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YANGON, 5 July—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the work coordination meeting of Public Works and the companies that work with Build, Operate, Transfer (B.O.T) system in Yangon Division at the Yangon Division superintending engineer’s office under Public Works of the Ministry of Construction on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township, here, this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address.

The deputy chief engineer (Road) of Public Works (Head Office) made clarification to the principles for the companies that work with B.O.T system.

The Yangon Division superintending engineer reported on conditions of B.O.T system companies and roads, rates of toll gate fees, and systems to pay taxes to the State.

The chief engineers of Yangon South District and Yangon North District reported on conditions of the roads under construction with B.O.T system, and requirements. The deputy chief engineer and the Yangon Division superintending engineer gave supplementary reports.

Officials from the companies reported on progress in maintaining the roads and bridges.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint assessed the reports. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions and concluding remarks.

Myanmar Democracy Congress Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July – The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.77/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
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Notification No. 77/2010
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5 July 2010
Myanmar Democracy Congress Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to Myanmar Democracy Congress Party with its headquarters at Room-305, Building-A, Shwegondine Tower, West Ngahtatkyi Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 5 July 2010.

The registration number of Myanmar Democracy Congress Party is (34).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
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Mro National Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July – The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.78/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 78/2010
9th Waning of First Waso 1372 ME
5 July 2010
Mro National Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to Mro National Party with its headquarters at No.625, Merchant Street, Satyonsu Ward, Sittway Township, Rakhine State, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 5 July 2010.

The registration number of Mro National Party is (35).

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PERSPECTIVES

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Generate brighter future for women

Myanmar women preserve fine traditions. They are well capable of serving the interests of others with a sense of mothering spirit and loving-kindness. They equally share family duties with their spouses, and national duties with their male counterparts.

As more than half of the nation’s population are women, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation has been established with a view to improving the development of women. The federation dedicates itself to a variety of functions for life security, development and improving the socio-economic status of women.

In order to achieve its lofty aims, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation has formed state/division, district, township, ward and village women’s affairs organizations, which take an active role in operations for prevention of women against violence, prevention and control of trafficking in persons, and nurturing and rehabilitation of victims.

The Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation works in collaboration with related ministries and international organizations in non-formal education programmes, literary campaigns, continuing education plans, birth-spacing projects, disease prevention and control projects, and home care projects, which are a testament to the fact that the federation pays serious attention to development of women.

More than that, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation is trying to step up its operations by conducting technological courses, seeking jobs and carrying out income generation programmes. Simultaneously, it is guiding mass of women to the tasks for bolstering the sense of patriotic spirit, national solidarity, and preservation of cultural heritage.

Myanmar women’s performances are of high caliber. In the course of the nation’s history, they have been in perpetual service of the public. Each and every woman is therefore to continue to work hard under the leadership of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation in creating a brighter future of the entire Myanmar women and nurturing new generations.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects development tasks in Mogaung, Mohnyintownships

NAY PYI TAW, 5 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 departmental officials, inspected development of Mogaung, Kachin State, on July 2.

During the tour of Mogaung, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party visited Mogaung Township and explored the road project at the briefing hall. He also visited Pinbaw Village in Mogaung Township and presented medicines donated by Ministry of Health to the hospital.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Manywai Village in Mogaung Township and viewed ploughing in rain-fed field to grow Hsusakari-3 paddy strain and called on officials concerned and farmers to make efforts for producing over 100 baskets per acre.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye also discussed matters on construction of the Nanhsiaung-Mogaung-Namti Road after hearing report on progress of the road project at the briefing hall.

Six leave for Indonesia to study Russian

YANGON, 5 July — Under the ASEAN-Russia cooperation programme, six women were selected to attend the In Class Training on Russian Language Intensive Course in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The trainees who passed the Intensive Russian Language Course for Tourism Industry (Intermediate Level) organized by Myanmar Tourism Association left here for Jakarta today by air to participate in the one-month course which will launch on 6 July.

The course is jointly organized by Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and ASEAN Secretariat.

Out of 30 trainees from ASEAN nations, six are selected from Myanmar. The course is conducted with the aim of helping tour guides from ASEAN nations to study Russian language via e-learning system.

Peoples’ 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
Motorbike bomb kills 4 Afghan civilians, wounds 5

LASHKAR GAI, 5 July—Four Afghan civilians were killed and five others sustained injuries as a motorbike bomb ripped through a bazaar in Musa Qala District of Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, spokesman for the provincial administration Daud Ahmad said.

“The gruesome incident occurred in the bazaar of Musa Qala District at 11:00 am local time. As a result four innocent civilians were martyred and five others sustained injuries,” Ahmad told Xinhua.

He put the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used against Taliban militias but the outfit has yet to make comment.

Helmand and the neighbouring Kandahar, Zabul and Uruzgan provinces in southern Afghanistan have been regarded as the hotbed of Taliban militants in the war-torn country.—Xinhua

Roadside bomb wounds 3 police trainers in east Afghanistan

KOHSISTAN, 5 July—Three police trainers were injured as a roadside bomb struck their car in Paktia Province of east Afghanistan on Monday, spokesman for provincial administration Rohullah Samon said.

“The incident took place at 08:30 am local time in provincial capital Gerdis city and three police trainers sustained injuries,” Samon told Xinhua.

He blamed the attack on the enemies of peace, a reference to Taliban militants but the outfit has yet to make comment.—Xinhua

Two Taliban commanders detained in NE Afghan province

Kunduz, 5 July—Afghan troops arrested two Taliban commanders in the relatively peaceful Badakhshan Province in northeast Afghanistan, deputy to provincial governor Shamsul Rahman Shams said Monday.

“In the operation involving national army and police and launched in Kasham District Sunday afternoon, two key Taliban commanders namely Qari Najibullah and Qari Shafiq were arrested,” Shams told Xinhua.

He also said that Qari Najibullah had served as Taliban shadowy district governor and Qari Shafiq as shadowy police chief in Kasham District.—Xinhua

Runaway horses kill one, injure 24 in US Independence Day parade

BEIJING, 5 July—One woman, 60, was killed and 23 others were injured Sunday at the Independence Day parade in Bellevue, Iowa, by two runaway horses which rammed into spectators.

The horses ran out of control after they rubbed their heads against each other, causing one’s bridle to come off. They then took off, taking the wagon they were pulling behind them, running into families watching the parade along the way, injuring spectators as young as two years old.

A police officer said the woman died of her injuries sustained in the incident Sunday evening at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, according to media reports.

Police said victims suffered injuries ranging from multiple fractures to collapsed lungs and bruises and abrasions. Five of the injured were in critical condition, including the woman who died.

Bellevue is a small town of around 2,300 residents, but the parade drew some 4,000 people, according to estimates, as many came from rural areas.

Parade is a staple in Fourth of July celebrations across the United States, and horses are usually seen in those parades.—Xinhua

New York’s JFK Airport terminal to reopen after fake bomb threat

A police sniffer dog unit patrols New York’s JFK Airport. Officials at the major transport hub have evacuated one of its airport terminals after a bomb scare on one of the busiest US holiday travel days, ABC television has reported.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 5 July—Terminal 1 of John F. Kennedy International Airport is to reopen after a fake bomb threat on Sunday.

