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**Systematic cultivation methods explained to farmers of Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning met farmers of Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at the 20-acre special high yield paddy educative farm in Pobbathiri Township. He explained use of special yield quality paddy strains, application of modern cultivation methods, systematic use of inputs, fertilizers and pesticides, production of value-added products from crops and seeking the firm market. Officials briefed them on 14-point modern cultivation methods, benefits from systematic nurturing, farmland reclamation and arrangements for supply of water for agricultural purpose.

Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Co U Kyaw Win explained plans to broaden horizon of farmers on agriculture sector through media and establishment of model farmings.

**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, 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 accord with the Constitution

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

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

**True patriotism**
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

**Union Cooperatives Minister supervises rural development and poverty alleviation activities launched in Mon State**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Member of Working Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, accompanied by Advisor at President Office Dr Sein Hla Bo, Chairman of Central Cooperative Ltd and Cooperative Bank Ltd U Khin Maung Aye, visited Inkapo pomelo farm in Kyaikto Township, Mon State yesterday.

In meeting with perennial crops and fruit growers, and cooperative syndicates and association and locals, the Union Minister said the President had stressed the four objectives for rural development and poverty alleviation—to ensure livelihood of the poor, to ensure the poor are provided with safe accommodations and healthcare and children of the poor have access to education. He highlighted that achievement of those objective would result in drop in poverty. He then called cooperators for putting those objectives into practice with enthusiasm and devotion. Personnel also explained income-generating schemes and loan-disbursing activities.

The Union Minister met fruit farmers, members of cooperative syndicate and enthusiasts at No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Thaton and Kyonka Farm in Kyonka Village in Paung Township.—MNA

**Union Cooperatives Minister meets perennial crops and fruit growers, members of cooperative syndicates and enthusiasts at No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Thaton.**

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**Union A&I Minister giving instructions to farmers of Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 20-acre special high yield paddy educative farm in Pobbathiri Township.**—MNA

**Officials conducted the farmers around special high yield sunflower plantation that can produce 50-60 baskets per acre, special yield sugarcane plantation that can produce 60-ton per acre and livestock breeding farms.**—MNA
**Perspectives**

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**Raise quality and production**

Myanmar gathers momentum of economic growth based on agriculture sector. Focusing on annually boosting production of crops, Myanmar stands at the higher role in production of paddy, and beans and pulses. The government is striving for enhancement of industries while carrying out agriculture sector with momentum.

Sound infrastructures are being built for industrialize the nation. Strenuous efforts are to be made for building a modern and developed industrialized nation. The government and the private sectors are to harmoniously join hands in modernizing the industrial sector. At present, encouragement is being given to establishment of industrial zones not only for development of State-owned industries and industrial zones but also for improvement of private-owned industries.

The factories that have been established in respective industrial zones are manufacturing multi-purpose diesel engines, heavy machines and machine tools, turbines and generators by applying advanced technologies. Moreover, many import-substitute factories were built so as to produce personal and household goods, foodstuffs and import-substitute products.

Thanks to encouragement of the State, industrial zones were set up across the nation. As technology and necessary requirements are being fulfilled to small- and medium-scale industries, over 60,000 industries have so far come to operations. Furthermore, technicians are continuously turned out to apply advanced technology for building the industrialized nation in a short period.

In uplifting the private sector and the role of industrial zones, emphasis is to be placed on improvement of quantity and quality and boosting production of marketable goods. With regard to manufacturing of quality products by factories and workshops, the tripartite efforts of the Union government, region and state governments and private entrepreneurs are to be accelerated for achieving greater progress of industries.

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**Winners awarded in contest to mark World Population Day**

YANGON, 16 July — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in Yangon Region poster and essay contest to mark the World Population Day 2011 took place at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Botataung Township, attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe.

The Chief Minister delivered an address. The Chief Minister, region ministers and rectors of universities awarded the prize winning students. They viewed prize winning works of students and documentary photos. — MNA

**The handicapped honoured for outstanding educational performance**

YANGON, 16 July — A ceremony to honour and provide cash assistance students from School for the Blind and youth training schools under Social Welfare Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, who passed 2010-2011 academic year matriculation examination took place at Kyimyindine School for the Blind here this afternoon, attended by Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department. The School for the Blind in Sagaing turned a three-distinction winner and a two-distinction winner, Kyimyindine School for the Blind one-distinction winner, Khawechan School for the Blind a one-distinction winner and five from the Kyimyindine School for the Blind, two from Yangon female youths training schools, four from Khawechan School for the Blind, one from Labutta youth training school and one from the Meiktila School for the Blind passed the matric exam.

Director-General U Soe Kyi accepts one set of computer and related accessories donated by Mr Giuseppe Rotondella.— MNA

Family and Kaung Media K 275,000, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Save the Children K 0.2 milllion each, and other wellwishers also made donation totalling K 5,280,000 to honour the students.— MNA

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**Myanmar Karatedo team to contest Asian Senior game**

YANGON, 16 July — Selected Myanmar athletes team left for Fujian of Quanzhou Prefecture in the People’s Republic of China this morning, to contest Asian Senior Karatedo Tournament to be held from 16 to 25 July. Myanmar Karatedo Federation President Dr. U Win Zaw and officials saw off the team at Yangon International Airport. The team includes Manager U Hein Win Myint, five referees to sit official exam and four sportmen.— MNA
Ten killed, 70 wounded in bomb attacks during Shiite rite in Iraq

Baghdad, 16 July—A total of 10 people were killed and 70 wounded in series of bomb attacks on Friday and Saturday morning in the Iraqi holy city of Karbala during a major Shiite rite, police said.

The attacks started on Friday afternoon when two car bombs exploded at a garage near the Shiite shrine in northern part of Karbala, some 110 km southwest of Baghdad, killing three people and wounding 15 others, a local police told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Another booby-trapped car detonated late Friday in the town of al-Hindaya, some 30 km east of Karbala, targeting groups of Shiite pilgrims heading to the holy shrine of Karbala, killing six pilgrims and wounding 28 others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

On Saturday morning, a motorcycle bomb struck a crowd of Shiite pilgrims in Karbala’s southern neighborhood of al-Mulqaq, killing a worshipper and wounding 27 others, the source said. Karbala is the scene for a major Shiite ceremony commemorating the birth of Imam Mohammed al-Mahdi, the last of the 12 most revered Shiites’ Imams.—Xinhua

US soldier killed in southern Iraq

Baghdad, 16 July—The US military says an American soldier has been killed while conducting military operations in southern Iraq.

