Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing visit Mahabodhi Pagoda, Migadawun in Bodh Gaya

NAY PI TAW, 31 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and delegation members offered gold foils and Shwekyar robes to the Buddha Image at Mahabodhi Pagoda in Bodh Gaya on 26 July morning.

The Senior General and wife, together with SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the deputy health minister, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and wife, departmental heads, left the hotel in Gaya for Mahabodhi Pagoda built by King Asoka in Bodh Gaya in a motorcade at 5.10 am.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered meal, fruits, water, flowers, light and joss sticks and paid homage to the Buddha Image at Mahabodhi Pagoda.

Later, the Senior General and wife offered Shwekyar robe to Buddha Image in Mahabodhi Pagoda and donated cash to the Committee for Preservation of Bodh Gaya. They then offered Shwekyar robe, meal, fruits, water, flowers, light and joss sticks to bronze Buddha Image in front of Aparajita Golden Throne and Bodhi Tree and recited religious verses.

On arrival at the Aparajita Golden Throne and Bodhi Tree where Gotama Buddha had attained enlightenment, they offer Shwekyar robe and poured water on the Bodhi tree.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid homage the Pagoda and went around it in the clockwise direction.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited Satta Htana in the compound of Mahabodhi Pagoda and fed the fish in the Musalinda Lake. (See page 8)
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**Goodwill visits fortify bilateral relations**

On the goodwill visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaw Kyi on 27 July attended the dinner hosted by the Indian President in their honour at the Presidential Palace in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Myanmar and India share a common border and have existed in peace for thousands of years. Traditionally, the two countries are good neighbours. The two peoples have close relations to each other due to the close identity of historical backgrounds, geographical features, cultures and religious customs and traditions of the two countries.

Since regaining independence, Myanmar and India have been maintaining good neighbourly relations based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. The friendly relations between the two countries have been further cemented and they have boosted multipurpose cooperation over the past decade thanks to reciprocal visits of State leaders of the two countries.

Myanmar and India, being neighbours, geographical and cultural relations between the two countries provide further impetus for bilateral friendly relations. Bilateral cooperation has reached a milestone of cooperation and friendship between the two peoples.

Friendly relations between the two countries have been further cemented and they have boosted multipurpose cooperation thanks to reciprocal visits of State leaders of the two neighbours.

Being aimed at bolstering the friendship between the two governments and the two peoples of Myanmar and India, the recent goodwill visit is believed to scale up the interests of the two nations in future.

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**Spdc Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends reception to mark 83rd Anniversary of People’s Liberation Army of China**

Yangon, 31 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn being welcomed by Chinese Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun and wife at reception to mark 83rd Anniversary of People's Liberation Army of China held at Traders Hotel here yesterday evening.

They were welcomed by Chinese Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun and wife.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, embassy staff, ambassadors, charge’d affaires ai, diplomats and their wives, officials and guests.

After the military show, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife, Military Attaché Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun and wife cut the anniversary cake.

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**Nay Pyi Taw, 31 July—Round robin matches of the fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament went on at designated venues this afternoon. Among the spectators were Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, heads of department, and officials. Energy Ministry and Culture Ministry held a 2-2 draw in Group (E) match held at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds; Sports Ministry trounced Electric Power-1 Ministry 7-0 in Group (F) in Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports Grounds; and Rail Transportation Ministry beat Information Ministry 1-0 in Group (F) in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Grounds.**

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**Mayor inspects upgrading of roads**

Yangon, 31 July — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected upgrading of roads here this afternoon.

The mayor inspected upgrading of roads in Mingaladon Township and upgraded roads in North Okkalapa Township and preparation to upgrade roads in South Okkalapa Township. During his tour of inspection, the mayor fulfilled the requirements for the roadworks.—MNA

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**Refresher course for judges concludes**

Yangon, 31 July — A refresher course for township judges was concludes at the Supreme Court here today.

A total of 39 judges attended the 8-week course conducted by the Supreme Court (Yangon).

The ceremony to conclude the course took place with remarks by Chief Justice U Aung Toe.
**Deadly gas explosion destroys building in Calif**

Los Angeles city fire fighters survey damage after a suspected natural gas explosion at a welding shop collapsed part of the building and hurled two workers into the street, killing one and leaving the other in critical condition on 30 July, 2010, in Los Angeles.—Internet

**US casualties in Afghanistan soar to record highs**

Kabul, 31 July — In a summer of suffering, America’s military death toll in Afghanistan is rising, with back-to-back record months for US losses in the grinding conflict. All signs point to more bloodshed in the months ahead, straining the already shaky international support for the war.

Six more Americans were reported killed in fighting in the south — three Thursday and three Friday — pushing the US death toll for July to a month for US forces in the nearly nine-year war.

US officials confirmed the latest American deaths Friday but gave no further details. Five of the latest reported deaths were a result of hidden bombs — the insurgents’ weapon of choice — and the sixth to an armed attack, NATO said in statements.

US commanders say American casualties are mounting because more troops are fighting — and the Taliban are stiffening resistance as NATO and Afghan forces challenge the militants in areas they can’t afford to give up without a fight.

