evil system came to an end over 200 years ago. However, it has reared its ugly head again as ‘trafficking in persons’ since 1990.

Human trafficking is cost-effective, but very lucrative. The crime can be committed, using advanced communications. Therefore, the issue has been rapidly rampant worldwide. World countries, developed, developing and least developed, have to deal with this issue. Human trafficking crimes are by nature violated secretly, so it is hard to record the exact number of the victims. According to the findings of researchers, from one million to two million people are being trafficked yearly.

In the process, the majority of those targeted by human traffickers are women and children. It is not very difficult to threaten, force, coerce and deceive women and children into doing what traffickers want. To make matters worse, they are vulnerable to hardships. In addition, women and children are by nature not capable enough of making correct decisions. So, mostly women and children are on target.

Personally, another cause is that women are trafficked to serve as prostitutes or as sex workers under the name of wife. Children are exploited variably for child pornography, sexual entertainment and abuse. In many cases, children are exploited for many purposes, adopting them just in nominal status, including taking their inner organs for sale. Women and children are forced to work as beggars. Thus, the majority of victims are women and children. In some cases, not only women and children but also men are sold for sweated labour, and are tortured by owners in sweated factories, workshops and hard labour camps.

Some points that force people into victims are wanting better incomes; need to supply parents and families more; low education standard and poor reasoning power; nature of placing too much trust in others; and lack of information. And some points that lure people into victims are too much trust in the trick intensives that they can get well-paid jobs in foreign countries, and unreasonably emulating the success of a handful of people who get on with business in foreign counties. They are indeed major causes that make such people fall into the snares set by human traffickers.

Some other cases are being informed wrongly about the occupations targeted people will get; receiving unreliable promises; making trips without being informed about the destinations, with their important documents in the hands of traffickers; and going abroad with fake passports and documents. Many people sold in foreign countries get into troubles due to language barrier.

Trafficking in persons can cause physical and mental sufferings, and sometimes loss of lives. Therefore, the governments of the world countries are trying to ward off such unwanted consequences.

In Myanmar, human trafficking is considered to be a crime with tarnishing the fine tradition of preserving own lineage and national integrity. So, anti-human trafficking is carried out as a national duty. Myanmar, being a member of the United Nations, the government is active and self-motivated with a strong sense of duty in international affairs. As a gesture of showing interest, emphasis and commitment in international issues, Myanmar has been member of United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes and related protocols 30 March 2004.

There are so many international conventions, but to achieve success in anti-human trafficking mainly depends on commitments and endeavours of the governments concerned. With this concept in view, the government promulgated on 13 September 2005 the Law on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons, which meets the norms of international laws on the issue.

In fact, the law is a driving force behind scaling up prevention and control of human trafficking, and particularly protecting trafficked women and children. The law is also designed to mete out punitive sentences on human traffickers.

Related government organizations, and international and non-governmental organizations are carrying out anti-human trafficking operations in harmony under the leadership of the government. In recognition, UN agencies and international and regional organizations on anti-human trafficking constantly provide necessary assistance and cooperation in the tasks.

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Trafficked persons are human beings. With the aim of encouraging the victims to reunite with others in their societies, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation takes part in rehabilitation of physically and mentally affected victims. Trafficked persons suffer depression, distance themselves from others, lack self-confidence, and feel to take revenge on traffickers. Therefore, the MWAF systematically carries out consolation process and teaches vocational education and provides small loans for victims. Moreover, it takes follow-up care of trafficked women and children in order that they will get along with their parents again.

In collaboration with the government, the MWAF has taken a vow to fight trafficking in persons which causes major impediment to development of women. As a gesture of honouring the Myanmar Women’s Day that falls on 3 July, I write this article to inform that in line with one of the 10 future tasks adopted in its Annual General Meeting (2009)—To cooperate with local and international NGOs in combating human trafficking, and rehabilitation of victims, the MWAF puts growing emphasis on anti-human trafficking.
Singapore awards six water companies in research funding

SINGAPORE, 30 June—The Singapore government said on Wednesday that six water companies will each receive about 1 million Singapore dollars (0.72 million US dollars) worth of research funds to carry out research and development to improve their product offerings to the global water industry.

Of the six companies, two are Singapore-based companies while the rest are strongly represented by offices in Singapore. The awarded companies will define the requirements for research and development for a new technological capability to meet their business needs, and form and lead a research and development team to carry out the research work.

