Four political objectives

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accordance 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

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend Waso robe-offering ceremony of President Office

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — The Waso robe-offering ceremony of the President Office was held at Sasana Maha Beikman Hall in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda here this morning, attended by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win.

It was also attended by members of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadharma Tipitakavida Sayadaws, Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees and presiding Sayadaws of monasteries in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Vice-President Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nann Shwe Hmon, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and wife Daw Khin Pyone, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyinein, the Union ministers, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Nay Pyi Taw (See page 8)

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer Waso robe and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunesana of Dhammikayama Kyakpi Monastery. — MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nann Shwe Hmon donate Waso robes to SSMNC Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa. — MNA

Vice-President Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin present Waso robes to SSMNC Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta KhemindaSaM. — MNA
Love your Library

Literacy is a capability for human beings. All the people regardless of age are to relentlessly learn education and study knowledge.

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Three mortar rounds hit Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 13 July— Three mortar rounds struck Baghdad’s Green Zone on Tuesday afternoon and huge columns of black smoke were billowing from the scene, an Interior Ministry source said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties by the blasts in the zone, which houses some of the Iraqi government offices and the US embassy, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The barrage came a day after the new US defence Leon Panetta met with US military commanders in Iraq and held talks with top Iraqi officials about whether some US troops will remain in Iraq after the deadline of the end of 2011.

The heavily fortified Green Zone has been frequently targeted by militants’ mortar and rocket attacks. The roughly 10 square km zone is located on the west bank of the Tigris River which bisects the Iraqi capital.

Car bombing kills 3 Sunni paramilitary members west of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 July — A car bomb struck members of the Awakening Council group in west outskirt of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three group members and wounding six other people, a local police source told Xinhua.

A booby-trapped car parked in Abu Ghrab area, some 20 km west to Baghdad, detonated near the site where the local group members were gathering on early Tuesday, killing three of them and wounding five others along with a civilian, the source said on condition of anonymity.

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 13 July— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The Awakening Council group, or al-Sahwa in Arabic, consists of armed groups, including some powerful anti-US. Sunni militant groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.

Militant attacks continue in the once volatile Sunni Arab area in west of Baghdad that stretches through Anbar Province to Iraq’s western borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.—Xinhua

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

KABUL, 13 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.
Russia’s Soyuz sends six US satellites to orbit

ECHOS MOSCOW, 13 July—A Soyuz space carrier with six US Globalstar-2 F1 communication satellites blasted off Wednesday from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan, a spokesman from Russian Space Agency Roscosmos said.

The launch, initially scheduled for Monday, was postponed twice till Wednesday due to technical reasons during the preparation.

The Globalstar satellite is a low Earth orbit satellite constellation, which provides high service quality satellite phone data communications for over 100 countries worldwide.—Xinhua

Comet’s death by sun photographed for first time

WASHINGTON, 13 July—The death of a comet that plunged into the sun was captured on camera this month for the first time in history, scientists say.

The comet met its fiery demise on 6 July when it zoomed in from behind the sun and melted into oblivion as it crashed into the star. It was NASA’s Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), a satellite orbiting Earth that studies the sun, which witnessed the comet’s death-blow. One of the SDO spacecraft’s high-definition imagers actually spotted a sun-grazing comet as it disintegrated over about a 15 minute period (6 July, 2011), something never observed before,” SDO officials said.

Comets have been spotted near the sun before, but last week’s object was the first to be observed in real-time as it disappeared.

“Given the intense heat and radiation, the comet simply evaporated away completely,” SDO officials said.

The comet was a type known to astronomers as a sun-grazing comet because its path brought it extremely close to the sun. The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, a joint NASA-European Space Agency spacecraft, also spotted the comet’s demise and recorded a video of the event. “This is one of the brightest sun-grazers SOHO has recorded, similar to the Christmas comet of 1996,” SOHO project scientist Bernhard Fleck said in a statement.

SOHO officials said that, because of the angle of the comet’s orbit, it passed across the front half of the sun and appeared to brighten as it struck hotter particles above the solar surface.

A budget-friendly Android smartphone to keep your wallet happy

NEW YORK, 13 July—After the release of its flagship Droid 3 Android smartphone, Motorola Mobility is now pushing a smartphone that caters to the opposite end of the market, the bright and budget-friendly XT316.

“With a fun, beautiful design and a great package of social media options, Motorola XT316 gives busy users the smartphone experience they crave at a price they can afford,” said Fei Liu, senior vice president, Mass Market Consumer Products, Motorola Mobility.

“With the combination of the physical QWERTY keyboard, the touchscreen display and access to the entertaining apps and games, the Motorola XT316 outperforms other low cost mobile devices.”

