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President U Thein Sein felicitates
Belarusian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexander R Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2011.

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives
* Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-President Thiha Thura
U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Belarusian PM

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikhail Myansnikovich, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2011.—MNA

Although poverty rate in Myanmar has decreased from 32 to 26 percent in recent years, Myanmar has to work very hard to achieve Millennium Development Goals by 2015

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address at the ceremony to commemorate the International Day of Cooperatives held at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, the chairman and executives of the Central Cooperative Society of Myanmar, social organization members, foreign embassy staff in Myanmar, and distinguished guests.

The Vice-President said in his address that the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) was established in 1895 to foster closer relations and boost economic cooperation among societies in the international arena.

The International Day of Cooperatives has been observed annually since 1923 after its inception under the leadership of the alliance. Myanmar became a member of the alliance in 1993. In 1994, at the 49th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations proclaimed that the first Saturday of every July was to become the International Day of Cooperatives and since then, the cooperatives societies around the world have been celebrating the Day on a yearly basis.

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For Myanmar women to serve better interests of the nation

Today (3rd July) is Myanmar Women’s Day. With a view to promoting the capability and life of Myanmar women, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Affairs Committee was formed on 3 July 1996, which was designated as Myanmar Women’s Day.

Myanmar women come from the noble lineage. And they are the loving gardeners who deliver and nurture future generations.

Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation has been formed with the noble aim of underlining the importance of the life security and development of Myanmar women. In collaboration with related ministries, the government is taking measures for preventing violence against women and trafficking in women and for nurturing and rehabilitating women so as to ensure their life security.

Myanmar women play an active part in the economic, social and cultural sectors of the nation. Till today they have been actively participating in promoting nationalist spirit, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit as well as in developing the Myanmar society and nurturing the younger generation.

At a time when Myanmar is building up a new modern nation, the Myanmar women are urged to serve the better interest of the nation by taking part in nation-building tasks with courage, conviction and perseverance in parallel with men.

AOC monitors on display at Yangon International Show

YANGON, 2 July—As the Yangon International Show 2011 is going on at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township here from 1 to 4 July, Star Universe Co Ltd is exhibiting AOC monitors.

Razor series e2343F 23-inch monitor and e2440Vh marketed by Star Universe Co Ltd are on display at the show with three years warranty of parts and service and the price is being reduced by 9000 to Kyats.

In response to the report on the need to install more auto and mobile phones, the Union Minister arranged to include the installation plan in the GSM mobile project.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun visits Yamethin Communication Exchange.—MNA

Then, the Union Minister proceeded to the exchanges in Pyawbwe and Meiktila and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Communication tasks in Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Meiktila inspected

NAV PYI TAW, 2 July—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun visited Yamethin Communication Exchange yesterday morning, where he was reported by officials on the installation of distant communication systems, auto telephones and mobile phones.

The contact address is No. 58/B, Myanmar Gon YANGON, 2 July—As the Yangon International Show 2011 is going on at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township here from 1 to 4 July, Star Universe Co Ltd is exhibiting AOC monitors.

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Young Housing, Than Thu Mar Road, Tamway Tsp, Yangon Region Ph: 01-430013, 01-549193, 09-73056015.—MNA

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe addresses concluding ceremony of Spoken English and Four Skills Course No. 6/2011.—MNA

UHMA holds get-together

YANGON, 2 July—Organized by University Hiking and Mountaineering Association, the 16th get-together was held in conjunction with a ceremony to honour those who went mountaineering in Kachin and Shan State (South) during 2010-11 academic year and those who performed philanthropic activities in rural areas at Tawwin Hminsi Thiri Hall in Bahan Township here 26 June.

UHMA Chairman U Myo Thant extended greetings. It was followed by a ceremony to present certificates of honour to those who sponsored activities of UHMA and those who performed philanthropic activities in rural areas.—MNA

FM sends message of felicitations to Belarusian counterpart

NAV PYI TAW, 3 July—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Sergei Nikolaevich Martynov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2011.

EP-2 Ministry concludes Spoken English and Four Skills Course

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe delivered an address at the concluding ceremony of Spoken English and Four Skills Course No. 6/2011 at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

Then, the Union Minister awarded outstanding trainees.

Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of Electric Power Department presented completion certificates to the trainee leader.

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People’s Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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Star Universe Co Ltd displays AOC monitors at its booth in Yangon International Show 2011 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall. MNA
Homemade bomb kills 13 civilians in Afghan south

KABUL, 2 July—A roadside bomb exploded under a civilian van in southern Afghanistan on Saturday morning, killing 13 people, including four women and two children, the Interior Ministry said.

The attack in Shamilzai District of Zabul Province comes two days after another roadside bomb killed 13 civilians and wounded 33 in southwestern Nimroz Province.

The Interior Ministry said Saturday’s bomb was planted by the “enemies of peace and stability” in Afghanistan, a reference to the Taleban-led insurgents fighting the Afghan government and its Western backers.

Violence has flared in Afghanistan since the Taleban insurgents began their spring offensive at the start of May, after record deaths in 2010. Foreign military casualties were slightly lower in the first six months of 2011 than the same period of 2010, but the United Nations said May 2011 was the deadliest month for civilians since it started keeping records four years ago.—Reuters

Swiss couple kidnapped in southwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 July—A Swiss couple was kidnapped Friday while traveling in Pakistan’s southwest Province of Balochistan, local media Daily Times reported on Saturday.

According to the report, the abduction of the couple took place in Loralai, a district located some 160 kilometers east of Quetta, capital city of Balochistan Province.

The couple entered Balochistan Province from Dera Ghazi Khan in Punjab Province around 5 pm Friday afternoon and registered themselves as husband and wife at a police checkpoint, said the report.