“Recent months in Afghanistan have seen tough fighting and tough casualties. This was expected,” the top US and NATO commander, Gen David Petraeus, said at his Senate confirmation hearing last month. “My sense is that the tough fighting and tough casualties. This was expected,” the top US and NATO commander, Gen David Petraeus, said at his Senate confirmation hearing last month. “My sense is that the tough fighting will continue; indeed, it may get more intense in the next few months.”—Internet

**Arab Atomic Energy Agency reaffirms countries’ right to peaceful use of nuclear energy**

Tunis, 31 July — The Executive Council of the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) reaffirmed here Friday that every country has the inalienable right to use and develop nuclear energy in peaceful ways. Acquiring and developing nuclear technology for peace is the inalienable and unrestricted right of all members of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, the council said in a communique after its 45th plenary session. The council called on Arab countries to draft a plan at an earlier date to facilitate the implementation of relative resolutions adopted by Arab leaders.

The AAEA meeting, held from 27 to 30 July at its headquarters in the Tunisian capital, was attended by government representatives, nuclear scientists and technicians from Arab countries.—Xinhua

**Roadside bomb in Iraq kills five members of family**

Baghdad, 31 July — Iraqi police say a roadside bomb north of Baghdad has killed five members of a family, including a 4-year-old girl.

Police spokesman Maj Ghalib al-Karkhi says the family was not the intended target of Friday’s bombing, which struck their car near the town of Buhriz. The town is a former stronghold of Saddam Hussein and is about 35 miles (60 kilometres) north of the capital.

While violence has dropped significantly in Iraq, militants continue to attack members of the Iraqi security forces, and civilians are often caught in the middle.—Xinhua

**Road accident leaves one dead, 29 injured in S Afghanistan**

Qalat, 31 July — One person was killed and 29 others injured as a passenger bus collided with a tractor outside Zabul’s provincial capital Qalat on Saturday, spokesman for provincial administration Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar said.

“The passenger bus was heading for Kabul when it collided with a tractor coming from opposite direction in Muskin Abad area outside Qalat this morning, as a result one commuter was killed and 29 others sustained injury,” Rasoulyar told Xinhua.

He added that the accident happened at 07:30 am local time and all the injured including some women and children have been taken to Qalat hospital.

On last Monday, a passenger bus heading for Kabul turned turtle in the neighbouring Kandahar Province leaving 22 dead and 25 others wounded.—Xinhua

**‘Black box’ found in Pakistan plane crash wreckage**

Islamabad, 31 July—Recovery workers found the “black box” flight data recorder Saturday in the wreckage of Pakistan’s worst-ever plane crash, and it appeared to be in good condition, officials said.

An analysis of the data on the recorder could provide clues as to why the Airblue flight crashed Wednesday into the hills overlooking the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, killing all 152 people onboard, including two Ameri-cans.

The recorder’s decoding may take weeks, however.

The black box was found during a difficult recovery effort hampered by rain, mud and a lack of proper roads in the heavily forested Margalla Hills. It has been handed to aviation officials, said Ramzan Sajid, a spokesman for the Capital Development Authority, a government agency. He said the box was found in wreckage of the plane’s tail section. Pakistan does not have the proper expertise to decode information stored on the recorder, so it plans to send it to another country that does, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.—Internet

**Pakistanis search for evidence in the wreckage of a passenger plane at the Margalla Hills on the outskirts of Islamabad on 31 July.**

Internet
China to launch fifth orbiter for its own “GPS”

ICHIANG, 31 July—China will launch its fifth orbiter into space, as part of its satellite navigation and positioning network known as Beidou, or Compass system, in the next few days.

An official with the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, in southwestern Sichuan Province, who is not identified, said on Friday that the satellite would be launched on the Long March 31 carrier rocket in the coming days, adding that it would take place “at a proper time”.

If launched successfully, the satellite will join four other satellites in orbit to form a network that will eventually consist of 35 satellites.

Antarctica experiment discovers puzzling space ray pattern

WISCONSIN, 31 July—A puzzling pattern in the cosmic rays bombarding Earth from space has been discovered by an experiment buried deep under the ice of Antarctica. Cosmic rays are highly energetic particles streaming in from space that are thought to originate in the distant remnants of dead stars.

But it turns out these particles are not arriving uniformly from all directions. The new study detected an overabundance of cosmic rays coming from one part of the sky, and a lack of cosmic rays coming from another.

This odd pattern was detected by the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, an experiment still under construction that is actually intended to detect other exotic particles called neutrinos. In fact, scientists have gone out of their way to try to block out all signals from cosmic rays in order to search for the highly elusive neutrinos, which are much harder to find.

Microsoft headquarters in Paris, Microsoft plans to argue before Japan’s Fair Trade Commission that a tie-up between Yahoo! Japan and Google is anti-competitive, local media said Friday.

Hunt for Life’s building blocks in space gets NASA boost

NEW YORK, 31 July—NASA has issued a new grant that bolsters research into the cosmic building blocks of life by funding observations of young solar systems throughout the universe, including our own.