The military gave no further details in a statement released late Friday, and the name of the dead service member is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The death brings to 4,473 the number of American troops who have died in Iraq since the war started in 2003. That’s according to an Associated Press count.

It is also the fourth US military fatality this month. Shiite Muslim militias have stepped up attacks on US forces with the approach of the year-end planned withdrawal of all American troops.—Internet

Ten killed in bus firing in northwest Pakistan

Islamabad, 16 July—At least ten people were killed when a passenger bus was attacked Saturday in Pakistan’s northwest Hangu district, reported local Urdu TV channel Geo.

According to the report, the incident took place in the Upper Karram area of Hangu where is some 80 kilometers southwest of Peshawar when some unknown gunman fired at a bus heading towards Nowshera from Kurrum Agency, a tribal area bordering Afghanistan. Seven people including three women were killed on the spot. Three of the injured people died later at hospital. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.—Internet

Ten killed in ambush in western Mexico

Mexico City, 16 July—At least 12 police officers and a bystander were killed in a highway ambush in western Mexico, security authorities said.

The attack, which occurred around 6 pm Friday, happened when a police convoy was passing a fake checkpoint set up by a group of gunmen on a highway in the country’s western state of Sinaloa.

A bystander was caught in the cross fire and shot to death.—Xinhua

Two killed in two suicide attacks east of Algiers

Algiers, 16 July—Two people were killed and 15 others injured in two suicide bomb attacks Saturday in Bordj-Menael, 70 km east of Algiers the capital, Algerian newspaper El Watan reported.

The first attack killed a security staff when a suicide bomber on board a car blew himself up near a police station early in the morning, the source said.

Soon, another suicide bomber riding a motorbike crossed a mass and headed up to the town hall before being stopped by a police office on the spot. The explosion killed the police officer and injured many civilians.

The two attacks caused considerable damages to surrounding buildings and houses, including the town hall, the CPA bank and others located along the Amirouche Boulevard.

Explosion injures 14 people in Israel

Jerusalem, 16 July—Fourteen people were injured on late Friday evening after an explosion rocked a building in the Israeli City of Netanya, Ynet news reported.

The blast occurred in an apartment complex located above a restaurant in a three-storey building in Netanya’s industrial zone, causing some parts of the building to collapse. Additional explosions were reported following the first blast, with glass shreds spreading across the scene.

Initial reports said that the explosion was apparently the result of an electrical malfunction, but later officials said that the cause was not yet clear.—Internet
**Conservationists sound alarm over macaque**

Rio de Janeiro, 16 July—The long-tailed macaque is being threatened with extinction by a huge surge in international trade and the destruction of its habitat in Southeast Asia, conservationists said on Friday.

Species Survival Network (SSN), an international coalition of over 80 charities, says trade in the species had more than doubled in the second half of the last decade.

**Male, female pandas seek separate habitats**

Beijing, 16 July—Male and female giant pandas in the wild prefer to be in different habitats, Chinese researchers say.

Researchers at the Institute for Zoology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences say female pandas frequent high-altitude conifer forests and mixed forests on steeper slopes, whereas males roam more widely, the BBC reported Friday.

Scientists have identified the basic type of habitat pandas need to survive, which tends to be forests above 5,000 feet rich in bamboo, the pandas' main food.

But the specific habitat preferences of males and females have been largely ignored until now.

Female pandas tend to limit their movements to within high-altitude conifer forests and mixed forests and also prefer habitat that slopes at between 10 and 20 degrees, as such areas provide den sites for birthing and dense bamboo cover in which baby pandas can hide.

Males, on the other hand, range more widely, covering areas that overlap the ranges of several females, researchers said.

This segregation of the sexes needs to be considered in conservation and management efforts to safeguard the giant panda, they said.

**Google+ social network membership tops 10 million**

San Francisco, 16 July—Google chief Larry Page said Thursday that the Internet giant’s freshly launched Google+ social network already has more than 10 million members.

“Over 10 million people have joined Google-Plus,” Page said during a quarterly earnings conference call. “That is a great achievement for the team.”

He added that more than a billion items are shared daily at Google+.

Google launched its rival to Facebook on 28 June, with membership limited to invitation-only while the service remains in a test phase.

“Online sharing is awkward. Even broken. And we aim to fix it,”

**Apple software update thwarts iPhone-iPad hack**

Washington, 16 July—Apple on Friday released a software update to patch a vulnerability that hackers could use to break into the company’s popular iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch gadgets.

The flaw made it possible for hackers to infiltrate Apple mobile devices by duping users into opening PDF document files booby-trapped with malicious computer code.

Although no attacks have been observed, it was feared that hackers would exploit the weakness. The update to iOS software running Apple mobile gadgets fortified defenses. The update was available free at Apple’s online iTunes shop.

**Twitter marks fifth anniversary of public launch**

San Francisco, 16 July—Twitter marked the fifth anniversary of its public launch Friday with a slew of statistics demonstrating the explosive growth of the real-time blogging service.

“There were 224 Tweets sent on 15 July, 2006. Today, users send 350 messages a day, most of which have to be delivered to multiple accounts. Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey fired off the first tweets on 21 March, 2006 and the service opened to the public on 15 July, 2006.

Twitter now has more than 200 million users. According to a recent study by the Pew Research Centre, 13 percent of online US adults use Twitter, up from eight percent in November 2010.

