**Progress of Laukkai region, construction of Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monsi-Tarpa road supervised**

NAV Pyi Taw, 9 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 officials, comforted patients at Hopang Township Hospital on 6 July.

After hearing reports on extended construction tasks by officials, he presented medicines to the hospital.

At the hall of Hopang Station, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members of the station.

On 7 July, he viewed progress of Laukkai after meeting with departmental officials at the hall of Laukkai. He also looked into maintenance of Laukkai-Kongyan-Mawtaik road section.

In Monsi Village, he met with local people and presented medicines and Buddha images to them.

He attended the opening of two storey-building at Basic Education High School in Tamoenye.

On arrival at Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monsi-Tarpa road section being constructed by Public Works, officials conducted him around the construction site.

Yesterday, he visited 100-bed Township People’s Hospital in Namhkam and provided necessary assistance for it. (See page 2)

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**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, predominance of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Rail journey across Myanmar**

Tin Htwe (MNA)

I have made trips several times. I prefer rail transport because I can seek regional knowledge conveniently and it is cost-effective.

Yangon-Pyay railroad was constructed for the first time in Myanmar and Yangon-Mandalay railroad, the second. In ruling Myanmar as its colony, the colonialist British gave priority to construction of motor roads and railroads to serve their interest, not to develop the whole nation equitably.

Therefore, most of the regions of the country had lagged behind in development in the transport sector during the colonial period and in post-independence period. To overcome such backwardness, the government has been constructing roads and bridges as transport networks including new railroads since 1988.

There were 1976 miles long railroads, 487 railway stations and 5650 small and large bridges across the nation before 1988. So far, a total of 3433 miles long railroads, 875 railway stations and 10,908 small and large bridges have been built in the entire nation. In addition, locomotives, coaches and wagons were built and upgraded, and concrete sleeper factories commissioned into operation. (See page 8)
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**Actively take part in School Environment Day activities**

Literacy can broaden everyone’s horizons as well as help them distinguish between right and wrong. In accord with the goal of ‘education for all’, Myanmar is beefing up its literacy movements.

As the 2010-2011 academic year has begun, the basic education sector is taking measures to enable every school-age child to go to school, to promote school enrollment rate and to increase education quality. With the combined strength of education staff and parents, efforts are being made for all children of school age to be happy at school and acquire all-round development.

The Ministry of Education is speedily carrying out long-term basic education promotion plans. It has drawn up the education calendar in order to promote education in all basic education schools.

July 11 has designated as School Environment Day. On that day, teachers and students of all basic education schools across the country will be growing fruits, vegetables, flowers and shade trees for greening their schools and environs.

Since trees can grow well in this rainy season, the entire nation is holding tree-planting ceremonies, growing various plants and trees such as Gangaw, Padauk, star flower, teak, Pyinkadoe, tamarind, jack fruit and windbreakers.

Trees and forests are essential for survival of all living beings. People can get shelter and food from trees, fruits and vegetables. As trees, plants and forests contribute to the greening of urban and rural areas and temperate climate, all basic education schools have to participate in the activities of School Environment Day.

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**Course on production of TV programmes to be conducted**

**MCPA**

**Yangon, 9 July—**Myanmar Computer Professionals Association will conduct a course on production of television programmes at Building 1 of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township here from 20 July to 17 August.

The course mainly intends to those interested in creating video images, using different video cameras, video editing serving subtitles, knowledge of digital sound effect. Course fee is K120,000, but 10 per cent discount for members of MCPA.

Those interested may contact the office of MCPA, Room 4, Building 4, (Ph: 652276) and enroll not later than 16 July.—MNA

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**People's Desire**

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

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**Progress of Laukkai region, construction of Kukkai—...**

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In meeting with departmental officials and townsmen at the hall of Township PDC, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave necessary instructions.

In Muse, he visited Muse 100-bed People’s Hospital and looked into health care services being provided to the patients.

At Shweli Yeiktha, he met district and township level departmental officials and heard reports on regional development by an official and the commander. Later, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing left necessary instructions. MNA

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**Blood donated to Tatmadawmen**

**Yangon, 9 July—**A total of 35 staff from Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd in Pyinmabin Industrial Zone, Mingaladon Township here donated blood for Tatmadawmen patients at No. 1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Mingaladon this morning.

First, Head of Pathology Department Pathologist Lt-Col Daw Tin Moe Mya, on behalf of the commandant of the hospital, extended greetings. Deputy Managing-Director Maj Thein Aung (Rtd) of Myanmar Pte Ltd explained purpose of blood donation. Lt-Col Daw Tin Moe Mya presented certificates of honour to the deputy managing-director and they encouraged the blood donors. MNA

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**Electoral Course opened**

**Yangon, 9 July—**Supervised by Kungyangon Township Election Sub Commission, electoral course was opened for members of ward/village-tract election sub commissions of the township at Kungyangon Basic Education High School No. 1 on 4 July.

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**Ace of golfer**

**Yangon, 9 July—**At Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, here, yesterday afternoon, Lewis Tan (a) Tan Choon Wan played the golf event together with.

