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**Tanai, Phakant townships on track of development**

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 July—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and officials, attended the ceremony of collective ploughing for cultivation of monsoon paddy at the 5th-Mile in Tanai Township on 1 July.

In meeting with local people, Lt-Gen Tha Aye asked about progress of agriculture, economic, education and health care and attended to the needs. After that, he viewed transplanting of Hsin Ekari-3 strain paddy and collective ploughing.

Officials reported on total acres for collective ploughing and production of crops. Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented cash awards to the female paddy transplanters.

He looked into maintenance of Myitkyina-Tanai Road, cultivation of monsoon paddy and development of villages on both sides along the road. In Shasazau Village of Phakant Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met village-elders, local national races and departmental personnel and attended to the needs.

Along the Myitkyina-Tanai Road in Phakant Township, he looked into thriving tapioca plantations and construction of factories. At the briefing hall, (See page 8)

**Chaungmange Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe township contributes to regional development**

Chaungmange Dam 12 miles from Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, is the latest irrigation facility we visited. Construction Group No. 5 of Irrigation Department started to construct Chaungmange Dam on Chaungmange Creek near Pannyaosan Village in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township in September 2002. It was commissioned into service in July 2006.

Chaungmange Dam is situated about 8 miles west of mile post No. 200 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. We saw Chaungmange Dam and Sinoan Lake irrigating 8,000 acres of farmland of 30 villages in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe. Sinoan Lake is located near Shnasu Village and supplying irrigation water through Chaungmange Dam.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Thu of Construction Group No. 5 told Myanma Alin, “We have so far built 79 out of 126 canals and we still have to build 47. We are trying out best to finish on schedule. We supplied irrigation water to over 2,400 acres of farmland in 2009. In March, 2010, we irrigated 1,652 acres of summer paddy fields. The Government spent over 4,000 million kyats to build the dam which will contribute to regional food sufficiency, increased per capita income and improved socio-economic life of local farmers.”

While we were crossing concrete gutter across Pulwe Creek near Shanasu Village, Staff Officer U Chan Nyein of Chaungmange Dam Construction said “Irrigation water of Chaungmange Dam is supplied to 3,000 acres of farmland in the west of Pulwe Creek. The concrete gutter is used to irrigate 5,000 acres of farmland in the east of the creek. (See page 8)
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Preserve fine traditions of women

With the aim of scaling up the abilities and improving the living conditions for women who preserve fine traditions, the government set up the Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs on 3 July 1996, and designated the date as the Myanmar Women’s Day.

The Myanmar Women’s Day is, indeed, the day that mirrors brilliant attributes, prestige and fine traditions of Myanmar women.

In pursuit of the work programmes it has laid down, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation is party to nation-building tasks and national development projects in the interest of the nation. Beside work programmes, it lays down and sees to plans designed to improve the status of Myanmar women in conformity with international principles and programmes pertaining to women’s affairs.

Actually, Myanmar women are descendants of noble people. The term “Myanmar” is made up of two words: “Myan” and “Mar”. The word “Myan” means “quick and active”, and the word “Mar” means “strong”. Myanmar women are kind-hearted gardeners who give birth to and nurture their children into quick, active and strong generations.

Its Myanmar women’s nature to show courtesy, modest and politeness. Myanmar women of new generations are therefore under a bounden obligation of preserving the fine traditions and attributes of their foremothers.

Today, the government encourages everything possible for development of Myanmar women. So, Myanmar women, on their part, have to maintain the momentum of development and take an active part in national development undertakings in preservation of fine traditions of women.

Housing & Living 2010
24-27 July

Yangon, 4 July—EIMS Company Ltd will organize the Housing & Living 2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 24 to 27 July.

Private companies will participate in the exhibition to show products and personal goods. Arrangements have been made to stage entertainment and launch lucky draw programmes daily.

For further information, dial 73043588.

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw attends in tree planting ceremony in Kawthoung Township

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Paper reading session on archaeological evidences held

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People’s Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence plants an ironwood sapling at Kawthoung Township monsoon tree planting ceremony.

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Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint speaking at research paper reading session on archaeological evidences.
NATO admits killing 2 civilians in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 July—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in a Press release on Saturday confirmed that troops during an operation killed two civilians including a woman in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar Province.

“During the course of an operation conducted by an Afghan international force searching for a Taliban subcommander responsible for ambushes, suicide bombings and assassinations in Kandahar area, a joint force accidentally killed two civilians, including a woman, and wounded another,” the Press release said.

It also said that, during the raid in Amin Kalacheh area of Kandahar Province the Taliban birthplace, a Taliban commander was detained, a militant was killed and another wounded. “Afghan and coalition forces realize innocent bystanders’ lives are put at risk when militans deliberately conduct activities within their communities,” it said, adding “the joint security force, along with local elders and government officials, are working together to review this unfortunate incident.”

However, the Press release did not mention the exact date of the incident. Xinhua

One killed, 14 kidnapped as pirates attack foreign vessels off Nigerian coast

PORT HARCOURT, 4 July—One foreign sailor had been reportedly killed while 14 others were taken hostage when suspected pirates attacked two cargo vessels off Bonny coast in southern Nigerian Rivers state late on Friday, a Nigerian navy official confirmed on Saturday.

A senior official with the Nigerian Navy, Commodore Umar Ahmed confirmed the incident to Xinhua saying members of the crew were mainly Eastern Europeans.

It was learnt that a cargo vessel with inscribed BBC Palonia and another were raided during the attack at about 6 pm. Xinhua

Afghan forces kill 14 militants

MAIDAN S HAHR, 4 July—Afghan forces during an operation against Taliban militants in Wardak Province, 40 km west of capital city Kabul eliminated 14 militants including their commander Mullah Tawab, spokesman for provincial administration Shahidullah Shahid said on Sunday.

“The operation with the involvement Afghan army and police raided Taliban hideouts in Syedabad District late Saturday night and continued until Sunday morning during which 14 Taliban fighters including their commander Mullah Tawab had been killed,” Shahid told Xinhua. Xinhua

Iran remembers victims of airliner shot down by US

BAMDAR ABBAS, 4 July—Iranian helicopters scattered flowers into the Persian Gulf waters on Saturday as family members and relatives remembered the 290 passengers killed when a US warship shot down an Iranian airliner 22 years ago.

