YANGON, 19 July — The ceremony to mark the 64th Anniversary Arzani Day (Martyrs’ Day) 2011 took place at Martyrs’ Mausoleum here this morning, attended by Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 64th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day 2011 Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint.

It was also attended by Chairman of Work Committee for Observance of the 64th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day 2011 Joint Secretary U Kyaw Soe of YCDC and committee members, departmental heads, the Guard of Honour and officials of Myanmar Police Force and Myanmar Fire Brigade.

According to the agenda, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint laid a wreath at the Mausoleum and paid tribute to fallen General Aung San and martyrs. First, U Aung San Oo, the eldest son of General Aung San, and wife Daw Lei Lei Nwe Thein, and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of General Aung San, laid wreaths and paid respects at the mausoleum.

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Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 64th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day 2011 Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint lays a wreath at the Mausoleum and pays tribute to fallen General Aung San and Martyrs. — MNA

Hsin Village getting good harvest of cabbage

By De Dai

Cabbage is a vegetable Myanmar people often consume as a dish or use as an ingredient of a dish or a salad. It has a good taste and is available everywhere at affordable prices. I would like to present cabbage farming in Hsin Village, Kalay Township.

In an interview, a local farmer said, “Our village does not have any other main source of income. I have grown vegetables for about a couple of decades. About 50 families have about 350 acres of farmlands. In the crop season of about seven months, we grow cabbage and cauliflower three with the triple crop rotation system. In a cabbage harvest, our village sells hundreds of thousands of cabbages. We grow cabbage till the vegetable weighs as heavy as a viss (3.6 lbs), and then we sell it. We don’t let a cabbage grow heavier than a viss. If a cabbage is heavier than a viss, we don’t make as much profit as we should do because in purchase of cabbages, every cabbage is considered to weigh a viss. Even if a cabbage weighs heavier than a viss, merchants pay the same price. The cabbage price fluctuates a little from month to month and from year to year. Now, the wholesale price of a viss of cabbage is 200 to 250 kyats. And a viss of cauliflower is sold for 500 to 650 kyats.

Farmers can make handsome profits in a short time if they grow vegetables. Therefore, I would like to urge farmers to grow vegetables on a wider scale. Translation: MS 18.7.2011 Kyemon

World Cup gives Japan joyful respite from disaster

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**Use scientific methods for good rice harvests**

Today, many countries are trying hard for food security with biological methods and nano technology. Myanmar is making systematic methods popular among farmers to keep abreast of other countries in agriculture, get greater shares in the international market and ensure food security.

Now, agriculturists, departmental staff and farmers are working closely to encourage systematic methods and advanced methods of sowing seeds and nurturing saplings on earthworks for boosting production of monsoon rice for 2011-2012 seasons.

In addition, they are giving agricultural talks and conducting demonstrations of using hybrid strains, advanced methods, and proportionate combination of agricultural inputs including organic and inorganic fertilizers and pesticides.

Agricultural experts and companies have set up model farms for farmers’ knowledge of gaining better benefits from 14 scientific methods.

At a time when experts and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are rendering all-round assistance for boosting production of monsoon rice for 2011-2012 season, farmers on their part should take their advice and use the methods to achieve the targets.

**Sagaya Region Chief Minister makes inspection tour**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 19 July—**

Sagaya Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspected the building of a two-storey ward and consoled the patients at the orthopaedic ward in Monywa General Hospital yesterday.

In his visit to Monywa Station, he inspected rail tracks, surrounding areas, the freight unit, the train tickets counter, and office.

He inspected the building of a new ward at the traditional medicine hospital and comforted the patients.

He delivered an address to the meeting of the government of Sagaya Region and gold mining companies.

Region Minister for Forestry, Mines and Energy U Than Haik gave an account of gold mining industry; Deputy General Manager U Win Hsein of Region Joint Gold Mining Enterprises Supervisory Office, the processes of exploration of gold and minerals; and attendees of general matters.

The chief minister assessed the reports and gave concluding remarks.

**Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun addresses meeting on implementation of rural development and poverty reduction tasks.**—MNA

**Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun donates cash to medical fund for health care services in Chin State.**—MNA

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Afghan security situation worsen?

BEIJING, 19 July — Three members of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force have been killed by a roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan. An Afghan official said a close advisor to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, and a member of parliament were killed in different incidents in Kabul.

Jan Mohammed Khan was an adviser to Karzai on tribal issues.

Two men were wearing suicide bomb vests and armed with guns attacked his home in the western Kabul District of Kari Char. One of the attackers was killed before he could detonate his explosives, leaving the other gunman barricaded inside the home. The commander of Kabul’s 111 military Corps says both attackers were killed. Taleban spokesman Zabulullah Mujahid has claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of the militant group.

He says the Taleban killed Khan because he was assisting coalition forces in carrying out night raids against Afghans.—Xinhua

Three killed, one wounded by gunmen in N Colombia

BOGOTA, 19 July— Three people from the same family were killed and another was wounded by two gunmen Monday in northern Colombia, police said.

Three people, including two minors identified as brothers, were shot dead in a barbershop in Crete, in northern Colombia. A 13-year-old girl was injured in the shooting and transferred to a local hospital, authorities said.