A total of 394 sub commission members in Kungyangon Township attended the course. MNA

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**Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd), Tan Soon Huat, Sein Win (A-1), Hla Win (SF) and Robert Lewis Tan (a) Tan Choon Wan scored an ace at hole No. 8, 146 yards from the tee, with the use of Pro V1 No. 4 ball with Taylor Made Iron No. 6 club.**

*NLM*
50 Killed, 70 injured in suicide blast in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 July—The death of Friday Morning’s suicide blast in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area has shot to 50 while some 70 others were injured, of whom about 20 are said to be in critical condition, according to local media reports. Early Friday morning, an unidentified miscreant who tried to force into a political agent’s office located in a crowded bazaar in the town of Tehsil Yakaghand in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of Mohmand Agency detonated the bomb carried with him, causing a huge casualty on the spot.

Police sources said following the blast 27 suspected criminals held under police custody in an adjacent venue escaped during the chaos. About 20 critically injured people in the blast have been shifted to the Road Reading Hospital of Peshawar, a Xinhua reporter in Peshawar confirmed.

Taleban kidnap two local Afghan officials to change for 10 comrades

HERAT, 9 July—Taleban militants in a bid to secure the release of their comrades in northwest Ghor Province of Afghanistan have kidnapped two local officials, spokesman for provincial administration Abdul Hai Khatibi said on Thursday. “Taleban rebels abducted a prosecutor and a teacher from Ghor’s provincial capital Chegh-charan on Wednesday and threatened to kill them if their comrades are not released,” Khatibi told Xinhua. Ten Taleban militants were arrested by security forces couple of days ago, the official furthered said. However, he did not say if the provincial administration was ready to exchange the detained Taleban fighters with the kidnapped government employees. Taleban militants have yet to comment. In a related development, Taleban militants abducted four employees of an aid agency in the neighbouring Herat Province Wednesday. “The militants kidnapped four local employees of a relief organization from Shindand District and took them to unknown locations,” Lal Mohammad Omarzai the governor of Shindand District told Xinhua.

He did not give the name of the aid agency but added it provides services to the locals in the field of health.

Rocket attack kills six Afghan civilians

KHOST, 9 July—A rocket fired by militants struck a bazaar in Afghanistan’s eastern Pakhtakor Province leaving six civilians dead on Thursday, an official said. “The rocket fired at around 10:00 am local time today slammed into the bazaar of Janikhil District as a result six innocent civilians were martyred and six others sustained injuries,” spokesman for provincial administration Rohullah Samoon told Xinhua.

Although, he put the attack on Taleban militants, the outfit has yet to make comment. This is the second rocket attacks in Afghanistan’s eastern region over the past two days.

Similar rocket attack hit a residential area in Jalalabad city, the capital of Nangarhar Province, on Wednesday night killing one civilian and wounding two others, according to the locals.

Taleban fighters challenging Afghan and NATO-led troops have vowed to intensify activities this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Court rejects US gov’t efforts to reinstate deepwater drilling ban

HOUSTON, 9 July—A US federal appeals court on Thursday rejected the Obama administration’s efforts to reinstate a six-month moratorium on deepwater-drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. A three-judge appeals panel handed down the verdict on Thursday afternoon after a hearing in a lawsuit filed by oil service companies claiming the ban would cause irreparable harm.

The judges said in the ruling that the Interior Department, which imposed the ban on May 27 after the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon rig, failed to prove that the federal government would suffer “irreparable injury” if the ban is not in place.

US District Judge Martin Feldman scrapped the six-month drilling ban on 22 June.

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The wreckage of a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 July, 2010. A suicide bomber drove an explosives-laden car into an Iraqi army check point in western Baghdad, killing and injuring several people, officials said.

Suicide bomber kills six in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 July—Iraqi officials say a suicide bomber has struck an army check point in western Baghdad, killing six people. Police and hospital officials say three Iraqi soldiers and three civilians were killed in the attack on Friday morning that occurred when the bomber detonated a car laden with explosives in the predominantly Sunni neighbourhood of Ghazaliyah.

Officials say that 20 people were also wounded in the blast and taken to Baghdad’s Yarmouk hospital. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

Violence has subsided dramatically in Iraq but members of the security forces are still frequently targeted by insurgents exploiting the country’s political deadlock, four months after an inconclusive parliamentary election.
New dinosaur species named for flamboyant frill

WASHINGTON, 9 July — When Nicholas Longrich discovered a new dinosaur species with a heart-shaped frill on its head, he wanted to come up with a name just as flamboyant as the dinosaur’s appearance. Over a few beers with fellow paleontologists one night, he blurted out the first thing that came to mind: Mojoceratops.

“It was just a joke, but then everyone stopped and looked at each other and said, ‘Wait — that actually sounds cool,’” said Longrich, a postdoctoral associate at Yale University. “I tried to come up with serious names after that, but Mojoceratops just sort of stuck.”

With the publication of Longrich’s paper describing his find in the Journal of Paleontology, the name is now official.

The dinosaur is one of more than a dozen species belonging to the chasmosaurine ceratopsid family, which are defined by elaborate frills on their skulls. A plant eater about the size of a hippopotamus, Mojoceratops appeared about 75 million years ago during the Late Cretaceous — 10 million years earlier than its well-known cousin, the Triceratops.

The species, which is related to another dinosaur in Texas, is found only in Canada’s Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces and was short-lived, having survived for only about one million years.

It was only after coming up with the unusual name that Longrich looked into its etymology. Surprisingly, he found that it was a perfect fit for the species, which sported a flamboyant, heart-shaped frill on its head.

Science

China contributes to space-based information access a lot

ADDIS ABABA, 9 July — The United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) said on Thursday China plays a large role in providing technical support to national and regional organizations that will have access to and use space-based information to mitigate the negative impact of global climate change.