By 2015, the Environment and Water sector is expected to contribute 1.7 billion Singapore dollars (1.23 billion US dollars) to Singapore’s gross domestic product and an employment of 11,000 people, with a majority in professional and skilled categories.

China’s phone users top 1.1 bln

BEIJING, 30 June—The number of Chinese phone users continued to grow rapidly in the first five months of the year, surpassing 1.1 billion by the end of May, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) figures showed on Tuesday.

China added 40.8 million phone users during the Jan.-May period, bringing the nationwide total to more than 1.1 billion in a country with a 1.3 billion population.

During the period, fixed-line telephone users dropped about 7.8 million to 306 million while mobile phone users jumped 48.5 million to 796 million, according to the MIIT.

Meanwhile, the number of Chinese broadband Internet users jumped nearly 9.8 million to 113 million by the end of May.

Russia starts large-scale war games

VLADIVOSTOK, 30 June—Russia began its largest military exercise this year in Siberian and Far Eastern regions on Tuesday, local media reported. Nicholas Makarov, head of the General Staff of the Russian Federation, would be the direct commander of the 10-day military manoeuvres that will end on 8 July.

Tens of thousands of troops, SU-24M bombers and SU-34 fighter bombers, Pacific fleet warships are participating in the exercise, code-named “Vostok-2010.”

The troops will conduct operations including anti-aircraft drills and airborne and marine landings. Army units will work closely with emergency brigades and divisions of the Ministry of Emergencies, the Interior Ministry, the Federal Border Service and other militarized units.

On Monday, warplanes, including Su-24M front bombers and Su-34 fighter bombers, were transferred from the central part of Russia to the training grounds of the Far East to participate in the drills.

The Black Sea navy fleet’s rocket cruiser Moscow and the North navy fleet’s Peter the Great nuclear-powered rocket heavy cruiser are also expected to take part in the military manoeuvre.

The “Vostok-2010” military exercise will centre at the Tsugol training ground. Ukrainian Defence Minister Mikhail Yezhov has been invited to observe the drills.—Xinhua

Napoleon’s hair sold for 13,350 USD in New Zealand

An auction of items belonging to Napoleon Bonaparte sold for tens of thousands of dollars in Auckland on Monday night, local media reported on Tuesday.

The items, which include the French Emperor’s diary and a lock of his hair, are from his period of exile on the island of St Helena between 1815 and 1821. The lock of hair was sold for 19,000 NZ dollars (13,350 USD), Radio New Zealand reported.

They belonged to Denzil Ibbetson, a commissary officer on St Helena during Napoleon’s exile there, and were sold by his descendants.

Three white tiger cubs newly born in India

A litter of white tiger cubs has been born at a major zoological park in India’s southern Tamil Nadu state. Two of the three cubs are female and the third a male. They are fed on their mother’s milk and laze around all day on comfortable mattresses. To maintain their safety, only an animal keeper is allowed to go near the enclosure.

The striped cubs have been placed in a protected room, to keep them away from direct sunlight and other external dangers. The white tiger enclosure in the zoo has become a star attraction for hundreds of visitors.

Paul the octopus swims in his tank at Sea Life Aquarium in Oberhausen, Germany on 25 June, 2010. The 2-year-old octopus oracle - born in England, but raised in Germany - has predicted a German win over England in Sunday’s World Cup game. The mollusk chose a mussel out of a water glass marked with the English St. George’s Cross, said Tanja Munzig, a spokeswoman for the Sea Life Aquarium in Oberhausen, on Friday. Paul has proven to be a reliable oracle in the past - he predicted Germany’s win over Australia and Ghana and its loss to Serbia.

Frenchman who ate cellmate’s lung gets 30 years jail

A French convict who killed his cellmate and ate his lung was sentenced to 30 years in prison on Thursday.

Nicolas Cocaign and Thierry Baudry had a fight when Cocaign asked Baudry to wash his hands after he had used the toilet during the night of 2 January, 2007. Cocaign strangled Baudry and cut open his chest with a razor blade.

Thinking it was the heart, Cocaign then ripped out a piece of Baudry’s lung and ate part of it raw before cooking the rest.

