The launching of Myanmar International Channel in progress on 31 March 2010.
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Utilize advanced agricultural methods

With the aim of improving the agricultural sector, the government is taking a wide range of measures such as reclaiming vacant lands, providing advanced agricultural methods, high-yield quality strains of crops and fertilizers, supplying irrigation water, rendering assistance for mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns, and providing effective encouragement for boosting production of the 10 major crops.

In addition, the government is implementing the rural development programmes — smooth transport, supply of adequate irrigation water, high education standard, better health care and rural economic growth — it has laid down for development of rural areas, home to farmers.

In Myanmar, farmlands are of two types: rain-fed and irrigated farmlands. Now, double- and triple-cropping patterns are being launched extensively in all farmlands.

Paddy is the major crop in Myanmar. So, sown acreage of paddy is larger than that of any other crop. Boosting per acre yield of paddy is on target, and other crops are grown on a wider scale. Having easy access to advanced agricultural methods, farmers work hard for boosting production and ensuring quality crops.

With great success in the agricultural sector, the government is boosting production of agricultural machinery and tools to transform the nation from traditional to mechanized farming. Farmers are urged to more effectively utilize advanced agricultural methods for State’s economic growth and improving their socio-economic status.

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Booth of Supercool tyre at Housing and Living Exhibition 2010.

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Myanmar delegation led by Director-General U Thaung Htaik seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Laos.—SPED

Nay Pyi Taw Command attends monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the monsoon tree-planting ceremony in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District here on 24 July.

The ceremony was also attended by senior military officers, commanding officers, Tatmadawmen and their families, and officials.

The commander and officials presented saplings and planted mango saplings. He later viewed and encouraged the participation of the Tatmadawmen and their families.—MNA

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Supercool tyres distributed by Kyi Brothers Co Ltd are also on display at the exhibition.

The company repair worn treads of damaged tyres and produce retreated tyres, hiring foreigners as supervisors.

The contact addresses are the factory at No. 170, U Tayokegyi Street, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone (4), here, Ph: 728351, 685144 and 685778, Yangon Showroom at No. Za/19, front of Bayintnaung Market, Bayintnaung Brokerage Street, Ph: 681794, Mandalay Showroom at No. 16, 36th Street, between 82nd and 83rd Street, Ph: 09-8516016, No. 14 Zaycho Express Terminal in Mawlamyine, Ph: 09-870177, No. 57/B, Thun Pagoda Street, Bago, Ph: 09-5140695.

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Militancy, conflicts claim 270 lives in Afghanistan over past week

KABUL, 26 July— Continued Taleban-led militancy and conflicts in the war-plagued Afghanistan have claimed the lives of 270 people including 205 Taleban militants and 24 police over the past one week, spokesman for Interior Ministry Zamarai Bashari said on Sunday.

“Some 188 terrorist attacks took place all over the country with majority of them in the shapes of roadside bombings and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks over the past one week but the number of attacks unfortunately shows 12 percent increase than the previous week,” Bashari told a weekly press briefing here.

He said the incidents left 21 innocent civilians dead and injured 95 others, adding 69 more policemen were injured in the incidents.

26 killed in Afghan bus crash

KANDAHAR, 26 July— A speeding bus flipped over on Monday in southern Afghanistan, killing 26 people who were on board, Afghan police said.

The bus ran off the road in Daman District south of Kandahar city just after dawn and flipped over, said the head of traffic police for the province, Mohammadullah Khan. Along with 26 killed there were two people injured, Khan said. He did not say how many people were in the bus.

The bus was heading toward the capital of Kabul and was driving well over normal speeds, Khan said.

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File photo shows a victim of a blast is carried away from the site in Kabul in 2009. Xinhua

Helicopter crashes in Afghan capital Kabul

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“A helicopter crashed in Pul-e-Charkhi area east of capital city Kabul,” Azimi told Xinhua.

However, he added that the chopper belongs to NATO-led troops and there is no casualty.

The incident occurred during landing time, he further said.

NATO-led troops has yet to make comment. This is the second helicopter crashed in Afghanistan since beginning of July.

In the previous helicopter crash which took place outside Helmand provincial capital Lashkar Gah on last Thursday two NATO soldiers were killed.