Police have started a search for the gunmen but said their whereabouts and motives were unknown.

Cordoba’s governor said surging violence in the province caused by a turf war between rival drug gangs has killed at least 575 people.—Xinhua

14 militants killed in two incidents in Pakistan’s tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 19 July— At least 14 militants were killed on Tuesday in two different incidents in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal region, officials said. Pakistani security forces killed 10 militants in the northwestern tribal region of Kurram Agency during a clash with militants. According to security officials, one soldier was also killed on Tuesday during the offensive.

The Pakistani army launched a military offensive against militants on 1 July in Kurrum Agency. In another incident, a roadside bomb killed four suspected militants, including a son of a Taleban commander, and injured three others in South Waziristan, a tribal region bordering Afghanistan. The incident took place in Shakhai area, a former stronghold of Pakistani Taleban, when a vehicle carrying militants were passing through the area.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but some sources said it may be the result of differences between the two Taleban groups.

Those killed belong to Mulla Nazir group of Taleban, which has peace deal with the Pakistani government.—Xinhua

Women mourn during a funeral for Thursday’s bomb attack victims in al-Shurta al-Rabaa district in Baghdad recently. Three bombs exploded near a busy street market and a religious site in a mainly Shi’ite area of southwestern Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 23 people and wounding scores of others, security sources said.

Two bomb blasts hit Bulgarian opposition parties offices

SOFIA, 19 July— Two explosions occurred in front of the offices of two Bulgarian opposition parties in Sofia during the early hours of Tuesday, the press office of Interior Ministry announced.

The blasts targeted the headquarters of the conservative Order, Law and Justice (OLJ) party and an office of the Democrats for Strong Bulgaria (DSB), party of former Prime Minister Ivan Kostov.

The first explosion was reported at 3:55 am local time (GMT 0155), and the other at 4:20 am (GMT 0220). No casualties have been reported. The police are now searching the sites for possible evidence.

The blasts come just a day after Bulgaria’s centrist and leftist opposition launched in parliament a no-confidence motion against the cabinet of Boyko Borisov, which has hardly any chances of being passed.

The attacks are “an act of helplessness and despair,” said the OLJ leadership in a statement.

According to the party, the bomb was planted by the same hand that detonated a bomb outside the office of the Galeria weekly several months earlier.

The OLJ said that the explosions took place on the eve of a European Commission report on Bulgaria and a vote of no-confidence in the government.

Roadside bomb kills two Afghan police in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 19 July— Two Afghan policemen, including the police chief of Rigistan District in Kandahar Province, 450 km south of the capital City of Kabul, were killed as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle on Monday, deputy to provincial police chief Shir Shah Yusufzai said.

“The gruesome incident happened at around 09:00 am local time, as a result Wali Mohammad, the police chief of Rigistan District, along with another police, was killed,” Yusufzai told Xinhua. He blamed the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used against Taleban militants by government officials.

However, the armed outfit fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops has yet to make comment.—Xinhua

Pakistan paramilitary soldiers stand guard in Quetta, 2010. Gunmen have kidnapped eight local staff working for a US charity near the Afghan border in southwest Pakistan, which is rife with insurgency and sectarian violence.—INTERNET
NASA’s Dawn spacecraft sends back first image of asteroid Vesta

NASA’s Dawn spacecraft obtained this image with its framing camera on July 17, 2011.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 19 July— The spacecraft Dawn of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has returned the first close-up image of the giant asteroid Vesta after entering its orbit for the first time last week, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced on Monday.

The image taken for navigation purposes shows Vesta in greater detail than ever before, said JPL in Pasadena, California.

On 15 July, Dawn became the first probe to enter orbit around an object in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

When Vesta captured Dawn into its orbit, there were approximately 9,900 miles (about 16,000 kilometres) between the spacecraft and the asteroid.

Vesta is 330 miles (about 530 kilometres) in diameter and the second most massive object in the asteroid belt.

Ground- and space-based telescopes have obtained images of Vesta for about two centuries, but they have not been able to see much detail on its surface.

Vesta is thought to be the source of a large number of meteorites that fall to Earth. Vesta and its new NASA neighbour, Dawn, are currently approximately 117 million miles (about 188 million kilometres) away from Earth. The Dawn team will begin gathering science data in August.

Observations will provide unprecedented data to help scientists understand the earliest chapter of the solar system and pave the way for future human space missions, according to JPL.

Xinhua

Amazon launches Kindle textbook rental service

BEIJING, 19 July—Amazon on Monday launched its Kindle textbook rental service, which allows students to rent “tens of thousands of textbooks”, according to Los Angeles Times.

The e-book textbook rental service will help students save as much as 80 percent on some titles.

Amazon said that students can now rent textbooks from 30 to 360 days and can either rent them again or purchase them once the rental period is up.

“Students tell us that they enjoy the low prices we offer on new and used print textbooks. Now we’re excited to offer students an option to rent Kindle textbooks and only pay for the time they need—with savings up to 80 percent off the print list price on a 30-day rental,” Dave Limp, vice president of Amazon Kindle said, according to PC Magazine.

