SPDC Secretary-1 visits aircraft factory, deepwater seaports in Shanghai

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — The visiting goodwill Myanmar delegation led by General Thihathura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, visited the aircraft factory and deepwater seaports in Shanghai on 9 July.

First, the Secretary-1 and delegation members arrived at the office of Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd where they were accorded welcome by Vice-Chairman Mr Shi Jianzhon and responsible persons. The vice-chief engineer conducted the Secretary-1 round the ARJ 21-700 aircraft quality control department and simulator, Y-10 aircraft and ARJ 21-700 aircraft.

Next, the Secretary-1 and the vice-chairman exchanged souvenirs and posed for a documentary photo.

At 2.15 pm, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Yangshan Deepwater Seaport where they were welcomed by the chief executive officer.

The CEO briefed on background history and functions of the seaport and extended construction of the seaport in cooperation with Shanghai municipal government and China Communication Construction Group with the use of scale models.

Then, from 11th floor of the seaport office building, the Secretary-1 and party viewed loading and uploading of commodities. Later, they left the seaport for Hong Qiao State Guest House where they were staying. — MNA

Process of freight handling at deepwater seaport in Shanghai. — MNA
PERSPECTIVES

Pauk-phaw relations become stronger

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thihla Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, who was on a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China, paid a courtesy call on Member of Standing Committee of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Chinese Vice Premier Mr Li Keqiang at Zhong Nanhai Guest House of the Chinese Government Office on 6 July.

The two sides held talks on progress in implementing the agreements signed during the visits of Heads of State of the two nations, implementation of the remaining tasks, further cooperation in economic sector, mutual friendship between Heads of State of the two nations and results of bilateral cooperation since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries over past sixty years, reaching of multi-sectoral cooperation into the stage of strategic cooperation between the two nations.

They also exchanged views on cooperation in energy sector, hydropower projects, and trade and commerce.

The Secretary-1 also met Member of the Standing Committee of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Mr Li Changchun at Diaoyu Tai State Guest House on 5 July.

On the occasion, they cordially exchanged views on visits and efforts of Heads of State of the two nations to foster pauk-phaw relationship with farsightedness, strategic cooperation in energy, transport, hydropower, trade and agriculture sectors and development of friendly ties in sixty years of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two neighbours.

Goodwill visit of the Secretary-1 to China will provide further impetus for friendship between the two neighbouring countries and step up multi-sectoral cooperation in mutual support to each other in the international arena and generating bilateral prosperity in future.

Myanmar, Morocco to boost cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received Moroccan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr El Hassane Zahid, who had completed his tour of duties, at the ministry here this afternoon. At the call, they discussed boosting cooperation between Myanmar and Morocco.

Also present at the meeting were Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department and officials.—MNA

Minister visits universities, colleges in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visited Yankin Education College.

昨天。学長としての立場で、大学の概要について説明しました。昨年、新設された学部で学部生数が急増しており、今後の成長を期待しています。——MNA

Ozical (Australia) in circulation

YANGON, 13 July— Zifam Pty Ltd has launched Ozical to broaden the distribution of Ozical tablets in imports from Australia into Myanmar.

A bottle of Ozical contains 600 mgs of calcium hydroxyapatite. The medicine is produced from natural cow milk. It also contains Vitamin D3 501U which helps absorb calcium. Ozical is recognized by Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in Australia. It has orange colour and is easily chewable. Ozical is available at Zifam Pty Ltd at 0103, Dagon Tower, Shwegondaing Street, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-558248, 01-544467, 01-5583950), and at No. 5 (B) between 30th and 31st Streets between 77th and 78th Streets in Chanay-thazan Town-SHIP, Mandalay (02-31706).—MNA
56 children get HIV, hepatitis after blood transfusion in western India

NEW DELHI, 13 July—Fifty-six children suffering from thalassaeima have got infected with HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C after receiving blood transfusion at a government-run hospital in the western Indian state of Rajasthan’s Jodhpur town, local media reported on Tuesday.

At least 56 out of 130 thalassaeic child-ren, registered with Jodhpur’s Marwar Thalassaemia Society tested positive for HIV and hepatitis after undergoing blood transfusion at Umaid hospital in Jodhpur, The Times of India quoted a source as saying.

Indian Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad termed it as a case of negligence and said that the state government was responsible in the case. “It is a case of negligence. It is the responsibility of the state government to take proper precautions,” he told the media.—Xinhua

Blast kills three Afghans as civilian casualties soar in Afghanistan

KHOST, 13 July—Three civilians were killed and another sustained injuries as their car ran over a mine in Sapera District of Afghanistan’s eastern Khost Province on Monday while on the same day an Afghan human right group condemned soaring civilian casualties in the war-torn country.

“This morning at 8 am local time a civilian car ran over a roadside bomb planted by militants in Sapera district as a result three workers with a local road construction firm were killed,” Mohammad Azim, governor of Sapera District told Xinhua.

He said that another civilian sustained injuries in the blast. The incident occurred on the same day as an independent local human right group—Afghanistan Rights Monitor—in a report said that this year has been the most violent since the Taliban regime collapsed in late 2001.

Roadside bomb kills five civilians, wounds four in southern Afghan

LASHKAR GAE, 13 July—A roadside bomb struck a car in Afghanistan’s southern Helmand Province, leaving five civilians dead and wounding four others on Monday, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmad said. “The gruesome incident organized by militants occurred in Nad Ali District at 12:00 noon time claimed the lives of five innocent civilians and injured four others, all ordinary villagers,” Ahmad told Xinhua.

Halmend, the hotbed of Taliban militants and notorious for growing poppy and militancy, has been the scene of increasing security incidents since spring onset. A motorbike bomb ripped through a bazaar in Garmisr District of Helmand Province on Sunday injured 21 persons.—Xinhua

Drought-hit Vietnamese capital hit by floods

HANOI, 13 July—Heavy rains after weeks of drought turned the streets of Vietnamese capital Hanoi on Tuesday into rivers up to a half metre deep.