The BlackBerry-esque XT316 features a full QWERTY keyboard, a 2.8” QVGA touchscreen display, a 3MP camera, an FM radio with RDS support, WiFi, GPS and up to eight hours of talk time.

A study conducted by IDG and released on 11 July found that two out of three people worldwide use a smartphone for personal or business purposes.

With the arrival of low-cost smartphones such as the XT316, consumers no longer have to make the choice between a less capable feature phone or a restrictively expensive smartphone.

The XT316 is available now in China for 1,498 RMB (+165).

Cricket partners with Sprint for 3G Modems

LONDON, 13 July—Cricket Wireless today announced nationwide 3G coverage for its USB modem and hotspot products, mostly using the Sprint network.

The modem deal is part of Cricket’s nationwide roaming agreement with Sprint, which the two companies signed in August 2010. The agreement doesn’t make Cricket a national carrier. The company still only sells service in about a third of the country, and will cut people off if they use too much data outside Cricket’s home network.

Last year, Cricket said it would start selling its phones nationwide in Target, Wal-Mart, and Best Buy, using Sprint’s network. The company has backed away from that premise in recent years, as it’s seen the heavy demands home users can make on a wireless network.

Cricket has offered 3G roaming on the Sprint network for owners of its smartphones since October 2010. In our Fastest Mobile Networks tests, we found Cricket’s and Sprint’s speeds to be slower than other 3G and 4G systems, but still much faster than 2G. Cricket’s native speeds averaged 600kbps down while Sprint’s averaged 480kbps down nationwide.

Cricket once offered USB modems for much less money monthly than other wireless carrier charged, advertising its service as an alternative home connection for folks without DSL or cable. But the company has backed away from that premise in recent years, as it’s seen the heavy demands home users can make on a wireless network.

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Three small primitive mammals walk over a Triceratops skeleton, one of the last dinosaurs to exist before the mass extinction that gave way to the age of mammals. Internet
Contact allergies associated with lower rates of some cancers

Hellerup, 13 July—The immune systems of people with contact allergies may be primed to protect against certain types of cancer, including breast and brain cancers, new research suggests.

Contact allergies occur due to direct contact with chemicals and common metals such as nickel.

In the new study, researchers looked at almost 17,000 Danish adults who were tested for contact allergies between 1984 and 2008. About one-third (35 percent) tested positive for at least one contact allergy. Women were more likely than men to have a contact allergy — 41 percent versus 26 percent.

When the study authors examined cancer cases among the participants over the long term, they found that men and women with contact allergies had significantly lower rates of breast and non-melanoma skin cancer, and women with contact allergies also had lower rates of brain cancer compared to those without contact allergies.

But people with contact allergies had higher rates of bladder cancer, which may be due to higher levels of chemical metabolites accumulated in the blood, the researchers suggested.

The study, by Kaare Engkilde of the National Allergy Research Centre at Copenhagen University, Gentofte Hospital in Hellerup, Denmark, and colleagues, is published in the 12 July online edition of the journal BMJ Open. The findings did not allow the researchers to come to any conclusions about cause and effect, and more study is needed, they noted in a journal news release.

Eating nuts every day could help control Type 2 diabetes and prevent its complications, according to new research from St Michael’s Hospital and the University of Toronto.

American men with cancer more likely to die than women

Los Angeles, 13 July—Men who are diagnosed with cancer are more likely to die from the disease than women, due to a higher initial risk and later detection, US government research showed.

The National Cancer Institute study looked at a database of 36 different types of cancer from 1977 to 2006. It found the highest male-to-female mortality rate ratios for cancers like lip, where 5.5 men died for each woman patient, and esophageal, where 4 men died for each woman patient.

For lung cancer, which is the leading cause of cancer deaths for both men and women, the research found 2.3 male deaths for each female death.

The main reason for the difference is that men are more at risk of developing cancer to begin with, according to Michael Cook, an investigator in the division of cancer epidemiology and genetics at the NCI and the study’s lead investigator.

The average lifetime chance that a man will develop lung cancer is about 1 in 13, compared to 1 in 16 for a woman, according to the American Cancer Society. American men are more likely than women to have advanced disease by the time their cancer is diagnosed, Cook said.

He said gender differences in exposure to carcinogens — including tobacco smoke and viral infections — play a role in the rate disparity. The study also cited “universal” mechanisms, such as sex chromosomes and hormones, that may contribute to observed sex differences in cancer incidence.—Reuters

Toyota takes steps to beef up Japan production

Tokyo, 13 July—Toyota is making two group auto-assembly companies in Japan into wholly owned subsidiaries and will start talks on a merger of three subsidiaries and will start introducing wholly owned sub-group auto-assembly moves will help keep Toyota believes the maker’s Tokyo office.