The UN-SPIDER will officially open its third office in Beijing, China where it will effectively coordinate its entire programme in ensuring the access to and develop the capacity to use all types of space-based information to support the full management of disaster management cycle.

Juan Carlos Villagran, Representative of UN-SPIDER, told Xinhua in an exclusive interview that the governments of China, Germany, and Austria have displayed special commitment to supporting UN-SPIDER programme towards its objectives.

He said the UN-SPIDER has three major offices including the one in China which will be playing significant role in providing technical advisory support to the programme.

Researchers found differences between the rocks in the regions where the 2004 and 2005 Sumatran earthquakes occurred.

UNITED KINGDOM, 9 July — An international team of geoscientists has uncovered geological differences between two segments of an earthquake fault that may explain why the 2004 Sumatra Boxing Day Tsunami was so much more devastating than a second earthquake generated tsunami three months later. This could help solve what was a lingering mystery for earthquake researchers.

The quakes were caused by ruptures on adjacent segments of the same fault. One key difference was that the southern part of the fault that ruptured in 2004, producing the larger quake and tsunami, appears bright on subsurface seismic images possibly explained by a lower density fault zone than the surrounding sediments. In the 2005 segment of the fault, there was no evidence for such a low-density fault zone. This and several other differences resulted in the fault slipping over a much longer segment and reaching much closer to the seafloor in the first quake. Because tsunami waves are generated by the motion of the seafloor, a quake that moves more seafloor creates larger tsunamis.
**Health**

**Benefits of implantable defibrillators may differ by gender**

**Los Angeles, 9 July**—US researchers have found that Tai Chi and Qigong exercises offer a significant physical and mental health benefits. Researchers at Arizona State University College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation reviewed 77 randomized controlled trials about Tai Chi or Qigong that were published between 1993 and 2007 and included a total of 6,410 participants. The review provides a “stronger evidence base” that Tai Chi and Qigong offer benefits in terms of bone health, cardio-respiratory fitness, physical function, balance, quality of life, fall prevention and mental health, the researchers said in a news release published by HealthDay News on Thursday. “We see (these findings) as moving the understanding of the potential of Qigong and Tai Chi forward, with an emphasis on combining the evidence across these practices,” review co-author Linda Larkey said. “Tai Chi and Qigong have many health benefits and therefore should be considered a high priority when one is selecting an exercise to practice,” said Shin Lin, a professor at the Centre for Integrative Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, said in the news release.

**Health Tip: Managing dietary fat**

**Washington, 9 July**—Some fats are an essential part of a balanced diet, but there are “good” fats and “bad” fats. The American Academy of Family Physicians suggests how to manage your consumption of fat: * Avoid fast foods that contain unhealthy trans fats. * Don’t eat too much red meat. Instead, opt for leaner sources of protein such as fish, poultry and vegetables. * Bake with canola oil, and cook and season with olive oil. Use olive oil to top a salad or in place of butter on bread. * Avoid too many potato chips in favour of soy or peanuts without salt. * Top a salad with avocado, nuts or garbanzo beans. * In place of butter, opt for margarine that’s liquid or in a soft tub container. Choose margarine that is low in saturated fat and doesn’t contain trans fat. —Internet

**Tai Chi, Qigong offer many health benefits**

**Los Angeles, 9 July**—Women with implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICDs) appear less likely than men to suffer sudden cardiac death, according to researchers who reviewed the findings of five studies that followed 7,229 heart failure patients, including about 1,600 women. The patients had dilated cardiomyopathy, a condition where the heart becomes weakened and enlarged and can no longer pump blood efficiently. An ICD uses electrical impulses to help control the irregular, potentially deadly heart rhythm that can lead to sudden cardiac arrest.

Overall, women had the same death rate as men, but they experienced significantly fewer ICD interventions for rapid sustained ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation than men. This suggests that women are less likely to suffer sudden cardiac death.

The study appears in the July issue of the journal HeartRhythm.

The use of ICDs was associated with a 33 percent reduction in death risk among men, while women with ICDs had a smaller and nonsignificant reduction in death risk, said the Italian researchers in a journal news release.

**Taking fish oil supplements may reduce breast cancer risk**

**Los Angeles, 9 July**—There is an apparent link between fish oil supplements and a lower risk of breast cancer for postmenopausal women, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, Washington based their conclusion on a study of more than 35,000 women who were between the ages of 50 and 76 and all past menopause. None had a history of breast cancer. “We see (these findings) as moving the understanding of the potential of Qigong and Tai Chi forward, with an emphasis on combining the evidence across these practices,” review co-author Linda Larkey said. “Tai Chi and Qigong have many health benefits and therefore should be considered a high priority when one is selecting an exercise to practice,” said Shin Lin, a professor at the Centre for Integrative Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, said in the news release.

The participants answered questions about their use of “non- vitamin, non-mineral supplements.” After six years of follow up, 880 cases of breast cancer were identified.

The study focused on the potential health benefits of 15 different so-called “specialty” supplements to see if they affect breast cancer risk, said study senior author Emily White, an epidemiologist at the centre. “The only one that had an effect was fish oil,” she said.

**Monitoring blood pressure at home may help keep it low**

**London, 9 July**—With proper training, people with high blood pressure may be able to control it more effectively on their own at home than through conventional methods, British researchers contend.