The terminal was evacuated after an anonymous women called the authorities, local media reported.

Hazardous materials vehicles were on the scene while authorities also noticed unattended luggage at the airport. Authorities said police checked the bag and it was not a bomb.

“We will be back into the terminal in a short time. Passengers will be let back into the terminal soon.”—Xinhua

NATO: soldier killed on patrol in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 July—A soldier serving with NATO’s forces in Afghanistan has been killed in the country’s south, where the fight against the Taliban is at its fiercest, NATO said Monday.

The soldier was killed on Sunday while on combat patrol, NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

The death brings to 329 the number of foreign soldiers to have died in the Afghan war so far this year, according to an AFP tally based on that kept by the independent icasualties.org website.

The Fourth of July casualty, the sixth for the month, came as US General David Petraeus assumed command on Sunday of the 140,000 NATO and US troops in Afghanistan fighting the insurgency.

He replaced his sacked predecessor US General Stanley McChrystal, and takes over as criticism of the war, increasingly seen as bogged down to the Taliban’s advantage, is reaching a crescendo.

INTERNET

50 people missing as boat capsizes in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 5 July—At least 50 people, including women and children, remained missing as an engine boat capsized with over 100 passengers Sunday night after a sand-laden cargo rammed it in Bangladesh’s Shitalakkhya river in Narayanganj District, 17 kms southeast of capital Dhaka.

Akhtar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Narayanganj Sadar Police Station, was quoted as saying by leading English newspaper The Daily Star that the engine boat with around 100 passengers departed for the other side of the river at around 10:00 pm local time. As it reached in the middle of the river, a sand-laden cargo rammed it, he said.

“Around 20-30 passengers have been rescued immediately after the incident while six of the injured were admitted to different local hospitals,” Hossain said.

Divers from Fire Service and Civil Defence and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) were carrying out rescue operation in cooperation with police and personnel from the district administration.

No body was recovered till the rescue operation was suspended at 1:30 am on Monday morning, he said.

INTERNET

A child is tended to by onlookers after a horse got loose, trampling people at a Fourth of July parade in downtown Bellevue, Iowa, on 4 July, 2010.

INTERNET

An overcrowded Bangladeshi ferry is seen off Dhaka. At least 11 people were missing after a river ferry collided with a barge and capsized near the Bangladesh capital Dhaka, police said Monday.—INTERNET
Apple admits iPhone error; customers still skeptical

BEIJING, 5 July—Apple admitted that an algorithm used in its new smartphone is flawed and promised to update its iOS 4 in the next few weeks, according to US media reports.

Apple said the embarrassing flaw has been a problem since the original iPhone was launched three years ago. “Upon investigation, we were stunned to find that the formula we use to calculate how many bars of signal strength to display is totally wrong,” Apple said in an open letter to its customers.

Washington, 5 July—A summer necessity, bug spray keeps insects away—but is it also bad for our health? Researchers are debating whether the anti-pest sprays with which we douse ourselves are putting our health in danger.

One chemical found in many repellents is DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Developed and tested in the 1940s and 1950s by the US Army for use in jungle warfare during World War II, DEET is extremely effective at repelling mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, chiggers and blood-feeding flies such as black flies and deer flies.

In addition to popular forms such as aerosols and pump sprays, DEET is also found in towelettes, lotions, creams and gels. The chemical keeps insects away for hours after application and can be applied over sunscreen.

But as long as DEET has been around, it has raised questions over its safety from citizens and scientists alike. Some are bothered by the smell, while others worry it may irritate skin; many have felt the burning sting of accidentally spraying bug repellent over a minor cut.

Although the Environmental Protection Agency recently approved the use of DEET in 1998 after an extensive safety review, new data suggests that the substance may affect our cells in unintended ways.

A 2009 study found that DEET can interfere with the activity of enzymes that are vital for the nervous system to function properly. In the study, the researchers found that DEET blocked the enzyme cholinesterase, which is essential for transmitting messages from the brain to the muscles in insects.

Japanese lab finds ‘minute particles’ in asteroid pod

TOKYO, 5 July—Japan’s space agency said Monday it has found “minute particles” of what it hopes is asteroid dust in the capsule of the space probe Hayabusa which returned to Earth last month.

Scientists hope any dust samples from the potato-shaped asteroid Itokawa could help reveal secrets about the origins of the solar system.

“We have started the opening process of the sample container of Hayabusa since 24 June, 2010 and confirmed there are minute particles,” the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) said.

But the agency added it remained unclear whether the particles are contaminants from Earth or come from Itokawa which the space probe landed on during its multi-billion-kilometre (mile) journey.

It is expected to take months to get the final results of the analysis.

When Hayabusa was launched in 2003, the canister was open, meaning it may contain materials that originated on Earth, a JAXA spokesman said.

Wallabies and bats harbor ‘Fossil’ genes from the most deadly family of human viruses

NEW YORK, 5 July—Modern marsupials may be popular animals at the zoo and in children’s books, but new findings by University at Buffalo biologists reveal that they harbor a “fossil” copy of a gene that codes for filoviruses, which cause Ebola and Marburg hemorrhagic fevers and are the most lethal viruses known to humans.

Published recently in the online journal BMC Evolutionary Biology, the paper demonstrates for the first time that mammals have harbored filoviruses for at least tens of millions of years, in contrast to the existing estimate of a few thousand.

It suggests that these species, which maintain a filovirus infection without negative health consequences, could have selectively maintained these so-called “fossil” genes as a genetic defence.

Malians mobilise to protect dwindling elephants

BANZEN, 5 July—Ali Ag Rhissa, a young Touareg nomad, sits in his tent, his gun ready, on the frontline of one of Mali’s battles — protecting its majestic but dwindling herds of desert elephants.

Faced with the dual threat of drought and poachers, the elephant population has almost halved in recent decades. But help is at hand from local people in northern Mali, who have started to form conservation brigades to ward off poachers and protect the animal from extinction.

Between 1972 and 1974 there were 550 elephants in the Gourma region, now there are no more than 354. In June alone, severe drought killed 21 of the animals.

The elephants of the Gourma are the biggest in Africa and are tempting quarry for poachers, both for their ivory tusks and their meat, which is popular in neighbouring countries. “When we hear the sound of a vehicle, we get ready to make sure the poachers can’t settle here and kill our elephants,” said Rhissa, who lives in a tent with his wife and children in Banzena, near Timbuktu.

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Australia launches research on drug delivery system to kill cancer

CAIRNS, 5 July—Australian researchers on Monday said they were working on a “smart bomb” drug delivery system which they said would actively search out and destroy cancer cells within the body.

It would also have fewer side-effects than conventional chemotherapy, said Deakin University’s Associate Professor Wei Duan, who heads the project in collaboration with scientists in India.

“Cancer cells are particularly difficult to kill as they contain so-called cancer stem cells, the root or seed cancer cells that are resistant to drugs,” Duan said in a statement on Monday.

“When current treatments kill the bulk of the cancer cell, the cancer root escapes the therapy and can regenerate into a new cancer mass. “The aim of our research is to develop a smart bomb that can penetrate the cell and release the drugs within the cells, rather than from the outside, and kills the whole tumor, root and all.”—Xinhua

Japan’s Emi Yamagishi (in blue) and Russia’s Nataliya Konratyeva compete during the women’s under 48kg category at the Grand Slam Moscow judo tournament on 3 July, 2010. —INTERNET

Sleep woes linked to weight gain for middle-aged women

BEIJING, 5 July—New research shows that having trouble sleeping means more possibility to gain weight for middle-aged women, according to Reuters reports.