A heavy downpour that lasted for more than two hours forced motorbike commuters to push their machines through the dirty water and trees were down.

Police said on state radio that scores of locations in the city of several million people were flooded or snarled by traffic jams.

A meteorologist said the city centre was hardest hit, with about 120 millimetres (4.7 inches) of rain falling in the rush-hour period.

Hanoi had been suffering for weeks from a drought which meteorologists said was the worst in decades. It worsened power shortages and led to blackouts in the country, which gets more than one-third of its electricity from hydropower.—Internet

Six shot dead in US state of New Mexico

HOUSTON, 13 July—Six people were killed and four hospitalized in an office shooting at fiber optics manufacturer in southeast Albuquerque, the capital of US state of New Mexico on Monday.

Police chief Ray Schultz said a gunman opened fire at the factory, killing five people and wounding four others before killing himself.

Investigators say the incident occurred at around 9:30 am in a conference room in the Encore Fiber Optics building, adding that roads in the area have been closed down.

Egypt’s Mubarak to meet Netanyahu, Abbas

CAIRO, 13 July—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas respectively in Cairo on Wednesday and Thursday, an Egyptian media official said on Monday.

It is expected that Mubarak’s meeting with Netanyahu will tackle discussions about direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The meeting between Mubarak and Netanyahu had been scheduled for Tuesday in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, but was rescheduled for Wednesday, the official said.

Reasons for the change of date and place are unclear.

The source added that Mubarak will meet with Abbas on Thursday in Cairo.

Palestinians and Israelis in May kicked off indirect talks brokered by the United States, aiming to resume direct negotiations that came to a halt when Israel launched a military operation on the Gaza Strip in December 2008 with the intention to end the Hamas rule of the enclave.

Abbas reportedly said Saturday that moving to direct talks without making progress in the proximity talks will be “absurd and useless.”

Children cool off themselves at a fountain in Moscow, Russia, on 12 July, 2010. Heatwave hits Moscow in the recent days with temperature above 30 degrees Celsius.—Xinhua

Firemen take part in a drill on a rainy day in Hefei, capital of east China’s Anhui Province, on 12 July, 2010. Some 100 firemen attended the drill.—Xinhua

Afghan people cover their faces as a dust storm hit the old city of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 July, 2010.—INTERNET

Egypt’s President Hosni Mubarak, left, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu look on during their meeting in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday, July 14, 2010. Mubarak and Netanyahu met Wednesday in Cairo to discuss indirect negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians that were restarted last May. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)
Sun-stirred lunar dust could wear down moon machines

SAN DIEGO, 14 July—A recent study has revealed that light-reflecting scientific instruments placed on the moon by astronauts 40 years ago have mysteriously degraded. The findings suggest that equipment placed on the barren, weatherless lunar surface can in fact suffer performance problems in the long term.

Avoiding this gradual, natural breakdown — probably caused by lunar dust — will be “important not just for [the next generation of reflector] devices but for almost anything you’d design to put on the moon,” said lead author Tom Murphy, an associate professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego.

The threat of lunar dust to space-age technology is not new, of course, and has been known about since it caused equipment failures during the Apollo missions. Fine particles of the pulverized soil, or regolith, also clung to astronauts’ suits and were a general nuisance on the expeditions. — Internet

Battered Asteroid a survivor from solar system’s birth

NEW YORK, 13 July—The first close-up photos of the battered asteroid Lutetia taken by a European spacecraft have amazed scientists with views of a possible otherworldly landslide and a deep depression gouged across the landscape that hints at the space rock’s ancient, violent past. The new photos of Lutetia, beamed back from the European Space Agency’s (ESA) Rosetta space probe during a Saturday flyby, show what scientists said is a primitive asteroid survivor from the tumultuous birth of the solar system. “I think this is a very old object,” said Holger Sierks, principal investigator for Rosetta’s main scientific imaging system, OSIRIS, in a statement on the night of the flyby. — Internet

Can the Gulf Oil Spill harm babies in the womb?

WASHINGTON, 13 July—In general, the levels of potentially harmful chemicals released from the gulf oil spill are well below the levels that could cause harm to pregnant women or their unborn babies, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, the CDC notes the chemicals in the oil could cause harm under some conditions. The effects depend on many things, including: how the mother came into contact with the oil, how long she was in contact with it, how often she came into contact with it and the overall health of the mother and her baby.

The CDC recommends that everyone, including pregnant women, avoid the oil and spill-affected areas.

Smart meters save household electricity in US

LOS ANGELES, 13 July—By using smart meter, American consumers could cut their household electricity use as much as 12 percent and save 33 billion dollars or more over the next 20 years, according to a new report released recently by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE).

“Advanced metering initiatives alone are neither necessary nor sufficient for providing households with the feedback that they need to achieve energy saving; however, they do offer important opportunities. To realize potential feed-back-induced savings, advanced meters must be used in conjunction with in-home (or on-line) displays and well-designed programs that successfully inform, engage, empower, and motivate people,” the report concludes.

Technology

Australia turns to sea for drinking water

Canberra, 13 July—Australia will spend $13 billion to build desalination plants to provide up to 30 percent of the country’s drinking water from the sea, authorities say.

Still recovering from the worst drought in its history, blamed in part on climate change, Australia is turning to seawater to deal with looming water shortages, The New York Times reported Saturday.

Other nations, facing possible future shortages, are watching the Australian plan with interest, the Times said. “We consider ourselves the canary in the coal mine for climate change-induced changes to water supply systems,” said Ross Young, executive director of the Water Services Association of Australia. The $31.2 billion is “the cost of adapting to climate change,” Young said.

