YANGON, 18 July—The government has formed the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation to monitor tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation with sound foundations in the transport, supply of clean and irrigation water, education, health and economy in rural areas, and the committee is now in pursuit of the eight tasks to achieve the goal, said Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt at the meeting held at Toe Shwe Wah Hall in Maubin yesterday morning to coordinate work for rural development and poverty alleviation in rural areas in Maubin Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region.

He added that the Region Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation has been formed and related Union ministers have been assigned duties to set up subcommittees to implement the tasks at the region level. He noted that district, township, ward and village committees have to work in cooperation with relevant ministries for establishment of model farms to project to fight against HIV/STD, Project Manager Dr Thandar Lwin, the project to fight against TB and Project Manager Dr Ni Ni Aye, the project to fight against Malaria.

Next, the M-CCM chairman Union Minister and Vice-Chairman Professor S Kyaw Hla signed the application for Global Fund’s Round 11.

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Pursue goal of rural development intensively

Rural people who constitute the majority of the nation’s population engaging in agriculture as main source of incomes, there is a direct link between great productivity and economic growth of rural areas and economic development of the nation.

So, the government is working hard in all seriousness to improve the socioeconomic status for farmers, the nation’s major working force. The prudent drive thoroughly covers boosting production of agricultural produce, meat and fish and helping address the basic needs and improving education and health standards of rural odd-job people to ensure rural development and poverty alleviation.

Only with development in agrarian economy of the nation, will the majority of the people be in a position to enjoy economic development. Farmers should use advanced methods to be able to reduce agricultural costs and boost production of value-added products.

They should form societies and exchange views to address issues such as market shares when crops are in season, and fall in crop prices.

Over 60% of rubber plant farmers in Mon State, a land of rubber plants, run five to 15 acres of farms. To contend with entrepreneurs for market shares, small-scale rubber plant farmers should form themselves into agricultural communities.

Livestock breeders should work together with cooperative means for greater profits. The goal of rural development can be achieved sooner than expected if congenial partners contribute towards agricultural and livestock farms with goodwill, altruistic sentiment and diligence.

11th Asia Biomass Seminar held

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 July—The 11th Asia Biomass Seminar, jointly organized by Ministry of Energy and Economy, Economic and Science of Japan, was held at Amara Hotel here on 11 July.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, Acting Director-General U Hnin Aung of Energy Planning Department, first secretary Mr Atsushi Igarashi from Japanese Embassy, delegates from ASEAN countries, officials from Energy, Economic and Science of Japan, representatives from Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Science and Technology and Myanmar Engineering Society and guests.

At the ceremony, the deputy minister and the first secretary delivered opening speeches. The acting director-general extended the greetings.

Renewable energy experts from home and foreign countries—Japan, the Philippines and Thailand and delegates from ASEAN member countries held a discussion on effective use of bio resources in ASEAN and Asia regional countries and technologies and policies on use of biomass energy from 11 to 15 July.

The representatives visited growing of physic nut plants by Agricultural Research Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and undertakings to electrify village with the use of bio gas in Shwepay village, Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township.
Six killed in northern Iraq

Mosul, Iraq, 18 July—Six people were killed in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Iraq’s northern city of Mosul on Sunday, police said.

Gunmen attacked in a police checkpoint in al-Rifai district in western Mosul, some 400 kilometers north of Baghdad, killing a policeman and a passing woman and wounding another policeman, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a gunman in central Mosul hurled a hand grenade on a police patrol, but he missed his target and killed a man, his wife and their child who were passing at the scene, the source said.

Also in Mosul, Iraqi soldiers mistakenly killed a man when they opened fire on his car as he was driving near their checkpoint, the source added. The soldiers thought the car was driven by a suicide bomber, he said, adding that the incident is under investigation.

Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, has been a stronghold for insurgent groups, including al-Qaeda militants, since the US-led invasion 2003. Earlier in the day, the Iraqi police reported the killing of two people and the wounding of three others in separate attacks in and near Baghdad while a police officer escaped with wounds a gunfire attack in Iraq’s northern central province of Salahudin.—MNA/Xinhua

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Rebel groups are active in the region around Tumaco, through which Colombian drugs could be trafficked to Ecuador and Central America.

MNA/Xinhua

One killed in NATO convoy attack in Pakistan

Islamabad, 18 July—Gunmen killed a NATO oil supply tanker driver on Sunday after opening fire on supply trucks heading to Afghanistan from Pakistan’s southwestern Balochistan Province, officials said.

The attackers on motorcycles opened fire on the convoy of NATO trucks in Dasht District, some 35 kilometers from Quetta, the provincial capital, they said, adding that a driver of one NATO supply truck was killed and all the other drivers and their helpers remained safe.

Two NATO oil tankers were destroyed during the attack and the gunmen escaped after the incident. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Some 70 percent supplies for nearly 160,000 NATO troops in Afghanistan are transported via Pakistan.

The US has struck a deal with Russia for alternate supply route due to frequent attacks on the NATO convoys in Pakistan.

Two killed in Tumaco

Bogota, 18 July—Two Colombians were killed in separate attacks in Tumaco in southwest Colombia.

A 19-year-old was found dead on Saturday night in a house of a military commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for six days.

The body was found with a bullet and a stab wound.

MNA/Xinhua

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“Three International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” the Press release said.

However, it did not identify the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

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Mexico City, 18 July—Two Mexican students were kidnapped in northeastern Mexico.

The students from the Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon were seized Sunday night in Saltillo.

They were freed the day after.

Xinhua

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The New Light of Myanmar Tuesday, 19 July, 2011

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The kidnappings took place in the state of Nuevo Leon.

One of the kidnapped was released the next day.

Xinhua

Emergency workers assess the site of a bomb blast attack near a church in Suleja recently. A bomb blast at a church in Suleja, a satellite town on the outskirts of Nigeria’s Capital, Abuja, killed three people and seriously wounded seven on Sunday, the Red Cross said.

Xinhua

Local residents examine a burnt oil tanker after it was allegedly attacked by militants in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 17 July, 2011. The oil tanker carrying oil bound for NATO forces in Afghanistan, was destroyed in a bomb blast on Saturday night.—INTERNET

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China plans carbon-trading pilot scheme

BEIJING, 18 July—China will introduce a pilot scheme for carbon emissions trading and gradually develop a national market as the world’s largest polluter seeks to reduce emissions and save energy, state media said.

China will promote the market’s development through “punitive” electricity tariffs on power-intensive industries and other new policies, Xie Zhenhua, a top climate official, was quoted by Xinhua news agency as saying on Sunday. The report gave no timetable or other specifics on how the system would work.

