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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Tuesday, 10 August, 2010**

**Ensure environmentally sustainable development**

Climate patterns rest mainly on forests. Deforestation is followed by climate changes such as unusual heat and coldness.

Climate changes have severe effects to agriculture and cause food problems. Therefore, we have to conserve woodlands.

Forests are essential for conservation of biodiversity. In Myanmar, geographical features and natural ecology of the environment are harmonious with all living things in it.

Today, the world is facing climate changes, considerable damage to the natural ecology of the environment, depletion of ozone layer and deforestation due to excessive emission of carbon dioxide cases.

Accordingly, Myanmar is doing everything possible for environmental conservation such as establishment of natural sanctuaries, forest reserves, protected forests and plantations, organizing monsoon tree-planting ceremonies, conservation of watershed areas, and implementation of projects to get rid of slash and burn farming in states and divisions.

Conservation of vegetation, growing trees and forestation bring a lot of benefits to human beings as well as, crops, fruits, trees of various kinds and natural beauty.

In accordance with the motto “Grow trees yearly for economic growth”, the people have to grow trees on a broader scale and conserve forests for environmentally sustainable development.

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**UEC Chairman U Thein Soe makes a speech in meeting with members of division/district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions in Taninthayi Division.**

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—**Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe met members of subcommissions from districts, townships, wards and village-tracts in Taninthayi Division at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 7 August.

Chairman U Thein Soe made a speech. Chairman U Tin Aung Win of Taninthayi Division Election Subcommission gave an account of ongoing electoral works.

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**Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister back from Kuwait**

**First bilateral consultations between two foreign ministries of Myanmar and Kuwait in progress.**

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—**Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back on 6 August after paying an official visit to the State of Kuwait from 3 to 5 August.

In accordance with the MoU on the establishment of bilateral consultations between Myanmar and Kuwait which was signed during the goodwill visit of Kuwait Prime Minister to Myanmar in August, 2008, the first bilateral consultations between the two foreign ministries of Myanmar and Kuwait was held at the conference room of the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry on 4 August. Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Kuwaiti Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Ali Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah led the bilateral consultations.

The two deputy foreign ministers had a frank and cordial discussion on further strengthening the existing friendly relations as well as promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in a wide ranging area of trade and investment, cultural, educational, and technical cooperation. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues.

Furthermore, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint briefed his counterpart on recent political developments in Myanmar including the progress of preparations for the forthcoming general elections.

After the meeting, the Kuwaiti Undersecretary hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint inspected Myanmar Embassy on 3 August evening and met Charge d’Affaires U Khin Maung Lynn, staff and their families, and gave necessary instructions.

Director-General of the Planning and Administrative Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Tin Soe and other members of the Myanmar delegation also arrived back with the deputy minister. — MNA
Explosion rocks Herat city in W Afghanistan, kills four police

HERAT, 9 Aug—A powerful blast rocked Herat city in west Afghanistan on Sunday, police said.

"It was a suicide attack against the provincial police chief but he survived," a police officer told Xinhua but declined to be identified.

Meantime, deputy to provincial police chief Zia Din Mahmoudi told journalists at the site that four policemen including a female officer were killed and another injured.

He also said that the suicide bomber used explosive-laden car in the attack was also killed in the blast.

The incident occurred at 02:30 pm local time on a road leading to Herat airport and the target was a police convoy, he further said.

However, he did not say if there were any casualties on civilians, but blamed the enemies of peace, a term used against Taliban militants, for the attack.

Taliban insurgents who have vowed to intensify attacks this year in the post-Taliban Afghanistan have yet to make comment.

Five PKK rebels killed in clash in southeast Turkey

ANKARA, 9 Aug—Five members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) were killed and two soldiers of the Turkish security forces were injured in an armed clash between the PKK militants and the Turkish troops in southeastern Turkey, an official statement said on Monday.

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Science

Elephant tooth fossil found in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 9 Aug—Scientists in Brazil say a fossil of an elephant’s tooth found in the Amazon jungle proves the presence of pachyderms in South America some 45,000 years ago, a report said on Tuesday. “Only elephants and capybaras (large rodents) have teeth with this kind of laminate structure, but those of capybaras are no longer than five centimeters (two inches),” while the fossil measured 12 centimeters, said paleontologist Mario Cozzoli in the daily Folha de Sao Paulo. Previous evidence showed that elephants had reached Costa Rica, in Central America, but no further south, said the expert from the Federal University of Minas Gerais. The fossil was discovered at the start of the 1990s by a precious metals researcher, but a university student only noticed its laminate structure years later. Internet

High temp recorded at lowest spot on Earth

JERUSALEM, 9 Aug—Global warming or not, the weather this summer is steaming all over. But an especially hellish high was reached over the weekend at the lowest spot on Earth: the Dead Sea. That mercury-scorching high broke a 70-year record, according to meteorologists, and is second only to the highest-ever Israeli record of 54 degrees Celsius measured in the northern Jordan Valley in the summer of 1942. Crop workers in the nearby fields of Israel’s Kibbutz Almog, still labored in 51.4 degrees Celsius heat, according to Israel Channel Two television. The week-long Middle East swelter is expected to break on Sunday night, and temperatures are expected to continue to fall in coming days. Internet

Washington vows no slack-off in Gulf oil cleanup

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The government vowed on Sunday that operations to completely clean up BP’s Gulf of Mexico oil spill and compensate those affected would not slack off despite the success in halting the leak. Some Gulf Coast beaches and fisheries were reopening after the world’s worst offshore oil accident, as optimism grew for a final kill of the blown-out BP well this month, the top US spill response official said on Sunday news shows. But in comments aimed at reassuring anxious Gulf Coast residents worried about their future livelihoods, response chief retired Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, and White House Energy Adviser Carol Browner, acknowledged that much still remained to be done to restore the oil-hit coastal region. “We see this as a phase and not the end by any means,” Browner said. “This has been the largest environmental response in the history of this nation and it will continue until it’s done,” Allen said. Allen said the “bottom kill” process should start “later on this week.” Internet