The new findings, which were reported in the International Journal of Obesity, strengthen the evidence that sleep problems are related to weight gain.

Finnish researchers, led by Peppi Lyytikainen of the University of Helsinki, followed more than 7,300 40- to 60-year-old adults for seven years. They found that women who reported significant sleep problems at the outset generally put on more weight over time than women who slept well.

Roughly one-third of the women with frequent sleep problems gained at least 11 pounds, versus about a fifth of the women with no sleep difficulties at the outset.

While the findings do not prove cause-and-effect, they raise the possibility that improving sleep quality might help stave off excess weight gain. Lyytikainen told Reuters Health by e-mail.

The 17 percent of men who reported sleep problems were no more likely to gain weight than those who slept without difficulty.

Transient kidney failure not so bad

CINCINNATI, 5 July—Heart patient kidney failure — if transient — may not be as harmful as once thought, US researchers say.

Dr Andrew Burger of the University of Cincinnati says heart patients had better outcomes if worsening kidney function was transient rather than persistent. The study of acute heart patients found that 17.3 percent of those without worsening kidney function died, 20.5 percent with transient kidney dysfunction died, but 46.1 percent with persistent kidney failure died. “This study is the first of its kind to look at this relationship to help physicians assess outcomes and possibly determine the most efficient way to treat heart patients who develop kidney failure at any degree,” Burger said in a statement.

Burger and colleagues studied 467 acute heart failure patients and gauged kidney function on days 2, 5, 14 and 30 of the study by checking levels of creatinine — produced by the muscles and brain filtered out of the blood by the kidneys.

Health Tip: Keep Food Safe

WASHINGTON, 5 July — When bacteria or other germs set up shop in your food, they can make you quite sick.

The US National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse offers these food-safety suggestions:

* Refrigerate leftovers right away.
* Make sure all foods are cooked thoroughly and to a sufficient temperature.
* Don’t expose raw meat to other foods.
* Thoroughly wash hands after touching raw food, and always before preparing food.
* Wash all kitchen utensils in hot water and soap.
* Wash sponges, rags and dish towels frequently using the washer’s hot cycle.
* Wash all fresh produce before eating or preparing.
* Refrigerate foods while marinating or defrosting, instead of leaving them on the counter.
* Remove any leftover poultry stuffing and refrigerate.
* Don’t pack the fridge with too many groceries, which inhibit air circulation. —INTERNET

Vietnam’s Internet growth is among the world’s fastest, and users number almost 24 million or about 28 percent of the population, said the country’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Blogging has also risen in popularity. —INTERNET

Do video games cause attention problems in kids?

NEW YORK, 5 July—Long hours in front of the television, whether channel surfing or gaming, could make it difficult for kids to concentrate in school, psychologists said Monday.

While researchers are still divided on the issue, the findings jibe with most earlier work on the effects of television watching in kids, they said.

“What we don’t know at this point is why TV and video games really would cause attention problems,” said Douglas A Gentile, who works on the study.

Gentile, who runs the Media Research Lab at Iowa State University in Ames, added that too much screen time had also been linked to increased aggression and, perhaps less surprisingly, expanding waistlines.

Health
Gold’s break shakes out some bugs, but not all

NEW YORK, 5 July—Gold’s bad week shakes conventional analysts, but the radical gold bugs remain confident if cynical.

Gold broke badly, especially on Monday and Thursday, losing nearly 4% on the week. The respected institutionally oriented service Gartman Letter asked the key question on Friday: “Has the ‘game’ changed? Are we now going from a bull market to a bear market, and did it happen in the course of one trading session? Likely not, but only a fool would say unequivocally that it has not. ...We’ve gone from a huge profit to a swift loss in the course of one session. We are clearly not happy.”

The technical damage, of course, has been considerable — enough for long-term chartist Martin Pring of Pring.com to put out an unusual interim report on Thursday evening: “Gold, which was in a narrowing trading range and looking like it may break to the upside, has instead broken to the downside. Not only that, but the gold/silver ratio has also completed a top. ... We think the gold break is valid. Consequently, we are no longer recommending a 5% allocation to the yellow metal.”

Friday, however, gave some relief, with August gold gaining a dollar. JSMineset’s Dan Norcini pointed out that the metal “put in an ‘inside day’ — an inside day is one in which the market high and low of the current session do not exceed the previous day’s high or low — so that is encouraging to the friends of gold that could not manage any further additional downside traction.”

Travis Perkins buys BSS Group in £557.6m deal

LONDON, 5 July—Builders’ merchant Travis Perkins has agreed a £557.6m deal to buy plumbing and heating company BSS Group.

The offer, made up of cash and shares, values each BSS share at 435.8 pence, a 4.7% premium on Friday’s closing price of 416.2p.

The firms said the deal would create the UK’s leading plumbing and heating distribution business.

Travis Perkins said it believed it could achieve pre-tax savings of at least £25m in 2013 through the deal.

“Our respective businesses are complementary and we look forward to working with BSS’s customers, suppliers and employees,” said Robert Walker, chairman of Travis Perkins.

Peter Warry, chairman of BSS, added: “The management team and employees have succeeded in building BSS into a leading specialist distributor to trade customers and a market leader in the UK plumbing and heating sector, creating significant value for shareholders.

“The BSS board believes that Travis Perkins’ offer recognises this value and gives our shareholders the opportunity to share in the future success of the enlarged group.” Travis Perkins had first signalled its intention to buy BSS in May when it made an indicative offer.

IG Markets Australian Market Wrap

MALBORNE, 5 July—Across Asia, regional markets are mixed following the modestly weaker US leads from Friday and general concerns that growth globally is slowing. The Nikkei 225 and the Kospi are firmer by 0.7% and 0.2% respectively. On the downside, the Shanghai Composite and Hang Seng are 0.2% and 0.3% softer respectively.

In Australia, the ASX 200 finished 0.4% at 4222.1 having oscillated around the flat line for much of the day. With modestly weak US leads and few catalysts to buy into stocks before the US returns from its Independence Day long weekend, trading was subdued. Gains among energy names were offset by losses in the financial and industrial sectors.

It certainly looks like a chance to apply to sell the Italian Fiats, but they must be able to operate separate facilities with different sales and service teams in order to win a franchise.

Fiat, which last sold cars in the US in the 1980s, will return to the country in December with the debut of the Fiat 500, a highly efficient, very European-looking small car. Other Fiat models are likely for the US, but the company has not made announcements beyond the 500, known in Italy as the Cinquecento.

Fiat was given control of Chrysler by the US government when the automaker emerged from bankruptcy on 10 June, 2009.
China to host new round of climate talks

SHANGHAI, 5 July—China will host an extra round of climate talks in October before a UN summit in Cancun at year’s end as nations attempt to devise a post-2012 treaty, state media said on Monday, quoting a UN official.

United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director Achim Steiner told the China Daily that the world body was working with Beijing to organise the meeting in the eastern port city of Tianjin.