Rentals can be read on Amazon’s Kindle eReaders, and Kindle apps for PCs, as well as smartphones and tablet computers running Apple’s iOS, Microsoft Windows Phone 7 and Google’s Android operating system.

Rentals also have a clear advantage over physical copies that students’ notes and highlighted content will be stored in the Amazon Cloud, and can be accessed if students rent the books again or buy at a later time.

Xinhua

Nepal begins measuring Mt Qomolangma

KATHMANDU, 19 July—Nepal has begun measuring the world’s highest mountain, Mt Sagarmatha or Everest (also called Qomolangma).

This is the first time that Nepal is carrying out the measurement of the world’s highest peak on its own.

The measurement work will begin taking the Kolkata port of India as the sea level for the measurement and is expected to be completed within two years, according to the Ministry of Land Reform and Management.

The measurement work has been initiated after Nepal became technologically capable of measuring the mountain.

According to Tuesday’s National News Agency RSS report, the height of Mt Qomolangma has been mentioned as 8,848.13 metres in the Nepal-China border treaty.

During the border related dialogue held with Nepal, China has been stating that a unilateral inspection carried out by the government of China has found that the mountain’s rock height was 8,844.42 metres and 8,847.933 metres when measured with snow deposit.—Xinhua

Cayman iguana said on road to recovery

NEW YORK, 19 July — Conservationists say efforts to save the threatened Grand Cayman blue iguana represent a rarity in conservation: a chance for complete species recovery. The Blue Iguana recovery programme has successfully released more than 500 captive-bred reptiles since the programme’s beginning in 2002, when the wild population of iguanas numbered less than two dozen, a release from the Wildlife Conservation Society said Monday.

“For the past several years, we’ve succeeded in adding hundreds of animals to the wild population, all of which receive a health screening before release,” Paul Calle, director of zoological health for the society’s Bronx Zos, said.

The blue iguana is the largest native species on Grand Cayman, growing to more than 5 feet in length and sometimes weighing more than 25 pounds.

“We expect to reach our goal of 1,000 iguanas in managed protected areas in the wild in a few years,” Fred Burton, director of the recovery programme, said.

“Aft”d that, we will monitor the iguanas to make sure they are reproducing in the numbers needed to maintain the wild population. If we get positive results, we will have succeeded.”

Internet

An adult Grand Cayman blue iguana. A recovery programme has brought the number of free-ranging iguanas within Grand Cayman’s protected areas to more than 500 animals. Credit: Julie Larsen Maher/Wildlife Conservation Society. INTERNET
**Health**

**Milk, soy proteins may help lower your BP**

WASHINGTON, 19 July—Want to lower your blood pressure? Add more soy or low-fat dairy to your diet.

Partly replacing refined carbohydrates with foods or drinks high in soy or milk protein may help prevent and treat high blood pressure, according to a new study.

Study participants who took a milk protein supplement had 2.3 millimetres of mercury (mmHg) lower systolic blood pressure when compared to the refined carbohydrate supplement. Participants who took a soy protein supplement had a 2.0 mmHg lower systolic blood pressure when compared to the refined carbohydrate supplement.

The 352 adults in the study were at increased risk of high blood pressure or had mild cases of the condition. “The systolic blood pressure differences we found are small for the individual, but they are important at the population level,” said Jiang He, MD, PhD, lead researcher of the study.

The study has been published in Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association.—Xinhua

**Exposure to second hand smoke may ‘lead to hearing loss in adolescents’**

WASHINGTON, 19 July—Researchers, led by an Indian origin scientist, have found that exposure to second hand smoke (SHS) is associated with increased risk of hearing loss among adolescents.

Studies have associated exposure to second hand smoke prenatally or during childhood with various health conditions, from low birth weight and respiratory infections to behavioural problems and otitis media. Children exposed to SHS are more likely to develop recurrent otitis media, the authors said. “Second hand smoke may also have the potential to have an impact on auditory development, leading to sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL),” they added.

Anil K Lalwani, MD, and colleagues from NYU Langone Medical Centre in New York City examined the risk factors for SNHL, including SHS, among adolescents, stratified by demographic groups. Compared with teens who had no SHS exposure, those who were exposed to secondhand smoke exhibited higher rates of low- and high-frequency hearing loss. The rate of hearing loss appeared to be cumulative, increasing with the level of cotinine detected by blood tests. The results also demonstrated that more than 80 percent of participants with hearing loss did not realize they had the impairment.

The study has been published in the Archives of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery.—Xinhua

**‘Good’ cholesterol drug may help diabetics**

SYDNEY, 19 July—A drug designed to improve levels of “good” cholesterol may also help control blood sugar in diabetics who are on cholesterol-lowering drugs.

Researchers stumbled on this finding while analysing data from a clinical trial on the drug torcetrapib. The development of this drug was halted five years ago.

Torcetrapib is a cholesterol ester transfer protein (CETP) inhibitor, a type of drug that increases levels of high-density lipoproteins (HDLs, or “good” cholesterol), Journal of the American Heart Association.

The study found that 6,661 people with type 2 diabetes – also known as “adult-onset” diabetes - showed improved blood sugar control when taking torcetrapib along with a statin medication that reduces low-density lipoproteins (LDLs or “bad” cholesterol).