However, China has said previously it hoped to introduce a pilot scheme in a handful of major cities by 2013 and expand it nationally in 2015. Faced with severe pollution, a predicted surge in urbanisation and a struggle to ensure adequate energy supplies to fuel its rapid growth, China has outlined plans to reduce carbon emissions in its latest five-year economic plan.

Carbon trading typically involves the setting of absolute limits on how much carbon dioxide emitters such as industrial enterprises can produce. Environmental analysts have said China is keen to get a functioning carbon trading market up and running soon, especially with the expiry of the Kyoto Protocol looming in 2012.

China has pledged to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced per unit of gross domestic product by 40 to 45 percent by the end of 2020 — essentially a pledge to slow emissions growth, but not a cut.—INTERNET

Smoke billows from chimneys at a coal mine in northern China. The country is set to introduce a pilot scheme for carbon emissions trading and gradually develop a national market as the world’s largest polluter seeks to reduce emissions and save energy, state media has said.—INTERNET

US watches helium stockpile dwindle

AMARILLO, 18 July—US officials say the world’s supply of helium is steadily dwindling and can’t be replaced.

Texas is the site of the last US Federal Helium Reserve and its underground stockpile of the gas is running out.

“There is just a finite amount of helium out here,” Lewis Thess of the Bureau of Land Management’s Amarillo field office told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. “There’s only so much we can do. The clock is winding down on this place.”

Helium is used by NASA and the Defence Department as well as in medical research and computer chip production. But it is also becoming increasingly rare since the element is created from the agonzingly slow decay of radioactive material.

“Earth is 4.7 billion years old, and it has taken that long to accumulate our helium reserves, which we will dissipate in about 100 years,” said Robert Richardson, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist who has studied the potential helium shortage.

Scientists are working on machines that can be used to recycle helium, but the state of the art currently is expensive and not likely to make a dent in industrial shortages that could start cropping up in the next decade, the report said.—INTERNET

Meet the Bizarre SpaceBook Dual-Screen Laptop

NEW YORK, 18 July—One screen on your laptop not enough for you? Well, now you can preorder the gScreen SpaceBook, a monster of a laptop with dual 17-inch displays and a price to match.

The gScreen SpaceBook is billed as having the “world’s largest laptop screen space,” accomplished with the two 1920 by 1080 resolution 17.3-inch displays that slide out like a transformer. Weighing ten pounds and nearly two inches thick, the SpaceBook is basically bucking the ultraportable — or even plain old portable — laptop trend.

While an innovative device that will turn heads and must have a usage case for some professionals accustomed to dual-screen productivity, the SpaceBook’s hardware is less cutting edge. The two models available feature last-generation Intel processors and a bit outdated Nvidia GeForce GTS 250M graphics card with 1GB of video RAM. The SpaceBook 17 i5 4G has the Intel Core i5-560M processor and 4GB of RAM, while the higher end SpaceBook 17 i7 8G features a quad-core Intel Core i7-740QM processor and 8GB of RAM.

A 500GB hard drive (7200 rpm), DVD multivride, and smattering of typical ports are also packed in this massive laptop.

How much will having the largest laptop screen space cost? The entry model costs $2,395 and the i7 8G costs $2,795. If money is no object, you can pre-order one of these outrageous laptops now, with a 50 percent down payment.—INTERNET

In this 28 Nov, 2009 photo, iPhone fans line up as they wait to purchase the Apple iPhone 3G during its launching ceremony in Seoul. A South Korean lawyer who is an avid user of the iPhone is waging a privacy battle against Apple Inc. over the device’s tracking capabilities. Kim Hyoeng-seok said on 15 July, 2011, he has gotten at least 16,000 people in South Korea to join him in a class action lawsuit he plans to file against the company in a Seoul court in earlyAugust.—INTERNET

VMware releases client for Android tablets

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Android tablets could become more appealing to the enterprise with VMware’s View Client for Android.

VMware View lets people see their Windows desktops and interact with Windows applications from remote devices, like tablets or laptops.

To use it, customers click on an icon on their Android tablet that launches an image of their Windows desktop. They can open a virtual trackpad in order to navigate around the screen. The Android tablet controls remain at the bottom of the screen so users can easily jump back to the tablet software and applications.

The client, which VMware is calling a tech preview, is available in the Android Market and works on devices running Honeycomb 3.0 and above. It is also available starting Friday for users of the Cisco Cius tablet.

The client is free to download but works in conjunction with VMware’s desktop virtualization software.

VMware started offering a similar client for iPad users earlier this year and the company said it initially was the number-one free business app in the Apple store.
**Health Tip: Take appendicitis symptoms seriously**

While the appendix doesn’t appear to have a real job in the body, it quickly becomes a concern when inflammation of the organ — known as appendicitis — sets in.

The Cleveland Clinic mentions these warning signs of appendicitis:

- Vomiting and nausea.
- Pain in the lower-right area of the abdomen that becomes worse when touched.
- Soreness just above the belly button that may extend to the lower-right area of the belly.
- Aforementioned pain that worsens when coughing, sneezing, moving around or taking a deep breath.
- Running a mild fever.
- Having diarrhea, constipation or being unable to pass gas.
- Loss of appetite.
- Abdominal swelling.—Internet

**Alcohol affects left, right heart chambers differently**

Rome, 18 July—The left and right ventricles of the heart have very different reactions to small amounts of alcohol, a new study finds.

Researchers in Italy examined 64 healthy volunteers in their 20s after they drank a small amount of red wine and an equal amount of fruit juice.

After drinking the wine, participants’ left ventricular function decreased, according to the findings. The left ventricle receives oxygen-rich blood from the left atrium of the heart and pumps it into the aorta, or the main artery of the body, which supplies tissues with oxygen.

But in the right ventricle, the wine led to an increase in function. The right ventricle pumps blood to the lungs through the pulmonary arteries, so it can be refreshed with oxygen again before going to the left ventricle.

The two chambers of the heart “are like two different worlds,” said corresponding author Matteo Cameli, a cardiologist at Italy’s Cardiologia Universitaria of Siena, in a university news release.—Internet

**Study launched to assess brain damage in professional boxers**

Los Angeles, 18 July—An unprecedented brain study has been launched to assess brain damage in professional boxers with the goal of advancing research to improve various treatments for brain damage, it was reported on Saturday.

The study hopes to get 500 boxers and mixed martial arts fighters to volunteer for the research project, Los Angeles Times reported on its website.

Participants will undergo four annual MRI brain scans, along with physical, cognitive and speech tests to monitor how brain activity can be altered by suffering head trauma in the ring, said the report.