“China will introduce some ideas and opportunities to move the negotiation forward,” Steiner was quoted as telling the newspaper during a visit to the World Expo in Shanghai on Sunday.

The dates have not yet been finalised for the Tianjin meeting, the report said. The next UN climate convention meeting will take place in Cancun from November 29 to 10 December. Preparatory talks were held in Bonn last month.

Cargo ship reaches space station

HOUSTON, 5 July—An unmanned cargo spacecraft docked with the International Space Station Sunday, two days later after its initial attempt failed,NASA said.

The ISS Progress 38 hooked to the aft end of the space station’s Zvezda service module “flawlessly” using an automated system at 12:17 pm EDT Sunday, NASA said on its Web site.

The space drone brought 1,918 pounds of propellant, 110 pounds of oxygen, 220 pounds of water and 2,667 pounds of experiment equipment, spare parts and other supplies to the space station circling the Earth.

Progress was launched 30 June from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Oil rises near $73 amid light 4th of July trading

SINGAPORE, 5 July—Oil prices rose to nearly $73 a barrel Monday in Asia as investors worried about a weak US economic recovery amid light holiday trading volume.

Benchmark crude for August delivery was up 38 cents to $72.52 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 81 cents to settle at $72.14 on Friday.

US markets are closed Monday for the Fourth of July holiday.

Oil prices fell the previous six trading sessions and dropped almost 10 percent last quarter amid ongoing fears about Europe’s financial crisis and slowing economic growth in China.

On Friday, the Labour Department said the US economy added a net 83,000 workers, which was more than May but fewer than March and April, stoking concerns that global economic growth and crude demand could be slowing.

Defending champion Joey Chestnut forces himself hot dogs during Nathan’s annual hot dog eating contest in the Coney Island section of New York on 4 July, 2010. Chestnut ate 54 hot dogs to retain his title, but one of his biggest rivals Takeru Kobayashi tried to crash the celebration and has been taken into custody.

Australia’s CSR sells sugar arm

SYDNEY, 5 July—Australian manufacturer CSR said on Monday it was selling its sugar and renewable energy arm to Singaporean agribusiness Wilmar for 1.47 billion US dollars, ditching an offer from China’s Bright Food Group.

CSR said it had looked at different options for off-loading sugar-giant Sucrogen before agreeing the 1.75 billion Australian dollar sale, which matched Bright Food’s conditional offer in April.

“Our objective for some time and having explored a number of strategic alternatives, the board believes a sale to Wilmar is in the best interests of shareholders and stakeholders in CSR,” chairman Ian Blackburne said in a statement.

Sucrogen produces about two million tons of raw sugar a year, about 40 percent of the total from Australia, a major regional supplier. CSR had been in talks for several months with Bright Food, which was reportedly considering lowering its bid.

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Nepal to sign MoU with 3 countries on finance trading

KATHMANDU, 5 July— Nepal is to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mongolia, Thailand and Malaysia on financial information exchange to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing at the 13th annual general meeting of the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) to be held in Singapore on July 12-16. Nepal is a member of the APG.

According to Monday’s The Kathmandu Post daily, with the signing of the MoU, the two sides will have to provide each other financial information about persons suspected to have been involved in money laundering. Nepal has already signed such agreements with Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Dharma Raj Sapkota, head of the Financial Information Unit at Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of the country, said that with the MoU, both sides would be required to exchange information on bank balance, investment in real estate, shares and other areas of those suspected of money laundering and terrorist financing. 

Internet

The International Space Station as seen in 2000 when the space shuttle Endeavour approached for docking. An unmanned Russian resupply vessel docked at the International Space Station (ISS) Sunday, two days after an earlier attempt failed, the Russian and US space flight control centres said.

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On Friday, the Labour Department said the US economy added a net 83,000 workers, which was more than May but fewer than March and April, stoking concerns that global economic growth and crude demand could be slowing.

Defending champion Joey Chestnut forces himself hot dogs during Nathan’s annual hot dog eating contest in the Coney Island section of New York on 4 July, 2010. Chestnut ate 54 hot dogs to retain his title, but one of his biggest rivals Takeru Kobayashi tried to crash the celebration and has been taken into custody.

Internet

Australia’s CSR sells sugar arm

SYDNEY, 5 July—Australian manufacturer CSR said on Monday it was selling its sugar and renewable energy arm to Singaporean agribusiness Wilmar for 1.47 billion US dollars, ditching an offer from China’s Bright Food Group.

CSR said it had looked at different options for off-loading sugar-giant Sucrogen before agreeing the 1.75 billion Australian dollar sale, which matched Bright Food’s conditional offer in April.

“Our objective for some time and having explored a number of strategic alternatives, the board believes a sale to Wilmar is in the best interests of shareholders and stakeholders in CSR,” chairman Ian Blackburne said in a statement.

Sucrogen produces about two million tons of raw sugar a year, about 40 percent of the total from Australia, a major regional supplier. CSR had been in talks for several months with Bright Food, which was reportedly considering lowering its bid.

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Nepal to sign MoU with 3 countries on finance trading

KATHMANDU, 5 July— Nepal is to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mongolia, Thailand and Malaysia on financial information exchange to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing at the 13th annual general meeting of the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) to be held in Singapore on July 12-16. Nepal is a member of the APG.

According to Monday’s The Kathmandu Post daily, with the signing of the MoU, the two sides will have to provide each other financial information about persons suspected to have been involved in money laundering. Nepal has already signed such agreements with Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Dharma Raj Sapkota, head of the Financial Information Unit at Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of the country, said that with the MoU, both sides would be required to exchange information on bank balance, investment in real estate, shares and other areas of those suspected of money laundering and terrorist financing. 

Internet
Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects oil-palm plantations in Kawthoung

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and departmental officials, on 3 July attended oil-palms planting ceremony of Yuzana Co Ltd in Hamaukkyi Township.

The commander, departmental officials, personnel and staff of the company planted oil-palm saplings. Lt-Gen Khin Zaw then inspected condition of Kawthoung-Bokpyin road and thriving oil-palm plantations along the road.

On 4 July, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander and personnel met officials, other ranks and their families of Bokpyin station and presented notebooks and stationery to the station.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw then visited Shwemyaw Yadana oil-palm farm of Yuzana Co Ltd in Chaunghsitphya Village, Bokpyin Township. He also went to oil-palm farm of Pokaung Co Ltd and viewed thriving oil-palm plantations.—MNA

No.1 Mining Enterprise and Top Ten Stars agree to partner for Bawsai Mines

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—No. 1 Mining Enterprise of Ministry of Mines and Top Ten Stars Manufacturing Co Ltd signed a contract to extract lead from Bawsai Mines Project in Bawsai Region, Kalaw Township, Shan State (South).—MNA

New building handed over to Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri BEHS No. 13

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor U Thein Nyunt this morning attended the ceremony to open the new building of No. 13 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri.

Secretary of Special Development Project Supervisory Committee U Kan Chun, Director-General U Aye Lwin of No. 2 Department of Basic Education and Joint Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Win Huay formally opened the new building.

The minister and guests visited the new school building. After that, the handover of new school building, school uniforms and stationery followed.

Director-General U Aye Lwin reported on the educational aims.

Secretary of the Supervisory Committee U Kan Chun handed over documents related to the new building to Township Education Officer U Soe Hlaing.