Technology

The inmates take over in Batman

LONDON, 9 Aug—At last year’s SpikeTV Video Game Awards, gaming fans, critics and journalists were wowed by a teaser trailer for a sequel to the popular “Batman: Arkham Asylum” game that itself wowed the industry after its 2009 release. Beginning at the infamous Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane, a psych-hospital/labyrinth popularized in DC Comics’ “Batman” line of books, the trailer eventually panned out to reveal Batman’s Gotham City homebase all but overrun by the Asylum’s inmates—all of the Dark Knight’s greatest foes. On Thursday, 5 August, Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment (WBIE) and DC Entertainment announced the title of the game, “Batman: Arkham City,” due out for major consoles and PC in Fall 2011. Internet

Internet lifestyles leave digital estates for descendants

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Aug—As lives move increasingly online, Legacy Locker is building virtual safe-deposit boxes where people can leave digital estates for descendants. “Today, you get a shoe box full of pictures; tomorrow you will get a Flickr account,” LegacyLocker.com founder Jeremy Toeman said. “Today, you get a diary; tomorrow you will get a blog.” Legacy Locker is used primarily as an online strong box for Internet account passwords but is building tools to fulfill the vision of being a secure online repository for people’s virtual estates, according to Toeman. Internet

3D computer graphics

NEW YORK, 9 Aug—3D computer graphics (in contrast to 2D computer graphics) are graphics that utilize a three-dimensional representation of geometric data that is stored in the computer for the purposes of performing calculations and rendering 2D images. Such images may be for later display or for real-time viewing. In computer graphics software, the distinction between 2D and 3D is occasionally blurred; 2D applications may use 3D techniques to achieve effects such as lighting, and primarily 3D may use 2D rendering techniques. 3D computer graphics are often referred to as 3D models. A 3D model is the mathematical representa-tion of any three-dimensional object (either inanimate or living). A model is not technically a graphic until it is visually displayed. Due to 3D printing, 3D models are not confined to virtual space. A model can be displayed visually as a two-dimensional image through a process called 3D rendering, or used in non-graphical computer simulations and calculations. Internet
**Health**

**Mexico extends health insurance coverage**

MEXICO CITY, 9 Aug—Mexican Health Ministry have been spending 36.8 billion pesos (789 million US dollars) in the first half of the year, said the Mexican Health Ministry on Friday. The ministry said there are 36.8 million subscribers to the Social Health Protection System (SPSS) created in 2004. The SPSS targets Mexico’s low-income population, especially those living in rural areas. The National SPSS Commission seeks out citizens not covered by Mexico’s multiple health care systems and provides them with health insurance. According to the Health Ministry, the SPSS Catastrophic Spending Protection Fund paid out 5.1 billion pesos (789 million US dollars) to subscribers in the first half of the year. The ministry added that over 2.5 billion pesos (197 million dollars) have been spent in fighting H1N1 flu, a pandemic that added that over 2.5 billion pesos (197 million dollars) to subscribers in the first half of the year. The ministry said the man also had meningitis. A health department spokeswoman said she didn’t know when the man was admitted.

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**Health tips: What is the most usual cause of back pain?**

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**Business**

**China’s stocks open slightly lower on Monday**

BEIJING, 9 Aug—China’s stocks opened slightly lower on Monday with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index down 0.08 percent to open at 2,656.36.

The Shenzhen Component Index dropped 0.17 percent to open at 10,923.89.—Xinhua

**Hong Kong stocks open lower on 9 Aug**

HONG KONG, 9 Aug—Hong Kong stocks fell 38.27 points, or 0.18 percent to open at 21,640.53 on Monday.—Xinhua

**FTSE closes lower on poor US jobs data**

LONDON, 9 Aug—Leading shares in London closed lower on Friday after a much weaker-than-expected US jobs report added to growing concerns the US economic recovery is faltering.

The benchmark FTSE 100 index lost 0.62 percent to close at 5,332.39 points.

The US economy shed 131,000 jobs in July as private sector gains of 71,000 were offset by a government layoff of 143,000 temporary census-takers, with analysts warning that the labour market may take years to get back on its feet.

Lloyds Banking Group (LBG) was the most traded stock, seeing 250 million shares switch owners, followed by Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), which saw 192 million units change hands.

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**Singapore’s economy grows 17.9 pct in H1**

SINGAPORE, 9 Aug—Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Sunday that the country’s economy grew 17.9 percent in the first six months of this year, and the government is forecasting full-year growth of between 13 percent to 15 percent.

Delivering the National Day Message, Lee said that the exceptional performance in the first half of this year is the fruit of Singaporeans’ united response during the crisis, which enabled Singapore to take full advantage of improved global conditions. But he also cautioned that risks remain in the world economy, especially in Europe and the United States.

“The global financial system is not fully mended. Singapore is small and open. If the world economy turns bad, we will be buffeted. We need to stay vigilant and watch the developments worldwide,” Lee said. He added that Singaporeans cannot expect to repeat this year’s sterling performance year after year, but the country can continue to grow its economy with sustained effort.

Xinhua

**Dale Jones, 73, a lifelong resident of Sturgis, S.D., chats on the phone with a friend on Sturgis’ Main Street as the famed Sturgis Motorcycle Rally gets underway. Jones’ Honda Metropolitan scooter stands out among the thousands of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.**

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**Internet**
Germany looking into Nazi criminal’s case

BERLIN, 9 Aug—Germany’s Justice Ministry says it is looking into the possibility of jailing an 88-year-old man more than 60 years after his conviction for Nazi war crimes in the Netherlands.

Spokesman Ulrich Staudigl said Monday that ministry experts think enforcing the Dutch life sentence against former SS member Klaus Carel Faber for multiple Nazi murders might still be an option.

He says the ministry has asked authorities in Bavaria to look into the case again.