The ambitious plan has plenty of critics.

Homeowners fear it will mean rising water bills, and environmentalists are wary of the plants’ effects on the climate.—Internet

Tanzania has big biofuel potential

DAR ES SALAAM, 13 July—A huge potential for producing biofuels is expected in Tanzania without hampering the cultivation of food crops, according to a new study. Conducted by the UN Food and Agri-culture Organization (FAO) recently, the study observed that the country’s land is highly suitable for cultivation of the cassava crop from which ethanol could be produced without affecting food security, the local media reported on Monday.

The cassava-based ethanol schemes, linked to out-growers, would be a viable option for biofuel development that could lead to economic growth and poverty reduction in the country, the report said.

However, the concern is whether cassava production could be scaled up from an agronomic point of view, to ensure large-scale production was viable and diseases were controlled, it added.

A dead bird is seen on a beach on Ship Island, Mississippi. Oil has washed up on beaches in all five Gulf states — Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida — forcing fishing grounds to be closed and threatening scores of coastal communities with financial ruin.

Internet

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Alzheimer’s advances show need for better drugs

HONOLULU, 13 July—Scientists are reporting advances in detecting and predicting Alzheimer’s disease at a conference in Honolulu this week, plus more proof that getting enough exercise and vitamin D may lower your risk.

There are better brain scans to spot Alzheimer’s disease. More genes that affect risk. Blood and spinal fluid tests that may help tell who will develop the mind-robbing illness and when.

But what is needed most — a treatment that does more than just ease symptoms — is not at hand. “We don’t have anything that slows or stops the course,” said William Thies, the Alzheimer’s Association scientific director. “We’re really in a silent window right now” with new drugs, he said.

Several promising ones flopped in late-stage tests — most recently, Pfizer Inc’s Dimebon. Results on several others won’t be ready until next year.

Survey links puberty to violent behaviour

MELBOURNE, 13 July—A large study by US and Australian researchers suggests that puberty can be associated with a substantial increase in violent and socially aggressive behaviour.

Researchers from the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne, and the University of Washington School of Social Work in Seattle, examined survey data from almost 6,000 kids between the ages of 10 and 17 and reported that the odds of a child acting out violently are roughly three times higher when the child is in the middle and end of this volatile life stage, compared with just entering it.

“Puberty is a time of transition for young people, both biologically and socially,” said study lead author Sheeryl Hemphill, a senior research fellow at the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute.

“It’s important that parents maintain open communicatio-n with their children and provide opportunities for them to engage in positive activities to prevent violence and aggress-ion.”

For the study, Hemphill and her colleagues examined self-reported survey data from a randomly selected group of 5th, 7th and 9th grade students in Victoria, Australia and Washington state.

Health

Toyota to study quality panel’s recommendations

TOKYO, 13 July—Toyota will start studying an assessment of the company’s quality control conducted by four outside experts to help beef up quality controls at the recall-battered automaker under a programme that began in March to review defect measures.

Toyota Motor Corp. said on Monday it was tackling a number of improvements, including analyzing each accident and consumer complaint more thoroughly and boosting communication with journalists and other outsiders to be better at ensuring quality.

Toyota, the world’s top automaker, has seen its once sterling image for quality plunge since October after recalling more than 8.5 million vehicles around the world with defective gas pedals, faulty floor mats, software glitches and other problems.

Despite vowing to improve quality, the automaker has in some cases discouraged independent scrutiny. Electronic messages obtained by The Associated Press in the US show Toyota was frustrated with Southern Illinois University Professor David Gilbert, whose research indicated that electronics might be to blame for unintended acceleration problems in Toyota cars.

Alcoa moves to 2Q profit on improved demand

DENVER, 13 July—Alcoa Inc said Monday it posted a second-quarter profit as it sold more aluminium in the commercial vehicles, packaging and construction markets.

The company said it had been hurt by a weak US housing market and a lack of orders from auto makers.

Alcoa is one of the first companies to report quarterly earnings. Its performance can provide some insight into developing economic trends because of its varied customer base, from beverage can manufacturers to airplane builders.

Aon agrees to buy Hewitt for $4.9 billion

CHICAGO, 13 July—Insurance conglomerate Aon Corp said Monday it has agreed to buy human resources specialist Hewitt Associates for $4.9 billion in a cash-and-stock deal that would nearly triple the size of its consulting business.

The deal, assuming it is approved by regulators, is the company’s biggest ever and dramatically expands its push into human resources consulting worldwide. Aon is the world’s largest insurance broker but trails rival Marsh & McLennan Co., whose subsidiaries include Mercer and Oliver-Wyman Group, in the size of its consulting business.

India’s Infosys quarterly profit disappoints

BANGALORE, 13 July—India’s second-biggest software exporter Infosys announced Tuesday a 2.4 percent fall in first quarter consolidated net profit, lagging forecasts in an uncertain global economy.

Consolidated net profit in the quarter ended June fell to 14.88 billion rupees (316 million dollars) from 15.25 billion rupees a year earlier, the company said in a statement to the Mumbai stock exchange.

Analysts had predicted a quarterly profit of just over 15 billion rupees. Revenues rose 13 percent to 61.98 billion rupees for the quarter, by international accounting standards.

The Bangalore-based software giant gained 38 extra clients for the quarter and made a net addition of 1,026 employees, with a total of 115,000 employees in June.

Photo illustration shows a man walking along train tracks at a railway station in Tianjin, China and Argentina on Tuesday agreed contracts for an array of projects in the rail sector totalling 10 billion dollars, Argentine Transport Minister Juan Pablo Schiavi told AFP.

Food tips on Alzheimer’s
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A South Korean couple pose for their wedding photographs in Seoul’s Toksu Palace ahead of their marriage ceremony.