China’s Henan Province, on 28 June, 2010. A 7-storey painted pottery joint storage building, An archaeological worker restores the 7-storey painted pottery joint storage building unearthed from two newly-excavated tombs dated back to eastern Han dynasty (25-220 AD), in Jiaozuo City, central China’s Henan Province, on 28 June, 2010. A 7-storey painted pottery joint storage building, together with some 70 pieces of pottery wares as the burial accessories, has been disinterred in a 3-day protective excavation.

1,400 people create a bold eagle to highlight climate change in Miami, Florida, on 26 June, 2010. Thousand students, staff and parents at a Florida school involved this activity which was launched by US artist Daniel Dancer.
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2. Tender Closing Date is (23-7-2010 at 16:00) PM.
3. Tender Documents and detail specification are available at the Public Works, Procurement Section Stores Division, No(40) Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw (5.7.2010) on Payment of (FEC-1000). To enquiry contact Phone No: 067-407577, 067-407581
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.
Managing Director
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Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

HURRICANE ALEX DELAYS BP OIL CLEAN-UP EFFORTS IN GULF
LONDON, 30 June—The effects of Hurricane Alex have halted part of BP’s oil clean-up efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.
Activities such as skimming, dispersant flights and controlled burning have all been suspended because of strong winds and high waves.
But the main methods of oil capture at the spill site and killed.
Under them, prisoners were putting people

Guatemala government rejects gangs’ prison demands
LONDON, 30 June—The Guatemalan government says the latest in a series of gruesome murders will not make it give in to demands by gangs to loosen prison rules. On Monday, a female prison official was kidnapped, tortured and killed.
Her dismembered body was found along a road leading to the prison authorities, with a message addressed to the prison authorities, saying attacks like that would continue unless inmates’ demands were met.
Guatemala introduced stricter prison rules earlier this year.
Under them, prisoners are no longer allowed to receive parcels from the outside, or conjugal visits.
They are also moved more often from one prison to another. The authorities say the measures were taken to stop convicts continuing to run criminal enterprises from behind bars.—Internet

Disruption from Tropical Storm Alex had been widely forecast.—INTERNET

US Supreme Court rejects Pfizer Nigeria lawsuit appeal
LONDON, 30 June—The US Supreme Court has given Nigerian families the green light to sue the drug company Pfizer over the use of a new antibiotic on their children.
It rejected the firm’s appeal against a ruling allowing lawsuits to proceed.
The families say Pfizer did not get their proper consent to test the antibiotic Trojan on 200 sick children during a meningitis outbreak in 1996.—Internet

The body was found in front of a radio station.—INTERNET

Putin hopes US spying claims ‘won’t harm ties’
LONDON, 30 June—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin says he hopes a series of arrests over an alleged spy ring in the US will not harm US-Russian relations.
Mr Putin told former US President Bill Clinton in Moscow that US police had “let themselves go” and were putting people in prison.
Ten people have been arrested in the US and one in Cyprus after an FBI inquiry.
The Russian foreign ministry has said the US allegations are baseless and a throwback to the Cold War.
The 10 people arrested in the US are accused of conspiring to act as unlawful agents of a foreign government, a crime which carries up to five years in prison.—Internet

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Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

Internet

Cecilia Cheung, Tony Leung to star in new movie
BEIJING, 30 June—Hong Kong actress Cecilia Cheung will star with Tony Leung in Derek Yee’s new film which will begin shooting next February, Cheung said recently in Shanghai.
When Derek Yee replied to questions from the Hong Kong press, he confirmed that this film will be Cheung’s first since giving birth to her two sons in three years.
The film, entitled “Da Moshu Shi” (“Great Magician”), is a story about two childhood sweethearts set during the early part of the twentieth century.

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Performers hold a python at the opening of the attraction “King Kong 360 3-D” at Universal Studios in Hollywood, California, the United States, on 29 June, 2010.—Xinhua

Megan Fox marries Brian Austin Green

BEIJING, 30 June—US actress Megan Fox officially married her longtime boyfriend, Brian Austin Green, in Hawaii last weekend, media reports confirmed on Wednesday. Internet

Popular S Korean actor commits suicide

SEOUL, 30 June—A South Korean actor and singer Park Yong-ha was found dead Wednesday in an apparent suicide that would be the latest in a recent string of high-profile suicides in the Asian country, police and a news report said. Internet

Barbara Eden to publish “Jeannie” memoir


“Like Jeannie, I’ve been bottled up long enough — it’s time for me to pop the cork and talk about the amazing people I’ve been fortunate enough to meet along the way, and the highs and lows of my every day living,” Eden said in a statement. The 75-year-old Arizona-born actress gained stardom from the TV show playing the beautiful 2000-year-old female genie who falls in love with an astronaut, played by Hagman.