Subjects who took a statin and a placebo did not see such improvements, according to a University of Sydney statement.

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**Wall Street drops on fear, uncertainty**

NEW YORK, 19 July—US stocks declined on Monday as concerns over European and US debt problems weighed heavily on the market.

In the United States, the talks between two parties on the debt ceiling seemed to stall. Ratings agency Moody’s suggested Monday Washington should eliminate its statutory limit on government debt to reduce uncertainty among bond holders. The US debt limit should be raised by 2 Aug or the US government will risk defaulting on its debt.

As for euro zone crisis, the result of European banking stress tests on Friday showed that eight banks failed the test with a combined capital shortfall of 2.5 billion euros. Some investors doubted the test might not be tough enough because it excluded the possibility of Greek debt default.

Concerns about the euro zone debt crisis lingered in the market and investors fled to seek refuge. The dollar was lifted by risk-aversion investments as the dollar index gained 0.46 percent to 75.47 in late trading session on Monday.

“Fear and uncertainty is starting to increase,” said Ben Willis, floor director of Sunrise Securities, told Xinhua.—Xinhua

**Iran holds int’l car exhibition**

TEHERAN, 19 July — Iran holds an international car exhibition in the northwestern City of Mashhad. The 11th Iran’s International Car Exhibition hosts over 230 local and international companies which are engaged in car industry.

Some companies from South Korea, Germany and Britain along with 20 companies from China have participated in the exhibition.

The participants have displayed their latest achievements in manufacturing cars, spare parts, engineering and designing. The exhibition in Iranian Khorasan Razavi Province is set to be held from 16 July to 20 July.—Xinhua

**Gold jumps above 1,600-dollar mark on US, European debt concerns**

CHICAGO, 19 July—Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange extended its winning streak into a 10th session on Monday, settling above 1,600 dollars per ounce, as concerns about the eurozone debt crisis and the lack of agreement on raising the US debt ceiling prompted investors to flock to the precious metal as a safe haven.

The most active gold contract for August delivery rallied 12.3 dollars, or 0.8 percent, to 1,602.4 dollars per ounce, as concerns about the eurozone debt crisis and the lack of agreement on raising the US debt ceiling prompted investors to flock to the precious metal as a safe haven.

Analysts mentioned that there are growing concerns among investors that Europe’s debt crisis will spread to Italy and Spain, ahead of an emergency meeting of EU leaders later this week, amid continuing uncertainty over the ability of European officials to agree on a second aid programme for Greece and stop Greece’s trouble from spreading to other debt-plagued eurozone nations. A trader mentioned that investors are also worried by the inability of US politicians to work out a deal before 2 Aug, the deadline for Congress to pass legislation to raise the debt ceiling and effectively prevent a default.—Xinhua
Tibet celebrates 60th anniversary of peaceful liberation

LHASA, 19 July—A grand ceremony was held Tuesday in Lhasa, capital city of Tibet Autonomous Region, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the peaceful liberation of Tibet.

On 23 May, 1951, the Agreement of the Central People’s Government and the Local Government of Tibet on Measures for the Peaceful Liberation of Tibet, also known as “17-Article Agreement,” was signed in Beijing, marking the peaceful liberation of Tibet.

Former News of the World journalist Sean Hoare is seen in this undated handout picture released on 18 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Submarine building is strategic

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 July—Building of submarines in Brazil is a strategic issue and a guarantee of sovereignty, said Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff in a weekly radio talk Monday.

Brazil has started building four diesel-powered submarines under an agreement with France which entails technological transfers.

President Dilma Rousseff attended the commencement ceremony last week at the shipyard where four submarines will be built. The first vessel is expected to be ready for delivery by 2016.

“Brazil is becoming part of a small group of countries which have the knowledge and technology to build submarines. The capacity to produce submarines is a strategy for both defense and economic growth,” said the president. She noted that each submarine consists of more than 36,000 components which will be produced by 30 Brazilian companies.

Building the four submarines will help create, both directly and indirectly, some 46,000 jobs, said government sources.—XINHUA

News Corp’s phone-hacking whistleblower found dead

BEIJING, 19 July—Sean Hoare, a former reporter at News of the World who blew whistle about the newspaper’s phone-hacking scandal, was found dead at home on Monday, according to Guardian reports.

Hoare, 47, worked as a showbiz reporter for News of the World, said in interviews with the New York Times and BBC in last September that his editor, Andy Coulson, asked him to intercept mobilephone voice mails. Hoare was fired for drink and drugs problems, and Andy Coulson later served as a top aide to UK Prime Minister David Cameron and resigned in January amid the escalating phone-hacking scandal.

Police arrested Coulson on suspicion of phone hacking earlier this month and he was released without charge.

The investigation is under way and the police are treating the death of the man as unexplained not suspicious, according to Reuters.

His death is the latest dramatic turn in News Corp’s phone-hacking scandal, during which the 168-year old News of the World was closed.

