Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence on inspection tour of Myitkyina

NAV PYI TAW, 7 July— Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, viewed thriving rubber plants at the private rubber farm in Padauk region of Myitkyina Township on 4 July.

After hearing the reports on construction of main lecture hall and academic matters presented by the principal of Technological University (Myitkyina) in Pamti ward of Myitkyina, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to faculty members. He looked into construction of the gravel ring road of Myitkyina and sales of teak and euglossine saplings at Sein Chel Nursery and the development of Myitkyina by car.

At Kachin State Commissioner’s Office, he attended the meeting of Kachin State Agricultural Supervisory Committee. Officials reported on progress in agriculture sector. The chairman of the supervisory committee and the commander reviewed their reports. (See page 8)

Encouraging signs of development around Ottwin

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The roundabout on Pyay-Paukkhaung road, modern buildings and residences, and fine roads coping with a stream of traffic suggest that Ottwin has developed a lot.

Ottwin Township is on Yangon-Mandalay Highway for 23 miles and four furlongs, and on the eight-lane expressway for 25 miles. In addition, railroads go through the township. So, it is lively with trade activities. Being bounded by Htantabin on the east; Paukkhaung, on the west; Toungoo, on the north; and Pyu, on the south, Ottwin is a township in which many transport routes meet. It is composed of six wards, 41 village-tracts, and 226 villages.

In addition to Yaytho and Min Ye dams, it now has Khabaung Dam, which benefits more than 21,000 acres of farmlands, and Khabaung Division Weir. So far, the Water Resources Utilization Department has built three river water pumping stations in it, namely Wah-ti, Banbwebin, and Layenizu. As a result, it has been able to grow summer paddy since 2009-2010. It could produce surpluses of beans and pulses and edible oil crops in 2009-2010. Now, local farmers are in the black thanks to the assistance rendered by the government.

Chairman of the township Peace and Development Council U Naing Win Zaw said that 10 per cent of its population live in urban areas, and 90 per cent of its population, in rural areas; that in 2009-2010, (See page 8)
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Extend farmland reclamation for expediting crops cultivation

Myanmar is an agro-based nation. Vacant and virgin lands are reclaimed to increase sown acreage for enhancement of agricultural sector. While providing advanced agricultural methods, quality strains of crops and fertilizers, the government is building dams, sluice gates, river water pumping projects and tube-wells with a view to boosting agricultural production.

Ceremonies to collectively transplant saplings of Hsin Ekari (3) strain monsoon paddy were held at 5th-Mile of Tanai Township, and Manywet Village-tract in Mogaung Township on 1 July.

The collective cultivation of monsoon paddy took place on 4 July in Laput Pyaylepayuk Village-tract in Labutta Township of Ayeawady Division and in 1000 acres of model farmlands in Kyonphayoe Village, Kyaunggon Township, Pathein District.

So far, a total of 1,006,394 acres of lands have been put under monsoon paddy against the target of 3,710,763 acres in Ayeawady Division, the granary of the State.

At present, the country grows more than 20 million acres of monsoon and summer paddy and produces over 1500 million baskets of paddy yearly. In addition to paddy, the whole nation is growing maize, green gram, mung bean, pigeon pea, groundnut, sesame, sunflower and long staple cotton.

As the agricultural sector is improving, efforts are being made to change from conventional into mechanized farming. As such, it is necessary to strive for exporting agricultural surpluses in addition to satisfying domestic consumption with the aim of uplifting socio-economic status of the national brethren.

MAAS’s second academic talk for 2010 focuses on climate change

YANGON, 7 July — Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science organized its academic talk (2/2010) at the meeting hall of Arts Campus of Yangon University this afternoon.

Chairman of the academy U Than Oo extended greetings and CEC Member Dr Myo Thant Tin introduced resource person through the brief biography.

Joint-Secretary of National Committee for Environmental Conservation Dr San Win read the paper entitled “Climate Change Challenges and Priorities in Myanmar” and answered the queries raised by academicians.

The chairman presented a certificate of honour to the resource person and expressed thanks.

Ministry of Sports holds 5th monsoon tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 7 July—Ministry of Sports held its 5th monsoon tree planting and fingerlings releasing ceremonies at designated places this morning. At the ceremony, Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint planted a Seintalon mango sapling.

After that, the minister enjoyed tree-planting by Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials.

Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint plants Seintalon mango sapling at 2010 rainy season tree planting ceremony of Sports Ministry.—MNA

7th SEABA U-18 Men’s Basketball Tournament continues

YANGON, 7 July—Organized by Ministry of Sports, South East Asia Basketball Association (SEABA) and Myanmar Basketball Federation, 7th SEABA U-18 Men’s Basketball Tournament continued at National Indoor Stadium 1 (Thuwunna) here today.

At the events, Philippines beat Singapore 78-40, Thailand beat Myanmar 58-52 and Malaysia beat Laos 97-53.

At the tomorrow events, Myanmar plays against Singapore, Thailand against Malaysia and Philippines, against Laos.—MNA
Roadside bomb kills 3 Afghan police, wounds 3

PUL-E-ALAM, 7 July—Three policemen were killed and three others injured when a roadside bomb struck a police van in Logar Province 60 km south of capital Kabul on Tuesday, an official said.

“The incident occurred in Baraki Barak district at 03:00 pm local time as a result three policemen were killed on the spot and three others were injured,” governor of Baraki Barak district Mohammad Rahim Amin told Xinhua.

All the injured men are in critical condition, he added.

He also blamed Taleban militants for organizing the attack but the militants have yet to make comment.

Conflicts in the neighbouring Wardak province, also left four Taleban insurgents dead a day earlier on Monday.

NATO airstrike accidentally kills five Afghan troops

KABUL, 7 July—NATO mistakenly killed five of its Afghan army allies in an airstrike on Wednesday while the Afghans were attacking militants in the country’s east, officials said.

An Afghan defence official condemned the latest “friendly fire” deaths, which came at a time when international troops are trying to improve coordination with Afghan security forces in hopes of handing over more security to them.