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Health Tip: Eating a well-balanced vegetarian diet

WASHINGTON, 13 July—Eating a well-balanced diet is important for everyone, and vegetarians are no exception. Some nutrients may be more difficult to come by without meat in the diet, requiring some advanced planning.

The US National Library of Medicine says vitamins D and B12, as well as proteins, zinc, iron and riboflavin may be lacking in a vegetarian diet.

Fish, soy, milk or eggs are good sources of protein for vegetarians who choose to eat them. Combining foods such as fortified cereals, rice and beans, breads or peanut butter also can provide sufficient proteins, the agency says.

Online file photo shows the Aon Corporation’s global headquarters.

File photo shows the Aon Corporation’s global headquarters is seen in downtown Chicago.
BP confirms placing new cap over oil leak in Gulf of Mexico

Workers onboard the Transocean Discoverer Inspiration retrieve the flange overshot tool used to remove the flange from the Deepwater Horizon BOP, on 11 July, 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico.——XINHUA

HOUSTON, 13 July—BP confirmed Monday that it has placed a new containment cap on its leaking well in the Gulf of Mexico, US media reported.

Series quakes rock Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 July—Three moderate earthquakes, two with magnitude of 5.3 and another 5.1 struck Indonesia on Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The 5.3 magnitude quake rocked Lampung Province at 17:13 pm Jakarta Time (1013 GMT) with epicentre at 253 km northeast the province with depth at 10 km, the agency said.

About three hours earlier, another quake measuring 5.3 Richter scale hit North Maluku Province with epicentre at 253 km northeast the province with the depth at 10 km, it said.

300 arrested in Italian mafia crackdown

ROME, 13 July—Italian police on Tuesday said they were carrying out an operation to arrest more than 300 people in a crackdown on the ‘Ndrangheta, the crime syndicate operating in the southern region of Calabria.

In the largest operation of its kind in recent years, 3,000 police in Calabria and several parts of the wealthy north of Italy made arrests for mafia association, murder, arms offences, trafficking, extortion and other crimes, police said in a statement.

The ‘Ndrangheta is one of Italy’s four large organised crime syndicates, along with the Camorra in the area of Naples, Cosa Nostra in Sicily and the smaller Sacra Corona Unita in the southeastern region of Puglia.

Italy’s Europol institute estimated the ‘Ndrangheta’s turnover from trafficking in drugs and arms, prostitution and extortion at 44 billion euros (55 billion dollars).——INTERNET

Rare summer high temperature seen in Finland

HELSELSKI, 13 July—A rarely high summer temperature of 33.9 degrees Celsius was recorded at Puumala in eastern Finland on Monday. The temperature was the highest measured in 76 years in Finland.

Many places in southern Finland on Monday have been scorched by temperatures exceeding 30 degrees Celsius. Temperatures over 25 degrees have been recorded as far north as Oulu.

Finland’s all-time highest temperature in summer dates back to 1914, when a peak temperature of 35.9 degrees was recorded in Turku.

The Finnish Meteorological Institute forecasts the current heat wave will continue at least this week and probably beyond.——XINHUA

Israel sends aid to burn victims in Congo

KINSHASA, 13 July—Beni territory has become the theatre of “Rwenzori operations” to wipe out the Allied Defence Forces rebels of the National Army for the Liberation of Uganda (ADF-NALU) from North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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The remains of a truck heading for Brazil is seen after it crashed from a 35-metre high expressway bridge in Zarate area in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 12 July, 2010. The driver is in serious condition.——XINHUA

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Nissan may halt US, Mexico production

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Three dead, fifty missing after landslide hits China town

Beijing, 13 July—A landslide slammed into a mountain town in southwest China early Tuesday, killing three people and leaving at least 50 missing, while crews drained an engorged reservoir in another part of the country following heavy rains.

Rescuers tried to locate the 56 missing people after a rain-soaked mountainside collapsed around 4 am sweeping through XIAOa town in Yunnan Province, state-run media reported. Aside from the dead and missing, another 38 people were injured, the reports said.

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Four die in heavy rains in Honduras

Tegucigalpa, 13 July—Four people have been killed and another injured following a week of heavy rains in Honduras.

The country’s Permanent Emergency Commission says three men died on Monday while trying to cross rain-swollen streams or rivers.

And one teenage boy was killed and an 11-year-old injured when their house partially collapsed in the capital Tegucigalpa on Monday.

Honduras has been hit by heavy rains for about a week. Authorities say three people died in various parts of the country after being hit by lightning last week.

Photo taken on 8 July, 2010 shows the barrier lake created by a landslide which completely blocked the Hunza river after a landslide in Pakistan. The barrier lake was created by a big landslide happened on 4 Jan, 2010. Although a channel has been dug, the lake is dangerous because of frequent landslide and up-coming waters.

Egyptian police arrest two Palestinian officers near Suez Canal

Cairo, 13 July—Egyptian police arrested two Palestinian officers who were attempting to travel to Cairo from Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula, an Egyptian security source told Xinhua on Monday.

The two officers, Rafeq Ahmed, 42, and Khaled Nayef, 28, were arrested while they were driving a small truck to Cairo at the Suez Canal, the source added.

An investigation has been launched into their motives.

Some officers which belonged to the Fatah party escaped to Sinai and lived in al-Arish City in northern Sinai after Hamas controlled the Gaza Strip.

A worker walks in a flooded riverbank park in Wuhan, in central China’s Hubei Province, on 12 July, 2010. Torrential rains since June have caused more than 400 deaths across China, state media said.—INTERNET

Australian Police Force seize massive cocaine shipment

Canberra, 13 July—More than 240 kg of cocaine, worth about 84 million Australian dollars (73.67 million US dollars), has been stopped from reaching Australia’s streets, Australian Police Force announced on Tuesday.