Liu Yang, an attendant, serves the drink in the T27 train from Beijing, capital of China, to Lhasa, southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region, on 17 July, 2011. Over 5.25 million passengers have taken the train line over the past five years.—XINHUA

Ukraine sold 1 bn dollars worth of weapons in 2010

MOSCOW, 19 July—Ukraine’s arms exports in 2010 reached almost $1 billion with the bulk of weapons sold to African countries, a newspaper said.

“The portfolio of contracts signed by state-run arms exporter Ukropspetroexport increased in value from $799.5 million in 2009 to $956.7 billion (in 2010),” the Kommersant-Ukraine newspaper reported citing data from the State Service for Export Control.

The leading buyers of Ukrainian weapons were Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ukraine sold a total of 250 T-55 and T-72 tanks to both countries.

Sudan also bought Grad multiple rocket launchers, 122-mm 2S1 Gvozdika self-propelled howitzers, 152-mm 1S3 Akatsia self-propelled howitzers, D-30 howitzers, 82-mm mortars and a variety of small arms, including 10,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles.

Ukraine sold a T-80BV main battle tank, built in 1985 - to the US and 14 air-to-air missiles commonly used by Libyan MiG fighter jets to Italy. Former Ukropspetroexport director Sergei Bondarchuk dismissed the figures as “unrealistic”. “I don’t trust these figures...As far as I know, we only signed an option for a previous contract with Sudan last year and the rest are ongoing deliveries under contracts signed by the previous team,” Bondarchuk told the paper. There hasn’t been no comment from Ukropspetroexport so far.—XINHUA

Four killed, 20 injured in traffic accident in E Turkey

ANKARA, 19 July—Four people were killed and 20 others injured in a traffic accident in eastern Turkey on Tuesday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

An Iranian tourist bus, enroute from Iranian capital Teheran to Erzurum-Erzican highway, leaving for 10 days.—XINHUA

Four people, including an Iranian national, a Turkish policeman and a woman dead and 20 others injured, according to the report.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Erzurum Province for treatment, the report said, adding that investigation into the accident was underway.

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping (3rd R Front) attends the celebration conference marking the 60th anniversary of the peaceful liberation of Tibet, in Lhasa, capital of southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region, on 19 July, 2011. A delegation of the central government led by Vice President Xi Jinping attended the celebration conference.—XINHUA

Russian Navy to get new air defence system

MOSCOW, 19 July—The Russian Navy will soon receive a new ship-based missile air defence system, the developer of the system has said.

KBP Instrument Design Bureau said the system is dubbed Pantsyr-M.

“The system has a response time of 3-5 seconds and can track and destroy simultaneously up to four targets. Its missiles have a range of 20 km and can hit targets at altitudes from two metres to 15 km, while its guns have a range of four km and can hit targets at altitudes up to three km.—Internet

Several United Arab Emirate (UAE) women weave mats out of palm leaves, a traditional Emirate handcraft, during the seventh Liwa Date Festival in Liwa of UAE on 16 July, 2011. The date festival, which kicked off on 12 July, would last for 10 days.—XINHUA

Four killed, 20 injured in traffic accident in E Turkey

ANKARA, 19 July—Four people were killed and 20 others injured in a traffic accident in eastern Turkey on Tuesday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

An Iranian tourist bus, enroute from Iranian capital Teheran to Turkey’s Istanbul, turned over on the Erzurum-Erzican highway, leaving four people including an Iranian national, a Turkish policeman and a woman dead and 20 others injured, according to the report.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Erzurum Province for treatment, the report said, adding that investigation into the accident was underway.

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One killed in helicopter emergency landing in C Russia

MOSCOW, 19 July— At least one person was killed when a helicopter made an emergency landing Tuesday in Russia’s central Sverdlovsk Region, a spokesman for the Regional emergencies administration said. According to the spokesman, the Mi-8 helicopter, owned by the Uktus air carrier, made the emergency landing some 90 km west of the regional capital City of Yekaterinburg.

There were four people on board and it was not immediately clear whether the other three survived, RIA Novosti news agency said.

Another Mi-8 carrying nine rescuers was expected to soon reach the site of the accident.

This was the third report about Mi-8 crash landing in just one week.

On Sunday, a Mi-8 helicopter made a safe emergency landing in the Western Siberian Krasnoyarsk Region after its engine failed. On 12 July, in the northern Komi Republic another Mi-8 made crash landing and left no casualties.—Xinhua

At least three injured in fireworks factory explosion in SW China

CHENGDU, 19 July— At least three people have been confirmed injured after an explosion occurred at a fireworks factory in Sui ning City, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, Tuesday morning. A spokesman with the city’s fire department said one who was seriously injured had been sent to the central hospital of Sui ning City.

Burning fire caused by the explosion was put off at around 10:00 am. The explosion happened at around 7 am in the fireworks workshop in Hu ima Township of the city. The exact number of casualties has yet been confirmed.

Cause of the explosion is being investigated. —Xinhua

5.5-magnitude quake hits south of the Fiji Islands

SUVA, 19 July— An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted south of the Fiji Islands at 07:15:52 GMT on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 543.20 km, was initially determined to be at 23.6127 degrees south latitude and 179.2454 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

Bus accident in South Africa injures 80

AMANZIMTOTI, 19 July— Eighty people were injured on early Monday morning when a passenger bus overturned on a highway in eastern South Africa, emergency officials said. The accident happened at around 2 am local time when a passenger bus traveling from Queenstown in Eastern Cape Province to Durban in KwaZulu- Natal overturned on the N2 highway near Amanzimtoti, a coastal town near Durban. The bus was carrying a total of 81 people.