The four-year grant sets aside $630,000 to expand operations by the New York Centre for Astrobiology located at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in New York. Scientists at the centre study the chemical, geologic and physical conditions on Earth that allowed life to form. They use this research to steer the hunt for alien life elsewhere, be it on Mars or in another solar system altogether.

By studying new planets that have just recently formed, scientists hope to learn more about the different types of environments prevalent in the galaxy, as well determine the odds that places beyond Earth are habitable.

“We are looking for the conditions of life, rather than life itself,” said RPI physicist Douglas Whittet, director of the centre.

The researchers are also investigating how planets, including Earth, gather the materials they need for life to take hold.

Chemicals critical to the foundation of life first formed from molecules cooked through stellar processes, Whittet said. These chemicals may have formed in clouds of gas surrounding stars and then piggybacked their way to Earth on meteorites that crashed into our planet.

Smartphones tempting new targets for hackers

LAS VEGAS, 31 July—Software security experts warn that mobile phones are tempting targets for hackers in a world where people eagerly invite strange applications onto handsets packed with personal data.

Briefings on Thursday at a Black Hat computer gathering held in Las Vegas are proving that old-fashioned telephone smooth talk is an effective rival to slick software skills when it comes to pulling off attacks on computer networks.

RIM’s rumoured ‘BlackPad’ tablet due in November?

NEW YORK, 31 July—Rumours of a BlackBerry tablet are heating up by the day, with Bloomberg now claiming that the BlackPad — yes, the BlackPad — will arrive in November, complete with an iPad-size screen and the ability to connect to the Internet via either Wi-Fi or your Bluetooth-connected Blackberry.

Citing a pair of anonymous sources “familiar with the company’s plans,” Bloomberg says the tablet will indeed be called the BlackPad (which would presumably explain BlackBerry-maker RIM’s recent acquisition of “BlackPad.com”) and would boast a display that’s “roughly” the same size as the iPad’s 9.7-inch screen. Rather than having its own, embedded 3G radio, the BlackPad would rely on Wi-Fi or Bluetooth tethering to your Blackberry to connect to the Internet, Bloomberg’s tipsters claim — a nifty trick. I sure wish I could tether the iPad to my iPhone for 3G data.

The article doesn’t go into detail about what kind of processor would power the rumoured BlackPad, or whether it would run on the revamped Blackberry OS 6 (which seems likely). It did note, however, that the BlackPad’s pricing would be “in line” with that of the iPad, which starts at $499 for the 16GB Wi-Fi-only version.

Several details of the Bloomberg story are at odds with what we heard from one wireless analyst earlier this month, who predicted that the Blackberry tablet would come with built-in Wi-Fi and a smaller, 7-inch display.

Twitter offers help in finding accounts to follow

NEW YORK, 31 July—The micro-blogging service began rolling out a new feature Friday called “Suggestions for You” which directs users to other accounts to follow.

Twitter said the new feature “Today we’re beginning to roll out a simple, but powerful new feature to help address that. “Twitter said on its official blog. “The trouble is finding all of them,” it said.

“Today we’re beginning to roll out a simple, but powerful new feature to help address that.” Twitter said the “Suggestions for You” algorithm finds other accounts of potential interest using various factors, including “people you follow and the people they follow.”

This picture, taken on 18 July and released by Japanese college Chiba Institute of Technology shows a crawling robot QUINCE during a demonstration at the college campus of Naruhino city in Chiba prefecture, suburban Tokyo.—INTERNET
Menopause treatment could harm kids, pets, FDA warns

WASHINGTON, 31 July — Evamist, a drug used to reduce menopause-related hot flashes in women, may harm children and pets who have skin contact with the drug, the US Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday.

The product, which is sprayed on the skin between the elbow and wrist and on the inside of the forearm, contains an estrogen hormone called estradiol. Evamist was approved for use in the United States in 2007.

Since then, the FDA has received eight reports of adverse events in children aged 3 to 5 who were unintentionally exposed to Evamist. The adverse events include: premature puberty, nipple swelling and breast development in females; and breast enlargement in males. In addition, the FDA’s Centre for Veterinary Medicine has received two reports of dogs being exposed to Evamist. This may lead to mammary/nipple enlargement and swelling of the vulva.

Merck’s 2Q net drops on higher costs, charges

NEW YORK, 31 July— Drugmaker Merck & Co on Friday reported a 52 percent drop in second-quarter net income, weighed down by big restructuring charges from buying Schering-Plough Corp, generic competition and other factors.

Merck, the world’s second-biggest drug company by revenue, beat analysts’ profit expectations by 3 cents a share, but came up short on revenue and slightly reduced its sales forecast for the year. Given those factors, a 2010 income forecast now below Wall Street expectations and several pressures that could affect its full-year results, investors drove shares down in morning trading. Leerink Swann analyst Seamus Fernandez termed it a “slightly disappointing quarter.”

The maker of allergy medicines Singular and Nasonex and cholesterol drugs Vytorin and Zetia said its net income was $752.4 million, or 24 cents per share. That’s down from $1.56 billion, or 74 cents a share, a year earlier.