Xinhua

Three killed, 15 wounded in Arabiyah TV bombing in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 26 July— Three people were killed and 15 others wounded in the suicide car bomb explosion outside the office of Dubai-based al-Arabiyyah TV in western Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

“Our latest reports said that three people were killed and 15 others wounded,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The attack took place at about local time 9:20 am (0620 GMT) when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden vehicle outside the office of al-Arabiyyah in al-Harthiyah District, said the source.

The blast left a crater of two to three metres outside the office which was almost totally damaged by the powerful blast, added the source.

Iraq security forces sealed off the scene while ambulances were evacuating the victims who were some employees inside the office and some guards at the entrance, the source said without giving further details.

Violence and some high-profile attacks are still common in Iraqi cities more than four months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country. —Xinhua

Smoke billows after a suicide car bomb exploded near the Al-Arabiyyah TV channel’s office in central Baghdad on 26 July, 2010. Internet

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People gather around the blast site in southwest Pakistan’s Quetta on 25 July, 2010. Over 100 shops caught fire following two gas cylinder explosions which occurred late Sunday night in Quetta. Xinhua
BP chief likely to resign as oil firm looks to rebuild

LONDON, 26 July — BP will sacrifice embattled chief executive Tony Hayward within days as it tries to rebuild its image in the aftermath of the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster, reports said.

The BBC said Hayward was negotiating his exit and an announcement was likely by Monday when the BP board meets ahead of second quarter results expected to reveal a 30-billion-dollar provision for paying for the disaster.

In the Gulf, US oil spill chief Thad Allen said BP’s long-awaited operation to permanently plug the leaking Gulf of Mexico well had been delayed until the week beginning 2 August.

Originally expected as early as Tuesday, Allen said nothing major had happened to force the delay, it was just a “refined and revised” timeline from BP as it redeployed vessels and personnel following a recent storm. — Internet

New planet-hunting method could find earth-like alien worlds

BERLIN, 26 July — A new planet-hunting technique that was used to detect an exotic alien world may be sensitive enough to help astronomers search for Earth-sized planets that orbit other stars, according to a new study.

The new approach, called Transit Timing Variation, was developed by a team of European astronomers led by Gvizzej Maciejewski of Jena University in Germany.

The technique was used to pinpoint a planet that is 15 times the mass of Earth, located in the star system WASP-3, which is 700 light-years away from the sun in the constellation Lyra.

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**Back pain? Alternative therapies may help**

**NEW YORK, 26 July**—Trent Northcutt, 42, a corporate executive in New York City, had been suffering from lower back pain and leg pain for about three years, to the point that he was “cautious about picking up the simplest thing,” he remembers. When he finally sought help, his doctor recommended acupuncture right off the bat. Northcutt ended up having six treatments over about eight months. Now, he says, “I don’t have any back pain at all. I’m 100 percent good.” More than 26 million Americans ages 20 to 64 suffer from ongoing back pain, according to the American Pain Foundation, and it’s one of the top reasons people visit a doctor. But many of those millions also discover the painful secret about back pain: This common condition can be surprisingly difficult to treat. The lower back is a complex spot, with many potential sources of pain. Although surgery would seem to be a quick fix, in reality about 85 percent of people don’t need — and won’t benefit from — back surgery, says Dr Anders Cohen, MD, chief of neurosurgery at the Brooklyn Hospital Centre, in New York City. That leaves plenty of room for alternative and complementary therapies, such as vitamins, acupuncture, and chiropractic therapy, that may help soothe the pain. “If I don’t see something unstable, something wrong with a disk or a bone, I use alternative therapies on a regular basis. It’s a central crux of my practice,” adds Cohen. “There are some types of back pain that seem to be in the covering of the muscles or in the tissue connecting the muscle that are really difficult to treat.” adds Dr James Bray, MD, a sports medicine physician with Scott & White Healthcare, in Georgetown, Texas. **—INTERNET**

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The offering of alms food to mark Dhammacakka Day took place at the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon this dawn. Visitors offered oil lights, joss sticks, alms food, flowers and fruits and observed Nine Precepts.

In the afternoon, religious associations collectively recited Dhammacakka religious verses.

The Waso-robe offering ceremonies and non-stop recitation of Pathana being held at Uppatasanti Pagoda.

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Buddhist Lent sermon was delivered under the arrangements of the pagoda board of trustees in the Botataung Pagoda this afternoon. Precept offering ceremony and sermon delivering ceremonies are held in port handlers’ prayer hall on the pagoda platform every Sabbath Day.