“We know what permanent brain damage looks like in its final stages, but we know so little about what causes it and what happens during cumulative trauma,” said Maureen Peckman of the Cleveland Clinic.

**Borders bidding deadline passed without offers**

New York, 18 July—Borders Group Inc inched closer to liquidation on Sunday after a bidding deadline passed without offers, the Wall Street Journal said, citing people familiar with the matter.

Bids for the second-largest US book store retailer Borders were due at 5 pm Eastern Time Sunday ahead of a bankruptcy court auction scheduled for Tuesday, the paper said.

Last week, a bankruptcy judge had approved a plan to liquidate Borders after a sale to a private equity firm Najafi Cos fell apart. Borders filed for bankruptcy in February after struggling for years to compete with larger rival Barnes & Noble Inc and Amazon.com Inc as more consumers bought books through the Web. Online sales account for a tiny fraction of Borders sales.—Internet

**Philips posts $1.9b loss in Q2 on charges**

Amsterdam, 18 July—Royal Philips Electronics NV, the world’s largest lighting company, has reported a euro1.35 ($1.9 billion) loss for the second quarter, mostly due to a euro1.39 billion writedown in the value of the company’s lighting and consumer appliances arms were cut in half, while its medical imaging equipment arm grew.

Chief executive Frans van Houten blames “operational challenges and weaker markets,” for the operating performance.

He says Philips does not expect improvement in the short term. Reuters

**China’s yuan retreats against USD**

Monday

Beijing, 18 July—The Chinese currency Renminbi, or the yuan, lost 15 basis points to 6.4680 per US dollar on Monday, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading system.

In China’s foreign exchange spot market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 0.5 percent from the central parity rate each trading day.

The central parity rate of the yuan against the US dollar is based on a weighted average of prices before the opening of the market each business day. Xinhua

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**Colorectal cancers often begin as polyps — benign growths on the surface of the colon. The two most common types of intestinal polyps are adenomas and hyperplastic polyps. They develop when there are errors in the way cells grow and repair the lining of the colon.—Internet**

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Passenger denies groping TSA screener

LONGMONT, 18 July—A Colorado air passenger is denying police charges that she groped a security screener at the Phoenix airport.

Yukari Miyamae, 61, of Longmont, Colo, was arrested Thursday after she argued with a Transportation Security Administration worker at Sky Harbour International Airport and refused to be screened, Sgt. Steve Martos of the Phoenix police told The Arizona Republic.

The arrest report says she grabbed TSA agent Barbara O’Toole’s “left breast through her clothing squeezing and twisting it with both hands without the victim’s permission,” KDVR-TV, Denver, reported.

Miyamae, released from the Maricopa County Jail Friday, faces a felony sexual abuse charge.

In this 16 July photo, cattle are fed after officials confirmed the hay were safe at a farm in Miharu, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan. Japanese government is preparing to suspend cattle shipments from Fukushima this week amid a growing tally of cows that were fed rice straw containing high levels of radioactive cesium.—Xinhua

A rider takes part in a lassoing exhibition competition during the Nadam festival at a race ground on Bayanbulak prairie in Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture of Bayinsul, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 17 July, 2011. Nadam, meaning entertainment and playing, is a folk festival of the Mongolian ethnic group.—Xinhua

Chavez begins second stage of cancer treatment in Cuba

HAVANA, 18 July—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday began the second stage of treatment against cancer in Cuba, after arriving in the island nation Saturday night.

Chavez received two surgeries in Cuba in June to remove a pelvic abscess and a cancerous tumour.

Chavez’s leave for treatment was officially approved by the Venezuelan parliament and part of his duties have been delegated to Vice President Elias Jaua and Minister of Planning & Finance Jorge Giordani.

According to the Venezuelan Constitution, the parliament can declare a temporary lack of head of state when he is absent for less than 90 days and hands off his duties to the vice president. His leave can be extended by an additional 90 days. —Xinhua

Aircraft carrying Zardari entourage escapes disaster, makes emergency landing

ISLAMABAD, 18 July—An aircraft carrying Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari’s entourage escaped disaster when the plane developed a snag mid-flight.

The C-130 aircraft was on its way to Iran when it had to make an emergency landing, 12 minutes after take off.

Aircraft crew reported a fuel leak in one of the engines and made the emergency landing at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport in Islamabad on Saturday.

The plane was carrying the president’s bodyguards, foreign office staff and a media team, The Daily Times reports.

President Zardari was not on board.—Internet

Two killed in subway shooting in Chile

SANTIAGO, 18 July—A gunman killed two people and wounded four others in a subway train in Chile’s capital on Sunday, police said.

The shooting happened at the Plaza Maipu station in southwestern Santiago.

The gunman reportedly fired at least nine shots.

After the shooting, the assailant walked to a nearby square and committed suicide, police said.

Authorities are investigating the motive for the attack.

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Phillips has announced plans to develop LED-illuminated wallpapers that absorb sound and glow in a palette of colours according to the user’s specifications.

Phillips is collaborating with Danish manufacturer, Kvadrat Soft Cells, whose customisable acoustic panels are flexible and capable of being tailor-fitted for a wide range of interiors.

The panels are stretched onto an aluminium frame, providing the ideal amount of tension, regardless of fluctuations in temperature or humidity.

“They can be rearranged and reupholstered to meet changing requirements, simply and quickly,” the Discovery News quoted Kvadrat Soft Cells’ website as saying.

Phillips’ LED-lighted wallpaper could provide designers with an array of options to conjure mood-inducing atmospheres like never before.

For example, the changing of the panel’s colour could be synced with an audio system that undulates to the music’s rhythm.

Because they’re sound absorbent the Soft Cells panels could soften echo and muffle sharp noises.

“This is the only product that can hang almost like a painting on the wall and completely control the content and create the mood you want,” stated lead architect Olav de Boer in a promotional video for the Soft Cells.—Internet

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Pilot Chen Wei, the first Chinese national to fly a private plane around the world, shows his pilot license in Harbin, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 17 July, 2011. Chen Wei, the first Chinese to undertake the round-the-world flight, finished his flying in the skies of China on Sunday after leaving Harbin with his French-made Socata TBM-700 single engine turboprop. Setting off from Memphis on 22 May, Chen, a Chinese citizen living in the United States, landed at Beijing Capital International Airport on Tuesday.—Xinhua
Zoomer the snail races to victory in world championships

LONDON, 18 July—A snail called Zoomer beat 120 competitors to win the world snail racing championships in Norfolk. The race started on Saturday on a soggy cricket pitch after a 20-minute-delay, thanks to the rain.

