Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic exchange felicitations on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Establishment of diplomatic relations

Message from His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, to His Excellency Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

On this auspicious occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, the people of Myanmar join me in extending our best wishes to Your Excellency and, through You, to the people of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

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On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Laos and Myanmar, on behalf of the people of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency and through Your Excellency to entire brotherly people of Myanmar for greater new success in the cause of safeguarding and constructing the prosperity.

Nation needs more intellectuals, intelligentsia, technicians to harness natural resources effectively

PM inspects Yeywa Hydropower Project, Inter-District Road (3), Monywa Industrial Zone

Prime Minister U Thein Sein views the power house at Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 July—Prime Minister U Thein Sein, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, ministers and heads of department visited Yeywa Hydropower Project in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning.

The project is being undertaken by the Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power NO(1).

From the view deck, the Prime Minister inspected the inflow of water into the dam, diversion weir, outfall channel, spillway, power house and switchyard.

He viewed the process of installing electric turbines Nos (3) and (4).

The Prime Minister inspected the control room of the power house. Managing Director U Khin Maung Win of the department reported on facts about the generation process and system.

Yeywa Hydropower Project was launched in 2001-2002 fiscal year. Now, it has been completed by 96.45 per cent.

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Grow high-yield cotton extensively

With the concept that boosting agricultural production is one of the main factors in shaping the nation into an industrialized one, the government has established 18 industrial zones to improve both State-owned and private-owned industries for the nation’s industrial development.

Earlier, average per acre yield of cotton stood at about 400 to 500 viss. Now, Myanmar has replaced old cotton strains with Ngwechi (6) cotton strain, whose average per acre yield is over 1600 viss. The government has made everything possible in its bid to encourage farmers to choose that high-yield cotton strain. Therefore, farmers on their part have to use correct agricultural methods to meet the quality and targeted yield of cotton.

Textile Factory (Pyawbwe) in Pyawbwe Township will be able to boost its production if cotton of Ngwechi (6) strain is grown on a broader scale to supply adequate raw materials to the factory. Pyawbwe Township by far has put 230 acres under pre-monsoon Ngwechi (6) long staple cotton. In addition, several model cotton plots have been set up in Pyaesonon Village, Kaing Village-tract, Wundwin Township.

The government is working hard to improve the economic and social standards of the people. As part of the drive to satisfy the basic need of clothing, the government is providing effective encouragement to boost growing cotton of high-yield, quality strains, and establishing textile plants in the nation.

Now, the government has improved infrastructures to meet the basic needs of the people. In return, the people have to take part in the tasks for national development.
Air France plane lands in Brazil after bomb hoax

PARIS, 11 July—An Air France passenger plane flying from Rio to Paris made an emergency landing in northeastern Brazil Saturday night after a hoax bomb alert. All 405 passengers and 18 crew members were safely evacuated and 18 crew members after a hoax bomb alert. Brazil Saturday night landing in northeastern Paris made an emergency plane flying from Rio to Air France passenger and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland to the Turkish-Iraqi border,” a Kurdish security source said. The bombardment continued for more than an hour, wounding a civilian and caused panic among the residents of the area along with material damages to citizens’ farms and livestock, the source said.

Turkey has long been fighting the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK), which is active in eastern Turkey and northern Iraq, and frequently bomb PKK targets in the mountainous area inside Iraq’s Kurdistan region. The PKK, listed as a terrorist group by the Turkish government, the US and Europe hence Turkey, has long been fighting the PKK in the area.

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Stolen cables slow Eurostar trains in France

A high-speed Eurostar train from London leaves the Channel tunnel, before arriving at the Eurotunnel terminal in Coquelles, near Calais, northern France, on 1 July. Eurostar trains have suffered new delays after police foiled an attempt to steal cables along a French section of track. —INTERNET

A Pakistani hospital guard carries an injured child to a local hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan on 9 July, 2010. A suicide bomber on a motorcycle struck outside a government office Friday in a tribal region where Pakistan’s army has fought the Taleban, killing scores of people and left many injured, officials said. —INTERNET

Cambodia to host large scale military exercise next week

PHNOM PENH, 11 July—As planned, Cambodia will conduct first ever large scale military exercise next week, a part of the United Nations Peacekeeping framework for strengthening peace and security. Chhum Socheat, spokesman of the Ministry of National Defence said Saturday that the military exercise will be conducted on 17 July through 30 July with participations of 26 countries and more than 1,000 forces.

Of those forces, the largest number will be coming from Cambodia as a host country and from the United States, the co-organizer of the exercise.

The other participating countries, the majority of which are the members of the United Nations include France, Indo-nesia, the Philippines, Australia, India, Italy, Germany, Japan, Mongolia and the United Kingdom among others. —INTERNET

Armed men open fire kill 13 in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 11 July—Unknown armed men opened fire on a civilian vehicle in Paktia Province east of Afghanistan killing 13 commuters on Saturday, spokesman for provincial administration Rohullah Samoon said.

“The bloody incident took place in Chamkani District at 11:00 am local time as a result 13 innocent civilians including two Afghans and 11 Pakistanis were martyred,” Samoon told Xinhua.

Three more civilians were injured in the bloody attack. —Xinhua

Six policemen killed in N Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 11 July—Six policemen with the Afghan Border Police Force were killed as militants stormed their outpost Saturday night in Imam Sahib District of Afghanistan’s northern Kandahar Province, Mohammad Ayub Haqyar, governor of Imam Sahib District said on Sunday.

“Armed militants stormed an outpost of border police in Satar Perhi area of Imam Sahib District Saturday night. As a result six police personnel were killed,” Haqyar told Xinhua. An investigation has been initiated to probe into the incident, he said. —Xinhua

Explosion shocks Taleban birthplace Kandahar in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 11 July—A powerful blast shocked Taleban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan Saturday, killing at least one person, police said. “The bomb planted on a motorbike was exploded by remote control in a bazaar in Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar Province at 2:50 p.m. local time today. As a result one civilian was killed,” Deputy to Provincial Police Chief Fazal Ahmad Khan Shirzad told Xinhua. Two civilian cars parked in the bazaar were also destroyed in the blast, he said. —Xinhua

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Xinhua
**European Space Agency looking closely at asteroid**

Spacecraft Operations Manager Andrea Accomazzo controls the Rosetta asteroid mission at the Space Operations Centre of ESA (European Space Agency) in Darmstadt, Germany, on 10 July, 2010. 