In a statement from Nagoya on 5 July, 2011. New global financial rules could boost Japanese banks’ competitive standing against Western rivals, as they will curb high-risk trading by Wall Street powerhouses, Nagayasu said in an interview.—Reuters
NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing this noon delivered an address at the second-day session of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2011 at the hall of the organization in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw.

Also present at the conference were members of the Panel of Patrons of MWVO Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Li-Gen Soe Win, Li-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of the Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, members of the LOC of MWVO, officials of the organization, the Union of Myanmar has taken the responsibilities of the State, the President Office issued announcement No. 26/2011 on 20 April 2011 and reformed the Central Organizing Committee of MWVO with seven tasks. The reformation of the organization was aimed at ensuring smooth and speedy control process and broadening the effective movements of WVOs.

In looking back to the history of the nation, the Tatmadaw joining hands with the people risked life and limb for regaining the independence of the State. After the post-independence period, the Tatmadaw safeguarded the nation whenever it faced the dangers of breaking up the Union. As the Tatmadaw steadfastly performs the national politics, the MWVO which is the reserved force must be an bias without political bias. The organization comprises the members equipped with Esprit de Corps and the strong Union Spirit, and it is an organization bridging the people and the Tatmadaw.

Myanmar is located in the strategic area, sharing border with larger and populous countries. Therefore, the security, peace and prosperity are the most important for the country. So, Myanmar is carrying out regional security and stability in cooperation with regional countries and friendly countries in accord with the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

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In line with the constitution approved in 2008, the multi-party democracy general election was held and then, Hluttaws were convened with the attendance of elected Hluttaw representatives this year. Under the leadership of the President elected by the Hluttaws, the Union government and Union level organizations, region and state governments and self-administered division and zone leading bodies were formed. On 30 and 31 March, the President delivered an address on future policy, and the democratization process is going on step by step.

Upholding the Our Three Main National Causes, the Tatmadaw is joining hands with the people in undertaking security of the State, stability and development of the nation in accord with 12 objectives. The war veterans are to participate in the activities under the leadership of the Tatmadaw.

Economists, agricu-lurists, intellectuals and intelligentsia from departments and organizations were invited to participate in the conference.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing addresses second-day session of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2011.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo together with attendees at the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2011.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets Region/State representatives at second-day session of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2011.—MNA
Joint statement on Laotian PM’s visit to Myanmar released

NAI PYI TAW, 13 July — At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr. Thongsing Thammavong paid an official visit to Myanmar from 11 to 13 July. During the visit, President U Thein Sein held a discussion with Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong at the meeting hall of the President Office. The joint statement on the visit of the Laotian Prime Minister to Myanmar was issued at the end of his visit.

The full text of the Joint Statement is as follows:

Joint Statement on the Occasion of the Official Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar of His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic

At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, paid an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 11 to 13 July 2011.

His Excellency Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong and party were accorded a warm welcome by His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, reflecting the close bonds of friendship existing between the two countries and between the two peoples.

While in Myanmar, His Excellency Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong held bilateral talks with His Excellency President U Thein Sein, called on His Excellency U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and His Excellency Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw. His Excellency Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong also visited sites of cultural and economic interest in Nay Pyi Taw. They also paid a visit to Yangon and the historic city of Bago.

The bilateral talks between President U Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong were held in an atmosphere of friendship, mutual understanding and trust. The two sides informed each other of recent developments in their respective countries and exchanged views on ways and means to further enhance traditional friendship, and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, as well as on regional and international issues of mutual concern.

President U Thein Sein informed Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong of the political, economic and social advancements taking place in the country, particularly steps already taken and to be taken by the constitutional government to pursue the national goal of building a modern, developed and democratic nation in accordance with the aspiration of the people.

Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong congratulated President U Thein Sein on the recent developments and socio-economic achievements recorded by the people of Myanmar.

Both sides also complimented the work of bilateral mechanisms such as exchange of visits, political consultation meetings, Joint Commission meetings and Regional/Provincial Border Committee meetings organized by relevant Ministries of both countries as most viable avenues of goodwill and cooperation.

The Myanmar side expressed its deep appreciation to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic in hosting the 4th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in November 2012 and His Excellency President U Thein Sein expressed his intention to attend the said meeting.

Both sides also welcomed the frequent exchange of visits between the two Armed Forces, and encouraged to continue such exchanges to further consolidate understanding and warmer friendship among the Armed Forces personnel of the two countries.

Both sides exchanged views on the possibility of constructing a friendship bridge across the Mekong River with a view to facilitating and enhancing road connectivity between the two countries.