Anton Lucas, 6, of Ashwick, near King’s Lynn, owned champ Zoomer. “It’s lovely to win. I am going to set Zoomer free in the woods,” the Telegraph quoted Lucas as saying.

In the game, the competitors bring their own snails and each of them is marked with a number just to distinguish the look-alike snails. The racing track was marked with two concentric circles with a distance of 13 inches. Snails that reached the outer circle from the inner one first was considered as the winner.

The peculiar event takes place almost every year, attracting entrants from across the country. Last year’s winner was Claire Lawrence, from Litcham, Norfolk, and his snail, Optimus Slime.—Internet

Soon, ‘robo-nurses’ to care of the sick and elderly

LONDON, 18 July—A research team from the Queen Mary University and the University College London is trying to develop socially conscious robots that can interact with humans by recognizing their facial expressions, and responding accordingly.

Professor Peter McOwan is running the EU-funded four-year project involving specialists from seven countries. “Our research aims to develop software, based on biology, that will allow robots to interact with humans in the most natural way, understanding things like personal space,” the Daily Express quoted him as saying.

Coming soon: Wireless nappies and 3G slippers!

LONDON, 18 July—Mobile phone companies are coming up with more and more weird ideas to lure customers— with the latest being the development of 3G slippers and wireless nappies. Rather than selling more phones, mobile firms are now looking to squeeze more revenue from the customers and networks they have already established.

Engineers are developing ‘SmartSlippers’ with a tracking chip in them that will notify your relatives when you fall.

“Think of what can be gathered just off your feet,” the Daily Mail quoted David Schieffelin, chief executive of manufacturers 24eight, as telling the Wall Street Journal.

“Why shouldn’t something as innocuous as a data device be placed into your nappies?”, Schieffelin added. Researchers are also working on wireless nappies that will send parents a text message when their child needs attention.

“A parent can remotely monitor a care centre and get “diaper wet” messages when they are at work,” added Schieffelin.—Internet

Soon, crystal ball may reveal terrorists’ threats

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Scientists at Wake Forest University and Fisk University have partnered to develop crystals that can be used to detect nuclear threats, radioactive material or chemical bombs more accurately and affordably.

The research is made possible by a 900,000-dollar grant from the Office of Nuclear Nonproliferation Research and Development of the National Nuclear Security Administration, within the US Department of Energy.

The grant will support both universities’ continued research in the area of radiation detection, which ultimately could lead to improved detector devices for screening cargo containers at ports, airports and border crossings.

It would detect trace amounts of radioactive or chemical material – similar to a CT scan or PET scan detecting a tumour in the human body – and lead to better medical diagnostics.

“This grant is an acknowledgement of Fisk and Wake Forest’s excellence and leadership in the field of radiation detection research,” said Fisk University Professor of Physics and Vice Provost Arnold Burger.—Internet

Now, a smartphone app to ward off mosquitoes!

LONDON, 18 July—Japanese software maker Sea’s Garden has introduced a new smartphone application, which can actually keep the mosquitoes away.

Specifically, the Mosquito Buster app causes the user’s smartphone to emit a high-frequency noise that’s inaudible to humans but that the pesky insects reportedly can’t stand, reports Discovery News.

Two additional settings on the app use different frequencies to repel mice and — believe it or not — children as well.

Mosquito Buster is coming soon to Apple’s App Store, Sea’s Garden says.—Internet
Township microfinance institutions, cooperative societies formed in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Member of the Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Adviser at the President Office Dr Sein Hla Bo, Chairman of the Central Cooperatives Syndicate and Chairman of the Cooperatives Bank Ltd U Khin Maung Aye and officials had a meeting with perennial crop entrepreneurs, those engaged in fishing, members of the township cooperatives syndicate, and those from surrounding villages wishing to do businesses with the cooperatives societies at the prayer hall of the Hsuatangpyae Pagoda in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State, this morning.

Frank talks focused on programmes to form agricultural products and odd-job microfinance institute, organize rubber farmers into societies and to provide them with capitals and technical assistance, and form societies with small- and large-scale breeders, fishermen, sellers of markets and odd-job workers.

On his tour of the Cooperatives Bank Ltd on Strand Road in Mawlamyine, the Union minister called for respecting banking procedures and rules adopted by the Central Bank of Myanmar, and public assistance to be provided with prompt banking system by cooperative banks.

In the afternoon, the Union minister and the Mon State chief minister met Mon State ministers, administrators of district and township General Administration Departments, rubber plant growers, perennial crop growers, fruit growers, farmers, fishermen, members of the cooperatives syndicate and cooperative societies, and those carrying out businesses with cooperative societies at the hall of Mon State in Mawlamyine. The Union minister dealt with programmes to form and run societies as part of the drive for rural development and poverty alleviation with cooperative methods of providing microfinance and ensuring that products gain a foothold in markets.

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint expressed thanks to the government for its technical assistance and organizing entrepreneurs to improve the living conditions for rural folks.

Union Minister U Ohn Myint said that those who share common goal of accomplishment of the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation will be formed into societies, and pledged that the Ministry of Cooperatives will provide microfinance, technical assistance and ensuring market shares of products.

Dr Sein Hla Bo presented his views. The attendees formed a microfinance institute and cooperative societies of each township.

Later in the afternoon, the Union minister inspected the Cooperative Training School and the Cooperative Trade Training School, and called on staff members to work hand in hand with the government for national development.

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UNICEF Resident Representative calls on Union Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Shrestha called on Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at his office here this afternoon. The two held discussion about current healthcare programmes jointly implemented by the UNICEF and the Ministry of Health, future programmes, designation of project regions, healthcare services for mothers, child and infants, breastfeeding campaigns and promotion of healthcare educational programmes.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, directors-general from Health Department and Medical Science Department and personnel of the ministry.—MNA

Sarpay Beikman Manuscript (English) Award to be prescribed

YANGON, 18 July—Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Scrutiny Board will prescribe Sarpay Beikman Manuscript (English) Award as of 2011 with the aim of making Myanmar literature, traditions and development known to the international community and helping improve the English of the people.

Every manuscript (English) must reflect the historical background, culture and arts of Myanmar of informative or creative writing. One of the entries will be selected for the award.

Interested persons are to buy a form each and get rules and regulations for the contest at Sarpay Beikman. Entries should be addressed to Sarpay Beikman Manu-scripts Scrutiny Board at Sarpay Beikman Office at 529/531, Merchants Street, Yangon. For more information, contact the secretary (01-376569) and the joint secretary (01-249230).