Customs stopped two shipping containers of stone pavers from Mexico for inspection at the Port Melbourne Cargo Examination Facility on 14 June.

It was then delivered to a warehouse in the Melbourne suburb of Moorabbin, where police allege it was sorted, with the pavers containing drugs sepa-rated from the legitimate pavers. The shipment was then allegedly moved to Sydney, where it was delivered to a home in Baulkham Hills on 3 July.

“A joint investiga-tion involving the New South Wales (NSW) Police Force, Australian Federal Police and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service has resulted in the seizure of 240 kilogrammes of cocaine, the fifth largest seizure of this drug in Australian history,” NSW Police Force said in a statement.

Director of the NSW State Crime Command’s Organized Crime Directorate, Detective Chief Superintendent Ken McKay said the operation has been a major undertaking by all three agencies and has utilized the expertise of police from across states and federal jurisdictions.

INTERNET
NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Mayor Mr Li Wancai of Dalian in Liaoning Province at Dalian Hotel at 3 pm on 7 July.

Also present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint, U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office and officials. At the meeting, both sides discussed further cooperation in economic, culture, sports and rail transport sectors.

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, who was in the People’s Republic of China to pay a goodwill visit, received Mayor Mr Xia Geng of Qingdao, Shandong Province at the hall of Intercontinental Hotel at 6 pm on 8 July.

Also present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint, U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office and officials. The Chinese Mayor was accompanied by Vice-Mayor Ms Zhang Hai and high-ranking officials. They discussed opportunity for further cooperation in economic, trade, industry and sport sectors. After that, the Secretary-1 and the Mayor had documentary photo taken.—MNA

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SPDC Secretary-1 receives Qingdao Mayor of Shandong Province

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Refresher Course for Officers of Budget Department commences

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—The opening ceremony of Refresher Course No (1/2010) for Officers of Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday morning.

Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun delivered an address, underscoring the role of the Budget Department in speeding up the economic development of the nation. He cordially greeted 128 trainees who would attend the 5-week course.

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Tornado devastates houses in Kawkhu

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — A tornado hit Htantabin and Thaminchan villages of Kawkhu Township in Yangon Division at 6.30 pm on 8 July, ravaging five farmhouses about one mile south of Htantabin village and wrecking 30 houses and ripping roofs of 40 others and a monastery in Thaminchan village. The displaced families who lost their houses have been conveyed to nearby houses and monasteries. District and township level officials are carrying out the rehabilitation tasks.

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SPDC Secretary-1 receives Vice-Mayor of Shanghai

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Vice-Mayor of Shanghai Mr Tang Dengjie at No. 2 Hall of Hong Giao State Guest House at 6.30 pm on 9 July.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint, U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win and officials.

The Vice-Mayor of Shanghai was accompanied by senior officers.

They focused on promotion of friendly ties and cooperation in transport, industrial, trade and energy sectors and installation of power grids.

Photo shows an ARJ21-700 aircraft manufactured by Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd in Shanghai. (News on page 1) — MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Shanghai Vice-Mayor Mr Tang Dengjie. — MNA

Aquatic lives seen at Pole Aquarium Museum. (News on page 16) — MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo observing Pole Aquarium Museum in Dalian. (News on page 16) — MNA
SPDC Secretary-1 ...

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The Secretary-1 and party enjoyed skills demonstration of dolphins. In the evening, Myanmar Delegation left Dalian for Qingdao. They were seen off by Deputy Director-General Mr Han Qiang and personnel at Dalian International Airport.

On arrival at Qingdao International Airport in Shandong Province, the Secretary-1 and entourage were welcomed by Director-General Mr Cui Weidong of Qingdao Foreign Affairs Office and personnel. From there, Myanmar delegation proceeded to International Qingdao Hotel.

The Secretary-1 and delegation members in company with the Chinese Ambassador and personnel of Qingdao Foreign Affairs Office on 8 July morning visited Sailun Tyre Plant in Economic Zone of Huandong, Shandong Province. Chairman Mr Yuan Zhong Xue of MESNA Co Ltd and personnel greeted Myanmar delegation.

The Secretary-1 and party then viewed production process of different types of tyres, quality control, production of new tyres through recycling of old ones. The Secretary-1 and party together with the MESNA Chairman went to MESNAC Co Ltd where they were welcomed by Rector Mr Ma Lianxian of Qingdao Science and Technology University doing researches in partnership with MESNAC Co and personnel.

The Secretary-1 and party observed research progress on rubber and quality inspection of tyres jointly undertaken in the research hall of the company.

Personnel of the company elaborated on history of the company, researches being conducted in partnership with Qingdao Science and Technology University, Tyre Plant to be set up in Myanmar and training courses to be provided for its staff.

The Secretary-1 then hold discussion about contract between Myanmar and China to conduct M.Sc and Ph.D courses for Myanmar trainees, providing work trainings to Myanmar side for operating the plant, and technology transfer with the president and personnel of the company.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party at Sailun Tyre Plant. — MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo observes manufacturing of subway coaches in Dalian Locomotive Plant. — MNA

Tyre production at Sailun Tyre Plant in Economic Zone of Huandong, Shandong Province. — MNA

The Secretary-1 and entourage then visited Olympic Sailing center where 2008 Olympic yacht race was held. They then left Qingdao for Shanghai. Director-General Mr Cui Weidong and officials saw them off at Qingdao International Airport. On arrival at International Airport in Shanghai, Myanmar delegation was welcomed by Deputy Commissioner Mr Xian Zhang Guo and officials of Shanghai Municipal Government. From there, Myanmar delegation went to Hong Diao State Guest House Hotel.
Top ten most expensive cities in world

BEIJING, 13 July—Recently, ECA International, the world’s largest membership organization for international human resources professionals, released a ranking of world’s most expensive cities. Tokyo tops the list while not a single city of the United States is listed into the top 20. The most expensive US city is Manhattan, which landed at number 29 on the list.