Unidentified gunmen intercepted the couple’s vehicle in the Killi Niga area of Loralai and took them at gunpoint to an unknown place, said local police.—Internet

Hackers take down al-Qaeda again

WASHINGTON, 2 July—An attack that has disrupted al-Qaeda’s Web sites appears to have been carried out by hackers with government backing, an expert said.

Evan Kohlmann of Flashpoint Global Partners told NBC the attack involved “an unusual cocktail of relatively sophisticated techniques.” “Al-Qaeda’s online communications have been temporarily crippled, and it does not have a single trusted distribution channel available on the Internet,” he said.

Hackers disrupted al-Qaeda sites last year in an attack aimed at English-language services and especially at an online magazine, “Inspire.” In one case, the hackers substituted an Ellen DeGeneres cupcake recipe for an article entitled “Make a bomb in the kitchen of your mom.”

British newspapers have said that country’s intelligence services were behind that attack.—Internet

An Afghan policeman inspects the site of a suicide car bomb attack in Khost Province. A roadside bomb attack under a civilian van in southern Afghanistan on Saturday morning, killing 13 people, including four women and two children.—Internet

Three killed, nine wounded in northern Iraq violence

MOSUL, 2 July—Three people were killed and nine others wounded in two attacks in and near Mosul, the capital city of Nineveh Province, a police source said on Saturday.

Three off-duty policemen were shot dead when their car was stopped by gunmen wearing military uniforms at a fake checkpoint in Wana area, some 30 km north of Mosul, late on Friday night, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. On Saturday morning, a car bomb detonated near an Iraqi army patrol in al-Malikiya District in eastern Mosul, damaging a military vehicle and wounding two soldiers aboard, the source said.

The powerful blast also wounded seven bystanders and caused severe damages to several nearby buildings and civilian cars, the source added. Nineveh Province and its capital city of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, has long been stronghold for insurgent groups, including al-Qaeda militants. The Province has been the scene of major security crackdowns by the US troops and Iraqi security forces to uproot the militancy which erupted shortly after the US-led invasion in 2003.—Xinhua

Swiss couple kidnapped in southwest Pakistan

MEXICO CITY, 2 July—Mexican marines battled alleged members of the Zetas drug cartel for more than five hours in northern Mexico on Friday, leaving 15 gang suspects dead and six marines wounded, authorities said.

The troops were on patrol in the town of San Jose de Lourdes in northern Zacatecas state when they came under fire from gunmen inside a safehouse, Mexico’s navy said in a statement. It said 17 gunmen were detained.

The Zetas drug cartel began expanding into Zacatecas from the border state of Tamaulipas two years ago after it split from the Gulf cartel.

Clashes between troops and cartel gunmen have become common in Mexico’s drug war, which has claimed more than 35,000 lives since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of federal troops and police to fight traffickers four years ago. The offensive led to a splintering of the country’s cartels and increased fighting among gangs over territory.—Internet

A blast near a bank in the eastern city of Jalalabad left about 40 people dead and more than 70 injured, Taleban took responsibility for the bloody attack.—Internet
Blueprint for China developed aircraft engine to be released in 2011

SHANGHAI, 2 July—
An overall design plan for an indigenously developed large passenger-jet engine is expected to be released by the end of the year, the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) confirmed Thursday.

Trials of prototype components of the engine had already taken place, said Li Jibao, Deputy General Manager with the COMAC.

A metal model of the engine went on public display in Shanghai Wednesday, arousing the curiosity of many enthusiasts.

“The model shown to public is a symbol of the accomplishments made in the first stage of developing the engine,” said Li.

A research and design team of 500 professionals is working on developing the engine.

China’s first self-developed jumbo jet, the C919, which will be equipped with the engine, is expected take off in 2014 after being rolled off the assembly line between the end of 2013 and the first half of 2014. It is expected to be put into service in 2016.

Russia to start production of Bulava missiles

MOSCOW, 2 July—Russia’s Bulava submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM) will soon go into production, Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said Friday.

“The Bulava has taken off. That’s good news. We understand that in this case we can put the missile into serial production,” Serdyukov said at a meeting with Russian defence observers.

On Tuesday, the 15th test launch of the Bulava missile was successfully conducted by the Defence Ministry.

“We’ve achieved results; we now can put the Bulava on the Yury Dolgorukiy,” he added.

The Russian Defence Ministry said earlier that if the 15th test of Bulava was successful, the missile might be put into service later in 2011 or in early 2012.

However, only seven of the previous 14 test launches had been officially declared successful.

The Bulava, expected to become Russia’s main naval strategic missile, is capable of carrying 10 warheads, with a range of 8,000 km.

World’s most expensive ‘sapphire-blade’ razor on sale for 100K dollars!

LONDON, 2 July—The world’s most expensive razor, which has its blades made of sapphire, has been put on sale for 100,000 dollars after being developed for three years.

Researchers developed the ‘Zafiro Iridium’, which has a handle made of 99.9 per cent pure iridium – the most corrosion-resistant platinum metal.

The two blades are made of white sapphire produced at a former Soviet Union lab in Ukraine.

The blades are reportedly 80 atoms thick on their cutting edge - around 1/10,000th or 5,000 times thinner than the width of a hair and far sharper than any of common blades on the market. American manufacturer Bright Light Ventures will make just 99 Zafiro Iridiums.

The company has claimed that the sapphire blades will stay sharp for about a year. Moreover, the company will also guarantee the complimentary cleaning and re-sharpening for an entire decade.

“Each Zafiro Iridium is custom made from the strongest, purest, and most durable materials available anywhere,” the Daily Mail quoted a spokesperson as saying.

UNSNG’s message for the International Day of Cooperatives

2 July 2011

The theme for this year’s International Day of Cooperatives, “Youth, the Future of Cooperatives”, highlights the enormous value of engaging the energy and drive of young people.