Director U Kyaw Min Tun of Tetlan Construction Co handed over three sets of computers to the school head and the TEO.

The new school building is 272 feet long and 216 feet wide.—MNA

Multiplier electoral course opened in Botataung Tsp

YANGON, 5 July—Conducted by Botataung Township Election Sub-Commission in Yangon East District, a multiplier electoral course for members of Ward Election Sub-commission took place at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Botataung Township on 3 July morning.

Chairman of Botataung Township Election Sub-commission U Khin Nyo gave an opening speech and in-charge of Yangon East District U Ye Myint presented reports on electoral tasks.

It was attended by Members of Yangon Division Election Sub-commission—in-charges of Yangon East District U Kyaw and U Ye Myint, Chairman U Khin Maung Kyaw and member U Aung Win of Yangon East District Election Sub-commission and Chairman and members of Township Election Sub-commission.

The 72 members of Ward Election Sub-commission observed electoral rules and laws and demonstrated on duties of returning officers and deputy returning officers in the course.—MNA
7th SEABA U-18 kicks off

YANGON, 5 July—The 7th SEABA U-18 was opened at the National Stadium (1) in Thuwunna here this morning with an opening address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee for Sports Thura U Aye Myint.

In the first day’s event, Myanmar beat Lao 70-62 points. Myanmar Basketball Federation President U Kyaw Win presented K 2 million to the winning selected Myanmar basketball team. In the second match, Philippines beat Malaysia 87-59 points and in the third match, Thailand beat Singapore 47-39 points.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint delivers an address at opening ceremony of the 7th SEABA U-18.—MNA

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Of the 38 parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties, the Union Election Commission has found the following parties to be in accordance with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to the parties to register as political parties today.

(1) Myanmar Democracy Congress Party
(2) Mro National Party
(3) Kaman National Progressive Party

Up to date, there are 43 parties that submitted applications to set up and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-six of the thirty-eight parties that submitted application for registration as political parties have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA

Multiplier course on election opened in Thanlyin Tsp

YANGON, 5 July—The launching of multiplier course on election, conducted by election sub-committee of Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, took place at Sasana Beikman in Thanlyin here this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division election sub-committee U Ko Ko made a speech. After that, members of Township election sub-commissions and officials gave lectures on election laws, regulations, and duties of sub-committee, returning officers and members of polling stations.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman U Myat Soe of Yangon South District election sub-committee and members, Chairman U Chit Nyunt of Thanlyin Township election sub-committee and members and altogether 563 trainees from ward/village-tract election sub-commissions.

Talks on beautifying and upgrading Yangon

YANGON, 5 July—Educative talks on “Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon” were given at No (2) Basic Education High School in Tamway Township here today.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon Managing-Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and members, officials, guests, teachers and students attended the talks.

Movie Stars Hein Wai Yan and Thinzar Wint Kyaw gave talks on practicing good manners since young for beautifying and upgrading Yangon and Police Captain Maung Maung Thein on traffic rules to students.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.
Singapore rewards 4 youths highest accolade

SINGAPORE, 5 July—Four Singaporeans have been awarded the country’s highest accolade, the Singapore Youth Award (SYA), for this year.

The SYA honors those who contribute significantly to society and excel in their professions, local media reported on Sunday.

The four outstanding youths received their awards from Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean on Sunday.

Their profiles will be exhibited at the heart of the youth precinct, in a bid to inspire other youths, the report said.

Royston Tan, director of Chuan Pictures, was honored with the SYA for Arts & Culture. He is an acclaimed film-maker and director who produced local hits like “13” and “891.” “This is very special because this award is not based on just one film or two projects but it’s almost like a lifetime thing that I have done since I first started making films,” Tan was quoted as saying.

The Entrepreneurship Award went to Leonard Tan, CEO of PurpleClick Media. His online marketing agency is the first in South East Asia to be accredited by Yahoo! and Google.

He said: “In business, the common things we face are challenges and obstacles and it’s so easy to give up today or tomorrow, but the thing is that if you have a positive mindset you probably see things (as) half-glass full than half-glass empty.”—Xinhua

One dead, at least six injured in Chicago overnight shootings

CHICAGO, 5 July—One was killed and at least six others were injured in separate shootings in Chicago late Saturday and early Sunday morning, Chicago Tribune reported.

About 1 am in the Stony Island Park neighborhood in south suburb, a 22-year-old man was discovered shot in a backyard, police said. He was taken in critical condition to a local hospital but later succumbed to his injuries.

At 11:50 pm in the South Austin neighborhood in west suburb, an 18-year-old man was standing on the sidewalk with friends when a gunman approached and began firing shots, police said. The teen suffered a gunshot wound to the leg.

About 12:15 am Sunday morning in the Ashburn neighborhood on the Southeast Side, a 21-year-old man riding a scooter was approached by a gunman and shot multiple times, police said. The victim was in critical condition.

At 1:45 am in the South Side’s South Chicago neighborhood, a 16-year-old boy suffered a graze wound above his eye, police said.

In the South Shore neighborhood in south suburb, a 39-year-old man was shot in the side of his body at about 2:40 am, police said.

About 3 am in the West Englewood neighborhood in south suburb, a 35-year-old woman was shot at a party in the Avenue. She suffered a gunshot wound to her arm, police said.

About 10 minutes later in Englewood, a 19-year-old man was shot in the leg.—Xinhua

Farmers find opportunity in immigrant vegetables

SOUTH DEERFIELD, 5 July—Maxixe, a Brazilian relative of the cucumber, is relatively unknown in the US, but it may one day be as common as cilantro as farmers and consumers embrace more so-called ethnic vegetables.

Agriculture experts at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and elsewhere are teaching farmers to grow non-native vegetables that appeal to a growing market of African, Asian and Latin American immigrants. These immigrants and their children already account for more than one-third of produce customers become more familiar with ethnic foods, experts expect sales to grow even more.

The number of Massachusetts farmers markets that carry ethnic vegetables jumped by 25 percent in a year, to 202 last year, said Scott Soares, commissioner of the state’s Department of Agricultural

The London-based company said the sum included $147 million paid out in claims to those affected by the disaster.—Internet

Five killed in air crash in US state of Texas

HOUSTON, 5 July—An airplane which serves as an air ambulance crashed on Sunday in the US state of Texas, killing all five people on board, officials said.

The two-engine plane was en route to Midland, Texas, when it crashed in an open field around 12 am about a mile east of Alpine-Casper Municipal Airport in west Texas, according to the US Federal Aviation Administration. The dead included a 78-year-old patient, his wife, two flight nurses and the pilot, local media reports said.