Through telemonitoring of their blood pressure and adjusting their medications according to guidelines agreed upon in advance, patients assigned to self-managed care saw greater reductions in blood pressure after six and 12 months than patients receiving standard care through health professionals, the study found.

“Self-management represents an important new intervention for people with hypertension treated in primary care,” said lead researcher Dr Richard J McManus, a professor of primary care cardiovascular research and honorary consultant at the University of Birmingham in England.

Self-management should be considered for people with hypertension, particularly if their blood pressure is not controlled with standard care, McManus added.

But the self-managed approach is not without drawbacks, McManus noted.
Central, Eastern Europe countries to lead economic recovery of Europe

WELLINGTON, 9 July—Transactions using electronic cards were up a seasonally adjusted 0.7 percent from May, with a 1.5 percent rise in non-retail industries, which included services such as travel and health, and wholesaling.

The increase in total transactions followed a rise of 0.3 percent in May and a fall of 1 percent in April.

With a 3.1 percent fall in fuel sales, retail industry transactions were up just 0.4 percent, the same rise as in May.

Annually, credit card use, as a proportion of the total transaction value, had been falling since September 2008, with a corresponding rise in debit card use, SNZ said.

Credit cards accounted for 44 percent of transactions in the year to June 2010, the lowest proportion since the series began.—Xinhua

China’s yuan stronger against USD Friday, with central parity rate slightly down

BEIJING, 9 July—The central parity rate of the yuan, China’s currency Renminbi (RMB), to US dollar stood at 6.7753 on Friday, compared with 6.7768 for Thursday, according to the data released by the China Foreign Exchange Trading System. The central parity rate of the yuan to the US dollar started from 6.7733 on Monday, which is the strongest performance of yuan in this week. Then the rate climbed to 6.7790 on Tuesday, making yuan the weakest against USD in this week. The climbing trend of snapped on Wednesday with the central parity rate stood at 6.7781. From Wednesday to Friday, the yuan became stronger against USD bit by bit with central parity rate declines three days in a row. The yuan-dollar central parity rate was 6.7720 last Friday, the strongest since China announced to unpeg the yuan from the US dollar in July 2005.

The decline indicates that consumers are reluctant to borrow when economic recovery is still insecure and jobless rate remains high. The report showed that evolving debt, which includes credit cards, dropped by 7.3 billion dollars in May, while non-revolving debt, including loans for cars and mobile homes, fell by 1.8 billion dollars during the same period. Economists are warning that falling consumer borrowing, an indicator of weak consumer spending, could derail the fragile recovery. Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of the overall economic activity, remains the major drive of the US economy. —Xinhua

US consumer credit falls sharply in May

WASHINGTON, 9 July—US consumer credit dropped sharply in May, a sign of consumers’ less willingness to borrow amid uncertain economic prospects and still-sluggish job market, the Federal Reserve reported on Thursday.

Total consumer borrowing dropped 9.1 billion dollars in May, well exceeding a decrease of 2.3 billion dollars projected by economists, according to the report.

The fed also revised the April’s figure to a slump of 14.9 billion dollars, instead of its initial estimate of an increase of 1 billion dollars. Consumer borrowing has fallen in 15 of the past 16 months as households reshaped their households balance sheets.

EUROPE

VIENNA, 9 July—Economic recovery in Middle and Eastern Europe is tardy but following the trend of healthy development and this region is expected to even become the leader in Europe’s economic recovery, according to the latest summer forecast issued by The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW) on Thursday.

In a press conference of releasing the summer forecast, expert of the WIIW Mario Holzner noted that, in Central and Eastern European countries, particularly in those countries with an industry share of at least one quarter of gross domestic product, the recovery trend is more significant.

In this region, economies of Turkey, Russia and Ukraine had relatively higher growth rate, respectively, reaching 6.3, 4.0 and 3.8 percent, indicating that these countries have entered into the recovery stage.

However, for Latvia it was expected to be minus 3.5 percent, while Lithuania and Croatia have the same growth of minus 1.5 percent, being in the recession.

The WIIW believed that Turkey’s significant economic growth was mainly due to its increased domestic demand. Turkey is the country that witnessing the quickest increase in domestic demand, which has deserved attention of foreign investors.

New Zealand electronic card transactions up in June

Wellington, 9 July—Transactions using electronic cards rose in June from the previous month, with rises across all industry groups apart from fuel, Statistics New Zealand (SNZ) figures showed on Friday.

Total electronic card transactions were up a total transaction value, had been falling since September 2008, with a corresponding rise in debit card use, SNZ said.

Credit cards accounted for 44 percent of transactions in the year to June 2010, the lowest proportion since the series began.—Xinhua

Brazil’s grain crop to increase 8.9% in 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 July—Brazil’s grain crop will reach 145.9 million tons in 2010, up 8.9 percent from the level in 2009, according to a study released Thursday by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

According to the study, the cultivated area in the country is to total 46.8 million hectares, down 0.9 percent from last year. The area cultivated with soybeans will increase 7.2 percent, while the areas cultivated with corn and rice will fall 6.7 and six percent respectively. The production of soybeans and corn is expected to increase 19.4 and 4.4 percent, respectively, while rice production is to fall 10.4 percent.—Xinhua

Business
**Climategate: Inquiry exonerates scientists**

Icebergs float in a fjord near the south Greenland town of Narsaq on 28 July, 2009. **Xinhua**

BEIJING, 9 July — The inquiry into the leakage of climate scientists’ e-mails showed no evidence that the global warming theory is forged by scientists. A major inquiry in the past six months, often known to the public as the “climategate” inquiry, led by the independent civil servant Sir Muir Russell, at last showed results that it cleared the evidence the scientists were dishonest or that global warming was not a danger, according to Phil Jones, the leading climate change scientist at the University of East Anglia in England, who was also at the heart of the so-called “climategate”, will be reinstated in his job as Director of Research in Climate Research Unit.

