Mon State Ministers reshuffled

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Order No. 43/2011 today. The Order No. 43/2011 is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
(Order No. 43/2011)
8th Waxing of Waso, 1373 ME
(8 July, 2011)
Reshuffle of Ministers of Mon State

The following Ministers of Mon State submitted by the Mon State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) (See page 9)
PERSPECTIVES
Saturday, 9 July, 2011

Do research, increase crop production

Peasants and workers are basic strata of the people. Improving socio-economic life of the basic strata people can uplift prestige of the nation.

The government is placing emphasis on enhancement of socio-economic life of the rural people. At present, rural development and poverty alleviation are being implemented through various ways and means. Boosting agricultural products plays an important role in development of socio-economy of the rural people. Especially, ways and means are to be sought for increasing per-acre yield of crops.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is striving for rising per-acre yield of crops by conducting researches. Priority is being given to distribute quality strains of crop seeds, apply modern systematic cultivation methods for various crops and produce quality strains of high yield crops.

The farmers rely on incomes through cultivation of seasonal crops. Quality and high yield crops can increase their incomes. Quality strains of crops are to be used to raise per-acre yield. It is necessary to effectively use modern cultivation methods, inputs, fertilizers and pesticides.

Minimizing loss and wastage from seeding to harvesting period, quality of products and strong market of value-added products benefit the farmers.

Today, ministries concerned and experts are conducting research on necessaries of crop production. They are producing high-yield quality strains. Modern cultivation methods bring better results for boosting crop production. All in all, ministries concerned, experts and farmers are to harmoniously strive for development of agriculture sector.

Schools in Kachin State benefit from donations

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 July — Myitson Hydel-power Plant project donated stationery and school uniforms to students in Myitkyina Township yesterday.

At the donation ceremony, Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Sai handed over exercise books, stationery and school uniforms worth over K 9.3 millions to Basic Education High School (Branch) in Aungmyntha Model Village, basic education primary schools No.1 and No.2, Kyatpaungchan post primary school and basic education primary schools No.1, 2 and 3 in Maliyan and Nantkway villages.

After the ceremony, the Chief Minister visited computer room and lecture rooms of Aungmyntha BEHS and roads and station hospital in the village.

14th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress.—MNA

Kumarabhivamsa, Meeting Chairman Vice-Chairman of the SSMNC Masoeyein Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejobhasarabhivamsa delivered an Ovadakatha.

Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotika, on behalf of SSMNC (Third Branch) submitted the brief report of the branch. Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

Second-day special session 1/2011 of First Mon State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Mon State Hluttaw appoints ministers for reconstituted ministries

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 July — The second-day special session 1/2011 of First Mon State Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw this morning, attended by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Maung, Mon State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe, the deputy speaker, ministers and representatives.

First, the Speaker submitted the names for state ministers nominated by the Chief Minister to the Hluttaw. The proposal was approved unanimously by representatives. The list of ministers at the designated ministries are U Tun Hlaing for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, U Win Maw Oo for the Ministry of Forestry and Mines, Dr. Min Nwe Soe for the Ministry of Planning and Economics, Dr. Hla Oo for the Ministry of Transport, Naing Lawi Aung (a) U Naing Myint Swe for the Ministry of Electric Power and Industry, Dr. Toe Toe Aung for the Ministry of Development Affairs and Dr. Hla Oo for the Ministry of Social Affairs.

The second-day session ended at 10.12 am. —MNA
Two killed in suicide bomb attack in E Iraq

Baquba, 8 July—Two policemen were killed and 19 people wounded, including four police officers, in a suicide car bomb attack targeted a convoy of a police commando chief in Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala, a provincial police source told Xinhua on Thursday. The attack occurred on Wednesday night when a suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into the convoy of police vehicles carrying Lieutenant Colonel Abdul-Hameed, chief of the 3rd Battalion of Diyala’s police commando, while moving in al-Hadeed area, northwest of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source from Diyala’s operations command said on condition of anonymity.

The blast killed two police commandos and wounded four officers, including Hameed, and ten commandos, the source said, adding that five passers-by were also wounded by the blast. Separately, a roadside bomb went off on Thursday morning near a butcher shop and wounded the shop owner and two civilians in al-Gatoon area, some six km west of Baquba, the source added.

Roadside bomb kills eight Afghan police

KABUL, 8 July—Eight policemen were killed as a roadside bomb struck a police van in Jawzjan Province, 390 km north of Afghan capital city Kabul on Thursday, a private television channel reported.

“The gruesome incident happened in Faizabad District today when a police vehicle ran over a mine,” Tolo television aired in its news bulletin. The security officials said that an operation was underway in the region with reinforcements. Listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) took up arms in 1984 in order to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Afghan, NATO forces fire rockets into Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 July—Afghan and NATO-led troops fired rockets into Pakistan’s northwest tribal region of North Waziristan on Friday, causing no injuries, local TV channel reported.

Residents were quoted as saying that around 18 mortar shells landed near a Pakistani checkpoint at Ghulam Khan border area, adding Pakistani forces returned fire.

The incident took place a day after Pakistan, Afghan and NATO military officials met in the Pakistani northwestern city of Peshawar to discuss preventing repeat of cross border firing.

The Afghan president’s office said in Kabul that Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani had agreed in telephone conversation with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on the establishment of a joint military commission to address problems emerged on the Afghan and Pakistan border.

Pakistan’s Foreign Office spokesperson blamed militants for the current cross border attacks, saying there is a common concern on this issue. Pakistan said that 55 security personnel were killed and over 80 others injured in five cross border attacks in Dir District, Bajaur and Mohmand tribal regions in a month time.

Afghanistan claimed that hundreds of rockets and artillery rounds were fired into eastern Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces from Pakistani territory, killing 40 people and injuring 50 others.

One Turkish soldier killed in clash with PKK rebels in southeast

ANKARA, 8 July—One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed in a clash with the rebels of the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in the southeastern Turkey late Thursday, security officials said on Friday.

The staff sergeant was killed in the fire fight in the Pulmur town in the Province of Tunceli during a sweeping mission which was launched after the PKK militants set ablaze a truck on Tuesday, the officials were quoted by the semi-official Anatolia news agency. The security officials said that an operation was underway in the region with reinforcements. Listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) took up arms in 1984 in order to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Afghans put stones around the bloodstains to mark the scene of a suicide attack in Kapisa northeast of Kabul, Afghanistan recently.

900 bodies found in mass grave in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 July—Iraqi authorities have dug up a mass grave with some 900 bodies, believed to be Kurds killed under late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein’s regime in 1980s, a state-run daily said Thursday.

The bodies have been found near Iraq’s central City of Diwaniyah, Xinhua reported.