The pilot had tried to make an emergency landing when the plane crashed and burned, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

An investigation was underway.—Xinhua

Cosplay enthusiasts demonstrate a dance game at the Japan Expo in Paris on 4 July, 2010. Xinhua

Residents crowd in a swimming pool to escape the summer heat during a hot weather spell in Daying county of Saining, Sichuan Province on 4 July, 2010.—Internet

BP says cost of oil spill hits $3.12 billion

LONDON, 5 July—Oil company BP (BP.L) said it had so far spent $3.12 billion on the response effort to its Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The London-based company said the sum included $147 million paid out in claims to those affected by the disaster.—Internet

In this on 26 Jan, 2010 file photo, the Chevy Volt is seen on display at the Washington Auto Show, in Washington. The age of the silent hybrid may be coming to an end. Gas-electric hybrids, propelled by electric motors at low speeds, are well-known for their quiet ride and great gas mileage.—Internet

Soldiers stand on a seized submarine in the jungle region of La Loma in Ecuador, on 3 July, 2010. DEA officials said that the diesel electric-powered submarine was constructed in a remote jungle and captured near a tributary close to the Ecuador-Colombia border and is capable of transporting tons of cocaine.—Internet

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Bob Elhart, public policy director of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, said the organization doesn’t track the popularity of ethnic crops, but the trend in Massachusetts appears to be happening in other states as well.—Internet
Zimbabwe car crash kills 18 people, injures 31

HARARE, 5 July—Eighteen people perished while 31 were severely injured after a bus rammed into the back of a truck in central Zimbabwe in the early morning on Sunday, Xinhua has learnt.

The tragedy occurred around 4.30 am local time near Selous along the Harare-Bulawayo road, about 80 km in the southwest of the country’s capital of Harare, when a Musashi bus travelling from the capital to the Chegutu District Hospital with one report dead at Selous Hospital few kilometers, from the scene of the accident. Six people on board died on the spot. Seconds later a Mandaza Bus travelling in the same direction also rammed into the same truck and veered off the road before landing by the roadside killing 7 passengers on the spot.

According to Zimbabwe Republic Police National Traffic Spokesperson Inspector Tigere Chigome, 13 people died on the spot while 4 others had been critically injured and airlifted by a helicopter to the Chegutu District Hospital with one reported dead at Selous Hospital few kilometers, from the scene of the accident. Six people on board died on the spot. Seconds later a Mandaza Bus travelling in the same direction also rammed into the same truck and veered off the road before landing by the roadside killing 7 passengers on the spot.

Foreign workers taken hostage on Sunday released in Nigeria

LAGOS, 5 July—The police in Nigeria’s oil rich Rivers State has confirmed the release of some foreign nationals abducted by gunmen operating in the oil rich region.

State police spokesperson Rita Abbey confirmed this to Xinhua on Sunday on telephone. “Yes, we have received the information from our navy counterpart,” she said.

A military spokesman in Rivers State also confirmed the release of the foreign nationals to Xinhua.

“We received a call from the foreign nationals who said they are at the top of the matter.—Xinhua

Show gathers both heirs to marvel at Picasso, Klee

An exhibition in Switzerland has brought together the genius of modern art contemporaries Pablo Picasso and Paul Klee with an added twist: the first meeting of their two heirs.

Picasso and Klee the elders, among the most influential artists of the 20th century, met only twice.

A contestant pulls a vehicle during a strong man trial competition in Pingdingshan, central China’s Henan Province, on 4 July, 2010. Twenty-three strong men of the city and surrounding areas took part in the competition on Sunday. The strong man trial competition will be also held in Anyang and Luoyang of Henan Province.

Native New Yorker caped pole vaulter Kevin Mayer, a lawmaker in the US state of New York, jumps over a bar on his way to a season-best performance of 5.90 meters during the US Grand Prix meet in New York Saturday. Mayer was second in the event. It is his second best of the year, after a 6.01-meter at the NCAA championships on April 17. Mayer’s career best is 5.98 meters, set at the great wall of China in January.

Shark bites fisherman removing hook

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He had been removing the hook from the shark’s mouth around 12:30 pm EDT Saturday when the shark turned and snapped at the bottom of Joseph’s right bicep, Coast Guard Petty Officer Antonio Capocetta told the New York Daily News. Two other men aboard the 25-foot recreational fishing boat in Moriches Inlet, about 25 nautical miles south of Shinnecock, NY, used a sweatshirt to stanch the bleeding and called for help as the shark swam off into the ocean.

Deep sea dog: Russian teaches dachshund to scuba

In this 13 June, 2010, image made from television, Sergei Gorbunov, helps Boniface the dachshund dog as he is learning how to scuba-dive, in a special scuba diving suit before an underwater dive in the Pacific ocean on a beach near the settlement of Slavyanka, some 50 km (31 miles) from Russia’s Far Eastern city of Vladivostok.

Boniface is learning how to scuba dive.

Owner Sergei Gorbunov, a professional diver in the Pacific Coast city of Vladivostok had a diving suit complete with helmet made for the dog and is teaching him the tricks of the trade.

Any dachshund owner knows the feisty breed rarely backs off from a challenge, but one in Russia is taking that reputation to new heights — or depths.

The dog named Boniface is learning how to scuba dive.

News Album

A worker in a pet shop cuts a dog’s fur to prevent it from over-heating in the summer in Huaibei city in East China’s Anhui Province, on 4 July, 2010. Internet

Northern Mexican city Monterrey suffers post-storm water shortage

MEXICO CITY, 5 July—Monterrey, capital of the northern Mexican Province Nuevo Leon, is suffering a severe shortage of drinking water on Sunday after when the local water distribution system was crippled by Hurricane Alex.

“A 19-liter bottle of water that usually costs 40 pesos has risen to 150 pesos,” Mexican broadcaster Formatro 21 reported.

Supermarkets and corner stores were hit by panic buying of drinking water over the weekend, reported the station.—Xinhua

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Brushfire contained near Los Angeles city

LOS ANGELES, 5 July—A brushfire that blazed some 100 acres (40 hectares) of land in Greater Los Angeles Area has been contained on Sunday evening, a local television channel reported.

The blaze was finally put under control after over 250 firefighters had surrounded it and kept any hot spots from flaring up, KTLA 5 reported.

No homes are threatened and evacuations are not ordered, and the cause has been under investigation, it said.

Fire officials throughout the Greater Los Angeles Area, however, have expressed concern about the potential for brushfires being set off by fireworks ignited by the Fourth of July by revelers.—Xinhua

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV TUG: DANUM 97 & BGE: LINAU 95 VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TUG: DANUM 97 & BGE: LINAU 95 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: SEA EMPRESS GROUP MALAYSIA**

Phone No: 256924/256914

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (130) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: MS PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO. LTD**

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**WEDDING**

Marriage is announced between
Ma Hantha Tun Hla Kyin daughter of U Hla Kyin & Daw Lily Tun Ya and
Ko Ye Min son of (U Min Aung) & Daw Khin Yi at Karaweik Palace Hotel & Sedona Hotel on June 20 and June 27, 2010 respectively.

Thanks to elders, well-wishers and friends of both families who attended the occasions.

Parents & Ye Min- Hantha.

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**CHINA, CANADA AGREE TO FURTHER BOOST STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Beijing, 5 July—Chinese President Hu Jintao met with Canadian Governor General Michaëlle Jean here on Monday, and both agreed to further boost the bilateral strategic partnership.

**CHINESE PRESIDENT HU JINTAO (R) MEETS WITH CANADIAN GOVERNOR-GENERAL MICHAELLE JEAN IN BEIJING, CAPITAL OF CHINA, ON 5 JULY, 2010.—XINHUA**

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**MINISTER PLAYS DOWN 40% DEPARTMENTAL CUTS PLANNING**

London, 5 July—Government departments will not have to axe 40% from their budgets - despite being ordered to plan for cuts on that scale, a cabinet minister has said.