“Netcare 911 and the provincial paramedics arrived at the scene to find the crumpled remains of the bus on its side in the center medium of the highway,” said Chris Botha, a spokesman for Netcare 911. “The injured passengers were scattered over a large area with three still trapped in the wreckage.”

Botha said there were a total of 80 patients, eleven of whom were seriously injured. Sixty-nine others escaped with mostly minor injuries, while one person came out of the accident uninjured. “Medics stabilized the injured on scene before transporting them to various hospitals for the care that they required,” the spokesman said. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.—Internet

Cuba records 695 forest fires in drought season

HAVANA, 19 July — The Forest Rangers Corps said Monday Cuba registered a record high of 695 forest fires as over 20,000 hectares were blackened by forest fires from January to May, Cuba’s drought season. The drought has been worsened by the lack of rain, which also caused the surge in forest fires this year.

The Rangers Corps also said more than 90 percent of these blazes were caused by human negligence. An estimated 55 percent of the these fires occurred in western Pinar del Rio and eastern Camaguey and Holguin Provinces, as well as the Isle of Youth, a municipality of the south coast of mainland Cuba. The Rangers Corps urged the public to be aware of the fires’ impact on the environment and human health.—Xinhua

Residents in a small boat through a flooded street in Gioana, state of Pernambuco, Brazil, on 18 July, 2011. Heavy rains hit the northeast of the state, affecting the public transport, officials said.—Xinhua

Children cool off in water in the northeastern city of Mashhad, Iran, on 18 July, 2011. A heatwave with the temperature of over 33 degrees Celsius swept the city. —Xinhua

Tropical storm forms off S Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 19 July— The National Meteorological Service issued a storm warning Monday for the southern Mexican coastal states of Chiapas and Oaxaca.

It said a tropical depression over the Pacific Ocean was forecast to become a hurricane Monday and would bring more rain to the Region. Forty-two cities and towns in the region have been placed under a state of emergency.

Heavy rains in Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, have caused three deaths and affected at least 100,000 residents, according to the state government.

The meteorological service said record rains hit regions along the Gulf of Tehuantepec, with as much rainfall in two days as it normally expects to get in a month.

Large parts of Mexico have been hit by torrential rains since the beginning of July as the arrival of this year’s hurricane season coincided with Mexico’s rainy season.—Xinhua
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Next, family members of the Martyrs laid wreaths and paid respects at the mausoleum respectively. Then, representatives of Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Association, Myanmar Music Association, Myanmar Artists Association and Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Association laid wreaths and paid tributes to the Martyrs at the mausoleum.

Afterwards, the public visited the Martyrs’ Mausoleum and paid tribute to the Martyrs.

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 Talks on traffic rules given in Myaungmya

NAV PYI TAW, 19 July—Talks on traffic rules were given at Moksoegwin Village-tract in Myaungmya Township on 12 July. Administrator U Tint Naing of Myaungmya Township General Administration Department gave a speech. Staff Officer U Win Aung from District Transport Planning Department and Office In-Charge of District Traffic Police Force Police Sub-inspector Kyaw Khaiyng gave talks on road safety measures and traffic rules.

The team also gave similar talks at Ward 1, 3, 4, 7 and 10, Phayachauk Ward, Lwekwe Village and some wards surrounding the township.

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“Management Effects” to be given at Myanmar Fisheries Federation

YANGON, 19 July—An educative talk on “Management Effects” by Dr Khin Maung Nyo is to be held at Thiriannawah Hall of the federation on Bawinmaung Road in Insein Township at 2:00 pm of 23 July (Saturday).

Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association will conduct the talk under the main sponsorship of Thet Paing Soe Co Ltd. Any interested persons have a chance to catch his words.—MNA

ACE Construction Co., Chairman’s Cup goes to Kwele village

NAV PYI TAW, 19 July—Ayeyawady Region Finance Minister U Win Ko Ko and ACE Construction Company Chairman U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan awarded champions and outstanding players after the final showdown of the latter’s cup U-21 Football Tournament in Myaungmya on 17 July. Kwele village football team emerged as champion of the inter-station tournament, seized K 5 million blue ribbon prize.—MNA

General Banking Services course opened

YANGON, 19 July—Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than attended the opening of General Banking Services Course No. 18 conducted by Banks Supervisory Committee, at Myanmar Banks Association yesterday morning.

The deputy minister urged trainees to thoroughly learn procedures of international and domestic banking services and called for effective application of knowledge in real work.

A total of 65 trainees are attending the 10-week course. After the ceremony, the deputy minister viewed training courses being conducted at the Myanmar Bank Training School.

MNA

Refresher course for IWT staff commences

NAV PYI TAW, 19 July—Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport addressed opening ceremony of refresher course for IWT staff at Ahlon Dockyard’s Ayeyaw Hall in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The managing director inspected the dockyard. While meeting with Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, he reported the chief minister on running vessels extensively, earning more income and designating the ferry fee at a reasonable price.