The corpses were found in Al Shanafiyah area, some 50 km southwest of Diwaniyah, capital city of Al Qadsiyah Province, Al Sabah newspaper quoted a provincial council member as saying.

“Judicial teams from the Iraqi Human Rights Ministry arrived at the site where the bodies were buried in trenches at the local cemetery of Al Amharrir in Al Shanafiyah,” Dakhil Safari, a member of the provincial council and head of the council’s justice and accountability commission told the newspaper. Mass graves in Iraq became well-known since the US-led invasion of the country, as dozens of mass graves made during Hussein’s rule were discovered. But dozens of other graves, discovered later, were made during the chaos and the bloodshed that followed the 2003 Iraq war.

The wrecked remains of a vehicle used in a bomb attack is seen at the bomb site in the north of Baghdad recently.

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People comfort a man as he mourns the death of a family member who was shot dead in Karachi, Pakistan on 7 July, 2011.
**Science**

**Giant Swedish space balloon fizzes out: space centre**

STOCKHOLM, 8 July—

-Swedish scientists were forced to halt a ground-breaking project Thursday to test the impact of stars when a balloon carrying an X-ray telescope began leaking helium, a space centre said Thursday. "We sent it up without any problems, but then we were forced to take it down. It was leaking, and when a balloon leaks it loses height," said Johanna Bergstrom-Rooos of the Esrange Space Centre, near Kiruna in northern Sweden. "These things happen," she told AFP.

The PoGOLite (Polarised Gamma-ray Observer), a two-tone telescope dangling from an enormous balloon filled with one million cubic metres of helium was launched at 1:57 am (2357 GMT Wednesday) from Esrange and was brought back to earth shortly after 7:00 am. Space centre officials could not say exactly how far the balloon had gone, only saying it "did not go very far" and never made it past the mountain range on the Swedish-Norwegian border.

It had reached an altitude of about 35 kilometres (22 miles), just short of its 38-kilometre altitude goal. The PoGOLite’s aim was to study the x-rays emitted by neutron stars, pulsars and black hole systems.—Internet

**NASA launches space shuttle on historic final mission**

CAPE CANAVERAL, (FLA) 8 July—

The space shuttle Atlantis soared into the heavens and the history books Friday (July 8), kicking off the last-ever mission of NASA’s storied shuttle programme.

Despite a bleak forecast of thunderstorms and clouds, the shuttle beat the weather in a stunning midday launch, sailing into the sky on one final voyage. The countdown toward liftoff took a dramatic pause at T minus 31 seconds while ground crews verified that a vent arm at the top of the shuttle was fully retracted. NASA was quickly able to push on toward liftoff.

Atlantis blasted off just after 11:26 a.m. EDT (1526 GMT) from Launch Pad 39A here at NASA’s Kennedy Space Centre, thrilling huge thongs of spectators who had descended on Florida’s Space Coast to see the swan song of an American icon. NASA estimated that between 750,000 and 1 million people turned out to watch history unfold before their eyes.

"On behalf of the greatest team in the world, good luck to you and your crew on the final flight of this true American icon," shuttle launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts just before launch. “And so for the final time, Fergie, Doug, Sandy and Rex, good luck, Godspeed and have a little fun up there.”

"Thanks to you and your team, Mike. We’re not ending the journey today, we’re completing a chapter of a journey that will never end," Atlantis’ commander Chris Ferguson replied.

"Let’s light this shuttle one more time and Mike and witness this nation at its best. The crew of Atlantis is ready to launch."—Internet

**YouTube invites users to try ‘Cosmic Panda’**

INTERNET

Test Tube is a side project conducted by YouTube in order to get user feedback on their latest project developments; users of the site can try a number of editing and search tools not currently widely available.

As part of this project, Cosmic Panda Provides users with additional editing tools for altering their YouTube channel, and it gives Google Chrome users the ability to watch one video while moving between other videos, playlists and even channels.

In a 7 July blog post YouTube outlined the principles of Cosmic Panda and encouraged users to express their thoughts on the service.

Users can leave feedback by accessing the channel and clicking the blue label on the left-hand side of the screen marked “Feedback.”

Other popular video sharing channels include Vimeo, Daily Motion and the popular Chinese site Tudou, which includes a variety of clips from English language shows alongside Chinese videos.—Internet

**Alert system to notify consumers of online piracy**

WASHINGTON, 8 July—

Hollywood studios, recording labels, artists and Internet service providers have created a programme to alert Internet subscribers when their accounts are used to access movies, songs and other content that entertainment companies consider unauthorized.

The new “copyright alerts” system is intended to educate consumers about online piracy by sending up to six electronic messages notifying subscribers when their accounts are used to download or share such content. Internet service providers would send the alerts to a subscriber after receiving a notice from a copyright holder. Consumers who ignore the notices could face “mitigation measures,” such as slower Internet connections or redirection to a special website that provides information about copyright protections.

Internet service providers would not be required to terminate any subscriber accounts or hand over subscriber names to copyright holders.

Among the groups and companies participating in the new programme: the Motion Picture Association of America and member companies including Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures and Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc; the Recording Industry Association of America and member companies including Universal Music Group Recordings and Warner Music Group; Independent Film & Television Alliance; and Internet services Providers including AT&T Inc, Comcast Corp and Verizon Communications Inc.—Internet
People with phobic anxieties, like fear of crowded places, fear of heights or fear of going outside, are at higher risk for heart disease than those with fewer or no anxieties.

Several studies have suggested that anxiety and anger are associated with an elevated risk of sudden cardiac death. This is when death occurs within one hour of the onset of symptoms; it’s usually associated with a lethal heart rhythm disturbance.

The following questions, suggested by the American Heart Association, may help you determine if you need to see a mental health professional:

* Do you have an unreasonable fear of being in enclosed spaces like shops, elevators, etc.?
* Do you find yourself worrying about getting some incurable illness?
* Are you exceptionally afraid of heights?
* Do you feel panicky in crowds?
* Do you worry unduly when relatives are late in coming home?
* Do you feel more relaxed indoors?
* Do you dislike going out alone?
* Do you feel uneasy traveling on buses or trains even if they are not crowded?

**Higher aspirin dose better for diabetes**

EDMONTON, 8 July—Higher daily doses of aspirin, as much as 325 milligrams daily, may play a role in preventing heart attacks for those with diabetes, Canadian researchers say.

Scott Simpson of the University of Alberta and colleagues looked at data from 21 studies that focused specifically on diabetic patients who had suffered a previous heart attack or stroke.

Simpson discovered patients with previous cardiac episodes who were taking a low dose of aspirin daily — usually 81 mg — had very little benefit in terms of prevention of a second heart attack or a decreased risk of mortality.