Meanwhile, there’re 15 Chinese cities ranked among the world’s 240 most expensive cities. According to ECA International, its cost of living indices are “calculated based upon surveys carried out annually in March and September using a basket of day-to-day goods and services.” Following are the top ten of them:

1. Tokyo, Japan
2. Oslo, Norway
3. Luanda, Angola
4. Nagoya, Japan
5. Yokohama, Japan
6. Stavanger, Norway
7. Kobe, Japan
8. Copenhagen, Denmark
9. Geneva, Switzerland
10. Zurich, Switzerland.

Brazil expands international air routes

BRASilia, 13 July—Brazil’s National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) said on Monday that more options of international air routes will be offered thanks to 12 new agreements signed in Jamaica.

The deals are focused on Asia, Africa and the Middle East and will allow new international flights to any city in Brazil, in less time and without many connect-ions.

Brazil renewed its aviation relations with South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, the UAE and Qatar, and signed new agreements with Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait.

In Africa, bilateral agreements were renegotiated with South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Angola, Mozambique, Egypt, Morocco and Ethiopia.

Solange Paiva Vieira, director of the ANAC, said the agency has renegotiated almost 40 deals since early 2008. “The focus is on the freedom to decide on the number of flights, the free pricing rights, and free choice of routes and destination cities,” she said.—Internet

Vale begins phosphate production in Peru

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 July—Brazilian mining giant Vale, the world’s leading iron ore producer, announced on Monday it had begun phosphate production in Peru. The company said production started last weekend at the Bayovar phosphate mine in Piura, northern Peru. The mine has an annual production capacity of 3.9 million tons. Vale said it had invested a total of 566 million US dollars in the project so far. Besides a phosphate concentration plant, the new project also included a conveyor belt system and a shipping terminal.

Traditional vegetables now major food in urban East Africa

NAIROBI, 13 July—What started as a weekend shopping spree has with time become a daily occurrence as many people flood markets in search of their popular traditional vegetables in major markets in East Africa.

In the main markets like Owino and Kikomba markets in Uganda and Kenya respectively, shoppers are seen parking their cars as those without vehicles also walk along the narrow pathways to be able to choose the best leafy vegetables of their choice.

The demand is the same in Tanzania bigger towns and smaller towns as well smaller towns in Uganda and Kenya.

According to the traders, the number of their clients has increased in the past few years hence helping sustain the business that was once unthinkable to operate in major urban centres as traditional vegetables were regarded as a village reserve.

John Kebati who transports vegetables to Nairobi from Nyamira in the Kisu highlands in western Kenya attributes the high demand of traditional vegetables in Nairobi to popularity of fresh vegetables that are grown under natural environment unlike the ones grown in urban farms. “I started off my business in a small way but it has since improved so fast as the businessmen whom I supply in Nairobi has increased in numbers,” he says.

Kebati says that due to high demand of the vegetables in Nairobi, she has contracted small scale farmers from his home area where he gets the produce as away of surviving in the business that has of late attracted stiff competition from traders from other parts of the country.

People in thick garments walk on a street in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 12 July, 2010. The lowest temperature dropped below zero degree Celsius as polar cold wave hit most part of Argentina on Monday.

File photo taken on 3 April, 2010 shows people on a street in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province. The population of Henan Province is estimated to reach 100 million in July, 2010, according to the provincial committee of population and family planning.

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Consumer reports ‘can’t recommend’ new iPhone

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THE SUN rises in Finland. Greater levels of vitamin D have been linked to a lower risk of Parkinson’s disease.—INTERNET

Vitamin D levels linked to Parkinson’s disease risk

WASHINGTON, 13 July —Greater levels of vitamin D have been linked to a lower risk of Parkinson’s disease in a study in Finland where low sunlight leads to a chronic lack of the nutrient, researchers said on Monday. Scientists from the National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Fin- land, first hypothesized that Parkinson’s “may be caused by a continuously inadequate vitamin D status leading to a chronic lack of dopaminergic neurons in the brain.” Vitamin D, supplied chiefly by the sun’s ultra-violet rays and a small range of foods, is known to play a role in bone health and may also be linked to cancer, heart disease and type 2 diabetes, the researchers said.

The Finnish study, published in the July issue of Archives of Neurology, followed 3,173 Parkinson’s and women aged 50-79 in Finland over a 29-year period from 1978-2007.—INTERNET

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Two white-lipped deers take a shower for cooling off at the Qinling wildlife park in Xi’an, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 12 July, 2010. The temperature soared to 36 degrees celsius here on Monday.

Siblings reunite with long-lost brothers

A New York state woman said she is planning a reunion with her seven siblings, including two brothers she hasn’t seen in more than 35 years. Linda Cook-Cole, 56, of Buffalo, said she hasn’t seen youngest brothers Dwayne and Perry Finch since they were 5 and 4 years old in early 1975, when their foster families cut off communication with the boys’ original family following the death of their mother. The Buffalo News reported Monday. Cook-Cole said she and her five local siblings spent years searching for the boys, but they were unsuccessful until a Facebook search on Tuesday brought her Perry Finch’s account and he told her he was still in contact with Dwayne.

Visitors view stones at the International Stone Expo held in Hami City, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygar Autonomous Region, on 12 July, 2010. The first International Stone Expo kicked off in Hami on Monday.

China tycoon bids to be Prada’s biggest shareholder

SHANGHAI. 13 July—A Chinese tycoon has been quietly buying up shares in Italian fashion house Prada SpA in a bid to become its largest shareholder, his company confirmed on Monday. However, Lu Qiang, chairman of Shanghai-based fashion factory outlet Foxtown may abandon the plans, saying Prada had raised its price for the additional stake after learning of his involvement.