Faber is number 5 of the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s “most wanted Nazi war criminals.”

The Center says Faber fled to Germany in 1952 from a life prison term in the Netherlands. German authorities decided not to extradite or try him. Faber has lived in Bavaria as a free man for decades.

Image of new antibiotic in action opens up new opportunities to combat antibacterial resistance

ScienceDaily, 9 Aug—New detailed pictures reveal how a new type of experimental antibiotic can kill bacteria that are already resistant to existing treatments.

The findings could ultimately help scientists to develop new antibiotics to tackle the bacteria responsible for many hospital and community-acquired infections.

Using an imaging technique called x-ray crystallography, a team of researchers from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) captured a snapshot of the new compound latched on to the enzyme topoisomerase. This enzyme is part of the bacterium’s internal machinery and helps the bacteria produce proteins and replicate. Stopping this enzyme prevents the bacteria from reproducing.

Medicines, known as the quinolones, that target the enzyme have been used successfully as antibiotics since 1962, however bacteria are increasingly developing resistance to this class of drugs.

By looking at x-ray images, the team have demonstrated that the new investigational molecule attaches to the enzyme in a different place to the quinolones, enabling it to stop the same bacteria that are resistant to these older treatments.

The research is published in the journal Nature, and is the result of two unique collaborations between GSK and the Wellcome Trust’s Seeding Drug Discovery initiative and the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

Bone drug suppresses wandering tumor cells in breast cancer patients; may reduce metastatic disease

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The bone-strengthening drug zoledronic acid (Zometa) can help fight metastatic breast cancer when given before surgery, suggests research at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

When the drug was given along with chemotherapy for three months before breast cancer surgery, it reduced the number of women who had tumor cells in their bone marrow at the time of surgery.

Every day, tumors shed thousands of cells, which spread throughout the body and are referred to as disseminated tumor cells (DTCs). Breast cancer DTCs often lodge in bone marrow, exacerbating the problem of bone turnover and bone destruction.

Zoledronic acid attaches to the enzyme in a tight rein on personal spending.

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Bangkok, 9 Aug—Oil prices rose slightly Monday in Asia, clawing back part of a big fall triggered by weak US jobs figures as regional stock markets steadied.

Benchmark crude for September delivery was up 31 cents at $81.01 a barrel at late morning Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell $1.31 Friday to settle at $80.70.

Oil’s fall on Friday was sparked by a Labor Department report that showed private employers hired 71,000 workers in July — way below the level needed to lower the unemployment rate which remained stuck at 9.5 percent.

That suggests US demand for fuel will remain subdued as Americans keep a tight rein on personal spending.

Asian stock markets were initially mixed Monday as investors absorbed the jobs figures but most indexes later moved into positive territory.

In other Nymex trading in September contracts, heating oil rose 0.93 cent to $2.1565 a gallon, gasoline gained 0.73 cent to $2.12 a gallon and natural gas added 1 cents to 4.477 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Brent crude was up 33 cents at $80.49 a barrel on the ICE futures exchange.

Japan’s current account surplus falls 18.2% on year in June

Tokyo, 9 Aug—Japan’s current account surplus fell 18.2% in June on year, the Ministry of Finance said in a report on Monday. According to the report, the surplus stood at 1,047.1 billion yen (12.25 billion US dollars) in the recording and for the first six months of 2010, the balance totaled a surplus of 8.53 trillion yen (99.82 billion US dollars), which is a 47.3 percent increase from the same period a year earlier.

A current account surplus increases Japan’s net foreign assets by the corresponding amount.

Both government and private payments are included in the calculation and it is called the current account because goods and services are generally consumed in the current period.

Oil puts above $81 as stock markets steady

In this photo provided by the NTSB, a section of the pipeline that ruptured and spewed oil into a southern Michigan river is shown. The rupture extends approximately 6 1/2 feet longitudinally with the widest portion of the opening measuring 4 1/2 inches.

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—A giant ice island has broken off the Petermann Glacier in northern Greenland. A University of Delaware researcher says the floating ice sheet covers 100 square miles — more than four times the size of New York’s Manhattan Island. Andreas Muenchow, who is studying the Nares Strait between Greenland and Canada, said the ice sheet broke off early Thursday. He says the new ice island was discovered by Trudy Wohlleben of the Canadian Ice Service.

Not since 1962 has such a large chunk of ice calved in the Arctic, but researchers have noticed cracks in recent months in the floating tongue of the glacier.
Let’s keep taking strides till we achieve democracy goal

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It is a long time this public warning has been stated both in daily newspapers and on TV. Authorities are constantly warning the people of fabricated news stories made up by trickery radio stations. Yet, those pessimistic radio stations do not seem to slow down their airing distorted news designed to deceive the people. Therefore, the people should not allow themselves to be swayed by their made-up broadcasts.

There is no secret that western radio stations are circulating among the people, but constantly airing news from unreliable sources, distorted news stories, made-up stories and double-dealing stories. They have done so since late 1988 with the intent to break up our country, incite conflicts among national people following disunity, and put the nation under the yoke of western neo-colonial powers. That has come to the knowledge of the people.

These days, those western radio stations are airing some awkward news stories, which are quite irritating to my ears. It will be endless if I refute all the news stories they have broadcast. So, I want to rebut two of the stories. In the evening news on 21 July, BBC aired an interview with expatriate Aung Lin Htin in the programme “Exchange views with free talks” regarding the tasks before and after the cyclone “Nargis”. He said that before the storm, the then Director General of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department U Tun Lwin called on State leaders, but he was not received, and in consequence, he was in no position to issue the report on the forthcoming natural disaster for public warning.

The programme was particularly designed to disgrace the government’s performances in the post-Nargis period and commit sedition.