“We found that, if those patients took up to 325 milligrams of aspirin per day, they had a 23 percent lower risk of death,” Simpson says in a statement.

People with diabetes are at an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, and there is evidence that suggests as much as 60 percent of deaths in diabetics are attributable to heart disease, Simpson said.—Internet

**Unhealthy lifestyle may kill sex**

COPENHAGEN, 8 July—Overweight, physical inactivity, high alcohol consumption, smoking and hard drugs are linked to sexual dysfunction in men, Danish researchers say.

Dr Morten Frisch of Statens Serum Institut in Copenhagen used nationally representative survey data from 5,552 Danish men and women ages 16-97 in 2005 to study the association of lifestyle factors with sexual inactivity and sexual dysfunction.

The study, published in the Journal of Sexual Medicine, says a number of unhealthy lifestyle factors are associated with increased risk of not having a partner-related sex life by up to 78 percent in men and up to 91 percent in women.

Among those who had a sexual partner, the risk of experiencing sexual dysfunction was greater in men who lead unhealthy lives and more than 800 percent in men using hard drugs, the study says.

Women who used hashish had almost three times increased risk of have difficulties or inability to reach climax during sexual activity with a partner compared with non-users, Frisch adds.—Internet

**BofA to take $13 billion more in charges**

WASHINGTON, 8 July—Bank of America will take another $13 billion in charges related to pending settlement with private label mortgage-backed securities investors, Sanford C Bernstein said.

The brokerage sees the largest US bank by assets posting a loss of 67 cents a share in the second quarter. It had earlier forecast a profit of 29 cents a share.

**Job data pushed Dow higher**

NEW YORK, 8 July—US markets moved higher Thursday after Automatic Data Processing Inc said 157,000 jobs were added to the economy in June.

ADP tracks private sector jobs and releases its report earlier in the week than the Labour Department releases a highly anticipated report that includes private sector and government jobs. By close of trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average added 94.37 points or 0.74 percent to 12,719.49. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index gained 14.00 or 1.05 percent to 1,353.22. The Nasdaq composite index rose 38.64 or 1.36 percent to 2,872.66. The benchmark 10-year treasury note lost 8/32 to yield 3.14 percent.

The euro rose to $1.436 from Wednesday’s $1.4319. Against the yen, the dollar rose to 81.24 yen from Thursday’s 80.91 yen.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei 225 index lost 0.11 percent, 11.34, to 10,071.14. In London, the FTSE 100 index added 0.86 percent, 51.63, to 6,054.55.—Internet

**Japan’s largest mobile phone operator, NTT DoCoMo, plans to start powering its cellphone tower network with renewable energy such as solar, wind or biomass, the company said Friday.**

NTT DoCoMo, which has 90,000 cellphone relay stations, will start the project by building some 10 renewable energy facilities in fiscal year 2012 to supplement the conventional electricity supply, media reports said.

Daioseku Sakuma, a spokesman at NTT DoCoMo, told AFP that “we are planning green transmission stations,” which would be run on eco-energy such as bio-fuel cells, wind or solar power. “We have not decided details yet, including how many stations would be operated that way,” he said, adding that the company could one day sell excess energy, although for now its aim was to meet its own power needs. Sakuma said the move could also help protect the system against widespread blackouts.
Hopes formed over past 100 days

Banya Aung

It was the 30th May on which the seventh of the State’s seven-step Road Map was launched to build a modern and developed democratic nation with State leaders elected by Hluttaw, and the government and administrative bodies formed by Hluttaw. That day, the President in his inaugural speech to the session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced the start of Myanmar’s democratization and made further clarification to the new government’s policies on domestic affairs, and foreign policies. And in meeting with heads of Union level bodies, Union ministers and deputy ministers, the President elaborated on stances, concepts and proceedings to be implemented in pursuit of domestic policies.

Over three months into the office of the new government, Myanmar has seen a number of political changes. In his speech, the President reaffirmed that Myanmar would keep exercising non-aligned, free and active foreign policy, and disclosed the nation’s fervour of cooperating with the international community in reconstructing nation. Furthermore, he urged the foreign countries that are in favour of the people’s socioeconomic improvement to recognize positive changes in Myanmar and cooperate with the nation, which met the recognition of the international community.

Moreover, UN, international organizations and NGOs are now in talk with related ministries and are holding workshops to cooperate with Myanmar in the health, education, economic and environmental conservation sectors. In the process, Myanmar officials at all levels held open discussions on the problems and challenges Myanmar is facing and plans to overcome them. Therefore, even many organizations that have showed negative attitude to Myanmar recognized that there were many positive changes in Myanmar. ICRC’s projects to observe prisons to provide aids that have been adjourned for several years, were resumed on 1 July. So, Myanmar will soon see tasks for greater progress of prisons.

In relation to the economic sector, the National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was organized at Nay Pyi Taw on 20 May for development of rural areas that are home to folks who make up 70 % of the nation’s population, and alleviation of poverty. At the workshop, the President said that economic growth was critical to national development; and that the government would review monetary policy, financial policy, trade policy and investment policy for economic development, and in that regard, the government would work together with relevant departments, experts and associations. The National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation is the first of its kind in Myanmar. Rural development programmes have the top priority because rural people are the major workforce of the nation, and rural development contributes towards poverty alleviation and nation’s economic development. At the first-day session of the workshop, the President not only delivered a speech but also listened to all reports by resource persons, questions of the attendees and resource persons’ replies to the queries. The President’s attending the workshop from start to end showed the government’s political will for reforms. A foreigner attendee remarked that frank discussion about the government’s economic and agricultural policies in front of the President was the first in over 60 years, and reflected the Myanmar’s new political arena with emergence of the constitution.

Besides, workshop on promotion of national education standard, workshop on environmental conservation and e-Government workshop took place in the nation.

In his speech, the President pledged that reviews would be carried out in various administrative aspects, and appropriate policies and work programmes would be adopted when it was opportune. To prove the pledge, many restrictions were lifted, amendments were made to procedures, and tax rates were reduced for smooth operation in the economic and trade sectors. And as pledged by the President, pension rates have been increased since July according to the nation’s economic strength and financial situations.

To comply with the President’s advice to recognize the important role of journals and newspapers that are the fourth estate, and respect their positive suggestions, a new system has been brought into force that 82 journals, 96 magazines and other publications are to be submitted for scrutinization only after they are in circulation. Many of the restrictions on particular periodicals that come out only after they are submitted to the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division have been lifted. So, particular types of political, economic and social stories that were never allowed to feature in publications can be seen now.

(See page 7)
Forestry Ministry honours outstanding students

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 July—The Ministry of Forestry honoured outstanding offspring of its staff who passed 2010-2011 matriculation examination with flying colours, this morning.