Lu’s bid was reported by China’s Economic Observer newspaper on Monday.

Clerk’s ruse foils robbery

San Diego police said an attempted robber fled the crime scene when a convenience store clerk pretended she couldn’t speak English.

Investigators said the suspect, who was not described in detail by police, walked into a 7-Eleven store in the Webster neighborhood about 4:30 p.m. Sunday and pointed a gun at the clerk, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported Monday.

Police said the clerk pretended she couldn’t understand English and the intruder, frustrated, fled with no money in a late-model green Ford sedan.

Thief (animal activist?) takes pet rabbit

A British man said his 13-year-old daughter’s pet rabbit was stolen by someone, possibly an animal activist, who left behind a note about “cruelty to animals.” Oliver Bailey, 38, of Devon, England, said his daughter, Kiera Bailey, came downstairs on Friday morning and discovered Barney, the rabbit she has owned for nine years, had been taken and replaced with a note, the Daily Mail reported on Monday.

“Rabbits are social animals, they should not be left alone in a hutch with no interaction,” the note read. “This rabbit has also got no exercise! This is cruelty to animals.”

Bailey said Kiera and her 10-year-old brother, Harry, are “heartbroken.” He said the person who took the rabbit is likely a “nutter” and the bunny would not do well on his own in the wild.

“If they let him out into the woods he will die because he’s tame,” Bailey said.

He said the theft has been reported to police.

Runaway tortoise back after 4 years

A New Hampshire couple said a 25-pound tortoise that escaped from their gardening business has been found by a neighbour nearly four years later. Mike and Christine Wellington, owners of Wellington Gardens in Brentwood, said Lucy the African Spur Thigh tortoise dug her way to freedom from her pen four years ago and they had given up hope of ever seeing the animal again until a neighbour called Friday night, WMUR-TV, Manchester, NH, reported Monday.

Usher makes Beijing audience go “OMG”

Beijing, 13 July—The US R&B sensation Usher has brought down the house in Beijing’s Wukesong Arena. In his first ever China concert, Usher entertained fans with some of his biggest hits over the years, including “You Make Me Wanna”, “Nice & Slow”, “You Remind Me”, “Caught Up”, “Burn”, “Love in This Club” and “Yeah.” But the absolute highlight of the night was when Usher and Mandopop singer Lee-Hom Wang sang a Chinese song together. The song is a signature piece from Wang called “My One and Only.”—Xinhua

Models display creations as part of Prada Fall-Winter 2010-2011 collection at a fashion show in Milan. —Internet

Winfrey biopic based on Kitty Kelley book planned

NEW YORK. 13 July—Oprah Winfrey’s quarter-century run on daytime TV may be accompanied by a TV film dramatizing her life.

Veteran producer Larry A. Thompson said Monday the planned two- or four-hour Winfrey film will be based on Kitty Kelley’s tell-all biography. Thompson says he has optioned it for six figures.

“A Die Hard” director McTieran guilty of lying to court

LOS ANGELES, 13 July—“A Die Hard” film director John McTieran on Monday pleaded guilty to lying to law enforcement officials in connection with the racketeering case of a private detective who represented many Hollywood stars. A trial for McTieran had been expected to begin on Tuesday in Los Angeles on two counts of making false statements to federal agents and one count of perjury. McTieran, 59, originally pleaded guilty in 2006 to a charge of knowingly lying to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the criminal case against private detective Anthony Pellicano, who has since been jailed. But the film director later withdrew his plea, saying he had received poor legal advice, had been drinking and was jet-lagged from traveling when FBI agents questioned him.—Internet

A performer takes part in “Opizta”, a site-specific theatre production by Maltese theatre company Theatre Anon in Floriana, outside Valletta on 12 July, 2010. —Xinhua

“The New Light of Myanmar” Wednesday, 14 July, 2010

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Xinhua
Nigeria striker Utaka set to leave Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH, 13 July—Nigeria striker John Utaka is set to leave English Championship club Portsmouth, manager Steve Cotterill admitted on Monday. Cotterill revealed Utaka is certain to go because the cash-strapped club need to slash their wage-bill following last season’s relegation from the Premier League. Utaka could stay in England as he has been linked with a move to Sunderland, but teams in the Middle East and France are reportedly keen on the star. The 28-year-old endured a disappointing World Cup and failed to make a single appearance as Nigeria crashed out in the group stages. But he can at least look forward to starting off the new season at a more stable club than Portsmouth, who ended last term in administration with debts of over 130 million pounds (195 million dollars).

Bruce ready to wait for Campbell deal

LONDON, 13 July—Sunderland manager Steve Bruce is prepared to bide his time as he tries to lure former England defender Sol Campbell to the Stadium of Light. Campbell is a free agent after his short-term contract with Arsenal expired earlier this month and Bruce is keen to sign the centre-back. Bruce has held talks with Campbell but Scottish giants Celtic have also expressed interest in the 35-year-old. Campbell is due to get married in the coming days and Bruce knows he will have to play a waiting game now as the former Tottenham and Portsmouth player will put his future on hold until later in the month.

United head to America without a host of stars

MANCHESTER, 13 July—Manchester United jetted off to America for their pre-season tour on Monday with a host of star names missing from Alex Ferguson’s squad.

Ferguson is without club captain Gary Neville due to a calf problem, while Rio Ferdinand is still sidelined with the knee injury he suffered just before the World Cup. Michael Owen is unavailable as he recovers from a hamstring injury and midfielders Antonio Valencia and Anderson who have been hampered by a series of knee problems and will miss the start of the season after suffering a new injury setback, complete the list of Ferguson’s walking wounded.