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond said some departments may see cuts “a bit higher” than the 25% announced in the budget and some “a bit lower”.

Trade unions claim ministers are using the 40% figure to make eventual cuts seem more acceptable.

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**A NEW 2010 LEXUS LS460 MODEL SEDAN IS UNLOADED FOR FINAL DELIVERY FROM A TRANSPORT TRUCK OUTSIDE THE KEYES LEXUS DEALERSHIP ON 1 JULY, 2010, IN VAN NUYS, CALIF. —INTERNET**

**TROUBLED TOYOTA RECALS ABOUT 92,000 CARS IN JAPAN**

Tokyo, 5 July—Toyota started recalling more than 90,000 luxury Lexus and Crown vehicles Monday in Japan over defective engines — the latest setback for the automaker beset with quality problems.

Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman Paul Nolasco said recalls in overseas markets will follow soon, totaling about 270,000 vehicles globally. That includes: 138,000 vehicles in the US, 15,000 in Europe, 10,000 in the Middle East, 6,000 in China, 4,000 in Canada, and 8,000 in other regions.

Toyota told the Japanese government Monday it was recalling 91,903 vehicles for flaws in the valve springs, a crucial engine component, that could make the automobile stall while in motion.
**Woods’ wife gets $100 ml in divorce settlement**

US golfer Tiger Woods gets a hug from his wife Elin Nordegren on the 18th green at the President's Cup in Gainesville, Virginia, in this 24 September, 2005 file photo.—Xinhua

BEIJING, 5 July—Elin Nordegren, Tiger Woods’ soon-to-be ex-wife, will get $100 million US dollars in their divorce settlement, according to US media reports Monday.

In addition to $100 million dollars, Nordegren has also won the right to gain some child benefit for their children—Charlie Axel (17 months) and Sam Alexis (3 years old), according to KWGN reports.

The reports also suggest that Woods is preventing from bringing his new girlfriends around his children who are expected to live primarily with their mother.

On the other hand, Nordegren will be prevented from speaking about their marriage or Woods’ alleged affairs in interviews. She will also be prevented from writing a book about the events leading up to their divorce, according to foreign media reports.

The divorce, which is expected to be finalized sometime next week, is going to be one of the top ten most expensive celebrity divorces of all time.

**New “Twilight” sequel earns less than predecessor**

LOS ANGELES, 5 July—The latest “Twilight” movie earned $262 million during its first five days at the worldwide box office, but fell short of forecasts in North America while soaring to new levels, even though the vampire romance series soared to new levels, soared to new levels, soared to new levels, soared to new levels, soared to new levels.

Even though the relentless hype on the movie’s release spooked to new levels, Americans in general are more concerned with US Independence Day holiday weekend festivities, said Richie Fay, Summit’s president of domestic theatrical distribution.

He predicted strong midweek sales.

**Cast member Robert Pattinson poses at the premiere of “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse” during the Los Angeles Film Festival in Nokia theatre at LA Live in Los Angeles 24 June, 2010.—INTERNET**

**Fever urges governments to fight malaria locally**

MUMBAI, 5 July—“The Fever: How Malaria Has Ruled Humankind for 500,000 Years” (Sarah Crichton Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, $26), by Sonia Shah: At age 7, author Sonia Shah visits her grandmother in southern India. She must take anti-malaria pills, and she lies in a stuffy cage of netting — mosquitoes perched menacingly above — while her local cousins sleep nearby, unencumbered in the warm breeze.

The mosquitoes “sneak into the gap my protruding limbs create, and they feast,” she complains. The next morning, her grandmother rubs talcum powder into Shah’s pink scabs while her smooth-skinned cousins snicker.

Shah’s relatives profess the ancient Jain religion, which holds all life sacred and forbids violence. Her reaction is heretical, the author recalls vividly.

“When no one is looking,” Shah writes in “The Fever: How Malaria Has Ruled Humankind for 500,000 Years,” “I crush the mosquitoes’ poised little figures with my palm and smear the remains on a hidden seam in the couch.”

Media reports Ronaldo becomes a father

LISBON, 5 July—Portugal and Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo has become a father, Portuguese media reported on Sunday, quoting sources close to his agent and an official Facebook and Twitter post.

The post in question says that the 25-year-old has “recently become a father” while Correio da Manha newspaper reported “gestifute,” the company which is run by Ronaldo’s father.

On the other hand, Ronaldo’s father confirmed the news on his Facebook page, saying that the 25-year-old has “recently become a father.”

The Maltese Tourism Board will put together the show for the fourth year running.

The Isle of MTV Malta Special will premiere across MTV’s international channels on 30th August.—Xinhua

**Jam said to be made from Princess Di’s hair**

LONDON, 5 July—The royal hair? Jam made from what its maker claims is one of Princess Diana’s hairs is up for sale at an art exhibition in London.

The preserve, called “occult jam,” is part of a surrealist art show at London’s Barbican Art Gallery that includes exhibits by Salvador Dalí and René Margritte. The 5-pound-a-jar ($7.60) jam is both art and food, Sam Bompas, who founded catering company Bompas and Parr, said on Sunday.

He said the preserve is made by infusing a tiny speck of the late princess of Wales’ hair with gin, which is then combined with milk and sugar to create a product with a taste resembling condensed milk.

The hair was bought on eBay for $10 from a US dealer who collects what he says is celebrity hair and sells it in extremely tiny parts.—Internet

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Number 10 flops at World Cup

PARIS, 5 July—It has long been seen as the magic number in football, but the number 10 shirt has failed to live up to its star billing at the South African World Cup.

Wearing the number ten on your back has earned exalted, almost sacred, status over the years thanks not least to the exploits first of Pele with Brazil, then Diego Maradona with Argentina with Zinedine Zidane reprising the role in 1998.

But while what the Brazilians call the ‘dez’ and the Argentines the ‘diez’ has taken on iconic status, the current generation have thus far failed to live up to their forebears.

Brazil number ten Kaka had hoped to engrave his name in the World Cup hall of fame despite coming on the back of an injury-plagued, below par season at Real Madrid.

But his showing remained obstinately on a lower plane as the Brazilians never hit the heights of Pele’s generation, bowing out meekly to the Dutch after Kaka again failed to hit the target.

Three assists and no goals was not what fans of the auriverde had been demanding.

As for Lionel Messi, the record books will show that his second World Cup finals ended in similar ignominy as his first.

In 2006, he was left on the bench as Germany beat Argentina on penalties. This time, he failed to live up to his billing as the world’s greatest player continually running down blind alleys as the Germans this time thwarted his countrymen 4-0.

Battler Van der Vaart out of Real shadows

CAPE TOWN, 5 July—Wesley Sneijder might be grabbing the headlines with his two-goal salvo to knock out Brazil - but Rafael van der Vaart has also been quietly getting on with his job for the World Cup semi-finalists.

Like Sneijder, Van der Vaart has known difficult times recently at club level. After both pitched up at Real Madrid, the Spanish giants decided they would offload their Dutch connection and Sneijder went off to lift the Champions League with Inter milan.