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Construction, A&I and Transport Ministries seize wide victories at 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Construction Ministry routed Energy Ministry 5-0 at 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament here this evening, while Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry whitewashed Science and Technology Ministry 9-0 and Transport Ministry tied to Industry 2 Ministry 2-nil.

No match will be played on 19 July. Labour Ministry faces Education Ministry, Border Affairs Ministry plays against Hotels and Tourism Ministry and Mines Ministry meets Religious Affairs Ministry on 20 July.—MNA
Fight against gambling, part... (from page 1)
speed up the process of mechanized farming, along
with integrated farms and micro producing enterprises
village-wise, providing microfinance for successful
formation of private microfinance institutions,
 improving education, health and social affairs to improve
the socioeconomic status of rural people, manageable-
scale production of energy such as bio-gas and solar
energy for adequate energy supply to rural areas,
prevention of deforestation and afforestation of bare
lands for environmental conservation.
At the same time, all are to work together to fight
gambling which is a cause of poverty, he pointed out.
Chairman of Maubin District Committee for
Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation,
Administrator of District General Administration
Department U Aye Thaung reported on formation of
committees at the district, township, ward and village
levels in the district, programmes to expedite the eight
tasks, and formation of microfinance institutions,
agricultural cooperative societies, agriculture and
general merchandizing cooperative societies and micro
credit societies.
Also present at the meeting were Ayeawady
Region Minister for Transport U Than Tun, members
of Maubin District Committee for Rural Development
and Poverty Alleviation, Maubin Township, ward and
village-tract committees, departmental officials,
representatives from social organizations and
townsenders.—MNA

Myanmar, ROK agree accomplishment of ICT Master Plan

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Union Minister U Thein Tun, Union Minister U Aye Myint and ROK
Ambassador Mr. Kim Hae-Yong attend the signing ceremony of the
agreement on accomplishment of Myanmar-ROK collaborative
measures in 1st Myanmar ICT Master Plan (2005-2010).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Myanmar and the Republic of Korea inked the
agreement on accomplishment of Myanmar-ROK collaborative
measures in 1st Myanmar ICT Master Plan (2005-2010) at the ceremony
held in conjunction with ICT Master Plan handing-over ceremony at the Ministry of
Communications, Posts and
Telegraphs this morning. Union Minister for Communications, Posts and
Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, ROK Ambassador to
Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-Yong, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials attended the
ceremony. Union Minister U Thein Tun and the ambassador
made opening speeches before the latter handed over the Myanmar ICT
Master Plan to the former. General Manager of Myanma Telecommunication
Services U Eait Hti Hla and
Representative from Korean Embassy Ms. Kim Tae Eun signed the agreement. MNA

Mohnyin Township to hit... (from page 16)
Zeebyugon and Sinbogon villages. Local farmers
own 55 power-tillers and
14 combined harvesters. Seventy-one farmers
in Ingyingon Village-tract took the leading role in
forming the Agricultural Cooperative Society with
farmer U Tun Shwe as
chairman and farmer U Kyaw Sein and farmer U Hla Thein as members. It
is now carrying out its tasks under supervision of
representative U Tun Hla from Township
Cooperatives Department and representative U Myint Than from Township
Myanmar Agriculture Service.
They are growing rice
with advanced methods in the 500-acre field of the
Agricultural Cooperative Society in cooperation with
service personnel to
achieve the target per acre
yield of over 100 baskets.
Administrator U Kyi Maung of Village General Administration
Department said that local farmers were
trying to meet the target of
100 baskets an acre with a
sense of healthy competition; and
therefore, he village would
achieve the target.

Some rice saplings of Hsin Ekri strain.

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Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye presents
school uniforms, note books and stationery to
students through an official.—MNA

U Khin Maung Aye explained purposes of donation and the
Chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Co donated a
Sky Net satellite dish to the school. The Union
ministers planted mango
trees in commemoration of monsoon greening
activities.

A farmer at work in a paddy field.

He went on saying
that after harvest of
monsoon rice, farmers
 grew such crops as
groundnut, soya bean,
sunflower, sesame,
 garlic, onion, potato,
tomato and watermelon
with mixed- and multiple-
 cropping patterns; and
that they were getting on
well with their businesses.

A farmer at work in a paddy field.

Other villages in Mohnyin Township grow
seasonable vegetables on
a commercial scale. With
good harvests of crops,
local farmers are now
enjoying better living
conditions.

The Department of Agricultural Research
under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
in Ingyingon Village-tract
is producing high-yield
hybrid rice strains
standard-1, standard-2 and
standard-3 of Hsin Ekri.
Surely, Mohnyin
Region will hit record rice
output due to assistance rendered by related
departments, and
combined work of local
farmers.

I am confident the
region will gain greater
rice surplus and local
people will enjoy better
socioeconomic status if
they follow the 14
scientific methods
adopted by the
Agricultural Cooperative Society.

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**Bootleg alcohol kills 21 in Ecuador**

QUITO, 18 July—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on Sunday that 21 people have died from bootleg liquor in a town in southwestern Los Rios Province. Local hospitals have treated 103 patients poisoned by adulterated alcohol and eight were reported dead in the town of Urdaneta, Public Health Minister David Chiriboga said earlier. Police have arrested the owner of the beverage and seized 28 containers of alcohol contaminated by methanol, a toxic substance used to illegally produce cheap liquor. MNA/Xinhua

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**Concert stage collapses in Canada**

OTTAWA, 18 July—Cheap Trick band members fled to safety moments before storm winds collapsed the main stage at Canada’s Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest Sunday evening, officials said. Bluesfest official Joe Reilly said no one was seriously hurt, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported, though the Ottawa Citizen said there were reports of injuries, including one person who suffered a broken leg.

The stage fell about 7:20 pm, 20 minutes into Cheap Trick’s performance. Ambulances and other emergency vehicles converged on the concert venue and crews searched the area under the stage twice, the newspaper said.

The episode caused concerns among the thousands of festivalgoers, many of whom sought shelter in the Canadian War Museum. Bluesfest videographer Alex Gebethner, 24, who was atop a 50-foot tower with a group that included Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, said a mayoral aide grabbed another videographer who was about to be swept away by a gust of wind. “I haven’t been this close to death in a while,” Gebethner said. Internet

**Australian hospital gives two mothers wrong babies**

SYDNEY, 18 July—Staff at an Australian hospital accidentally mixed up two newborns and gave them to the wrong mothers, who breast-fed the infants before the mistake was caught, the hospital said Monday.