Regulators close banks in Fla, Ga, Ore, Wash

WASHINGTON, 31 July—Regulators on Friday shut banks in Florida, Georgia and Oregon, and Washington, lifting to 108 the number of US banks to fail this year as the industry has struggled to cope with mounting loan defaults and recession.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over the banks: Bayside Savings Bank in Port Saint Joe, Fla, with $66.1 million in assets; Coastal Community Bank, based in Panama City, Fla, with $372.9 million in assets; NorthWest Bank and Trust, based in Acworth, Ga, with assets of $167.7 million; Cowlitz Bank in Longview, Wash, assets of $529.3 million; and LibertyBank, based in Eugene, Ore, assets of $768.2 million.

Black teens may need higher vitamin D supplementation

WASHINGTON, 31 July—Among black teens, vitamin D deficiency is associated with arterial stiffness—a risk factor for heart disease and stroke—but adequate supplementation may resolve the problem, a new study has found.

Sunlight triggers the body to produce vitamin D, but nearly all of the 44 male and female black teens in the study were vitamin D deficient even though they lived in a sun-soaked region, the researchers reported in a article that will be published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism in October. According to the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), having dark skin cuts down on the amount of vitamin D the skin can make.

Certain foods also provide vitamin D, such as fortified milk and some types of fish, according to the NIH.

Dollar sinks to 8-month low vs yen as growth slows

NEW YORK, 31 July—Weakening US economic growth and government comments from Federal Reserve officials drove the dollar to an 8-month low Friday against the Japanese yen. The dollar dropped to 86.34 yen in late New York trading from 86.98 yen late Thursday, sinking as low as 85.93 yen just after the government said growth in the US gross domestic product fell to its weakest pace in nearly a year.

That’s the yen’s highest level against the dollar since November 2009. The dollar was mixed in trading against other major currencies after the government said economic growth slowed during the spring.
Thousands flee Congo clashes, security worsens

KINSHASA, 31 July— Almost 90,000 people have fled fighting in eastern Congo in the past month, aid agencies said, underscoring a worsening security situation despite the official end of Congo’s 1998-2003 war. Conflicts between rebel groups, former militias and army troops simmer in Democratic Republic of Congo, and more than 1.9 million people are still displaced, up from 1.6 million in 2009.

“The displaced are in need of protection, food, water, shelters, medicine and non-food items,” OCHA, the United Nations aid coordination body, said in a statement on Friday.
The aid agency said nearly 90,000 people have fled their homes in Beni territory in the north of Congo’s North Kivu province in the past month as a result of the army launching an attack on Ugandan rebels.—Internet

US oil company fined 35 m dollars for oil spillage off Ghana coast

ACCRA, 31 July— A ministerial committee set up to probe into the spillage of toxic substances into Ghana’s oil fields by Kosmos energy has decided to impose a fine of 35 million US dollar on an American oil drilling company.

Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology, Edward Omane-Boamah, told Xinhua on Friday that the decision to impose the fine on Kosmos Energy was made after the conclusion of investigations by the committee investigations.

The committee found that Kosmos Energy was responsible for the spillages, occurred in December 2009 and in March and May this year.

Kosmos discovered the Jubilee Oil Field at the Gulf of Guinea’s Tano Basin, about 12 km from the Ghanaian coastline and 95 km southwest of the port city of Takoradi, in 2007 and has been expecting an area of over 1,760 square kilometres ever since.—Internet

Construction of nuclear power plant kicks off in south China

NANNING, 31 July— Construction on the first phase of a nuclear power plant started in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Friday.

The project in Guangpo Township, Fangchenggang City, will have six one-million-kilowatt generators once complete.

It will be the first such facility in an ethnic minority area.

The first phase of the project involves investment of 26 billion yuan (3.87 billion US dollars) and construction of two CPR1000 pressurized water reactors, according to Shu Guogang, general manager of the project’s contractor.

Upon completion in 2015 and 2016, the two generators will produce up to 15 billion kwh of electricity annually, easing power shortages in the Beibu Gulf region of Guangxi.

The project will also reduce coal consumption by 6 million tonnes per year and cut greenhouse gas emissions by 14.82 million tonnes per year, compared with coal-fueled power plants of similar capacity.

The project’s main funders are Guangxi Fangchenggang Nuclear Power Holding Corp, and Guangxi Investment Group Co Ltd.

The first phase of the project will create 965,000 jobs and increase production at related sectors, especially equipment manufacturing and construction, by 92 billion yuan, according to Shu.

“The project will improve energy supply and security and promote economic development in Guangxi,” Guo Shengkun, Party chief of Guangxi, said at the project’s ground-breaking ceremony.—Xinhua

Wildfires sweeping Russia kill at least 25

MASLOVKA, 31 July— Wildfires sweeping across European Russia killed at least 25 people on Friday and forced the evacuation of thousands in the hottest weather since records began 130 years ago.

Fanned by strong winds, fires ripped through woods and fields that have been scorched for weeks by a heatwave, incinerating hundreds of wooden houses.

“We don’t know where to go,” said Galina Shibanova, 52, standing outside her burning home in the town of Maslovka in the Voronezh region, about 500 km (300 miles) south of Moscow.