About 250 relatives of victims and officials sailed from the southern port city of Bandar Abbas to the spot where the Iran Air A300 Airbus was downed on 3 July, 1988 — just a month before the end of the Iraq-Iran war. Internet

Afghan policeman searches a man at a checkpoint in Kandahar city, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 2 July, 2010. New police checkpoints ringing Kandahar are the first visible signs of an operation under way to break the Taliban’s grip on their birthplace and bolster the Afghan government’s control in the nation’s largest city in the south.—INTERNET

Suicide bomber in government HQ in west Iraq kills three

FALLUJA, 4 July—A female suicide bomber blew herself up Sunday in the governor's compound of Iraq’s western Anbar Province, killing three people and wounding 39, as US Vice President Joe Biden visited Baghdad, officials said.

A police source said the blast occurred in the reception area of the heavily fortified compound in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of the capital. A hospital source said the 39 wounded included 13 police officers. The sprawling desert Province was the heartland of a fierce Sunni militancy last year.

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Chinese peacekeeping medics transit an injured person of the oil tanker explosion accident at the airport in Bukavu, Sud-Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), on 3 July, 2010. Xinhua

Map of Iraq locating the city of Ramadi in western Iraq. A female suicide bomber has blown herself up at the entrance to government offices in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi killing at least four people, an interior ministry official said.—INTERNET

A policeman inspects a destroyed police vehicle after a bomb attack occurred in Hit, 130 km (80 miles) west of Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

A map locating Port Harcourt in Nigeria’s Niger Delta. Gunmen kidnapped 12 foreign sailors after attacking a cargo ship in the waters off the coast of Nigeria’s oil-rich Niger Delta region, a Nigerian navy officer said on Saturday.—INTERNET

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Tests start on “super skimmer” for Gulf oil spill

NEW ORLEANS, 4 July—A supertanker adapted to scoop up oil from the BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico began tests on Saturday amid a report that some major investors expect the giant company to resign its top executives.

The vessel named “A Whale” and dubbed a “super skimmer” is operating just north of the blown out well as part of a two-day test watched by the Coastguard, said Bob Grantham, spokesman for TMT Shipping Offshore, which owns the ship. If all goes plan TMT hopes to sign a clean-up contract for the ship, which can remove up to 500,000 barrels (21 million gallons) of oil and water mix from the sea surface a day, according to crew members.

Efforts by BP to contain the damage returned to normal after a hurricane and the British company said its oil-capture systems at its leaking well collected or burned off 25,290 barrels of oil during operations on Friday.

The storm passed through the spill area off the coast of Louisiana without doing major damage.—INTERNET

Excess Nitrogen favours plants that respond poorly to rising CO₂

NEW YORK, 4 July—As atmospheric carbon dioxide levels rise, so does the pressure on the plant kingdom. The hope among policymakers, scientists and concerned citizens is that plants will absorb some of the extra CO₂ and mitigate the impacts of climate change. For a few decades now, researchers have hypothesized about one major roadblock: nitrogen.

Plants build their tissue primarily with the CO₂ they take up from the atmosphere. The more they get, the faster they tend to grow — a phenomenon known as the “CO₂ fertilization effect.” However, plants that photosynthesize greater amounts of CO₂ will also need higher doses of nitrogen. The additional nutrients weakly to elevated levels of CO₂.

“Not necessarily so, says a new paper published in the 1 July issue of Nature. Scientists found roughly 70 tiny graphite needles, which scientists call “whiskers,” on a lunar meteorite strike around 3.8 billion years ago, researchers said. It could shed light on cosmic impacts that rocked the moon and our planet just when life was starting on Earth.

In a study published in the 1 July issue of the journal Nature, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy Alex Rimberg and his colleagues describe one example of the microscopic quantum world influencing, even dominating they say, the behavior of something in the macroscopic classical world. Researchers are still trying to establish the behavior of something in the macroscopic classical world. They used tiny semiconducting crystals that contain two separate reservoirs of electrons to explore the different influences of both classical and quantum physics.

“Some day we hope to be able to control the behavior of the crystals in the lab with the intention of using them as quantum computers,” Rimberg said. “We found that the motion of the crystals is not dominated by something classical like thermal motion, but instead by random quantum fluctuations in the number of electrons tunneling through the barrier; the fluctuations were the size of about 10,000 electrons,” says Rimberg. “But the macroscopic world in this study also influences the quantum world, in that the vibrations of the crystal caused the electrons to tunnel in big bunches, more or less in sync with the vibrations of the crystal.”

One major question in quantum physics deals with the connection between the microscopic and macroscopic worlds. Rimberg explains that scientists know that microscopic objects such as electrons obey the laws of quantum mechanics, while macroscopic objects obey Newton’s laws. Researchers are still learning exactly how classical behavior emerges from quantum behavior as systems become larger and larger.

Gemini-Titan rocket display delivered to Houston Space Centre

NEW YORK, 4 July—Scientists have discovered the first evidence of graphite on the moon — the same carbon-rich stuff used in pencils today — after taking a new look at a lunar rock collected by astronauts nearly 40 years ago. This graphite appears to have originated in a lunar meteorite strike around 3.8 billion years ago, researchers said. It could shed light on cosmic impacts that rocked the moon and our planet just when life was starting on Earth.

Scientists found roughly 70 tiny graphite needles, which scientists call “whiskers,” on a lunar rock from Mare Serenitatis, “the Sea of Serenity,” brought back in 1972 by Apollo 17, the last of the manned lunar landings. They were originally looking for another mineral, phosphate-rich apatite, as part of research into water on the moon.—INTERNET

Workers clear off some of the oil washing on to Fourchon Beach in Port Fourchon, Louisiana. INTERNET

Russian cargo ship ‘under control’ official says

NEW YORK, 4 July—A cargo vessel which failed to dock with the International Space Station is under control, a Russian space agency official has said.

Mission controllers are still trying to establish what went wrong with the docking system on the ship. The spacecraft was carrying food, fuel and other supplies, but the station is still currently well stocked.

There will not be another attempt to dock the delivery vehicle before Sunday, officials said. There had been a failure of radio contact needed to complete the docking, according to the US space agency NASA. But Russian space agency deputy head Vitaly Davydov later said the ship, called Progress, was not out of control.