A family member of one of the mothers noticed something was wrong and alerted staff after the mothers had been with the wrong infants for more than eight hours Friday, said Stephen Roberts, CEO of St John of God Hospital, which is in the city of Geelong in southeastern Victoria state. “It should be obviously a great time in any young family’s life, and for us to have contributed to this situation, it disturbs us that it’s happened,” Roberts told Australian radio station 3AW. “But we are trying to do everything we can to support them.” In a statement, the hospital said the babies spent Thursday night in the nursery and were given to the wrong mothers early Friday morning. The infants’ identification bracelets were not checked against the ID bracelets on the mothers. “Protocols are in place to ensure mothers are given their own baby, but it seems that in this instance a human error was involved,” the statement said. Internet

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**Wedding guest allegedly stabs six**

ESLOV, 18 July—Swedish police say a 52-year-old man went berserk at a wedding party at a castle outside Eslov in southern Sweden, allegedly stabbing six guests.

Police said for reasons unknown, a fight broke out between the suspect and several guests Saturday, resulting in the man stabbing one person in the stomach, the Swedish news agency TT reported.

Six people were taken to nearby Skane University Hospital with knife wounds, none believed to be life threatening. The suspect was arrested and charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault.

The suspect was hospitalized for head injuries he received in the melee and he will be questioned as soon as possible, police said. Internet

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**Bret is season’s second tropical storm**

MIA M, 18 July—Tropical Storm Bret became the second named storm of the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season Sunday night, forecasters said.

At 11 pm, Bret was pushing winds near 40 mph up to 35 miles from its center with some higher gusts. That was down slightly from 3 hours earlier when it was first moved from tropical depression to tropical storm, forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. Bret was about 95 miles northwest of Great Abaco Island, heading to the southeast at 2 mph. Little movement was expected overnight, followed by a slow north-northeastward shift Monday.

The storm, which is expected to strengthen in the next day or so, had triggered a tropical storm watch for Grand Bahama Island and the Abaco Islands in the northwest Bahamas. Bret could produce 2-4 inches of rain and locally high surf conditions in the northwest Bahamas, the forecasters said. Internet

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**Brit teen defeats logic by cycling across 75ft deep lake**

LONDON, 18 July—A British schoolboy crossed the 75ft-deep lake Buttermere in Cumbria on his bike to raise money for victims of the 2009 floods in the area.

But 16-year-old Matt Whitehurst refuses to reveal how he carried out the miraculous stunt.

Matt, from Papcastle, Cumbria, is adamant that the feat was not faked, though he won’t let on the secret of his achievement.

“I can’t and won’t say how I did it, but plenty of people saw me and they’ll confirm it wasn’t a camera trick,” the Daily Mail quoted him as saying.

“The photos are real,” he added.

The apparent miracle was carried out to publicise a forthcoming charity cycle ride through towns affected by the devastating Cumbria floods, which ripped through the district two years ago. Internet

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Fire breaks out in Jerusalem’s forests

“IT’S getting very hard to put an end to the fire,” Israeli Fire and Rescue Service spokesman Yoram Levy told Xinhua, “it’s spreading out of control. I really can’t say when we will put it out.”

The Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem, had to be evacuated when the fire broke out Sunday afternoon, as well as the neighbourhood of Har Homa located in the vicinity.

The authorities feared that the fire may reach the Pi Glilot Petroleum terminal. Last Thursday another fire broke out in the nature reserve of Ein Tina in the Galilee and burned hundreds of acres of land.

Tunnel cave-in traps 12 in northeast China city

DALIAN, 18 July—Twelve people are trapped after a tunnel under construction collapsed Monday morning in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China’s Liaoning Province, according to rescuers No casualties have been reported.

Rescuers have established contact with the trapped, and rescue work is under way. The accident occurred at Shengli Road of Dalian City.

Severe droughts sweep Horn of Africa

A Somali woman holds her baby inside a tent serving as a medical clinic established by the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) peacekeeping operation in Mogadishu in this on 16 July, 2011 handout photo by the African Union-United Nations Information Support Team.

Bus plunges into ditch

DHAKA, 18 July — About 30 people were reported missing Sunday after a bus plunged into a ditch near the Bangladeshi capital, the Daily Star reported. The bus was carrying about 30 people when it fell into a water-filled ditch at Dakshin Khan, 16 km from Dhaka. The bus was going to the airport from Kanchpur. Firefighters extricated the bus but did not find anyone — alive or dead. A rescue operation was launched to trace the passengers.

Thunderstorms forecast to continue in north China

BEIJING, 18 July—The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) forecast Sunday that thunderstorms and showers will be frequent in China’s northern regions over the next three days as it warns residents of lightening risks and travel safety.

Zeng Zhiping, chief weather forecaster with the NMC, said the western and central parts in north China have frequently experienced showers while in some areas, quite heavy rainfalls and thunderstorms since the middle of the month.

Thunderstorms and downpours inundated the Chinese capital Beijing Saturday night, leaving nearly 100 flights delayed or canceled at the Beijing Capital International Airport.

According to the airport company, a total of 70 outbound flights were canceled or delayed as a result of the thunderstorms on Sunday.

It further issued an alert on its official website that due to the storms, some more flights, both outbound and inbound, could be delayed or canceled.

Russia suspends ships of sunken Bulgaria class

MOSCOW, 18 July—Russia has imposed a temporary ban on operation of all motor ships similar to the sunken Bulgaria until the causes of the tragedy on the Volga are identified, said Transport Minister Igor Levitin Sunday.

He said the decision on further operation of these ships would be taken depending on investigation findings. According to the ministry, the wreckage of Bulgaria ship, which is lying at a depth of about 20 metres in the river, could be lifted on Sunday as two crane boats have arrived at the site on Saturday morning.

The sunken ship would be towed to the dock for examination, said the ministry.

The 65-year-old Bulgaria cruise boat, with 208 people onboard, sank in the Volga on 10 July. So far, 114 dead bodies have been found and 15 people remain missing.

China issues alert as Typhoon Ma-on approaches East China Sea

BEIJING, 18 July—China has issued a yellow alert for sea waves to warn ships and fishing boats around the waters of the East China Sea to take precautions as Typhoon Ma-on is expected to affect the region from Sunday night. The yellow alert is the second lowest level alert in the four-level sea wave alert system.

From Sunday night to Monday morning, waters around the area of 26.3 degrees north latitude and 133.6 degrees east longitude are predicted to see waves of 9 to 12 metres, said a statement from China’s National Marine Environmental Forecasting Centre Sunday.

The areas in the east of the East China Sea will see waves of 4 to 6 meters, the statement said.