Eden has also appeared regularly on stage in musicals and plays as well as films and guest appearances in other television shows.—Xinhua

First TV awards for Spring Festival held

BEIJING, 30 June—Spring Festival, known as the most important Chinese holiday, is a bustling time for TV producers to dish out the best of entertainment programme to tickle the fancy of audiences nationwide.

Although we are still many months away from the next festival, China’s first Television Evening Gala awards ceremony for the Spring Festival was held in Erdos, Inner Mongolia.

Designated as the top government honour of this kind, the awards fell into four big categories including comprehensive, individual, performing arts and special achievements awards.

After scrutiny and appraisal by a panel of judges consisting of TV professionals and scholars, there are a total of 61 evening TV galas that were aired during the Spring Festival holiday period this year that have claimed different awards. They were produced by several dozens of TV stations across the country.

TV hosts, directors, technicians and other staff also enjoyed an evening gala especially made for them.

Starting from this year, the awards ceremony will be held every year with the host city rotating through major metropolises nationwide.—Xinhua

“Welcome to Shama Town” promotes in Chengdu

BEIJING, 30 June—Chinese director Li Weiran’s latest project “Welcome to Shama Town” held a press conference in Chengdu on 25 June, 2010, CFP.cn reports.

The director, along with actors Sun Honglei, Huang Haibo, and actress Gan Wei attended the conference; however the lead actress, Taipei pop star Lin Chiling was absent.

At the conference, Sun Honglei shared some stories from behind the scenes and his new understanding of comedy when production wrapped. Some reporters questioned if Lin Chiling was the right choice as a leading lady for this film, as her recent films have failed in the Japanese and Hong Kong markets, but Sun simply answered that it felt right working with the Taipei singer.

The director explained that there is no absolute box office queen at the moment. He just tried to choose the best actors and actresses to attract audiences. In addition, it would be considered a new way to present the comedy by selecting the actress with different kinds of styles.

The film is now in theatres nationwide.—Xinhua

British rock singer Rod Stewart performs during a free admission concert sponsored by a telecommunication company, in Budapest, capital of Hungary, on 26 June, 2010. Xinhua

CNN’s King says he’s ending show after 25 years

NEW YORK, 30 June—Larry King, who interviewed statesmen and stars from a prime-time perch at CNN for 25 years but has faded in ratings and influence lately, said on Tuesday that he will step down this fall from his nightly show.

“It’s time to hang up my nightly suspenders,” King said in a message sent to fans via Twitter. King said he will do occasional specials for CNN. He marked his 25th anniversary on the air this month and takes pride in a Guinness Book of World Records citation for hosting the longest-running show on the same network in the same time slot.

The longtime radio host was a pioneer in cable television. From the first show where he interviewed then-New York Gov Mario Cuomo, King’s desk was considered a valued spot for anyone interested in talking to the nation. King’s interview style was plain-spoken and critics would suggest occasionally ill-prepared, but he was good at making his guests feel comfortable, “He lured so many people to this new frontier of cable back before anybody understood what it was all about,” said CNN US President Jon Klein, who called King a “living, breathing Hall of Famer who is still doing the work.”—Internet
Villa strike puts Spain into quarter-finals

CASTLETON, 30 June—Red-hot David Villa scored his fourth goal of the World Cup to fire European champions Spain past Brazil with a 1-0 victory in their 10th match on Tuesday.

Spain's striker David Villa celebrates after scoring against Portugal during their 2010 World Cup.—INTERNET

We won't underestimate Paraguay, says Del Bosque

CASTLETON, 30 June—Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque insists his team will not be underestimating Paraguay after beating Portugal 1-0 to set up a quarter-final clash with the South Americans.

Del Bosque was happy with what he saw. "The match was extremely intense," he said. "It was quite even in the first half, but we always controlled the game and in the second half we were better than them."