In reality, Aung Lin Htin is just a dissident who has betrayed the nation and the people, and dares not return to the motherland. He is also an axe-handle who has left his mother unit and mother country in crass ingratitude. And he is manufacturing fabricated news for political asylum and meals in a foreign country. He has said so many times as if he had ever read minutes while he was in service, and he had firsthand knowledge of many secrets because he served in the inner circle. Now, he no longer takes into consideration the interests of the nation and the people. He has been a puppet dancing to the tune of the western power.

Without doubt, there is no grain of truth in his words. The people of us understand that his words are intended to ruin the image of the nation and sow hatred among the people. As I thought, according to a news agency, retired Director General U Tun Lwin said that the accusation was absolutely not; that he did not say so at all; that he did not call on State leaders nor had he ever met them; that the accusation against him was designed to harm the people’s admiration for the government, at the expense of his reputation; and that he would send an open letter to BBC. On 5 August, he sent an open letter to BBC to reject all the news stories as said above.

Another broadcast was about the regiments in Yemon. He said that in eight regiments under LID (88) in Yemon, soldiers committed acts of insubordination because they were not allowed to withdraw their money they had saved; and that they were refusing to accept the negotiation of Nay Pyi Taw. He also said that Yemon regiments were surrounded by 400 troops of Nay Pyi Taw. Later, he said that the regiments were surrounded by 700 troops. The one who gave the news was BBC correspondent U Than of Songkhalaburi, who does not know anything about Myanmar Tatmadaw. Previously, U Than constantly sent distorted news about the regiments in Inmmna and Bago with the intention of dividing the Tatmadaw. Then, he provided groundless news about the DJs in Hsinde, Hnoho, to break up the Tatmadaw. What he said in that regard was all wrong.

According to my enquiry, the whole Yemon station remained stable. There were no insubordination, nor was the station surrounded by any troops. In the station, activities went as usual. In fact, without any knowledge of the formation of armed forces and attitudes of servicemen, the radio stations are making up stories to the liking of internal axe-handles to undermine the unity of armed forces and break up the Tatmadaw.

Despite its knowledge, BBC is happy to air such baseless news stories from internal and external axe-handles and puppets under the domination of the West Bloc. Their real intention is to cause disintegration of national unity and public panic and to deal a devastating blow to the Tatmadaw following grave sedition. And they are instigating na"i"ve people under the influence of the west to take to the streets. Therefore, it is required of the people to know well their real intention.

It is crystal clear that the activities of internal and external axe-handles, puppets under the thumb of the west, and BBC are intended to make the people get in a state of panic, to disrupt stability, peace and national development, and to weaken the Tatmadaw following grave sedition. So many times, axe-handles inside and outside the nation in collusion with certain foreign radio stations have troubled the nation and the people and tried to break up the Tatmadaw. However, their fabricated news stories dwindle away as soon as the truth is out.

As it known to all, anti-government groups and BBC deceived the people in the 1988 unrest. BBC correspondent Christopher Guinness made up an interview to get the mob run wilder. The BBC correspondent, Nay Min, Htay Aung, Htay Kywe and Ko Ko Lat persuaded Red Cross member Ma Aye Nyein Thu, who at the time was giving voluntary service in Yangon General Hospital to record their prepared script. Falling into the snare set by BBC, Ma Aye Nyein Thu said in the interview to the liking of BBC that she and many other girl students were arrested and raped in Insein Prison by warders. It was BBC that aired the made-up interview programme repeatedly. Only after the 1988 affairs, did she publicly admit that she said as directed by Ko Ko Lat, Htay Kywe and the BBC correspondent; that she was not put behind bars nor was she raped. There are a great number of similar evidences. I would say BBC’s broadcasts are all baseless.

The broadcasts by western radio stations including BBC are designed to deter the people of us from forming as a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State’s seven-step Road Map. Being neo-colonialists, they use absconders, expatriates and national axe-handles from their targeted countries to harm their mother countries, brand them democracy activists and providing them with incentives of funds. National axe-handles have no other choices but to criticize and insult their own country and people in consideration of the small funds they have been provided with. They are indeed foolish people, but they deserve pity in some way.

Now, multiparty democracy general elections, the fifth step of the Road Map, are drawing near. The nearer the elections are drawing, the more anti-government groups and the west use anti-government radio stations. That is the fact the people of us must be aware of. However, there is no need to worry about that if we are vigilant against their plots. Their broadcasts will not be effective if the entire people all understand that such news stories are totally baseless.

Therefore, I would say that as for the people who are worried that the democracy goal, which is now within the touching distance, may be diverted away from its course, they should not place any reliance on such groundless news. In this regard, they should all notice the fabrications and take care in order not to be caught in their tricks. Surely, they will continue to do tricks. So, the people have to mind our own business and not to pay any attention to their broadcasts.

Frankly, the mottos “VOA, BBC – sowing hatred among the people”, “RFA, DVB – generating public outrage”, and “Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles” stated in daily issues and on TV daily are all true. They are stated to remind the people of the dangers of their stories. I am confident that they will have to suffer for what they have done for decades to trouble and irritate the people. Anyhow, the people of us are under a responsibility to continue to work hard till we reach the democracy goal, which is now within the touching distance.

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to the farms through biogas and establishment of livestock breeding zone that can contribute towards regional food sufficiency.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected model nursery for pasture in the zone, lead trees to be used as feedstuff and shade and wind-breaker trees.

The Prime Minister visited the Veterinary Clinic of LBVD and gave necessary instructions.

The Prime Minister and party also visited Neobrown chicken farm of U Sai Lon and Lapyaewun Yadana Aung cow farm of U Kwal Chein.

Next, they looked into progress of construction of farms and works to be done from the viewpoint and left there for Taunggyi.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein, together with ministers, deputy ministers and heads of departments, left Heho for Lashio of Shan State (North) by air at 9 am today.

The Prime Minister and entourage, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and heads of department, left Lashio for Hsipaw Bridge Project in a motorcade at 9.45 am.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported to the Prime Minister on the technical assistance by the ministry for the construction of the Hsipaw Bridge.