Both sides agreed to further enhancing the bilateral cooperation between the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Public Security of the Lao PDR on matters relating to suppression of transnational crimes, drug trafficking, arms smuggling and terrorist activities.

Both sides reaffirmed their policy to respect and safeguard each other’s sovereignty and security by not allowing any armed insurgent groups from either side to keep their base in the territory of their respective countries.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction on the success of the First Meeting of the Regional/Provincial Border Committee held at Houaysay District, Bokeo Province in 2010 and agreed to convene a Second Meeting of the said-Border Committee at Myanmar side on a mutually convenient date. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be communicated through the diplomatic channel.

With a view to promoting security in the Mekong River, both sides agreed to renew their commitment to enhance cooperation on safeguarding the navigation in the Mekong River.

In this regard, both sides agreed to prevent undesirable incidents from taking place in the future along the Mekong River through timely and effective exchange of information between the security forces of both countries.

Both sides agreed to carry out a joint boundary inspection and maintenance of Boundary Reference Markers along the Myanmar-Lao boundary on a mutually convenient date in accordance with the provisions stated in the Myanmar-Lao boundary Agreement.

His Excellency Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong expressed his profound appreciation to the Government and the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for generous hospitality extended to him and his party during their stay in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic extended an invitation to His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Madame to pay an official visit to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at a time convenient to both sides. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

Nay Pyi Taw 13 July 2011

Chairman of the MWVO COC Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo presented cash assistance to 1084 war veterans of above 75 years old, 470 disabled war veterans and 43 students from military academies of war veterans, other university students and outstanding students in 2011 matriculation examination.

The Patron of the organization Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and members of the Panel of Patrons, MWVO COC members and chairman of the supervisory committee of region and state WVOs posed for documentary photo.

The afternoon session of the conference was presided over by COC Chairman Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo.

The chairman approved the resolutions of the conference by seeking approval from the representatives.

The conference passed two resolutions, approved one motion and put four matters on agenda.

The chairman made the concluding remarks, and the participants chanted the slogans.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief... (from page 6)
President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win...

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Command and their wives, the deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and officials at the President Office and the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Staff Officer of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Saddhamajotikadhaja U Thura acted as MC and read out the agenda of the ceremony.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

The President and wife and party received the Nine Precepts delivered by SSMNC Vice-Chairman Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamajotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunesana of Dhammikayama Kyakpi Monastery in Yan Kin Township.

Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas. Then, President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offered Waso robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunesana.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin presented Waso robes and offertories to SSMNC Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunesana of Dhammikayama Kyakpi Monastery in Yankin Township.

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SSMNC Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Gunesana of Dhammikayama Kyakpi Monastery.

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Hlawga Park opens till 6 pm on gazette holidays

Nov Pyi Taw, 13 July—The Hlawga Wildlife Park of the Forest Department runs from 8 am to 5 pm daily. On Fullmoon Day of Waso (15 July) and Martyrs’ Day (19 July), it will be kept opened from 8 am until 6 pm for public.

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Congregation led by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win receive the Nine Precepts administered by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunesana of Dhammikayama Kyakpi Monastery.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer Waso robes to SSMNC Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Gunesana of Dhammikayama Kyakpi Monastery.

Vice-President Dr Sai Maung Khim and wife Daw Nang Shwe Hmon donated Waso robes and alms to SSMNC Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa of Masoeyein Monastery in Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay Region.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donated Waso robes and alms to SSMNC Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Dhammananda of Sagaing Sarthaik in Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region.

Afterwards, the Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the deputy speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, the deputy speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, the Union ministers, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, the commander and the deputy ministers offered robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

SSMNC Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khemidasami delivered a sermon and the President and wife and congregation shared the merits gained.

The ceremony came to end with three times recitation of Buddha Sasanam Siram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, the President and wife and party offered meals to members of the Sangha.

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Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo offers Waso robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sudhammacara Bhivammsa of Mogaung Monastery in Hinthada.—MNA

Union Construction Minister inspects construction of roads and bridges on Zakarinn-Tagondaing road section

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected construction of bridges, concrete roads, retaining wall, stone-filled retaining wall and diaphragm wall on Zakarinn-Tagondaing road section of Yangon-Mandalay Highway on 9 July.

At the briefing hall of Sakarinn, he met

Dy EP-2 Minister attends opening of management proficiency course No.1/2011

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power-2 launched the management proficiency course No.1/2011 last year. It was opened with an address by Deputy Minister for Electric Power-2 U Aung Than Oo in the presence of Director-General of the Department of Electric Power U Khin Maung Zaw. A total of 30 trainees are taking the two-week course.