“The Progress ship and the International Space Station are in working order and reliable communication with them is being maintained,” Mr Davydov told Russian television.

How rules of Physics in Quantum world change when applied to classical world

NEW YORK, 4 July—Dartmouth researchers have discovered a potentially important piece of the quantum/classical puzzle — learning how the rules of physics in the quantum world (think smaller than microscopic) change when applied to the classical world (think everyday items, like cars and trees).

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An environmental protection worker on a refloation boat clears the blue-green algae on the Chaohu Lake in Hefei, east China’s Anhui Province, on 3 July, 2010. Environmental protection department of Hefei and Chaohu City organized workers to clear the blue-green algae overrunning on the Chaohu Lake recently.

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‘Family-centred rounds’ for pediatric patients applauded

DALLAS, 4 July—Including families of hospitalized children in discussions during medical rounds improves doctor-family communication and benefits medical trainees, a new study shows.

Traditionally, medical professionals on rounds left a patient’s room to discuss the person’s condition and care, and then returned to the room to talk with the patient and his or her family. This study found that having these discussions in a pediatric patient’s room with the family present (a practice known as family-centred rounds) is becoming more common, particularly in hospitals with large numbers of medical trainees.

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas reviewed information from a 2007 survey of 265 pediatric hospitalists (physicians whose focus is caring for children) in the United States and Canada.

The 44 percent of respondents who took part in family-centred rounds said this method of doing rounds offered a number of benefits, including increased family involvement in patient care; better role modeling for medical trainees; increased parental understanding of hospital discharge goals; and improved medical team communication.

Pregnant women ‘must take vitamin D supplements’

LONDON, 4 July—Pregnant women in the UK should be told to routinely take vitamin D supplements, researchers say.

The team at University College London Institute of Child Health says official bodies currently offer conflicting advice.

Writing in the British Journal of Nutrition, they say there is a “strong case” for a daily dose of vitamin D in pregnancy.

But one leading expert said more evidence was needed.

The Department of Health advises pregnant women to ensure they receive a certain level of vitamin D—10 micrograms per day. The researchers say this in effect endorses use of supplements, because diet and the sun provide too little.

But the National Institute of health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) said in its guidance that it did not support supplements. It has instead said that women should simply “be informed” about the importance of having adequate vitamin D levels during their pregnancy and while breastfeeding—adding that some women may choose to do this via supplements.—Internet

Nepali hospital to set up country’s first geriatric ward

KATHMANDU, 4 July—Patan Hospital in Nepal’s capital Kathmandu Valley is setting up a separate geriatric ward for the first time in the country for the elderly. Local media reported on Sunday.

Director at Patan Hospital Dr Paras Acharya said they have allocated funds for the establishment of the ward this year. “We are in the initial phase and the ward will be set up within the next fiscal,” he said.

According to THT Online report, a recent survey—“Status Report on Elderly People (66+) in Nepal on Health, Nutrition and Social Status Focusing on Research Needs”—conducted by Geriatric Centre Nepal for the Ministry of Health and Population, stated that most of the senior citizens in Nepal cope up with lifelong poverty and deprivation, poor access to health care and a diet that usually is inadequate in quality and quantity.—Xinhua

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Nepal prepares tourism profile of all 75 districts

Kathmandu, 4 July— Nepal Tourism Infrastructure Development Council (NTIDC) is preparing tourism profile of all 75 districts of the country, Republica daily reported on Sunday.

According to Baskuntha Nath Pradhan, NTIDC chairman, the organization has already prepared tourism profile of Dolakha District. The profiles will be prepared in coordination with the concerned Village Development Committees, District Development Committees and the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Pradhan said.

The NTIDC is also working to identify the core tourist areas in the districts and the condition of related infrastructures. “I hope this will be much helpful for the success of the Nepali Tourism Year 2011,” he said. NTIDC has deputed teams for profiling districts since September 2009 and the work is expected to complete within two years.

In the city areas and district headquarters hotels with good facilities are essential but in rural areas and villages home stay system is good.”

Deutsche Bahn plans to invest record $51 bln

Berlin, 4 July— Germany’s state-owned rail operator Deutsche Bahn plans to make the biggest investment in its history between now and 2014, a company official told the Berliner Zeitung on Saturday.

The rail company will invest some 41 billion euros ($51 billion dollars) in its operations, 75 percent of which will be spent on the rail network and modernizing the stations, with the remainder for acquiring new trains, the company’s technical director Volker Kefer said.

Deutsche Bahn plans to purchase up to 300 new high-speed “ICx” trains to succeed the current ICE model, he said.

“For regional transport, we envision buying up to 400 electric trains” as well as 600 buses for local travel, Kefer added. With these investments, “travel times will be shortened, trains will be more reliable and punctual, and they will be more comfortable,” he said.

A major European rail service, covering 150 countries, Deutsche Bahn is undergoing extensive international expansion. In April it acquired Arriva, one of Britain’s top transport firms. Deutsche Bahn employs about 240,000 people, three-quarters of whom are based in Germany.

Revenues last year were 29.3 billion euros. In Germany alone, the rail company has 34,000 kilometres (21,126 miles) of track, and each day transports more than seven million passengers by train and bus.

Mideast financial institutions mull investment in BP

AUH DUBAI, 4 July— Financial institutions in the Middle East are thought to be considering a possible investment in BP, the oil giant racked by problems caused by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, an English daily of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reported Sunday.

As problems continue to hit the company, informed sources said proposals from the region had already been made to BP advisers in London, The National said.

“BP knows there is potential support from the Middle East,” a source was quoted as saying, adding that Middle East investors would consider buying key assets from BP.

They might also give financial backing to any capital raising the company might be planning to reinforce its balance sheet, badly damaged by the estimated cost of up to 60 billion US dollars in cleaning up the catastrophic oil spill, the report said.

In London, a BP spokesman declined to comment on the possibility of an investment from the Middle East, according to the newspaper.—Xinhua

Business


The cooker concentrates solar energy to heat the water and is commonly used in the region.

INTERNET

Lexus recall extends to New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 4 July— Toyota is to send recall notices to 185 Lexus owners in New Zealand as part of a world-wide recall of the vehicle, according to local media on Saturday.

Toyota is recalling 270,000 cars, including seven luxury Lexus models and the Toyota Crown, because of an engine fault.