“We hope this means the wilder assertions about the climate science community will stop,” said the Vice Chancellor of UEA Edward Acton. However, the review of the so-called climategate e-mails also urged climate scientists to let open the culture of secrecy, which created public mistrust of their research achievements. —Xinhua

**Singapore’s logistics industry to expand this year**

SINGAPORE, 9 July — The logistics sector in Singapore has enjoyed buoyant for 12 months amid the global slowdown and there are signs that the coming year will be just as productive, local media reported on Thursday.

The sector created 1,200 skilled jobs last year more than the 800 in 2009 including supply chain management planners, research engineers and managers, Singapore’s Economic Development Board was quoted by local daily The Straits Times.

Companies spent a total of 481 million Singapore dollars (346 million US dollars) last year, mainly on wages, rental and depreciation costs of equipment. The logistics investments are expected to contribute 207 million Singapore dollars (148.92 million US dollars) in value-added to Singapore’s gross domestic product.

Logistics companies are expected to spend between 400 million and 500 million Singapore dollars (287.77 and 359.72 million US dollars) this year.

The figure has risen from 300 million Singapore dollars (215.83 million US dollars) a year to above 450 million Singapore dollars (323.75 million US dollars) over the past couple of years, and is set to stay around that amount because of growing trade within the region. —Xinhua

**Eurostar resumes London-Paris train service**

File picture shows a Eurostar train arriving at Paris Gare du Nord. Eurostar’s London to Paris high-speed train service resumed on Friday after an overnight shutdown of a tunnel in Britain, the company said. **INTERNET**

PARIS, 9 July—Eurostar’s London to Paris high-speed train service resumed on Friday after an overnight shutdown of a tunnel in Britain, the company said. Traffic on the line was “very smooth” following the reopening of the track, a spokeswoman for Eurostar said.

“The first Paris to London train at 6:43 am departed without a hitch as did the 7:13 am train,” she said.

The shutdown occurred late Thursday after smoke was spotted in a tunnel under the River Thames, which forms part of the route linking the two European capitals.

Rail operator Network Rail took the decision to close the tunnel at 1730 GMT and investigators gave the all-clear at 2000 GMT. But Eurostar decided it was too late to resume services at that time. —INTERNET

**TV, video games may rob students of focus**

AMES (IOWA), 9 July—Grade-school and college students who watch TV and play video games for more than 2 hours a day have increased attention problems, US researchers found.

Lead researcher Edward Swing, an Iowa State University psychology doctoral candidate, said the study involved 1,325 children in third-, fourth- and fifth-graders and 210 college-age participants, who exceeded the 2 hours per day of screen time recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Those with more than 2 hours of screen time were 1.5 to 2 times more likely to display more than average attention problems.

“There isn’t an exact number of hours when screen time contributes to attention problems, but the recommendation of no more than 2 hours a day provides a good reference point,” Swing said in a statement. —INTERNET

**Indonesia to import 800,000 tons of corn in 2010**

JAKARTA, 9 July — Indonesia will import 800,000 tons of corn in 2010 to fulfill domestic needs as the country is predicted unsuccessful in meeting its production target, Kompas daily quoted an official as saying on Friday. According to Sudirman, chairman of Indonesia’s Livestock Food Producers Association on Thursday, the additional import is needed as domestic corn supply could not fulfill needs of livestock food industry.

“We have pocketed license of additional import and we have a commitment of 800,000 tons,” he said. —Xinhua
In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Rail Transportation has constructed new railroads one after another. Recently, 12 miles long Pyidawtha-Sittway-Yegyanbyin railroad section and 22.72 miles long Kwantunq-Ponnayun.

Yoetayoke railroad section of 257 miles long Pyidawtha-Sittway-Yegyanbyin railroad was inaugurated in Rakhine State. Minbu-An-Sittway railroad construction project will link Minbu of Magway Division and Sittway of Rakhine State. On completion, the national people of Rakhine State will be able to travel to all regions of the nation conveniently and transport commodities smoothly. As a result, the railroad will contribute a great deal to improvement of economic and social sectors.

Moreover, the railroad sections of 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad—38-mile Kyangin-Okshtpin section, 35-mile Okshtpin-Kanma section, 35-mile Kanma-Thayet section, 52-mile Thayet-Mnhla section, 27-mile Pakokku-Kyunchaung section and 22-mile Seikpyu-Yawchaung section—have been inaugurated successfully.

On completion, Kyangin-Pakokku railroad will link up with Pathein-Hinthada-Kyangin railroad, Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad, Pakokku-Mandalay-Bagan railroad, Pakokku-Mandalay-Mystikyama railroad and Pakokku-Ye-U-Khim-U railroad as network across the nation. The already-opened Seikpyu-Yawchaung section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project commenced on 19-5-2007 and it was completed on 12-6-2010. In reviewing construction of 22 miles long railroad section during three-year period, it can be calculated that the government has spent a large sum of money to build new railroads as network throughout the nation day in, day out.