Chairman U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Company explained the progress in construction of the bridge and Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut submitted a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister called for meeting set standards and carrying out intensive quality checks in every stage of construction as the road on which the bridge is being constructed is the main one for border trade.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the construction site of Hsipaw Bridge and pontoon bridge spanning Dokhtawady River.

The bridge is of reinforced concrete and steel girder type with RC bore piles foundation. The bridge is 569-ft long and 38-ft wide with two 5-foot-wide pedestrian walkways on it. It can withstand 60 tons of loads per vehicle. Sixty-five per cent of the construction has been completed yet.

The Prime Minister and party visited 10-acre Dragon fruit plantation cooperatively grown by Myanma Agricultural Service and Big M Group Service Company.

Officials conducted the Prime Minister around one-acre tissue banana test plantation in No (1) Kone Myint Agricultural Zone in No (1) ward of Lashio. The Prime Minister and entourage viewed the high standard tea leaf products from Tangyan region on display in Shweli Yeiktha. The Prime Minister and party left Lashio by air and arrived back here in this evening.—MNA

Labour Minister inspects freight handling works in Kyimyindine Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi met Central Inland Freight Handling workers of Chaungwa and Kattu branches and called for the responsible persons to take care of workers safely in the work site in Kyimyindine Township on 7 August. The minister then looked into work progress.

He met officers, supervisors and staff from Central Inland Freight Handling Committees of Yangon six townships at the hall of CIFHC, Kyimyindine and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA
It was got at 4.25 pm on 26 June in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State and was sent to Nay Pyi Taw today. It is about 38 years old, seven feet and four inches tall and its girth is 10 feet and 11 inches.

The white elephant is living happily at White Elephant Hall on sacred ground of Uppatasanti Pagoda with its companions.

Eighteen monks led by Presiding Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Ratta Guru Bhaddanta Pannasiri of Ngwetaung Tawya Monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon recited Parittas at White Elephant Hall on sacred ground of Uppatasanti Pagoda at 5.30 a.m. yesterday.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Singaporean Ambas- sador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong at the reception to mark 45th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore on 9 August.—MNA

Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint addresses Meeting (1/2010) of National Culture and Fine Arts Universities Council.—MNA

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint making speech at opening of Refresher Course (2/2010) for doctors and dentists.—MNA

Refresher Course (2/2010) for doctors and dentists opens

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— The opening of Refresher Course (2/2010) for doctors and dentists of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health was held at the main hall of Nursing University (Yangon) here on 7 August, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, the directors-general of the ministry, the president of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science, the chairman of Myanmar Medical Council, the chairman of Myanmar Dental and Oral Council, chairman of Myanmar Medical Association and Myanmar Dental Association and officials, rectors, professors/heads, medical superintendents, guests and trainees.

In his address, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint stressed the need to follow the medical ethics and procedures systematically in providing health care services and to make constant learning to be able to catch up modern medicine. He called for greater collaboration between the doctors and the ministry in carrying out public health care services.

Next, the minister and party went to University of Dental (Yangon) and delivered an address in meeting with trainees of Refresher Course (2/2010).

The minister together with the directors-general and officials visited worksite of construction of 550-bed Children Hospital on Thitsar Street in Kanbe Ward in Yankin Township. —MNA
Indian Navy to procure 56 helicopters worth 1.5 bln USD

MUMBAI, 9 Aug—The Indian Navy will buy fifty-six light utility helicopters (LUH) worth nearly 70 billion rupee (about 1.5 billion U.S. dollars) to improve the aerial combat capability over the sea, local media reported on Sunday. The purchase of naval LUH has been recently cleared by the Defense Acquisition Council, said Indian newspaper Daily News and Analysis. The Indian Navy will choose the new type of helicopter from several modern types of helicopters among the EU, Russia and the United States, the report said. The new naval type of the LUH should be driven by twin engines with a good survivability, and be designed with the modern airframe and structure. Besides, it should be equipped with the fully-integrated sophisticated avionics and can operate during day and night. It will also have the capability of flight in adverse conditions, such as snow, sleet, storm, sand and slush, according to the report. The new naval helicopters will be deployed on the Indian shore bases to carry out the coastal operations, such as patrol, search and rescue, reconnaissance and surveillance. They will also be capable of taking off and landing from the decks of warships, including frigates, destroyers and the aircraft carriers. If necessary, the new helicopters will be able to strike the surface warships with the anti-ship missiles, and carry out the anti-submarine operations with torpedoes and depth bombs, an Indian Navy’s official said.

An Israeli girl dances in a park in Jerusalem during her summer vacation, 8 Aug, 2010. In Israel, summer vacation for middle school (7th-10th grade) and high school (10th-12th grade) students starts from 20 June. Lower grades (1st-6th grade) students’ vacation starts on 30 June. It lasts till the end of August.

Suspected food poisoning sickens at least 80 villagers in SW China town

NANNING, 9 Aug—More than 80 villagers have sought medication as of 7 p.m. Sunday after eating at a banquet following a funeral Saturday in southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, local authorities said Sunday. The public clinic in Dongqi Township has been taking in villagers suffering from stomachaches and diarrhea since late Saturday, which doctors said was possibly caused by food poisoning, a spokesman with the public clinic in Dongqi Township said Sunday. A preliminary investigation showed that the patients all ate at a dinner following the funeral of a local surnamed Koseoglu, said the report, adding that the dinner was held in Akcagoze village, said the report, adding that four of them are seriously wounded, said an official with the People’s Hospital and the public clinic in Dongqi Township.