Lexus New Zealand national manager Debbie Pattullo said the fault was detected in Toyota factories during testing and the recall is just a precaution.

Valve springs could have engine noise and unstable idling because of foreign particles.

She said customers will be notified of the recall early next week, but can still use their cars as normal.

Toyota New Zealand sells five models of the Lexus vehicle being recalled.

INTERNET

A vessel carrying foreign investigators moves near “Snow Dragon”, the carrier for members of China’s fourth scientific expedition to Arctic, in Chejudo of South Korea, 3 July, 2010. “Snow Dragon” arrived in Chejudo Saturday and received four foreign investigators.

INTERNET
Oil spill raise arsenic levels in ocean

**LOS ANGELES, 4 July—**Oil spills can raise arsenic levels in the ocean, creating an additional long-term threat to the marine ecosystem, a new study suggests.

Oil spills can partially block the ocean’s natural filtration system and prevent this from cleaning arsenic out of the seawater, according to the study published in the July issue of *Water Research*, an influential academic journal published in the US. The study sheds light on a new toxic threat from the Gulf of Mexico oil leak, said researchers from the Imperial College London.

In the study, the researchers discovered that oil spills and leakages clog up sediments on the ocean floor with oil, which prevents the sediments from bonding with arsenic and burying it safety underground with subsequent layers of sediment.

This shutdown of the natural filtration system causes arsenic levels in seawater to rise, which means that it can enter the marine ecosystem, where it becomes more concentrated and poisonous the further it moves up the food chain, according to the study.

The scientists say their work demonstrates how the chemistry of sediments in the Gulf of Mexico may be affected by the current oil leak. Arsenic is a poisonous chemical element found in minerals and it is present in oil. High levels of arsenic in seawater can enable the toxin to enter the food chain.

15 killed, 48 injured in bus crash in Philippines

**CEBU, 4 July—**Fifteen people were killed after the brakes on a speeding bus packed with passengers failed and the vehicle slammed into a concrete barrier in the central Philippines. Another 48 people were injured, police said Sunday.

The bus carrying mostly homebound factory workers was travelling at high speed Saturday in Cebu Province when it lost its brakes while maneuvering a downhill curve. The driver crashed the vehicle into the cement barrier to avoid hitting a throng of pedestrians, police official Erson Digal said. Most victims were killed inside the bus but five others died after being thrown from the vehicle on impact. The dead included a mother and son who died in an embrace, Digal said.

“It happened so fast. Residents heard the crash then the yells of so many people calling for help,” Digal told *The Associated Press* by telephone.

The injured bus driver was taken into police custody for questioning after receiving treatment.

Saturday’s crash in Toledo city was the second deadly bus accident in recent weeks in the area.—*Xinhua*

**Hospital in trouble for too-real drill**

**LAS VEGAS, 4 July—**A Nevada hospital is likely to be fined for an emergency drill in the intensive care unit that featured an armed man who took employees hostage, officials say.

Nurses and other employees at the Siena Campus of St Rose Dominican Hospital did not realize the gunman was an off-duty police officer with an unloaded weapon, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported.

The state Health Division said Friday the hospital may be ordered to pay a $800 fine because some patients were left without care for as long as 15 minutes during the 24 May drill.

The hospital has already had one brush with a real gunman. Last year, police killed a man who threatened staff in the emergency room with a gun.

**33 tons of bison meat recalled**

**WASHINGTON, 4 July—**A Colorado company is recalling about 33 tons of bison meat products because of possible E. coli contamination that could sicken people, federal officials say.

The US Agriculture Department said in a release on its Web site Friday that its Food Safety and Inspection Service became aware of the problem at Rocky Mountain Natural Meats of Henderson while investigating a cluster of E coli O157:H7 illnesses in Colorado on 4-9 June.

The department said five cases in Colorado and one in New York were determined to be associated with the ground bison products.

The products being recalled include:

- 16-ounce packages of “Great Range Brand All Natural Ground Bison” with a “sell or freeze by” date of 21, 22 or 24 June, 2010;
- 16-ounce packages of “Nature’s Rancher Ground Buffalo” with a “sell or freeze by” date of June 22, 2010;
- 16-ounce packages of “The Buffalo Guys All Natural Ground Buffalo 90% Lean” with a lot number of 0147; and
- 12-ounce packages of “Great Range Brand All Natural Bison Sirloin Steaks” with a “sell or freeze by” date of 20, 23 and 24 June, 2010;
- 15-pound boxes of “Rocky Mountain Natural Meats inc. Bison 10 oz. Sirloin Steak” that went to restaurants and bear a Julian Code of 0141.

**Ship in Boston Harbour runs aground, is evacuated**

**BOSTON, 4 July—**A tour boat headed on a whale watch with 174 people on board was evacuated Saturday after it ran aground on a rocky ledge in Boston Harbour and began taking on water.

No one was seriously hurt in the accident, which was reported at about 10 am off Deer Island. The Coast Guard said two people suffered back and knee injuries.

Authorities said a combination of Coast Guard vessels, local emergency vessels and nearby fishing boats helped evacuate the 87-foot vessel Massachusetts, and by early afternoon, everyone was safely off the boat. Passengers were taken to a pier in Hull, about 3 miles from the disabled boat, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Connie Terrell.

Meanwhile, workers on board the Massachusetts tried to pump out the sinking vessel, while divers attempted to patch the gash in the hull, said Winthrop Deputy Harbour-master Chuck Evans, who was at the scene.—*Internet*
Tanai, Phakant townships on track...

(from page 1) he heard reports on hybridization of quality paddy strains with domestic strains and matters related to thriving tapioca plants presented by the managing director and responsible persons of Yuzana All-round Agriculture Co. Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited the factories producing tapioca powder and construction of a power station. He then looked into progress of roads, market, 16-bed hospital and school near Naungmyee Village of Phakant Township. In Dunban Village, he inspected progress of school building at Basic Education High School (Branch) and presented gifts to teachers.

At Dunban Vocational Training School for Women, the principal reported on training courses and conducted him around the school. Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to the training school.

In Lawah Village of Phakant Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met local people and provided medicines to the rural health centre. MNA

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Chaungmange Dam in Nay Pyi Taw... (from page 1)

Before the emergence of the dam, I used to pray for rain. But, now I grow both summer and monsoon paddy with water of the dam.”