Due to strenuous efforts of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the trains run along the routes of Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan railroad, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay railroad, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Myitkyina railroad and Nay Pyi Taw-Ye-U-Khin-U railroad as network across the nation.

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As the saying goes, Rome wasn’t built in a day, the government built the nation day and night for more than 20 years after 1988. It was a lofty aim to hand down a modern and developed nation to new generations.

As emergence of railroads as transport network across the nation was good result of the noblest goodwill of the government and its correct stand, any government taking responsibilities of the State in the future has to preserve the fine legacy by maintaining the motor roads, railroads and bridges. Any government has to carry out development of the nation similar to the endeavours of the present government.

Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project, Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad project, Katha-Bhamo railroad project, Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project, Dawei-Myeik railroad project, Minbu-An-Sittway railroad project and Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon (Hleinethaya) railroad project being implemented by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation are main projects that will emerge in the National Railway Network.

Upon completion, the existing railroads, the already-inaugurated railroads, the railroads under construction and building four rail-cum-bridges across Ayeyawady River namely Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) will serve as links among States and Divisions to become the National Railway Network. The National Railway Network will create the railroad linkages for enabling the local people to travel to all States and Divisions by train and contribute to improving standards of economic, education, health and social sectors for the local people.

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Due to strenuous efforts of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the railroads are lying across the nation from Myitkyina in the north of the nation to Dawei in the south and from Mongnai in the east to Kalay in the west. In addition, the railroad is stretching to Loikaw in the southwest of the nation. The railroads are benefiting the national people. At present, all the national brethren can joyfully travel to various regions the length and the breadth of the nation by train.

#### Progress of Myanma Railways across the nation after 1988

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Total (length in mile): 296.60
Brazilian police seize 21.5 tons of marijuana near Paraguayan border

Rio De Janeiro, 9 July—Brazil’s Federal Highway Police (PRF) said on Thursday “they seized 21.5 tons of marijuana in the southern Parana state, the largest drug seizure ever made in the country.”

The drug was found in a truck loaded with wood and metal blocks near the city of Foz do Iguacu, some 20 km away from the Paraguayan border.

The truck driver was arrested and will be charged with drug trafficking. If convicted, he may face a sentence of up to 15 years in prison. Parana state is one of the most used routes by drug dealers, as it sits near both the Paraguayan border and Sao Paulo, one of the largest markets in Brazil.

Last year, 22.4 of the 61.9 tons of marijuana seized in Brazil were found in the state.

Russian military vehicles for Palestinians arrive in Mideast

Moscow, 9 July—A total of 50 Russian BTR-70 armoured personnel carriers destined for the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) have arrived in Jordan, the RIA Novosti news agency reported on Thursday.

“We can say the issue is solved since the hardware we pledged to deliver to PNA has already arrived in Jordan,” Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Saltanov said.

Saltanov said the issue of how to hand over the vehicles from Jordan to the PNA would soon be regulated.

No weaponry was provided with the armoured vehicles, he said.

Israel agreed in 2008 that Russia could give the PNA and the APCs stripped of weaponry for counter-terrorism efforts.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko last week said Russia would continue providing assistance to the Palestinians by delivering to Jordan 50 APCs that later would be transferred to the PNA in the West Bank.

Thousands homeless, two missing in S Philippine floods

COTABATO, 9 July—Thousands of people have fled and two civilians went missing as floods caused by heavy downpour hit several low-lying towns in southern Philippines.

Esmail Mangudadatu, governor of Maguindanao Province, said on Thursday nearly 23,000 people in the township of Sultan Kudarat have abandoned their homes as flood waters engulfed their villages since Wednesday night.

“The government temporarily gave them food assistance. They are staying in evacuation centres set up by our local officials,” Mangudadatu said.

In neighbouring North Upi town, Mangudadatu said, local rescuers are still searching for two villagers who went missing while crossing a river at the height of heavy downpour on Tuesday.

Psychic octopus Paul receives death threats

Paul the psychic octopus proved himself a prophet again by successfully predicting Germany’s loss to Spain in the World Cup semi-finals.

And now he receives threats from fans of the losing teams.

Paul now not only faces the wrath of Argentinian supporters who expressed a desire to eat him in an act of vengeance, but also the German fans’ eager to see psychic octopus on the menu, according to Telegraph reports. However, Paul’s keeper Oliver Walencial said: “There are always people who want to eat our octopus but he is not shy and we are here to protect him as well. He will survive.”

Two-year-old octopus Paul, the so-called “octopus oracle” predicts Spain’s victory in their 2010 World Cup semi-final soccer match against Germany by choosing a mussel, from a glass box decorated with the Spanish national flag instead of a glass box with the German flag, at the Sea Life Aquarium in the western German city of Oberhausen on 6 July, 2010.

Psychic octopus Paul rests during her 130th birthday party in the village of Sachino, some 370 km (230 miles) west of Thilisi, on 8 July, 2010. Khvichava claims to be the oldest person in the world.

Woman, 75, crashes into store for 2nd time

Police in Atlanta said a 75-year-old woman who drove her car through the front of a liquor store told officers it was the second time she had done so.

Investigators said Constance Chapman, 75, drove her Mazda Miata through the front window of Green’s store at about 3:15 pm on Monday, shattering 1,500 bottles of alcohol, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Thursday.

Chapman said her brakes went out while she was trying to park in front of the store. She told police the incident marked the second time she had crashed her vehicle into Green’s.