Bridegroom kills three in his wedding in SW Turkey

ANKARA, 9 Aug—Bridegroom Tevfik Altun fired a gun into the air and accidentally killed his three relatives and wounded eight others in a wedding ceremony in Turkey’s southeast province of Gaziantep on Sunday, the semi-official official said. Tevfik Altun’s father Arif Altun and his two aunts Yasemin Koseoglou and Munire Koseoglou died though the medical intervention, according to the report. His relatives gave a Kalashnikov to Tevfik Altun when he arrived at the wedding place in Akcagoze village, said the report, adding that Altun started a serial firing into the air with the gun and fired on the crowd. Eight people were injured in the gun fire and four of them are seriously wounded, said the report, adding that Tevfik Altun is taken into custody. The wounded were taken to nearby hospitals for medical treatment, said the report, adding that Turkish police are trying to calm Altun’s relatives down.

Iran launches four submarines in Persian Gulf

TEHERAN, 9 Aug—Iran announced on Sunday that it has launched four domestically-made mini-submarines in the Persian Gulf. Iran’s Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Reza Vahidi hailed the occasion as a sign of progress in Iranian military ingenuity, local satellite Press TV reported. Vahidi said that the stealth submarine is capable of launching torpedoes as well as precision targeting, the report said. “The mass production of this strategic vessel has been carried out with the aim of increasing the defense capabilities of the Naval Forces, “and today four advanced Ghadir submarines joined the Iranian naval fleet,” Vahidi was quoted as saying. “With the mass production of this submarine alongside various guided-missile launchers the country’s defensive production chain is complete, and these capabilities will be used to serve peace, stability and security in the Persian Gulf region and the Sea of Oman,” said Vahidi. Referring to the military presence of some western countries in the Persian Gulf, he said there is “no need for the presence of outside forces” in the region.

Muni subway shut down for three hours

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Aug—Train service was suspended for more than three hours on Sunday along San Francisco’s busiest subway route due to a malfunctioning traffic signal. The Municipal Transportation Agency halted trains between the West Portal and Embarcadero stations at 11:30 a.m. because of a faulty traffic light at the Church station, said Muni spokesman Paul Rose. Stranded passengers were routed onto buses, Rose said. Four subway lines—the L, M, K and T—were affected.

Oscar-winning actress Patrick Neal dies at 84

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Oscar-winning actress Patricia Neal, who won an Oscar in 1964 for ‘Hud’ and later fought back from crippling strokes, has died of lung cancer at her home on Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, on Sunday. She was 84.

A group of volunteers attend a handing over ceremony at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 8 Aug, 2010. The seventh and the eighth batch of volunteers held a handing over ceremony in the World Expo Park as Shanghai Expo marks 100th day Sunday.

New Iranian Ghadir-class submarines are unveiled during a ceremony in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas. Iran’s navy took delivery of four new mini submarines of the home-produced Ghadir class.—INTERNET

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People attend a ceremony to mark the 65th anniversary of the US atomic bomb attack in the waning days of World War II in Nagasaki, Southern Japan, on Monday, 9 Aug. 2010.

**United States dropped atomic bomb on the southern Japanese city on 9 Aug, 1945, in the waning days of World War II. Nagasaki was flattened three days after the United States detonated its first nuclear bomb on Hiroshima. About 80,000 people were killed in Nagasaki, while some 140,000 people were killed or died within months in Hiroshima. Japan surrendered on 15 Aug, ending World War II. The Nagasaki ceremony began with a chorus of aging survivors of the atomic bombing and Mayor Tomihisa Taue calling for a nuclear-free world. 

“Nagasaki, together with Hiroshima, will continue to make the utmost efforts until the world gets rid of all nuclear weapons,” he said.

While the United States sent Ambassador John Roos as the country’s first delegate to Friday’s memorial ceremony in Hiroshima, it did not dispatch a representative to the Nagasaki anniversary.

**More Emirati men marry foreigners to save money

**ABU DHABI, 9 Aug— More male citizens of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are choosing to marry foreigners as it costs them a quarter of what they would spend on just the dowry of an Emirati bride, a local English daily reported on Monday.

Figures from the Dubai Statistics Center showed that the number of marriages between Emirates and foreigners rose 10 percent to 539 between 2007 and 2009, while the number of marriages between two Emiratis dropped 2 percent to 1,178, The National said. The statistics, which are for Dubai only, are based on an annual report from Dubai Courts. “A lot of people in the UAE complain that families of the Emirati woman demand a large amount of dowry and a wedding in an expensive hotel, so they end up opting for the foreigner,” Fawzya Tareef Rabee, director of family development at the Ministry of Social Affairs, was quoted as saying.

**German pilot dies in helicopter crash near Minsk

**MOOSKH, 9 Aug— A helicopter crashed Sunday during the CIS Open Cup in Helicopter Sport near Belarussian capital Minsk, killing the pilot.

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**Alleged fire bombers denied bail in Swaziland

**MBABANE, 9 Aug— A Swaziland judge refuses to free on bail two suspected gasoline bombers and says after their arrest a spate of bomb attacks stopped in this southern African nation. Attorneys for the suspects said in court on Friday the two were tortured into confessing to bombings police claimed were masterminded by a banned opposition group, the Swaziland Youth Congress. They deny terrorism and treason charges carrying a possible death sentence. No evidence was given on any bombing injuries.

Since 2005, 16 people have been accused of plotting firebombings against Africa’s last absolute monarchy that has banned political demonstrations and opposition parties. Critics accuse Swazi police of staging bombings to discredit opponents of King Mswati III’s autocratic rule.

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**ANKARA, 9 Aug — Turkey will send two fire fighting helicopters on Monday to fire-hit Russia in a bid to help the country put out a huge forest blaze, the Turkish Forestry and Environment Ministry said in a statement on Sunday.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan earlier held phone conversation with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on the forest fire in Russia which had took scores of lives.

The two helicopters, to leave from Turkey’s western Izmir province and southern Antalya province for Russia’s Lipetsk region, has one Turkish, five Russian and five Ukrainian crew members on board, the statement said.