In another interview, farmer U Mya Thein told us that he grew two acres of summer paddy pilot farm and found that yield per acre of summer paddy was more than that of monsoon paddy, about 80 baskets of rice per acre; that present was the best time to grow paddy for he now had access to sufficient irrigation water. There, left and right we saw were smiling faces of local farmers.

We also visited summer paddy fields of Petoemyaung Village which is supplied with water from Sinoan Lake through Chaungmange Dam. Nay Pyi Taw Lewe generally receives small amount of rainfall in beginning of monsoon and large amount in mid and late monsoon. In the vast emerald-green monsoon paddy fields stretching to the horizon, swaying were thriving paddy plants in the breeze.

Vegetable Head U Hla Ko of Petoemyaung Village said that the dam was supplying irrigation water to 30 villages; the dam had not only brought irrigation water but smooth transportation with its embankment. Chaungmange Dam and Sinoan Lake is benefiting 8,000 acres of farmland in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, and making the region ever active with summer and monsoon paddy fields of local farmers.

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The main canal of Chaungmange Dam is 10 miles in length.
NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo delivered an address at the coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force at its headquarters, here, this morning.

In his address, the minister said that five departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs were taking responsibilities for prevalence of law and order for all the Myanmar citizens.

The service personnel were to discharge duties on legal outlook with goodwill, he added. The minister stressed the need to supervise the members of the forces to forge unity among themselves.

Also present at the meeting were Chief of MF Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Vice-Chief of MF Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, the Police Adjutant-General, the Police Quartermaster-General and senior police officers.

F&R Ministry honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—A ceremony to honour outstanding students, trainees and victorious athletes by Ministry of Finance and Revenue took place at the ministry here yesterday.

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun made a speech.

The minister and officials under the ministry presented awards to the winners.

Also present on the occasion were the Governor and the Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar, directors-general, managing directors and the general manager of Myanmar Insurance.

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe held a meeting with members of district/township/village-tract sub-election commission of Kyaukme, Muse, Laikka and Kunlong Districts in Shan State (North) on 28 and 29 June.

On 28 June, the UEC Chairman also met with members of district/township/village-tract sub-election commission of Kyaukme, Hsipaw, Nawngkhio, Namtu in Kyaukme District, Momeik and Mabein in Momeik, Nambhan and Mongton in Nambhan, Muse district, Muse, Nankauk, Kuk in Muse, Laikka district, Laikka, Kangon township in Laikka, Kunlong district, Kinglon and Hopan township in Kunlong.

At the meetings, the chairman discussed electoral work and the chairmen of sub-election commissions reported arrangements made for electoral works. The UEC chairman replied queries raised by those present and delivered an concluding speech.

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Pre-monsoon paddy strain beneficial to farmers of Pantanaw Township

Article & Photos: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)

(from page 16)

When we asked about the use of agricultural techniques, he replied, “We use quality strain of Hsinthweyin paddy. We scattered 10 pyis of high yield paddy strain on 3 March.”

“After 20 days, we transplanted paddy seedlings systematically. In the first week of June, you can see paddy is ready for harvest. “I have 170 acres of farmlands. I pledge to sustain my success in the future. If all the farmers of Pantanaw Township grow pre-monsoon paddy, the township will achieve rice sufficiency more than in the past,” he continued.

By observing achievement of the local farmers from Pantanaw Township as part to honour their endeavours of growing pre-monsoon paddy, we disseminate our knowledge during the visit to all the people about the way to grow high yield paddy strain in the pre-monsoon period.

Chairman of Pantanaw Township Peace and Development Council U Mya Oo who explained progress of paddy cultivation in the township.

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Belarus, Russia sign gas transit deal

MINSK, 4 July—Belarus and Russia on Friday signed a gas transit deal expected to end disagreements that led to a cut in Russia’s Europe-bound supplies flowing via Belarus last month, officials said.

“The sides have signed the necessary documents,” Belarussian state news agency Belta quoted Beltransgaz general director, Vladimir Mayorov, as saying.

He said that the Russian gas giant Gazprom agreed to pay 1.88 dollars per 1,000 cubic metres shipped 100 kilometres (60 miles) in transit fees, in line with Belarus’s demands.

“Right now the sides are conducting the final verification of the calculations,” Mayorov was quoted as saying.

Beltransgaz spokespeople were not immediately available for comment but Belarussian government spokesman, Alexander Timoshenko, told AFP that the “contract has been signed.”

Gazprom spokesmen were not immediately available for comment.

The signing of the agreement, which is a supplement to a current contract between Belarussian state gas pipeline operator Beltransgaz and Russian gas giant Gazprom, is expected to finally put to rest a convoluted disagreement over gas prices.—INTERNET

Dubai ‘renegotiating orders’ for 200 Airbus, Boeing planes

DUBAI, 4 July—Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE) is renegotiating a massive order it made in 2007 to buy more than 200 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing, a government official said in a report on Friday.

“We are in negotiations” with the European and American constructors, Abdulrahman al-Saleh, the director general of Dubai’s finance department, was quoted as saying by The National newspaper.

Saleh was responding to reports that DAE Capital, the parent company’s aircraft leasing unit, has stopped taking deliveries and making payments for more than 200 Boeing and Airbus planes it ordered for a total 28.7 billion dollars.

The negotiations were “positive,” he said in the daily Al-Rayyan, without giving any other details.

The comments came after French newspaper Les Echos reported that DAE Capital has for several weeks “rejected all aircraft deliveries and stopping making advance payments” related to the 2007 orders.

Les Echos reported that the financial crisis has forced the company to concentrate on Dubai’s Emirates Airlines and the new Al-Maktoum International Airport rather than leasing aircraft. —INTERNET

Moderate earthquake hits off Northern Mariana Islands

HONG KONG, 4 July—An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter’s scale hit off Pagan region, Northern Mariana Islands at 0521 GMT Sunday, according to a bulletin released by the US Geological Survey (USGS). The epicenter, with a depth of 459 km, was monitored at 18.51 degrees north latitude and 145.13 degrees east longitude, 80 km west northwest of Pagan, Northern Mariana Islands. —Xinhua

This 19 Aug 1998 file photo shows tourists walking on the Trocadero square in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Small Eiffel Towers are souvenir gifts sold here. French police have detained 39 people in breaking up a Chinese-run ring of illegal Senegalese immigrants accused of selling unauthorized Eiffel Tower souvenirs. —INTERNET

Factory orders drop more than expected

WASHINGTON, 4 July—New orders for factory products tumbled much more than expected in May, posting their sharpest drop since the depth of the recession and their first decline in nine months, a government report showed on Friday.