BERLIN, 11 July—The European Space Agency has taken the closest look yet at asteroid Lutetia in an extraordinary quest some 280 million miles in outer space between Mars and Jupiter. The comet-chaser Rosetta transmitted its first pictures from the largest asteroid ever visited by a satellite Saturday night after it flew by Lutetia as close as 1,900 miles (3,200 kilometres), ESA said in Darmstadt, Germany. “These are fantastic and exciting pictures,” space agency scientist Rita Schulz said in a webcast presentation. She said it would take several weeks before all 400 pictures and all data from the high-precision instruments aboard Rosetta would come through to Earth. “I am a very happy man,” said ESA manager David Southwood. “It is a great day for European Science and for world science.”

**Russia launches US telecom satellite**

MOSCOW, 11 July—A Russian Proton-M launcher with a US EchoStar-15 telecommunications satellite blast off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan on Saturday, Russia’s Khimichnev State Research and Production Space Centre said.

The carrier rocket was launched at 22:40 Moscow time (1840 GMT). The satellite is scheduled to separate about 9 hours and 13 minutes after the lift off, and will be orbited at longitude 61.5 east, a spokesman of the space centre said.

This was the seventh launch of the Proton-M rocket in 2010 and the 358th overall, the spokesman said. The EchoStar-15 satellite was built by Space Systems Loral for the EchoStar satellite telecom operator. Once in orbit, it will be operated by DISH Network, which provides TV service to 14 million users in the United States. The satellite, weighing 5,540 kilograms and equipped with 32 transponders, have an anticipated life span of 15 years.

**Oil unleashed temporarily in attempt to contain it**

In this image taken from video provided by BP PLC, the arm of a remotely operated vehicle works at the Deepwater Horizon oil spill site in the Gulf of Mexico on 10 July, 2010. 

NEW ORLEANS, 11 July—Robotic submarines working a mile underwater removed a leaking cap from the gushing Gulf oil well Saturday, starting a painful trade-off: Millions more gallons of crude will flow freely into the sea for at least two days until a new seal can be mounted to capture all of it.

There’s no guarantee for such a delicate operation deep below the water’s surface, officials said, and the permanent fix of plugging the well from the bottom remains slated for mid-August. “It’s not just going to be, you put the cap on, it’s done. It’s not like putting a cap on a tube of toothpaste,” Coast Guard spokesman Capt James McPherson said. Robotic submarines removed the cap that had been placed on top of the leak in early June to collect the oil and send it to surface ships for collection or burning. BP aims to have the new, tighter cap in place as early as Monday and said that, as of Saturday night, the work was going according to plan.

If tests show it can withstand the pressure of the oil and is working, the Gulf region could get its most significant piece of good news since the 20 April explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig, which killed 11 workers.

**Prehistoric whale skeletons discovered in Egypt’s valley world.**

Cairo, 11 July—Egypt’s Ministry of Environment announced Saturday that a huge valley which contains many prehistoric whale skeletons have been recently discovered in a valley north of Lake Qarun in Fayoum governorate. On its website, the ministry said that a whole skull, two jaws, 20 vertebrae and some ribs were found. The discovery enriched the whales’ historic record in Egypt and the whole world. Ten vertebrae, which belonged to a bigger whale believed to be new species, were found in the same place in addition to some of its teeth, it added.

Lake Qarun was a freshwater one in the prehistoric period but is today a saltwater lake. It is a source of tilapia and other fish in the local area. Ancient Egyptians used to live around this lake, fishing and hunting animals.

**Scientists roll out mats to kill Lake Tahoe clams**

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, 11 July—Scuba-diving scientists are unrolling long rubber mats across the bottom of Lake Tahoe coves in an attempt to quell a clam invasion that could cloud the world-renowned cobalt waters.

The half-acre mats are designed to smoother dime-sized nonnative Asian clams that can reach populations of 5,000 per square yard.

Geoffrey Schladow, director of the Tahoe Environmental Research Centre run by the University of California, Davis, said the clams promote so much algae growth that they can turn some coves from blue to green.

“They suck in the water and they filter out the algae. Their excretions are highly concentrated packages of nutrients,” he said.

The scientists carpeted one south shore bay with the rubber mats on Friday. They plan to cover another half-acre soon.

**Remote Easter Island set for total solar eclipse**

HANGA ROA, 11 July—Tourists and scientists poured onto remote and mysterious Easter Island ahead of Sunday’s solar eclipse, a mixed blessing of sorts for the tiny Pacific outpost.

An estimated 4,000 tourists, scientists, photographers, film-makers and journalists flocked to the Chilean island of only 160 square kilometres (60 square miles) on Saturday, doubling the population of the barren isle that already suffers from water pollution and deforestation.

Conditions are anything but normal on Easter Island, deemed by astronomers the best place to witness Sunday’s alignment of sun, moon and Earth for a fleeting four minutes and 41 seconds.

Some weather forecasts, however, warn of cloudy skies — potentially dashed hopes of a clear view here.

**Xinhua**

**Internet**
Stimulating life may slow cancer growth

COLUMBUS, 11 July—Living a life of physical, mental and social stimulation may curb cancer growth, Ohio State University cancer researchers said. The researchers found a stimulating environment activates a nervous system pathway the brain uses to communicate with fat tissue, the Columbus, Ohio, university said Thursday in a release. The fats cells are "told" to stop releasing a hormone called leptin into the bloodstream. Leptin normally curbs appetite, but the study found it accelerates cancer growth.

Researchers created an enriched environment for 20 mice in containers equipped with toys, hiding places, running wheels, and unlimited food and water supplies. Control mice were housed in smaller, standard lab containers without toys but having unlimited food and water.

"People tend to think that cancer survivors should avoid stress, but our data suggests that this is not completely true," said study leader Matthew Larson.

During, professor of neuroscience, neurologic surgery, molecular virology, immunology and medical genetics. "The anti-cancer effect we observed in this study was not due simply to increased activity by the animals; rather, it was induced by social and physical challenges that cause mild stress."