He met staff at Region IWT manager’s office and inspected Pathein jetty.

MNA

Volleyball enthusiasts to be selected for Yangon Region

YANGON, 19 July—At 9:00 am of 30 July, there will be an event to select athletes representing Yangon Region, aged under 25, to partake in 41st State and Region Men/Women Volleyball Tournament-2011 at Hline Township Stadium.

Those interested may contact Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Department, (Ph: 564489 or 09-5189943).
Coordination meeting on rural development and poverty alleviation held in Yangon Region

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Coordination meeting on rural development and poverty alleviation took place at General Administration Department in Yangon East District on 16 July with an address by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaiak. The Union Minister stressed the need for ensuring rural development that generates poverty alleviation, compilation of accurate, latest figures of farmers and residents in east district and south district in Yangon Region, providing necessary assistances regarding basic needs, health, access to primary education, formation of private co-operative credit society and fight against gambling. The Union Minister coordinated the essentials after hearing the reports presented by those present.—MNA

Union I & P Minister calls for taking effective measures to fulfill people’s desires

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — A meeting on measures taken for issuing household certificates and national scrutinizing cards for those who have qualifications to be a citizen at a fixed cost and within a fixed period was held at Town Hall in Mawlamyine, Mon State on 15 July, attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, the Region Hluttaw Speaker and ministers, the director-general of Immigration and National Registration Department, departmental officials and local people.

The Union Minister and the Chief Minister spoke on the occasion. Then the Union Minister met staff of Mon State Immigration and National Registration Department.

Next, the Union minister inspected the process of issuing national scrutinizing cards at the office in Kyaiakto Township and presented the cards to respective people.

On 16 July, the Union minister visited office and staff quarters of Immigration and National Registration Department in Mawlamyine and called for taking effective measures to fulfill people’s desires.

Union Health Minister visits hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and officials visited Laboratory, X-ray Department and wards of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana 200-bedded People’s Hospital and construction site of new hospital on 15 July.

At the meeting hall of the hospital, the Union Minister met with medical superintendent, specialists, doctors and nurses, calling for forming a reliable hospital of the people.

The Union Minister and party then inspected Nay Pyi Taw Levee 100-bedded People’s Hospital and met with health staff at the meeting hall. The Union Minister underscored the decline of mother and child mortality rate.

He also met with medical superintendent, specialists, doctors and nurses at Toungoo General Hospital and principal, instructors and trainees Toungoo Nursing and Midwifery Training School.—MNA

Outstanding students honoured in Mudon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students of Basic Education High School (branch) in Kawpawyan Model village in Mudon Township, Mon State on 14 July.

The Chief Minister, Minister for Social Affairs of the State Dr Hla Oo and Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Htay Myint Aung awarded the students. The Chief Minister presented cash awards to the teachers. The school with 78 percent passes rate stands second in Mon State.

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister attended the opening of Kangyiayle rest house in Mudon.

He met with staff from Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise, at the mess of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

In the evening, he visited Jonejonekya waterfall.

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint awards a three-distinction winner. —MNA
Now, 10-year-old boy ‘racially abused’ during junior football match in Australia

Canberra, 19 July—Racial vilification has rocked Australian football again with another case surfacing, where a junior footballer is set to face a tribunal over accusations that he racially abused a boy during a football match.

The ten-year-old boy was allegedly called Ronen Jafari, also 10, the ‘n-word’ while the two were playing under-12s football in Geelong earlier this month.

News.com.au quoted Jafari’s stepmother Lucy, as saying that her son was crying and traumatized when she picked him up after the game.

“He was crying, he was red in the face. You know how little kids cry, they breathe in and out (quickly), they can’t speak,” she said.

His father, Ben, who is of Iranian descent, said the family were so upset by the matter that they decided to approach the tribunal.

Football and Netball Geelong operations manager Michael Limb said clubs tried to deal with the incident through mediation, but the victim’s family were unhappy with the outcome.

Limb said if the child was found guilty, he could face suspension.

This is not the only case of racial vilification hitting Australian football. Last month, an Aboriginal player from North Bendigo under 15s was racially abused by a spectator during a game against Kangaroo Flat.

The incident sparked off an on-field brawl in the third quarter, and the spectator was banned from games.—Internet

Japan bans Fukushima cattle shipments

Tokyo, 19 July—Japanese government on Tuesday banned all cattle shipments from Fukushima prefecture due to fears of radiation-tainted beef in the country’s meat distribution chain.

Xinhua

Somali pirates hijack UAE-owned ship

NAIROBI, 19 July—Somali pirates have hijacked United Arabia Emirates-owned oil tanker with 16 crew members in the northern Indian Ocean, European Union anti-piracy taskforce said on Monday.

EU Naval Force Spokesman Paddy O’Kennedy said the laden UAE-flagged tanker, MV Juba XX was seized on 16 July on her regular route from the United Arab Emirates to the port of Berbera, Somalia.

“The morning of 17 July, the vessel was located by a Maritime Patrol aircraft 100 nautical miles north-west of Socotra Island, heading to the northern Somali coast,” O’Kennedy said.