In the wake of the global financial and economic crisis, youth unemployment is an all-time high. Expanding opportunity through youth entrepreneurship is one way to address this challenge. The cooperative model enables young people to create and manage sustainable enterprises. Cooperatives are underpinned by the pooling of financial and human resources, technical knowledge and business skills.

Furthermore, their member-driven structure roots them in communities, encouraging socially responsible businesses that meet local needs.

Through their distinctive focus on values, cooperatives have proven themselves a resilient and viable business model that can prosper even during difficult times. This success has helped prevent many families and communities from sliding into poverty. Cooperatives have also continuously provided reliable access to credit and other financial services for many small business holders. Moreover, cooperatives have done so while promoting self-reliance and creating stability in the markets in which they operate.

Throughout this year’s observance of the International Year of Youth, decision makers around the world have stressed the importance of including young people at all levels of the development process. The active inclusion of young women and men in social and economic development helps reduce social exclusion, improve productive capacity, break cycles of poverty, promote gender equality and raise environmental responsibility.

As we move into the International Year of Cooperatives, which will be officially launched this October, I invite young people to explore the benefits of pursuing cooperative enterprise and other forms of social entrepreneurship. At the same time, I encourage the cooperative movement to engage with youth, in a spirit of dialogue and mutual understanding. Let us recognize young women and men as valuable partners in strengthening the cooperative movement and in sustaining the role of cooperatives in social and economic development.
China’s first tyrannosaurus museum opens in east province

Tyrannosaurus Museum began construction in early 2010 after the Asia’s largest and China’s only tyrannosaurus was unearthed in Zhucheng City in Shandong. The museum features high-tech facilities to exhibit the skeletons of the tyrannosaurus and others dinosaurs. The massive reptiles square off in battle as fossils are used to recreate fights among the tyrannosaurus, ankylosaurus and the ceratosaurus during the late Cretaceous period (145.5 to 65.5 million years ago). Zhucheng City has discovered large areas of the Moto fossils since 2008 and has built up a series of dinosaur museums, including Cretaceous Dinosaur Geopark, Huanglong Valley Dinosaur Footprint Museum, Zhucheng Dinosaur Museum and the Dinosaur Egg Museum.---Xinhua

HP targets Apple’s iPad with new tablet

The TouchPad debuted to mixed reviews, suggesting it will have difficulty challenging the iPad and its numerous imitators. Last month, Apple said that it had sold 25 million iPads since releasing the first version of the device in April 2010. Apple released its next-generation iPad 2 in March. Besides the iPad, the market for tablet computers now includes the Samsung Galaxy Tab, the BlackBerry PlayBook, and dozens of devices running Google’s Android operating system. HP’s stock has slumped 12 percent since the beginning of the year as many analysts have warned that the Palo Alto, California-based company is being overtaken by younger, nimble rivals such as Apple and Dell. ---INTERNET

Ariane 5 rocket’s launch with two satellites postponed

Due to some problems with the valve, the launch centre decided to postpone the Ariane 5 launch on Saturday. An Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou launch center in French Guiana was postponed due to “technical problem,” the France-based ArianeGroup announced early.

Tag Heuer preps $5,000 android smartphone

Tag Heuer is making the calculator watch look bad. If you have $5,000 dollars to spare, the luxury watchmaker will soon be selling the lavish Link Smartphone, arguably the swankiest Android-based device to hit the market. According to ABlogToRead.com, the phone, which runs on Android 2.2 with the option to upgrade later, is fully customizable. You can choose calfskin, alligator, or lizard covers to go with either a steel, 18-karat rose gold, or titanium case. With Gorilla Glass protecting the 3.5-inch, touch-screen display, it’s durable, too. Just like its watches, Tag says the Link is “fully shockproof,” and “as airtight and locked-down as a strong box.” Tag has paid attention to every detail, down to the screws on the box. “Tag has paid attention to every detail, down to the screws on the box.” Tag calls the Link the “first Swiss luxury smartphone.” It goes on sale at Tag Heuer stores next month with a base price of $4,700. ---INTERNET
Daw Khin Khin
Win, wife of
President U Thein
Sein, views tree
planting activities
in commemoration
of Myanmar
Women’s Day 2011.
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Daw Khin Khin
Win, wife of
President
U Thein Sein,
plants a sapling at
tree planting
ceremony held in
commemoration of
Myanmar Women’s
Day for the Year
2011.
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Union EP No (2) Minister attends 2011
Plant Industry Forum
NAY PYI TAW, 2
July—Union Minister for
Electric Power No (2) U
Khin Maung Soe attended
Plant Industry Forum
2011 held in Seoul of the
Republic of Korea on 22
June.
Minister of Industry
and Technology of ROK
Mr Sang Jick Yoon, the
Union Minister, Minister
of Energy of Congo Mr
Tshibing Tshibinkubula
Wa Tunba, Deputy
Minister of Water
Resources, Works and
Housing of Gana Mr
Ahmed Mustapha and
HSBC Global Head of
Export Credit and Global
Specialized Finance Mr
Peter Luketa spoke on
the occasion.
Papers on assessment of
development projects in world’s energy
sector and financial management of interna-
tional projects were submitted and discussed
at the forum.
The Union Minister held discussions with
personnel of companies and visited Hyundai
industries in Ulsan. The Union Minister and party
arrived back here on 27
June.—MNA

Gems merchants pack in Special Sale of
Jade, Gems and Pearls on second day
NAY PYI TAW, 2 July
— Special Sale of Jade,
Gems and Pearls 2011
continued for second day
at Mani Yadana Jade Hall
here, packed with gems
merchants at home and
abroad.
Managing Director U
Thein Swe of Myanma
Gems Enterprise
supervised the sales
through tender systems.
The special sale winds
up on 13 July.—MNA
Second-day Special
Sale of Jade, Gems
and Pearls in
progress.—MNA