During said the most dramatic hormonal change was the drop in leptin from fat after enhanced housing conditions activated the nervous system pathway.

Disease detection in the palm of your hand

ALBUQUERQUE, 11 July—University of New Mexico researchers brought sci-fi technology to the doctors’ office by creating a device that can diagnose disease in the palm of your hand. The Albuquerque Journal reported Friday. And it runs on A batteries.

Researchers determined biosensor technology can identify hepatitis B and C, HIV, hantavirus, flu, and other viral and bacterial pathogens, said David Larson, vice president for research at UNM Health Sciences Center and the project’s lead researcher. The biosensor can test blood, saliva, urine or any other water-based compound, Larson said, returning results in a few minutes to as soon as five seconds. The device’s ability to detect bloodborne illness would be a godsend during disasters, such as the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti where health officials needed to quickly identify safe blood donors, Larson said.

Six Philippine students found positive of flu A/H1N1 virus

MANILA, 11 July—Six students in Candon in the northern Philippines were confirmed on Saturday to be infected with flu A/H1N1 virus, local media reported. Joy Villanueva, Candon city Assistant Health Officer, said there was no need to worry as the students were undergoing proper medication and bed rest in their respective communities.

City Health Officer Narciso Ramos advised local residents to undertake extra caution and vigilance to maintain good health, especially during the rainy season.

US researchers find new way to identify risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease

LOS ANGELES, 11 July—The risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease among healthy older adults can be identified well before cognitive problems emerge, US researchers say. The identification method involves abnormal brain images combined with examination of the composition of the fluid that surrounds the spine, according to researchers at the University of California in Davis (UC Davis).

“Our findings indicate that a distinctive pattern of imaging and biomarker deviations from typical adults may be an early warning sign of neurobiological pathology and an early sign of Alzheimer’s disease,” said Laurel Beckett, a professor of public health sciences at UC Davis and the lead study author.

Parents urged to enforce proper use of child safety seats

CHICAGO, 11 July—Incorrect use of child safety seats is a major reason why car accidents remain the leading cause of disability and death among children in the United States, an expert warns.

Research has shown that seven out of 10 car seats are not installed correctly, Dr. Karen Judd, an associate professor in the pediatric department at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, noted in a Loyola news release. She added that the proper use of safety seats is essential for young children.

“If your child weighs less than 80 pounds and is shorter than 57 inches, a seat belt will lay across the child’s neck and belly. In the event of an accident this puts pressure on sensitive areas with the potential for serious injuries, including spinal cord and abdominal injuries or even death. No matter how short the trip, if your child is in the car, he or she should be in a child safety seat,” Judd said in the news release.

Use the correct type of car seat for a child’s age, height and weight. Most infant safety seats only hold up to 22 pounds and should always be used in a rear-facing position. Children in car seats should not face forward until they are older than 1 year and weigh more than 20 pounds.

Use a secondhand car seat. If you do, make certain it’s never been in an accident and has all the parts, including instructions.
Interest rate hikes are Asia ‘vote of confidence’

A woman looks at accessories for sale at a stall inside a Kuala Lumpur shopping mall. Recent moves by Asian central banks to raise interest rates are a strong vote of confidence that the region will weather risks stemming from the European debt crisis, analysts say.

SINGAPORE, 11 July—Recent moves by Asian central banks to raise interest rates are a strong vote of confidence that the region will weather risks stemming from the European debt crisis, analysts say. Since 24 June, the central banks of India, Malaysia and South Korea have lifted interest rates by between 12.5 and 25 basis points, citing the need to tame inflation as their economies rebound from the global downturn. While Asia is not totally immune to the effects of a slowdown in Europe and the United States, the region’s dependence on them has been reduced as Asian consumers now play a bigger role in supporting domestic economies, analysts said.

“Concerns over Europe’s debt crisis continue to smoulder but that hasn’t stopped Asia’s central banks from pushing ahead with monetary tightening” in the wake of rapid and sustained GDP growth, said Singapore’s DBS Bank.

Japan, Russia agree to build gas plant

Tokyo, 11 July—Japan and Russia have agreed to jointly build a liquefied natural gas plant in Vladivostok, with five million tonnes of output to be shipped to Japan annually, a newspaper said Saturday.

An official accord will be signed in November when Russian President Dmitry Medvedev visits Japan to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo, the business daily Nikkei said.

The new facility, expected to begin output as soon as 2017, will liquefy natural gas delivered by pipeline from eastern Russia, the newspaper said. The Japanese trade and industry ministry as well as Japanese companies such as Itochu Corp and Japan Petroleum Exploration Co will be engaged in the construction, it said.

“Negotiations are progressing smoothly,” Gazprom Deputy Chairman Alexander Medvedev told The Nikkei in an interview Friday. Japan is the world’s biggest importer of LNG, it added.

Harley-Davidson opens first Indian dealership

NEW DELHI, 11 July—Harley-Davidson has launched its first Indian dealership as it pitches the “freedom of the open road” in a nation with some of the world’s most congested traffic, the US company said on Saturday.

Harley-Davidson, the iconic heavyweight motorcycle maker, launched its first outlet in the southern city of Hyderabad on Friday and plans to open more across the country, the company said in an emailed statement.

“We look forward to initiating a new era of motorcycling,” said Anoop Prakash, managing director of Harley-Davidson India. —Internet

Children draw pictures on a hundred-meter-long canvas in Nanning, capital of southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 July, 2010, to express the future life in their minds. —XINHUA

UAE high-flying airlines to create 60,000 new jobs

DUBAI, 11 July—Emirates and Etihad, the two major carriers of the United Arab Emirates, plan to create almost 60,000 new jobs over the next decade to meet their rapid growth, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

“It took us 25 years to get to 40,000 employees, but in the next 10 years we will double that to 80,000,” The National quoted Rick Helliwell, vice president of recruitment at Emirates, as saying.

He said the Dubai-based carrier, the largest in the Middle East, will actually require 60,000 new employees over the decade, after factoring in current staff who retire or move on.

Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways, which currently has 8,000 employees, will need to increase its workforce to 27,000 staff by 2020 when all its planes on order have been delivered, the paper said.