New York, 16 July—Oil rose on Friday as lower supplies for a key Canadian export pipeline and strong earnings reports by Google and Citigroup buoyed prices despite a rash of weak US economic data. Oil got an early lift after Google and Citigroup reported earnings. Oil prices got further support from expiry of options on the New York Mercantile Exchange, market players said. “There is pre-weekend short-covering going on as nobody wants to be short at this time with so many things going on,” said Phil Flynn, analyst with PFBest Research in Chicago. But US economic data limited the upside, as consumer confidence plummeted to its lowest level in more than two years in early July and factory output stalled in June.

The premium of Brent to US futures narrowed to below $20 a barrel, pulled down in part by news TransCanada Corp will cut nominated crude volumes on its Keystone pipeline to the United States from Canada by 20 percent next month for maintenance.

US crude lead the oil complex higher, rising $1.75 $97.44 a barrel at 12:04 EDT (1604 GMT). Brent crude gained $1.19 to trade at $117.45 a barrel.

The market was also weighing the possibility of a second round of strategic petroleum reserve releases. Germany and Italy are likely to oppose a second release, a French government source said on Friday. Reuters

Younger kids respond better to ‘Lazy Eye’ treatment

Rochester, 16 July—Younger children respond better to treatment for lazy eye (amblyopia) than older children, according to an analysis of previous studies. The meta-analysis of data from 996 children who took part in four clinical trials conducted by the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group found that children ages 3 to 7 years old responded better to treatment for both moderate and severe amblyopia than those aged 7 to less than 13.

There were no differences in treatment response between children aged 3 to less than 5 and those aged 5 to less than 7.
China, Russia celebrate 10th anniversary of friendship
Treaty in Moscow

BEIJING, 16 July—The Chinese Embassy in Russia has held a reception in Moscow, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the China-Russia Treaty of Good Neighbourliness, Friendship, and Cooperation.

China’s Ambassador to Russia, Li Hui, said the pact has become more vigorous as time has gone by, and bilateral relations have reached an all-time high. He also pledged to cherish the achievements made so far in Sino-Russian relations, and increase efforts to boost people-to-people contacts.

Friday’s reception gathered nearly 600 representatives from the two countries, including Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov.

Two-way trade has increased from about 8 billion US dollars in 2000, to nearly 60 billion dollars last year. The China-Russia Treaty of Good Neighbourliness, Friendship, and Cooperation was signed in Moscow on 10th July, 2001.—Xinhua

Six die, 17 injured in east China road accident

NANJING, 16 July—Six people died and 17 others were injured in a road accident Saturday afternoon in east China’s Jiangsu Province, local publicity officials said.

The accident happened at about 1:38 pm when a coach hit into the side of a semi-trailer at a crossroad in the town of Daxu in Xuzhou City, the Publicity Department of Xuzhou Communist Party Committee said in a statement. Six people on the coach died on the spot, including the driver, according to the statement.

The injured were rushed to local hospitals, yet their conditions are not immediately known.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.—Xinhua

Representatives from both China and Russia stamp the commemorative envelopes during a reception to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the China-Russia Treaty of Good Neighbourliness, Friendship and Cooperation, at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 15 July, 2011.—Xinhua

Nearby 14 percent of Italians living in poverty

ROME, 16 July—More than 8 million people in Italy, or about 13.8 percent of the population, live in relative poverty, according to figures released by the Italian national statistics agency on Friday.

The 2010 Households Budget Survey by the Italian National Institute of Statistics revealed that more than 3 million people lived in absolute poverty, which accounted for 5.2 percent of the Italian population.

A two-person household was considered to be relatively poor if it spent 992.46 euros (about 1,399 US dollars) a month. The figure was 9 euros (about 12.7 dollars) higher than the 2009 threshold, the agency said. Families with monthly expenditures at or below that limit were classified as living in absolute poverty.

In southern Italy, where economic development lags behind other regions of the country, more people lived in poverty, the survey found.

The relative poverty rate of southern households was 23 percent, while for central and northern families the rate was 6.3 percent and 4.9 percent respectively.—Xinhua

Horn of Africa in grip of food crisis due to severe drought

Mad Uren Moalim, who says he is 105 years old, sits in front of his makeshift shelter at a camp for internally displaced persons in Somalia’s capital Mogadishu 15 July, 2011. The Horn of Africa is in the grip of a major food crisis, with millions of people severely affected in drought-stricken areas of Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Uganda, according to the United Nations. —Reuters

Delhi Metro trains plying on the Vaishali-Anand Vihar stretch after its inauguration by Uttar Pradesh Minister Swami Prasad Maurya at Vaishali in Ghaziabad District on Thursday.—Internet

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VALAIS, 16 July—Five mountain climbers were killed on Friday as a result of three separate incidents in the Pennine Alps mountain range in Switzerland, police said.

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“The victims fell down several hundred meters down a snowly lane while hitting the rocks,” the statement said, adding that the identification process is ongoing.

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US soldier arrested after trying to board Los Angeles-bound plane with explosives

YUMA, 16 July—A US soldier has been arrested and charged with attempting to board a United Airlines flight while possessing a small amount of explosives, prosecutors in Arizona confirmed on Thursday.

US Army Private First Class Christopher Eric Wey, 19, was arrested on Wednesday when he tried to board a United Airlines flight from Yuma in Arizona to Los Angeles. Security officers with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) detected the presence of explosives in Wey’s luggage during a routine screening.

“TSA personnel subsequently found one-half ounce of C4 explosive hidden in a tobacco can inside one of Wey’s bags. Wey was detained for investigation and interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI),” a spokesperson for the US Attorney’s Office in Arizona said.

According to a complaint filed on Thursday, Wey stole the C4 explosive while attending a recent explosive training course.

It is not known why he stole it, but authorities found no evidence that Wey intended any harm with the explosives in his possession. Wey has been charged with one count of Attempt to Carry an Explosive on an Aircraft and one count of Transportation of a Stolen Explosive. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, and a $250,000,000 fine, if convicted.—Internet
Firefighters try to put out the fire in a flour mill in Meishan City, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 14 July, 2011. The waste oil discharged from an oil refinery in Meishan exploded into flames on Thursday night. The fire, which spread to a nearby flour mill, has been put out so far, causing no casualties.—Xinhua

6.0-magnitude quake hits off Chilean coast

SANTIAGO, 16 July—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale Friday jolted 55 miles (88 km) off the central Chilean port City of Valparaiso, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 22.90 km, hit at around 8:26 pm local time (0026 GMT), and was initially determined to be at 33.80 degrees south latitude and 72.07 degrees west longitude.