The situation could get worse after fires broke out in Briansk, some 350 km southwest of Moscow on the Ukrainian border, which bore the brunt of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.
**Gene link to meningitis infection**

**London**, 9 Aug—A set of genes which renders people more prone to meningitis has been pinpointed by researchers.

The international team compared DNA from 1,400 people with bacterial meningitis and 6,000 healthy individuals, Nature Genetics reports. They found differences in a family of genes involved in the immune response seem to make people more or less susceptible to the infection.

It is hoped the findings will lead to the development of new vaccines. The researchers were looking at meningitis caused by the Neisseria meningitidis bacterium, which leads to swelling of the lining of the brain and blood poisoning.

**Meningitis is a major cause of death in children worldwide.** — Internet

It is not the first time researchers have attempted to find out if some people are more likely to catch meningitis because of their genetic make-up.

But results have previously been unclear, probably because of the small number of people studied.

**Panda Le Le walks at the Ocean Park in Hong Kong, south China, on 8 Aug, 2010. Six children, who have the same birthday with giant pandas Le Le or Ying Ying born on 8 Aug, 2005 and 16 Aug, 2005 respectively, were invited by the Ocean Park to celebrate their birthday with the giant pandas on Sunday.** — Xinhua

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LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Doctors want to keep Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized until at least Monday, after the 93-year-old actress went into shock during her recovery from a broken hip.

Gabor’s publicist John Blanchette said on Saturday that Gabor had a bad reaction to morphine, but her condition has improved since she was switched to a different pain medication.

Blanchette called Gabor “a fighter.” Gabor broke her hip July 17 as she was lifting herself from bed into a wheelchair that tipped over. The Hungarian-born actress’ condition began to deteriorate after hip-replacement surgery days later.

Gabor’s husband Prince Frederic von Anhalt says Gabor appears depressed. He hopes the return home will restore her spirit.—Internet

‘Boardwalk’ lead role is Buscemi’s dream come true

Beverly Hills, 9 Aug—Respected character actor Steve Buscemi says it’s only in his “wildest” dreams that he saw himself as a leading man.

But that’s just what Buscemi (boo-SEH’ mee) is in the new HBO series “Boardwalk Empire,” set in Prohibition-era Atlantic City, N.J. Buscemi stars as a politician maneuvering his way through 1920s corruption, violence and romance.

At a meeting on Saturday of the Television Critics Association, Buscemi recalled thinking he was glad he’d read the excellent script because he would have been unhappy to lose the role.

“‘Boardwalk Empire,’” starring Buscemi and Scottish actress Kelly Macdonald, debuts on 19 Sept HBO with an episode directed by Martin Scorsese, who’s an executive producer for the series.

Actor Steve Buscemi speaks about his upcoming series ‘Boardwalk Empire’ at the HBO Summer press tour panel in Beverly Hills, Calif on 7 Aug, 2010. Internet

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US actress Melanie Griffith (L) and her husband, Spanish actor Antonio Banderas, arrive for the Starlite Charity Gala at the Hotel Villa Paduerna in the southern Spanish town of Benahavis, near Marbella on 7 August, 2010. XINHUA

Writer and executive producer Tracy Morgan participates in the panel for the comedy special “Tracy Morgan: Black and Blue” during the HBO summer Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, California on 7 August, 2010.—XINHUA

Zsa Zsa Gabor remained in serious condition over the weekend at a Los Angeles hospital after a car crash last week, according to reports on 2 December, 2002. Internet

Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is in the new Spring 2011 collection FWD101 Shoes from the Martha Davis Spring 2011 collection are displayed in New York.

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**Keeper Robinson retires from England duty**

**LONDON, 9 Aug —** Blackburn goalkeeper Paul Robinson retired on Sunday from international football despite being named in the England squad to face Hungary at Wembley on Wednesday. The 30-year-old former Leeds and Tottenham stopper was included in Fabio Capello’s squad named Saturday having been left out of the World Cup squad.

Robinson, who will not be replaced in the squad for Wednesday’s friendly game, now wants to concentrate on club football. “Only now have I been able to make this decision as previously I haven’t been in contention for selection,” he said. —Internet

**Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper Paul Robinson, seen in action against AEK Athens in Sydney on 28 July.** —INTERNET

**Alonso goals lift Real 3-2 over Galaxy**

**PASADENA, 9 Aug —** Xabi Alonso scored in the 72nd minute as Real Madrid rallied for a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy Saturday in a friendly football match that drew a crowd of 89,134 at the Rose Bowl.

Gonzalo Higuain added two goals for Real, who were unbeaten in their two-match tour of California.

Todd Dunivant and Landon Donovan scored for the Galaxy, who are without a victory in six of their last seven matches.

Sergio Canales launched the play that led to the deciding goal. His backheel pass freed Higuain for an eight-yard shot that was blocked by Galaxy goalkeeper Josh Saunders.

The long rebound fell to Alonso, who fired inside the left post. The Galaxy had built a 2-0 halftime lead before Higuain pulled Real Madrid level with two goals in the space of 10 minutes. —Internet

**Wozniacki wins Olympic title with straight sets**

Caroline Wozniacki defeated Czech Klara Zakopalova 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) victory for her seventh seeded victory in the space of 10 minutes. —Internet

**Home girl Wozniacki takes inaugural Danish title**

**COPENHAGEN, 9 Aug —** Caroline Wozniacki delighted her home fans on Sunday by winning the inaugural WTA Danish Open with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) victory over Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic.

The 20-year-old Wozniacki — ranked three in the world and winning her eighth WTA event — eased to the first set over her seventh seeded opponent but had a much tighter second round. Wozniacki, who will attempt to win her first senior Grand Slam later this month at the US Open, won 4-2 down to her experienced rival, who was appearing in her 10th final.