The Emirates fleet should more than double from its current 149 planes to 300 by 2020, according to the daily, including 32 Airbus A380 superjumbos ordered in June in a contract worth 11.5 billion dollars.

Dubai International Airport has established itself as the Middle East’s busiest airport, handling 42 million passengers in 2009. A second Dubai airport was opened last month, but will be confined to cargo traffic until March.

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China’s foreign reserves rise to $2.45 trillion

BEIJING, 11 July—China’s foreign reserves reached $2.45 trillion dollars by the end of June, a 15.1 percent increase year on year, the central bank said on Sunday.

However, its reserves increased by only $7.2 billion in the second quarter, a sharp drop from the first quarter when it grew by $126.3 billion, according to the People’s Bank of China.

The reserves are closely watched in the United States, where China recycles its trade surpluses by buying Treasury securities and other government debt.

It took China a decade to accumulate its first $1 trillion in foreign reserves by 2006 but growth skyrocketed as trade boomed and the total passed $2 trillion last April. It surged to $2.4 trillion by the end of 2009.

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In the past fifty five years since the establishment of the Diplomatic Relations, we have been able to nurture the brotherly and neighbourly relationship based on equality, mutual respect and trust, friendship and cooperation in good faith. The exceptional relationship between our two neighbouring countries was founded upon similar religious, cultural and historical backgrounds that we share between our two peoples. The recent visit of His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bounphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, to Myanmar had added a strong impetus to further enhance the existing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between our two countries and peoples.

May I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for Your Excellency’s personal well-being and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

I strongly believe that the 55th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the two countries provides an opportunity to further enhance the existing good neighbourhood and traditional ties of friendship and cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

Since the establishment of our diplomatic relations, our bilateral relations has been marked by close friendship, mutual understanding and extending support to each other between our two countries. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere best wishes for Your Excellency’s good health, happiness and future success in your noble task.

On behalf of the government of the Union of Myanmar and on my own behalf, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency and, through you, to the government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on the auspicious occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. Since the establishment of our diplomatic relations, we have been able to nurture the traditional friendship between our two countries and peoples to reach a higher level. The recent visit of Your Excellency to Myanmar has further consolidated our bilateral ties, good neighbourliness and close cooperation. Nowadays, our cooperation in the regional and sub-regional frameworks of ASEAN, CLMV, GMS and ACDMECs have complemented our bilateral relations to bring us even closer. It is my firm belief that with our joint efforts, the excellent relations of friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to offer my best wishes for Your Excellency’s good health, happiness and for the continued prosperity of the people of Lao PDR.

I am strongly convinced that with our bilateral joint efforts, the friendly relations and the close and trustful cooperation will be continuously strengthened and enhanced for mutual benefit of our two countries thus contributing to the cause of peace, stability and cooperation for development in the region and the world at large.

In the delightful occasion of this historical significance, I would like to wish Your Excellency good health, happiness with a view of leading the people of the Union of Myanmar towards the new progress and prosperity.

Message from His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bounphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, to His Excellency U. Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar.

On behalf of the Government and people of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic as well as on my own behalf, I have a great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency, on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Laos and Myanmar.

I am very pleased to note that over the past 55 years, the friendly relations of good neighbourliness between our two countries have been continuously enhanced thus bringing the tangible to the peoples of our two countries, Laos and Myanmar. I am strongly convinced that with our good traditional relations, close cooperation and mutual trust between our two countries will be further strengthened and deepened in the years ahead.

I would like to take this auspicious and meaningful occasion wishing Your Excellency good health, happiness and wish the Union of Myanmar for civilization and prosperity.

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I am very delighted to note that over the past 55 years, the traditional good relations of good cooperation, neighbourliness and mutual trustfulness between the two countries have been continuously enhanced. I am confident that with our close bilateral cooperation, the fine traditional relations will be further enhanced for the mutual interests of our two peoples as well as for the peace, stability and cooperation for development in the region and the world at large.

In the delightful atmosphere of this historical milestone, I would like to wish for the long lasting and continued flourishing of the friendly relations and close cooperation between our two countries and wish Your Excellency good health, happiness and success in your noble tasks.

Message from His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, to His Excellency U. Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar.

On behalf of the leaders and all personnel of the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs and on my own behalf I have a great pleasure to extend my best wishes to Your Excellency and the entire personnel of the Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Laos and Myanmar.

I am highly appreciate the friendly relations and close cooperation between the two countries that have been continuously enhanced during the last 55 years. At the same time, I look forward to closely working with Your Excellency in order to contribute to the enhancement of the traditional friendly relations as good and trustful neighbours for the mutual benefit of our two peoples as well as for the establishment of peace, stability and cooperation for development in the region and the world at large.

I would like to take this historical significant occasion to wish Your Excellency and all personnel of the Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs good health and success in their noble tasks.
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At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister observed the scale model of the project. Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min reported on work progress, ongoing programmes, finishing touches, inflow of water into the dam, installation of parts of Nos (3) and (4) generators, and generation of hydropower by Nos (1) and (2) generators.

The Prime Minister instructed officials to take preparedness against natural disasters, and preventive measures against possible dangers due to human activities. He called for bringing about experts of new generations, and worksite safety.

The Prime Minister gave fruit baskets to foreign and national experts. Yeywa Hydropower Project was launched in 2001-2002 fiscal year. Now, it has been completed by 96.45 per cent.

The Prime Minister, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, ministers and departmental heads, visited the office of the industrial supervisory committee for Monywa Industrial Zone (Sagaing Branch).

The Prime Minister held a meeting with officials of the supervisory committee at the trial zones; that industrial development calls for three factors: technology, investment, and diligence; that the government has taken measures to produce experts; that in order to obtain heavy investments, industrialists need to work together, rather than individually; that only then will it be possible to deal with heavy projects; that it is required to boost production on self-reliant basis instead of placing reliance on foreign products; that products should win customer satisfaction with low cost; and that the ministry will contribute towards investment.

In response, the Prime Minister elaborated that now the nation has seen stability, peace and security, so the government is pursuing the nation goal of building the nation into a modern, developed one; that the nation needs more intellectuals and intelligentsia and technicians to harness the natural resources effectively; that the government has opened schools and universities on technology in the regions concerned to produce both intermediate and advance technicians; and that he wants their children to try to join those schools and universities.