Residents make their way forward in a water-logged street in Deqing County of Huzhou City, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 17 July, 2011. The downtown area of Deqing County was hit by a sudden downpour on Sunday night.

A rescuer sits atop a car partially buried under the debris while Indian army soldiers clear debris and search for survivors on the site of a collapsed residential building under construction in Guzasthan, India, on 17 July, 2011.
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Dated: 8th July, 2011

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 B (Miyinay)
   (2) PSC G (Tangddwingyi)
   (3) PSC H (Tango-Pynnana)
   (4) PSC I (Hnhtada)
   (5) PSC J (Mawalanye)
   (6) PSC K (Tameeini)
   (7) EP P1 (Kyaukkyi-Mindon)
   (8) EP P2 (Aunglan)
   (9) EP P5 (Inbin-Tegyigon)
   (10) RSF 2 (Tryintunng (Myaing South))
   (11) RSF 3 (Gwegyo-Ngashadaung)
   (12) RSF 5 (Paalo-Paukkaung)
   (13) RSF 10 (Kamma-Nattung)
   (14) MOGE 4 (Myintha)
   (15) MOGE 5 (Aunglan)
   (16) PSC T (Lashio East)
   (17) PSCU (Kalaw)
   (18) PSCV (Loikaw)

3. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit proposals for the above mentioned Onshore blocks.

4. 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.

5. The potential bidders’ proposed Terms and Conditions will be assessed on the basis of technical expertise, financial capability, experience, expertise and know how to conduct petroleum exploration and development works and must have good track record.

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

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(3) Myanmar Embassies in respective Countries.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (131)

Consignees of cargo on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (131) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256912/256919/256921

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Customs finds snakes in man’s luggage

An Iranian man was caught by customs in Thailand trying to smuggle snakes out of the country tucked in socks in his luggage, authorities say.

Customs officers at an airport in Thailand received a tip Saturday, alerting them that Ghahehramani Arash, 23, probably had illegal products in his luggage, the Bangkok Post reported. When the officers searched his bag, they found live snakes stuffed in 26 different socks.

Arash was detained at 1:30 am, shortly before he was to board a flight to Iran. Arash admitted buying the snakes at a market, saying they were for his personal collection, however, could not provide documents stating he could take them out of the country.

Upon further investigation, customs officers found that Arash is suspected of being part of an animal smuggling circuit. He was then handed over to airport police for further interrogation.

The snakes will be sent to the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation for further inspection.

Shane Warne naturally handsome

“SW does not wear eye makeup or have an ‘eye liner tattoo’ - his eyes were born that way! Neither does he wear lip gloss, I don’t think he’s into gossips! He’s just prob just given me a kiss & got a bit of mine,” Hurley posted on Twitter. The 46-year-old also insists that Warne, 41, has lost oodles of weight, which makes him look this way, contactmusic.com reports. “And re ‘looking different’, you try losing 25lbs and see if you do,” she posted.

Hurley has filed for divorce from estranged Indian businessman husband Arun Nayar.

Eagle receives mouth-to-beak resuscitation

A Bend, Ore., veterinarian says he resuscitated a badly injured bald eagle by performing mouth-to-beak CPR on the raptor.

The eagle, recently named “Patriot,” was found by two women in June after he was hit by a car, KTVZ-TV reported. He was well on his way to recovery; his fractured wing and dislocated elbow and wrist are all healing, Dr. Jeff Cooney of Bend Veterinary Clinic said.

However, last Wednesday during an exam and physical therapy, while under anesthesia, Patriot stopped breathing. Cooney stepped in and performed CPR until the bird started breathing again. It is unclear as to whether or not Patriot will be able to put back into the wild.

“The dislocated shoulder and his paralyzed right leg are his major problems right now,” Cooney said Friday, adding that he may be forced to euthanize the bird, rather than letting Patriot continue living in pain.

For now, the eagle is doing fine, and the next three weeks will tell his fate.

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But reports suggested that Parker has parted ways with Halston earlier this month. According to wwd.com, even Weinstein and Schwab were no longer on the staff roster either.—Internet

Burbank, 18 July—Innovative guitar maker Travis Bean, 63, died last week in California after a long battle with cancer, his family said.

Bean died in Burbank, the city north of Los Angeles where in the 1970s he developed a cutting-edge electric guitar with a solid aluminum neck that is coveted by collectors.

“He came along when there was not much of anything in terms of fresh ideas when it came to making guitars,” music writer and guitar expert Jim Washburn told the Los Angeles Times. “Then he revolutionized things a bit.”

Aluminum was used to improve the stability of the instruments and reduce vibration, the Times said.

Coupled with exotic hardwood bodies, Travis Bean guitars sold for premium prices during the company’s short run in the 1970s.—Internet

The owner of the large Rottweiler started the fire Wednesday morning by putting pieces of wood next to its body and boosting the flames to the home.

explained that the gasoline had pooled near the house, extending of the house and flames from the outside to the attic in the back. Prince William fire and rescue Battalion Chief Joe Robertson explained that the gasoline had pooled near the house, extending the flames to the home.

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**Sports**

**Challenge for Liverpool to break into top four: Kuyt**

LONDON, 18 July—Liverpool face a stiff challenge to break back into the top four of the English Premier League, Dirk Kuyt admitted on Sunday, while singing out big-money signing Stewart Downing for praise. Speaking in Singapore as part of an Asian tour by the Reds, the Dutchman, who could see his chances limited in a new-look midfield, said: "I think we had a disappointing season last season... sixth isn’t good enough for us. It will be a challenge to reach the Champions League spot because these days we don’t have the top four any more, we have the likes of Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspurs as well." However, the whistle was blown to bring the game to a close.

**Clarke wins British Open for 1st major title**

SANDWICH, 18 July—Darren Clarke gave little Northern Ireland another big championship Sunday at the British Open. The 42-year-old came into the week as an afterthought, but three straight scores in the 60s and a par 70 in the final round lifted him to a comfortable three-stroke victory over Americans Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson. Mickelson made an impressive charge on the front side, actually moving into a share of the lead with an eagle at No. 7. But Clarke came along and put up an eagle of his own at the same hole, then watched Mickelson fade down the stretch for a 68. Clarke won his first major championship with a 5-under 275, following the path of younger countrymen Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell.

They won the last two US Opens. No one could’ve seen this coming.

**Japan wins World Cup title in penalty shootout**

Frankfurt, 18 July—Ordinary the sortow that lingers throughout Japan, perhaps a little joy—capped by the joy of a team of women on its World Cup team. They beat the Americans for the title in a riveting final Sunday night, 3-1 on penalty kicks, after coming from behind twice in a 2-2 tie. The star of the shootout was feisty goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori, who made two brilliant saves in the shootout.