Factory orders fell 1.4 percent in the month, the Commerce Department said, the steepest drop since March of last year. Analysts polled by Reuters were expecting a more modest 0.5 percent decline.

An indicator of business spending, non-defence capital goods excluding aircraft, climbed 3.9 percent. —INTERNET

Malaysia’s 2nd submarine arrives in Perak State

LEMBUT, 4 July—Malaysia’s second submarine KD Tun Razak arrived at the naval base here in the state of Perak Friday afternoon.

The submarine, named after Second Malaysian Prime Minister, will continue its journey to its home base at the Sepanggar Bay Naval Base in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah State.

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New US satellite to monitor debris in Earth orbit

DENVER, 4 July — A new US Air Force satellite will provide the first full-time, space-based surveillance of hundreds of satellites and thousands of pieces of debris that could crash into American and allied assets circling the Earth.

If all goes as planned, the Space-Based Space Surveillance satellite, scheduled for a 8 July launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif, will have an unobstructed, around-the-clock view of the increasingly heavy traffic in Earth orbit — something the Air Force doesn’t have now.

Currently, the Air Force relies on a ground-based network of radar and optical telescopes around the globe to monitor about 1,000 active satellites and 20,000 pieces of debris. The telescopes can be used only on clear nights, and not all radar stations are powerful enough to detect satellites in deep space orbit, about 22,000 miles from Earth.

From its orbit about 390 miles above the Earth, the new satellite will have a clear view of deep space, unaffected by daylight or weather. “It really has tremendous capabilities,” said Todd Citron, director of advanced space and intelligence systems for Boeing Co, prime contractor for the satellite, known as SBSS.

Citron said SBSS will revolutionize “space situational awareness,” the military term for knowing not only where the objects are, but where they’re headed and what might be in their path.

Indonesia’s Jakarta invites world’s golfers to enjoy atmosphere, hospitality

JAKARTA, 4 July — Governor of Jakarta Fauzie Bowo invited Sunday world’s golfers competing in the Indonesian Open from 2 July to 4 July to enjoy atmosphere and hospitality of the city.

Fauzie told Xinhua at the Damai Indah Golf-Pantai Indah Kapuk Course that the golfers should enjoy other things than just golf while they are in Jakarta.

“I'm sure that you will not only enjoy golfing here, at the gold course designed by a famous designer Robert Trent Jones Jr, but you have to enjoy also the atmosphere of Jakarta, one of the most interesting tourist destinations in the world,” he said.

“We are proud to host the Indonesian Open, the fifth of OneAsia series in Asia. I welcome golfers from all over the world,” he said. — Xinhua

New Zealand becomes 8th happiest country in the world in Gallup Poll

WELLINGTON, 4 July — New Zealand is the eighth happiest country in the world, according to a new analysis of data provided by the Gallup Poll.

Denmark tops the list as the happiest country.

Looking at data collected across 132 countries, the Gallup Organization based their marks — released this month in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology — on representative samples of more than 136,000 people in each country.

Respondents were asked how they would rate their lives on a scale from zero (worst possible) to 10 (best possible), as well as answering a series of questions on positive or negative emotions. — Xinhua

In Congo forest, bushmeat trade threatens Pygmies

They emerge from the stillness of the rainforest like a lost tribe of prehistoric warriors forgotten by time — a barefoot band of Mbuti Pygmies wielding iron-tipped spears.

The men come first, cloaked head to toe in coiled hunting nets shaved from the liana vine. Then the women, luggage, hand-woven baskets filled with the same bloodstained antelope that their ancestors survived on for thousands of years.

And waiting anxiously in the middle of their smoke-filled hunting camp: a horde of village traders who’ve come to buy as much bushmeat as the Mbuti can bring.

Time has long stood still in the innermost reaches of northeast Congo’s Ituri Forest — a remote and crepuscular world without electricity or cell phones that’s so isolated, the Pygmies living here have never heard of Barack Obama or the Internet or the war in Afghanistan. But the future is coming, on a tidal wave of demand for game meat that’s pushing an army of tall Bantu traders ever deeper into Africa’s primordial vine-slung jungles.

Secrets of Mummies unraveled in California

Taisto Miettinen and Kristiina Haapalainen of Finland compete during the Wife-Carrying World Championships in Sonkajärvi, central Finland. Finland for the second year in a row took first place at the annual Wife-Carrying World Championships held in the central Finnish town of Sonkajärvi, organizers said Saturday.

From an ornate Egyptian sarcophagus to the striking preserved remains of a howler monkey wearing a feathered skirt, a new exhibition in Los Angeles is unraveling the mysteries of mummies.

The “Mummies of the World” exhibit at the California Science Centre is being billed as the largest single showing of mummies in history and aims to throw new light on ancient funeral rituals and the work of “mummystologists”.

Four-year-old boy in Croatia survives five-storey fall

A four-year-old boy miraculously survived a five story (15 meters) fall from a balcony in Zagreb on Saturday and only sustained a broken leg, reported the website of Croatian newspaper “Dnevnik.”

According to an unnamed neighbour, the boy apparently followed his mother onto the balcony and then somehow fell over. When the mother returned to the boy’s bedroom, believing him to be asleep, she discovered the bed empty. After a frantic search of the apartment, she looked out the window and saw him lying in front of the building.

The boy apparently landed on a bush, which cushioned his fall. He was taken to hospital with a broken leg.

Ex-soccer player Erick Hernandez is seen kicking a ball in La Habana, Cuba in 2003. Hernandez on Thursday said he had set the world record for juggling the Jabulani World Cup ball, while sitting down.
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Traffic accident kills 11 in C Nigeria
LAGOS, 4 July — At least 11 persons were confirmed killed on Friday in an auto accident in central Nigeria’s Gombe State when a truck heavily loaded with petrol lost control and ran into buildings and vehicles.