Wayne Rooney, Michael Carrick and Nemanja Vidic are left at home to recover after playing in the World Cup. However, United fans in America will get a first glimpse of new signings Chris Smalling and Javier Hernandez.

World Cup viewship on ABC/ESPN rises 41 percent

NEW YORK, 13 July—World Cup television viewship rose 41 percent over four years ago for English-language telecasts in the United States, with Spain’s 1-0 overtime victory over the Netherlands setting a record.

Driver killed in crash at Washington raceway

KENT, 13 July—A 60-year-old drag racing driver became the third person to die at an NHRA event this year when he crashed after crossing the finish line during his semifinal heat at the Northwest Nationals on Sunday.

Mark Niver of Phoenix was competing in the Top Alcohol dragster class in the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing series, the top feeder circuit for the NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing series. The parachutes on his car ripped away after they were deployed and Niver couldn’t stop his dragster before it slammed into the protective netting at the end of the runway. The NHRA said it’s investigating the accident and extended its sympathies to Niver’s family. Association spokesman Michael Paquin declined comment when asked for more information about what happened, saying the investigation had just started.

Blackpool switch EPL opener to Wigan

LONDON, 13 July—Premier League new-comers Blackpool will play their opening game back in the top-flight at Wigan instead of in front of their own supporters due to work on the club’s Bloomfield Road stadium.

Concerns over Blackpool’s ability to finish a series of improvements to their stadium in time for the start of the new season forced the Premier League to allow the Seasciders to reverse their fixtures against Wigan — meaning they will travel to the DW Stadium on 14 August and host the Latics on 16 April.

Blackpool, who last played in the English top division since 1971, won promotion from the Championship via the play-offs last season and are still in the process of building a new stand to increase capacity, while also upgrading other areas of the ground.

Oracle octopus gets own World Cup for winning streak

BERLIN, 13 July—Paul the oracle octopus was given a replica of the World Cup on Monday as a reward for his perfect eight-for-eight record in picking matches as worldwide collected their winnings based on his selections.

The two-year-old octopus with possible psychic powers turned into a worldwide celebrity for accurately predicting the winner of Germany’s five World Cup wins as well as their two defeats. Paul also tipped Spain to beat Netherlands in Sunday’s final.

“We’ve had a lot of offers for Paul but he will definitely be staying with us and returning to his old job — making children smile,” Sea Life spokeswoman Tanja Munzig in Oberhausen told Reuters after presenting Paul with the World Cup replica.

“There’s no rational reason why he always got it right.”

Betters around the world made small fortunes based on Paul’s uncanny picks, said Graham Sharpe, media relations director at William Hill in London.

“I’ve seen a lot of things in my lifetime but this is the first time I’ve ever seen people making their picks based on what an octopus tells them,” Sharpe told Reuters.

Sunderland manager Steve Bruce is prepared to bide his time as he tries to lure former England defender Sol Campbell to the Stadium of Light.

Bruce told Sky Sports News: “We have had a conversation with Sol, I’ve known the lad a long, long time. He’s obviously got some decisions to make. ‘We’ve shown him around and shown him what we’ve got, so we will see what develops over the next 48 hours.”

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 13th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. on 12-7-2010. Rainfall on 13-7-2010 was (1.42) inches at Mingaladon, (2.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.90) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (33.98) inches at Mingaladon, (40.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (47.36) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours M.S.T on 12-7-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, in Shan State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lowe) (1.53) inches, Kyaukpyu (9.13) inches, Yathedaung (7.20) inches, Kyauktaw (4.84) inches, Sittway (4.57) inches, Yanbye (4.42) inches, Maungdaw (4.10) inches and Yangon (Central) (3.90) inches. Maximum temperature on 12-7-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 13-7-2010 was 80°F. Relative Humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T on 13-7-2010 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 12-7-2010 was (2.7) hours.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Dogs fitted with chips in run up to Asian Games

BEIJING, 13 July — More than 40,000 pet dogs in Guangdong’s provincial capital will have a special microchip inserted beneath the skin before the 16th Asian Games open in November, police have said. In addition to the dog’s data, such as the date of birth, health condition and vaccine injection details, the chip, also known as an electronic dog identity card, records the name and address of its owner. Luo Zhenhui, deputy director of the Guangzhou bureau of public security, said on Sunday that the chips will help manage the large number of pets in the city, and police authorities are busy purchasing the necessary equipment and chips. The scheme is expected to begin in two months.— Xinhua

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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

SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo visits Dalian, Qingdao of PRC

SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party visit Dalian Locomotive Plant.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo who was on an official goodwill visit in Beijing of the People’s Republic of China visited Dalian, Liaoning Province, China on 7 July.

The Secretary-1 and entourage, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and officials, left Beijing International Airport on 7 July morning for Dalian. At Dalian International Airport, Deputy Director-General Mr Han Qiang and officials welcomed the Myanmar goodwill delegation.

From there, the Secretary-1 and party went to Dalian Hotel where Deputy Director-General Mr Han Qiang elaborated on history, and facts about the town and its infrastructural development.

The Secretary-1 and entourage then visited Dalian Locomotive Plant. The CEO and officials greeted them and gave an account of production of locomotive engines and domestic sales and export.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed assembly lines of diesel and electric engines and construction of sub-way coaches. The Secretary-1 asked what he wanted to know and officials of the company replied to his queries.

The Secretary-1 and delegation members then looked round Xinghai Square by cars and went back to Dalian Hotel in the afternoon. In the noon, Dalian Mayor Mr Li Wansai paid a call on the Secretary-1 who discussed potentials for cooperation between Myanmar and Dalian with former. The Secretary-1 and entourage visited Pole Aquarium Museum. They were conducted round by personnel of the aquatic animal displays of the museum.

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