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Public Works and private companies sign B.O.T contracts for road construction

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 July — Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint attended the signing ceremony of B.O.T contracts between Public Works under the ministry and private entrepreneurs at the ministry here yesterday evening.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister of Electric Power No (2) Dr Win Myint, Managing Director of the Public Works U Kyaw Lin, Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win, departmental personnel, responsible persons from six private companies and guests.

The minister gave opening speech at the ceremony.

Director U Maung Kyae of Asia World Company, on behalf of the six private companies, spoke words of thanks. Managing Director U Kyaw Lin and responsible persons of the six private companies — Asia World, Shwe Thanlwin, Firm Destination Construction, Hilly Regions Construction, Shwetaung, Myatnoethu — inked deals and exchanged the documents.

The minister, deputy ministers, departmental officials and entrepreneurs posed later had documentary taken.

According to the contracts, Shwe Thanlwin Highway Company will implement 78 miles and 6 furlongs long Kyaikto-Thaton-Mawlamyne section of Yangon-Myeik Union Road and 26 miles and 2 furlongs long Thaton-Hpa-an Road; Asia World Company 113 miles long Yangon-Pathein Road, 29 miles and 5 furlongs long Pathein-Ngwechaung Road and 9 miles and 3 furlongs long Myintge-Htonebo-PyinOoLwin Road; Shwetaung Company 73 miles and 3 furlongs long Sagaing-Monywa section of Mandalay-Sagaing-Monywa-YeU Road and 5 furlongs long Meiktila-Taunggyi section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachelek Road; and Firm Destination Company 60 miles long Pahote-Kamine-Lawa-Lonekin section of Mogauk-Kamine-Phakant Road and 89 miles long Nantsiaung-Namitee section of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road. The total number of miles counted to 790.

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Minister U Khin Maung Myint delivers speech during the signing ceremony at B.O.T contracts between Public Works and private entrepreneurs.— CONSTRUCTION

Inter-University/Degree College Men’s Sepak Takraw tournament continues

Mandalay, 26 July— The quarter final matches of Inter-University/Degree College (Upper Myanmar) Men’s Sepak Takraw tournament continued at Open Shed of Mandalay University yesterday morning. At the matches, Meiktila won over Taunggyi, Yadanarbon University over Monywa, Kyaukse over Kalay and Lashio over Shwebo Degree College.

In semi-final, Yadanarbon University defeated Meiktila and Lashio beat Kyaukse. On 27 July, Yadanarbon will play against Lashio for the first place. And prize-presentation and closing ceremony will also take place on a grand scale.— MNA

Employees of Shwe Taung Energy Co. Ltd participated in fire drills outside STOIL Refilling Station in Sagaing on 12 July, 2010. Firemen from Sagaing Township Fire Services Department demonstrated fire extinguishing skills during the drill.— SAGAING DISTRICT IPRD
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Broadcasting studio of MRTV-4.

Bagan covering Chin State and Magway Division. So far, FM programmes are aired by 27 transmitting stations. Eleven stations are being built, and building of 22 more stations is on target. When all those stations are established, FM programmes will be available the whole nation.

In addition to radio and TV programmes for development of the media of the nation, the ministry is now in pursuance of its goal of ensuring that every village in rural areas has a library. So far, the ministry has established 55,755 village libraries in rural areas where the majority of the people live with the aim of broadening the horizons of rural folks. Moreover, it is working hard to enable every village library to possess the five standards of a model library. Up to now, 29,185 of the 55,755 libraries have possessed five standards. Thanks to the lofty aim, nearly every village across the nation has a library. In the near future, Myanmar will become the first country in which every village has a library.

To expedite the tasks to improve the public media, the Myanmar Rural Library Foundation was inaugurated on a grand scale on 15 May 2010 with the aim of ensuring that all the libraries throughout the nation meet the five standards of

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A model library with sustainable development. In the fundamental policy, the foundation is designed to contribute towards the national cause and serve the interest of the nation. In future, it will open its branches at state/division and township levels, which is good news for all libraries. The foundation is pursuing its goal of accomplishing two of the five rural development programmes initiated by the Head of State, when all libraries enjoy sustainable progress: to improve the education standard and the health standard of rural areas. So, the image the foundation is projecting to the nation through the media in the interest of rural areas is very heartening. Donations to the foundation at the first phase totaled over 720 million kyats, an indicator to the strong support of the people to the foundation. The paid-up funds will not be spent, and only the interests will be used in carrying out the tasks. Surely, the donors will be pleased with that. The foundation uses the community-based method in raising funds. Many people will contribute volunteering services towards the foundation. So, the foundation will help ensure sustainable development of the libraries and encourage the people to cultivate a habit of reading. Now, the number of students in basic education schools is over eight million, up from only over five million in 1988. The Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information prints and distributes school textbooks and exercise books at low prices for the convenience of the students. Upto 1988, the nation had only five government printing presses. The printing press (Mandalay) in upper Myanmar was bringing the total to seven. The printing presses also print Shwethway journals for children and Thutapadetha (general knowledge) journal. In order to stay in touch with the media that is advancing, computerized system will be launched in operating printing presses and scrutinizing manuscripts. The number of private-run journals was 12, and that of private-run magazines, 23 in 1988. Now, the nation sees 835 private-run publications including 158 journals and 177 magazines. With a view to improving the Myanmar’s literary world and the standing of Myanmar language, the national literary award, Sarpaybeikman literary award and Pakokku U Ohn Pe award have been launched and Myanmar encyclopedia is published annually with the participation of literati. In the media world, newspapers is still necessary. The News and Periodicals Enterprise sees to publishing newspapers. Upto 1988, the newspaper industry had weak points in technology, machines, raw materials, and printing and distributing system. Unlike in the past, it has improved both in quantity and in quality due to modern printing presses. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, sub-printing houses have been established in Mandalay, Taunggyi, Magway, Kengtung, Kalay, Myitkyina, Sittway, Lashio and Myeik, instead of printing all circulation at a single place. Electronic files are sent to the sub-printing houses through communication satellite. As a result, the entire people can read right-day issues of newspapers.

FM stations and coverage area

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Staff members of Shwe FM broadcasting programmes.

Aung Thabye 3-D cinema near Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden.
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(newspapers. Newspapers at fair prices featuring a wide variety of fields keep informing, entertaining and educating the people.

According to the plan that every village has easy access to newspapers, the Information and Public Relations Department is donating copies of newspapers to village libraries. To provide further impetus for the lofty aim, the News and Periodicals Enterprise distributes daily newspapers at reasonable prices. In the process, the enterprise delivers right down to the villages in eight townships in Rakhine State and six storm Nargis-hit townships in Ayeyawady Division. It also has a plan to keep on distributing newspapers at low prices to villages in rural areas in order to widen the horizons of local people. In its bid to achieve the goal of distributing newspapers to all regions including far-flung areas, the News and Periodicals Enterprise mobilizes the participation of donors and volunteers, and organizes villages to get newspapers through collective purchase system. So, it is fair to say that the NPE is worthy of high praise.

Adhering to the guidance of the Head of State on publication of colour newspapers to improve the nation’s newspaper industry, colour printing presses have been installed in the printing houses. Now, it is in a pilot stage.

Movies and TV series play an effective role in directly rousing the patriotism of the people. Today, every country applies this approach to uplift the dynamism of patriotic spirit of their peoples. The Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise is working in harmony with the Motion Picture Association to achieve this goal. Long ago, the MMPE lagged behind for 30 years in terms of machine and technology. From 1988 onwards, the MMPE purchased modern machines and replacing old with new parts under the arrangements of the government in order to catch up with international film industry. The programme has proved successful to an extent. Today, the world sees rapid changes in the movie industry. Necessary machines are being provided to improve the Myanmar’s film industry according to the guidance of the Head of State.

In so doing, the government is nurturing and encouraging film professionals to deal with international film professionals, apart from making arrangements in 2007 to purchase necessary machines. In 2008, it also arranged for the MMPE to get HD professional camera and accessories. Besides, it encouraged the enterprise to set up three digital cinema halls. Of them, Zeyathiri cinema and Aung Thabye cinema halls can show 3-D movies.

So, Myanmar has opened a new page of the film industry. Before long, there will be a surge in the number of high-class cinema halls across the nation. Now, there is an ongoing plan to work together with international film enterprises in producing quality films. Moreover, Myanmar films are staged and Myanmar delegations are sent to the film festivals in foreign countries. Therefore, there is a hopeful sign that Myanmar film industry will make gradual progress with quality films.

I woke from my deep thought to the loud tune of a TV commercial that interrupted the news programme that was on TV. All in all, I am proud of the rapid development the nation is enjoying in the media sector.

Translation: MS

Thanks to sub-printing houses, local people can read right-day issues of newspapers.

DTH satellite dish antenna is installed in Ingyingon Village, Inlay, Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South).
**Japan’s exports rise for seventh straight month**

**Tokyo, 26 July**—Japan’s exports rose for the seventh straight month in June, driven by machinery and steel products, indicating that overseas demand continues to underpin recovery in the world’s No 2 economy even amid a stronger yen.

Exports climbed 27.7 percent from a year earlier to 5.87 trillion yen ($67.2 billion), the Finance Ministry said on Monday. With demand lackluster at home, Japan has depended on Asia, and China in particular, to fuel its recovery.

The sustained growth in shipments comes despite a rising yen, which can make Japan’s exports of cars, electronic gadgets and other goods less competitive in overseas markets.

**Sony to return to operating profit in Q1**

**Tokyo, 26 July**—Sony Corp (6758.T)(SNE.N) will likely return to profitability in the April-June quarter, beating market expectations for an operating loss, on solid sales and cost cuts, the Nikkei business daily reported on Monday.

Sony is expected to post a quarterly operating profit of 10 billion to 30 billion yen ($114 million-$343 million), bouncing back from an operating loss of 25.7 billion yen in the same quarter last year, the Nikkei said. That would beat the consensus of a loss of 18.8 billion yen from the average estimate of four analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. A spokesman for Sony declined to comment on the report.

**Oil rises above $79 as stocks extend rally**

**Singapore, 26 July**—Oil prices rose above $79 a barrel Monday in Asia as regional stock markets extended a rally from last week amid improving investor optimism.

Benchmark crude for September delivery was up 30 cents at $79.28 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract extended a rally from last week amid improving investor optimism.

A construction worker prepares steel reinforcing rods at a building site in Shanghai in 2008. China's direct investment in Brazil has soared this year to a projected 12 billion dollars, catapulting it to the top of the South American giant’s foreign investment heap, Globo news reported on Sunday.

**Syria, Libya discuss ways to increase mutual investment**

**DAMASCUS, 26 July**—The coordination committee of the Syrian-Libyan Strategic Cooperation Council discussed ways to utilize the investment opportunities in both countries and necessary steps for forming a final working formula for the council’s first meeting scheduled before the end of the year, the Syrian official SANA news agency reported on Saturday. The Syrian Finance Minister Mohammad al-Hussein said in a meeting held by the committee on Saturday that it is necessary for Syria and Libya to increase trade exchange and investment and speed up the process of goods flow in the coming period.

Al-Hussein said his government is ready to lift fees imposed on Libyan goods and products to facilitate bilateral trade. He called on businessmen of both countries to utilize the investment advantages available in Syria, and help to increase the mutual investment volume by launching common investment projects, according to the report.

Secretary of Libyan General People’s Committee for Planning and Finance Abdul Hafeez Al-Zalaity, who is also present at Saturday’s meeting pledged to step up bilateral cooperation in the fields of economy, development, trade, customs, taxation, finance, food industries and air and maritime transport, SANA said.

**Feprises for online news yet to succeed**

**ASPEN, 26 July**—Top technology and media executives wrapped up a three-day conference in Aspen, Colorado, during which they grappled with the question of whether readers will pay for news online.

Firmly in the paid camp in the “paid vs free” debate was News Corp’s head of digital operations Jon Miller who said charging online readers is a notion that has been “accepted at a variety of levels.” “It’s more about how it gets done,” Miller told participants in the Fortune Brainstorm Tech event which ended on Saturday in this Colorado ski resort.

With newspapers and magazines facing competition from free content on the Web and declining circulation and print advertising revenue, Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp has been leading the charge to get newspaper readers to pay online.

**Nissan Motor Company workers are seen on a production line at the company’s Tochigi Plant in Kamikokawacho, in Tochigi prefecture, north of Tokyo. Strong demand for automobiles, high tech products and factory parts have helped offset a weaker domestic picture, enabling Japan’s biggest companies to return to profit and bring about a tentative economic recovery.**

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US still has a problem with HIV

Washington, 26 July—The United States still has a problem with HIV and the US government faces a challenge in combating HIV/AIDS. Dr Anthony Fauci, director of US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) told Xinhua in an exclusive interview. Fauci just came back from the 18th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2010), which he described as “one of the better conferences we had over the last several years.”

AIDS 2010, held in Vienna, Austria, is the platform for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic to exchange their views on the current situation of global HIV prevention and treatment, new research in this field and recent scientific developments.

“We now have about 575,000 people living with HIV and unfortunately 21 percent of them do not know they are infected.”

Six Yemeni soldiers guarding southern Austrian oil company killed by al-Qa'ida

Sanaa, 26 July—At least six Yemeni soldiers guarding an Austrian oil company were killed on Sunday when a group of al-Qaeda gunmen attacked the oil company in the Yemeni southern province of Shabwa, a provincial security official told Xinhua.

The security official in Ataq, the capital city of Shabwa, told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that a group of al-Qaeda gunmen raided Sunday evening the Yemeni security guards of an Austrian oil company located at al-Akla area in the southeast province of Shabwa.

“Nearly ten terrorists wearing Afghani-style clothes who were equipped with heavy machine guns on a vehicle approached the wall of the Austrian oil company, killing at least six security soldiers and wounding dozens of others,” the official said.

Seven killed in 3rd US drone attack Sunday in Pakistan

Islamabad, 26 July—At least seven militants were killed and three others injured in a third US drone attack late Sunday night, bringing the death toll to at least 14 in three US drone attacks in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan on Sunday. The latest attack took place at about 9:15 pm (local time) when a US drone fired two missiles in Miran Shah in North Wazirstan. In the first such assault, about at 11:37 am (local time) Sunday, a US drone fired four missiles at a suspected militants hideout in Shaktoi of South Wazirstan, killing at least four militants. Shortly afterwards, the US drone launched a second strike in South Wazirstan, killing three more people, sources said. On early Saturday morning, US drone fired five missiles at a suspected militants hideout in South Wazirstan, killing at least 16 people. —Xinhua

MEXICO CITY, 26 July—A man who local police described as a fuel tanker was responsible for a fatal car bombing in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is custody, a municipal police spokesman told CNN on Sunday.

But federal police, confirming that the man is in custody after a shootout with the Mexican military, said they had nothing linking him to the bombing.

The 15 July car bombing claimed the lives of two police officers and a paramedic. Six people were injured in the blast. —INTERNET

An Iranian woman looks at the puppets during the Great Exhibition of Iranian Puppets in Tehran, capital of Iran, on 25 July, 2010. —XINHUA

‘Super-sized’ picnic dwarfs boy

LONDON, 26 July—Five-year-old Alfie Powell was dwarfed by his picnic lunch when he sat down to a super-sized sandwich. His giant feast, laid out on the grass in London’s Kensington Gardens, included a cocktail sausage the length of a cricket bat and a scotch egg bigger than a football.

It took 10 chefs a week to prepare the picnic using 100kg of sausage meat, 50kg of flour, 15kg of cheese and 75 eggs. The delighted youngster, from Sidcup, south-east London, said: “I wish I could eat all the food but I think it would take too long.”

The picnic was organised by Man v Food, a programme on the Good Food Channel. —INTERNET

Containers stacked up at a terminal in the southeastern port city of Busan in March 2010. South Korea’s economy grew 1.5 percent in the second quarter from three months earlier and 7.2 percent year-on-year, the central bank said Monday, in new signs of a solid recovery. —INTERNET

Workers repair the flood-destroyed Fuzhou-Yinchuan expressway in the section of Shanyang County, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 25 July, 2010. —XINHUA

A general views of a tractor selling store in Hefei, capital of eastern China’s Anhui Province, 31 May, 2010. —XINHUA

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Boat made of plastic bottles arrives in Sydney

A sailboat largely constructed from 12,500 recycled plastic bottles docked in Sydney Harbour on Monday, after four difficult months crossing the Pacific Ocean on a journey meant to raise awareness about the perils of plastic waste.

The crew of the Plastiki, a 60-foot (18-metre) catamaran that weathered fierce ocean storms during its 8,000 nautical miles at sea, left San Francisco on 20 March, stopping along the way at various South Pacific island nations including Kiribati and Samoa.

“...this is the hardest part of the journey so far — getting it in!” — Skipper Jo Royle

World’s largest, smelliest plant blooms in Houston

The world’s largest and smelliest plant, Lois the corpse flower, came in bloom on Saturday in the US fourth largest city, attracting thousands of curious Houstonians a day.

Now nearly six feet (1.8288 metres) tall, the flower, technically known as the Amorphophallus titanium plant, was the second corpse flower that ever bloomed in Texas and the 29th corpse flower that did so in the United States, said the Houston Museum of Natural Science, owner of the plant.

The flower, nicknamed Lois after a staffer’s mother, has been in the museum for six years, since the museum paid 75 dollars for a tuber from a US nursery, said Nancy Greig, director of Cockrell Butterfly Centre of the Museum.

“...It has been an extraordinary adventure,” he said.

Autopsy tools used on Elvis removed from auction

NEW YORK, 26 July—A grisly collection of autopsy tools used to prepare Elvis Presley’s body has been removed from auction after doubts were raised about their provenance and authenticity.

Chicago-based Leslie Hindman Auctioneers last week said rubber gloves, forceps, lip brushes, a comb, eye liner, needle injectors, and a toe tag, all of which were used on Presley ahead of his funeral in 1977, would go on sale on 12 August.

The instruments were said to have been saved for years by an anonymous, retired embalmer at the Memphis Funeral Home. The auctioneer estimated a sale price of up to $14,000.—Internet

Chong So-ra, winner of the 2010 Miss Korea Pageant, waves after she was crowned in Seoul on 25 July, 2010. Chong, 19, a university student of UC Riverside, California, beat 55 participants for the first price. Chong can speak four languages; English, Chinese, Japanese and Korean. She aspires to be a diplomat.—Xinhua

Nepali man holds world record for 4th time by shaking hands

Third time world record holder Rohit Timilsina from Nepal has again registered his name in the Guinness Book of World Record for the fourth time as he shook hands for 19 hours and 35 minutes on Saturday, according to the official website of GBWR.

Timilsina shook hands with his brother Santosh Timilsina to keep his name in the Record Book. Timilsina brothers had started to shake hands from 3:25 pm on 23 July. By shaking hand, Timilsina wanted to spread the message of lasting peace and brotherhood through this record.

Salzburg Festival kicks off month of operas, concerts

VIENNA, 26 July—The Salzburg Festival, the annual high-brow culture fest celebrating this year its 90th anniversary, kicked off on Sunday a month of operas, concerts and plays. “Where God and Man Collide” is the grand theme of this year’s event, where the cream of European high-society comes together and where tickets cost anything up to 370 euros (470 dollars). Salzburg traditionally opens with the play “Everyman” by the festival’s co-founder, Austrian poet and dramatist Hugo von Hofmannsthal.—Internet

Xinhua

Peter Simonischek, as Everyman (L) and Sophie von Kessel as Paramour perform Hugo von Hofmannsthal’s Everyman during the Salzburg Festival 2009. —Internet
West Ham 'mulls role for Beckham'  
LONDON, 26 July—West Ham co-owner David Gold is tempted to hand David Beckham a key role as the East London club seeks to obtain residency at London's Olympic Stadium after the 2012 Games, media reports said on Sunday. Gold envisioned the former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder as the ideal ambassador to secure a deal to move the English Premier League club to the new ground and is also mulling the possibility of handing the former England skipper a short-term playing role.
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**Nepali gov’t to introduce free-visa regime in 2011 to attract more tourists**

**Kathmandu, 26 July**—If a proposal forwarded by the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoTCA) is endorsed by Nepali government, foreigners coming to the country will not need to pay visa fee. According to Monday’s Republica report, in a bid to attract more foreign tourists to the country and make Nepal Tourism Year 2011 campaign a grand success, MoTCA has proposed the government to waive visa fee at least for the campaign period.—*Xinhua*

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**Weather**

**Monday, 26th, July, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagona and Madayay divisions, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, upper Sagona and Mandalay divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.63) inch, Maungtaw (4.53) inches, Pyapun (3.97) inches, Mchanabaw (2.56) inches, Pyay and Kha'yan (2.40) inches each and Yangon (Central) (2.20) inches. Maximum temperature on 25-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 26-7-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 26-7-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 25-7-2010 was (3.5) hours. Rainfall on 26-7-2010 was (1.19) inches at Mingaladon, (1.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.20) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (39.57) inches at Mingaladon, (45.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (54.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (0) mph from Southwest (18:30) hrs MST on 25-7-2010.

**Bay Inference:** According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 27th July 2010: Rain and thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagona and Madayay divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay division, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagona and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squal is with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along *Manmar* Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate conditions.**

Forcast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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**Oversea Transmission**

- Opening
- News
- Let’s fly over Silver Mountain
- News
- Suprising Myanmar (Longyi)
- Feel Pretty... in a Rawan Outfit
- News
- Dignified Myanmar Theatrical Performance (Tin Maung San Min Win)
- News
- City Mart
- News
- Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace
- News
- MI People’s Celebrities “Soe Myat Nandar”
- Golden Land
- Music Gallery
- News
- Treasure Trove for Knowledge Seekers
- News
- Secret Beauty Spot
- Myanmar Movie “The Great Expectation”

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**Local Transmissions**

- Opening
- News
- Let’s fly over Silver Mountain
- News
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- News
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| 6. Sri Lanka stabilised | 8:15 am |
| 5. Nice & Sweet Song | 8:00 am |
| 7. Songs Of Yester | 8:20 am |
| 8. 3rd International Dance of National Races | 8:30 am |
| 10. “Song that makes Myanmar happy” | 8:40 am |
| 11. International News Songs | 8:45 am |
| 12. Local Talent | 4:00 pm |
| 1. Martial Song | 4:10 pm |
| 4. Musical Programme | 4:20 pm |
| 3. Songs For Uphold National Spirit | 4:35 pm |
| 5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit | 4:50 pm |
| 6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies | 5:05 pm |
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| 8. “Song that makes Myanmar happy” | 5:45 pm |
| 9. “Song that makes Myanmar happy” | 6:00 pm |
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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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

Internet warriors hone skills at Black Hat-DefCon

San Francisco, 26 July—Internet warriors are gathering this week to explore chinks in the armors of computers, bank teller machines, mobile phones, power grids, and other “smart” devices intrinsic to modern life. Black Hat USA kicks off in Las Vegas on Wednesday with briefings at which security professionals from technology firms including Microsoft and Cisco will dissect ways to safeguard or foil computers. Black Hat segues on Friday into DefCon, an infamous annual assembly of hackers that pride themselves on finding ways around computer defenses. Attendance at the events overlaps, with security professionals and software rogues sharing insights in an irreverent setting that has become a recruiting ground for US law enforcement agencies. “Black Hat is a place where security researchers go to show off their work and get peer feedback,” said Jeff Moss, who founded and runs both gatherings. “DefCon is the fun stuff they don’t have time to do in their day jobs.” The packed roster of topics at Black Hat will include hacks that make automated teller machines spew cash and the vulnerability of nuclear power plants, chemical factories and other online systems.

Low pressure area at Bay of Bengal disappears

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 July—According to observations at 12.30 pm this afternoon, low pressure area occurred at the north-west of Bay of Bengal had become weak and vanished, Hydrology and Meteorology Department announced.

Kanpyae Village in Minbu Township gets school branch

Pwintbyu, 26 July — A basic education middle school branch was opened in Kanpyae Village in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, on 22 June. Chairman of Minbu District Peace and Development Council U Hla Htay, Minbu Township Education Officer U Chit Swe and Headmistress Daw Khin Htay formally opened the school branch.

Full face transplant Spaniard displays new look

Madrid, 26 July—A Spanish man who underwent the world’s first full face transplant appeared before TV cameras Monday for the first time since his surgery, thanking his doctors and the family of the donor. Identified only as Oscar, the 31-year-old spoke with considerable difficulty at a news conference at Barcelona’s Vall d’Hebron hospital, where he was operated on in late March. During the 24-hour surgery, doctors lifted an entire face, including jaw, nose, cheekbones, muscles, teeth and eyelids, and placed it masklike onto the man. He has been described as a farmer who was unable to breathe or eat on his own after accidentally shooting himself in the face five years ago.

The head of the surgical team, Dr. Joan Pere Barret, said Monday that Oscar will need between a year and 18 months of physical therapy and is expected to regain up to 90 percent of his facial functions. —Internet