“We called the emergency services, and not one person answered the phone,” said Shibanova, a gold crucifix around her neck reflecting the nearby flames. Igor Vlasnev, head of the Voronezh region fire services, told Reuters the situation was expected to worsen on Saturday because of rising temperatures.

“Everyone is waiting, and wishing, for rain,” he said. “The forecast for tomorrow is that the situation will worsen both in terms of temperature and wind conditions, which are expected to change (on Saturday) after 7:00 pm (1500 GMT).”

Russia has been sweltering since June in a heatwave that has destroyed crops and pushed thousands of farmers to the verge of bankruptcy.—Xinhua

Favourable business climate, good return push Indonesian shares to all-time high

JAKARTA, 31 July— Favourable domestic business climate and good return resulting from public listed-companies pushed Indonesian shares to an all-time high in the last two days, an executive told Xinhua in an exclusive interview on Friday.

Anton Gunawan, executive vice president and chief economist in Bank Danamon International, one of Indonesia’s prominent banks, said that the condition has been triggering foreign capital inflow.

“We don’t have many countries with favourable business climate currently as they have not yet fully recovered from the crisis. Besides, we still have concerns about the crisis in Europe and the United States performance is declining again,” said Gunawan.

That is why, he said, foreign investors keep looking for Asian emerging markets with good performance.—Xinhua

Fireworks are seen as people celebrate the opening of the 12th China International Beer Festival in Dalian, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 29 July 2010.—Xinhua

Bob Burnquist of Brazil seems to float over palm trees during the Skateboard Big Air Final on 29 July, 2010 at the X Games, held at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.—Internet

A colony of human embryonic stem cells. Scientists have shown for the first time that it may be possible to replace a human hip or knee with a joint grown naturally inside the body using the patient’s stem cells.—Internet

A firefighter works to extinguish fire at a building outside the town of Vyksa, some 150 km (93 miles) southwest of the Volga city of Nizhny Novgorod, 29 July, 2010.—Internet

Scientists have shown that embryonic stem cells may be possible to replace a human hip or knee with a joint grown naturally inside the body using the patient’s stem cells.
Forestry Minister inspects greening project

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 July—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung toured two townships in Sagaing Division on 27 July to assist in the greening project in the arid region.

During the tour, the minister visited three villages where every household has planted three teak trees and 20 hard wood trees under the arrangement of the Forest Department as part of the greening project. Meanwhile, hard wood trees are planted on one acre in every village as part of the rural housing project and 3480 hard wood trees and 522 teak trees have been planted in ChaungU Township.

Before his tour of inspection, Minister U Thein Aung met with employees of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise and the Forest Department in Monywa and called for making efforts for achieving targets of the ministry.

The minister also inspected plywood factories and saw mills in Monywa and Sagaing during the tour.

Talks on traffic rules to be conducted in Chaungzon Tsp

Yangon, 31 July—As part of raising awareness of danger on roads, educative talks on traffic rules will be held at schools and wards in Chaungzon Township, Mon State.

Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee and Chaungzon Township Police Force have organized the campaign which will start in the first week of August in three wards, 42 villages and at schools.

Conclusion of Special Refresher Course (71) for Basic Education Teachers

Yangon, 31 July—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) held the closing of Special Refresher Course (71) for Basic Education Teachers at Yadana Theinkha Hall in its compound in Hlegu Township, here, this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein made a speech, saying that the education sector is at the heart of nurturing the youth into human resources capable of ensuring national development and safeguarding the nation.

In the process, basic and higher education sectors are being promoted in combination for improving the nation’s education into international level, education for all program, and continuous generation of highly-educated people.

Only when education projects also cover far-flung areas will it be possible to narrow then close down the development gap between one region and another.

He urged the teacher trainees to regard education promotion plans as a national duty in their charge of duties.

The minister awarded outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Auditor-General U Lan Maung, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, CSSTB members U Hla Myint and U Win Aung, heads of department, the rector, pro-rectors, deans, instructors and trainees.

Work Proficiency Course No. 38 for staff officers of township Internal Revenue Department concludes

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 July—Work Proficiency Course No. 38 for heads of township Internal Revenue Department under Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded at the department here yesterday morning, with an address by Minister U Hla Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental personnel and trainees. The minister delivered an address and awarded outstanding trainees. The four-week course covered policies, rules, regulations and procedures on finance and taxation and international taxation procedures.

Head of Pyin OoLwin District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Than Than Wai and Chairman of Mankyigaing Village Peace and Development Council U Than Lin Naing formally opened Shwe Padauk-1 Library at the village in Amarapura Township, Mandalay, on 18 July, 2010.—TOWNSHIP IPRD
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Secretary and members of the Committee for Preservation of Bodh Gaya presented replica of the pagoda, books published by the committee and a bronze Buddha Statue to the Senior General as Dhamma gifts at the committee office. Later, the Senior General signed the visitors’ book of the committee.