The Afghan soldiers were launching a morning ambush against militants reportedly on the move in Ghazni Province when NATO aircraft began firing on them without warning, Afghan Defence Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said on Wednesday.—Internet

Three US troops killed by roadside bomb in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 July—The international force in Afghanistan says three American troops have been killed by a roadside bomb in the violence-wracked south. A NATO statement says two troops died immediately after the blast on Tuesday. A third died later that day. NATO said all three were Americans but gave no other details.

Southern Afghanistan is one of the Taleban’s strongest areas of influence. Violence there is increasing as thousands of American soldiers arrive to try to establish Afghan government control. Roadside bombs are a leading cause of casualties in Afghanistan.

Three people killed, 27 injured in Baghdad bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 7 July—In a new wave of attacks against Shiite pilgrims on Tuesday, at least three were killed and 27 others injured in bomb and mortar attacks when they were en route to attend a major ceremony at a holy shrine in northern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

In the new Baghdad district, two pilgrims were killed and five injured when a roadside bomb was detonated close to them, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. In a separate incident, a pilgrim was killed and nine others wounded when three mortar rounds landed on them while they were travelling on foot in Baghdad’s northwestern district of Shula on their way to the holy district of Kadhimiyah, said the source.

Another five pilgrims were wounded when a roadside bomb went off while they were walking in Fadiliyah neighbourhood in southeastern Baghdad heading to Kadhimiyah, said the source. In southern Baghdad, eight pilgrims were wounded in three bomb explosions targeted Shiite processions travelling on foot from the southern Iraqi provinces to observe the major Shiite ritual whose climax will be on Thursday.—Xinhua

An Iraqi soldier searches a woman as she heads to the Imam Moussa Kadhim shrine, for the annual commemoration of the saint’s death in Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 July, 2010. 

INTERNET

An Iraqi fire fighter extinguishes a fire after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 July, 2010. A prominent Sunni official was injured in what police said was an assassination attempt.—INTERNET

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Solar plane sets out on historic flight

PAYERNE, 7 July—

An experimental solar-powered aircraft took off from a Swiss airbase here in the early hours of Wednesday in a bid to make history by flying round the clock and through the night.

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“It’s clear that this is something that is completely different at least for aviation, but it’s also something completely different to what has existed in our society,” he added moments before take-off.—INTERNET

Sea levels may rise 1 metre due to global warming

CANBERRA, 7 July—Climate change could drive up sea levels by twice as much as previously predicted, a scientist on Tuesday warned at a conference in the capital city of Australia. In a 2007 report, scientists working for the United Nations concluded sea levels could rise by 18 to 59 cm by the end of this century.

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Physics laws lead to super soccer plays

LYNCHBURG, 7 July—Science helps explain how the world’s soccer players playing in the World Cup can make a soccer ball do things that don’t seem natural, a US scientist said.

US scientist John Eric Goff, in an article published in the July issue of Physics Today, looked at the ball’s design and how its surface roughness and asymmetric air forces help determine its path once it leaves a player’s foot, the American Institute of Physics said in a release.

His analysis indicated reduced air density in games played at higher altitudes — such as those in South Africa — can contribute to some of the eye-popping ball trajectories already seen in some of this year’s World Cup matches. “The ball is moving a little faster than what some of the players are used to,” said Goff, a physics professor at Lynchburg College in Virginia and an expert in sports science.

Goff said soccer is more than a sport — it is a living lab where physics equations are constantly expressed.—INTERNET

EPA rule would cut power plant pollution

WASHINGTON, 7 July—Proposed pollution-reducing rules would affect power plants in 31 states and the District of Columbia, the Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday. The proposed “transport rule” would target power plant pollution that drifts across the borders of 31 eastern states and the District of Columbia, the agency said in a release.

Coupled with local and state air pollution controls, the proposal is designed to help areas in the eastern United States meet existing national air quality health standards. The transport rule would reduce power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides to meet state-by-state emission reductions, the EPA said.

INTERNET

Warm water may mean malformed salmon bones

TROMSO, 7 July—Rearing young salmon in relatively warm waters, used when farmers want to increase fish growth rates, causes skeletal deformities, Norwegian researchers found.

Harold Takle and researchers from the Norwegian Institute of Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture Research said they found juvenile salmon raised in warmer water suffered bone and cartilage damage, BioMed Central reported in a release Monday. “The data presented here indicate that both production of bone and cartilage were disrupted when promoting fast growth using elevated temperature.” Takle said.

“It’s very likely that higher temperatures result in the increased rate of deformities observed in the 16 degrees (Celsius) group.”

Researchers at the institute in Tromso raised 400 fish in 10 C water and 400 in 16 C water. They said they found the fish raised in the warmer water grew faster but 28 percent showed some signs of skeletal deformity compared with 8 percent of the fish reared in the cooler water.

INTERNET

Mud fighters play in the Hines Park during the annual Wayne County Parks Mud Day event in Westland, Michigan, the United States, on 6 July, 2010.—XINHUA

The solar-powered Solar Impulse airplane in a test flight over Payerne, in April 2010.—INTERNET

A python slithers across a table in a glass box outside O’Sheas Casino on the Las Vegas Strip on January 2010 in Nevada. Russians stuck in a traffic jam watched in astonishment as a two-metre-long (6.6-foot) python slithered into a neighbouring car, Russian news agency Interfax said Tuesday.—INTERNET

A nurse is seen in the corridor of a hospital. Around 32,000 lives could be saved each year if people over 50 got regular colorectal cancer screening as recommended, the US Centres for Disease Control said on Tuesday. INTERNET

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UN body sets melamine limits in milk power, other food

GENEVA, 7 July—The United Nations’ food standards body, Codex Alimentarius Commission, said on Tuesday that it had set limits on the natural content of melamine in powdered infant formula and other food in order to help countries ensure the safety of related food products.