He called for quality control of the products and boosting production of machines on the basic needs.

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Next, the Prime Minister visited Inter-District Road No (3) Project being undertaken by the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

Director U Myo Naing Aung of Sagaing Division DAD reported on construction of Sagaing Division section of the 341 miles and two furlongs long Inter-District Road (3) that links Sagaing in Sagaing Division and Myitkyina in Kachin State; the townships through which the transport facility goes along its route; and construction of the alignment, earthen, gravel and tarred road sections and wooden bridges.

The commander gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister called for maintaining the standard, and construction of inter-village roads along the inter-district road.

Upon arrival at the Foundry and Machine Factory of Tha Taun Co Ltd in Monywa Industrial Zone, the Prime Minister instructed members of the Board of Directors of the company to work hard for industrial development.

Next, he inspected small-scale tractors produced by Tha Taun Co Ltd, and 22 HP diesel engines and machine parts jointly produced by Monywa Industrial Zone and Tha Taun Co Ltd, and called for production of import-substitute machine spare parts, and winning customer satisfaction.

—MNA

Population statistics to be...

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He said that both natural resources and human resources are essential for building a modern and developed nation. Socio-economic plans and programmes are to be adopted to have human resources. The results of the plans depend on correct and accurate facts of population development.

In conducting socio-economic research, the choice of facts to be collected is playing a crucial role in interests of strata of population particularly women, teens and the groups with lack of abilities. It contributes to drawing the work plans.

He noted that the State Peace and Development Council is undertaking all-round development tasks to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In this regard, the population statistics will be applied in adopting plans on education, health and job opportunities with the aim of developing the human resources. After that, he stressed the need to lay down the strategies and tactics for the defence and development of the State.

In Myanmar, he said that the Population Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is responsible for collection of correct statistics. In conclusion, the minister urged all organizations, UN agencies, responsible persons of INGOs, departmental heads, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, responsible persons of INGOs, officials and guests.

—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein views small tractors manufactured by Tha Taun Co Ltd at Monywa Industrial Zone.—MNA

Photo shows the dam of Yeywa Hydropower Plant Project.—MNA

UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohamed S Abdel Ahad reading message sent by UNFPA Executive Director Ms Thoraya Abaid.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye looks into regional development in Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence arrived at Saikthin teak special briefing hall in Htigyaing Township, Sagaing Division, on 8 July. The director of Sagaing Division Forest Department reported on establishing nurseries of teak and other hard woods to Lt-Gen Tha Aye, who then left necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party visited the private sugarcane plantation on Bhamo-Shwekru-Twinege-Moemeik road. Then they inspected teak trees, sugarcane plantations and development of villages on either side of the road. On arrival at Twinnge-Moemeik road section and cultivation of monsoon paddy. Along the route, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected road safety measures and left necessary instructions to responsible persons.

After inspecting development of Mogok by car, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited Min Phayataung Chanthagy Buddha Image and Phaungdaw-U Buddha Image and made cash donations. Then, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party visited the high school (branch) in Kyatpyin village and the middle school (branch) in Kapaing village and inspected construction of new school building.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected Mandalay-Mogok road near Phauktaw in Thabeikkyin Township. They then went to the Public Works Yeiktha in Latpan Hla village in Sinku Township and heard reports on maintenance of Mandalay-Mogok-Konwat-Moemeik road with BOT system and construction of Yadana Theinga Bridge. Lt-Gen Tha Aye then left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence visits BEHS Branch in Kyetbyin Village of Mogok Township.—MNA

SWRR Minister oversees new buildings and staff housing of South Okkalapa Fire Brigade

YANGON, 11 July—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, together with Fire Services Department Col Tin Moe, acting Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials concerned, gave an inspection tour of Fire Station in South Okkalapa here this morning and viewed construction progress of five unit two-storey fire station and six-unit staff quarters.

The minister instructed staff of the fire brigade to accelerate fire preventive measures dutifully and become dutiful servants.

Director-General U Soe Aung, Deputy Director-General Col Soe Htwe and officials conducted the minister round the warehouse of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Department in Ward 8, South Okkalapa Township.

The minister extended his inspection tour to Kyakwine warehouse of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Department and fulfilled the requirements on progress of four-unit one storey staff quarters being built.—MVA

Mandalay Division Election Sub-Commission meets

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Mandalay Division Election Sub-Commission held its work coordination meeting No. 6/2010 at the meeting hall of Division Election Sub-Commission Office on 9 July.

At the meeting, they discussed scrutinizing for selection of wards/village polling stations, approval of the lists of eligible voters, conditions for conducting returning officers and deputy returning officers and electoral works.

It was attended by Chairman of Division Election Sub-Commission U Aung Htut and members.—MVA

Vice-Mayor attends stake-driving ceremony of library in Seikkyi Khanaungto

YANGON, 11 July—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa attended a ceremony to drive stake for library in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township, Yangon South District this morning. At the ceremony, he drove stake of the library. Afterwards, the vice-mayor made a speech at cash donation ceremony for construction of Township library. The vice-mayor and family donated K 1 million through the Township Chairman.

The vice-mayor accepted K 3.2 million donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour.

Officials accepted K 6 million donated by wellwishers.—MNA

Star Resources to open International Culinary Course

YANGON, 11 July—Creating an opportunity for those wishing to hunting jobs of hotel, restaurant and cruiseliner and those wishing to run their own businesses, the International Culinary Course will be opened at Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy in the third week of July.

In line with the course guidelines of Institute of Hospitality (UK) and Institute of AH&LA (USA), the experienced teachers will give lectures to the trainees.

The academy will conduct the IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course in the third week of July.

The courses will last three months each. Those wishing to attend the courses may contact Star Resources, Room-302, Building-267, Pyay, Myaingon, Sangyoung Township, Tel: 01-523623, 523200, 4112256 and 0990280302.

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**Mental health a growing concern after Gulf spill**

**VENICE, 11 July—**Gulf Coast native Kindra Arnesen is so anxious about the effects of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill she is packing up her family and leaving town.