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Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales-2011 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — The Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011 ended at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here today. Patron of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik visited the sales and presented a certificate of honour and a gift to Mr. Cai Xiaowu, a gem merchant who bought jade lots at highest prices.

Secretary of the committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and officials concerned closely supervised the sales. Jewellery shops at the sales were also packed with gems merchants today and the sales successfully concluded this evening.—MNA

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Union Minister U Thein Htaik gives present to Chinese gem merchant Mr. Cai Xiaowu, who bought jade lots at highest prices at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011.—MNA
Laotian Prime Minister
Mr. Thongsing Thammavong...
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Chief Minister U Nyan Win hosted a luncheon in honour of the Laotian delegation at the Shwe Wah Tun Hotel.

The Laotian delegation arrived back in Yangon in a motorcade. They went back home by special flight at 2:30 pm. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Yangon Region ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, Laotian Ambassador Mr. Nilaath Sayarath and officials.—MNA

Chinese pilot flying around the world stops in Xi’an

X’IAN, 13 July— The first-ever Chinese citizen to fly a private plane around the world stopped in Xi’an, capital of the northwestern Shaanxi Province Monday and received a warm welcome.

Chen Wei, a Chinese citizen living in the United States, landed at Neifu Airport, a general aviation airport at an industrial base in Yanliang in the suburbs of Xi’an Monday morning.

“I wish to share the joy and inspiration of the flight with my country-men,” Chen told the crowd who welcomed him at the airport.

Chen, born in Changsha, capital of the central Hunan Province in 1971, is founder and chief executive of Memphis-based Sun-shine Enterprise, an importer of Chinese scaffolding and hoists.

His dream for a round-the-world flight began two years ago, spurred by the facts that more than 100 individuals from 28 countries had taken the challenge but none was Chinese.

Chen’s flight began in Memphis on 22 May and will cover more than 40 cities in 21 countries and regions. The planned 40,000 km voyage will take about 10 weeks.

Xinhua

Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong paying homage to Shwethalyaung Pagoda in Bago.

5.8-magnitude quake hits Banda Sea

JAKARTA, 13 July— An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale jolted Banda Sea at 2106 GMT on Tuesday (05:06 Beijing Time Wednesday), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 126.50 km, was initially determined to be at 6.0317 degrees south latitude and 130.4489 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

15 killed after truck hit house in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 July— Fifteen people were killed and scores of others wounded after a truck hit a house where villagers were celebrating a religious activity around midnight Tuesday in East Java, a military officer told Xinhua by phone.

The truck got a problem of un-functioned brake and hit the house in Bojonegoro District, military officer of Military Command in Ngawi Jamin PN told Xinhua.

“Fifteen died on the site and many others got wounded,” he said. Before hitting the house, the truck collided with a small truck, said Jamin.

The victims of the accident were rushed to the nearby hospital, he said. Police are investigating the accident, the officer said.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll in central China fire climbs to 14

WUHAN, 13 July — The death toll in Tuesday’s fire that ripped through a two-story warehouse in central China’s Wuhan City has climbed to 14, the local government said Wednesday.

Firefighters retrieved two bodies from the charred building at 9:40 pm, said Ding Shisong, director of the city government’s emergency response office.

The blaze, which is believed to have been triggered by a short circuit in an electrical outlet on the warehouse’s first floor, began at around 9:25 am. About 170 firefighters spent two hours to put out the fire.—Xinhua
Tiny snails are able to survive digestion by birds

LONDON, 13 July—Some snails survive after being eaten by birds, Japanese researchers have found. Researchers found that 15 percent of the snails eaten by Japanese white-eye and mejiro birds survived digestion and were found alive in the birds’ droppings.

This evidence suggests that bird predation could be a key factor in how snail populations spread, reports the BBC.

While it has long been known that birds that eat fruit can spread a plant’s seeds through their droppings, the study points to some invertebrates being spread the same way. In the lab, scientists fed the birds with the snails to find out whether any survived the digestive process.

“We were surprised that a high rate, about 15 percent, of snails were still alive after passing through the gut of [the] birds,” explained researcher Shinichiro Wada.

“This is the first study showing that birds can indeed transport a substantial number of micro land snails in their gut alive.”

The main factor allowing the snails to survive being eaten is their small size according to the scientists. At an average of 2.5mm the micro snails fared much better than larger species in previous studies whose shells were severely damaged when eaten by birds, they added.

Power failure delays 29 trains on China’s high-speed railway

SHANGHAI, 13 July—A power failure has delayed 29 trains on China’s newly built high-speed railway linking Beijing and Shanghai, shortly after a similar incident halted 11 of the railway’s trains two days ago, sources with the Shanghai Railway Bureau confirmed Tuesday.