**Martinez Sanchez takes Bad Gastein tennis title**

Bad Gastein, 18 July—Spanish left-hander Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez won her fourth career title on Sunday, but first in 14 months, when she defeated Austria’s Patricia Mayr 6-0, 7-5 in the Bad Gastein final. The 28-year-old added the Austrian title to her wins on clay at Bogota and Bastad in 2009 and Rome in 2010.

"At the start I was playing almost 100 per cent perfectly. It’s normal to have a bit of difficulty after such a good start, but I stayed calm all the time until the end, and that’s why I won," said Martinez Sanchez. "It’s a really good step for me to play a lot of matches in the same week and build my confidence. I didn’t have too many days to get used to the altitude here, but day by day I was learning. Next is Toronto. I won’t be able to do a lot of drop shots on hardwoods, but I’ll be serving and volleying.

Spanish left-hander Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez

**USA wins give Akers new appreciation for ’99 team**

Frankfurt, 18 July—Michelle Akers finally gets why fans were so drawn to the 1999 team that won the Women’s World Cup. Akers has been following the US women at the World Cup from her horse-rescue farm outside of Atlanta, and finds herself getting caught up in the drama and excitement of every game. "That game against Brazil when they came back in the last two minutes, Abby (Wambach) got the dramatic goal — I’ve been trying to figure out why the ’99 tournament was so moving or inspirational and I couldn’t quite figure it out. I think now I understand," Akers said.

**Arsenal trophy drought brought me leave—Clichy**

Manchester, 18 July—Manchester City defender Gael Clichy admits his decision to leave Arsenal was motivated by the Gunners’ failure to turn their potential into prizes. Clichy had grown increasingly tired of Arsenal’s lack of a winning formula when silverware was on the line and last season’s woeful meltdown in the second half of the season was the final straw for the French left-back.

Arsene Wenger’s side were unable three-stroke victory over Americans Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson. Mickelson made an impressive charge on the front side, actually moving into a share of the lead with an eagle at No. 7. But Clarke came along and put up an eagle of his own at the same hole, then watched Mickelson fade down the stretch for a 68. Clarke won his first major championship with a 5-under 275, following the path of younger countrymen Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell.

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**Soderling wins Bastad tennis tournament**

Stockholm, 18 July—Sweden’s Robin Soderling easily won the ATP Swedish Open on Sunday by beating Spain’s David Ferrer 6-2, 6-2. After rain delayed the start of the match by two hours, Soderling needed just 67 minutes to dispatch his opponent as he carried over the form he showed in crushing Tomas Berdych in Saturday’s semi-final. The win is Soderling’s fourth tournament triumph of the year following victories in Brisbane, Rotterdam and Marseille. It is also his second Swedish Open crown, having also won in 2009, and the tenth ATP title of his career. “It went well today. It’s absolutely fantastic to be here. I’m already looking forward to next year,” the smiling world number five said as he collected his prize.

**Spanish left-hander Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez**
Double eruption at Indonesia volcano

JAKARTA, 18 July—An Indonesian volcano erupted twice on Monday following its biggest eruption in weeks over the weekend, a government vulcanologist said, forcing people to remain in safety shelters.

“The two eruptions happened within ten minutes which sent a column of ash and smoke up to 600 metres (1,968 feet) into the air,” government vulcanologist Freddy Koromps told AFP from a monitoring post.

The 1,580-metre Mount Lokon experienced its biggest eruption on Sunday with huge clouds of ash propelled 3,500 metres (11,500 feet) into the sky.

More than 5,200 people have been evacuated to temporary shelters since the volcano erupted on Thursday and its alert status was placed on the highest level.

It last erupted in 1991, killing a Swiss tourist.

The Indonesian archipelago has dozens of active volcanoes and straddles major tectonic fault lines known as the “Ring of Fire” between the Pacific and Indian oceans.

The country’s most active volcano, Mount Merapi in central Java, killed more than 350 people in a series of violent eruptions last year.—Internet

Flood claims three lives in NW Iran

TEHRAN, 18 July—the spokesman for Iran’s Red Crescent Society’s Relief and Rescue Organization said that flood claimed the lives of three people in Northwestern Iran, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Monday.

Three people lost their lives in flash floods that swapped parts of West Azerbaijan province, Hossein Derakhshan said on Sunday.

The flood caused by heavy rains in the past days damaged 50 villages in Maku and Chaldoran regions in the province, said the report.

100 rescue workers alongside ambulances and a helicopter were sent to the flood-hit regions and saved the lives of 12 people, Derakhshan was quoted as saying.

The glow of lava from Mount Lokon’s eruption is seen against the night sky as seen from Tomohon, North Sulawesi, Indonesia, early Thursday night, on 14 July, 2011. Internet

Myanmar International Programme Schedule (19-7-2011) (Tuesday)

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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

Mohnyin Township to hit record rice per acre yield of over 100 baskets

By Reporter Myo Aung (Mohnyin)

Cultivation of rice has become popular in Mohnyin Township for years. It was heartening to learn that agriculturists and staff were making field trips to provide assistance for farmers for boosting production of monsoon rice in the 2011-2012 season.

Upon arrival at in Mohnyin Township, I was conducted round rice paddies by Manager of Mohnyin District Myanma Agriculture Service U Aye Myint Maung and staff of Township Myanma Agriculture Service. They said that they were in talk with farmers to encourage them to choose scientific methods in growing rice, as well as staging demonstrations of rice-growing methods. A plan has been set up to put 500 acres of land under rice in Inginyon Village-tract in 2011-2012 season with the aim of improving the socioeconomic status for rural people in Mohnyin Township. In that regard, an agricultural cooperative society was formed. Inginyon Village-tract is constituted with Inginyon, Mayingon, (See page 9)

Actions taken against violators of traffic rules in Nay Pyi Taw Area

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July —Vice-Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Than Shein and subcommittee members supervised the functions of inspection teams comprising the chairmen of Township Traffic Rule Enforcement Supervisory Committee in the eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Area, township administrators, Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps, regional police force and members of All-Bus Line Control Committee who were taking necessary actions against vehicles who violated traffic rules for ensuring road safety at designated places from 7 am to 6 pm yesterday and gave necessary instructions.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (18-7-2011)

Mawlamyine 4.22 inches
Kyunkpyu 3.93 inches
Machanbaw 3.74 inches
Paung 2.95 inches
Myitkyina 2.92 inches
Kyailkmaraw 2.67 inches
Thaton 2.56 inches
Myeik 2.32 inches