Next, Secretary General Agga Maha Buddhajotika Baddanta Naninda of Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery administered Nine Precepts to the congregation, and members of the Sangha recited parititas.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered robe, requisites and cash donation to the Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery. SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung presented a replica of the pagoda, books published by the committee and a bronze Buddha Statuette to the Senior General as Dhamma gifts at the committee office. Later, the Senior General signed the visitors’ book of the committee.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party paid homage to the Buddha Image in front of Aparajita Golden Throne and Bodhi Tree. Likewise, entrepreneurs who were members of the goodwill visit of the Head of State presented cash donations for construction of new building for Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery, Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association and 22 Myanmar monasteries in India at the ceremony.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family donate cash for construction of new building for Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery, Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association and 22 Myanmar monasteries in India.—MNA

They visited Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery in Gaya and donated robes, eight essential requisites and cash to 22 monasteries in the Republic of India including Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery.

The donation ceremony was opened with the recitation of three times of Namo Tassa by Sayadaw, members of the Sangha and congregation.

Myint Oo and ministers presented robes, requisites and cash donations to the members of the Sangha.

Next, the congregation led by the Senior General and wife.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family donated cash for construction of new building for Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery and Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association.

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After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered day meal to members of the Sangha led by the Sayadaw. In the afternoon, Myanmar delegation members led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left Gaya by special flight of Air India and arrived in Varanasi. They were welcomed by Divisional Commissioner Mr. Ajay Kumar Upadhyaya of Varanasi District and officials.

Next, the Senior General and wife and party went to Migadawun and paid homage to the site where Buddha delivered Dhammacakka to the five Panca Vaggi. (See page 9)
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Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Suddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Wunnadhaja of Migadawun Myanmar Monastery in Varanasi explained past existence of a pagoda at the site where Buddha delivered Dhammacakka.

The Senior General, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offered Shwekyar robe to Dhammekha Pagoda and paid homage to the pagoda. Afterwards, they offered robes and provisions to members of the Sangha led by the Sayadaw.

In the evening, the Senior General and party left Varanasi by special flight of Air India and arrived at Palam Airbase in New Delhi where Minister of State Mrs. Preneet Kaur of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and officials welcomed them.

Then they proceeded to ITC Maurya Hotel in a motorcade.

Photo shows first Sattaha Bodhi Tree and Golden Throne in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.—MNA

Photo shows second Sattaha Animisa Pagoda in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

Photo shows third Sattaha Ratanacar Krama in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

Photo shows fourth Sattaha Ratana Gara in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

Photo shows fifth Sattaha Ajapala Banyan Tree in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.
Well-wishers donate cash for building new Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery and to Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association.—MNA

Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present cash donation to Committee for Preservation of Bodh Gaya.—MNA

Images reflecting pagodas and sites of religious significance where Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited during their goodwill visit to the Republic of India.
Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyang Kyang arrive...

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When the special flight arrived at Gaya Airport, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and In-Charge Shri Anil K. Sharma of Protocol Department of the Ministry of External Affairs of India welcomed Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyang.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang and delegation members were welcomed by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Viltur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, Superintendent of Police Mr. Daljeet Singh and District Magistrate Mr. Udai Kumar at the boarding bridge.

Then two Myanmar children presented Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyang Kyang with a bouquet.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang and delegation members were welcomed by wife of Myanmar Ambassador to India Daw Mar Mar Shein, Consul-General U Sein Oo of Consulate General of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India in Kolkata and wife Daw Sandar Hlaing, staff of Myanmar Embassy and Consulate.

Department of the Ministry of External Affairs flew over to Kusinayon where they were welcomed by District Commissioner Mr. SBSL Ramdarao and officials.

Homage to the pagoda and arrived in Kusinayon Monastery where they were welcomed by local school children.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang and family paid respects to Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Suddhamapokahajjha Bhaddanta Nannisara of Kusinayon Monastery and presented robes, eight requisites and cash donations to members of Sangha.

Next, members of the Sangha led by the Sayadaw recited parittas. The Kusinayon Monastery Sayadaw presented Buddha Image, Buddha’s relics and relics casket to Senior General Than Shwe as a Dhamma gift.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang and party left Kusinayon by helicopter and arrived back in Gaya in the evening.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang and party visited Mahaparinibana Pagoda in Bodh Gaya and offered flowers, water, light and joss sticks to the Buddha Image of the pagoda.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang and party arrived back at the hotel at 9.30 p.m.
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1040 W)**

Consignee of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1040 W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1-8-2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Detailed cargo will be reported 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.

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**Pregnancy-related diabetes likely to recur**

NEW YORK, 31 July—Pregnant women with a history of pregnancy-related diabetes, also called gestational diabetes, have a good chance of developing the condition again, suggests a large new study. Researchers found that the risk of having gestational diabetes during a future pregnancy increases with each previously affected pregnancy—one — from 41 percent after the first to 57 percent after two pregnancies complicated by gestational diabetes.

Gestational diabetes typically strikes during late pregnancy and is characterized by high blood sugar that results from the body’s impaired use of insulin. While it rarely causes birth defects, complications can arise that threaten the health of both mom and baby. “Because of the insured nature of gestational diabetes, it is important to identify early those who are at risk and watch them closely during their prenatal care,” lead researcher Dr. Darios Getahun of Kaiser Permanente Southern California Medical Group, in Pasadena, told Reuters Health in an email.

**School offers different path to medicine**

NEW YORK, 31 July—A number of students are pursuing medical school through a programme that bypasses “hard science” prerequisites and rigorous entrance tests, educators say.

The Humanities and Medicine Programme at the Mount Sinai medical school in Manhattan offers places to about 35 undergraduates a year if they study humanities or social sciences instead of the traditional pre-medical school curriculum, and maintain a 3.5 grade-point average. The New York Times reported on Friday. For generations of pre-med students, the traditional path has always been organic chemistry, physics and the Medical College Admission Test, known by its dread-inducing acronym, the MCAT, the Times said.

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**The pill equally effective in obese, thin women**

NEW YORK, 31 July—Despite studies suggesting that birth control pills might not work as well in obese women, a new study suggests that they prevent pregnancy the same no matter what a woman weighs.

As long as a woman—heavy or thin—took the pill consistently, Dr. Carolyn L. Westhoff of Columbia University Medical Centre in New York City and her colleagues found, it prevented her ovaries from producing eggs. Westhoff and her team reported their findings in the August issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Studies have found that obese women are 30 to 40 percent more likely to get pregnant while taking the pill than were normal-weight women taking it, perhaps because excess weight might blunt its effectiveness. Overall contraceptive failure rates are estimated between 2 and 8 percent per year.

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**Damp house linked to kids’ risk of nasal allergies**

NEW YORK, 31 July—Children who live in damp, water-damaged homes may be more likely than other kids to develop nasal allergies, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that of nearly 1,900 Finnish children they followed for six years, those who lived in homes with dampness or mold problems were more likely to develop allergic rhinitis during the study period. Allergic rhinitis refers to symptoms of congestion, sneezing and runny nose caused by allergens such as pollen, dust, animal dander or mold.

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**Luxury goods can’t buy happiness**

BEIJING, 31 July—China’s National Bureau of Statistics has announced that the country’s economic output rose by over 10 percent in each of the past two quarters even as much of the world economy remains mired in slow growth. Another indicator of China’s rapid rebound from the global economic crisis is the sale of luxury goods, with the total amount rising to $9.4 billion by the end of last year. China now accounts for more than a quarter of the world’s purchases of luxury goods. At this pace, it will soon bypass the US to become the top market for such products after Japan, even though its per capita income is still much lower than in America. Indeed, according to Du Junfei, a professor of Nanjing University, who tracked purchases of luxury goods amount to 4 percent of consumer’s assets worldwide, the figure in China is as much as 40 percent or higher.
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MTV spokeswoman Emily Yeomans declined comment on the arrest, which came one day after the premiere of the show’s second season.

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**Country’s oldest mail carrier retires at 91**

At 91 years old, the country’s oldest mail carrier is finally hanging up his keys after driving more than 1.1 million miles delivering mail in Tennessee. According to the US Postal Service, rural carrier Manclel Prince will make one more lap of his nearly 100-mile route before he retires on Friday in Decherd.

Prince was born in Tennessee and served in World War II, the Korean War and in Vietnam before retiring as a command sergeant major after 34 years. He returned home after his military career and began working as a mail carrier.

He earned a Million-Mile Safe Driving award for 35 years of accident-free driving.

**Chinese film “Detective Dee” among Golden Lions candidates**

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**Giant South Dakota hailstone breaks US records**

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**Ohio driver in chase stopped at red lights**

Cincinnati police say a speeding driver tried to flee arrest while obeying red lights. Police said a 26-year-old woman was going 78 mph in a 55 mph zone early Friday on Interstate 75 when an officer tried to pull her over. Police said she exited the highway to drive home.

Police say that when the woman reached local streets, she drove the speed limit and stopped at red lights. They used sticks that punctured her tires, just yards from her home.

She told police she feared having her car impounded, which they did.

Police said she resisted, and they used a stun gun before charging her with resisting arrest, failing to comply with police, speeding and driving under suspension.

**Nick Afanasiev has world’s second longest tongue**

Nick Afanasiev, native of Moscow and now lived in California has become an Internet hit-scoring more than a million YouTube views by showing off tricks like licking nose, elbow, twisting and even writing messages with his “longest tongue in the US”.

Nick Afanasiev gained massive attention from San Diego’s FOX 5 television station. Afanasiev’s tongue measures just 3.5 inches, just 0.36 inches than Stephan Taylor, the man who claims bragging rights to the world record for the world’s longest tongue.

He’s hoping the attention will help further his acting career. He says that most guys tell him that he’ll be a hit with the ladies, but most girls are scared of it.

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**News Album**

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U19 restore France’s faith in football

PARIS, 31 July—A dramatic late goal from substitute Alexandre Lacazette earned hosts France a 2-1 victory over Spain in the final of the Under-19 European Championship in Caen, northern France on Friday.

The 19-year-old Lyon forward headed home bravely from close range in the 85th minute to complete a stirring comeback that restored some gloss to French football after the embarrassment of the senior side’s World Cup fiasco.

“It’s magic, it’s magnificent!” said France World Cup midfielder Samir Nasri.

France restored their 2-1 lead with Steve Coppell’s side and will watch their pre-season friendly against Blackpool at Ashton Gate on Saturday.

Former Liverpool, Aston Villa and Manchester City star James, who has 53 caps for his country, played three times for England at the World Cup, including their 4-1 last 16 defeat against Germany.

The 39-year-old, who was available on a free transfer after leaving Portsmouth, passed a medical and win title to sign the 23-year-old, leaving Wenger with the possibility of having an unhappy player on his hands if the transfer doesn’t happen.

Wenger tells Fabregas to stay

LONDON, 31 July—Arsene Wenger has told unsettled captain Cesc Fabregas to forget about a dream move to Barcelona and focus on helping Arsenal win the Premier League.

Wenger is determined to keep Fabregas even though the Spain midfielder has made it clear he would love to return to the club he left to join Arsenal as a teenager. Barca have gone public with their interest in Fabregas and are willing to pay around 30 million pounds (36 million euros) to land him.

French forward Alexandre Lacazette celebrates after scoring France’s victory goal against Spain. Internet

England ‘keeper James joins Bristol City

BRISTOL, 31 July—England goalkeeper David James completed a surprise switch to second tier side Bristol City on Friday.

James agreed a one-year contract with an option for a further year’s extension after rejecting interest from Scottish giants Celtic because he preferred to join a team near his Devon home.

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Khedira was under contract with Stuttgart until 2011. The defensive midfielder played seven matches during the World Cup in South Africa and scored the winning goal in the third-place play-off against Uruguay.

Langer shoots 68, takes early second-round lead

SAMMAMISH, 31 July—Bernhard Langer overcame a shaky front nine with an eagle and birdie on the back nine Friday to take the clubhouse lead at 3 under in the second round of the US Senior Open.

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“You never quite know. It’s the type of golf course that any hole can get to you,” Langer said. “You just got to be careful and hit good shots.”

Langer trailed first-round leader Bruce Vaughan by a shot. Vaughan had a late tee time on Friday.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 July—Bruno Souza, a Brazilian star goalkeeper suspected of having his ex-girlfriend killed, was on Friday formally charged with her murder, officials said.

The footballer, who played for Rio de Janeiro’s Flamengo team, was also charged with kidnapping, hiding a body, forming a criminal gang and corrupting minors, police in the state of Minas Gerais told a media conference.

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Mallorca, who were excluded from the competition last week on the grounds that they have failed to meet the financial criteria set down by UEFA for clubs wishing to enter European competitions, indicated that they would appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).—Internet

City defender Garrido joins Lazio

MANCHESTER, 31 July—Spanish defender Javier Garrido has joined Italian club Lazio from Manchester City, the Premier League club announced on Friday.

Garrido moved to City for 1.5 million pounds from Real Sociedad in 2007 but struggled to establish himself as a first-team regular at Eastlands.

The arrival of defenders Jerome Boateng and Alexander Kolarov during pre-season meant Garrido was pushed even further out of City’s plans and boss Roberto Mancini has allowed him to leave.

A statement on Manchester City’s website confirmed: “Javier Garrido has joined Serie A club Lazio after three years with City. He leaves for Italy with the best wishes of everyone at the club.”—Internet

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Moderate earthquake hits western Nicaragua

MASQUÍA, 31 July—A magnitude-5.0 earthquake hit the western coast of Nicaragua on Friday, with no immediate reports of casualties or damage. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the quake occurred on Friday morning, at about 8:43 local time (2443 GMT). The epicentre was located some 75 kilometres southwest of the country’s capital Managua, at a depth of 96.2 kilometres. The tremor was strongly felt in Managua. In 1972, a strong earthquake devastated the Nicaraguan capital, killing at least 10,000 people according to official estimates. —Xinhua

WEATHER

Saturday, 31 July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been fairly widespread in Lower Sagain, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeawyady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Nya Pyi Taw (1.18) inches, Maub (3.62) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.95) inches, Pyapon (2.94) inches, Sittwe, and Launglon (2.76) inches each, Falam (2.13) inches and Magway (1.50) inches. Maximum temperature on 30-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 31-7-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours M.S.T. on 31-7-2010 was 85%. Total sun shine hours on 30-7-2010 was (2.7) hours. Rainfall on 31-7-2010 was (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.75) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.48) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (41.81) inches at Mingaladon, (47.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (56.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (11:30) hours M.S.T. on 30-7-2010.

Bay Inference: M. Onsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st August 2010: Rain or thunder-showers will be scattered in Kayah State, Lower Sagain, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States and upper Sagain Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeawyady and Taninthisay Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong M. Onsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-8-2010: One or Two rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-8-2010: One or Two rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-8-2010: Isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful
Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive in Gaya, India

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing accompanied by delegation members left here for India by special flight of MAI at 9 a.m. on 25 July to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and entourage: Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thaung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Nyan Win, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Pang Soe and departmental heads arrived in Gaya of the Republic of India at 10 a.m. local standard time.

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