Braziil's midfielder Kaka reacts at the end of the 2010 World Cup quarter-final match against Netherlands.—INTERNET

Kaka was not fit for duty - Brazil doctor

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 July—Brazil team doctor Jose Luiz Ronco admitted on Sunday that star midfielder Kaka, who failed to shine at the World Cup, was not properly fit and wouldn’t have played at a lesser event.

"Maybe in other situations Kaka would not have played even the World Cup, but he really wanted to be there," said Ronco as the squad touched down in Rio following their flight back from South Africa.

Kaka came into the tournament on the back of a disappointing season with Real Madrid which

had hoped to engrave his name in the World Cup hall of fame despite coming on the back of an injury-plagued, below par season at Real Madrid.

Artemio Franchi

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Cape Town, 5 July—One player celebrated the Germany -Argentina World Cup quarterfinal with a somersault of joy. America cried his eyes out.

Few could have predicted which would be which before the tournament.

Argentina’s Lionel Messi went into the World Cup as FIFA’s world player of the year, an odds-on choice to be the star of South Africa 2010. Germany’s Miroslav Klose seemed all washed up, a veteran striker ready for retirement who had lost his touch for good.

But Klose’s simple shots did more for Germany than Messi’s darting runs and intricate passing did for Argentina. Just look at the scoreboard:

"Germany 4, Argentina 0."

Or Klose 2, Messi 0.

Klose celebrated his 14th World Cup goal with a flip, while Messi stared at the grass, his left hand on his hip, totally defeated. Then he departed in tears.

The 32-year-old Klose is now second on the World Cup career scoring list, just one behind Brazil’s Ronaldo.—INTERNET

Rooney is fit, insists Ferguson

LONDON, 5 July—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has insisted a lack of fitness cannot be blamed for star striker Wayne Rooney’s medicoe World Cup.

Before the tournament, the 24-year-old United forward was seen as the key to England’s hopes of a first global title since 1966.

But the former Everton striker failed to fire in South Africa, returning home without a goal to his name after England suffered a record 4-1 tournament loss to arch-rivals Germany in the last 16.

That led to speculation Rooney was still struggling with the ankle injury he suffered towards the end of last season but Ferguson told the Mail on Sunday: “There is nothing wrong with the lad or his fitness. “He’s relaxing on holiday in Barbados and I expect him to come back refreshed for the new season.”

Nowitzki’s adviser: Dirk staying in Dallas

DALLAS, 5 July—Dirk Nowitzki is sticking with the Dallas Mavericks. Next question: Will he and Jason Kidd be able to lure anyone to join them?

Nowitzki’s adviser, Holger Geschwindner, told The Associated Press late Saturday night that Nowitzki and Mavs owner Mark Cuban have agreed “to get it done.” Teams and free agents can strike deals at any time, but can’t sign them until Thursday.

According to a person familiar with negotiations, the deal is for more than $80 million over four years, with a no-trade clause. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the NBA’s moratorium until Thursday. Team officials couldn’t comment because of that same rule.

“I think it’s a great deal,” Geschwindner said. “We’re pumped.”

The deal was first reported by ESPN.—INTERNET

Petacchi wins 1st stage of Tour de France

BRUSSELS, 5 July—Alessandro Petacchi of Italy won Sunday’s crash-marred first stage of the Tour de France, with top sprinters and contenders such as Lance Armstrong delayed as they got around the pileups.

Three crashes tangled up riders in the last few miles, including a big spill within the last half mile that stalled race leader Fabian Cancellara and Armstrong amid a large bunch.

The top of the standings didn’t change much. Cancellara, the Swiss rider who won Saturday’s prologue, retained the yellow jersey and seven-time Tour champion Armstrong remains fourth, 22 seconds back.

Alberto Contador, the 2009 champion, is sixth, 27 seconds behind, following the 139-mile trek through flat Belgian and Dutch lowlands from Rotterdam to Brussels.—INTERNET

The file photo shows, Dallas Mavericks centre Dirk Nowitzki, from Germany, and team. —INTERNET

Argentina’s Lionel Messi, left, is comforted by Argentina head coach Diego Maradona, right.—INTERNET

Lance Armstrong of the US, second right, Levi Leipheimer of the US, left, and Stuart O’Grady of Australia.—INTERNET

Nadal reclaims Wimbledon crown in style

LONDON, 5 July—Rafael Nadal reclaimed the Wimbledon men’s singles title on Sunday, putting in a class performance to beat Tomas Berdych 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 in the final.

The Spanish world number one was too good for the Czech 12th seed on Centre Court and was rarely troubled as he won his second championship at the All England Club.

In securing his eighth Grand Slam, Nadal went level with Andre Agassi, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl, Fred Perry and Ken Rosewall.

And with Switzerland’s Roger Federer showing signs of weakness, Nadal could easily go on to eclipse their efforts.

PETRACCHI WINS 1ST STAGE OF TOUR DE FRANCE
Employees of Samsung Electronics are seen in a reflection as they walk at the company headquarters in Seoul on 19 March, 2010.

Samsung H2 could play spoilsport to strong recovery

SEOUL, 5 July — Samsung Electronics’ (005930.KS) second-half performance might be hit by weak European markets, and the launch of its new smartphones is key as the world’s No. 1 memory chipmaker is set to report a record quarterly profit.

The mainstay memory chip unit of Samsung is benefitting from a robust recovery in the global consumer electronics market, but Apple Inc’s (AAPL.O) fastest ever global rollout of its latest iPhone is posing as a strong headwind to Samsung’s nascent smartphone business.

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WEATHER

Monday, 5th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayah States and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.98) inch, Nyaungdon (2.65) inches, Sittway and Kyaukpyu (2.09) inches each, Homalin (2.05) inches, Hkamti (1.97) inches Yamenhin (0.94) inch and Pakokku (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-7-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 5-7-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-7-2010 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 4-7-2010 was (1.5) hours.

Rainfall on 5-7-2010 was (1.02) inches at Nyaungdon, (2.65) inches, Sittway and Kyaukpyu, (1.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.34) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (31.14) inches at Mingaladon, (36.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (37.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 4-7-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 6th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in Chin State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-7-2010: Isolated 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

Kaman National Progressive Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July —The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.79/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
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5 July 2010
Kaman National Progressive Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to Kaman National Progressive Party with its headquarters at No.460 (4th floor), Myalayyon Street, Myittanyunt Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Division, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 5 July 2010. The registration number of Kaman National Progressive Party is (36).

By order

Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

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

Political parties submit lists of party members

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July —Political parties are to present lists of their party members in line with the Article 13 (a) of Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission. Among them, Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization (M.K.N.S.O) party submitted the list of its party members to the UEC on 29 June and the National Unity Party, today.—MNA

Returning farmland to wilderness in Tanzania

科学日, 5 July —The Swiss wanted to rear cattle in Tanzania and in doing so completely disturbed the ecosystem: the example of the Mkwaja Ranch shows how dependant agriculture is on a functioning ecosystem. And what a serious effect its encroachment can have on a sensitive balance.

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Provided deep insights into the diversity of ecosystems. The Mkwaja Ranch was founded in the 1950s by the Anglo-Swiss sisal producer Amboni. Here, in the savannah of western Tanzania, the company wanted to rear cattle in order to be able to provide the workers on their sisal plantations with good meat. The ranch was built near the coast over an area of 400 square kilometres.——INTERNET