However, she fought back valiantly to get the break back and take the set into a tie break which she looked to be on course to race through taking a 6-1 lead. —Internet

**Real Madrid player Xabi Alonso (L) celebrates with a teammate after helping score against the LA Galaxy.** —INTERNET

**Denmark’s Caroline Wozniacki returns a ball to Czech Klara Zakopalova.** —INTERNET

**International club friendlies results on 8 August**

**Los Angeles Galaxy 2 - 3 Real Madrid**

Beijing Guoan 0 - 3 Barcelona
Hoffenheim 3 – 1 Sunderland
Dundee United 1 – 3 Wigan Athletic
Energie Cottbus 4 – 2 Hamburger SV
PAOK Saloniki 1 – 0 Partizan Belgrade
Villarreal 2 – 2 Besiktas

**Robben wins German best player award**

**BERLIN, 9 Aug —** Bayen Munich’s Dutch star winger Arjen Robben was named footballer of the 2009/10 Bundesliga season by sporting magazine Kicker on Sunday.

The 26-year-old — who is due to miss the next two months owing to a thigh muscle injury which has pro-voked a major row between his club and his national federation - saw off three clubmates in the voting by sports journalists.

Robben — who was a major influence as the Dutch reached the World Cup final where they lost 1-0 to Spain - received 445 votes while German international midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, World Cup Golden Boot winner Thomas Mueller and German captain Philipp Lahm got 180, 113 and 35 votes respectively. —Internet

**Beckham hopeful of September comeback**

**LONDON, 9 Aug —** English midfielder David Beckham said he hopes to return to the Los Angeles Galaxy in September even though doctors have projected he would not be healthy enough for a comeback until October.

The 35-year-old Major League Soccer superstar suffered a torn left Achilles’ tendon last March while on loan to AC Milan in a Serie A Match against Chievo. Beckham told the Fox Soccer Channel on Saturday that he saw a doctor on Saturday and he was given a prognosis for an October return.

“Two or three weeks before that,” Beckham said he told the doctors. “It’s just about getting strength back in my calf.” —Internet

**Woods at his worst going to final major**

**AKRON, 9 Aug —** Tiger Woods has never looked worse.

As he has done so often on Sunday at Firestone, he dodged his cap as he walked up to the 18th green. Only this time, the world’s No. 1 player wore a look of resignation. He missed yet another putt and finished with a 77 to complete the highest 72-hole score of his career.

And it was the first time since 2003 that he shot over par in every round of a tournament.

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Woods, who last year made PGA Tour history by winning the Bridgestone Invitational for the seventh time at Firestone, finished at 18-over 298. —Internet

**Barca win 3-0 as Messi thrills Chinese fans**

**BEIJING, 9 Aug —** Spanish champions Barcelona on Sunday finished their pre-season Asia tour with a 3-0 win over Beijing Guoan, Argentine superstar Lionel Messi given a rousing reception during his first-half cameo.

Tens of thousands of fans turned out for the friendly at the Bird’s Nest, played on the second anniversary of the opening ceremony of the 2008 Olympics — most of them hoping for a moment of brilliance from Barca’s prize forward.

Messi, who led Argentina to Olympic gold in Beijing, did not score, but he had several opportunities including one that hit the post. The crowd roared every time he touched the ball.

The Catalan club — who played in China without eight members of Spain’s World Cup-winning squad — drew first blood with a goal in the 10th minute by Sergi Roberto. Three minutes later, Nolito found the back of the net to make it 2-0. —Internet

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**Miura, who came on as a second-half substitute for Yokohama FC, beat the Giravanz Kitakyushu goalkeeper to help his team to a 2-0 victory on Saturday.**

Miura, who bettered his own record of 41 years, seven months and 29 days, said he had not previously cared for the title because his team had lost when he first gained the honour two years ago.

“I’m very happy, because we won today with my goal,” said Miura.

“I just received a nice ball and I was able to hit it calmly. It went in as I had expected. I felt I was united with the support- ers.” Miura said of the spectators, who erupted into celebration. —Internet
Japan ready to offer help to landslide-hit China

TOYKO, 9 Aug.—Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan offered his sympathy to Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao over the fatal landslide in northwestern Gansu Province, saying Japan is ready to provide assistance to help rehabilitate the region.

“I offer my condolences to the victims and express my heartfelt sympathy to those who have been hit by the landslide,” Kan noted. “I pray for an early recovery and am ready to provide support.”

By Sunday night, the massive mudslide had killed 127 people and injured 88. An estimated 1,300 people are missing.—Xinhua

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

White Elephant arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY Pyi Taw, 9 Aug—White elephant, together with its companions, visited Uppatasanti Pagoda here this afternoon.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung and Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung sprinkled Payeik water (water endowed with powers through recitation of Suttas to ward off harm) and scented water onto the white elephant as Abhinandana.

The white elephant together with companions visited the pagoda clockwise. Pilgrims fed the white elephant food.

At White Elephant Hall in the east of the pagoda, responsible persons undertook Anantayika Mingala (Warding off harm), Gehapavesana Mingala (Housewarming), Battabunjana Mingala (Feeding), Ravindudasana Mingala (Showing to the sun and the moon), Namakarana Mingala (Naming) in accordance with tradition. The elephant endowed with characteristics of white elephant is named Bhaddavati.

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In breakthrough, nerve connections are regenerated after spinal cord Injury

SCIENCE DAILY, 9 Aug—Researchers for the first time have induced robust regeneration of nerve connections that control voluntary movement after spinal cord injury, showing the potential for new therapeutic approaches to paralysis and other motor function impairments.

In a study on rodents, the UC Irvine, UC San Diego and Harvard University team achieved this breakthrough by turning back the developmental clock in a molecular pathway critical for the growth of corticospinal tract nerve connections.

They did this by deleting an enzyme called PTEN (a phosphatase and tensin homolog), which controls a molecular pathway called mTOR that is a key regulator of cell growth. PTEN activity is low early during development, allowing cell proliferation. PTEN then turns on when growth is completed, inhibiting mTOR and precluding any ability to regenerate.

New research points the way toward a potential therapy to induce regeneration of nerve connections following spinal cord injury. —INTERNET

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (9-8-2010)

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