Blossom Dear Jasmine
* “Wish to wear a flower...
Yes, —— just one only ….
Petals of light silver colour
Um, aromatic Jasmine, please”
* Really, like a string of pearls
So melodious and so sweet
A composition, too nice and fine
Well…..a Jasmine song it is
Lingering in my heart till now
So much lovely since childhood
Forever etched on my mind
Jasmine actually is……..
A decent Myanmar woman
* Flowers like Jasmine
Ever bloom in full
And all in pearly white
A symbol of unity and love
* Having no other hue
Pleasant it always looks
In the sole colour white
Jasmine represents sincerity
* Maybe just small blooms
But ever aromatic they are
Whenever bloom fully
Beautiful is every flower
As well a garden in full bloom
Honouring noble mothers
* Blossoms of unanimity
Signifying sincerity also
In honour of the motherland
Jasmine, it stands for
Myanmar women of elegance
All in harmony and beauty
In our prospering country
Jasmine, the paragon of virtue
So prestigious for the race
Visionaries with noble mind
Blossom Dear Jasmine
Honouring Myanmar Women’s Day
Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)
Although poverty rate...

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As a member of the Alliance, now was the 17th time of the International Day of Co-operatives observed by the Central Co-operatives Society of Myanmar.

Every year, the Alliance set a theme for particular International Day serving as guidance for all societies around the world. This year’s theme would be “Youth: the Future of Co-operative Enterprise”.

So, it is needed to organize and train youths to energetically take part in successful achievements of the future cooperative movements. The United Nations had designated the year 2012 to be the International Day of Co-operatives with the motto “Co-operative Enterprises Build a New Better World”.

He continued that looking back at the socio-economic history of the country, in order to address the economic hardship of the farmers and to lessen the trouble of borrowing with high interest from the money lenders, a credit cooperative society was first introduced in Myinnu of Sagaing Region in 1905. But, only in 1992, the cooperatives law was passed to carry out businesses and economic opportunities in accord with the market economic system.

In the development of cooperatives which is known as an OER in short—"O" stands for more Organizations of cooperative societies, "E" for more Education on the practice of cooperative works and "R" for rules and regulations to be followed. Therefore, all cooperative societies are to make relentless efforts to catch achievement.

With a view to developing and expanding cooperative enterprises, 10,725 primary cooperative societies, 462 syndicates, 20 federations and one Central Cooperative Society totaling 11,208, have been formed across the states and regions of the country. Those cooperatives are engaging in a variety of production, services, trade and general businesses.

The Vice-President recalled the address delivered by President U Thein Sein on 20 June 2011 in which the President has given guidance to the cooperative societies that cooperatives should be formed from Bottom Up Initiative rather than Top Down Policy; and that the region and state working committees are to organize and form cooperative government is giving high priority to poverty reduction and rural development scheme. Although the poverty rate in Myanmar has decreased from 32 to 26 percent in recent years, Myanmar has passed last year matricula
tion exam with flying colours.

UN Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Haik, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tin Htay presented awards to 34 outstanding students studying at Cooperative Degree College (Yangon), Cooperative Colleges (Mandalay, Sagaing and Phaung-gyi) and Laquerware College for 2009-2010 academic year.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister for Cooperative Enterprises U Than Tun and the chairman of Central Co-operatives Society of Myanmar awarded successful cooperatives societies. After the ceremony, the Vice-President and party viewed the booths at Photo and Products Exhibition in commemoration of International Day of Cooperatives. —MNA
Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Speaker of State Duma Federal Assembly of Russian Federation

The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann had a meeting with Speaker Mr BV Gryzlov of the State Duma Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and party at the State Duma of the Russian Federation in Moscow in the Russian Federation at 11 am on 27 June.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds discussion with Vice-Chairman of Federation Council of Russia

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Chairman Mr Alexander Katyrin of Russian Federation Chambers of Commerce.—MNA

Illyas Umahanov met at the council building at 3 pm and discussed parliamentary affairs of the two countries.

Myanmar goodwill delegation then observed the parliament building.

In the evening, the speaker met the ambassador and staff and their families at Myanmar missions in Moscow and explained the progress in Myanmar. He urged the staff to promote friendship between their motherland and the country where they are assigned.—MNA
YANGON, 2 July—The Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left Yangon by air on 25 June morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of Speaker Mr BV Gryzlov of the State Duma Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 12 noon.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and embassy staff at the airport.

At 6 pm, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann met the ambassador, the military attaché, staff and families at the Myanmar Embassy and explained objective conditions of Myanmar and points to be followed by embassy staff.

On 26 June, the Myanmar delegation left Bangkok for Moscow of the Russian Federation by air and arrived at Domodedovo International Airport of Moscow at 4.55 pm local standard time.

They were welcomed by Deputy Speaker Mr YN Volkov of State Duma Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Min Thein and officials.

The Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann left for President Hotel where they would be accommodated.—MNA

Myanmar delegation meets Speaker of Legislative Assembly, visits museums in St. Petersburg

YANGON, 2 July—Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann visited Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg in Russian Federation on 29 June.

The Myanmar delegation looked round Peterhof Museum, Grand Palace of Peter I and Lower Fountain Park in St. Petersburg on 30 June morning.

The Myanmar delegation then held a discussion with a Russian delegation led by Speaker of St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly Mr. Vadmin Tyulpanov at the assembly building and the former looked round the building after the discussion.

The Myanmar delegation met members of the Board of the North-Western Fishing Consortium in the evening and went on a sightseeing tour of rivers and canals around St. Petersburg.

