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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of northern Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and departmental officials visited Tatmadaw tea factory in Namhsan, Kyaunkme District on 4 July.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave instructions on production process, storage of products and packaging of finished goods. He then visited tea plantation of a local farmer. In meeting with tea growers, he called for extensive cultivation of tea that is suitable to the region.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing also visited new 50-bed Peoples’ Hospital of Namhsan. He then met departmental personnel of the township and urged them to join hands with natives for all-round development of the region.

Applications for registration as political party submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Parties that have been allowed to form political parties are submitting their applications to register as political parties to the Union Election Commission. Regional Development Party (Pyay) submitted the application today.

Up to date, there are 43 parties that submitted their applications for formation and continued existence as political parties. A total of 36 of 39 parties that submitted the applications for registration as political parties have been permitted to register and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA

Local residents clearing waterway of Dahka River

Article: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung);
Photos: Reporter Myint Aung (Ahlon)

Pathein has images of development with beautiful scenes and neat and tidy residential areas. On arrival at Pathein of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Division, we witnessed clearing of water hyacinth that is quickly growing in rivers and creeks in the rainy season.

We, the news crew of Myanma Alin daily woke up at 5 am to observe the clearing of water hyacinth being undertaken by the local people under close supervision of Chairman of Pathein District Peace and Development Council U Than Swe.

Residents clearing water hyacinth in Dahka River.

Along our way to the sanitation site, we saw some farmers were ploughing their farmlands and women were transplanting paddy seedlings in groups. We enjoyed the scene of lush和green monsoon paddy plantations and rubber plants. Indeed, these were the significant images of the Ayeyawady Division, the granary of Myanmar.

Tak ing over one hour by car, we arrived at Dahka River between Kangyidaunt and Kyanggon townships of Pathein District. We saw the unexpected scene that the water hyacinth covered almost the entire surface of Dahka River.

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Maintain archaeological findings

The Ministry of Culture organized a paper reading session on archaeological evidences at its office in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 July.

The findings of the archaeological research are believed to add to the Myanmar history.

Doing archaeological research on the Myanmar history from the origin of the race to date through the prehistoric period and Pyu Period, we have been able to discover the origin of Myanmar people who were born and who migrated from one place to another in the Myanmar soil, along with the Myanmar civilization.

Myanmar archaeological experts and international primate experts carried out joint research in order to prove the proposal “The origin of Myanmar is Myanmar”. They have been working together yearly to find out the fossilized remains of Pontaung primates in Pontaung rock layers.

The findings of the primates on the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age gained from the archaeological research in Meiktila and Yamethin districts over the past decade are some evidences for the Bronze Age and the Iron Age as well as for the Myanmar culture and history.

Not only Myanmar but also foreign experts participated in the paper reading session. So, the advice, suggestions and queries by experts and researchers, and the responses by resource persons are profound evidences for the Myanmar history.

Construction of Shwegyin Hydropower Project kicking into high gear

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Ministry of Construction held monsoon tree planting ceremonies at its Nos (11) and (40) offices here this morning.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) Dr. Win Myint, departmental heads and staff families were present at the ceremonies.

The minister and deputy ministers planted a tree each and enjoyed the participation of staff families. A total of 700 staff grew 1350 trees at the ceremonies.

They later took part in fingerlings releasing ceremony held at Dam where 5400 fingerlings were released.

Livestock & Fisheries Ministry to promote meat export

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held a meeting on promotion of export of meat at Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein Township here this morning, with an address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein.

Director-General Professor Dr Myint Thein of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department explained measures for promotion of export of meat and future plans. Entrepreneurs submitted reports on measures to meet export target and necessities.

The minister coordinated essentials and made concluding remarks. Also present at the meeting were departmental heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, personnel from Yangon City Development Committee and Myanmar Livestock Federation and meat exporters.
Five NATO soldiers killed in IED attacks in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July— Another five soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in separate Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks in Afghanistan’s southern provinces and western region, bringing to six the number of military casualties in a single day on Monday, ISAF said in a Press release on Tuesday.

“Two ISAF servicemen died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan yesterday,” ISAF said in the Press release.

Premature explosion kills 3 militants in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July— Three Taleban militants were killed as their mine exploded prematurely in Afghanistan’s northern Kunduz Province, the Afghan Interior Ministry said in a Press release on Tuesday.

“A group of militants were busy in planting a mine on the road in Nahr-e-Sufi village, Chargarda District on Monday afternoon when the device went off prematurely killing three on the spot,” the press release added.

Taleban militants have yet to make comment.

Charles District in Kunduz Province has been regarded as the hotbed of Taleban fighters in north Afghanistan.

British civil servants to face pay cuts

BEIJING, 6 July— In Britain, civil servants are now facing sharp cuts to their “Golden goodbye” payments.

A newly-announced plan, is expected to take effect in September. Currently, civil servants who’ve served more than 20 years, receive payouts equivalent to 2 years’ salary and 3 to 6 years salary under certain conditions.

According to the new plan, these packages could be brought into line with those in the private sector, equivalent to just months or even weeks’ severance. 600-thousand public sector posts, could be eliminated in the next five years. The measures aim to save 100 billion pounds.

Somali pirates hijack Greek-owned ship with 18 Filipinos

NAIROBI, 6 July— Somali pirates have hijacked Greek-owned ship with 18 Filipino crew members on board, both EU anti-piracy mission and a regional maritime official confirmed on Monday.

European Union Naval Force Somalia spokesman John Harbour and East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) Andrew Mwangura said the MT Motivator was seized in the northern Bab Al Mandeb area in the southern Red Sea on Sunday. “In the early hours of 4 July, the MT Motivator reported it was under small arms fire from a pirate attack in the northern Bab Al Mandeb area in the southern Red Sea. After notification of this attack, attempts were made to make contact with the Motivator but to no avail. The hijack was confirmed early on 5 July,” Harbour said.