“Stress? Dude my clothes are falling off me (because of weight loss). The level of stress here is tremendous. My husband has aged 10 years in two months,” Arnesen said on Friday as she loaded possessions into a van outside her trailer home in Venice.

Fears are growing of an increase in stress-related illness and mental health problems from the BP Plc spill. Anecdotal evidence abounds but mental health officials say they lack data about the scale and scope of suffering.

Arnesen recently set up the Wives of Commercial Fishermen network to respond to pressures in the community. Two days ago, a friend told her he was so upset about his failure to get hired by BP’s cleanup programme he was considering suicide.

**Mexican air force helicopter crashes; three dead**

**MEXICO CITY, 11 July—**Mexican officials say an air force helicopter has crashed in the western state of Jalisco, killing three military personnel on board.

The Defence Department reports that the Bell 206 aircraft originated in Michoacan state and was en route to Puerto Vallarta when it crashed on Saturday morning about 60 miles (100 kilometres) southeast of the Guadalajara Airport.

It blames the crash on “adverse meteorological conditions.” According to a statement late Saturday, two officers were among the three killed. The Defence Department said the crash happened 7 July, but did not explain why no announcement was made earlier.

**Australian FM says govt working on Asia-Pacific community**

**CANBERRA, 11 July—**Progress has been made on Australia’s proposal to create a new Asia-Pacific Community, Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said on Sunday. Former prime minister Kevin Rudd wanted to bring together the United States, Australia and Asian nations in a new forum. The Association of South-East Asian Nations was considering if the US and Russia should be in the East Asia summit or a new group, Smith said. “We think that we might not be too far away from getting a very good practical outcome to the proposal... that would meet the purpose of the Asia-Pacific Community,” Smith told ABC Television.

**Researches discovers Jasmine has calming effect**

**BOCHUM, 11 July—**Researchers in Germany have discovered that the scent of jasmine calms mice as much as tranquillizers or sleeping pills and without the side effects.

Hanns Hatt, a professor at the Ruhr University in Bochum, said the study is “evidence of a scientific basis for aromatherapy.” The Daily Telegraph reported.

The ancient Egyptians first used jasmine for its relaxing effect. The name comes from the Persian word “yasmin” and means “a gift from God.”

Hatt and his team found that mice would sit quietly after breathing jasmine-scented air.

**Cops corner another runaway croc in Germany**

A picture released on 1 July shows a reptile on the floor of the police station of Lampertheim-Viernheim, after the reptile was seized as it was peacefully going about its business on the streets of Gross-Rohrheim, western Germany.

A crocodile’s break for freedom from a reptile show proved shortlived on Saturday when it was cornered at a building site in Frankfurt’s financial district, police said.

Acting on a tip from a short-eyed motorist, police discovered the crocodile — about three metres (10 feet) long, 170 kilograms (375 pounds) and 65 years old — and returned it to its rightful owners.

In any event, it did not get far: the reptile show has been underway just next door to where it was found.

Only 10 days ago another runaway crocodile — this time from a small travelling circus — was captured in the small Germantown of Gross-Rohrheim, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) south of Frankfurt.

A man wearing a pig nose takes part in the lakeside parade in Geneva, Switzerland, on 10 July, 2010. The Lake Parade is a street festival that takes place usually on the second Saturday in July at Lake Geneva in Switzerland.

**Woman jailed for sending text threats to herself**

An Orange County woman was sentenced to a year in jail for sending hundreds of threatening text messages — to herself. Prosecutors said Jeanne Mundango Manunga told police her former boyfriend and his sister-in-law were behind the threats. Manunga was sentenced Friday in Santa Ana Superior Court. She was convicted in May of three felony counts of false imprisonment by fraud or deceit and two misdemeanor counts of making a false police report.

Prosecutors said Manunga started sending the threatening messages after she and her former boyfriend stopped dating in 2008.

Manunga also was placed on three years probation and ordered to pay about $50,000 in restitution.

**Denver driver survives 500-foot drop from road**

Authorities say a 33-year-old Denver man suspected of drinking and driving survived after he lost control of his car and it dropped almost 500 feet off the side of a road. The Colorado State Patrol says Anthony L. Buckner seemed to be in “amazingly good condition” after rescuers used ropes and a litter to pull him up from the crash site Thursday. Trooper Jonathan Silver says Buckner’s 1990 Toyota hatchback was “pretty mangled.”

Silver says Buckner may have been saved by wearing a seat belt. Silver says Buckner was driving on slick roads up Red Mountain Pass near Silverton when the accident happened.

Silver says investigators suspect Buckner had been drinking and charges are pending.
China sees sizeable increase in Middle Eastern tourists

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France: ‘Two few ethnic officers’ and ‘discrimination’ at GCHQ

LONDON, 11 July—Britain’s secret eavesdropping centre, GCHQ, has been criticised for failing to recruit enough ethnic minority staff to help fight terrorism.

An official report, leaked to the Sunday Times, also said black and Asian intelligence officers had complained of discrimination at the complex near Cheltenham, in Gloucestershire.

A GCHQ spokesman said policies and practices were now being improved.

Much of GCHQ’s work involves monitoring calls and e-mails from terror suspects.

But the report, authored by the head of the civil service, Sir Gus O’Donnell, says a lack of officers with specialist knowledge of languages like Urdu and Arabic is hampering efforts to spot codes and cultural nuances in intercepted conversations.

“It is critical to have a diverse staff group who are able to profile and recognise certain behaviour patterns and communications,” the document says.

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Eight men jailed in Tunisia for ‘inciting terror’

LONDON, 11 July—Eight men have been sentenced to up to 12 years in prison in Tunisia after being found guilty of inciting terror, their lawyer said.

The men were convicted on charges of belonging to a militant Islamist cell and advocating terrorist acts, the lawyer, Samir Ben Amor, said.

All the men denied the charges. The lawyer did not name the terror group.

They were convicted on Saturday by the Court of First Instance in Tunis.

Mr Ben Amor said: “Three youths received 12-year sentences and five men were given terms of between two and five years.

“Two of them were convicted in absentia and fled to France and Sweden and demanded political asylum.”

Others alleged they had been tortured to extract confessions, the Associated Press news agency reported.