Green’s employee Jenetha Gardiner was pinned between the broken window and shelf, and suffered head trauma from a falling liquor bottle. She was taken to Atlanta Medical Centre for treatment.

20 percent of US high-schoolers smoke

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report released on Thursday said since 2003, the rate of smoking decline in US teens levelled off for whites, Hispanics and blacks—except for black female students, for whom cigarette smoking has shown no decline after 1999.

The report also said in 1991, students who reported cigarette smoking was 27.5 percent, rose to 36.4 percent in 1997, dropped to 21.9 percent in 2003 and leveled off at 19.5 percent in 2009.—Internet

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A woman smokes a cigarette in Arlington, Virginia on 12 June, 2009.—Internet

Dolphins take part in an aquatic football match at the Hefei Aquarium in Hefei, capital of east China’s Anhui Province, 8 July, 2010. Eight dolphins of the aquarium were named after famous footballers and trained to perform aquatic football for tourists during the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

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Imports rose by 14.8% in May compared with the previous month, while exports grew by 9.2%. Both figures were much higher than analysts had expected.
As a result, Germany’s trade surplus narrowed to 10.6bn euros ($13.4bn; £8.8bn) for the month.
Analysts said the data showed Europe’s biggest economy was growing strongly.
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The company said the last of the retro-styled sedans will roll off the assembly line in Toledo, Mexico on Friday.
The wide-grille car was launched in 2000 amid a back-to-the-future movement that saw a revamped Volkswagen Beetle and retro-look cars like the Mini Cooper and Chrysler PT Cruiser.
Chrysler, which emerged from bankruptcy last year with US government support and under the direction of Italian carmaker Fiat, has sold 1.3 million PT Cruisers, including 200,000 outside the United States.
But sales have been slumping for the PT, which stands for personal transportation: in 2007 there were 125,000 sold, but so far this year, the figure was just 6,920.
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Nairobi’s slums are home to more than half the city’s population.

Fears of rape in Kenya’s slums ‘trap women’
LONDON, 9 July—Fear of sexual violence is keeping poor Kenyan women away from communal toilets, and increasing the risk of disease, Amnesty International says.
In a report on Kenya’s slums, the human rights group said women and girls were afraid to leave their shacks at night.
As a result they were risking contracting diseases such as dysentery and cholera, the report said.
About 40% of Nairobi residents, about two million people, live in slums with limited access to water and sanitation.

Don Johnson awarded $23.2m
Nash Bridges profits
LONDON, 9 July—A jury has awarded Don Johnson $23.2m (£15.2m) in profits he said he was owed from US TV police drama Nash Bridges.
The Miami Vice actor, 60, claimed in legal papers filed in 2009 he owned 50% copyright and was owed money for the NBC series, which ran from 1996-2001.
Producers Rysher Entertainment said it had lost money so he had not been paid.

Germany exports are being driven by high demand in Asia.

A Chrysler made PT Cruiser car drives past a Chrysler dealership in Los Angeles in 2009.

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“The Pacific,” “Mad Men” among top contenders as Emmy nominations announced

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“Past month, “The Pacific” led all nominees with 24. The 10-part World War II drama whose executive producers include Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg was nominated for outstanding miniseries along with NBC’s “Return to Cranford” (Masterpiece).” —Xinhua

Syrian musician composes music from Ugaritic cuneiform tablet

Damascus, 9 July—Syrian musician Ziad Ajjan composed eight poetry and musical pieces from ancient cuneiform tablet also known as “Hymn of Supplication” unearthed in Ugarit in the early 20th century, according to Syrian News Agency (SANA) reported on Thursday.

The tablet contains a complete hymn, detailed performance instructions for a singer accompanied by a harpist as well as instructions on how to tune the harp, the report added.

Excavations of Phoenician Ugarit in 1929 unearthed cuneiform tablets which date back to approximately 1,400 BC and contain a hymn to the moon god’s wife. Ugaritic cuneiform outwardly resembles other cuneiform scripts and has a sound system based on consonant alphabets.

Larry King and his wife file to dismiss divorce

New York, 9 July—Broadcaster Larry King and his seventh wife have filed legal papers withdrawing their planned divorce, King’s spokesman said on Thursday.

The 76-year-old CNN host and his wife Shawn Southwick, 50 have both filed petitions to dismiss divorce papers submitted last April after their marriage ran into trouble.

“A lot of new things are happening to us and we are happy to be together as a family with our children,” King, who recently announced he would end his 25-year reign on “Larry King Live!”, said in the statement.

Bollywood’s Bachchan back as ‘Millionaire’ host

Mumbai, 9 July—Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has announced his return as host of the Indian version of TV quiz “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?”, 10 years after the 67-year-old, known to his legions of fans as “The Big B”, confirmed on his blog and the micro-blogging site Twitter that he would front the popular “Kaun Banega Crorepati” show.

“So it’s Kaun Banega Crorepati after 10 years of its first broadcast in year 2000 and goodness it all feels like it was yesterday,” Bachchan wrote on his blog at http://bigb.biga-dda.com on Wednesday evening.

Venezuelan orchestras to spawn new Dudamelss

Caracas, 9 July—Venezuelan youth orchestras that teach poor children classical music could soon match the world’s best ensembles and will spawn new global stars, but are hard to copy in rich nations, a top conductor said.