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun gave a speech on the occasion and awarded the five distinction winners. Daw Swe Swe Chit, wife of the Union Minister, then awarded seven five-distinction winners. Heads of departments also awarded the other outstanding students. MNA

Those wishing to set up political parties submitting application to UEC

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 July—As those wishing to set up political parties are submitting application of political party establishment to the Union Election Commission, a 20-member group including U Kyaw, on 4 July, submitted application for establishment of New National Democracy Party to the Union Election Commission. The Union Election Commission has made requests to respective ministries to check the applicants whether they are in line with article 4 and 6 of political parties registration law.—MNA

Hopes formed over past …

Apart from development in the executive sector, the legislative sector has made progress as supported by the fact that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is gearing up for effective implementation of the duties entrusted by the constitution. At the first regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, related ministers responded to 106 questions, and proposals submitted by MPs, and 43 of them were discussed for resolutions. The questions and proposals reflect the stances of the voters. Therefore, it can be said that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw complied with the public wishes. The emergence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw symbolizes political changes in Myanmar. To put it another way, emergence of political space for the people and political parties represents a turning point in Myanmar’s politics.

Now, the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is over. The committees of the two Hluttaws are holding talks and workshops, and exchanging visits with the parliaments of other countries in order that Hluttaws will become strong with competence, and they will be well capable of discharging their two major duties: legislation, and check and balance among Hluttaws, the government and judicial bodies. In addition, as addressed to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by the President, assessments are being carried out to meet the criteria of whether or not existing laws protect public and national interests, comply with the constitution, can be exercised in practice, and conformity with international conventions and agreements. Many are exercising. The programmes for strengthening legislative organs are designed to ensure correct democratic practice in Myanmar.

Deducing from abovementioned points, there have been three types of progress in the Myanmar’s political sphere that has emerged according to the constitution, as follows:—
(a) Executive and legislative bodies are correctly reviewing objective conditions of Myanmar and identifying challenges being faced by the nation, and have come to in cooperation with the people to surmount those challenges.
(b) Executive and legislative bodies have come to ascertain, respect and respond to public stances.
(c) Executive and legislative bodies have become willing to deal with the international community all the more and have come to recognize international community’s concerns over Myanmar affairs.

The President’s speeches and work of the Union government and Region/State governments indicate that transformation processes are well underway. However, some are highly critical of transformation processes, stemming from lack of transformation processes, stemming from lack of demarcation and pressure on the nation for more demanding task is to cope with intimidating challenges. All the reforms are being disrupted by internal and external elements. So, Myanmar also has to get rid of stereotypical traditions and policies that have been rooted since the centralization system. A more demanding task is to cope with outside disruptions and pressure on the nation for transformation processes, stemming from lack of national unity. These days, there were many bomb blasts to destroy roads and railroads and structures in public areas, and many attempts being made through Websites to spark underground political unrest.

I would therefore like to say that not only the government and legal political parties but also organizations outside Hluttaws are responsible for smooth and speedy democratization in Myanmar. The common goal can be achieved sooner than expected if all work in harness. Therefore, the President has opened opportunity door to all persons and organizations to take part in the democratization process. Those who have not accepted the constitution yet should grasp the golden opportunity. If they choose correct path, the hopes due to the progress made over past 100 days will come to fruitions in a short time.

Translation: MS

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye views students learning at the new building of Myaungu Village Basic Education High School.—MNA

UEC Chairman…

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Next, the UEC chairman presented 500 sets of school furniture, solar panels, LED lamp, 40 sets of battery and 1000 dozens of exercise books to Myaungu Village BEHS through the school head. Then the Union minister presented school bags and 50 sets of school uniform for school children of the BEHS through a student.

The newly-opened two-storey Pyinna Yone school building is 190 feet long and 30 feet wide and it is RC type one. The building with 12 classrooms was built with the contributions of K 103.5 million by the Ministry of Education and K 195.363 million by AMC and Chan Hein companies.

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Leading Committee for preparation for...
Mon State Ministers... (from page 1)

- Col Hla Myint Aung
- Dr Khin Maung Thwin
- U Myo Nyunt
- U Win Maw Oo
- Dr Min Nwe Soe
- U Tun Hlaing
- Naing Lawi Aung (a)
- U Naing Myint Swe
- Dr Toe Toe Aung
- Dr Hla Oo

Ministry of Health to promote cooperation with China, MBCA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Chinese Ambassador on pro-
ter discussion with the Chi-
ing.

Separately here this morn-
ing, at his office

AIDS (MBCA), a social

Business Coalition on

Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Chairman Mr Martin Pun of Myanmar

Mr Li Junhua and Chairman Mr Martin Pun of Myanmar Business Coalition on

AIDS (MBCA), a social

organization, at his office

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The Union Minis-
ter discussed with the Chi-

nese Ambassador on pro-
motion of rural healthcare

services, renovation of rural healthcare infrastruc-
tures, vaccination cam-
paigns for children under

one year and against hepa-
titis B, promotion of tradi-
tional medicines, pro-
grammes of mixed treat-
ment of western medicines

and traditional medicines, and study visit of

Myanmar medical practi-
tioners to Chinese medi-
cial institutes.

The Union Minis-
ter and the MBCA chair-
man held discussion about

joint-campaigns against

AIDS, support pro-
grammes and potential co-
ordination between pri-
vate and social institu-
tions.

Also present at the

call were Deputy Minis-
ter for Health Dr Daw

Myat Myat Ohn Khin, di-

rectors-general of the min-

istry.—MNA

Coach turns over on

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

Two killed, 20 injured

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Shwe Gabar pas-

senger express bus, while running Yangon-

Mandalay-Taunggyi route, with Khin Maung

Lay at the wheel leaving Yangon for Mandalay

turned over on the right
earthen shoulder of

Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Ex-

pressway between mile

post No. 37/4 and 37/5

near Sitpinseik Village of

Bago Township at about

4.30 pm yesterday due to

slip in raining.

Of 35 passengers, two

women, about 20 years

old, (names under investi-
gation), were killed in the

incident and two men and

18 women, totalling 20

were injured (unserious).

Officials of Bawnatgyi

Expressway Police Station

rushed to the scene and

sent the injured to Bago

People’s Hospital and

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Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011 continued today at

Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Mu-

seum, here.

Patron of the Cen-

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Minister for Mines U

Thein Htaik viewed

putting price proposal into

tender boxes and check-
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Local and foreign gem merchants viewed jade lots to be sold through

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bidding system. Secretary of the Central Committee

Managing Director U

Thein Swe of Myanmar

Gems Enterprise and offi-
cials of Myanmar Gems

Entrepreneurs Associa-
tion supervised the spe-
cial sales.