The railway’s power was cut off at about 11 am near the City of Suzhou in east China’s Anhui Province and was resumed two hours later after repairs were completed, the bureau said in a statement. The Ministry of Railways made an apology on its website to passengers who were affected by the delays.

The power failure was the second within three days after a similar incident delayed 11 trains on Sunday night. A Shanghai-bound bullet train broke down at 6:10 pm Sunday near east China’s Shandong Province and resumed operation about an hour and a half later.

Railway authorities said the power failure was caused by thunderstorms. The Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway went into operation on 30 June. The 1,318-kilometre rail-way allows passengers to travel between the two cities in less than five hours. The railway is designed to handle maximum train speeds of 350 km per hour.

Chinese firm to gain world’s focus through Bay Bridge project

ZPMC has just finished manufacturing the final four pieces of fabricated steel for the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge project, which is due to open in 2013.

The 50,000 tons of steel, with a contract value exceeding 350 million dollars, are part of the 7.2 billion dollars Bay Bridge project.

The project includes reconstruction of the eastern span, which was damaged in the 1989 earthquake.

The new section would be able to resist quakes of up to magnitude 8 on the Richter scale.

The company beat strong rivals from Japan, South Korea and Western Europe to win the bid for the Bay Bridge project in 2006.

The Bay Bridge project has a global profile and “it is also a milestone for Zhenhua in entering the world’s major bridge construction” sector, ZPMC President Kang Xuezeng said.

“I am here to announce that we are qualified and confident of constructing more sophisticated steel bridges and building our presence in the world market,” the China Daily quoted Kang, as saying.

First UK footie rulebook to be auctioned for 1.2 m pounds

LONDON, 13 July—The first football rulebook is set to fetch £1.2million at auction this week - and it reveals a funny old game.

According to The Sun, the world’s oldest club, Sheffield FC, which is now selling the 1858 laws to raise cash, laid down the rules. They bear little similarity to the modern game.

Matches then lasted for two hours. There 20 players a side. Handballs were allowed. It was also OK to catch the ball provided it had not touched the ground. And charging was considered fair.

The 11 laws—known as the Sheffield Rules—were an attempt to regulate a game that was still halfway between football and rugby.

They formed the basis for the FA’s Laws of the Game in 1863—the blueprint for modern football.

Goal kicks arrived in 1869 and corners in 1871. Refs got whistles in 1878 and penalties followed in 1891.

Stoppage time was also introduced in 1891 after a bizarre match between Stoke and Aston Villa.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS TO CONDUCT PETROLEUM OPERATIONS IN MYANMAR ONSHORE AREAS
(2011)

1. The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces Invitation of Sealed Bids for Petroleum Operations to be conducted in Myanmar Onshore Areas on production sharing basis.

2. The following Onshore blocks are available for bidding in this bidding round:-

   (1) PSC E (Myingyan)
   (2) PSC G (Taungdwingyi)
   (3) PSC H (Taung-Pyinmama)
   (4) PSC1 (Hinthada)
   (5) PSC J (Mawlamyine)
   (6) PSC K (Yameethin)
   (7) EP 1 (Kyaukpyoe-Mindon)
   (8) EP 2 (Aunglan)
   (9) EP 5 (Inbin-Tegyigon)
   (10) RSF 2 (Taunguang (Myay South))
   (11) RSF 3 (Gwegyo-Ngahainga)
   (12) RSF 9 (Pyalo-Paukking)
   (13) RSF 10 (Kamau-Nattaung)
   (14) MOGE 4 (Myinta)
   (15) PSC(C) (Lashio-Hsenwi)
   (16) PSC T (Lashio East)
   (17) PSC U (Kalaw)
   (18) PSC V (Loikaw)

3. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit bidding in this bidding round:-

   “the Letter of Expression of Interest,” together with Company’s Article of Association (AOA), Memorandum of Association (MOA), Certificate of Incorporation, latest Annual Report and latest Financial Statement (or) Financial Report, which are to be endorsed for authenticity by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company’s registration (or) establishment or nearest, in sealed envelopes superscribed “Confidential “Myanmar Onshore Blocks Bidding Round: 2011” to the following addresses not later than 25th August 2011:-

   Director General
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4. The potential bidders will then be selected and presented with General Geology of each Block and at the request will be shown with representative data and information of the Company’s interested block(s) free of charge by Geological/Geophysical Team of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

5. The potential bidders are allowed to submit up to three (3) proposals for three (3) onshore blocks together with proposed Terms and Conditions. The proposal submitted shall be on a block by block basis.

6. The potential bidders’ proposed Terms and Conditions will be assessed and the best offered Terms and Conditions will be selected for awarding.

Note: For further inquiry and/or information, please contact the following:-

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Bolivian snow storm cuts off thousands

La Paz, 13 July—The worst snow storms in Bolivia in the last 20 years have left thousands of people stranded. The Bolivian government has appealed for help from neighbouring countries. It says it needs helicopters to drop aid to isolated communities and heavy machinery to clear the roads. The snow took farmers and tourists by surprise in the usually dry highlands of Potosi—a vast area in the south-west of the country.

Farmers have lost their crops and more than 50,000 llamas and alpacas are without food, after their pastures were covered by a thick layer of snow. Roads remain closed, and rescue efforts have been hampered by poor weather.

Owl leaves imprint on Kendal woman’s window

London, 13 July—A woman returned to her Cumbrian home to find a near perfect imprint of an owl on her window. The bird had apparently crashed into the window of Sally Arnold’s Kendal home, leaving the bizarre image—complete with eyes, beak and feathers. Experts said the silhouette was left by the bird’s “powder down”—a substance protecting growing feathers.

Mrs Arnold said she could find no sign of the owl, so assumed it had flown off without serious injury. She said: “Our first concern was for the welfare of what we suspected was an owl and we opened up the window to check if it was still around. “Fortunately, there was no sign of the bird and we can only assume that it had flown away probably suffering from a headache.”

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Bee-hauling truck crash creates a buzz

A semi-trailer truck tipped over along a highway in Idaho, spilling more than 14 million bees and a quantity of honey across the pavement, authorities say.

The truck, transporting honeybees to North Dakota from Bakersfield, Calif, crashed just north of Last Chance in Island Park, Idaho, about 4:30 pm Sunday, Idaho Falls’ KPV1-TV reported.

The Fremont County Sheriff’s office received many 911 calls alerting it to the accident, saying everyone at the scene was stung more than once, though none were seriously injured.

Firefighters sprayed fire foam on the bees and the truck before being able to access the wreckage.

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German police nab runaway elephants at bus stop

Two runaway circus elephants in Germany surprised passersby and police by showing up at a bus stop during a brief bid for freedom, officials in Hanover said Tuesday. Dunia, a 40-year-old Indian elephant, and her counterpart Daela, a 25-year-old African elephant, were apprehended by police near the western city of Hanover over the weekend nonchalantly munching on tree leaves and looking for all the world as if they were waiting for the bus.

“It was simply an unlucky situation for the circus,” Hanover police spokesman Heiko Steiner said. “The two elephants were quite cooperative and peaceful. Everyone was amused.” If the two were trying to make an escape, they were not going far, Steiner said. The police station is only a stone’s throw from the bus stop, which is out of use during the summer school holiday.

Woman arrested for gas mask in post office

A Minnesota post office was closed for hours Monday while authorities worked to ensure a package and duffel bag carried by a woman in a gas mask were harmless.

Jim Hansen, a spokesman for Duluth Police, said the main post office in the Lincoln Park neighbourhood was closed Monday after a woman wearing a military surplus gas mask walked into the building carrying the package and duffel bag, the Duluth News Tribune reported Tuesday.

Hansen said the woman was quickly apprehended after entering the building at 10:24 am but it took officers hours to determine the package and duffel bag were harmless.

Hansen the post office reopened at about 4 pm.

The woman, whose name was not released, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and concealing her identity. She was taken to the St Louis County Jail.

James Franco wanted to be part of ‘Twilight’ for Yale project

‘Breaking Dawn’ because he thought it would be a great connection to a friend’s arty film project.

Though the actor-director told his agent to get him ‘anything’ in the film, unfortunately he ended up in vain as the cast was full and there was no part for Franco.

“It was supposed to be part of a multimedia project at Yale (university),” Contactmusic quoted him as telling the Playboy Magazine. “I was working with a Yale undergraduate who had written an autobiographical play about putting on a theatrical production of Twilight, in which I was a character.

“So I was interested in Twilight because I was going to be part of that play. I thought what a great connection it would be if I were also involved with the real Twilight,” he added.—Internet

Shahrukh Khan reaches one million mark on twitter

MUMBAI, 13 July—Actor-producer Shahrukh Khan, the king of Bollywood, attained another new high by reaching the one million mark on social networking site ‘twitter.

The superstar’s fan following rose up to a million giving him another milestone. SRK, who is in Holland on a holiday with his family, tweeted that he was celebrating the million mark by watching Bambi with his daughter. “Feeling the warmth...thank all. Love u,” he tweeted.

He also tweeted a few words about his well-deserved break, “Coffee on the terrace in Denhag, saw beauty around me early morning. Felt nice Back to London today.” Besides Shahrukh Khan, Priyanka Chopra is the only Bollywood star to reach the milestone.