The South American nation’s system has drawn praise for tempting kids away from crime in tough neighbourhoods by teaching them the work of composers like Mahler and Stravinsky.

Jennifer Lopez scraps Cyrus concert

Los Angeles, 9 July—Jennifer Lopez has cancelled a concert planned for the Turkish-occupied part of Cyprus after criticism that the appearance would make a political statement, the entertainment website TMZ.com reported.

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C Ronaldo names new-born son after himself

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Chelsea sign teenage Czech defender Tomas Kalas

LONDON, 9 July—Chelsea have signed the highly-rated teenage Czech centre-back Tomas Kalas.

The 17-year-old will stay in his homeland on loan next season with his club Sigma Olomouc before moving to Stamford Bridge.

Kalas reportedly caught the interest of several top European clubs including Arsenal, AC Milan and Bayer Leverkusen.

Details of the contract have not been released, although Czech media reported Olomouc could get about 160 million korun (€5.2m) for the defender.

“Keith has proved to be a very good one-on-one defender and comfortable on the ball,” said Bath.

Kerr looks to maintain perfection at Women’s Open

NEWPORT, 9 July—American top seed Sam Querrey was sent crashing out in the second round of the ATP Hall of Fame Tennis Championships on Wednesday.

Querrey’s loss extended the number one seed’s run of never winning the title in the 34 years of the tournament.

Querrey, ranked 19th entering the week, was beaten by Jamaican Dustin Brown 6-4, 6-3 in 47 minutes.

Querrey has won three events this season.

Brown hammered 14 aces en route to his first victory over a player ranked in the top 20.

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Barcelona fail to pay player wages for June

LONDON, 9 July—Barcelona failed to pay their players for the end of June, club president Sandro Rosell has revealed.

Rosell, who succeeded Joan Laporta at the financially troubled Catalan outfit last week, also said a loan of about £125m had been secured to pay wages.

“We found a club in debt, with liquidity problems. At this point we have to take a loan to pay the wages of the players,” he told Sport.

But Rosell said Barca can still afford Arsenal midfielder Cesc Fabregas.

Barca recently sold defender Dmitri Chygrynskyi to Shakhtar Donetsk for about £12.5m to help raise much-needed funds, even though coach Pep Guardiola had been keen to keep him.

They also sold Ivory Coast international Yaya Toure to Manchester City for about £20m.

However, Rosell has moved to reassure worried fans that Barca’s problems are under control and that the process of securing a loan had already started under the previous board.—INTERNET

Petacchi wins Tour de France fourth stage

REIMS, 9 July—Italian Alessandro Petacchi rolled back the years for the second time on the Tour de France to claim his second stage win from a bunch sprint.

Lampre rider Petacchi has not competed in the race since 2004, a year after claiming a hat-trick of sprint victories.

But he showed that absence simply makes the heart grow fonder as he outsprinted a bunch of younger rivals, including misfiring Isle of Man sprinter Mark Cavendish, with yet another late manoeuvre late on the race’s home straight.

Swiss Olympic champion Fabian Cancellara retained the race leader’s yellow jersey after the 153km stage from Cambrai, during which the peloton caught a small breakaway only four kilometres from the finish.

Internet
Sri Lankan exports to drop over 10 pct after losing EU’s trade facility

Colombo, 9 July — Sri Lankan exports would suffer over 10 percent slump in volume as a result of losing a European Union (EU) trade concession, industry sources said on Thursday.

“There will be a loss of 12 to 15 percent,” A. Sukumaran, the chief of the Joint Apparel Exports Association told reporters here on Thursday.

Sukumaran said the exports affected by the loss of the EU’s General Systems Preferences (GSP+) facility amounts to around 500 million US dollars. The EU would withdraw the facility which provided Sri Lankan exports preferred tariff treatment from 15 Aug. this year. — Xinhua

Weather

Friday, 9 July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
MST. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagon, Layway and Yangon Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and upper Sagon, Division, scattered in Mandalay and Ayeawaddy Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mubon (3.15) inches, Chaungzon (3.03), inches, Gwa (2.95), inches, Launglon (2.32), inches, Kawkareik (2.17) inches, Thandwe (1.86) inches, Kyeli/kerme (1.71) inches, Thaton (1.66) inches and Paung (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-7-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 9-7-2010 was 80°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours on 9-7-2010 was (80%). Total sun shine hours on 8-7-2010 was (7.4) hours. Rainfall on 9-7-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-2010 was (32.48) inches at Mingaladon, (37.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (43.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 8-7-2010.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of the 10th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeawaddy Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagon and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather Outlook For Second Weekend Of July 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and fairly widespread in Yangon Division.
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

Union Election Commission Meeting 32/2010 held

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Union Election Commission held the UEC Meeting 32/2010 at the office of the commission here this morning.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by Chairman U Thein Soe.—MNA

The meeting was attended by UEC Chairman U Thein Soe and members of the commission.

First, UEC Chairman U Thein Soe delivered an opening address.

The chairman and the commission members scrutinized applications submitted by parties for registration, defined constituencies, made lists of eligible voters, designated places for polling stations, and held discussions on electoral matters.

Registration of political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Of the 39 parties that submitted applications to register as political parties, the Union Election Commission on 9 July 2010 granted permission to the Khami National Development Party and the National Democratic Force to register as political parties as the parties are found to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules.

There are 43 parties that submitted their applications to form or continue existence as political parties up to this date. Of 39 parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties, 38 parties have been permitted to register and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA