Political parties submit lists of party members

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July — Political parties are to present lists of their party members organized in line with the Article 13 (a) of the Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission. Among them, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party submitted the list of its party members to the UEC on 27 July and the Democratic Party (Myanmar), today. Thirty-nine parties have been granted permission to register as political parties. Among them, ten parties has submitted lists of their party members, so far.—MNA

Positive signs in health sector

Byline: Zaw Win (Kyemon), Photos: Myanma Alin

When I was seven, I picked a serious illness. As my mother was a simple woman who scarcely went to hospital and clinic, my grandmother who was cleverer than my mother took me to a clinic in small town a little bit far from our village. I then received first treatment. As my grandmother asked the doctor to save his grandson, her voice quivered with worry and the scene remains etched on my mind. Later, I came to know that people didn’t usually go to hospitals and clinics for minor illness that time. In other words, there were hardly any clinics and doctors.

Time flies. History has witnessed that although different political systems were introduced in 40-year period between 1948 and 1988 or in the time of former governments, there were no significant progress due to deficiencies in management and lack of stability.

Although we lived in Yangon that time, we did not lose contact with relatives from other states and divisions as we had to accommodate at least five groups of relatives in a year who came Yangon to have their illness cured. Before 1988, healthcare (See page 8)

People’s Hospital in Haka Chin State, is providing healthcare to locals.

Photo shows Kengtung General Hospital, Shan State (East).
Serve national interest with sense of duty

Development of human resources is a must for development of a nation. With this end in view, the government is nurturing the youth across the nation including border areas to bring about a growing number of educated citizens.

The youth of today have to work harder than ever to contribute to nation-building tasks, to enable the motherland to catch up with other global partners and to become human resources.

Younger generations will have their wishes fulfilled if they are party to the noble tasks with genuine goodwill.

Myanmar people are by nature polite, gentle and upright. So, they ought to show positive attitude and uprightness in their work in order to achieve greater success in life.

New generations pursuing education should be skilled in the subjects they are specializing in. Utilizing the knowledge they have gained in their studies, they have to serve the interest of the nation, while shouldering their duties. If they have good volition and keep a good balance between their interest and that of other, they will be able to accomplish their work without any great difficulties thanks to their sense of goodwill.

In line with the saying that goes “Every work is to be proud of”, today’s young generations should work with a strong sense of goodwill and duty, irrespective of period, location and responsibility in order to achieve the goal of seeking national interests and theirs simultaneously.

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattened
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Talk on 31 July at MFF

YANGON, 28 July—Jointly Organized by Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association and under the sponsorship of Panyi Foundation, Writer Ko Ko Hlaing will give talks on “the People’s Republic of China’s prospects for a world power” at Thiri Anawah Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township here at 2 p.m on 31 July (Saturday).

Commander inspects regional developments of An, Mye bon, Minbya Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, on 23 July, inspected maintenances of roads and bridges along Yangon-Sittway road in An and Mye bon Townships. He also inspected rebuilding of Dokechaung bridge in Dokechaung village and Yetchaung bridge in Yetchaung village, and prevention against road erosion.

At the station hall in Minbya Township, the commander met with officers and other ranks, and their families.

A&I Minister receives IFAD Country Manager

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a three-member delegation led by Country Program Manager Mr Youqiong Wang of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) at the Minister’s office here yesterday. At the call, they discussed matters related to cooperation in construction of irrigation system of the dams and water supply in central Myanmar.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads under the ministry.

Heat Exchange Paint at Housing and Living 2010

YANGON, 26 July—Heat exchange paints imported from Abar Company of Japan are on display at Housing and Living 2010 which will be run up to 27 July at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here.

The paint manufactured through modern technology is called Heat Exchange Paint for it can reduce the heat of the sun. It is being used in engine rooms and lower surfaces of body of automobiles produced by Toyota Automobile Maker. Moreover, it is being used in sports grounds, tennis courts, storage tanks, roofs of hotels and factories, towers, housing complexes and transformers.

Customers may contact Kyi Brothers Co Ltd, Ph: 685144, 09-8515101 and Da Na Myay Co Ltd, Ph: 552699 and 55224.
Five Taleban militants killed, 10 injured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 July— Afghan security forces backed by NATO-led troops, in efforts to root out militants in the north of Afghanistan have been the scene of increasing militancy over the past several months.

Earlier this month, three foreigners and two Afghan police were killed while Taleban militants attacked a guest house run by a US organization in the Kunduz city, the capital of the same name province. Six suicide bombers were also killed in the blasts.

However, the Taleban outfits who largely have been relying in suicide and roadside bombings have yet to make comments.—Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills 20 in SW Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 July— A roadside bomb on Wednesday morning hit a passenger bus in Nimruz Province in southwest Afghanistan, killing 20 people and wounding 27 others, local official said.

The incident happened at around 07:00 am local time between Dilaram District of the Province and Bagwa District of the neighbouring Farah Province, Ghulam Dastgir Azad, governor of Nimruz Province, told Xinhua, adding that the dead and wounded include many women and children.

“Many of the wounded are in critical conditions,” said Azad, adding “casualties could further rise.”

He said some of the wounded have been rushed to a NATO hospital for treatment.

Three killed in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 28 July— Three people were killed and 14 others injured in separate attacks in Baghdad and Mosul, the capital city of Nineveh Province, on Tuesday, a police source said.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb struck a police patrol in Baghdad’s western district of Ghazaliyah, killing a civilian and wounding four others, including two policemen, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In northern Iraq, ten people were wounded when a gunman hurled a hand-grenade on a police patrol passing in a crowded commercial area in central Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad.—Xinhua, an anonymous provincial police source told Xinhua.

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 28 July— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 28 July reached 702,526 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 127,0651, according to the news on the Internet.

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 28 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 33029 Afghan people were killed and 39614 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 28 July.

Helicopter crashes south of Baghdad, killing all crew

BAGHDAD, 28 July—An Iraqi helicopter crashed near the Shiite’s holy city of Karbala south of Baghdad, killing all the crew members, the official television reported on Wednesday.

The state-run television of Iraqia quoted the Iraqi Army as saying that the incident took place in east of Karbala, some 110 km south of Baghdad.

All the crew members were killed, the channel said without giving information about when the incident took place and the kind of the helicopter or the number of its crewmen.

It was not clear yet whether the crash was due to hostile fire or technical reason.

Black smoke billows from a burning vehicle in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on 23 July. As US troops withdraw from Iraq, a large swath of the oil-rich north coveted by the Kurdish regional government remains a powder keg that threatens to explode in violence, experts say.—INTERNET

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**Waste fat from frying fuels hydrogen economy**

Leeds, 28 July — Don’t pour that dirty fat from the fryer down the sink — it could be used to make the fuel of the future.

Hydrogen has been tipped as a cleaner, greener alternative to fossil fuels. But scientists have struggled to find a way to make it that doesn’t consume vast amounts of energy, use up scarce natural resources, or spew out high levels of greenhouse gas.

Researchers at the University of Leeds have now found an energy-efficient way to make hydrogen out of used vegetable oils discarded by restaurants, takeaways and pubs. Not only does the process generate some of the energy needed to make the hydrogen gas itself, it is also essentially carbon-neutral.

“We are working towards a vision of the hydrogen economy,” said Dr Valerie Dupont, who is leading the Leeds-based project. “Hydrogen-based fuel could potentially be used to run our cars or even drive larger scale power plants, generating the electricity we need to light our buildings, run our kettles and fridges, and power our computers.”

**Australian scientist discovers world’s rarest coral in North Pacific Ocean**

Canberra, 28 July— An Australian scientist on Wednesday said he had discovered what could be the world’s rarest coral in the remote North Pacific Ocean.

The Pacific elkhorn coral was found during underwater surveys at Arno atoll, in the Marshall Islands, by coral researcher Dr Zoe Richards of the ARC Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies (CoECRS).

“Coral reefs are a crucial part of our marine ecosystems and play a central role in the health and economy of many Pacific islands,” Dr Richards said.

**Apple releases OS X updates for new iMacs, Magic Trackpad**

New York, 28 July— If you already rushed out to purchase a Magic Trackpad or one of the brand new iMacs Apple announced on Tuesday morning, then it’s time to do the Software Update dance. The company has rolled out a pair of updates for Mac OS X and Mac OS Server 10.6.4 update issued in June.

**Panasonic goes 3D with New Camcorder and G-Series lens**

Tokyo, 28 July— Panasonic unveiled a slew of new Lumix cameras just last week, but the company wasn’t quite done with its fall camera and camcorder announcements. Today, Panasonic announced its first 3D high-definition camcorder for consumers (a pro-level 3D camcorder was showcased earlier this year) and teased a prototype Micro Four-Thirds system lens that will add 3D imaging capabilities to its Lumix G interchangeable-lens cameras.

**Google in talks to build Facebook competitor**

New York, 28 July— Google Inc has held talks with gaming companies as it looks to develop a new service to compete with social networking website Facebook, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday, citing people familiar with the matter.

The Internet giant has had talks with makers of online games for the service including Playdom Inc, Electronic Arts Inc’s Playfish and Zynga Game Network Inc, the report said.

The report said is unclear when the new offering will be launched. Google already owns and operates social networking site Orkut. The company could not be immediately reached for comment. Walt Disney Co said earlier on Tuesday it is planning to acquire Playdom for $563.2 million, as the young but fast-growing market for Internet games on Facebook and other websites has exploded, increasing the links between social gaming developers and social networking.

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Can a mother’s affection prevent anxiety in adulthood?

Durham, 28 July—Babies whose mothers are attentive and caring tend to grow into happy, well-adjusted children. But the psychological benefits of having a doting mother may extend well beyond childhood, a new study suggests.

According to the study, which followed nearly 500 infants into their 30s, babies who receive above-average levels of affection and attention from their mothers are less likely than other babies to grow up to be emotionally distressed, anxious, or hostile adults.

What’s more, the link between the emotional health of adults and their mothers’ affection was evident even though the mothers and babies were observed for a single day, when the babies were just 8 months old.

After losing 175 pounds, woman challenged by setback

New York, 28 July—Last year, Karen Daniel was feeling great about her weight. She had gone from 375 pounds to 200 in 24 months. She was working out nine times a week and thrilled to have turned her life around. She no longer had to purchase two seats on an airplane. She went hot-air ballooning for the first time.

Daniel, one of Fit Nation’s first success stories, said in February 2009, "Fit feels so good." That feeling didn’t last long. Daniel started feeling bad after a trip to New York. She had a sinus infection, upper respiratory infection and bronchitis, she said recently from her home in Arizona. She started feeling better, but then got sick again. And healthy again. And sick again.

She went to two doctors who told her that her body was in "starvation mode," she said. "I went way under on calories, and I got really sick," she said. "I went to under 1,000 calories a day, and I was working out between two and three hours a day. It was not a smart decision."

She felt like she was eating right, but she was gaining weight.

"It really is awful when you are doing everything you can and your body isn’t cooperating," she said.

Daniel says by the time she had gotten her health back, she had gained 35 pounds. She needed to make changes again.

Consumers, rapid growth help China take the lead

Beijing, 28 July—China ranks No. 1 among 27 emerging economies due to its huge consumer market and rapid economic growth, according to the Emerging Markets Opportunity Index released by US accounting firm Grant Thornton.

The index takes account of key factors such as the size of the economy, wealth, involvement in world trade, growth potential and levels of human development.

China scores 454 points, double the India’s score (222 points) in second place and almost triple that of Russia (163 points) in third place.

"China leads the way thanks to the country’s huge consumer market, an increasingly open economy and extremely rapid trade growth, which offer a myriad of business opportunities for potential investors," said Xia Zhidong, partner and vice-chairman of Grant Thornton China.

According to figures from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, China attracts the most foreign investment among the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) countries.

Tokyo stocks end mixed in directionless trade, strong yen weighs

Tokyo, 28 July—Tokyo stocks ended mixed Tuesday, with the key Nikkei stock index edging down despite some upbeat earnings reports from Japanese companies and positive housing data from the US Trade was largely directionless as investors refused to be lured into a false sense of security. Indeed some market players doubted the significance of the data, suggesting the world’s largest economy may still not be back on track.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average finished 6.81 points, or 0.07 percent, lower from Monday at 9,496.85 having swung in and out of negative territory during both sessions, while the broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange made modest gains, closing up 0.24 point, or 0.03 percent, to 846.12.

Brokers said that US stocks’ advance over night, after a surprising 23.6 percent jump in US new home sales in June from May, did little to enliven the market as investors refused to be lured into a false sense of security. Indeed some market players doubted the significance of the data, suggesting the world’s largest economy may still not be back on track.

“The housing data isn’t necessarily as good as it seemed. In some ways it was just a correction of the sharp falls the month before,” said Hiroaki Osakabe, a fund manager at Chibagin Asset Management.

German consumer confidence booms at summer

Berlin, 28 July—A key survey showed on Tuesday that German consumer confidence boomed in July and August because of the well performance of German team in the World Cup, the hot summer weather and the upbeat of economic recovery.

The Nuremberg-based GfK group said its overall indicator for consumer climate in August rose to 3.9 points from a revised 3.6 points in July.

"The successful performance of Schweinsteiger and Co. in South Africa and the sunny weather with high summer temperatures put the people of Germany into a good mood," said the GfK.

This is supplemented by the surprisingly positive employment situation. These factors are overshadowing the clear threat posed by negative factors such as the austerity package and increase in health insurance contributions."

The GfK also said the indicator for economic expectations also see a significant gain from 31.3 points in July to 36.8 points in August, the highest figure since October 2007.
11 bodies recovered from plane crash site in Islamabad, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 July—At least 11 bodies have been recovered by the rescue team at the site where a plane carrying 152 people including six crew members crashed in Margalla Hills Wednesday morning in Pakistan’s capital Islamabad, said source on the crash site, adding all of them were killed.

The tragedy took place at about 10:00 a.m. when an Airbus flight of a Pakistani private airliner named Airblue from Turkey to Islamabad via Karachi crashed behind the mountains of Margalla Hills lying to the northeast of the capital.

Shortly after the incident happened, a large number of rescue teams including three military helicopters have been dispatched to the crash site. Sources at the crash site informed that the chance for the survival of the people aboard is very slim and local residents in the Margalla Hills also joined the military and police in the rescue work.

The plane whose flight number is not known yet took off from the Karachi International Airport at about 7:50 a.m. this morning.

Large crowds of relatives and friends planned to receive their loved ones taking the flight at the Islamabad airport were shocked upon hearing the news and were eager to know fate of them.

Seoul shares ends higher on retailers

SEOUL, 28 July—South Korean shares closed up Wednesday on retail gains.

The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) edged up 5.16 points to 1,773.47. Trading volume was moderate at 318 million shares worth 5.16 trillion won (4.34 billion US dollars with losers leading gainers 408 to 374.

The local currency closed at 1,184.10 won to the greenback, down 2.60 to 1,394 in April.

Robert Walters added that industries hardest hit by the recent financial meltdown, such as financial services and commerce, have resumed their pre-crisis hiring activity levels.

Emerging markets drive global recovery

JAKARTA, 28 July—Emerging markets are driving global recovery with strong economic performance supported by their evolution from export-oriented growth to more domestic demand-driven growth, an Indonesian official told Xinhua in an exclusive interview recently.

“Clearly, global recovery is driven by the emerging markets. Other big emerging economies have also shown resilience against the global crisis and will recover quite strongly in 2010 and beyond,” said Sundram Pushpanathan, deputy ASEAN secretary-general for ASEAN Economic Community.

He said that this year, China is expected to grow at 9.6 percent, while Brazil and Russia are poised to show positive growth this year after experiencing slight negative growth last year.

He added that India, just like China, has been quite strong with a 5.7 percent growth last year. Meanwhile, he said, ASEAN’s performance has been quite robust, with slight negative growth during the first two quarters of 2009, but has rebounded strongly afterwards.

Singapore’s job market heating up for professionals

SINGAPORE, 28 July—The job market in Singapore is heating up for professionals, with high demand especially in the merchandizing and purchasing sector, local newspaper Business Times reported on Wednesday.

According to the latest report from HR consultancy Robert Walters, the firm found that second quarter advertisement volumes increased 39.4 percent, compared to the same period last year.

The results, from monitoring job boards and newspapers here, suggest that employer confidence has returned—a trend in line with the local economy’s massive rebound. In Singapore, the merchandizing and purchasing sector appears to enjoy a big recruitment drive from April to June. Within those three months, the industry saw the advertisement numbers put up for professionals in the business rise to June’s 983 from April’s 752.

Customer service and account servicing staff also look to be in high demand within the quarter. The number of advertisements put up for jobs in the area went up to 1,679 in June from 1,394 in April.

A man has been detained over the poisoning death of an endangered panda in a Chinese zoo, state media reported on Wednesday, in the latest case spotlighting risks to captive animals in China.

South Korean family of hostage victim seeks govt compensation

SEOUL, 28 July—Family members of a South Korean Christian missionary killed in 2007 by Taliban militants in Afghanistan filed for 350 million won ($294,000 US dollars) in compensation from the government for failing to protect its nationals, local media reported Wednesday.

Twenty-three members of the Saemmul Presbyterian Church were kidnapped in July 2007 by the Taliban during their missionary works in Afghanistan, despite the government’s repeated prior warnings against the trip to the war-torn Muslim country. Two were killed.

The family of one of the victims reportedly claimed that the government neglected its duty of protecting its nationals and that the negotiations with the armed group were not effective, according to local news reports.
Year 2010 elections and responsibilities of citizens

Kyaw Myint Naing

Nowadays, internal and external anti-government elements that persist in European democratization process and European democracy norms as the one and only yardstick of democratization are very loud in their opposition against the national political leadership role the Tatmadaw will play in Myanmar’s democratization process.

They are making highly critical remarks that the 2008 constitution formulated for the future democratic government comprising serving MPs representing 25 percent to be nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and civilian MPs representing 75 percent to be elected by the public and the forthcoming 2010 elections are particularly designed to extend the rule of the military dictatorship.

In reality, they are rather ignorant of the great difference between European and Asian democratization processes, and they are trying to make a carbon copy of western democracy.

In European democratization process, with the firm practice of the market economy, the national bourgeoisie that came into existence together with the market economy in the feudalism became influential and played leadership role in the economic and political fields.

Later, feudal rule came to pose barriers to the growing market economy. So, the people under the leadership of the national bourgeoisie revolted against and revoked the feudal system and turned to parliamentary democracy. So, there was no need for armed forces to take a national political leadership role in the democratization process.

Asian democratization process was totally different from European democratization process. Colonialists nullified feudal rule of Asian countries by force. However, feudal economy and politics remained unchanged and were maintained as colonial rule. To put it in another way, the policy remained unchanged despite changes in administration. In consequence, colonies saw neither market economy nor national bourgeoisie capable of taking a leading role in national politics.

After the World War II, colonialism came under worldwide opposition. Colonial powers were economically and militarily weak due to the war. The peoples of the colonies had a growing sense of anti-colonialist fervor. Therefore, colonial countries had no choice but to grant independence to their colonies.

Being in dire straits due to the colonial rule, the war and Fascism, the peoples of newly-independent countries came under the influence of socialism also known as anti-imperialism and establishment of socialist policy. Nonetheless, defects of socialism sparked internal armed insurgency and mass demonstrations. Ruling governments and political parties were in no position to restore State’s stability and peace, and so the armed forces of those countries had to take over State power. After taking the national political leadership role, they introduced the market economy. When the countries saw flourishing market economy, and political parties capable of taking a leadership role in national politics, the armed forces returned to their barracks.

In the post-independence period, the whole Myanmar was at the mercy of multi-coloured insurgent groups, and the A F F P L (A-ni Fascist People’s Freedom League) government was called Yangon government. Then, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ne Win authorised the establishment of socialistic policy. Nonetheless, independent countries came under the influence of anti-colonialist fervour. Therefore, colonial countries had no choice but to grant independence to their colonies by force. However, feudal economy had no choice but to grant independence to their colonies.

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In my opinion, a principle is written and adopted in writing the constitution that serviceman of those countries had to take over power as the State administration, stemming from mass demonstrations.

In 1990, SLORC held elections for two factions: Stable A F F P L and Clean A F F P L and the two groups were vying for power, thereby putting the country on the verge of collapse. So, the Caretaker Government of General Ne Win was entrusted duties to restore State stability and community peace and to hold elections.

Elections were held in 1960 and power was handed over to the winning party Pa-Hta-Za the following year. Taking full advantage of liberalism of the Pa-Htaza government, the Oo-Bo faction and Thakin faction, Shan chieftains conspired to secede from the Union and join the SEATO led by the US. The conditions forced the Revolutionary Council to take over power for non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty in 1962.

In 1988, the nation lacked effective administration, stemming from mass demonstrations. The Tatmadaw had to take over power as the State Law and Order Restoration Council and saved the nation and the people from riots and mob rules. Then, it revoked the Myanma Socialist Programme Party that the people disliked, and complied with the people’s real desire by introducing the market-oriented economic system and the multiparty system to open the door to democracy. These facts provided strong evidences that in times of emergency the armed forces were entrusted the national political leadership role according to Asian democratization process.

In the 1988 incident, when Dr M Aung M aung was in office, he pledged that he would hold elections in three months and hand over power to the winning party with the aim of ensuring peaceful process for democracy.

Yet, those who were said to be leaders of the riots and mass protests took the advice of US senator Stephen Solarz and demanded formation of an interim government and declined the offer made by the Dr M Aung M aung government.

In 1990, SLORC held elections for democratization in a peaceful way. And it issued Notification No 1/90 and invited to draw a constitution to translate the election results into reality in a democratic way. However, it was the NLD that opposed the process of writing a constitution. NLD was responsible for the process, but it remained stubborn, refusing to take part in writing a constitution. In 1992, the SLORC held talks with all responsible including NLD three times. Under the common consent, the National Convention was launched in January 1993 to draw a constitution.

Under the leadership of Chairman U Aung Shwe, B NLD representatives attended the National Convention for three years. After the 104 basic principles had been adopted, in November 1995, NLD representatives complied with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s order of anti-National Convention and talks, and made a written demand for a dialogue, and walked out of the convention giving a lame excuse that their demand did not meet any response.

Sticking to the concept that democratization could be achieved only after the downfall of the military dictatorship, confrontation on with the SLORC government, defiance against all orders, the concept that the people would take to the streets only through organizing measures and public poverty, and demands for international economic sanctions against the nation, the NLD tried to come to power.

As a the NLD continued to refuse to accept the process of implementing the results of the 1990 elections through a new constitution, the results were null and void. So, to hold next-time elections due to the rise in the number of eligible voters in a couple of decades became necessary to satisfy the public desire. Therefore, 2010 elections are intended to meet the people’s desire. Continued attempts to disrupt the process of implementing the people’s desire and democratization suggest that there have not been any party capable of taking the national political leadership role in democratization.

In my opinion, a principle is written and adopted in writing the constitution that servicemen of parliament forming 25 percent to be nominated by the Tatmadaw and civilian members of parliament forming 75 percent to be elected by the people will have to work hand in hand in the national politics due to the fact that it is no longer prudent for the Tatmadaw to go on as the military government according to the conditions of the nation, and in case the nation will encounter conditions similar to the multicoloured insurgency that followed independence in 1948. As a matter of fact, the constitution and 2010 elections are the very first step to M Aung M aung’s democratization. Therefore, I would say that every citizen in favour of peace and democracy is responsible for casting votes in the elections without fail because successful completion of 2010 elections is necessary for maintaining already-achieved State stability and peace, national reconsolidation, and economic growth.

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Remark: The total number of hospitals including hospitals under construction is 886.

A bird’s eye view of 100-bed People’s Hospital in Kanbalu.

Specialists successfully carried out liver transplant in Yangon General Hospital.

Service in Myanmar was poor. Even in district-level towns, there were no sufficient materials to provide healthcare service. People had to rely on Yangon for their health problems as other places were not sufficiently equipped with infrastructures, medicines and health staff. It can be assumed that needs were fulfilled to considerable extent however there were imperfections and deficiencies. It was the period with serious deterioration in socio-economic life, education and health standards of the peoples.

Political turmoil and serious deterioration in all fields ended after 1988. Since then, over ten-year period to date is a turning point that has brought a number of positive signs in various fields. Especially in health sector, effective policies were adopted to achieve the desired goal so as to fulfill the needs of the peoples.

National Health Policy inclusive of 15 points was adopted based on such aims as (a) To promote health standard of the peoples, (b) To bridge gap between rural and urban areas in health care services, and (c) To provide effective treatment in case of outbreak of diseases. In summary, there are two main points, to ensure that everybody lives to the end of expected life-span and everybody to be free of diseases.

To achieve this goal, first of all, such works as setting up new hospitals and clinics and upgrading old ones were carried out across the nation with added momentum after 1988. Significant improvement was seen in consequence.

In 1988, there were only 631 hospitals in the nation, but now, the (See page 9)
Positive signs in health sector

Byline: Zaw Win (Kyemon), Photos: Myanna Alin

In compliance with the fourth phase of five-year short-term plan, Ministry of Health is undertaking National Health Plan (2006-2010) with 12 major projects and 65 work plans. Furthermore, the ministry is taking preventive measures to fight three major diseases at the top of its agenda, namely Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS as well as leprosy.

As a sign of success in campaign against malaria, rate of malaria outbreak has decreased to 10.75 in 1,000 persons in 2008-2009 by comparison with 10.44 in 1988-1989. Leprosy is an epidemic found in Myanmar many moons ago. The consequential effects of the disease cause social and economic problems to the patients and their families.

The Government has conducted anti-leprosy campaigns and MDTreatment has brought about a year-on-year increase in numbers of patients who are recovered from the disease.


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Progress in long-term project to reduce death rate of mother and child and to increase life expectancy

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Teaching Hospital (Magway) is a 200-bed capacity healthcare facility.
Positive signs in health sector

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Progress in Medical Courses

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Over-200-bed hospitals set up after 1988

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Health Organization, leprosy was a health issue in states and divisions before 1998. Leprosy was then combated with supervision of National Health Committee. Ministry of Health, assistance of related ministries, social organizations from home and abroad and participation of the whole public. As a result, leprosy outbreak rate has declined to 0.47 in 10,000 persons in 2009 compared with 53 in 1987.

Rural healthcare centres, maternal and child healthcare centres, and local healthcare centres were extensively set up throughout the country including border areas to undertake preventive works, maternal and child healthcare service, and to conduct nourishment campaigns on a large scale.

The number of healthcare centres in the whole Myanmar was 1,337 in 1988, and the number has touched 1,504 in 2010. Death rates of mothers and children have become relatively low due to improvements in public health service. Moreover, long-term health plans were drawn to increase life expectancy.

Ministry of Health, under the supervision of the State Government and National Health Committee, has been working for promotion of health standard in cooperation with related ministries, public and international organizations and achieved considerable success with assistance of social organizations from home and abroad.

Crude death rate of Myanmar in 1988 was 9.9 and 8.9 in 1000 persons respectively in rural and urban areas. Now, the rate has declined to 5.9 and 5.3 respectively. The most significant milestone in development of health standard is an increase in life expectancy. In 1988, life expectancy of male in rural areas was 56.2 years, female, 60.4 and that of male in urban areas was 64.0 and female to 69.0.

When I analyzed efforts and success of Ministry of Health after 2000, I found healthcare service of private sector to be prominent drive in development of health sector. Under the supervision of Ministry of Health, specialist clinics have emerged in Yangon, Mandalay, and other states and divisions. Ministry of Health is supervising the works of specialist clinics, laying sound foundations for the future.

To put it in a nutshell, as a saying goes, “Health is Wealth”, everyone longs for excellent health. The Government has fulfilled to its height to provide wide-ranging health care service in a decade. And the main objectives of the ministry to ensure everyone enjoy longevity and to be free from diseases has been achieved to large extent.

The active cooperation of the Government and the peoples will stand as a drive to maintain such fine tradition and status.

Translation: TKK

Myanma Alin: 28-7-2010

Loilem General Hospital (200-bed) in Shan State (South).
BlackBerry phones could threaten security

DUBAI, 28 July— The United Arab Emirates’ telecommunication watchdog says BlackBerry smartphones are a potential threat to the country’s national security and it is seeking changes in how the devices operate.

Authorities’ alarm over the phones comes a year after the Middle East country’s biggest state-run mobile operator was caught encouraging unwitting BlackBerry users to install software on the devices that could allow outsiders to peer inside. The government has never made fully clear what happened in that case.

The latest comments from the Emirati regulator raise questions about the gadgets’ legality in the country, home to the Middle East business hub of Dubai. They also highlight the government’s efforts to control the flow of information in the Arab Gulf nation, which actively censors websites and other forms of media seen as harming national se-curity or con-serv-a-tive local values.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority said in a statement carried late Sunday on the state news agency that BlackBerry devices operate “beyond the jurisdiction” of national laws because the data they carry is managed by a foreign company.

Dollar rises to lower 88 yen range in Tokyo

TOKYO, 28 July— The US dollar rose to the lower 88 yen level on Wednesday in Tokyo.

At 5 pm, the dollar traded at 88.03-88.05 yen, compared with 87.86-96 yen in New York and 87.24-25 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at 1.2990-3002 dollars and 114.20-30 yen in New York and 1.2982-2983 dollars and 113.26-30 yen in Tokyo late on Tuesday.

India successfully testfired interceptor missile

NEW DELHI, 28 July— India on Monday successfully testfired its first indigenously developed interceptor missile off the coast of the eastern state of Orissa, Defence Ministry sources said on Sunday.

The interceptor missile, as part of a multi-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system, was testfired from the Integrated Test Range off the state’s coast.

The interceptor missile will be positioned at the Wheeler Island, about 70 kilometres across Bay of Bengal from Chandipur.

The missile is being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization. The target was a modified surface-to-surface missile. —Xinhua

Police rescue 20 more trafficked children in northern Ghana

ACCRA, 28 July— The police have rescued over 20 more children believed to have been trafficked and to be transport to other areas of country in Bolgatanga, capital of Ghana’s Upper East Regional.

The children, rescued on Tuesday, were in the custody of the regional police command in Bolgatanga, police sources said here.

The rescue operation by the anti-human trafficking unit of the police has brought the total number of trafficked children from northern Ghana to over 50 just in two days since Monday, when the police intercepted a bus with 30 children on board from the same area.

Two men were arrested for allegedly attempting to illegally transport the children to the south to work under harsh condition.—Xinhua

Mexican police find eight human heads in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 28 July— Eight human heads were found on Tuesday in different places of Durango city, capital of Durango state in the north of Mexico, the General Prosecutor’s office of Durango said.

The finding was due to anonymous phone calls telling about the exact places where the human heads were, the office said in a statement.

All of the victims were male between 25 and 30 years old. Their identities and the whereabouts of the corpses remain unknown. But the police suspected the killing may be connected with an organized crime network, which was just dismantled days before.

One killed in suicide bomb attack on Algerian gendarmerie

ALGIERS, 28 July— A suicide bomber attacked the headquarters of the gendarmerie at Beni Aissi area of Algeria’s Tizi Ouzou on Sunday morning, killing at least one and injuring eight, local news website reported. At about 3:45 am (0245 GMT), the bomber rammed his car on the gendarmerie located at Beni Assia, 15 km south of Tizi Ouzou, causing enormous damage to the building and nearby houses, according to the news net of French newspaper El Watan. At least one night watchman was killed and eight policemen were injured, who were evacuated to a military hospital for treatment, said the report.—Xinhua

China’s icebreaker “Xue Long”, or “Snow Dragon”, sails among stained floe ice in the Chukchi Sea, on 24 July, 2010. Chukchi Sea is a marginal sea of the Arctic Ocean.—Xinhua

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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Thursday, 29 July, 2010
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

**MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOY NO (114 N)**

Consignes of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOY NO (114 N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**M YANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
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**General Motors announces price of Chevy Volt**

**SAN JOSE, 28 July**—General Motors announced on Tuesday that its much-anticipated Chevy Volt will have a base price of $41,000 before a federal tax credit.

The Volt and the Nissan Leaf, which will go for $32,780 before the tax credit, are set to become the first mass-market plug-in vehicles to hit American roads and are in a pitched battle for customers. Both companies plan to have cars in dealerships by the end of the year.

The all-electric Leaf, scheduled to go on sale on 15 December, will be able to travel up to 100 miles on battery power before it needs to be recharged. More than 16,300 people have paid $99 to reserve the car so far, according to Nissan, with Los Angeles and the Bay Area vying to be the Leaf’s top markets.—Internet

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**France declares war against al-Qaeda**

**PARIS, 28 July**—France has declared war on al-Qaeda, and matched its fighting words with a first attack on a base camp of the terror network’s North African branch, after the terror network killed a French aid worker in hostage in April.

The declaration and attack marked a shift in strategy for France, usually discrete about its behind-the-scenes battle against terrorism.—Internet

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**Manchester United players Jonathan Evans (L) and Ryan Giggs stand with a life-size training model of space shuttle.**—INTERNET

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**Obesity fears inspire Mexican office exercises**

**MEXICO CITY, 28 July—**Mexico City government worker Agueda Galvan started stretching exercises out of fear of a heart attack, but also under an anti-obesity programme introduced by her bosses.

The pilot plan, which began in the city’s finance ministry two weeks ago, is set to expand to all of the capital’s ministries in a country with an expanding obesity problem.

“A young coworker died from a heart attack recently and a lot of us started worrying about our weight,” said 37-year-old Administrator Galvan, as she stretched her legs beside her desk. Although she is not overweight, Galvan joined all employees in the 10 minutes of daily desk-side exercises under the “Get moving and tighten your belt” program.—Internet

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**Challenges facing new San Jose police chief**

**SAN JOSE, 28 July**—In selecting a new police chief this fall, San Jose City Manager Deb Figone will be making a fundamentally political decision, one of her most important. However much technical savvy counts, the job demands someone who can please competing groups.

“You have to be able to balance the needs of three constituencies,” says Pat Dwyer, the ex-Palo Alto constiuencies’ law enforcement liaison.

A photo released on 26 July, 2010 by the City of Marcoccius, south of Paris, showing French aid group.—Internet
**Woman uses railroad spike to battle intruder**

When an intruder came into her home, Stephanie Molina grabbed the first thing she could find to fight him off — a railroad spike. It worked, and police followed the trail of blood to the suspect’s apartment.

The Southeast Missourian reported that Molina was at their Poplar Bluff apartment early Friday when a man began shouting outside their door, saying, “Jerrr, you owe me money.” Molina said the didn’t know anyone named Jerry.

Police said 45-year-old Glen Waltman kicked in the door, grabbed Molina and hit her. She picked up the spike and fought back.

Police followed the blood trail to Waltman’s apartment in the same building. He was arrested after struggling with police.

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The streak continued. After Larson hit her fourth deer, her pastor’s wife advised her to start praying before she gets into a vehicle. Larson was doing just that on Friday when she hit her fifth deer. The crash totaled her minivan, and the air bag left bruises on her arms.

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**Man finds $4,800 in pot in auction painting**

A Cherokee County man found a hidden treasure in a painting he bought at an auction: four pounds of marijuana. Gordon Clement, 80, discovered the pot stashed inside of the painting, which he bought at a post office auction about five years ago. He found the drugs last weekend when he tried to sell the artwork at another auction.

Clement planned to ask $25 for the piece. Police said the marijuana was worth about $4,800. Alarmed, he called his lawyer and turned the painting over to authorities.

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**Police nab bandit who used underwear as mask**

An unemployed woman who said she was desperate for money has been arrested on charges she robbed an Oklahoma McDonald’s with a white stretch girdle wrapped around her face as a makeshift mask. Authorities said 51-year-old Sharon Lain of Midwest City admitted to being the underwear-masked bandit who made off with the contents of a cash drawer from the fast-food restaurant around 3 am on Tuesday.

A surveillance video captured the woman on tape and was broadcast on local television, prompting several tips that led police to a condemned home on Wednesday night where Lain was found living, said Midwest City Police Chief Brandon Clabes.

Police found the underwear - a white stretch girdle known as ‘spanx’ - along with illegal drugs, including methamphetamine.

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**New Albums**

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**Laura Dekker. Dutch judge gave the green light for a teenage girl’s bid to become the youngest person to sail around the world solo, thwarting a bid to have her kept in child care.**

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**INTERNET**

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**South Korean actor Won Bin attends a preview event of the film “Ajussi” in Seoul, South Korea, on 27 July, 2010. The film “Ajussi” directed by Lee Jeong-beom will be shown to the public on 4 Aug, 2010. XINHUA**

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**Cast members Ashley Taylor, Stefanie Scott, Madeline Carroll, John Mahoney and Penelope Ann Miller (from L-R) pose for photographers at the premiere of the film “Flipped” in Los Angeles on 26 July, 2010. —XINHUA**

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**Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi attended a charity party (CFP). XINHUA**
Ronaldo returns to training ahead of schedule

MADRID, 28 July—Real Madrid’s Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo cut short his holidays by one day and started training on Tuesday under the club’s new manager Jose Mourinho for the first time before the team heads to Mourinho for the first time under the

During Tuesday’s training session the Portuguese coach divided the players into two teams to play two practice games.

The team will head to California on Wednesday morning for a pre-season training camp where they will remain until 7 August.

Several other of Real Madrid internationals who took part in the World Cup in South Africa will meet up with the squad in California on Wednesday, such as Brazil’s Kaka, who will arrive on Saturday.

Portuguese defender Pepe on Monday became the first Real Madrid international who took part in the tournament to have resumed training with the Spanish club.

Ronaldo, the world’s most expensive player whose transfer to Real from Manchester United in cost the club 94 million euros in June 2009, failed to shine during the World Cup. Internet

Chiellini sets minimum Juve target

Rome, 28 July—Juventus centre-back Giorgio Chiellini has set his team-mates a minimum target of a top four finish next season.

Juventus centre-back Giorgio Chiellini. Internet

Real Madrid’s Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo. Internet

Winter Classic to showcase NHL’s best rivalry

ST. PETERSBURG, 28 July—Mike Knuble fed up a pack on a wooden platform a few inches above Heinz Field’s green grass and lofted a perfectly placed wrist shot between the uprights.

Call it the first goal by an NHL player on the Pittsburgh Steelers’ home turf. Or was it the first field goal?

On a postcard-perfect midsummer 85-degree day — one that was 47 degrees above the average high temperature for a Jan in Pittsburgh — the sight of the Penguins’ Sidney Crosby, the Capi
tals’ Knuble and three other players exhibiting their skills Tuesday while previewing the NHL Winter Classic illustrated the not-uncomfortable juxtaposition between football and hockey. Internet

NASCAR’s Roush injured in Wisconsin plane crash

MILWAUKEE, 28 July—NASCAR team owner Jack Roush was in serious but stable condition after walking away from a plane crash in Wisconsin on Tuesday night.

“There are injuries. Possible surgery,” Roush Fenway Racing president Geoff Smith said in a text message to The Associated Press. “But he walked out of the plane.”

Smith confirmed that the plane belonged to Roush, and he was flying it. Smith said Roush’s injuries include facial lacerations. Internet

One major finally in hand, Creamer wants more

LONDON, 28 July—Paula Creamer still plays with a bandage. What she no longer plays with is a burden.

Even though Creamer won’t turn 24 until a week from Thursday, after she returns from Royal Birkdale and the final LPGA Tourmajor of the year, few other players so young have received so much scrutiny for failing to win a major.

At least that’s one question she won’t face this week at the Women’s British Open.

“No, I’m sure it will be, ‘Do you want to win two in a row?’” Creamer said with an easy laugh just four days after her US Women’s Open victory at Oakmont. Internet

Chamakh nets first Arsenal goal in friendly

LONDON, 28 July—Marouane Chamakh scored his first goal for Arsenal in a 4-0 pre-season victory over Australian third-division side SC Neussid in Austria on Tuesday.

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Blanc still prepared to pick Ribery, Benzema

PARS, 28 July—New France coach Laurent Blanc says he is ready to call up Franck Ribery and Karim Benzema, despite an ongoing investigation into reports they had sex with an under-age prostitute.

The allegations led to France’s Minister for Health and Sport Roselyne Bachelot deeming they should not be selected for the national side pending the outcome of the case.

Bayern Munich winger Ribery, who could face three years in prison if convicted, has admitted having sex with Zahia Dehar but denies knowing the call girl was under 18 at the time.

Real Madrid striker Benzema faces the same charge, which he also denies. Internet

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Disney to buy social-gaming site

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BURBANK, 28 July—The Walt Disney Co. is buying online social-gaming company Playdom for $563.2 million, the latest sign the company is becoming a formidable player in the video-game industry.

Disney said Tuesday it is buying Playdom to strengthen its digital-gaming portfolio. The purchase will help bring Disney’s characters, stories and brands to customers in new ways, through Facebook and MySpace.

Playdom, which is based in Mountain View, Calif., has about 42 million monthly active users, who play games such as “Social City” and “Sorority Life.”

In addition to the purchase price, Playdom shareholders may also earn another $200 million if the company meets certain financial targets.
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Urine: waste product or future power source?

Researchers at Bristol Robotics Lab (BRL), a collaborative University of Bristol research facility, are looking into the use of urine as the ‘fuel’ for Microbial Fuel Cells (MFCs), which use bacterial cultures to break down ‘food’ to create power. MFCs are a developing technology used to power autonomous robots. An EPSRC Career Acceleration Fellowship Grant worth £564,561 has been awarded to Dr Ioannis Ieropoulos for a four year project to develop research into how waste could be used by Microbial Fuel Cells to generate energy.

Researchers at BRL have spent three and a half years developing EcoBot-III, funded by EU FP-6 — a robot which can power itself by digesting waste. The early stage work of the EcoBot-III research was funded by EPSRC. Dr Ieropoulos will take the concept of the Microbial Fuel Cells to the next level with a new team of researchers. They will work on scaling up the MFCs so that they can work together in a ‘stack’ — a series of cells which are connected both electrically and in terms of the liquid feed-lines under a continuous flow system.

Every citizen in favour of peace and democracy is responsible for casting votes in the elections without fail because successful completion of 2010 elections is necessary for maintaining already-achieved State stability and peace, national reconsolidation, and economic growth.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (28-7-2010)

- Wundwin: 6.21 inches
- Hpa-an: 3.23 inches
- Kawthoung: 3.19 inches
- Machanbaw: 1.89 inches
- Cocogyun: 1.57 inches
- Sagaing: 1.45 inches
- Lashio: 1.34 inches
- Thandwe: 1.14 inches
- Mandalay: 1.06 inches