Yesterday morning, the Myanmar delegation visited State Museum “The Tsar’s Village” (City of Pushkin) and Palace of Catherine I.

The Myanmar delegation then flew back to Moscow from St. Petersburg. The delegation left there by air at 6.25 pm and arrived here back this morning via Bangkok of Thailand.—MNA

Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holding discussion with Russian delegation led by Speaker of St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly Mr. Vadmin Tyulpanov.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly Building.—MNA
**One stop service installation of auto-telephone aimed at secure and smooth communication**

*Aung Theinga*

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is making strenuous efforts for ensuring smooth communication across the nation. The magneto telephone system of the past was upgraded to the auto-telephone and digital auto-telephone systems while a large number of telephone lines were installed for enabling everybody to hire auto-telephone.

Although initial installation charge of telephone was fixed at K 1 million for Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, cities of regions and states not only for usual voice of the telephone but also for sending of data IPTV and Triple Play Service, and the plan has substituted with NGN Soft Switch telephone lines in October this year on the first stage, 20000 exchange lines for R2 Signaling in March 2012.

Moreover, auto-telephones are being installed throughout the country. In Yangon, the applicants for hiring auto-telephones are being installed through one stop service as soon as possible.

According to the inquires at Auto-telephone Branch of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, eight auto-telephone exchanges and 29 exchange branches in Nay Pyi Taw have been installed with about 35,000 lines.

Plans are under way to install 3400 more telephone lines in Zabuthiri, Ottarathiri and Dekkhinathiri Townships of Nay Pyi Taw, 800 lines in Pobpabthi Township, and 1100 lines in Pyinmana Township, totaling 9300. The Deputy Chief Engineer of Auto-telephone Branch of MPT at Pobpabthi Exchange provides necessary assistance for installation of telephones.

A total of 17 exchange regions in Yangon have 26 exchanges and 118 exchange branches installed with about 203500 telephones. The remaining regions to install more telephones are 2200 lines each in Pazundaung and Bahan/Tamway, 3600 lines in Pabedan, 1200 lines in Ahlon, 800 lines each in Hanthawady and South Okkalapa, 300 lines each in Bayintnaung, North Okkalaka and Htaukyant, 200 lines each in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Insein and Shwepanzaung Industrial Zone, 1700 lines in Mayangon, 100 lines in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, 1100 lines in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, 500 lines in Mingaladon and 600 lines in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, totaling 16300.

In Yangon, applications for installation of auto-telephones are accepted at the Chief Engineer Office at No. 103 on 40th Street in Yangon. Moreover, one stop service as special programme is being given to the applicants for installation of auto-telephones at Dagon Myothit (North)/Dagon Myothit (South) exchange, Pabedan exchange, Bahan/Tamway exchange, Thingangyun/South Okkalapa exchange, Mayangon exchange, Ahlon exchange, Pazundaung exchange, Mingaladon exchange, North Okkalapa exchange and Hanthawady exchange.

Likewise, ten exchanges and nine exchange branches in Mandalay have been installed with about 40,000 lines. The remaining telephone lines to be installed are 2000 lines in Mandalay Myoma, 500 lines in Mandalay Myothit, 100 lines in Patheingyi and 140 lines in Myitming, totaling 2540. Applications for installation of auto-telephones are accepted at Mandalay Region Manager Office of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

After scrutinizing the addresses described in the applications, telephone installation will be done and cash accepted as soon as possible if the applicant’s address is located in the feasible place for telephone line. If the address is nearby the exchange, cash will be accepted and then work will be done the next day. If the address is far from the exchange, telephone will be installed within 3-5 days after accepting cash.

In paying monthly charge of telephone bill, the telephone users spend their precious time in the queue. As such, arrangements are being made for realizing the pre-paid system for auto-telephone so as to save the time. As there are about 500,000 telephones in the entire nation, plan is under way to practice the pre-paid system through three stages. First and foremost, the pre-paid system will be launched for 55000 NGN Soft Switch telephone lines in October this year on the first step, 200,000 exchange lines for No. 7 Signaling in December on the second step, and 245,000 exchange lines for R2 Signaling in March 2012 on the third step.

With the aim of enabling the telephone user people to enjoy smooth communication, the old model telephone lines used in 1985-86 will be substituted with NGN Soft Switch telephone lines that can get Triple Play Service, and the plan has been adopted to install more telephone lines.

I would like to give good news that IP Trunk Gateway is being installed simultaneously in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and cities of regions and states not only for usual voice of the telephone but also for sending of data IPTV and video in real time.

*Translation: TTA*
**Grand gathering marking 90th anniversary of CPC opens**

**BEIJING, 2 July—**A grand gathering marking the 90th anniversary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) opened at the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing Friday morning. Wu Bangguo, a Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, declared the opening of the rally, followed by a 6,000-people choir of China’s national anthem. Hu Jintao, Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Jia Qinglin, Li Changchun, Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, He Guoqiang and Zhou Yongkang were present at the rally. Xi Jinping, a Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, announced a decision to commend outstanding CPC grassroots units, members and Party workers at the gathering.—Xinhua

**Wrongly imprisoned Texas man for 18 Yrs get $1.4 mn**

**HOUSTON, 2 July—**A Texas man who was imprisoned for 18 years for the slayings of six persons that he did not commit on Thursday received 1.4 million US dollars in compensation. Anthony Graves received the money Thursday during a private meeting with Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, according to local media reports. Graves said he’s grateful for the compensation, but said that the money “doesn’t even come close” to making up for the time he spent in prison. Graves was convicted of helping Robert Earl Carter kill a grandmother and five children in 1992. The two men were sentenced to death for the killings. However, Carter, the only man who tied Graves to the case, admitted before his lethal injection in 1998 that Graves did not play a role in the killings. Graves spent two years waiting for the trial for the 1992 slayings, a dozen years on death row until an appeals court threw out his conviction, and four more years awaiting retrial that prosecutors decided they couldn’t justify, according to media reports. The 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana, ordered a new trial for Graves in 2006.—Xinhua

**Tibet Airlines receives first A319 from Airbus**

**PARIS, 2 July—**France-based European aircraft manufacturer Airbus on Friday delivered an A319 to Tibet Airlines, making the newly established Chinese airline the newest operator of Airbus in China. This aircraft is the first out of three A319s ordered by the Lhasa-based airline in May 2010. Powered by a CFM56-5B engine, the 128-passenger plane will be operated between Beijing, Chengdu and Lhasa, and on other regional routes, reaching China’s highest airports, such as the Kunsha airport in western Tibet which stands at 14,000 feet above the sea level. “We aim to build a regional network covering all civil airports in Lhasa and the Tibet autonomous region,” said Xu Bo, Chairman of Tibet Airlines. Airbus China President Laurence Barron said “We are honoured that our modern Airbus A319 aircraft will contribute to the development of civil aviation on the Tibetan plateau and we warmly welcome Tibet Airlines as our new operator.” So far, over 85 percent of the commercial flights to and from Tibet are performed with an Airbus aircraft, Barron noted.—Xinhua

**High temperatures in south China over next three days**

**BEIJING, 2 July—**China’s meteorological authority on Saturday forecast high temperatures in south China over the next three days following the easing of torrential rains. Temperatures in parts of Sichuan Basin and Chongqing Municipality in southwest China, as well as most areas south of the lower reaches of the Yangtze River and south China, will rise to 35 to 37 degrees Celsius over the coming three days, the National Meteorological Centre said in a statement on its website.

**Fireworks explode over the Saint Angel Castle (Castel Sant’Angelo) and bridge during an annual event to celebrate the patron Saints Peter and Paul in Rome, Italy, on 29 June, 2011. XINHUA**

**Passengers board the new flight between Beijing and Changsha at the Changsha airport, central China’s Hunan Province, on 1 July, 2011. A new Beijing-Changsha flight of the China Southern Airlines was launched Friday to meet the growing demand amid a summer peak of passenger flow. The flight uses Airbus A330 planes. —XINHUA**

**Drolma (L), a farmer in Norbukhyungtse Village of Raining county in Tibet, learns technologies of planting vegetables in a greenhouse from an agricultural expert. XINHUA**

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Steel producer to more than double output

BEIJING, 2 July—China Gerui Advanced Materials Group Ltd, a Chinese maker of high-precision, cold-rolled strip steel listed on the NASDAQ index, started work on Wednesday on production lines that will allow it to make 300,000 tons more of its chief product a year. The company will spend $60 million to more than double the amount of the steel it can produce annually by the end of the year, said Lu Mingwang, the company chairman and chief executive officer. High-precision, cold-rolled strip steel is used in food and industrial packaging, cell phones, construction, communication cables, and household decorations, among other things.

Gerui makes more of that type of steel than any other company in China and commands about 12.5 percent of the market for the product. Next in line among the roughly 200 competitors in the same business is Hebei Dachang Jiming Accurate Cold-rolling Steel Plate Co Ltd, which enjoys an 8.5-percent market share. Gerui now has the ability to produce 200,000 tons of cold-rolled, wide-strip steel a year. It can also churn out 50,000 tons of chromium plated cold-rolled steel a year, which it also beffing up its ability to produce in large amounts. — Xinhua

Scientists use inkjet printing to produce solar cells

NEW YORK, 2 July—Solar energy may soon become easier to capture, say researchers who have developed a novel method to produce solar cells using inkjet printing. Oregon State University researchers have come up with a technology similar to that commonly used to print documents and photos. They say their method is quicker and less expensive than traditional solar cell manufacturing techniques.

It could also reduce raw material waste by 90%, they add. As people move away from conventional combustion-type technologies, more attention is paid to renewable energy types, and solar energy is one of them. — Internet

McCain pizzas recalled across Australia after metal contamination scare

SYDNEY, 2 July—Thousands of cartons of MaCain pizzas are being removed from supermar-

Eight Australians exposed to Hendra virus

BRISBANE, 2 July—The latest outbreak of Hendra virus has eight people waiting for test results after they were exposed to a Hendra-infected horse that died in southeast Queensland, local media reported on Thursday. A vet is among the eight who came into contact with the infected horse that died on Sunday, according to Australian Associated Press (AAP).

Acting chief health officer Dr Aaron Groves said all involved were believed to have had a moderate level of exposure. He said none were showing any active signs of the virus so far. They are undergoing blood tests and will have a second test within 21 days and a third six weeks later to ensure they have not contracted the virus.

Biosecurity Queensland has quarantined two properties to determine the horse’s movements and what other horses it had contact with. The horse fell ill while at a property at Beaudesert, south of Brisbane, on Saturday and died the following day, about 30km south at Bikkulduba in southeast Queensland, after the female owner took it home.

The virus was first found in September 1994 at a property in the Brisbane suburb of Hendra. Since then, four of the seven people infected with the virus have died. — Xinhua

Claims day notice

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (393)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (393) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.7.2011 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.

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

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

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A supporter of Japanese team cheers before the second round Group B match between Japan and Mexico at the FIFA Women's World Cup Germany 2011 in Leverkusen, Germany, on 1 July, 2011. — Xinhua

Photo taken on 30 June, 2011, shows the animated version of ancient painting Riverside Scene at the Qingming Festival in Taipei. The animated version of the Qingming scroll, a highly renowned piece of Chinese painting dating back some 900 years ago, started to be exhibited in Taipei on Thursday. The painting will be projected onto a six-metre-high and 110-metre-wide screen, magnified by 10 times of the scroll’s original size. — Xinhua

The team used a similar approach to printing photos with an inkjet printer.— Internet
Converted van used to suck out gas

Los Angeles police said they arrested a man accused of using a converted van to steal gas from several downtown gas stations. The Los Angeles Police Department said Richard Glover, 51, was caught on surveillance video parking his van above the underground fuel container at a gas station and using a converted vacuum system to suck out the gas, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported Friday.

Investigators said Glover is suspected of executing the scheme at several downtown gas stations. Police said Glover, who was arrested in the thefts, was likely reselling the gas elsewhere.

Stolen bag contained no cash

Florida police said a man who stole a bag of what he apparently believed to be cash from a Popeye’s Chicken manager instead got a bag full of worthless papers. The Manatee County Sheriff’s Office said the robber, who was dressed in a black jacket and motorcycle helmet, approached the manager as he was leaving the Bradenton business at about 11:30 pm Tuesday and displayed a handgun, The (Sarasota, Fla) Herald-Tribune reported Thursday.

The man demanded the manager give him the bag and deputies said the suspect fled on a scooter. Investigators said there was no cash in the bag, which contained only work-related documents.

Bank robbers dressed as nuns

Authorities in Illinois said a former bank employee and an accomplice robbed the facility of $120,000 while dressed in nun costumes. The federal criminal complaint states Navahcia Edwards of Chicago and a male accomplice who has not been arrested robbed the TCP Bank in Palos Heights of $120,000 29 May while displaying weapons and wearing nun costumes, the Chicago Tribune reported Friday.

FBI officials said Edwards used her Visa card to buy a pair of “Nun on the Run adult masks” 10 days prior to the robbery. Edwards was charged in June with embezzling nearly $20,000 while working at a Chase Bank branch in Country Club Hills.

Robbie Williams to launch clothing line inspired by grandpa

LONDON, 2 July—Singer Robbie Williams is all set launch a Savile Row-inspired menswear collection as a tribute to his role model grandfather, Jack Farrell.

With prices starting from 35 pounds for a t-shirt, the collection is scheduled to go on sale from September at House of Fraser and very.co.uk.

The debut Autumn/Winter 2011/12 collection has a British feel and the influence of Savile Row tailoring is strong. Its signature piece is a three-quarter-length coat.

The winter clothing includes a Harry Palmer-esque Mac, a wool duffle and a flak jacket, reports the Daily Mail.

The collection also comprises fleece jogging bottoms and a vintage-style sweatshirt.

And just like Farrell, the clothes are not flashy, with the branding and logos tucked away inside.—Internet

Carter denies Jackson gave him cocaine

LOS ANGELES, 2 July—US singer and reality TV personality Aaron Carter denies telling an Australian magazine reporter pop star Michael Jackson gave him wine and cocaine. Jackson, who died in 2009, was criticized for years for his alleged inappropriate relationships with children. Dogged by child-molestation charges, he was never convicted of any crimes involving minors.

OK! Magazine in Australia quoted Carter, now 23, as saying: “Yes, [Jackson] gave me wine. I mean, I could have refused, but I was 15. As for drugs? He gave me cocaine.”

But Carter’s representative told TMZ Friday the quotes were fabricated. “Nothing was said that was reported,” the publicist insisted.

TMZ said the journalist who wrote the story has not responded to its request for a comment regarding the controversy.—Internet

Tobey Maguire denies he knowingly played illegal poker games

LONDON, 2 July—Actor Tobey Maguire, who has been sued over a multi million dollar illegal poker game, has denied any wrongdoing claiming he knew very little about how the games were operated.

The ‘Spiderman’ star also claimed that he too lost some Spadeys cents at those poker games.

He filed court papers Thursday denying any wrongdoing and asked for a six-figure “offset” should a judge order him to cough up the 311,200 dollars he won from convicted Ponzi schemer Brad Ruderman.

He claims he lost 168,500 dollars to Ruderman in the Texas Hold’Em games, money that should be deducted from any “liability that may be determined”.

“Tobey Maguire unconditionally denies having engaged in any conduct whatsoever in violation of law and further categorically denies having knowingly or intentionally participated in any fraudulent scheme,” the Daily Mail quoted his filing as stating.—Internet

Chinese singer Song Zuying performs in her solo concert in Nanjing City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 1 July, 2011.—XINHUA

London gets gold vending machine

The German company behind the Gold to Go vending machines opened its latest machine Friday at London’s Westfield Shopping Centre.

Company Ex Oriente Lux said the machine sells gold bars and coins in various sizes with prices constantly updated online. The Daily Telegraph reported Friday. The available designs include a gold bar with an engraving on the reverse side of the London skyline.

“Gold to Go provides private investors with easy, convenient access to physical gold at fair, real-time prices. The ATMs are always online and update their prices every 10 minutes,” the company said in a statement.

The Westfield machine joins previously installed machines in the United States, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Arab Emirates.
England rallies for 2-1 win over New Zealand

DRESDEN, 2 July—Jill Scott rallied England with a second-half goal and assisted on another for a 2-1 win over New Zealand on Friday. For more than an hour, England was in trouble. But the tall midfielder Scott turned things around with a 63rd-minute header and a low pass to Jesse Clarke for an 81st-minute winner.

England moved into New Zealand’s Sarah Gregorius, right, celebrates scoring the opening goal during the group B match between New Zealand and England at the Women’s Soccer World Cup in Dresden, Germany.—INTERNET

Villas-Boas braced for ‘awkward’ Chelsea start

LONDON, 2 July—André Villas-Boas is anticipat-
ing an “awkward” start in his first Premier League match as Chelsea man-
ger when the Blues begin their title challenge away to Stoke. But the 33-year-
old Portuguese, now the youngest manager in Eng-
lish football’s top-flight, is looking forward to the challenge.

Villas-Boas, ap-
pointed after London club Chelsea sacked experienced Italian boss Carlo Ancelotti after a trophy-less season last term, knows silverware,
especially the Champions League, which the Blues have yet to win, will be the key to his survival at Stamford Bridge.

The former Porto man-
ager has cancelled Chelsea’s first pre-season game away to Dutch side Vitesse Arnhem in order to spend more time with his squad. Chelsea will now travel to Port-
mouth for their first offi-
cial warm-up match on
16 July before heading to the Far East ahead of the Asia Trophy ahead of a clash with Scottish champions Rangers in Glasgow on 6 August.

Inter reach agreement with Leonardo

MILAN, 2 July—Leonardo moved a sig-
nificant step closer to joining Paris Saint Germain on Friday after reaching an amicable agreement with Inter Milan to leave the Serie A club.

The Brazilian is due to
join PSG as the French capital side’s new sporting director. Last week despite Leonardo still being on their payroll Inter appointed former Genoa boss Gian Piero Gasperini to succeed the 41-year-old as their coach.

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Choi ties course record and takes the lead

NEWTOWN SQUARE, 2 July—if seeing the putts drop for birdie were not enough, KJ Choi noticed his gallery growing and getting more excited for him Friday at Aronimink in the AT&T National. “I started feeling that … I’m working toward a special round,” Choi said. With five birds over his last six holes, Choi had a 6-under 64 to match the lowest score in the two years the AT&T National has been played at Aronimink. It gave him a two-shot lead over Chris Riley, Charlie Wi, Justin Leonard and Bo Van Pelt.—INTERNET

Schleck wants to avenge loss to Contador at Tour

LES HERBIERS, 2 July—Two-time run-
er-up Andy Schleck has extra incentive to stop Alberto Contador winning his third straight Tour de France, having lost last year’s race to the Spaniard. Contador dropped Schleck on a steep uphill climb in the Pyrenees last summer after the Luxembourger’s rider came off as he was preparing to attack Contador, who ignored perceived cycling etiquette by failing to wait for his rival.

Contador gained a 39-second advan-
tage over Schleck, and it would become his exact margin of overall victory a few days later on the Champs Elysees. Schleck said he forgave Contador for the move, but added he will never “forget it.” “I would not have done this,” Schleck told L’Equipe this week.

Tiger Woods in first new commercial since scandal

NEW YORK, 2 July—US golf star Tiger Woods has appeared in his first new TV commercial since his epic fall from grace in 2009 over a sex scandal. The 35-year-
old former world number one appeared in a 15-second commercial for a Japanese heat-rub which debuted on Japanese te-
elvision on Friday. A spokesman for Kowa Co. which makes the Vantelin Kowa rub, Katsuhiro Kaji, said the firm made the offer to Woods last year. He refused to reveal details of the deal.—INTERNET

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Kvitova tops Sharapova for Wimbledon title

Maria Sharapova in straight sets Saturday to capture the ladies’ championship at Wimbledon.

Kvitova won her first Grand Slam title and fourth tournament of the year with a 6-3, 6-4 victory on the famed grass court. The eighth-seeded Kvitova used a full arsenal of left-handed ground strokes to win 72 percent of her first serves to Sharapova’s 58 percent. Sharapova served three aces, but Kvitova had 19 winners to her 10. The loss dropped Sharapova to 3-2 in Grand Slam finals. She won Wimbledon in 2004.

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State. rain have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin State, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Yangon Region, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (4.66) inches, Yey (4.49) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (4.25) inches, Cocogyun (3.94) inches, Thandwe (3.82) inches, Maungtaw (3.70) inches, Taungup (3.62) inches and Thmarzayet (3.50) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 1-7-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 2-7-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-7-2011 was (92%).
Rainfall on 2-7-2011 was (0.07) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)
Maximum temperature on 1-7-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 2-7-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-7-2011 was (83%).
Rainfall on 2-7-2011 was (Nil).

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Bay Influence: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd July 2011: Rain or thunder showers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Mon and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase rain in Coastal Area.

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Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3rd July 2011: Some rain (or) thunder showers. 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

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

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party arrive back from Russia

YANGON, 2 July—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann arrived back here by air at 8.50 am today after paying a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of Speaker Mr BV Gryzlov of the State Duma Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, chairmen, secretaries and members of committees at Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Charge d’Affaires ai of the Russian Embassy Mr Dmitry Darchenkov and departmental officials.

Members of the delegation—Chairman U Aung Tun of Public Accounts Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw, Secretary U T Khun Myat of Bill Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U San Tun of Bill Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw, Secretary U Maung Toe of Public Accounts Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U Hla Myint Oo of Hluttaw Rights Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U Than Myint of Government’s Guarantee, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, member of Public Accounts Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw Dr Win Myint, members of Hluttaw Rights Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw U Nyunt Tin and U Nay Win Tun and departmental officials—also arrived back on the same flight.

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Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, plants sapling to mark Myanmar Women’s Day 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, attended the tree growing ceremony organized by the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day 2011 (3rd July) at the compound of the office of MWAF in Dekkhinathiri of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thura Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, and Daw Nan Shwe Hnon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wives of the Union Ministers, patrons of MWAF, President of the federation Dr Thet Thet Zin and CEC members and members.

Daw Khin Khin Win planted a sapling at the designated place in commemoration of the Myanmar Women’s Day 2011.

Together with Daw Khin Saw Hnin and Daw Nan Shwe Hnon, Daw Khin Khin Win viewed participation of wives of Union Ministers, patrons of MWAF, President of the federation Dr Thet Thet Zin, CEC members and members growing 3468 saplings at the ceremony. —MNA