Today, 15149 lots of jade were sold through tender. A total of 9366

local and foreign gem

merchants are attending

the special sales.

Moreover, jewel-

lery shops at Mani Yadana

Jade Hall were crowded

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(i) Dr Hla Oo

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Union Attorney-General attends third seminar of IAACA

NAW PiTAW, 8 July—A Myanmar delegation from Union Attorney-General’s Office headed by Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin attended the third seminar of International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities held in Shanghai, China from 3 to 6 July and arrived back here yesterday evening.

A total of 400 participants of 84 groups from 80 countries attended the seminar. The Union Attorney-General was accompanied by Law Officer U Aung Than Myint of Yangon Region and Staff Officer U Nyunt Lwin of Union Attorney-General’s Office.—MNA

Notice on drawing monthly pensions for service personnel pensioners, political pensioners

NAW PiTAW, 8 July—It has been announced that the pensioners are to contact pension departments (head office/branch) in person as quickly as possible together with their pension books and orders approving their pensions.

If there are no pension departments in their townships, increased pension forms can be available at township general administration offices. Those forms and pension books are to be submitted to related departments, which will issue a slip of paper proving that the related documents have been received. If pensioners cannot submit pension orders, they can submit their pension books alone.

If pensioners cannot go personally to pension departments (head office/branch) or township general administration departments for health reasons, a representative can be sent on their behalf. For the pensioners with poor health, pension departments (head office/branch) or general administration departments are to sign their increased pension forms by scrutinizing and approving that those pensioners are still alive and send them to their mother units.

Even though pensioners fail to mention all the points in the form, their increased pension forms will be accepted only with an adequate amount of evidence. The forms requiring other supplementary points are to be filled out by mother units, which can do so with the help of the Pension Department if necessary.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has announced that departmental personnel responsible for issuing pension forms, filling up the forms, receiving the pension forms, increased pension permits and paying monthly pensions are to carry out such procedures with goodwill for the convenience of the pensioners.—MNA

Facts about increased pension rates

The State announced on 30-6-2011 that it has increased pension rates of State service personnel pensioners and political pensioners. As those increased pension rates will start as from this month (July), not only the pensioners themselves but also the entire nation are happy and delighted with that news.

It has also been reminded that the pensioners are to contact the departments concerned in person as soon as possible together with their pension books and orders approving their pensions. These days, the Pension Department is being crowded with pensioners and their families and relatives inquiring about the details of increased pension rates. The following are the answers to the questions and other necessary noteworthy points.

1. Q: What kind of pension is included in the increased pension rates?
   A: All are included such as military and civil personnel.

2. Q: Are all who started drawing pensions before 2010 entitled?
   A: All who started enjoying pensions before 1-1-2010 are entitled.

3. Q: How many pensioners are there?
   A: There are more than 800,000 State service personnel pensioners and more than 40,000 political pensioners.

4. Q: According to the increased pension rates, what is the minimum rate and maximum rate?
   A: The minimum rate is about K 20,000 and the maximum rate, about K 110,000.

5. Q: Is it necessary for a pensioner who retired from Myitkyina Township Police Force and is drawing his monthly pension from Mawlamyine Bank, to submit his increased pension form to Myitkyina?
   A: No, it isn’t. The form can be submitted to Mawlamyine Township Police Force. It will accept the form, meet the pensioner in person and signed and send the form to the department concerned.

6. Q: Is it necessary for a pensioner saying that he went abroad in that period or not
   A: No, it will have been approved that he is free from criminal changes.

7. Q: Is it necessary for a pensioner saying that he retired from Kachin State regiment or unit and now lives in Yangon, what does he have to do as the towns they retired from are a bit far from Yangon?
   A: He has to go to Yangon Region Controller of Military Accounts (CMA). It has been coordinated with CMA.

8. Q: For a military service personnel member, who retired from Myitkyina Township Police Force and is drawing his monthly pension from Mawlamyine Bank, to submit his increased pension form to Myitkyina?
   A: He has to go to Yangon Region Controller of Military Accounts (CMA). It has been coordinated with CMA.

9. Q: For some retired teachers, what do they have to do as the towns they retired from are a bit distant from the towns from where they are drawing their monthly pensions?
   A: It has also been coordinated with the Ministry of Education so that they can go and contact the office of township education officer concerned.

10. Q: Is it necessary to submit an endorsement from the police force proving that a pensioner is not convicted?
    A: No, it will have been approved that those departmental concerned will meet the pensioners in person.

11. Q: For some pensioners who have not drawn their monthly pensions for about four or five years, is it possible for them to draw their pensions again? If so, what are the procedures?
    A: They can draw their pensions. They have to submit the receipt of pensioner, the receipt of drawing officer and a pensioner’s fingerprint, photo and signature to the Pension Department together with the following necessities by mentioning the month they last drew their monthly pensions.

(a) The application of a pensioner saying that he will resume drawing his monthly pension.
(b) The reason why he failed to draw his pensions.
(c) The endorsement from the police station concerned proving that he is free from criminal changes.
(d) The endorsement from the ward administrator concerned proving whether he went abroad in that period or not.

If such a kind of application with the points mentioned above comes to the Pension Department, the new permit order is to be issued by the departments concerned of the pensioners, and separate orders will be issued to Myanmar Economic Bank. Pensioners from enterprises and departments can draw their pensions with the permission of the head of department together with the aforementioned points.

(To be continued) ***** Translation: ST
Malaysian hostage crisis ends, 34 hostages safe

MUAR, 7 July—Police stormed in a local kindergarten on Thursday in Malaysia’s Southern Johor State and gunned down a man who had held 30 children and four teachers hostage for several hours.

State police chief, Jabaluddin Abdul Rahman, told reporters that the man was hit by a single shot in his head and was critically injured.

“Almost all 30 children, aged between three and five years, and their four teachers are safe,” he said.

New Zealand Air Force plane hit by lightning

WELLINGTON, 8 July—A Royal New Zealand Air Force Boeing 757 made a safe emergency landing in Auckland on Friday after being hit by lightning.

The plane, from 40 Squadron, was hit shortly after leaving Whenuapai air base carrying military personnel to Wellington Radio New Zealand reported.

The plane turned around as a precautionary measure. There have been no reports of injuries or damage to the plane.

The Fire Service has three appliances on standby at Whenuapai Air Force base.—Xinhua

Landslide kills two, injures two in SE Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 July—Two people were killed and two others injured Thursday in a landslide in a shantytown of Sao Paulo, southeastern Brazil, local sources said.

A three-year-old boy and a pregnant 17-year-old were killed. The older brother of the dead boy, who is five years old, and another teenage girl, aged 16, were injured. Both were rescued from the site with minor injuries.

The landslide hit an area of 7,000 square metres, damaging four houses. The cause of the landslide is not immediately known.

Sixty-five firefighters were mobilized to participate in the rescue operation, using several vehicles and three sniffer dogs, according to local sources.

Michigan shooting suspect commits suicide, hostages safe

CHICAGO, 8 July—Police said a suspected killer of seven people in Grand Rapids, a southwest Michigan City, killed himself late Thursday night after an 8-hour manhunt and standoff, the Grand Rapids Press reported.

Grand Rapids Police Chief Kevin Belk told a news conference that the suspect, identified as Rodrick Dantzler, 34, was dead at the scene, and the two hostages remained safe.

Belk said Dantzler released a 53-year-old woman but still held two others before he fired a shot into his own head.

Dozens of police officers cordoned off a city neighbourhood at about 8 pm local time (2400 GMT) after seven people, including two children, were fatally shot in related shootings at two homes in the city Thursday afternoon.

Four people were found dead in a Grand Rapids home and three others were found in another home, and the killing rampage appeared to stem from domestic issues, police said.—Xinhua

At least one killed, 13 injured in tour bus accident in southern Russia

MOSCOW, 8 July—At least one person was killed after a tour bus crashed into another vehicle in the southern region of Russia, officials said Thursday.

The accident occurred Wednesday night on the Anapa-Gostagayevskaya highway in Russia’s southern region of Krasnodar, around 3 kilometres (1.9 miles) from the village of Krasny, the local Emergency Ministry told RIA Novosti. According to a spokesman from the ministry, the tour bus, which was traveling from the village of Cherkessky and on its way to the city of Anapa, Krasnodar Krai, crashed into another vehicle. In addition to the fatal victim, 13 others were injured. Emergency teams rushed to the scene and transported all of the injured to local hospitals.

In Russia, around 30,000 people die each year in traffic accidents partially due to the country’s highway network, which is in poor condition, and partially due to reckless driving. 

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MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (07)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (07) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W (1) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV AN YUE JIANG VOY NO (170)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN YUE JIANG VOY NO (170) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T/T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV REINA ROSA VOY NO (89) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-7 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Texas executes Mexican after US court rejects appeal

NEW YORK, 8 July — A Mexican citizen has been executed in the US state of Texas for the rape and murder of an American girl after the Supreme Court rejected a White House-backed appeal to spare the child’s life. Humberto Leal Garcia, 38, received a lethal injection on Thursday evening.

The Obama administration previously said the sentence would put the US in breach of international obligations. Leal was not told he could have access to Mexican consular officials, in violation of the Vienna Convention. Roughly one hour before Leal was taken to the death chamber, the Supreme Court justices voted 5-4 to allow the sentence. — Internet

Polar bears have maternal Irish brown bear ancestors

DUBLIN, 8 July — The maternal ancestors of modern polar bears were from Ireland, according to a DNA study of ancient brown bear bones. Scientists in the UK, Ireland and the US analysed the teeth and skeletons of 17 brown bears that were found at eight cave sites across Ireland. The new research has been reported in the latest edition of Current Biology. Previously, it was believed that today’s polar bears were most closely related to brown bears living on islands off the coast of Alaska. However, analysis of mitochondrial DNA — which is passed from mother to child — has shown the extinct Irish brown bears are the ancestors of all today’s polar bears, the scientists said. Their work provides evidence of the two species mating opportunistically during the past 100,000 years or more. Hybridisation has been recorded recently in the wild where grizzly bears have encroached on polar bear territories. The bears split from a common ancestor to become separate species two million to 400,000 years ago. — Internet

Experts looked at suicide problems in 10 European countries— Internet

Suicide rates in Europe ‘linked’ to financial crisis

LONDON, 8 July — The financial crisis “almost certainly” led to an increase in suicides across Europe, health experts say. The analysis by US and UK researchers found a rise in recorded among working age people from 2007 to 2009 in nine of the 10 nations studied. The increases varied between 5% and 17% for under 65s after 6% for a period of falling suicide rates. The Lancet reported.

Researchers said investment in welfare systems was the key to keeping rates down. In particular, they argued supporting people back into work or having programmes to stop them losing their jobs in the first place was more important than giving them benefits. The team used World Health Organization data to compare rates in the 10 countries, including the UK.

China to strengthen quality supervision of six types of exports

BEIJING, 8 July — China’s quality supervision agency said on Friday that the country will step up monitoring of six types of exports to crack down on infringements of intellectual property rights and counterfeiting. The six types of exports include toys, clothes, footwear, small household appliances, furniture and bags, Wang Xin, director of the department of supervision and inspection of the General Administration of Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, said at a meeting. — Xinhuas
Aussie couple infected with toothed worms

An Australian doctor said a couple in Victoria are believed to be the first in the country to become infected with a species of parasitic worms with teeth. Dr Andrew Fuller of the Alfred hospital in Prahran said the couple are believed to have ingested the gnathostomiasis larvae when they caught and ate a fish, likely a black bream, during a Western Australia camping trip, The (Melbourne) Herald Sun reported Wednesday.

Fuller said the tiny worms have teeth allowing them to “go anywhere they like in the body.” “They move under the skin and cause itchy lumps that can make you feel sick — and it can be very hard to diagnose,” the doctor said.

He said symptoms of infection include fever, muscle pain, vomiting and skin irritations resembling an orange peel.

Fuller said the couple recovered after receiving a course of antibiotics.

He said he has treated the condition before, but the couple are believed to have been the first to contract the worms in Australia.

Famous people

Jennifer Aniston’s handprints immortalised

Los Angeles, 8 July — Actress Jennifer Aniston, who is set to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame next year, has cast her hands and feet in cement outside Grauman’s Chinese Theatre.

The 42-year-old celebrated the event along with new boyfriend Justin Theroux, close friend Chelsea Handler and “Horrible Bosses” co-star Jason Bateman, Femalefirst.co.uk reported.

The ceremony took place Thursday.

John Legend accused of stealing song

New York, 8 July — R&B star John Legend has been accused by songwriter Anthony Stokes of ripping off his demo song. In a lawsuit filed in New Jersey, Stokes stated that he gave the tape to Legend in 2004 after a concert.

The 32-year-old promised to listen to the song, but never.

Legend is pregnant with the couple’s first child and supposed to become proficient in keyboarding skills.

Nicolas Cage’s daughter-in-law denies divorce talk

Washington, 8 July — Just days after Nicolas Cage’s son Weston took to Facebook to announce his intention to divorce wife Nikki Williams, she has denied it and claimed that they are in rehab together following their arrest for domestic violence last weekend.

Williams, however, confirmed reports she is pregnant with the couple’s first child and hinted at the fact the weekend’s drama may have been sparked when Cage caught her drinking alcohol.

“I did drink the night before the arrest. I suppose my hormones got the best of me. That was the only occasion I consumed alcohol since I found out that I’m pregnant and I really regret my decision to do so,” Williams told TMZ.com.

She insists her husband’s divorce comments were premature, adding “We love each other very much.” Williams said both she and Weston are back in rehab together.

“We are not pressing charges against each other and we are working through our issues,” she added.— Internet

Imogen Thomas loses 5K pounds in bank account theft

London, 8 July — Imogen Thomas has suffered a loss of 5,000 pounds — thanks to the swindlers who pumped out the amount from her bank account.

The 28-year-old ex-lover of Man United ace Ryan Giggs only came to know about the theft after coming back home from a week in the US, reports the Sun.

The ‘shocked’ former ‘Big Brother’ housemate reported the theft to her bank, which called in the cops. The accused offenders reportedly used the model’s card details to gamble thousands on websites.— Internet

Indiana stops requiring cursive teaching

The Indiana Department of Education has issued a directive allowing schools to discontinue teaching cursive with an increased focus on keyboarding skills.

The directive said schools in the state can individually choose whether cursive teaching will cease, decrease or stay the same while students at all schools will be expected to become proficient in keyboard use, Time magazine reported Thursday.

Flamingo collection a Guinness record

A Florida woman said her collection of 619 flamingo-related items has earned her a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Sherry Knight, of Lecanto, said she has been collecting flamingo paraphernalia for years and recently received the news that she is a Guinness World Record holder, Bay News 9, St Petersburg, reported Thursday.

Eason Chan, Miriam Yeung perform during concert

Singer Miriam Yeung performs during a concert in Hong Kong, south China, on 7 July, 2011. Singers Eason Chan, Miriam Yeung and Edmond Leung performed at the concert at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday.

Singer Miriam Yeung 07072011 (c) Rex Features

Jessica Simpson’s perfume called ‘I Fancy You’

London, 8 July — Singer-actress Jessica Simpson has named her latest perfume “I Fancy You”.

Simpson — who has a line of clothing, shoes and scents to her name — says the latest name was created to inspire people to believe in everlasting love.

“I am so excited to introduce my fourth and final fragrance of the Fancy Collection, I Fancy You. This floral scent is romantic and feminine and conjures up the feelings of a first love that makes you realise that love can last forever. I Fancy You!” the 30-year-old told People magazine.

The romantic theme is also continued with the bottle, which features love hearts.

Scherri Lee Biggs holds a Press Conference after she was crowned Miss Universe Australia 2011 in Melbourne, Australia, on 7 July, 2011.— XINHUA
Lazio close to Cisse signing, says Reja

Rome, 8 July—French international striker Djibril Cisse is poised to join Lazio from Greek giants Panathinaikos, the Roman club’s coach Edy Reja confirmed on Thursday. (“Cisse has always been our top target,” Reja said. “But we need one of our strikers to find another team.”) Reja said. “Usually I only talk about players who have officially been transferred, but if he does come, we’ll have a player capable of making a difference.” Lazio are reportedly looking to sell their Argentine forward Mauro ZARATE.

According to the Italian news agency ANSA, 29-year-old Cisse will agree for a fee of six million euros ($8.6m) and will signing a four-year contract worth 2.1 million euros per season. The former Liverpool striker would become Lazio’s sixth summer signing, after German striker Miroslav Klose, Italian goalkeeper Federico Marchetti, Albanian midfielder Lorik Cana, Bosnian full-back Senad Lulic and French full-back Abdoulay Konko.

US 2020 Olympic bid still possible

Durban, 8 July—US and international Olympic leaders made progress in negotiations on a new revenue-sharing deal Thursday that could lead to a last-minute American bid for the 2020 Summer Games, officials from both sides told The Associated Press.

The International Olympic Committee and US Olympic Committee held a new round of talks aimed at resolving the financial issues that have strained relations for years and contributed to defections for New York for the 2012 Games and Chicago for 2016.

“It was constructive and positive and there’s a strong desire on both sides to find something that’s going to work for everybody,” USOC CEO Scott Blackmun told the AP.

Equatorial Guinea boss dreams of Brazil job

Dresden, 8 July—Equatorial Guinea coach Marcello Frigerio admitted he would love to one day lead the national team of his native Brazil and praised the performance of his captain Anoman at the 2011 Women’s World Cup. The Brazilian-Italian coach, who took over from Jean-Paul Mpla in March, said hearing the Brazilian national anthem before the Equatorial Guinea v Brazil D match had a special meaning.

“Yesterday when they played the Brazilian national anthem that was a special moment for me because it’s the national anthem of my home country,” said the 40-year-old Frigerio also admitted it would be a huge honour to hear the anthem as boss of the Brazilian national team. “Of course that’s the goal of everyone—to be the coach of the Brazilian national team,” said Frigerio.—Internet

Zidane to be Real Madrid sporting director

Real Madrid, 8 July—French great Zinedine Zidane said Thursday he will be the new sporting director of Real Madrid’s first team next season. The 39-year-old former midfielder, who played for Real between 2001 and 2006, has been a special advisor to club president Florentino Perez since 2009, helping create a link between the squad and the Bernabeu management. “I will be the first team’s sporting director,” Zidane told reporters on the sidelines of a charity match in Madrid.

The three-time FIFA World Player of the Year said he was still not sure what his functions would be, although Spanish media said it would involve working more closely with Real coach Jose Mourinho. “We will see. Everyone asks me the same thing,” he said, adding:

Leonardo says PSG talks will take time

Paris, 8 July—Leonardo confirmed on Thursday that he is in talks to become the new sporting director of Paris Saint-Germain but said he did not know how long the negotiations would take. During a Press conference at San Siro here, the Brazilian said he opened talks “four days ago” with representatives from Qatar Sports Investments (QSI), who recently acquired a controlling 70 percent stake in the club.

“In France, they say: ‘Leonardo’s coming, he’s not coming...’ But I’ve spoken to the (PSG) directors and there are so many things to see and discuss that I don’t know how long it will take,” Leonardo, who played for PSG in the 1996-97 season, was officially signed from his contract as Inter Milan coach last week. “(Inter president Massimo) Moratti has treated me like a son,” added Leonardo.—Internet

Leonardo said he started negotiations with French PSG, one of the clubs he used to play, for the post of sporting director. —Internet

S P O R T S

Equatorial Guinea misses chance on WCup quarters

Leekwijk, 8 July—Host nation Germany has a favorable path toward the women’s World Cup final as it looks for an unprecedented third straight title. Brazil and the United States play each other in perhaps the most intriguing quarterfinal matchup in Dresden on Sunday, and Germany will not have to meet the winner unless both make the final. The Germans still face a tough task against fourth-ranked Japan in Wolfsburg on Saturday. Germany has a “good chance of winning”, according to goalkeeper Nadine Angerer. But she added: “We shouldn’t be careless and think everything will go easy to plan.”

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Club America’s Angel Reyna celebrates after scoring in the first half during a soccer game against the Portland Timbers on Thursday, 7 July, 2011, in Portland, Ore.—INTERNET

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Americans: Quarterfinals or final, bring on Brazil

Dresden, 8 July—The Americans can read a draw as well as anyone else. To win a third World Cup title, they were expected. But quarterfinals or the final, the Americans insist they’re ready for a difference.” Lazio are reportedly looking to sell their Argentine forward Mauro ZARATE.

United States players gather following the group C match between Sweden and the United States at the Women’s Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany, on 6 July, 2011. —INTERNET

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Leonardo: “We’re still smiling, we’re still enjoying this journey. Our belief in each other is unbelievable. No matter what happens, we believe we can make it and carry on. That’s what we did. From the coaching staff on down, we all still have a lot of confidence.”

The expectation all along has been that the top-ranked Americans would win their group, setting up a showdown with two-time defending champion Germany in the semifinals. Win that game, and the US would play Brazil for yet another title — this one at the World Cup. The US beat Brazil to win the gold medal at the last two Olympic Games; Brazil was runner-up at the 2007 World Cup after knocking the Americans out in the semifinals.

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Portland, 8 July—Angel Reyna scored the game’s only goal in the 16th minute and Club America beat the Portland Timbers 1-0 in an international exhibition match Thursday night.

With a Major League Soccer rivalry game coming up Sunday at home against Seattle, the Timbers rested most of their starters against Club America.

During the ninth minute, Vicente Sanchez ripped a shot that Timbers goalie Adin Brown tipped away with a finger. Four minutes later, Daniel Montenegro blasted a 20-yard shot that got past Brown but hit the left post.

Club America’s early assault eventually paid off. During the 16th minute, Sanchez crossed a ball to Reyna, who nailed a 10-yard shot past Brown for a 1-0 lead.

Internet
Tennis star Kafelnikov eyes Olympic golf glory

MOSCOW, 8 July—Russia’s former tennis icon Yevgeny Kafelnikov is targeting competing in the golf tournament at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, local media reported Friday.

“There are five more years before the start of the Olympic Games at Brazil,” said the 37-year-old Sydney Olympics tennis champion and former world number 1.

“This period is long enough to reach serious playing level.”

“I’m not completely sure I will be able to earn an Olympic licence but I seriously want to try my skills in golf. I made this decision after my recent win at the Russian golf championship,” the two-time Grand Slam champion commented.

He added: “I proved I’m capable of playing golf by winning the national title.

“However, I understand it’s clear I have to practice for hours every day to reach a professional level. Now I have enough time and desire for it as I really enjoy playing golf.”—Internet

Former Russian tennis star Yevgeny Kafelnikov tees off at the Russian Open in 2005. Kafelnikov is targeting competing in the golf tournament at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, local media have reported.—INTERNET

Weather forecast for 9th July, 2011

Saturday, 9 July
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By
Hilly Region
Missionary
Sayadaw
7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
7:25 am
3. Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning News
7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
7:50 am
6. Health Programme
8:05 am
7. Poem Garden
8:25 am
8. Documentary
8:40 am
9. International News
8:45 am
10. Musical Programme
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:10 am
2. Musical Programme
11:25 am
3. Game for Children
11:50 am
4. Round Up of the Week’s TV Local News
12:35 pm
5. Yan Can Cook
1:00 pm
6. TV Drama Series
2:00 pm
7. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
2:25 pm
8. Songs of National Races
2:50 pm
9. Solo Favourites
2:45 pm
10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
2:50 pm
11. International News
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:05 pm
2. Musical Programme
4:10 pm
3. Cultural Dances
4:25 pm
4. Teleplay (Health)
4:40 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Law)
4:55 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
5:00 pm
7. International Science News
5:10 pm
8. Musical Programme
5:20 pm
9. Documentary
5:30 pm
10. Game for Children
6:00 pm
11. Evening News
6:15 pm
12. Weather Report
6:20 pm
13. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai
6:35 pm
14. Yindagomae
7:00 pm
15. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
16. News
8:10 pm
17. International News
8:20 pm
18. Weather Report
8:50 pm
19. Cartoon Series
9:00 pm
20. TV Drama Series
9:15 pm
21. Gitadagale Phwinbaohn

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule
(9-7-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions

Times
Local
- (09:00am – 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (9-7-11 09:30 am – 10-7-11 09:30 am)MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* A Laung Taw Kathapha
* News

* Record Album “Ye Nanda”
* News
* Jade Industry: Myanmar Rewarding Business
* News
* Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2011
* News
* History of Wishfulfilling Mai-lamu Pagoda
* News
* Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2011
* News
* Secret Places for Yummy Foods “Aung Thu Kha Myanmar Rice Meal”
* News
* Music Gallery
* Mandalay’s Grand Walls and Moat.
* Myanmar Movies “Implicated Attachment”

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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

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye attends handing over ceremonies in TadaU Township

NAI PYI TAW, 8 July — A ceremony to hand over documents related to a building and a plot and a fire engine to TadaU Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade and an ambulance to township Health Department by Shwe Thanlwin Co was held at Innwa Hall in TadaU Township, Mandalay Region yesterday, with an address by Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye. It was also attended by Mandalay Region ministers, departmental officials, auxiliary fire brigade members, local people and responsible persons of Shwe Thanlwin Co.

First, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye spoke on the occasion.

Next, Managing Director U Zaw Win Tun of Shwe Thanlwin Co handed over documents related to a fire engine and an ambulance to officials. After the ceremony, the UEC chairman and officials inspected the fire engine and ambulance. The UEC chairman delivered an address at the opening ceremony of Pyinna Yadana two-storey building and Myat Pyinna Hall at Myaengu Village BEHS in TadaU Township this morning. Also present were Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and ministers, departmental officials, social organization members, responsible persons of AMC Co and Chan Hein Co., teachers and students and locals.

Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Acting Director-General U Ye Lwin Aung of No (2) Basic Education Department and responsible persons of AMC Co formally opened the school building and the hall.

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye views fire engine and ambulance donated by Shwe Thanlwin Co at the handing over ceremony.—MNA

Relay station in Wampon commissioned into service

NAI PYI TAW, 8 July — Following the commission of a retransmission station into service on 2 July in Wampon of Shan State, dwellers in and around Wampon can now enjoy programmes of Myanma Radio and Television on VHF Channel 10.—MNA