Blatter apologises for World Cup howlers

JOHANNESBURG, 30 June—UEFA President Sepp Blatter on Tuesday apologised to England and Mexico over refereeing errors during their World Cup last 16 matches and pledged to review the case for the introduction of goal-line technology.

The Swiss was reacting to two incidents on Sunday when England's Frank Lampard had a goal disallowed even though it was clearly over the line in the clash with Germany which would have made it 2-2. The Germans went on to win 4-1.

Mexico were also left aggrieved when Argentine striker Carlos Tevez was cleared offside when he scored their first goal and into quarter-final clash against Paraguay. The Barcelona striker punished in the 63rd minute of an absorbing encounter that saw plenty of chances and Portugal's Ricardo Costa sent off chipping a bound over goalkeepers Edouard after his first shot was saved.

It was enough to put Spain into a last eight showdown on Saturday against the South Americans, who played Japan to a draw.

Venus dismisses retirement talk after Wimbledon flop

BASEL, 30 June—Venus Williams insists she has no intention of quitting her back on tennis after the American's shock defeat to Tsvetana Pironkova at Wimbledon raised questions about her appetite for the sport.

Venus failed to make the final at the All England Club for the first time since 2000 as Pironkova, an unseeded Bulgarian ranked 82nd in the world, stunned the four-time champion.

Losing to a player who had never been past the second round of a Grand Slam before, this year's Wimbledon was bad enough, but the lack-lustre manner of Venus's defeat was even more concerning.

Dustin Johnson ready to move on from Pebble

HOUSTON, 30 June—Johnson was asked if the US Open was a turning point for him.

"I don't think there's any escaping failure," he said. "You're not going to win every time. "Johnson won the tournament last year, but this is his first major since 2009.

The file photo shows Houston Rockets' Yao Ming, of China, right.—INTERNET

C Yao Ming coming back to Rockets, foot healed

HOUSTON, 30 June—Yao Ming is returning to the Houston Rockets — a giant selling point for general manager Daryl Morey as he gears counting big name face against this week.

The 7-foot-6 All-Star centre said Tuesday that he has picked up his players opinion for next season, the last year of his five-year contract. Yao sat out last season following reconstructive foot surgery and said he was happy to see how the injury healed before making his decision.

Yao said he's assumed basketball activities and should be 100 percent when training camp begins.
500 meal samples pass safety inspections in HK

HONG KONG, 30 June — Microbiological tests on 300 lunchbox meals and 200 prepackaged food samples have yielded satisfactory results, the Centre for Food Safety of Hong Kong announced on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the center said on Wednesday that the lunchboxes were collected from different local food factories while the prepackaged food was taken from convenience stores and supermarkets. They included meal boxes, snacks, dim sum and pizzas.

Despite the satisfactory results, the center still urges people to be careful when buying and consuming lunchboxes and prepackaged food.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 30th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours. Weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Mon and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.13) inches, Thandaunggyi (3.63) inches, Pyay (3.19) inches, Thein Zayat (3.03) inches, Pauk (2.36) inches, Chaungzon (2.01) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.77) inches, Puttao and Shwein (1.65) inches each and Bago (1.62) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-6-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs M.S.T. on 30-6-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 29-6-2010 was (1.3) hour.

Rainfall on 30-6-2010 was (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (28.98) inches at Mingaladon, (32.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15-30) hours MST on 29-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-7-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Rapidly developing west bank of Ayeyawady River

Recently, we had an opportunity to view regional development in Pakokku, the city on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

Pakokku District is formed with Pakokku, Yezagyo, Myang, Pauk and Seikpyu townships and it has 3205.40 square miles of area which is home to 1,494,000 people.

In an interview, Chairman of Pakokku District Peace and Development Council U Lwin Ko Oo explained facts about the district and endeavours for regional development.

Water from Ayeyawady River being pumped at Kyeeywa River Water Pumping Station to irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands.

Putting muscle into birdsong: wide range of pitch is due to vocal muscles more than air pressure

Zebra finches perch in a University of Utah laboratory where biologists found that muscles controlling the male songbirds’ vocal organs was the crucial factor in allowing them to sing over a wide range of frequencies — basically the higher half of a piano keyboard. The females only make short, lower-frequency calls.—INTERNET

In collaboration with the government, the MWAF has taken a vow to fight trafficking in persons which causes major impediment to development of women.

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