A witness said nine people were fatally injured, while 40 houses and business shops were destroyed and burnt in the resultant inferno.

The sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Fidelis Osakwe, confirmed the accident.

He said when the driver lost control of the tanker, it rammed into parked vehicles and buildings. —Xinhua
Janet Jackson performs at Essence in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, 4 July—Janet Jackson enthralled the Essence Music Festival audience Friday, kept them on their feet for more than two hours and reminded fans why seeing her in concert was worth waiting two years.

From the opening notes of “The Pleasure Principle” to “Control” to “Rhythm Nation,” the Grammy Award-winning singer enticed, teased and brought her fans on a journey through her No. 1 hits. Jackson marked her return by closing the festival’s first night inside the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. It was her first time at the festival, which runs through Sunday.

Former NBA player Anfernee Hardaway called Jackson’s performance “absolutely perfect,” and said no one could tell she had been off the concert circuit for any length of time.

“She definitely gets better with age,” he said, smiling.—Internet

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” releases poster, trailer

BEIJING, 4 July— Warner Bros. has just released the first teaser poster for “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” the final film of the “Harry Potter” series, mtime.com reports.

A new trailer was also released together with a video game called “Lego Harry Potter.” Compared with the film’s first trailer, which was released on Tuesday, the new trailer added some new footage from the film.

The film version of the final “Harry Potter” book will be divided into two parts with one

Ilene Woods, voice of Cinderella, dies at 81

LOS ANGELES, 4 July— Ilene Woods, the voice of Cinderella in Disney’s animated classic, has died. She was 81.

Woods died Thursday of causes related to Alzheimer’s disease at a nursing home in Canoga Park, her husband, Ed Shaughnessy, tells the Los Angeles Times.

Woods was an 18-year-old radio singer in 1948 when she recorded a demo for an upcoming Disney feature. Two days later, Walt Disney himself auditioned her and she went on to voice the title character’s speaking and singing parts for 1950’s “Cinderella,” about a mistreated stepdaughter who finds her Prince Charming.

Woods sang on the Perry Como and Arthur Godfrey shows in the 1950s before retiring from show business in the early 1970s.—Internet

Hollywood agent Ed Limato dies

LOS ANGELES, 4 July— Veteran Hollywood talent agent Ed Limato, who helped turn actors such as Mel Gibson, Denzel Washington and Kevin Costner into big stars, died on Saturday after being in ill health for some time, according to news reports. He was 73.

Entertainment news blogger Nikki Finke, who broke the news, said Limato died at his home while awaiting a lung transplant.

In addition to Ed Limato, released the first trailer, which was compared with the film's first trailer, which was released on Tuesday, the new trailer added some new footage from the film.

Internet

Lindsay Lohan punched on birthday

BEIJING, 4 July— Lindsay Lohan, who was celebrating her 24th birthday early Friday morning at Voyeur nightclub in Los Angeles, got a “special present” — a punch in the face, media reported Saturday.

“A waitress just hit me — punched me for no reason,” Lohan tweeted about it shortly after the unprovoked incident.

A witness said the hapless actress was drinking a Red Bull when she was attacked.

Actress Lindsay Lohan arrives at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles on 7 September, 2008.

Xinhua

Kelsey Grammer, wife, ending 13-year marriage

LOS ANGELES, 4 July— Kelsey Grammer and his wife are divorcing after nearly 13 years of marriage.

Court records show Camille Grammer filed for divorce from the “Cheers” and “Frasier” star Thursday in Los Angeles.

Grammer and his wife were married in August 1997 and have two children, ages 8 and 5. The actor’s publicist, Stan Rosenfield, issued a statement seeking privacy for the family.

Camille Grammer is seeking physical custody of the children and visitation for the 55-year-old actor.

The filing cites “irreconcilable differences” for the breakup but offers no details.—Internet

Katie Price and Alex Reid have their marriage blessed

WOLINGHAM, 4 July— Reality TV star Katie Price and Alex Reid have had their marriage blessed at a ceremony in Surrey on Saturday.

Their marriage was blessed at a ceremony in Surrey on Saturday.

The reception was held at Price’s former marital home with ex-husband Peter Andre. The blessing was filmed as part of an ITV2 special.

They met shortly after Price and Andre, who have two children together, divorced in September.

As Price arrived in a black van, a scuffle between photographers and security broke out.

Her entrance was shielded from members of the public and photographers by huge white sheets and umbrellas.

A spokesman for Price said the scuffles involved “people trying to enter Katie Price’s car” at the ceremony.

“She is understandably shaken and upset by the actions of these people but is now looking to enjoy the rest of her day with her close friends and family.”

Guests, who attended the lavish blessing, were reportedly asked to sign confidentiality agreements to prevent the press finding out any details about the service.

Internet

“The waitress has a history with Doug Reinhardt, and Lohan was hanging out with him. She was jealous, and out of nowhere, the waitress punched her in the face! Doug didn’t want any part of it and went to the other side of the booth. Lohan ran out,” the witness said.

TMZ linked Lohan to a different escort, saying the waitress was angered by her closeness to rugby star Danny Cipriani. Whoever it was, the breakup but offers no details is about to be fried, TMZ reported.—Xinhua

Kelsey Grammer and his wife Camille Grammer. Internet
Villa leads Spain into W Cup semi-finals

JOHANNESBURG, 4 July—David Villa scored the only goal as European champions Spain beat Paraguay 1-0 at Ellis Park on Saturday to set up a World Cup semi-final against Germany.

Villa, who now has five goals in the tournament, struck the winner seven minutes from the end of what had been a disjointed quarter-final performance from the fancied Spaniards in a game that saw both goalkeepers save second-half penalties.

Germany, who lost to Spain in the Euro 2008 final, had earlier thumped Argentina 4-0 in Cape Town.

“We didn’t play well mainly because we didn’t get enough of the ball,” said Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque.—INTERNET

Paraguay expect FIFA apology for ‘goal’, penalty

JOHANNESBURG, 4 July—Paraguay coach Gerardo Martino claimed he was expecting an apology from FIFA following his team’s 1-0 World Cup quarter-final defeat to Spain at Ellis Park on Saturday.

Martino was angered by a pair of decisions that went against his team and potentially cost them victory. In the first half Paraguay striker Nelson Valdez put the ball in the net after latching onto a long ball but the linesman’s flag went up and it was chalked out for offside although television replays showed the decision was wrong.