Daneille Lloyd recreates a ‘Demi Moore’, mulls post-baby surgery for curves

LONDON, 13 July—Pregnant model Daneille Lloyd might have felt sexy while posing nude for a photoshoot and flaunting her baby bump like Demi Moore, but she has revealed her plans to undergo a surgery in order to get her perfect figure back after the birth of her second child. The 27-year-old brunette posed wearing nothing but her make-up and jewellery in the latest issue of Closer, just like Moore did in her iconic naked shoot for Vanity Fair magazine in 1991. However, the Scouse model insisted that she would be undergoing a surgery to regain her prebaby body after the birth in 10 weeks time. “I’ll get a trainer and go to the gym at least three times a week once the baby arrives. I’ve basically been pregnant for the past two years, so I can’t wait to get my body back,” the Daily Mail quoted her as saying.

“I’d like to be 9st and a size 8 before my wedding. If worst comes to worst, I’ll consider liposuction.” She added.—Internet

2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup: Semi-final

Japan beats Sweden 3-1 in semi-final; to face US in Sunday final

Frankfurt, 14 July—Captain Homare Sawa redeemed herself from a huge error by scoring the go-ahead goal in a 3-1 victory over Sweden which put Japan in the World Cup final against the United States.

On top of that, Nahomi Kawasumi reaped an incalculable goal in the starting lineup with two goals which more than compensated for the early score of Sweden’s Josefine Oqvist. In a battle of Japan’s finesse skills against the thrust and hustle of Sweden, the match totally turned in the second half when Kawasumi caught Hedvig Lindahl off her line and lobbed her from 35 meters for the third goal, one of the best in a tournament full of excellent strikes.

Sweden, a perennial power in women’s football, never gave up but it was the rising force of Asian football, Japan, which reached its first World Cup final.—Internet

Villas-Boas’s methods get John Obi Mikel vote

London, 13 July—Nigeria midfielder John Obi Mikel has welcomed the training regime of new Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas. The Portuguese, who at 33 will be the youngest boss in the Premier League, has been charged with wresting back the Premier League title from champions Manchester United after the Blues suffered a season without silverware under experienced Italian manager Carlo Ancelotti last term.

“ar the new manager has worked really hard on our sharpness and it is going very well,” Mikel told Chelsea’s website. “The double sessions are hard but working with the ball makes it so much easier than running all the time, and it is enjoyable as well.”—Internet

Earthquakes goalie scores from 90 yards out

Santa Clara, 13 July—Rookie goalkeeper David Bingham scored from more than 90 yards out in his professional debut to help the San Jose Earthquakes beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 in an exhibition match Tuesday. Bingham scored after coralling an errant through pass from West Brom.

The 21-year-old goalkeeper stepped up and unleashed a punt from the top of his own penalty box in the third minute.

Bingham jumped over the scrum and pushed the ball past French goalkeeper Berangere Sapowicz. It was Wambach’s third goal of the tournament and 12th of her career, tying her with fellow American Michelle Akers for third on the all-time World Cup scoring list.

Alex Morgan added an insurance goal in the 82nd, the first for the World Cup rookie. The Americans will now play Japan in Sunday’s final in Frankfurt.—Internet

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Argentina midfielder Dario Conca poses with his new jersey during a press conference in Guangzhou, South China’s Guangdong Province, on 12 July.—Internet

Spagna’s Ferrer beats Fish to close out US

Austin, 13 July—Every thing was set up for Andy Roddick and the Americans to win. A Davis Cup quarter-final against Spain was set in the heart of Texas, a hard surface that was supposed to complement their high batters and surprise upstart crowd of 16,000 ready to cheer Roddick a chance to win in front of his hometown fans.

Spain was even missing superstar Rafael Nadal, who skipped the matches to rest after losing the Wimbledon final.

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Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong wraps up goodwill visit

Laotian delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr. Thongsing Thammavong at Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago.—MNA

YANGON, 13 July—The visiting Laotian delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kha, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nilath Sayarat, Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and officials, visited Kanbawzathadi Palace of King Bayinnaung in Bago, Bago Region, this morning.

They were welcomed there by Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin, Region ministers and heads of department.

Deputy Minister Daw Sandar Khin and officials conducted the Laotian guests around the palace. Director-General of the Department of Archaeology, Museum and Library U Kyaw Oo Lwin gave an account of the palace.

The Laotian Prime Minister and entourage made a pilgrimage to the Shwethalyaung Reclining Buddha Image, and offered flowers, water and lights to the image, and signed the visitors’ book and made cash donations.

On a visit to the Shwemawdaw Pagoda, the Laotian Prime Minister signed the visitors’ book and donated cash to the pagoda.

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