Mwangura told Xinhua that the MT Motivator, deadweight 13,065 tonnes with a crew of 18 Filipino nationals on board, is a Marshall Flagged chemical products tanker loaded with lubricated oil. EU NAVFOR said it was monitoring the situation which came after a lull of activity in the pirate-infested waters of Somalia. Pirate attacks off the Somali coast have continued despite the presence of several warships, deployed by navies of the NATO, the European Union, Russia, China, South Korea and India, in the region to protect cargo and cruise ships against piracy.

Train station commander Ameerullah Mehsud killed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 July— A Taleban commander, with a 234,000-US-dollar price on his head, had been killed in a shootout with soldiers in Pakistan’s North Waziristan region, reported local media The News on Monday.

The report quoted a military statement as saying that Ameerullah Mehsud was one of the top commanders in the Pakistani Taleban.

He also went by the alias of Qari Gud, which means “the man who limps,” and Mazloom- myar, which means “friend of the oppressed” in the Pashto language.

Mehsud was reported dly shot dead at a checkpoint in Miranshah, the main town of North Waziristan in northwest Pakistan’s tribal areas.

“His head money was 20 million rupees (234,000 US dollars). Two soldiers were also wounded in the shootout,” the military said in a statement. The gunbattle took place in Miranshah on Sunday, it added. Mehsud was listed 11 out of 19 most-wanted Tehreek-e-Taleban Pakistan (TTP) commanders for whom the government last November posted combined rewards worth 5 million dollars for information leading to their capture, dead or alive.
E–books reading takes longer time than paper

BEIJING, 6 July—It takes a longer time to read books on a Kindle 2 or an iPad compared to printed pages, according to a recent study by product development consultancy Nielsen Norman Group.

US media reported Monday that 24 participants were given short stories by Ernest Hemingway to read in print and on iPads, Kindles. After reading, participants filled out a brief comprehension questionnaire to make sure no one had skimmed through a story.

Overall, it took each reader an average of 17 minutes and 20 seconds from start to finish — enough time to get readers to fully “immersed” in the stories, Nielsen explained.

The study found that reading speeds declined by 6.2 percent on the iPad and 10.7 percent on the Kindle compared to print.

However, Nielsen conceded that the differences in the reading speed between the two devices were not “statistically significant because of the data’s fairly high variability”.

Users also rated their satisfaction with each device. the iPad, Kindle and printed book scored 5.8, 5.7 and 5.6, on a scale of 7, respectively.

The satisfaction ratings on the survey are promising for e-reader manufacturers. However, given the reading speed contrast, it was still too early to say printed books would be largely replaced by e-books in the near future, Nielsen noted.—Xinhua

Australian scientists discover DNA pest-detection technique

BRISBANE, 6 July—Molecular biologist Jane Oakey revealed on Tuesday Queensland scientists are using DNA techniques to identify outbreaks of exotic pests and weeds.

DNA tests are used to prove the existence of pest animals rather than looking for the pest itself, she said.

Dr Oakey said often the pests were too small to see or lived in environments that were difficult to get to, such as underneath large boats.

“It’s been effective with the Asian green mussels in Cairns,” she told Australian Associated Press.

She said scientists tested plankton for the Asian green mussels DNA from water samples gathered by dragging a big net around the port.

Ten nuclear reactors to use top technology

BEIJING, 6 July—China, which is currently building the largest number of nuclear power stations worldwide, is expected to use one of the most advanced technologies for constructing 10 of its nuclear reactors, an energy official said on Monday.

The technology, called AP1000 from US-based nuclear power company Westinghouse, is a third-generation nuclear system. Compared with other reactors already in use in China, those using the third-generation technology are considered to be safer and able to operate longer.

The AP1000 technology will be used on six reactors at three inland nuclear plants in Hunan, Hubei and Jiangxi provinces — the country’s first batch of inland nuclear power projects.

The technology will also be applied for two pairs of reactors, one in Sannen in coastal Zhejiang province, and the other in Haiyang, Shandong province, said the official who did not want to be named because of security issues.

Future inland projects are also set to use the same technology and Chinese authorities are considering the AP1000 as a standard, he said.—Xinhua

Apple missing opportunities in China

BEIJING, 6 July—The founder of Chinese IT giant Lenovo said in an interview that Apple is missing huge opportunities in the world’s most populous nation because it does not understand mainland consumers.

“We are lucky that Steve Jobs has such a bad temper and doesn’t care about China,” Lenovo chairman Liu Chuanzhi told the Financial Times.

“If Apple were to spend the same effort on the Chinese consumer as we do, we would be in trouble.”

Lenovo holds about 30 percent share of the Chinese market, which is one of the fastest-growing globally, and is expected to become the world’s largest within a year, the newspaper said.

Chinese consumers are as keen on Apple’s sleek gadgets as their international peers, but official channels for their sale are extremely limited, the report said.

The company has a flagship store in Beijing and a handful of authorized resellers in the country’s largest cities. Apple is due to open a store in Shanghai on Saturday.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan is one of Bollywood’s preeminent leading ladies and former Miss World. Rai has acted in over forty movies in Hindi, English, Tamil and Bengali. Julia Roberts calls her “the world’s most beautiful woman”.” —Xinhua

Science
Scientists find plasma protein link to Alzheimer’s disease

WASHINGTON, 6 July—Higher concentrations of clusterin, a protein in the blood plasma, appear to be associated with the development, severity and progression of Alzheimer’s disease, according to a report in the June issue of Archives of General Psychiatry.

Individuals with Alzheimer’s disease display several findings in their blood and cerebrospinal fluid that may reflect neuropathological changes, according to background information in the article. For instance, in cerebrospinal fluid, individuals with Alzheimer’s disease have lower levels of amyloid-beta peptides and higher levels of total and phosphorylated tau concentration, which reflect the formation of hallmark plaques and tangles in the brain. Similarly, numerous articles have suggested that levels of certain metabolites and proteins in the plasma might represent responses to brain changes in Alzheimer’s disease, but none have been replicated.—Xinhua

McDonald’s chicken nuggets contain chemical

BEIJING, 6 July—According to Britain’s Daily Mail newspaper, citing a CNN study, chicken nuggets sold in US branches of McDonald’s contain a chemical used in the children’s play item, Silly Putty.

CNN reports that “McNuggets” sold to American fast food lovers contain di-methyl-polysiloxane, an anti-foaming agent used in Silly Putty. They also have more calories and fat than those sold in the chain’s British restaurants.

A spokeswoman for McDonald’s puts the transatlantic differences down to local methods of food preparation. CNN reports that US McNuggets also contain a petrol-based chemical called tertiary butyl hydroquinone. British McNuggets contain neither, Lisa McComb, McDonald’s global media relations manager, says dimethylpolysiloxane is used for safety reasons to prevent oil from foaming.—Xinhua

Women live longer, more likely disabled

BARCELONA, 6 July—Women may live longer than men but they are more likely to spend the extra years in disability, researchers in Spain said.

Lead author Albert Espelt of the Public Health Agency of Barcelona, Spain, and colleagues based their findings on health surveys conducted by the Public Health Agency in Barcelona since 1982.

“These are representative of the non-institutionalized population living in Barcelona,” Espelt said in a statement. “We saw differences in limitations according to socioeconomic position, which remained steady over the course of time.” The research team interviewed 4,244 people age 64 and older — 893 in 1992, 2,140 in 2000 and 1,211 in 2006.

The study, published in the Journal of Women’s Health, found the prevalence of disability in people age 64 and older increased among women, but not among men. The prevalence of disability in 2006 was 30 percent among men and 53 percent in women.—Xinhua

Childhood X-rays: ‘Less is best’

NEW YORK, 6 July—A US radiologist advises “less is best” when it comes to X-rays in children.

Dr Helene Pavlov of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York says children, who are still growing, are susceptible to the effects of ionizing radiation and suggests parents ask if a facility where X-rays are to be taken emphasizes ALARA — the acronym for “As Low As Reasonably Achievable.” However, parents first need to talk to the doctor.

“Ask what the doctor suspects is the problem and whether there is a non-ionizing radiation imaging examination and expertise available, such as an MRI or an ultrasound examination that could be substituted for the specific condition clinically suspected,” Pavlov says in a statement.—Internet

MS depression may be rooted in biology

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—Depression in multiple sclerosis patients may be biological rather than a psychological reaction to the burdens of being ill, US researchers suggest.

Their study, published in Biological Psychiatry, finds multiple sclerosis patients are more likely than healthy patients to have brain atrophy — shrinkage — in three areas of the brain involved in mood and memory tissues known as the hippocampus.

Moreover, the glandular system that responds to stress and regulates other physiological processes known as the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis was more likely overactive.

“Interestingly, this idea of a link between excessive activity of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis and reduced brain volume in the hippocampus hasn’t received a lot of attention, despite the fact that the most consistently reproduced findings in psychiatric patients with depression — but without MS — include hyperactivity of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis and smaller volumes of the hippo-campus,” Dr. Nancy Sicotte of the University of California, Los Angeles, said in a statement.

The senior study author and her colleagues used brain imaging on 29 patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis and compared them with 20 healthy control subjects who did not have MS.—Xinhua

Disent products are seen for sale at a flagship store in Shanghai. The US entertainment giant could start building its planned theme park in Shanghai as early as November, a year after Chinese authorities gave the green light for the project, a report said on Tuesday.—Internet

India’s growing digital economy means that it will have 500 percent more e-waste from old computers in 2020 than in 2007, and 18 times more mobile phones, according to a United Nations report.—Internet
Philippines’ June inflation slows to five-month low of 3.9%  

MANILA, 6 July—Philippines’ inflation rate in June slowed to 3.9 percent on lower fuel prices, showed the data released by the country’s National Statistics Office (NSO) on Tuesday. This is its slowest growth rate in five months. The June inflation rate was slower than the 4.3 percent posted in May but was higher than the 1.5 percent inflation posted in June 2009. Since January, inflation stayed above 4 percent and peaked at 4.4 percent in March and April. The NSO said that price adjustments in LPG and kerosene eased the fuel, light and water (FLW) index to 15.8 percent in June compared with 16.2 percent in May. The heavily weighted food, beverages and tobacco (FBT) index remained at its May level of 3.1 percent. This, along with tuition hikes seen in several regions including the National Capital Region (NCR), pushed month-on-month inflation to increase to 0.2 percent in June from -0.2 percent in May. The NSO said excluding selected food and energy items, core inflation slowed to 3.7 percent in June from 3.8 percent in May.  

S Korea to hold working-level trade talks with China  

SEOUL, 6 July—South Korea’s trade ministry said on Tuesday it will hold working-level talks with China this week on various pending issues related to a bilateral free trade deal. According to the ministry, the one-day meeting will be held in Tangshan, Hebei Province of China on Wednesday. Seoul and Beijing have recently completed a joint study on the feasibility of a bilateral free trade agreement, which led to a sealing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to hold additional talks on thorny issues. The two-way trade volume reached 73.7 billion US dollars last year, with China importing 46.1 billion US dollars, said the trade ministry. In May, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said to beef up S Korea to hold working-level trade talks with China $100 billion US dollars last year, with China importing 46.1 billion US dollars, said the trade ministry. In May, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said to beef up the country’s trade with China with US $100 billion US dollars last year, with China importing 46.1 billion US dollars, said the trade ministry. In May, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said to beef up the country’s trade with China.  

Steel moves heat up in Shaxi  

BEIJING, 6 July—China’s largest stainless steelmaker, Taiyuan Iron & Steel Group, hopes to finalize details of a planned acquisition of Zhongyou Iron & Steel Group by early September, said a source familiar with the deal. The consolidation move would make it the first acquisition of Shaxi Province’s steel restructuring plan. “Taiyuan Steel and Zhongyou discussed merger details two weeks ago, led by Shaxi Province’s Economy and Information Committee,” said the source. “Taiyuan Steel wants to conclude the deal in two months to allow time (to begin) operations before the peak season starts in October.”  

Japan sales of imported vehicles up 11.7% in Jan-June period  

TOKYO, 6 July—Sales of new imported vehicles in Japan rose 11.7 percent from a year earlier in the first half of this year, the Japan Automobile Importers Association (JAI) said in a report Tuesday. The industry body noted that 97,282 imported vehicles, including those of Japanese makers produced overseas, were sold in Japan, marking the first rise in four years for the January-June period, with the advance being attributed to smaller vehicles eligible for state subsidies and tax breaks. Sales of foreign-brand passenger cars, trucks and buses climbed 14.9 percent to 89,189 units but those of Japanese-brand vehicles declined 4.5 percent to 8,093 units in the recording period, JAI said. Volkswagen proved the most popular foreign-produced vehicle in Japan, selling 24,862 units, up 32.5 percent, whilst Mercedes-Benz came in second with sales of 15,556 vehicles, a rise of 13.2 percent. BMW remained third, selling 14,184 vehicles, up 6.5 percent, the industry body said.  

Greece’s budget deficit dropped by 41% in first six months  

ATHENS, 6 July—Greek state’s budget deficit declined by 41 percent in the first six months this year compared to the same period in 2009. Bank of Greece announced on Monday, The budget deficit, which is the net balance of the state budget including movements in public debt management accounts, from January to July 2010 dropped to 11,450 billion euros (14,357 billion US dollars) from 19,685 billion euros (24,683 billion US dollars) at the same period of last year, said a statement released by the Bank of Greece. In regards to ordinary budget revenues, from January to July this year, they were increased to 23.2 billion euros (25.09 billion dollars) from 21.74 billion euros (27.26 billion dollars) the same period in 2009, while ordinary budget expenditure declined to 30.2 billion euros (37.87 billion dollars) compared to 35.6 billion euros (44.64 billion dollars) during the first six months last year.  

A boat carrying suspected illegal immigrants is photographed from a Border Protection Command aircraft in Australian waters in this handout photo taken recently.  

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**Brazilian consumer confidence remains high, survey shows**

BRASILIA, 6 July—Brazilian consumers remain optimistic about personal income, inflation, personal debt and the financial situation of their country, said a survey released by the National Confederation of Industry (CNI) on Monday.

The positive expectations of consumers reached 114.6 points, on a fixed basis of 100 points (above which indicates optimism), 4.1 percent higher than the same month last year, the National Index of Consumer Expectations showed. The latest reading is also higher than the historical average of 109 points.

There was improvement especially in the expectation of falling inflation and reducing household debt. However, optimism related to employment and expectation of higher-value purchases has decreased.

According to Flavio Castelo Branco, CNI manager of economic policy, the result is positive because the lower confidence related to employment can be just an adjustment.

“In May this indicator rose a lot, and then the fall can be just an adjustment or even a single event like the World Cup, for example. And confidence in personal financial situation remained high, which means that the recent increase in interest rate did not impact on the financial condition of consumers,” he said.

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**S African national parks sell soccer safari**

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, 6 July—At the sun set over the savannah at Kruger National Park, a football fan unfurled a banner from the side of an open-air safari truck. The guided tour was about to set out in search of Africa’s “big five”— lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards and Cape buffalo — and the Argentina fan seized the moment to convey a message to the world, or any animals that might be watching.

“Whatever happens, no matter what,” the banner said. It showed a picture of Argentina coach Diego Maradona lifting the World Cup — a dream soon killed by leopards and Cape lions, elephants, rhinos, and Cape buffalos, at the Farnborough International Airshow 2010, according to a statement released Monday by Airbus.

The biennial Airshow, one of the world’s most iconic global aviation events, is scheduled from 19 to 25 July.

The A400M will conduct demonstration flights from Monday to Thursday, while the A380 passenger aircraft, the world’s most advanced in service today, will have daily in-flight performance during the Airshow, the statement said.—Xinhua

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**Oil spill in N Philippines causes water pollution**

MANILA, 6 July—Covered with black sheen, the shores of Talibayog village in Calatagan, a town in northern Philippine province of Batangas, has been marred by oil spill since Sunday, local television ABS-CBN reported on Tuesday.

The oil must have come from the cargo vessels that passed waters in the area, said Rodrigo de Jesus, Calatagan chairman said.

What made matters worse are the newly-planted mangroves that absorbed the oil. The mangroves will die a few days from now, according to de Jesus.

Aside from these, fishermen are worried because they have been deprived of any catch because of the oil spill.

Xinhua

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**Air pollution along highways boosts asthma**

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—Brief exposure to ultrafine pollution particles near a Los Angeles freeway can boost the allergic inflammation that makes asthma worse, US researchers found.

Dr Andre E Nel of the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, and colleagues said ultrafine particles are primarily from vehicular emissions and are found in highest concentrations along freeways.

The study, published in the American Journal of Physiology - Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology, found the tiniest air pollutant particles — those measuring less than 180 nanometers, or about 1,000th the width of a human hair — induced inflammation deep in the lungs.

Internet
Transport Minister inspects jetties for smooth commodity flow

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Expedient Port Service Minister for Transport U Thein Swe together with officials yesterday arrived at No. 3 Bo Aung Kyaw jetty where he inspected checking exports and imports, systematic storage, checking container vehicles through X-ray machine, and loading and unloading of containers.

He also inspected unloading containers from a vessel docking at No. 5 Sule jetty. Later, he oversaw works at the warehouse of Asia World jetty. The minister then left necessary instructions.—MNA

Labour Minister attends meeting to apply certificates to workers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi met local industrialists in Mandalay and addressed the meeting for certification of proficiency to workers at Kanaung Hall of Mandalay Industrial Zone on 3 July morning.

Mandalay Division in-Charge Director Daw Aye Aye Win discussed the consideration of the skill levels of the labourers and Chairman of Industrial Zone Administration Committee U Aung Khine the situation of the zone. The minister left necessary instructions.

The minister visited the proficiency training school of the Labour Department in Mandalay and viewed the conducting of Basic Computer Proficiency Course (2/2010) and preparation to open proficiency course for labourers. He gave necessary instructions.

MWJA donates medicines to MRCS

YANGON, 6 July—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association made a donation of medicines for public at Myanmar Red Cross Society today. Donated medicines by the MWJA were three plastic plaster boxes, one Hansaplast box, 69 Paracetamol cards, 10 Pacidox cards, 53 Dicotil cards four Amoxicillin boxes, three Cetirizine Hydrochloride tablet boxes and two Cloxalin boxes.—MNA

Local residents clearing waterway of Dahka...

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It was a natural barrier to the smooth and speedy flow of commodities and secure and smooth transport being undertaken by the State. Growing in the various regions naturally, water hyacinth became barriers in the waterway because the residents did not clear them well.

We had an interview with the Chairman of District Peace and Development Council who was making close supervision to clearing of water hyacinth. He explained that an emergency medical unit is being kept open to provide health care to the local people. Volunteers would include over 500 persons including Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Red Cross and Fire Brigade, members of social organizations from Kangyidaunt and Kyaunggon townships.

Officials discuss clearing of water hyacinth with the use of charts.

Local authorities manage removal of water hyacinth in Dahka River.

Duties were assigned to the volunteers to watch the rising water level day and night. Arrangements have been made to take timely measures.

A large amount of water hyacinth were growing there due to the fact that fish breeders on both banks of Dahka River blocked water hyacinth in the river to serve their selfish purpose. When water hyacinth overwhelmed the water surface of the river, the fishing entrepreneurs failed to clear them in time. Now, the local authorities manage to systematically clear the water hyacinth.

Officials explained that they will take action against those who break the laws related to rivers, creeks and lakes after clearing the water hyacinth in the river.

After observing the endeavours of the residents and the local authorities, we put on record that it was a pleasant scene of clearing water hyacinth in the river as part of serving the interest of the people.

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7th SEA U-18 Men’s Basketball Championship continues

YANGON, 6 July — Jointly organized by Ministry of Sports, South East Asian Basketball Association and Myanmar Basketball Federation, 7th South East Asian U-18 Men’s Basketball Championship continued at National Indoor Stadium (1) Thuwanna here today.

Philippines secured victory over Myanmar 108-39, Malaysia beat Singapore 60-51 and Thailand won over Laos 71-44.

Singapore plays against Philippines, Myanmar against Thailand and Malaysia against Laos tomorrow.—MNA
Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Regional Development Party (Pyay), headquartered at No 415 at the corner of Pwesar Street and Strand Road in Kyaukgyi-ohdan Ward, Pyay Township, Bago Division, on 6 July 2010 submitted its application for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

Flag of the Regional Development Party (Pyay)

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Seal of the Regional Development Party (Pyay)

Union Election Commission

Nationality youths training centres...

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The training centres run with six objectives as follows: —

(a) to consolidate national unity and equip themselves with a strong sense of Union Spirit, (b) to convince of Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty, (c) to preserve cultures, traditions and customs of national races, (d) to equip themselves with a sense of generating development of border areas and improving the living conditions for national races, (e) to equip themselves with a sense of working with might and main for building the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one, (f) to carry out development tasks in their home regions.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, 157 students completed primary education; 1765 students, middle school education; and 776 students, high school education, totaling 2698 students in the 28 training centres.

In summer vacation, the students have to learn vocational education to earn their living after school.

Under supervision of the Education and Training Department and cooperation of the principals, teachers, course instructors, and staff members of the training centres, carpentry course, mason craft course and hairdressing course are conducted for male students, and tailoring and course and knitting course for female students.

Trainees can join various vocational training courses according to their age and taste. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State on providing not only school education but also vocational education to improve the living conditions for nationalities youths in border areas, the training centres nurture the youth of national races for their mental and physical development.

Male trainees can contribute towards development undertakings in their home towns with the experiences and knowledge they have gained from the training centres. Similarly, female trainees will be able to run own workshops with what they have learnt in the training centres.

By attending summer vocational training courses, nationality youths can acquire vocational skills and become better convinced of natures of vocational jobs.

To organize vocational training courses, the training centres hire outsider course instructors and borrow trainees necessary equipment and tools. The training centres make significant contribution towards regional development.

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PBANRDA holds monsoon tree planting ceremony

Minister U Thein Nyunt plants a mango tree at monsoon tree planting ceremony.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt attended the monsoon tree planting ceremony held at the ministry office here this morning.

The minister planted a mango tree at each plantation of Development Affairs Department, Education and Training Department and Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department and viewed the participation of staff. A total of 1263 trees were grown at the ceremony.— MNA

A hairdressing course.
Indonesia allocates $110 mln for new international terminal

JAKARTA, 6 July—State airport operator PT Angkasa Pura I has allocated more than 1 trillion rupiah (110 million US dollars) in new investment to finance the expansion of the international terminal at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Bali, the Jakarta Post quoted an executive as saying on Tuesday.

“The expansion project, to be financed with the company’s own funds, was expected to begin in the third quarter of this year,” Angkasa Pura I President Director Bambang Darwoto said in Jakarta on Monday.

Currently, the airport’s international terminal covers around 15,000 square meters. The airport’s domestic terminal covers a larger area at around 70,000 square metres. Under the planned expansion, Angkasa Pura would switch the domestic terminal with the international terminal to enable it to cope with the increasing number of international passengers, Bambang said.

The new international terminal would be then expanded to 120,000 square meters. The airport’s domestic terminal covers a larger area at around 190,000 square metres, and would be able to accommodate up to 20 million passengers a year.—Xinhua

Light plane crashes in Budapest, 3 killed

BUDAPEST, 6 July—A light plane crashed in Budapest killing all three on board Monday, according to the Budapest fire services.

The Cessna 172 jet, which was fueled up before take-off from Farkashegy airport in Budapest, crashed into a small field in the north western Obuda district of the Hungarian capital. The plane exploded into flames on impact. No one was injured on the ground at the scene of the crash. The cause of the crash is not yet known.—Xinhua

Three killed in private aircraft near New York City

NEW YORK, 6 July—Three people were killed on Monday in the crash of a private aircraft near New York City, according to authorities.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration told Xinhua that all three people aboard the aircraft, a Cirrus SR-22 which was destroyed, were killed.

The crash occurred about 5:30 pm EDT (2130 GMT) less than 1 km from the Essex County Airport at Caldwell in the US state of New Jersey. The airport is just about 28 km west of New York City. The single engine aircraft apparently just missed US Highway 46 and crashed on approach in a grassy area, bursting into flames, said Tom Kaminsky, a traffic reporter aboard a WCBS Radio helicopter who flew over the scene.—Xinhua

Military plane crashes, 11 killed in Romania

BUCHAREST, 6 July—One more dead was found in the burnt cabin of the military plane crashed Monday evening when taking off at Tuzla Airport in southeastern Romania, increasing the toll to 11.

Three were seriously wounded, with one of them in coma. They were transported to hospital in Constanta, the largest Black Sea port city. Fourteen were on the An-2 utility aircraft, including 4 crew members and others parachute jumpers.—Xinhua

S Korea sees record number of travelers in the first half of 2010

SEOUL, 6 July—The combined number of South Koreans going abroad and foreigners visiting South Korea in the first half of 2010 hit 20 million for the first time, government data showed on Tuesday.

According to the Ministry of Justice, the total number of travelers entering or leaving the country increased 21 percent to 20.36 million in the first half of the year, compared with the same period a year before. South Koreans going out of the country rose by 31.7 percent while incoming foreigners grew by a mere 8.7 percent.

The ministry attributed the drastic surge in South Korean travelers going out of the country to a recovery in travel demand on the back of an improving domestic economy. Overseas travels suffered shrinkage last year in the face of the economic downturn coupled with the swine flu scare.

Despite growth over 8 percent from the year before, foreign travelers coming to South Korea remained just 68 percent of South Koreans going abroad, signaling a continuation of a tourism deficit. Among foreign travelers, Chinese tourists registered a 38.3 percent increase from the year before. Their number is forecast to rise further when the South Korean government’s measures to relax visa requirements for the Chinese are implemented in the second half of the year.

If the current trend continues, the ministry expects the total number to exceed a record high of 40 million in the latter half of the year.—Xinhua

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Colombia reports 48 deaths in rain season

BOGOTA, 6 July — Director of Colombia’s National Office of Prevention, Luz Amanda Pulido, said on Monday that heavy rains in the country have killed 48 people until 30 June, left eight people missing and 170,000 victims.

Pulido said that these deaths are recorded in the first half of this year during the rain season in Colombia, adding that 27 of the 32 departments of the country have been affected by the rains.

The most affected departments were Antioquia in the northwest, Arauca in the northeast and the cities of Barranquilla, Cartagena and Soledad in the Caribbean. — Xinhua

Egyptian authorities seize 500 kg of explosives in Sinai

RAFAH, 6 July — Egyptian authorities seized on Monday 500 kg of explosives in the Sinai Peninsula city of Rafah near borders with Gaza Strip.

Border guards have discovered ten bags filled with a total of 500 kg of TNT in addition to another one packed with mortar shells and anti-tank missiles in an arms cache in Rafah, a security source told Xinhua on the condition of anonymity.

The ammunition could be part of the remnants of battles that took place in the peninsula during the second half of the 20th century, the source said, noting that no one have been arrested in connection.

Such left-over weapons are found and collected by locals who remove the TNT from the arms before selling them, he expounded. — Xinhua

Gulf oil spill reaches Texas shore

HOU STON, 6 July — US officials confirmed Monday that tar balls from the Gulf oil spill have reached the shore of Texas, the first evidence that the spill has reached all five US Gulf states.

The Texas General Land Office confirmed the tar balls found along the shores of Crystal Beach on Bolivar Peninsula, Texas, are from the Gulf spill; according to local TV channel Khou.

Tar balls have also been reportedly found on the west tip of Galveston Island, Texas, but officials did not confirm that the balls are also from the spill.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said crews were removing tar balls found on the Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island on Sunday. State officials performed tests on samples collected from the tar balls and concluded that the oil was from the Gulf spill, after hearing reports of tar balls washing up on beaches in Texas over the weekend.

Texas Governor Rick Perry said on Monday that his office will take steps to handle the situation and try to reduce the impact of the oil on the state’s beaches. — Xinhua

Singaporeans upbeat about businesses performance

SINGAPORE, 6 July — Around 95 percent of businesses in Singapore said their business had performed as expected or better than expected, a survey found on Tuesday.

According to the latest findings by recruitment group Ambition, the results reflect a significant improvement in business performance.

Some 90 percent of respondents expected business growth for the rest of 2010 whilst none of the respondents expected their business would contract.

The survey which polled 445 Singapore-based hiring managers and human resources professionals across 12 industry sectors in April and May, also found the job market began shifting from employer-driven to candidate-driven. — Xinhua

Noodle party at Mo lake just misses mark

The Missouri man who turned a lake into a “noodle” soup of swimmers Sunday says he always wanted to set an off-the-wall world record.

Pete Pierce convinced 920 people to jump into Weatherby Lake in Platte County using Styrofoam “noodle” toys to keep them afloat, falling just short of the record of 940.

“I’ve always said I’d like to set frivolous world records,” Pierce told the Kansas City (Mo.) Star. “This fits into my goal. It’s just fun.”

Pierce’s first noodle party occurred in 2007. The folks at Guinness World Records told him they didn’t have a category for most people floating on noodles in a lake so he formed the Noodle World Authority, which acts as the sanctioning body for the record.

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2800-year-old bronze tells long story

China’s making of bronze ware has a long-standing history. One example is the Si-Mu-Wu quadripod, which is a widely known treasure at the National Museum.

But what we are going to tell you about now is a piece of bronze ware that’s not very big. In fact, it’s a small one, about the size of an incense burner. But it was made during the same period as the Si Mu Wu, and has a similar long story to tell.

Now on exhibit at the Urban Footprint Pavilion at the World Expo, the bronze ware piece belongs to the Yangtze River and Yellow River Hall.
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGMUNNAK VOY NO (128) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (6) 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.

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TENDERINVITATION

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Ceramic Industries for extension works of 200 Tons/hour Limestone Primary Crushing Plant in the existing Cement Factory (Kyaunkwe).

Tender documents shall be available from 12th, July, 2010, during the office hour, at the Planning Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries Tender date 13th, August, 2010.

Please contact Phone No. 067-408386, 067-408296, Fax 067-408064 for further information.

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Union of Myanmar

Lady Gaga sets Facebook record with 10 million fans

LONDON, 6 July—Lady Gaga has become the first living person to have more than 10 million fans on Facebook with her tally standing at 10,673,476 (5 July).

According to new research by online site Famecount, the star recently overtook Barack Obama (9,824,885) to claim the number one spot.

Despite setting the new record, she’s still only in sixth place overall.

Above her are Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Michael Jackson, Mafia Wars, Facebook and the US TV show Family Guy.

Daniel Dearlove from Famecount said: “Lady Gaga has seen her fan base across Facebook more than double this year and is currently the fastest growing star.—Internet

Depression may double dementia risk, say researchers

LONDON, 6 July—Having depression may nearly double the risk of developing dementia later in life, new research suggests.

Experts know that the two conditions often co-exist, but it is not clear if one actually leads to the other.

Now two studies published in the American journal Neurology suggest depression does mean dementia is more likely, although they do not show why.

And the researchers stress that the findings merely reveal a link, not a direct cause.

They say more studies are needed to find out why the two conditions are linked.

They believe brain chemistry and lifestyle factors like diet and the amount of social time a person engages in may play a role.

Fire causes Toronto blackouts and disrupts royal dinner

LONDON, 6 July—a fire at a transformer station in Toronto has plunged parts of the Canadian city into darkness.

Some 250,000 people were left without electricity for more than an hour during a heatwave, officials say.

The underground system was affected and there was chaos on the roads during the evening rush hour as traffic lights went out.

The blackout also briefly disrupted preparations for a state dinner for Queen Elizabeth II in the city.

However, the dinner, which was to be hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper at the Royal York Hotel, went ahead after a short delay.—Internet

LONDON, 6 July—Israel has confirmed details of what goods it will allow to enter the Gaza Strip with the easing of its blockade.

Consumer goods are being allowed but a “blacklist” of items including weapons and materials that could have a military use will be barred or limited. Hamas, which controls Gaza, dismissed the concessions as of no use and said the blockade should be fully lifted.

Israel says its blockade of the Palestinian territory is needed to prevent the supply of weapons to Hamas.—Internet

An estimated 750,000 people in the UK suffer from a form of dementia.

INTERNET

Somalia has been racked by violence for more than two decades.

INTERNET

East African leaders urge UN to provide Somalia force

LONDON, 6 July—East African leaders have renewed their calls to the UN to replace the beleaguered African Union (AU) peacekeeping mission in Somalia.

At a meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Somalia’s president said a radical strategy to end almost two decades of crisis in the country was needed.

The leaders of the regional grouping Igad also agreed to deploy 2,000 more AU peacekeepers to Somalia.

AU troops have been fighting militants who control most of southern Somalia.

The UN-backed government only runs a few parts of the capital, Mogadishu.

It is under constant attack from hardline militant groups who control much of southern Somalia.—Internet
**Band penalized for copied riff in ‘Down Under’ hit**

**SYDNEY, 6 July**—A judge ordered Australian band Men at Work on Tuesday to hand over a portion of the royalties from their 1980s hit “Down Under,” after previously ruling its distinctive flute riff was copied from a children’s campfire song.

But the penalty — 5 percent of the song’s royalties — was far less than the 60 percent sought by publishing company Larrikin Music, which holds the copyright for the song “Kookaburra Sits In the Old Gum Tree.”

“Kookaburra” was written more than 70 years ago by Australian teacher Marion Sinclair for a Girl Guides competition, and the song about the native Australian bird has been a favourite around campfires from New Zealand to Canada.

Sinclair died in 1988, but Larrikin filed a copyright lawsuit last year. In February, Federal Court Justice Peter Jacobson ruled Men at Work had copied their song’s signature flute melody from “Kookaburra.”

On Tuesday, Jacobson ordered Men at Work’s recording company, EMI Songs Australia, and “Down Under” songwriter Colin Hay and Ron Strykert, to pay 5 percent of royalties as a form of compensation to Sinclair for the song since 2002 and from its future earnings.

Google, Bing search engines turn to music

**DENVER, 6 July**—Internet search engines pride themselves as being neutral providers of information.

But as competition mounts to own the connection between fans and online content, tech behemoths like Microsoft and Google increasingly are turning to their search engines to help drive their entertainment content strategies.

In June, Microsoft launched a new entertainment vertical to its Bing search engine, which among other things aggregates full-track streaming from Zune, details on upcoming tours and buy links within the results for any artist, album or song search.

Google put together a similar package last year and is now building a music download service of its own that would be tied to its search engine and Android mobile operating system.

**“King Gesar” DVDs release**

**BEIJING, 6 July**—The epic “King Gesar” has been passed down orally in China’s ethnic groups since ancient times, mainly in regions where ethnic Tibetans and Mongolians live. Hailed as the most voluminous oral epic in the world, “King Gesar” was listed as a World Intangible Heritage in 2009.

But potential Emmy newcomers, like “Glee” star Jane Lynch and Sofia Vergara of comedy “Modern Family,” along with old hands Julianna Margulies of “The Good Wife” and Edie Falco’s pill-popping “Nurse Jackie” will be joined by actors from Emmy favourites like comedy series “30 Rock” and dramas “Mad Men” and “House” after a strong TV season.

The winners of the 62nd Emmy Awards, announced by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, will be announced on 29 August in Los Angeles. Danny Fanning will host the ceremony.

TV insiders hope the nominations will inject fresh blood and excitement into a field which has been dominated in recent years by the same little-watched contenders. In 2009, “Mad Men” was named best drama for a second year, and “30 Rock” best comedy for a third.

“This year, there are two serious threats in the race for best comedy series — Fox’s ‘Glee’ and ABC’s ‘Modern Family’ — which will revitalize the Emmys, and both have an excellent chance of winning,” said Tom O’Neil of awards website TheEnvelope.com.
**FIFA President Joseph Blatter answers journalists after the creation of the FIFA Ballon d’Or (Golden).—INTERNET**

Next year we will have one single trophy for the best player in the world and this will be the Golden Ball,” said FIFA president Sepp Blatter at a press conference here.

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**French soccer striker Sidney Govou poses in front of the Panathinaikos Athens emblem at their training.—INTERNET**

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**Nigeria lifts ban on national team**

Abuja, 6 July—Nigeria’s government on Monday lifted a two-year ban it imposed on its national football team after a dismal World Cup showing, avoiding a collision with world governing body FIFA in the process.

The government issued a statement saying the country’s football federation apologised to the president and informed him that the national team would be disbanded with the aim of building a new one.

“Based on these assurances, and the appeals of well-meaning Nigerians, including former leaders, President (Goodluck) Jonathan has decided to review the earlier two-year ban on the country from all international football competitions,” it said.

Nigeria last Wednesday slapped a two-year ban from international competition on the squad after the traditional African powerhouse finished bottom of their group in South Africa with just one point from three matches.

Jonathan also ordered an audit into how the funds allocated for the team at the World Cup were used.—INTERNET

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**Nigeria’s defender Rabiu Afolabi (R) and teammates look dejected after being knocked out.—INTERNET**

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**Govou delight at Panathinaikos move**

Athenes, 6 July—French international winger Sidney Govou expressed his delight at joining Panathinaikos. Athens on Monday as he met his new teammates for the first time.

“I had a remarkable welcome from the fans at the airport when I came and I want to thank them. I promise to give my best for the team and to bring only joy to the fans,” said Govou, who has signed a three-year contract with the Greek champions.

The 31-year-old met his teammates who were training for the first this season, but did not practice as players who have taken part in the World Cup have been granted extra days off, which include Govou’s teammate Djibril Cisse and Brazilian defender Gilberto Silva who were not present and will join the team on 15 July.

“During the World Cup I had a long talk with Cisse and he told me that Panathinaikos was a great club. I also found out about the team on my own. The fact that Panathinaikos will play in the Champions League this season also helped me decide to join the club,” Govou said.—INTERNET

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**Brazil sack Dunga, players face angry backlash**

Rio de Janeiro, 6 July—Brazil coach Dunga was sacked on Sunday following the team’s World Cup quarter-final exit with charismatic Luiz Felipe Scolari, who won the title in 2002, immediately being tipped to take over.

“The cycle of work started in 2006 and which culminated with the elimination of Brazil in the World Cup in South Africa is finished,” said a statement from the Brazilian football confederation (CBF).

“The CBF announces the dismissal of the technical commission of the Brazilian team. The new commission will be announced at the end of July.”

Dunga, 46, who skippered Brazil to the 1994 World Cup, had been national team coach since 2006.—INTERNET

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**Tiger bogeys way to 7-over-par round in Ireland**

Adare, 6 July—Tiger Woods looked just as out of form in a celebrity pro-am as he did on the PGA Tour. The world’s No. 1 golfer arrived Monday in Ireland just hours after his 46th-place finish at the AT&T National Pennsylvania and shot a 7-over 79 in the first round of the J.P. McManus Invitational Pro-Am.

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Fashion industry forum held in Shanghai

BEIJING, 6 July—Local fashion is making a massive showing at the ongoing World Expo in Shanghai. A fashion industry forum opened this week to probe the development potential for local fashion enterprises. The forum has taken the case of the Rongchong County in Hebei Province as an example. The small county assembled about eight hundred companies in the rag trade.

Topics like how to form a benign competitive environment for these companies so as to boost the overall development of the fashion industry in the county were discussed. —Xinhua

WEATHER

Tuesday, 6th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Magway and Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.20) inch, Maungtaw (2.72) inches, Katha (2.05) inches, Hkamti (1.53) inches, Loikaw (1.30) inches, Coconug (1.14) inches, Machanbaw, Taunggyi and Hakka (0.11) inch and Pakokku (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-7-2010 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 6-7-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-7-2010 was 78%. Total san shine hours on 5-7-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 5-7-2010 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.15) inch at Kabu-Aye and (0.11) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (31.30) inches at Mingaladon, (36.57) inches at Kabu-Aye and (37.91) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabu-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 5-7-2010.

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

Valid forecast until early morning of 7th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kayin and Mon State Mandalay, Bago and Tanintharyi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally moderate monsoon.

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

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

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

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

Nationality youths training centres in border areas

With a view to helping expedite the projects the government has been implementing for equitable development of all parts of the nation, 28 nationality youths training centres in border areas were set up under the Education and Training Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. They are Putao, Myitkyina (1), Myitkyina (2), Bhamo, Lashio, Kunlong, Tangyan, Kengtung, Lwemwe, Panglong, Loikaw, Hpa-an, Tiger School, Sittway, Pakokku, Mindat (1), Mindat (2), Matupi, Kanpetlet, Kalay, Haka, Thantlang, Falam, Tuldum, Tonzang, Hkamti, Leshi, and Lahe.

Myanmar Port Authority warning of high tide

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—The public are informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.1 feet to 21.2 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 12th July to 17th July 2010. It is not serious because the hightide have reached up to 21.9 feet high above datum in the year 2008 and 2009, and the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA

Darwinian concept of natural selection figures into theory about core of physical reality

Researchers believe they’ve opened a door to a clearer view of how the common, everyday world we experience through our senses emerges from the ethereal quantum world.

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