Paraguay’s coach Gerardo Martino shouts during their 2010 World Cup quarter-final football match.—INTERNET

Wilson still basks in glory of win at The Glen

WATKINS GLEN, 4 July—Justin Wilson has put his signature moment in the IndyCar Series in his rearview mirror. He won’t soon forget it, though.

A year ago, driving for Dale Coyne Racing, Wilson started on the front row at Watkins Glen International and dominated the race, stunning the field by leading 49 of 60 laps around the 11-turn, 3.4-mile course.

“We were the only team last year to beat Penske or Ganassi, so there were a lot of people coming up saying, ‘It’s great to see someone coming up saying, Penske or Ganassi,’” Wilson said. “It felt like it meant something.”—INTERNET

Dutch veteran Ooijer finds 13 his lucky number

PORT ELIZABETH, 4 July—Andre Ooijer may be approaching his 36th birthday, but 13 is proving his lucky number as he helps the Netherlands close in on a first World Cup title.

The 35-year-old defender drew on all of his experience to recover from a 10th-minute error that gave Brazil the lead in Friday’s quarter-final before superbly marshalling a Dutch defence which proved the bedrock of a 2-1 win.

Ooijer was not even meant to be on the pitch in Port Elizabeth, but received a last minute call when Joris Mathijsen pulled up injured in the warm-up and coach Bert van Marwijk gave the nod to the veteran defender.

“I wasn’t nervous,” said Ooijer, who had a spell with English Premier League side Blackburn Rovers before returning to PSV Eindhoven.

John Cook leads Montreal Championship

BRAINVILLE, 4 July—John Cook shot his second straight 6-under 66 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Russ Cochran in the inaugural Montreal Championship.

The 52-year-old Cook, a four-time winner on the Champions Tour after winning 11 times on the PGA Tour, eagled the par-5 seventh hole and had four birdies in his bogey-free round at Fontainebleau Golf Club. Cochran followed his opening 65 with a 68.

Will Power of Australia, celebrates winning the pole position after qualifying for the IRL IndyCar Series.—INTERNET

Loew praises Germany’s ‘champions performance’

CAPE TOWN, 4 July—Germany coach Joachim Loew hailed his team’s stunning World Cup 4-0 quarter-final demolition of Argentina on Saturday as a performance worthy of champions. “My team showed great resolve, a great willingness to win and it wasn’t just a high-level victory, but a true champions’ performance,” said Loew.

The team’s achievement in reaching the semi-finals is remarkable given that Loew’s four-year contract with the German Football Federation (DFB) expired last Wednesday.

The 50-year-old has insisted he will not discuss a new deal until after the World Cup, but if captain Philipp Lahm lifts the trophy at Soccer City in Johannesburg on 11 July, the coach will be able to name his own price.—INTERNET

Paraguay’s coach Gerardo Martino shouts during their 2010 World Cup quarter-final football match.—INTERNET

Argentina head coach Diego Maradona leaves the pitch as former German player Oliver Bierhoff, right, looks on.—INTERNET

Murray ready for final push

LONDON, 4 July—Rafael Nadal believes a conversation with David Beckham has provided him with the perfect inspiration ahead of his Wimbledon final showdown with Tomas Berdych on Sunday.

Nadal had only just finished his ruthless three-set victory over Andy Murray in Friday’s semi-final when he asked if he wanted to meet former England captain Beckham, who watched with his son Brooklyn as the world number one produced a masterclass on Centre Court.—INTERNET

Spain’s Rafael Nadal plays against Britain’s Andy Murray in their men’s semi-final match.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

1. R J C M A A
2. A N C H O R R T E E V E S
3. M T L D R E T
4. P R O M O T E C U R I O
5. A P N F U T N
6. G L U T T I E R Y
7. E S T C Y R W
8. B R A D Z E R O
9. O L I E A P N
10. F L O O D N I G G A R D
11. T I E T A S E
12. E R R A N T B I T T E R
13. N E T T N S S

Brazil’s striker David Villa (R) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Paraguay.—INTERNET

Argentina’s coach Joachim Loew arrives prior to the start of their 2010 World Cup quarter-final football.—INTERNET

Spain’s ‘goal’ against Paraguay in a friendly.—INTERNET

Diego Maradona casts doubt about his future as Argentina coach on Saturday.

Germany’s coach Joachim Loew arrives prior to the start of their 2010 World Cup quarter-final football.—INTERNET
Ecuadoreans, DEA seize drug-smuggling submarine

WASHINGTON, 4 July—The Drug Enforcement Administration said Saturday it has helped seize a submarine capable of transporting tons of cocaine.

DEA officials said that the diesel electric-powered submarine was constructed in a remote jungle and captured near a tributary close to Ecuador-Colombia border. Ecuadorean authorities seized the sub before it could make its maiden voyage.

The sophisticated camouflaged vessel has a conning tower, periscope and air-conditioning system.—Internet

Sunday, 4 July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division. Rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Nya Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.79) inch. Machanbaw (5.04) inches, Coco Island (2.32) inches, Katha (1.97) inches, Pyu (1.89) inches, Bilin and Homalin (1.69) inches each and Aunglan (1.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-7-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 4-7-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-7-2010 was 92%.

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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

Pre-monsoon paddy strain beneficial to farmers of Pantanaw Township

As soon as we heard the achievement of growing pre-monsoon paddy on test in Pantanaw Township of Ayeyawady Division, we the news crew of Kyemon Daily left Dagon Ayeya highway bus terminal for Pantanaw on 6 June morning.

On arrived at Pantanaw, we witnessed a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans and provide farming equipment to the farmers of the township.

In interviews with responsible persons of Kinsana Kyuntha Company, General Manager U Htay Aung said, “Our company focuses on the tasks in Danubyu Township. But, our company also provided necessary assistance for the local farmers at the request of the Pantanaw Township Peace and Development Council Chairman and most of the local farmers led by local farmer U Sein Win.”

We met the Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council at his office. Chairman of the Township PDC U Mya Oo explained, “Pantanaw Township put 89,011 acres of land under monsoon paddy and 46,010 acres under summer paddy in 2009-2010. Up to May 2010, we have grown 9,628 acres of monsoon paddy.”

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