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PAMPLONA, 11 July—A runner was gored in the leg and three others needed hospital treatment after a very busy fifth running of the bulls at Spain’s San Fermin festival on Sunday, doctors and officials said.

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Sunday’s run lasted three minutes, two seconds and was considered dangerous because the largest bull, a 1,444-pound (655-kilogram), red-colored Miura called Cachero, became separated from the rest of the pack.

Cachero slipped on the dew-moistened cobbledstone of the course, became disorientated among a mass of runners and his horn injured 37-year-old Juan Pedro Lecuona, a Pamplona resident who runs the course every year, the Navarra press office said.

A 23-year-old Canadian was also among the injured, along with two Spanish men, aged 30 and 40, the government of Navarra said in a statement. The injuries of these three were classed a slight, the statement said.

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Spanish film wins top award at Karlovy Vary film festival

The film directed by Augusti Vila tells a story about a well-off urban family suffering from guilt complex. The mother feels guilty about her children, and the son feels responsible for all living things, particularly those abandoned cats and dogs.

Geraldine Chaplin, who plays a silent role in “The Mosquito Net,” described the film’s screenplay as one of the three best scripts she had ever read.

Russian director, producer and actor Nikita Mikhalkov, 64, received the award for outstanding artistic contribution to world cinema at the closing ceremony on Saturday night. “Cinema is a family for all of us and I am happy that I am a member of it,” said Mikhalkov, who got standing ovations when he arrived. —Xinhua

Founding of Walk of Fame to be marked with day-long festival

Hollywood Walk of Fame, will be held in two weeks’ time as its owner is making preparations for the carnival, a spokesperson said on Saturday.

The event will be a day-long street festival held on 25 July on Vine Street, from Hollywood Boulevard to Sunset, featuring outdoor stages with live music, live theatre, radio personalities and indoor venues showing clips from Star Ceremonies over the years and film of historic Hollywood as well food and games for the whole family.

Free live performances and movie screenings will be offered and four iconic production centres including Studio A at the Capitol Records build-ing on North Vine Street, which are rarely open to the public, will remain open throughout the day, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce spokesperson Ana Martinez-Holler said in a statement. —Xinhua

Adrien Brody flexes muscles in “Predators”

Los Angeles, 11 July—It has been 23 years since “Predator,” a commando action film, sci-fi mash up starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, hit movie screens.

Now it’s back in a sequel, of a sort, called “Predators” that opens in movie theaters on Friday, but Arnold isn’t. He’s the California Governor, and in his place is Adrien Brody.

Adrien Brody? The skinny kid who won an Oscar in “The Pianist” is playing a tough-as-nails monster killer on a par with the muscled-up 1980s action hero Schwarzenegger?

It can’t be. Brody works in dramas and portraits characters like the classical piano master and Holocaust survivor Wladyslaw Szpilman in 2002’s “Pianist.” When he takes roles in war movies, he does so for a film like Terrence Malick’s thoughtful “The Thin Red Line.”

Son of NYC mobster Mickey Spillane falls to death

New York, 11 July—The son of murdered Irish mobster Mickey Spillane tumbled out the window of his sixth-floor apartment in a fatal fall on Saturday, police and his uncle said.

Robert “Bobby” Spillane, an actor who had roles on television’s “Rescue Me” and “Law & Order,” fell from his Midtown Manhattan apartment in the Hell’s Kitchen neighbourhood near Times Square where his father, not to be confused with the pulp fiction writer of the same name, had run rackets back in the 1960s and 1970s. No criminality was suspected in Bobby Spillane’s death, said McManus, Spillane’s uncle and a longtime neighbourhood power broker, called Spillane’s death a “terribly sad accident.” “He was the nicest kid in the world,” said McManus, who is a district leader of the McManus Midtown Democratic Association, a political club. “He helped everyone.”

Spillane, with one arm in a sling, had leaned on the screen of an open window to call out to his brother, Michael, who was on a street below, McManus said. The screen collapsed and Bobby Spillane fell, McManus said the brother told him.

Linkin Park returns with new album

BEIJING, 11 July—The American rap-rock band Linkin Park will release its new album on 14 September, sina.com.cn reports.

Famous American record producer Rick Rubin has teamed up with lead singer Mike Shinoda to produce the new album entitled “A Thousand Suns.” Rubin also took part in producing Linkin Park’s last album “Minutes to Midnight” in 2007.

Before “A Thousand Suns” is released, Linkin Park fans will be able to hear the album’s first single “The Catalyst” on 2 August.

The band has also invited its fans to join an online contest called “Linkin Park, Featuring You.” On 9 July, fans will be able to play, remix, write over or mute parts of “The Catalyst” via MySpace and MixParade. The winner will have a chance to attend a recording session for one of the band’s new songs.—Xinhua

Counry singer Alan Jackson’s star is seen after his star unveiling ceremony on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood, California on 16 April, 2010. —Xinhua

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In this film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, Adrien Brody is shown in a scene from “Predators.”
Shakira now a ‘football fanatic’ after W Cup

Johannesburg, 11 July—Colombian superstar Shakira said on Saturday that keeping track of the World Cup in South Africa has made her “a football fanatic.”

“I really never in my life imagined that I would go straight to the sports section in the newspaper,” she told journalists ahead of Sunday’s final. “I’ve become a football fanatic.”

Shakira, who wrote the official World Cup song “Waka Waka,” will play at the closing ceremony ahead of the final between the Netherlands and Spain.—INTERNET

British journalist Wright fined by S African court

CAPE TOWN, 11 July—A British tabloid journalist who had been accused of trying to undermine World Cup security has paid a $750 rand ($100) fine to have his case dropped. Simon Wright of the Sunday Mirror admitted Saturday to breaking South African immigration law in exchange for prosecutors’ agreement not to pursue the case further.

Authorities had accused Wright of being involved in an “orchestrated” attempt to undermine World Cup security after a man found his way into England’s locker room in Cape Town on Friday 18 June, following England’s 0-0 draw with Algeria.

Prosecutors said Wright harboured and interviewed the man, Pavlos Joseph, as the police were looking for him.

Anichebe goal gives Everton first Australian win

SYDNEY, 11 July—A Victor Anichebe goal immediately after halftime gave Everton a 1-0 win over Sydney FC in the first match of their three-game Australian tour here on Saturday.

Spurred on by a healthy crowd of over 40,000, the reigning A League champions took the game right up to their more illustrious opponents but were gradually worn down as the first chance of the match progressed.

The home side looked far from overawed and had the first chance of the match after just five minutes, when Alex Brosque pounced on a poor Leighton Baines pass but fired the ball straight at goalkeeper Iain Turner.

South African actress Charlize Theron speaks to former French football star and UEFA president Michel Platini.—INTERNET

Platini given all clear and released from hospital

JOHANNESBURG, 11 July—French football legend and UEFA President Michel Platini was released from hospital on Saturday morning after being rushed there on Friday evening having complained of feeling unwell.

Platini, 55, the president of the European football federation since January 2007, underwent tests and was kept in overnight as a precaution after being taken ill during dinner at Johannesburg’s Le Pigalle restaurant in the Sandton business district.

“Michel Platini left hospital at nine o’clock (0700GMT) this morning where he had been admitted on Friday evening having complained of being unwell,” read the statement.

“All the results of the medical tests were normal and Mister Platini can attend the World Cup final on Sunday at Soccer City.”—INTERNET

Reutimann cruises to win at Chicagoland

JOLIET, 11 July—David Reutimann blew by Jeff Gordon and cruised to the victory in the Sprint Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway on Saturday night. Carl Edwards made a charge in the closing laps, cutting Reutimann’s lead to less than a second, but he couldn’t get close enough and finished second.

Gordon was third, followed by Clint Bowyer and Jamie McMurray.

It was the second career victory for Reutimann, who also won a rain-shortened race at Charlotte in May 2009. This one was much more satisfying. “No rain tonight,” Reutimann said in a television interview in Victory Lane. “We earned this one. Nobody gave it to us and that feels really good.”—INTERNET

Cremer opens 3-shot lead in US Women’s Open

OAKMONT, 11 July—One more day like this, and Paula Creamer will no longer be the best LPGA golfer who hasn’t won a major.

Creamer kept her game together as a dozen others were losing theirs on a grueling day at the US Women’s Open on Saturday, taking a three-shot lead over Wendy Ward that she hopes will hold up in the final round.

That, and her left thumb.

Creamer, who has eight top-10 finishes in majors at age 23 but has yet to win one, is playing in only her fourth tournament since sitting out four months to surgically extend her hyperextended thumb. She returned to the tour in June.

Paula Creamer reacts following a putt during the third round of the US Women’s Open golf tournament.—INTERNET

Klose concedes defeat in record goals hunt

PORT ELIZABETH, 11 July—Injured Miroslav Klose was forced to surrender his pursuit of World Cup goal-scoring history on Saturday, but record-holder Ronaldo still praised the German striker’s achievements.

The 32-year-old Klose missed the 3-2 win over Uruguay which gave his country third place the World Cup and with it the opportunity to score the two goals he needed to pass the Brazilian’s all-time World Cup best mark of 15.

“He really wanted to play, but after training on Saturday he said to me that he would not be able to take his place in the team,” said Germany coach Joachim Loew, who handed Klose’s starting place to Cacau.—INTERNET

Germany’s Sami Khedira, left, scores his side’s third goal during the World Cup third-place soccer match.—INTERNET

Germany beats Uruguay for 3rd place, 3-2

PORT ELIZABETH, 11 July—in pouring rain on a rugged field, Germany and Uruguay staged a match entertaining enough to be for the World Cup title.

Too bad it was only for third place.

Sami Khedira scored in the 82nd minute to give Germany a 3-2 victory and third place for the second straight World Cup. But the Germans had to survive a final-second free kick by Uruguay star striker Diego Forlan from just outside the penalty area. It ricocheted off the crossbar, and the whistle sounded.

Rain-soaked players shook hands and awaited a medals ceremony that was not nearly what they wanted. The Netherlands and Spain will play for the championship on Sunday in Johannesburg.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

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Scientists: Soy reduces menopause symptoms

Tokyo, 11 July—Soy sauce could reduce menopause symptoms such as hot flashes, sleeplessness and bone loss, Japanese scientists say.

The researchers at the National Institute of Health and Nutrition in Tokyo say they found soy sauce made from soya beans contains a natural compound that cuts production of oestrogen, a hormone that contributes to menopausal problems. The Daily Telegraph reported on Saturday. In the July issue of the Journal of Nutrition, the researchers said soy could become an alternative to hormone-replacement therapy to treat menopausal discomfort and possibly bone loss.

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Monday, 12 July
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7:00 am
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3. Musical Programme
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5. อีฟปุ๊ค

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
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WEATHER

Sunday, 11th 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 Sagaing and Mawlaya divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Ayeyawady divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and widespread in the remaining States and divisions with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lowes) (0.28) inch, MraukU (3.31) inches, Chaungzon (3.15) inches, Putato (2.92) inches, Thatron (2.60) inches, Kyekminar (2.20) inches, Maungtaw (1.77) inches and Mudon, Kyelkhame and NyaungU (1.69) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 10-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 11-7-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-7-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 10-7-2010 was (4.7) hours.

Rainfall on 11-7-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Ni) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (32.46) inches at Mingaladon, (37.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (43.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 10-7-2010.

Bay Inference: Monssoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea – Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 12th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Mawlaya divisions, scattered in Shan State and Bago division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions, widespread in the remaining States and divisions, with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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

World Population Day 2010 marked

Population statistics to be applied in adopting plans for education, health and job opportunities with aim of developing human resources

Spain defeats Netherlands 1-0 in extra time to win First World Cup

Johannesburg, 11 July—Spain beat the Netherlands 1-0 after extra time in the final of soccer’s World Cup to claim the title for a first time.
Andres Iniesta scored the only goal after 116 minutes in Johannesburg today.
Netherlands defender Johnny Heitinga was shown a red card after 109 minutes.
Current European champion Spain’s previous best World Cup performance was finishing fourth 60 years ago.
The Netherlands finish as runner-up for a third time, after also reaching the final in 1974 and 1978.

Andres Iniesta scoring late in extra time, lifting Spain to a 1-0 victory over the Netherlands for its first World Cup title.

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