The melamine limit for powdered infant formula is one milligram per kg, and the maximum level of the chemical in other food as well as animal feed should be 2.5 milligrams per kg, according to the standard set by the body, which is run jointly by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Addressing a news briefing, WHO food safety expert Angelika Tritscher stressed that the above-mentioned standard refers to the natural and unavoidable presence of melamine in food, while any intentional addition of the chemical in food for economic interests is unacceptable.

“Intentional addition of melamine to food to falsify protein content is by no means acceptable at any level,” Tritscher said.—Xinhua

Children see fewer ads for sweets, drinks

CHICAGO, 7 July—US children are exposed to fewer television advertisements for sweets and beverages but they are exposed to more fast-food ads, researchers found.

Lisa M. Powell and colleagues at the University of Illinois at Chicago studied television Nielsen ratings for 2003, 2005 and 2007. From 2003 to 2007, daily average exposure to TV food ads decreased by 13.7 percent among children ages 2-5 and 3.7 percent among children ages 6-11, but increased by 3.7 percent among teens ages 12-17.

Ads for sweets became less frequent, with a 41 percent decrease in exposure for 2- to 5-year-olds, 29 percent for 6- to 11-year-olds and 12 percent for 12- to 17-year-olds. Beverage ads also decreased in frequency — about 30 percent across age groups. However, exposure to fast-food ads increased from 2003 to 2007, with a 5 percent increase among children ages 2-5, 12.2 percent among children 6-11 and 20.4 percent among teens ages 12-17.

Photo taken on 6 July, 2010 shows a butterfly in Luoping, southwest China’s Yunnan Province. The multiplicity of climate and vegetation in Yunnan offers good circumstance for more than 700 species of butterfly living there. Xinhua

Some more at risk for heat and humidity

VAIHLALALU, 7 July—High temperatures and humidity on the East Coast are a danger to the young, the old and those who work outside, officials at a New York hospital warn.

“One or two days of extremely high temperatures and humidity are usually not a problem for most healthy people,” Dr. David Goldwag of the Westchester Medical Center says in a statement.

“However, when the temperatures and humidity remain that high for more than three or four days, that’s when we begin to see the potential for a spike in emergency department visits by people suffering from heat-related illnesses.”

Heat cramps in the abdominal muscles and the muscles of the extremities occur as a result of excessive loss of sodium and other electrolytes, as the body looks for additional resources to cool down. Stay hydrated and find a cooler place to treat heat cramps, Goldwag says.

Health exhaustion is most often seen in people who are out in the heat for an extended period of time.

Study links Viagra with higher rates of STDs

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—Taking erectile dysfunction (ED) drugs such as Viagra may enhance the possibility of developing sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), a new study shows.

But it’s the behavior that raises STDs rate, not the medication itself, according to the study jointly conducted by researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital and the University of Southern California. The researchers examined health insurance claims records covering 1997 through 2006 from 44 large US employers. The study group included about 34,000 male beneficiaries over 40 who used ED drugs, for whom the researchers collected data covering one year before and one year after the first prescription was filled, and nearly 1.37 million men over 40 who were non-users, for whom claims data was also collected.

The findings showed that men who had been prescribed an ED drug were two to three times more likely than non-users to have sexually transmitted diseases, and this was true both in the year before and after the first prescription was filled. Xinhua

Australian researchers warn of rising rates of diabetes in Asia

CANBERRA, 7 July— Australian researchers on Wednesday sounded the alarm over rising rates of diabetes across the South-East Asia, linked to an increasingly westernized lifestyle.

The study in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, found 11 percent of men and 12 percent of women had developed type two diabetes, but they did not know it so the disease went untreated.

“This was on top of 4 percent of the population diagnosed with the disease triggered by poor diet and obesity, said professors Tuan Nguyen and Lesley Campbell of Sydney’s Garvan Institute of Medical Research.

“Dietary patterns have been changing dramatically in Vietnam in recent years, particularly in the cities as they become more westernized ... there are fast food outlets everywhere.” Nguyen told Australian Associated Press (AAP).

“In Asia, diabetes is commonly found among well-off people, who can afford western-style fast food whereas in Australia it’s commonly found in socio-economically disadvantaged groups.”

Xinhua

ICU deaths more likely on weekends

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—Death rates at intensive care units (ICUs) are higher on weekends than in other times, according to a review released on Tuesday.

The review, published by HealthDay News, said reduced staffing at ICUs on weekends may be blamed for the increase in deaths.

Specialized physicians known as intensivists may not be available and fewer nurses may be on duty on the weekend, it said.

Physician fatigue might also be a factor, according to the review.

For the review, researchers examined results of 10 studies exploring the link between time of admission to an ICU and death rates. The studies were conducted in North America, Europe and Asia.—Xinhua

A macaque monkey eats an ice lolly given by its zookeeper to cool off in a zoo in Zhengzhou, Henan Province on 6 July, 2010. Internet

Ramses, a White African lion, lies his mate as they lay comfortably in the shade at the Capron Park Zoo in Attleboro, Mass, on 6 July, 2010. With temperatures in the area pushing close to 100 degrees, the lions rested in a climate close to their species origin. Internet
China’s AgBank raises $19.23 billion in IPO

NEW YORK, 7 July — The Agricultural Bank of China’s initial public offering has raised more than $19 billion in what could turn out to be the largest IPO ever.

The last of China’s big four state-owned banks to go public, AgBank is selling 25.41 billion shares in Hong Kong and 22.24 billion shares in Shanghai. Based on Tuesday’s pricing, the rural lender would raise about $19.23 billion, according to a person familiar with the deal. The person requested anonymity because details of the IPO have not yet been released.

If underwriters buy up about $2.89 billion more shares to sell to investors, the dual-listing deal could raise $22.12 billion — the most funds ever for an IPO. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China raised $21.9 billion in its October 2006 IPO.

Original forecasts had put AgBank’s proceeds at a whopping $30 billion. But investors appeared unprepared to pay that much for shares in a bank whose profitability is viewed as weaker than its urban-focused competitors. Mainland Chinese shares have slumped in recent weeks on worries that the huge IPO may overwhelm demand, pulling prices lower.

Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange ended much lower on Tuesday, as the sharp rally in equity markets and euro deflated safe-haven demand. Silver and platinum both advanced. The most active gold contract for August delivery dropped 12.6 dollars, or 1.0 percent, to finish at 1,195.1 US dollars, after touching 1,189.50 dollars, the lowest price since 24 May. The Institute for Supply Management said on Tuesday that its services index fell to 53.8 from 55.4 in May, which is lower than economist’s pervasive forecast of 55.0, and suggested that the service sector grew more slowly last month. But it seemed that investors have shrugged off the lackluster report, as US equity market bounced off in the early trading and recovered most of its major losses in the last two weeks following a series of downbeat economic reports.

Asian stock markets fall despite Wall Street gains

BANGKOK, 7 July—Asian markets retreated on Wednesday, with investors losing their appetite for stocks after a disappointing US services sector report pointed to an anemic recovery in the world’s largest economy.

Oil prices hovered near $72 a barrel as traders prepared to assess weekly crude supply data for signs of recovering US demand. The dollar was little changed against the yen, while the euro fell.

Markets reversed course following bargain-hunting on Tuesday that led to slight rallies on Wall Street and elsewhere. Traders remained unable to shake deepening unease about the global economy and scammed to the sidelines, taking profits with them, according to Francis Lun, general manager of Fulbright Securities Ltd in Hong Kong.

“There are not many people buying stocks right now,” Lun said. “I have given up hope on Europe. Europe will be mired in recession because of deficit-cutting.” Lun also called the US economic recovery “anemic” and said softening export orders in China hit market sentiment hard.

Japan’s Nikkei 225 stock average fell 0.9 percent to 9,251.34 as a strong yen kept pressure on exporter shares.

Samsung growth to slow as European market weakens

SEOUL, 7 July—Samsung Electronics (005930.KS), the world’s No1 memory chip maker, is set to see slower growth in the second-half as the euro zone crisis weakens demand for flat screens and chip prices are likely to ease. Samsung, three times bigger than rivals such as Sony Corp (6758.T) and Nokia (NOKIV.HE) by market value, is leading its competitors in earnings recovery in a robust consumer electronics market, but its smartphone business faces a strong headwind from Apple Inc’s (AAPL.O) iPhone.

Global IPOs continue to grow in Q2 despite slow economic recovery

PARIS, 7 July—Company flotation (Initial Public Offering or IPO) worldwide sustained considerable growth in the second quarter this year despite slow economic recovery, international auditor Ernst & Young said on Tuesday.

Listings were mainly driven by a strong Asian market and increased listings in the United States and Europe, the company said in a newsletter that includes Q2 2010 Global IPO Update and the Global IPO Trends Report 2010.

“We have seen some positive signs of IPO activity in the past six months, and we remain confident that the IPO market will grow over the next two quarters,” Franck Sebag, a partner for strategic growth markets at Ernst & Young, was quoted by the newsletter as saying.

There were 301 initial public offerings (IPOs) worldwide to raise a total of 46.1 billion US dollars in the second quarter, compared with 290 IPOs valued at 52.6 billion dollars in the first quarter.
LG to jump on Android tablet bandwagon

BEIJING, 7 July—Like every other hardware vendor, LG has announced plans to join the tablet PC revolution. It seems that LG might be following in HP’s footsteps, by dropping the Windows 7 tablet prototype it has been promoting in favour of a tablet built on a mobile OS platform. LG has revealed its intentions to build a tablet PC on the Android mobile OS. The Apple iPad competitor will run Android 2.2 and will be available by the end of 2010.

It was only a month ago at Computex that LG showed off a prototype* of the UX10 tablet. The 10.1 inch touchscreen tablet runs on an Atom Z530 processor, and has 1Gb of RAM. Unlike the Apple iPad, the LG UX10 sports a 1.3 megapixel front-facing camera, SD memory card slot, and HDMI output.—Xinhua

Spanish FM in Cuba to promote relations

HAVANA, 7 July—Cuba said on Tuesday it hopes the ongoing visit by Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos will help to enhance the bilateral relationship and the Cuba-EU ties.

“We hope that your visit will be a success and will be helpful to boost the relations between the two countries, and also to produce a positive influence on the relations between my country and the European Union,” Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla told Moratinos, who arrived here on Monday night.

During their talks, Parrilla mentioned the challenges facing Havana, including the impact of the US embargo, climate change and the global financial crisis.

Revelers are stepped over by Penajara ranch fighting bulls during the San Fermin festival on 7 July, 2010, in Pamplona, Spain.—INTERNET

US drone aircraft beset by frequent system failures

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—The drone aircraft currently used by the US military in Afghanistan and Iraq suffer from frequent system failures, computer glitches and human error, it was reported on Tuesday. Air Force investigators continue to cite pilot mistakes, coordination snafus, software failures, outdated technology and inadequate flight manuals, the Los Angeles Times said, citing Pentagon accident reports.

Thirty-eight Predator and Reaper drones have crashed during combat missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and nine more during training on bases in the US — with each crash costing between 3.7 million and five million dollars, according to the paper. Altogether, there have been 79 drone accidents costing at least one million each, the paper said. Internet

Bull-runs kick off in Pamplona, no gorings

PAMPLONA, 7 July—Thousands of daredevils dashed through the narrow streets of Pamplona on Wednesday for a goring-free first bull run of this year’s San Fermin fiesta.

The thrillseekers raced to keep ahead of six fighting bulls and six bell-tinkling steers tasked with trying to keep the beasts together along the 930-yard (850-meter) course from a holding pen to the northern town’s bull ring.

Several of the runners were knocked to the ground and some were trampled on by the animals but there no gorings.—Internet

Microsoft plans small job cuts

WASHINGTON, 7 July—US software giant Microsoft Corp is planning to cut a small number of jobs as early as this week, the Wall Street Journal said, citing a person familiar with the matter.

The size of the job cuts could not be learned, the Journal said. However, the scope of latest job reduction is far smaller than about 5,000 cuts announced last year, a person told the Journal.

The planned layoffs are consistent with small reductions in staff the company has done in the past, with a person familiar with the matter told the paper.

The layoffs are expected to be dispersed throughout the company, the paper said. Internet

Saudi tycoon Prince Alwaleed to launch TV news channel

RIYADH, 7 July—the Kingdom Holding group, owned by Saudi tycoon Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, ranked by Forbes as the world’s 19th richest figure, said on Tuesday it would launch a 24-hour Arabic-language news channel.

The channel will highlight development in Saudi Arabia and the Arab world and aim to promote moderation on the political, economic and social aspects, Prince Alwaleed said in a statement. “The Arab satellite broadcasting sector is no longer void as it has been a decade ago. So, the new channel has to be an addition and an alternative for viewers,” he said, referring to possible future competition with dominating pan-Arab channels Al Jazerra and Al Arabiya.

The statement did not say when the channel would be on air or what would be its name. Yet, it said it would be independent of the tycoon’s Rotana entertainment network. Xinhua

A worker prepares one installation of “Eyeball” at the Pritzker Park in Chicago, the United States, on 6 July, 2010. Xinhua

The undated photo shows Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) Navy’s warships attend a routine live-ammunition training in the East China Sea. The training was held by the Navy’s East China Sea Fleet recently. —Xinhua

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Revelers are stepped over by Penajara ranch fighting bulls during the San Fermin festival on 7 July, 2010, in Pamplona, Spain.—INTERNET

Mickey and Minnie Mouse pose near the Sleeping Beauty Castle at the Disneyland theme park in Hong Kong. Entertainment giant Walt Disney plans to rapidly expand its language schools across mainland China with the aim of teaching English to 150,000 children by 2015, a newspaper reported on Wednesday.—INTERNET
Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence on inspection…

Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions.

On 5 July, he planted an eaglewood sapling at the 2010 rainy season tree growing ceremony of Myitkyina University.

The Pro-Rector of the university conducted Lt-Gen Tha Aye around the university. At the hall of Kachin State PDC Office, Lt-Gen Tha Aye delivered an address at the coordination meeting between Public Works of Kachin State and BOT companies.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye stressed the need to construct Myitkyina-Putao Road to be a facility serviceable all year round.

At the hall of Myitkyina Station, he met servicemen and family members of the station and presented gifts to them.

A&I Ministry holds monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held a monsoon tree planting ceremony at the ministry here today.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo planted a Seintalon mango sapling at designated place and so did directors-general, managers, and directors and staff. After that, the minister enjoyed tree planting by staff and then gave instructions on tree growing methods and tasks to be carried out for plant-thriving.

Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service reported to the minister on land areas in which 10,000 mango trees are grown at monsoon tree planting ceremony 2010 and arrangements made for plant-thriving. Afterwards, the minister gave necessary instructions. The ministry planted 3,318 trees last year. Altogether 1,855 Seintalon mango trees were grown last year and 8,145 trees at today ceremony. So far, a total of 10,000 mango trees have been planted.

U Naing Win Zaw, Chairman of Ottwin Township Peace and Development Council.

The township has enjoyed development in the communication sector.

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All in all, Ottwin Township in Bago Division is on the threshold of development owing to the efforts the government and the entire people have been making in concert to build a modern, developed nation, alongside a sense of hard work of local people.

Translation: MS Myanma Alin.

Encouraging signs of development around…

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With State-owned factories such as two sawmills, a pulp factory, No (3) Sugar Mill, and Khabaung Hydropower Plant (30 megawatts), the township has many jobs for its local people.

Executive Officer of the township Development Affairs Committee U Khaing Tun said that they had built 39 manual water pumps, and repaired 24 manual water pumps, and it dug wells at the rate of 30 units a year; that in 2009-2010, the committee two culverts and upgraded many roads; and that the previous summer water was scarce in many regions, but the township did not see water shortage.

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Khawa Dam, reliable facility in Bago Division (West)...

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Khawa Dam has been built near Chinywagyi of Padaung Township, Bago Division, to irrigate 2000 acres of farmlands. Indeed, it is invaluable facility to benefit the sown acreage of the region and to contribute to regional development.

The dam is built by damming Khawa Creek. It has 15.54 square miles of catchment areas. The surrounding regions of the dam have 55 inches of rainfall on average annually. The inflow of water of Khawa Creek is 14,140 acre-feet annually. The embankment of the dam is of earthen type. The dam is 73 feet high and 1950 feet long. The facility can store 12,550 acre-feet of water at full brim and 1308 acre-feet of still water. The water surface of the dam is 764 acre-feet. The water supply capacity is 11,242 acre-feet. The dam has one three feet diameter reinforced concrete conduit and its length is 211 feet.

The 30 feet wide spillway is of broad crest type reinforced concrete. The dam can irrigate 2000 acres of farmlands. Khawa Dam Project started in 2002-2003 and it was opened in June 2004. To store more volume of water in the late rainy season, the embankment was strengthened with many bags of sand.

After opening Khawa Dam, the sown acreage of summer paddy is increasing in the region year by year. The region could put 807 acres of lands under summer paddy in 2005, 1153 acres in 2006, 1284 acres in 2007, 1300 acres in 2008, 1350 acres in 2009 and over 1350 acres in 2010.

Thanks to Khawa Dam, the village-tracts near Chinywagyi of Padaung Township extended their sown acreage of summer paddy. As a result, unprecedented progress could be made in the agriculture sector of the region year after year. Indeed, Khawa Dam is a drive for uplifting livelihoods of the local farmers.

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Africa prospects lure investors, but is it ready?

SAO PAULO, 7 July—Africa offers among the world’s best investment prospects as emerging markets grow ever more important, although its economies risk being destabilized by the slew of capital they stand to attract in coming years.

Energy-producing continental giant Nigeria was identified as a top pick by some of the most influential figures in emerging markets finance who spoke to the Reuters Emerging Markets Summit in Sao Paulo last week.

Africa withstood the financial crisis better than many predicted, and the region’s economic growth is forecast at 4.75 percent in 2010. Next year, half of the world’s 10 fastest growing economies are expected to be in Africa, and it is now attracting more than just the most intrepid investors.

“The latent interest in Africa is enormous,” said Stephen Jennings, chief executive of Russian investment bank Renaissance Capital, speaking to the Reuters meeting by video link from Moscow.

“Before the crisis there were probably 40 people or groups establishing Africa funds. In 3-4 years you’ll have 100 Africa funds and the biggest one won’t be $2 billion, it’ll be $20 billion.”

Fund tracker EPFR reports 43 consecutive weeks of net inflows to Africa equities funds, reaching $484 million in the first half of 2010 — nearly double those to India over the same period.—Internet

Six die, 15 injured in Mexico bus accident

MEXICO CITY, 7 July—Six people died and 15 more were injured when a bus heading to Mexico City along the highway from central state Puebla crashed into an articulated truck, broadcaster MVS radio reported on Tuesday.

The accident took place around 4:30 am when a bus covering the regular route from southern state Oaxaca to Mexico City crashed into a truck carrying frozen chicken and turned over due to the impact.

All lanes of the highway are currently closed as rescue crews work on the scene. Police have begun investigating the cause of the accident.—Xinhua

Two killed, 10 injured in Chicago holiday shootings

CHICAGO, 7 July—Two people were killed and 10 others were wounded in separate shootings in Chicago from Monday afternoon to early Tuesday, local media reported.

Police said one of the fatalities during the 4th of July holiday involved a man who was shot in the leg in Chicago’s West Englewood neighbourhood. Officers responding to the scene about 9:04 pm Monday found the victim, who was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

A second fatality occurred around midnight on Chicago’s South Side when two men were shot by an unidentified person in another vehicle as they sat in a car, police said. One of the two men later died of his injuries, police said.—Xinhua

Marshall Islands-flagged ship hijacked in Gulf of Aden

SANAA, 7 July—Somali pirates hijacked a Marshall Islands-flagged ship in the Gulf of Aden, Yemeni Interior Ministry said on Tuesday.

“Somali pirates managed to seize a Marshall Islands-flagged merchant ship Morte Vartv in the Gulf of Aden,” the ministry quoted the Yemeni coast-guard as saying in a statement.

“A foreign ship in charge of repairing a marine cable in the Red Sea received a distress call from the Morte Vartv of being attacked by Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden,” said the statement.

“The Marshall Islands-flagged ship was supposed to sail for Indonesia, but pirates have moved it towards the Somali coasts,” the statement said without specifying the date of the hijack or the number of the ship’s crew.—Xinhua

Heat wave causes numerous wild fires in central Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 7 July—Wild fires have raged across central Mongolia due to the ongoing hot, dry weather, fire officials said on Tuesday.

The fires have killed three people and injured six others, officials said. The fires also have destroyed 936 livestock and caused about 910 million Tugrig (about 0.67 million US dollars) in damages, officials said.

The fires occurred in Selenge and Tov Provinces, said Zaluukhun, head of the fire department of the general emergency management authority.

An extreme heat wave has baked many areas of Mongolia in recent weeks with the temperature reaching 41 degrees Celsius in some locations.

There have been 73 wild fires in the first six months of this year in 40 counties in 12 provinces. On 26-27 July, 11 wild fires were reported and four on 4 July.

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Moderate earthquakes hit Venezuela, Chile

CARACAS, 7 July—An earthquake measuring 5.0 degrees on the Richter scale hit on Tuesday Venezuela’s Sucre state and there were no reports of casualties or material damage, the head of Venezuela’s Foundation of Seismologic Investigations said.

Francisco Garces told state-run Venezolana de Television that the earthquake occurred at 9:17 am local time (1347 GMT), some 32 kilometres south of Guiria in Sucre, 400 kilometres east of Caracas.

Garces said that security institutions are on alert for the earthquake, which was followed minutes later by an aftershock of 2.8 degrees.

Garces discarded the possibility of an eventual tsunami.

Also on Tuesday, an earthquake measuring 5.4 degrees on the Richter scale hit the regions of Maule and Bio Bio in the center-south region of Chile, without causing casualties or material damage.

Children play football on the beach in El Arish, Egypt, on 6 July, 2010.—Xinhua

Fire fighters hose down the fire at a lamp store in Harbin, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, 6 July, 2010. The fire was successfully put out after nearly 4-hour endeavour of firemen.

Investigation of the cause of the fire is underway. Xinhua

An injured person of the oil tanker explosion accident is treated at a hospital in Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), on 4 July, 2010.—Xinhua

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Chinaman to spend $100B in projects

BRUSSELS, July 7—The Chinese government says it plans to spend over $100 billion this year in projects in the underdeveloped western region to spur domestic demand. The money will go for 23 new infrastructure projects such as railways, roads, airports, coal mines, nuclear power stations and power grids, China Daily reported Wednesday, quoting the National Development and Reform Commission, the country’s top economic planning agency.

The projects will be in the northwest Xinjiang-Uighur, Inner Mongolia, southwest Tibet and Sichuan and Yunnan regions and provinces, the report said. Construction will start this year to “actively expand domestic demand and promote the fast and healthy development of the western areas,” the commission said.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao warned this week the Chinese economy faces an “extremely complicated” situation arising from the global financial crisis. While stressing China will maintain its macroeconomic policies despite such difficulties, Wen told a symposium the government would “work to promote stable and relatively fast domestic economic growth, restructure the economy and manage inflation expectations to ensure the government’s goals for 2010 are met.”—Internet

Woman wins fourth lotto jackpot

A Las Vegas woman who won $10 million on a lottery scratch-off ticket said it was her fourth major jackpot win during the past 17 years. Joan Githier, 63, who recently moved to Las Vegas from Texas, said her first lottery win came in 1993, when she won half a share of a Texas Lottery $11 million jackpot, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported Tuesday.

Githier said she next won $2 million from a scratch-off ticket in 2006 and won a further $3 million from another scratch card in 2008. The woman’s latest win was a $10 million jackpot from a Texas Lottery scratch-off card, which also marked the second time she purchased a winning ticket from the Times Market store in Bishop, Texas.

Anti-drug helicopter accident injures 9 in Bolivia

LA PAZ, 7 July—At least nine people, including soldiers and policemen, were injured on Tuesday after a helicopter crashed in Chimore in Bolivia’s southern Cochabamba region.

The nine injured were aboard the helicopter of the Narcotics Agency Service (BAS) were immediately taken to hospitals in Santa Cruz for treatment. Ruben Suarez, director of Bolivia’s Special Force of Fight Against Drug Trafficking in Santa Cruz, said he had visited the victims in the hospital and their conditions were stable.—Xinhua

Storm chasers take you to chase deadly “Tornado Alley”

“Storm-chasers” Roger Hill and his wife Caryn Hill have taken almost 1,500 people to observe raging tornadoes in the past ten years, according to Daily Mail reports.

So, if you are tired of regular holiday, and looking for something exciting, a break in America’s Midwest with the hills might be fit. 53-year-old Hill and his 50-year-old wife are now guiding a group of 18 people to chase “Tornado Alley.”

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Vuvuzelas banned from San Fermin

Organizers of the 9-day San Fermin festival in Spain said vendors have been banned from selling vuvuzela horns during the event. Officials in Pamplona said vendors were banned from selling the loud horns, which rose to international fame during the World Cup in South Africa, due to the volume of the noise the plastic instruments create, Britain’s The Guardian reported Tuesday.

“Given that vuvuzelas produce noise levels that are both irritating and dangerous, sale of them has been expressly forbidden,” Pamplona town hall officials said in a statement. The statement said police would confiscate horns from any offenders.

The San Fermin festival is famous for its daily bull runs, which begin on Wednesday.

Russia’s Pacific fleet to be equipped with French ships

VLADIVOSTOK, 7 July—Russia’s Pacific fleet will get new French-made ships within the framework of a re-equipping programme, Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said, local media reported Tuesday.

“The economical situation in Russia doesn’t let us solve all problems of the Navy yet, but in the course of several months we can determine main tasks to be fulfilled, in order to provide an effective functioning of naval forces,” Serdyukov was quoted as saying.—Xinhua

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Fishing buddies find two cars in Delaware

A pair of Delaware fishing buddies said two recent outings on the Christina River ended with them discovering cars in the water.

Larry Newirth, 63, and Dan Catelli, 44, of the Bear area, who fish together once or twice a week, said they spotted a late-model Honda Accord in the water Friday, weeks after their

17 June discovery of a BMW 750 sedan worth more than $80,000, The News Journal, Wilmington, Del, reported Tuesday. Police said the unoccupied cars were stolen and abandoned in the river on purpose. Investigators said they have not determined whether the thefts were connected.
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British soldier dies in hospital after Afghan blast

LONDON, 7 July—A British soldier has died in hospital after being injured in an explosion in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has said.

The soldier, from 1st Battalion, The Mercian Regiment, was on patrol in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand on Sunday when he was caught in the blast.

He was flown to the UK for treatment, but died on Monday with his family at his side.

The number of UK personnel killed in Afghanistan since 2001 is now 312.

Cheryl Cole being treated for malaria in hospital

LONDON, 7 July—Singer Cheryl Cole is in hospital being treated for malaria, her spokesman has confirmed.

The 27-year-old X Factor judge and Girls Aloud star was admitted to hospital after reports she had fainted during a photocall at the weekend.

On Monday, it was confirmed Cole had cancelled all of her work commitments this week on the advice of doctors.

Cole recently returned from a break in Tanzania, on the east coast of Africa, with friend and dancer Derek Hough. Her spokesman confirmed she had been taking anti-malaria tablets while on holiday.
Zanzibar International Film Festival to attract films from 43 countries

STONE TOWN, 7 July — The Zanzibar International Film Festival in Tanzania is expected to attract films from 43 countries to the annual event scheduled on 10 to 18 July. With the theme of “Hopes in Harmony”, the film festival provides one opportunity for all Zanzibaris to come and watch films for free on a big screen, and calls for peace and harmony in Zanzibar, the Indian Ocean archipelago. Opening films includes “I Bring What I Love”, which takes the audience behind the scenes and into the world of Africa’s most famous musician Youssou N’Dour.

Among the special highlights this year’s festival is the world Cup final, which would scream the climax of this extraordinary African football extravaganza on late 11 July in the old fort.

Many of the films to be shown at the festival have highlighted every day life of women in the society, according to the Press release. It also includes performing arts, which is a street theatre component and it shall work with the literary forum in showcasing the spoken word in an event and it will bring the local repertoires to contact with other spoken word performances.

Judge sends Lohan to jail for probation violation

BEVERLY HILLS, 7 July — A judge sentenced Lindsay Lohan on Tuesday to 90 days in jail and an inpatient rehab programme after finding the actress had violated her probation in a 2007 drug case by failing to attend alcohol education classes.

Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel issued the sentence after listening to testimony from employees of an alcohol treatment programme that Lohan had been ordered to attend.

Lohan missed seven classes since December, which led to the judge’s harsh rebuke moments after the “Mean Girls” star offered a tearful apology. “I did do everything I was told to do and did the best I could to balance jobs and studying,” Lohan told the judge. “It wasn’t vacation, it wasn’t some sort of a joke.”

Asian designers show fall fashion

BEIJING, 7 July — Designers from China, Japan, South Korea and three other Asian countries have jointly presented the latest trends in Autumn and Winter 2010. Let’s have a look at what’s in store.

Black, beige, and grey dominate the collection by Chinese designer Cabbeen, who emphasizes the shoulders of the male form. With fine texture and cutting, the clothes bring out a chic and sharp look of today’s young men.

The evening gowns for women took a softer palette. Biased cut and bold use of materials have delivered a understated look.

Wang Qing, chairman of China Fashion Designers’ Assn. said, “Designers from Europe and America have led the mainstream trends. But Asia should have its own voice.”

Movie about war orphan to be screened to commemorate WWII anniversary

CHANGCHUN, 7 July — A movie about a Chinese mother who adopted a Japanese war orphan will be screened in September to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Chinese victory over Japan in World War II.

The movie “Department of Dance” is based on a real story which took place in a small village in northeast China’s Jilin Province in 1945, when a Chinese mother adopted a Japanese war orphan during Japan’s retreat. Her own daughter was killed by a Japanese soldier during the eight-year war.

Qiu Yiyu, director of the movie, said in an interview on Tuesday that she wanted to show that the world was one big family through the movie.

The movie was jointly made by Northeast Normal University and the Chinese Dancers’ Association.

Lion with pearl centerpiece at Chanel fashion show

PARIS, 7 July — A monumental lion, teeth bared and one front paw resting proprietorially on a giant pearl, held centre stage, its golden coat caught in the setting sun under the glass dome of the Grand Palais.

Karl Lagerfeld is a past master at dreaming up attention-grabbing scenarios for his Chanel shows, and Tuesday night’s was no exception. It looked like an allusion to Jean Cocteau’s Surreal masterpiece “Beauty and the Beast” when the traditional bride at the end was accompanied by a groom wearing a lion’s head over his wedding suit.

Singer George Michael arrested for car crash again

BEIJING, 7 July — The “Faith” singer George Michael has been arrested after he crashed his car into a shop front in London, according to media reports on Wednesday. A CCTV monitor showed that the 47-year-old singer lost control of his Ranger Rover and then smashed into the front of a camera store in Hampstead, north London.

A Metropolitan Police spokesman confirmed: “Police were called at approximately 3.30 am on Sunday to reports of a vehicle in collision with a building.”

The British singer was unhurt in the accident. He made the test for alcohol and drugs in a nearby police station and was released until August pending further inquiries.

Doobies go “Crazy” on first album in 10 years

DETROIT, 7 July — The Doobie Brothers have reunited with ’70s producer Ted Templeman for their first new album in a decade, “World Gone Crazy,” which is due out on September 28.

Singer-guitarist Tom Johnston tells Billboard.com that the group and Templeman — who produced the group’s first 10 albums, including “Toulouse Street” and “Takin’ It to the Streets” — have been working on the disc for the past three years “off and on, between touring and everything.”

World War II anniversary movie

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### Nicklas Bendtner groin injury worry for Arsenal

**LONDON, 7 July—**Arsenal’s Nicklas Bendtner could miss the start of the new Premier League season because of a groin injury. The striker had surgery to rectify the problem in November last year, but said the pain had returned during Denmark’s World Cup campaign in South Africa. The 22-year-old said he struggles to get out of bed at times and has cut short a holiday to return for scans.

“I have spoken to Arsenal throughout the holiday and I am having a big scan when I return this week,” he said. “My whole body must be scanned to find out where the groin problem really comes from. I still feel pain and it is very frustrating.”

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### Pennetta breezes into 2**nd** round of Swedish Open

**BASTAD, 7 July—**Flavia Pennetta breezed through to the second round of the Swedish Open with a straight-sets victory on Tuesday over Anna Bhrzinhkova.

Pennetta beat the wild card 6-2, 6-0 on Tuesday as she chases a second title of the year. Fourth-seeded Gisela Dulko took little more than an hour to beat another Swedish wild card, 16-year-old Ellen Allgurin, 6-1, 6-3.

Sweden has no players left in the singles competition after the country’s No.1, Sofia Arvidsson, lost 6-2, 6-4 to unseeded Anna-Lena Groenefeld. “Mentally, I was still in the locker room,” Arvidsson said. “I really wanted to do well here in Bastad but it just didn’t work out that way.”

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### Diego Forlan snubs English clubs

**LONDON, 7 July—**Diego Forlan prepared for tonight’s World Cup semi-final against Holland by declaring he would never return to play in England. Forlan’s performances for surprise package Uruguay in South Africa have only served to enhance his reputation as one of Europe’s top strikers, after an unsuccessful spell with Manchester United earlier in his career.

But despite winning a place with the rest from Tottenham, plus several other English clubs, 31-year-old Forlan is not interested in playing in England again. He feels he has nothing to prove to fans here and is happy to stay in Spain and help Atlético Madrid build on last season’s Europa League success.

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Weather

Thursday, 8 July, 2010

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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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Khawa Dam, reliable facility in Bago Division (West) for growing summer paddy

During a tour of Padaung, I grasped an opportunity to visit Khawa Dam. As Myanmar is an arable country, dams and reservoirs have been built across the nation for water supply. Thanks to the irrigation facilities, the farmers grow monsoon and summer paddy and Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton. In consequence, images of achievements have emerged in the agricultural sector throughout the nation.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation built Wegyi Dam in Paungde Township, Baungbin Dam in Zigon Township, Gamon and Minbha Dams in Okpo Township and Khawa Dam in Padaung Township for enabling the farmers of Bago Division (West) to grow monsoon and summer paddy. (See page 9)

Brain’s energy restored during sleep, suggests animal study

Levels of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the energy currency of cells, in rats increased in four key brain regions normally active during wakefulness. Shown here is the energy surge measured in the frontal cortex, a brain region associated with higher-level thinking.—INTERNET

Brain’s energy restored during sleep

Science Daily, 7 July — In the initial stages of sleep, energy levels increase dramatically in brain regions found to be active during waking hours, according to new research in the 30 June issue of the Journal of Neuroscience. These results suggest that a surge of cellular energy may replenish brain processes needed to function normally while awake.

A good night’s rest has clear restorative benefits, but evidence of the actual biological processes that occur during sleep has been elusive. Radhika Basheer, PhD, and Robert McCarley, MD, of Boston V.A. Healthcare System and Harvard Medical School, proposed that brain energy levels are key to nightly restoration.

“Our finding bears on one of the perennial conundrums in biology: the function of sleep,” Basheer said. “Somewhat surprisingly, there have been no modern-era studies of brain energy using the most sensitive measurements,” he add.—Internet