There were no immediate reports of damage or tsunami warning.

An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted Vanuatu at 1500 GMT on Friday, according to the US Geological Survey.

The epicenter, with a depth of 57.10 km, was initially determined to be at 17.2269 degrees south latitude and 167.3454 degrees east longitude. —Xinhua

Mudslide strands 800-strong people, 300-plus vehicles in SW China’s Yunnan

KUNMING, 16 July—More than 800 people and 300-odd motor vehicles are stranded in a highway in southwest China’s Yunnan Province after the road was partly covered by a landslide Saturday morning, according to local police.

No casualties are reported.

The mudslide occurred around 10:00 am Saturday in Fugong County of Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture. Mud and rocks from the snow-cladded Biluo Mountain rushed to the Wagong Highway, the only highway leading to Gongshan Dulong and Nu Autonomous County of the Prefecture, and covered a more-than-100-meter-long section of the road. Rescue work is under way.—Xinhua

Strong quake hits Tonga

SUVA, 16 July—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale jolted Tonga Islands region at 0704 GMT on Saturday, Hong Kong Observatory.

Xinhua

Evacuees rises to over 4,500 as volcano erupts Indonesia

JAKARTA, 16 July—The number of people escaping volcano eruption in North Sulawesi of central Indonesia rose to about 4,550 people on Saturday, as the mount’s seismic activity still high, officials said Saturday.

Mount Lokon erupted three times on Saturday at 13:04 pm local time, 07:56 am local time and 05:11 local time, spewing volcanic ash by up to 200 meter high and directing to the north, a volcanologist at monitoring post located 5 kilometres from the mount told Xinhua by phone.

“People living near the slope keep flocking to the shelters.

Their number rose to 5,554 people today from that of about 3,000 on Thursday evening,” an official of disaster management agency told Xinhua.

According to local official of disaster management agency some evacuees have returned home.

Volcanologists raised alert status of Mount Lokon to top alert on Sunday evening, declared evacuation zone of 3.5 km and recommended evacuation.

Mount Lokon of 1,750 meters high is one of Indonesia’s 129 active volcanoes. Its last major eruption in 1991 killed one Swiss hiker and displaced thousands of people. —Xinhua

Seven killed in boat explosion in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 16 July—A patrol boat belonging to the customs office exploded on Friday night in North Sumatra, killing seven officials and seriously injuring two others, rescued said on Saturday.

Head of search and rescue office in North Sumatra Dianta Bangun told Xinhua by phone that the accident at Pantai Labuh beach in Deli Serdang District took place before starting engine.“Four bodies of the officials were found at the site on Friday night, but the other three were recovered on Saturday morning. Two others were being treated in a nearby hospital,” he said.

The reason are unclear for the blast which happened as the officials were set to patrol to prevent smuggling, said Bangun. —Xinhua

76 killed by cholera in Dominica since November

SANTO DOMINGO, 16 July—With the five fatalities over the past week, cholera has killed a total of 76 people in the Dominican Republic since November, the Health Ministry said Friday.

The number of suspected cholera cases has risen to 10,760 after 1,014 new cases were registered in the past week, it said.

Most fresh cases were reported in the southern Province of Elias Pina and on the outskirts of the capital Santo Domingo.

The ministry said health authorities in Dominica, which shares the Hispaniola Island with Haiti, were also checking 182 deaths to decide whether they were caused by the epidemic.

As the rainy season has begun in Dominica, hot and humid weather has led to a sharp rise of cholera cases in the Caribbean nation.

The ministry has tightened measures to prevent the spread of cholera and relevant diseases.

The current cholera developed from a severe outbreak in Haiti last year, according to Dominican officials.—MNA/Xinhua

A scientist takes sample of the red tide in north China’s Bohai Bay, on 15 July, 2011. The red tide has the length of about 2 sea miles and it locates near two oilfield platforms in Bohai Bay. The two oilfield platforms are estimated to have leaked 1,500 barrels of oil, or 240 cubic meters, following two oil spills last month, the operator ConocoPhillips said on Thursday. —Xinhua

A Worker works at the construction site of Shanghai Center Tower in east China’s Shanghai, on 15 July, 2011. Some one thousand construction workers of Shanghai Center Tower remain at their posts despite the canicule in Shanghai. The 632-meter-high skyscraper is expected to be completed in 2014.—Xinhua

Aeriosa Dance Society members perform at the walls of Vancouver Public Library during annual Dancing on the Edge festival in Vancouver, Canada, on 13 July, 2011. —Xinhua

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Sunday, 17 July, 2011
7th monsoon tree-growing ceremony held in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun and Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai gave a hand to the 7th monsoon tree-growing ceremony of Chin State taken place on Yone Hill yesterday morning. They provided departmental heads and social organization members participating in the ceremony with Khartawhmi saplings. It was reported that there were a total of 2050 saplings — 500 eucalyptuses, 700 Yethinwin, 200 Mineball, 500 Cheery, and 150 Khartawhmi — had been planted by Chin State Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Speaker and state ministers, departmental heads of the ministry, State/Township level departmental heads and staff, members of social organizations, as well as local people in the ceremony.—MNA

Collective tree planting ceremony held in Ahmar

AHMAR, 16 July—The collective monsoon tree planting ceremony took place at Ahmar-3 Bawatthit Village, Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Region on 3 July morning. The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Aung Win, the Head of Ahmar MPP, Staff Officer U Kyin Lin of Pyapon Township Forest Department and staff members, members of social organizations and local people. Those present on the occasion grew a total of saplings of different species.—District IPPD

China spends 3.8 bln yuan on non-structural flood control measures

BEIJING, 16 July—China has allocated 3.8 billion yuan (584.6 million U.S. dollars) to reduce flood risks in mountainous areas through non-structural measures, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said Saturday.

The fund was spent on non-structural measures against mountainous torrents in 1,100 counties nationwide, which included strengthening flood forecasting, enhancing flood warning and emergency response systems.—Xinhua

5th Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continues

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—First round robin of 5th Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continued at designated football grounds today. The matches between Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Commerce at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and between Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Rail Transportation at Lewe sports ground tied 1-1.

At No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, Ministry of Finance and Revenue humiliated Union Supreme Court 16-0.

In the fixture of 18 July, Ministry of Energy will meet Ministry of Construction at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will play against Ministry of Science and Technology at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, and Ministry of Transport will meet Ministry of Industry-2 at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe sports ground.—MNA

Japan’s nuclear reactor shut down over technical glitch

TOKYO, 16 July—Japan’s Kansai Electric Power Co. manually shut down the No.1 reactor at its Ohi nuclear power plant in western Japan’s Fukui Prefecture due to technical glitches with its cooling system Saturday, local media reported.

No radiation leakage had occurred and the problem will not have adverse effects on the environment, according to Japan’s Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency. The pressure inside the accumulator in the reactor’s emergency core cooling system temporarily fell on Friday night, setting off an alarm. The accumulator holds coolant to be injected into the reactor in an emergency. —Kyodo News

The pressure has stabilized since, but the utility halted the reactor Saturday night to find out what caused the problem. The reactor has been undergoing final adjustment procedures prior to commercial operations for an unusually long period of about four months. The 1,180,000-kilowatt reactor is equivalent to around 4 percent of the total power output of Kansai Electric.—Xinhua
Ninth ASEAN coal council meeting to be held in Nay Pyi Taw in August

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July — Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addressed first meeting of central committee for organizing 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting at the ministry on 14 July.

The Union minister called for successful holding of the council meeting in Nay Pyi Taw during the first week of August and for coordination between respective work committees. Officials submitted reports to the Union minister who then attended to the needs.—MNA

Agricultural loans and inputs provided to farmers

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung this morning attended the ceremony to present agricultural loans and inputs to farmers by Pathein Ayeya Paddy Co.Ltd No. 1 in Tupalun Village-tract in Pathein Township.

Manager of Ayeyawady Region Myanmar Agriculture Service U Myint Then reported on nurturing of quality paddy strain at the farm, and Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe gave a supplementary report on agricultural development.

Later, he viewed presentation of agricultural loans and inputs to the farmers. MNA

Magway SPED calls for success in first Champion Challenge Cup Tournament 2011

YANGON, 16 July—Magway Region Sports and Physical Education Department met to assign duties for success in the first Champion Challenge Cup Tournament 2011 to be held in Nay Pyi Taw in September, on 11 July.

Deputy Director U Thein Myint of the Region Sports and Physical Education Department called for record of the standard region selected players and new blood as the Champion Challenge Cup Tournament 2011 will be held with 13 designated sports to be included in 27th SEA Games.—MNA

Dy-Co-op Minister emphasizes progress of cooperative society

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun this morning met Chairman of Thiri Yadana Market Cooperative Society Ltd and officials at the office of the society in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw

Council Area and gave instructions on progress of the society and cooperative works. The deputy minister viewed round the shops of members of the cooperative society. MNA

Hlinephone Model Village in Mawlamyinegyun...

Hlinephone Model Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township is among the 160 houses being constructed to provide health care services to the people of 12 villages in the village-tract and Yedwingon Village-tract. The communication centre was built in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis."

"At present, our village has neat and tidy BEPS and a nursery. Ywathit Village has one monastic education school, Hlinephone Bridge, 13 feet wide rural road, new housings, tube-well and steel tank of water purifier as better facilities after the event of storm Nargis." Village elder U Soe Thein noted, “In the past dense mangrove forests in the region created favourable weather and prevented natural disasters. Due to undisciplined cutting off them, natural disaster violently swept the region. Taking precious lessons, the local people are keen to conserve the natural forests.

"Now, you all can see the thriving mangrove plantations along the strand road."

On our departure, we cannot forget the sector-wise progress of Hlinephone with new buildings, model villages, mangrove forests, dense nipa palm and coconut plants.*****

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Large amount of drugs seized in Turkey

ANKARA, 16 July—Turkey’s anti-drug police seized a large amount of drugs in two operations in Turkey on Friday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. In a joint operation of narcotic teams from eastern provinces of Van and southern province of Kilis, Turkish police confiscated 50 kg of heroin stashed in a car in Van Province, according to the report.

The police arrested one suspected person in connection with the haul, said the report. In another operation, Turkish security forces confiscated 133 km of yify (A) peptide, a substance in the brain long known to cause the neurotoxicity associated with Alzheimer’s disease.

In partnership with a team at the University of Minnesota, Pasinetti and collaborators administered grape seed polyphenolic extracts to mice genetically determined to develop memory deficits and A neurotoxins similar to those found in Alzheimer’s disease. They found that the brain content of the A756, a specific form of A previously implicated in the promotion of Alzheimer’s disease memory loss, was substantially reduced after treatment. Previous studies suggest that increased consumption of grape-derived polyphenols, whose content, for example, is very high in red wine, may protect against cognitive de-cline in Alzheimer’s.

This new finding corroborates those theories. “Since naturally occurring polyphenols are also generally commercially available as nutritional supplements and have negligible adverse events even after prolonged periods of treatment, this new finding holds significant promise as a preventive method or treatment.—Xinhua

Strong El Nino could bring higher sea levels to US East Coast

WASHINGTON, 16 July—Coastal communities along the US East Coast may be at risk to higher sea levels accompanied by more destructive storm surges in future El Nino years, according to a new study published Friday by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The study was prompted by an unusual number of destructive storm surges along the East Coast during the 2009-2010 El Nino winter. The study, led by Bill Sweet, from NOAA’s Centre for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, examined water levels and storm surge events during the “cool season” of October to April for the past five decades at four sites representative of much of the East Coast: Boston, Atlantic City, Norfolk and Charleston.

From 1961 to 2010, it was found that in strong El Nino years, these coastal areas experienced nearly three times the average number of storm surge events (defined as those of one foot or greater). The research also found that waters in those areas saw a third-of-a-foot elevation in mean sea level above predicted conditions.

“High-water events are already a concern for coastal communities. Studies like this may better prepare local officials who plan for or respond to conditions that may impact their communities,” said Sweet. “For instance, city planners may consider reinforcing the primary dunes to mitigate for erosion at their beaches and protecting vulnerable structures like city docks by October during a strong El Nino year.”—Xinhua

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The pressure inside the accumulator in the reactor’s emergency core cooling system temporarily fell on Friday night, setting off an alarm. The accumulator holds coolant to be injected into the reactor in an emergency, Kyodo News said. The pressure has stabilized since, but the utility will halt the reactor Saturday night to find out what caused the problem.

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Stolen Picasso recovered in US

NEW YORK, 16 July—A Picasso painting that was stolen three weeks ago in New York has been found in the apartment of a man who was arrested last week in San Francisco for the theft of a sketch by the Spanish artist, police said Friday.

The recovered painting is a 1933 work, “Sculpteur et Deux Tetes,” valued at $350,000, which was robbed 27 June from an art gallery in New York’s SoHo District.

Police agents from New York and Hoboken found 10 other works of art in Lugo’s home that had been stolen between 6 June and 1 July from various galleries and hotels in New York, worth some $500,000 in all.

Police obtained a search warrant for Lugo’s home after he was detained last week in San Francisco accused of stealing “Tete de Femme,” a 1965 sketch by Picasso that was on view at the Weinstein Gallery.

San Francisco authorities recovered undamaged the work of art that has a sale price of over $200,000 and which Lugo was apparently going to sell to an unidentified person. The accused, who pleaded not guilty and remains in custody in San Francisco awaiting trial, was visiting some friends in Napa Valley when agents nabbed him.

Three burglaries hit Britain every two minutes

LONDON, 16 July—Nearly 745,000 break-ins took place in British houses in 2010—meaning three burglaries every two minutes, a survey has found.

The number was 94,000 more than in the previous year, The Sun reported.

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Positive attitude key to ageing successfully

LONDON, 16 July—Aging successfully has been linked with a preference for positive, emotionally gratifying experiences.

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German scientists studied this effect by using neuro imaging to evaluate brain engagement in young and old adults while they performed a specialized cognitive task that included supposedly irrelevant pictures of either neutral, happy, sad or fearful faces. During parts of the task when they did not have to pay as much attention, the elderly subjects were significantly more distracted by the happy faces, according to a University Medical Centre statement.

When this occurred, they had increased engagement in the part of the brain that helps control emotions. This stronger signal in the brain was correlated with those who showed the greatest emotional stability.

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Sunken Nazi submarine discovered off Brazilian coast

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HIV medicines ‘boost prevention’

**The HIV drug tenofovir.**—INTERNET

WASHINGTO N, 16 July—HIV drugs can be used to boost protection against HIV as well as treating symptoms after infection, research suggests. Two studies in Africa add weight to previous data showing drugs used to treat HIV can reduce infection risk when taken daily. The World Health Organization said the studies could have “enormous impact” in preventing HIV transmission. The findings were revealed in the run-up to an AIDS conference in Rome.

**This is a major scientific breakthrough which re-confirms the essential role that antiretroviral medicine has to play in the AIDS response,” said Michel Sidibé, executive director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). “These studies could help us to reach the tipping point in the HIV epidemic.”**

One trial, carried out by the University of Washington, US, followed almost 5,000 couples in Kenya and Uganda, where one person had HIV infection and the other did not. The unaffected person took a daily HIV medicine (tenofovir), a combination of two HIV drugs (tenofovir and emtricitabine), or a placebo pill.

**Height matters more than size for dispersing seeds**

SYDNEY, 16 July—Plant height rather than seed mass is a better predictor of how far seeds will be dispersed, a study has shown.

The authors said they were surprised by the findings because it was assumed that lighter seeds would be carried further by the wind, water or animals.

However, the team found that plants of greater height—rather than those of reduced seed size—recorded greater dispersal distances. The findings will be published in the Journal of Ecology. **Internet**

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**£161m Euromillions winner claims prize**

LONDON, 16 July —The UK winner of the £161m Euromillions Jackpot has claimed her prize, lottery operator Camelot has confirmed. It is not yet known if the ticket holder is an individual or syndicate — or whether they will go public. If the winner is a single player, they would instantly be placed 430th in this year’s Sunday Times Rich List.

Tuesday’s £161,653,000 prize was Europe’s biggest-ever and was capped after a series of rollovers. It follows a £113m UK Euromillions win in October. The lucky winner of the £161m prize, who is said to be deciding whether or not to reveal their identity, successfully matched all five main numbers and both Lucky Stars. The numbers were 17, 19, 38, 42 and 45, and the Lucky Stars were 9 and 10. **Internet**

The jackpot was capped at 185 million euros after a number of rollovers. **Internet**

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**Gene link to 70% of hard-to-treat breast cancers**

Massachusetts, 16 July—A gene has been linked to 70% of hard-to-treat breast cancers which are resistant to hormone therapies, in US research. The study published in Nature used a new technique which tested hundreds of genes at once, rather than one at a time. Scientists said there was “a lot of potential for significant impact” if drugs could be developed.

Cancer Research UK said it would be interesting to see where the study led. Hormones can force tumour growth, so drugs which interfere with that process, such as tamoxifen and aromatase inhibitors, are used as treatments. Up to a third of breast cancers, however, are hormone driven, so these drugs do not work and there are fewer treatments available for these patients.

The researchers at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, Massachusetts, used **Internet**

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**Height matters more than size in the plant world when it comes to dispersing seeds.**—INTERNET
Cameras were recording while being stolen

British police said a man who spent 4 hours stealing security cameras from a building apparently did not realize the cameras were filming his crime.

Police in Bradford, England, said the man broke into the former Lister Arms pub on Manchester Road at about 4 am Sunday and spent 4 hours unscrewing four CCTV cameras from the walls, the Bradford Telegraph and Argus reported Thursday. Investigators said the man apparently didn’t realize the cameras were filming as he was removing them from the wall. Police said they arrested a 22-year-old man Wednesday in the thefts.

A man works on a sand sculpture titled “Maestro Paganini” by sculptors Sergey Tselebrovsky and Sergey Zaplatin at the Festival of Sand Sculptures 2011 under the topic “Masterpieces of World Culture” at a beach near the Peter and Pawel Fortress in St Petersburg on 14 July, 2011. More than 30 teams from different countries took part in the annual festival, according to the organizers.

Penguin recovering from New Zealand swim

Staff at a New Zealand zoo said an emperor penguin famous for swimming to the country from Antarctica is recovering after eating sand on a beach. The Wellington Zoo said the penguin, dubbed Happy Feet after the 2006 film of the same name, became ill after eating sand at Peka Peka beach last month, The Dominion Post reported Thursday. Kate Baker, a spokeswoman for the zoo, said Happy Feet has been recovering well since having his stomach pumped and is now on the road to recovery, having gained 5.7 pounds since his rescue.

Baker said Happy Feet, the first penguin to make the swim from Antarctica to New Zealand in 44 years, is being kept in the dark to emulate the Antarctic winter days. The spokeswoman said experts are formulating a plan to return the penguin to Antarctica once his recovery is complete.

Ford ponders death of Indiana Jones

Hollywood actor Harrison Ford

Los Angeles, 16 July—Hollywood actor Harrison Ford says there are no concrete plans for a fifth Indiana Jones movie, but if there were he wouldn’t mind if his character died in it. F.W.com said Ford made the remarks while promoting his upcoming science-fiction western “Cowboys and Aliens.” Asked what fate he would like to befall his iconic character Indiana Jones, the actor told the celebrity news Web site, “I always want my characters to die”.

“I thought Han Solo should have died at the end of the last ‘Star Wars’ movie, just because it seemed right for the character. And I’d be happy to make another Indiana Jones movie—but at this point it’s all just rumours,” he told EW.com.—Internet

Jennifer Lopez to turn men tow away illegally parked cars into TV stars

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Kate Winslet’s ‘Mildred Pierce’ leads Emmys with 21 nominations

London, 16 July—Kate Winslet’s TV drama ‘Mildred Pierce’ is leading the US Emmy awards race this year with 21 nominations. Winslet will also be expecting a victory over fellow nominees Downton Abbey’s Elizabeth McGovern and Jean Marsh in the best actress in a mini-series category, reports the BBC.

The 36-year-old Oscar winning actress played the role of a divorced single mother in the drama, who decides to open a restaurant business during the 1930s Depression-era in California.

Competing with Mildred Pierce are ‘Mad Men’ with 19 nominations and ‘Boardwalk Empire’ with 18.

Other leading nominees include ‘Saturday Night Live’ with 16, and ‘Game of Thrones’ and ‘30 Rock’ with 13 nominations each.—Internet

Fifty-year-old love letter arrives at school

Officials at a Pennsylvania college said a love letter mailed to a student more than 50 years ago has finally arrived at the school.

Christine Kindl, a spokeswoman for California University of Pennsylvania, formerly known as California State Teachers College, said a letter intended for a student named Clark C. Moore arrived at the school Friday after being mailed 20 Feb, 1958, the Pittsburgh Tribune Review reported Thursday.

Kindl said the letter was mailed from Pittsburgh and is signed “Love Forever, Vonnie.” “It’s the most interesting thing I’ve come across in 22 years of working mail. I see a lot of students’ mail, but nothing like this,” said Connie Morris, mailroom supervisor for the school.

Officials said they attempted to find Moore, who would be in his 70s, using files and Web sites including Facebook, but they were unable to track him down.

“We’ve tried to find him, but we don’t have a record of him in our alumni records,” Kindl said.

Postal Service officials said they are trying to determine how the letter wound up in the mail stream instead of the dead letter file.

Kate Winslet

London, 16 July—Actress Kim Cattrall, 44, says she would rather appear “healthy” and of her own age as she has no desire to look younger.

“I had a great time in my youth and still feel very youthful, but I have no desire to look as though I’m 20. I want to look healthy, but I want to look closer to my age,” contactmusic.com quoted Cattrall as saying.

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Atletico face Stromsgodset in Europa League

**MADRID, 16 July**—The 2010 Europa League winners Atletico Madrid will be confident of reaching the play-off round after being drawn against Norwegian side Stromsgodset in the third qualifying round on Friday. Atletico, who finished seventh in Spain’s Liga last season, will be meeting a side with limited experience in Europe. Stromsgodset’s last appearance came in the 1998-99 UEFA Cup, when they went out in the first round, but they are best known for losing 11-0 to Liverpool at Anfield in 1974-75.

If they can overturn a 2-1 deficit from their first leg at Welsh side Llanelli, the 1981 Cup Winners Cup winners Dinamo Tbilisi are likely to face the Icelandic side KR Reykjavik, who lead Zilina 3-0 after the first leg. Stoke City, runners-up to Manchester City in the FA Cup, return to European competition for the first time since 1974 and will meet Hajduk Split, with the Croatians hoping to mark their centenary celebrations with a good run in Europe.

**Benfica face intriguing Champions League opener**

**LISBON, 16 July**—Portuguese giants Benfica face an intriguing Champions League third qualifying round tie after being drawn on Friday against the Turkish side Trabzonspor.—INTERNET

Benfica’s supporters celebrate a goal during the Third Qualifying Round match between Benfica and Trabzonspor at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon on 16 July 2011. Benfica won the match 3-0 and advance to the play-off round.

**Frenzy of attention adds to pressure for Americans**

**FRANKFURT, 16 July**—A week ago, there were so few people following the Americans they could hold their daily media sessions around a small table in their hotel lobby. Now they need an entire ballroom. The frenzy of attention surrounding the US Women’s final against Japan is something they’ve never experienced before, and it has the potential to fire them up — or heap even more pressure on what is already the biggest game of their careers.

"I don’t think it’s a distraction," goalkeeper Hope Solo said. "We’ve had the mentality from day one that we came here for one reason. Our one and only goal was to win this tournament, and I think people are staying pretty true to that." But the challenge gets bigger with each day.—INTERNET

**Phelps says racing Thorpe will be ‘super fun’**

**US swimmer Michael Phelps trains at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre on the Gold Coast, Australia.—INTERNET**

**GOLD COAST, 16 July**—Michael Phelps was still getting over a mild slump when he heard Ian Thorpe was planning a comeback for the London Olympics. The 14-time Olympic gold medalist freely admits he hates to lose. So news of the Australian’s return couldn’t have come as any better motivation for training. Thorpe, who dominated swimming immediately before Phelps took the sport to unprecedented levels, beat his rival in an exhilarating 200-meter freestyle final at the 2004 Olympics.—INTERNET

**FURY AS ARSENAL SET FOR COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT**

**LONDON, 16 July**—Premier League giants Arsenal are keen on signing promising 19-year-old Costa Rica striker Joel Campbell, local media reported on Friday. The daily Al Dia said that the London club’s scout for the Concacaf region, Richard Law, had arrived in the Central American country accompanied by the agent Joaquim Batista, supposedly with the aim of sealing a deal for Campbell, who plays for Deportivo Saprissa in San Jose.—INTERNET

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**Downing completes Liverpool switch**

**LONDON, 16 July**—England winger Stewart Downing completed his £20 million ($32 million) transfer from Aston Villa to Liverpool on Friday after passing a medical, the Anfield giants announced. The 26-year-old, who has played 27 times for England, becomes Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish’s fourth major signing of the summer following Jordan Henderson, Charlie Adam and Alexander Doni. “It’s a great feeling and I’m very happy to be here,” Downing told www.liverpoolfc.tv. “It’s been a long time coming and I’ve had to wait a few weeks, but I’m really pleased to be here. “With the tradition, the manager and the players they have here, there was a big temptation to come and once I knew of their interest, there was only one place I wanted to go.”—INTERNET

**More British Open magic from Tom Watson**

**SANDBACH, 16 July**—Tom Watson has aced the 178-yard sixth hole in the British Open, his 4-iron shot bouncing once on the green and dropping into the cup in the second round on Friday. The 61-year-old Watson, a five-time British Open winner, drew both arms in the air, Tom Watson of the US reacts at the 6th tee after his hole in one during the second day of the British Open Golf Championship at Royal St George’s golf course Sandbach, England, on Friday.—INTERNET

**England winger Stewart Downing**

**INTERNET**

**England’s Tom Lewis**

**INTERNET**

**Amateur Tom Lewis eyes top 15 at British Open**

**SANDBACH, 16 July**—A day after making history, Tom Lewis was content just to make the cut. Playing with Tom Watson — the golfing great Lewis was named after — the 20-year-old Englishman had the lowest score by any amateur at a British Open. That gave him a share of the first-round lead with a 5-under 65 on Thursday.

After a night’s sleep disturbed by about 80 congratulatory text messages, Lewis was back on the links course at Royal St George’s for Friday’s second round. This day proved a little more troublesome. He shot a 74 to drop back into the pack at 1 under, but he’ll still be around for the weekend, unlike many leading names in the 156-player field.—INTERNET

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Weather forecast for 17th July, 2011

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Sweden’s midfielder Marie Hammarstrom (R) scores past France’s defender Sonia Bompastor.

10-woman Sweden beats France 2-1 in third-place game at Women’s World Cup

Sweden players dance in celebration of their first goal during the match for third place between France and Sweden at the Women’s Soccer World Cup in Sinsheim, Germany, Saturday, on 16 July, 2011.

SINSHEIM, GERMANY, 16 July—Marie Hammarstrom scored in the 82nd minute to give 10-woman Sweden a 2-1 victory over France in the third-place game at the Women’s World Cup.

After Josefine Oqvist was sent off in the 68th minute for hitting Sonia Bompastor in the chest, Sweden won a corner kick that was cleared off the near post.

But the ball caromed out to Hammarstrom, who touched it once, faking out a defender, and then a second time before letting fly with a thunderous left-footed blast.

It was Hammarstrom’s first World Cup goal and her first ever for Sweden.

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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

Hlinephone Model Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township sees sector-wise progress

Article: Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo); Photos: Mawgyun Soe Myint

Hlinephone Bridge Project being implemented across Hlinephone Creek in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

It was a rainy day when we arrived at Mawlamyinegyun Port bustling with ships and motorboats and arrival and departure of passengers. We left the Mawlamyinegyun busy port for Hlinephone Model Village, taking three hours.

The motorboat entered Hlinephone Creek flanked by mangrove plantations and nipa palms. After seeing Hlinephone Forest Office on the bank of creek, we arrived in the area of Hlinephone.

A passenger youth said, “Hlinephone Bridge is under construction and it will be 620 feet long including 500 feet long main bridge and 13 feet wide. The 57-mile Mawgyun-Hlinephone-Kwinbauk-Pyinsalu motor road will be complete soon. On completion of bridge and road, we the local people can enjoy fruitful results.”

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Routes to Mausoleum on Martyr’s Day

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July — The 64th Martyr’s Day Ceremony starts at 8 am on 19 July at Mausoleum in Yangon.

Starting from 6 pm 18 July to 10 am 19 July, West Shwegondine street will be closed temporarily from the junction with U Wisara street to No. (1) West Shwegondine lane and Martyr street, from West Shwegondine street to eastern archway of Shwedagon Pagoda. No passage will be allowed Brick steps from the West Shwegondine street and route by Kyaukse Dhammayon at that moment.

The Mausoleum will open to public from 10 am to 4 pm on that day. Those who will pay tribute to the martyrs there are to enter the Mausoleum from Gate No. (1) at the junction of West Shwegondine street and Martyr street through West Shwegondine street, and to exit from Gate No. (2) to eastern archway of Shwedagon Pagoda along Martyr street.

Authorities requested potential visitors to cooperate in conducting security measures at entrance and exit and to use the designated routes.— MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-7-2011)

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