He said little information is available at present but it is reported that nine suspected Somali pirates are on board MV Juba XX. The MV Jumba XX has deadweight of 4,831 tonnes, with a crew of 16 (one Sri Lankan, five Indian, three Bangladeshi, one Sudanese, one Myanmar, one Kenyan and four Somali).

According to the Somalia Report, Maritime Editor, Andrew Mwangura, the vessel is managed and owned by the Sharjah of UAE based Jubbah General Trading Company. “She is currently heading towards Somali coast under control of the gun men but a military chopper is monitoring the situation,” Mwangura told Xinhua in Mombasa. The vessel, according to the official, is a regular call to Berbera sea port and operates between UAE and Berbera.

There is no information on the condition of the crew and the vessel was not registered with Maritime Security Centre for Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) at the time of the pirating.—Xinhua

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Flying car to soar in UK skies in just five years time!

LONDON, 19 July—The flying car concept has been around for decades, but has never really seemed to get off the ground. But soon, it may become a reality.

Aviation experts have now said that a flying car could be in regular use in the UK within five years after the US authorities formally approved a model.

The 250,000 dollars (£155,000) Terrafugia Transition is a two-seater aircraft which has a top speed of 115 mph, range of 500 miles on a tank of fuel and requires just 20 hours training to fly. At the touch of a button it takes just 15 seconds for the wings to fold up automatically and the power to be re-routed from the propeller to the rear wheels.

It can then be driven at up to 65 mph and will comfortably fit in a standard size garage.

The US's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration paved the way for the flying car to be rolled out after recently announcing exemptions to allow it on American roads.

Oil refinery catches fire following small plane crash in Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 July—An oil refinery caught fire following a small plane crash Tuesday morning in Pakistan's southern port City of Karachi, reported local TV channel Express.

According to the local media reports, the incident took place at about 10:15 am local time when a small plane crashed inside an oil refinery named The National Refinery in the Korangi area of Karachi.

Some local media reports said that there could be two or three people on board while other reports said that the plane crashed is a small remote-control plane which could be used by Pakistani navy for surveillance purpose.

Civil aviation authority is not aware of the incident yet. Rescue team is rushing to the crash site. Media people and even ambulances are not allowed to go inside the refinery where the plane crashed.

Three WWII soldiers’ remains ID’d

WASHINGTON, 19 July—The remains of three American soldiers killed in World War II have been identified, the US Defence Department said Monday.

The remains of Army Pvt. Lawrence N. Harris of Elkins, WV; Cpl. Judge C. Hellums of Paris, Miss; and Pvt Donald D. Owens of Cleveland were being returned to their families for burial with full military honors, the department's POW/Missing Personnel Office said in a release.

The three soldiers’ remains will be buried in a single casket Wednesday in Arlington National Cemetery.

The men, members of the 773rd Tank Battalion, were believed to have been killed on 9 Oct, 1944, while fighting German forces in the Parpy Forest near Luneville, France. Hellums, Harris, Owens and two other soldiers were in an M-10 Tank Destroyer that was hit by enemy fire.

The other two men survived with serious injuries. Remains were found in November 1946 and buried as unknowns in a US cemetery in Belgium.

In 2003, a Frenchman exploring the battle scene found human remains and an identification bracelet with Hellums’ name. He eventually gave the items to US authorities, and more remains, personal effects and an identification tag for Owens were found in 2006.

Wife weighing less than hubby is key to happy marriage!

LONDON, 19 July—Researchers have revealed the secret of a happy marriage – wives weighing less than their husbands.

A four-year study has suggested that in the short and long term, both partners are more contented if the woman has a lower Body Mass Index.

The researchers concluded that initially men stay in the relationship because they find their thinner partners attractive. Further down the line, women feel confident and loved because they know their man still wants them.

The study from the University of Tennessee, which selected 169 married couples aged under 35, discovered that men who had a higher BMI, which is calculated from height and weight, were happier at the start of their marriage and stayed that way.

The same effect was true for the women – by the end of year four wives with a lower BMI than their husbands were significantly happier than those who weighed the same or more.

“The great message from our study is that women of any size can be happy in their relationships with the right partner,” the Daily Mail quoted lead author Andrea Meltzer, as saying.

“It’s relative weight that matters, not absolute weight. It’s not that they have to be small,” added Meltzer.

UK couple ‘surprised’ to know one of Hitler’s bombers is buried in their garden

LONDON, 19 July—A couple in UK was ‘surprised’ to know that one of Hitler’s bombers is buried in their garden.

Andy and Betty Jennings, of Puriton, Somerset, had no idea their bungalow was built next to the spot where a Heinkel was shot down in the Battle of Britain.

But wartime archaeologists found its remains on radar and will start excavating next week. Retired BT engineer Andy, 56, said parts of the plane could be six feet below the surface.

“It was a surprise, but we’re quite excited by it now,” the Sun quoted him as saying. Wartime records show the Heinkel was part of a Luftwaffe raid on aircraft works in Filton, Bristol, and Cardiff docks in August 1940.
Scientists find ‘better way’ to grow adult stem cells

Scientists have found a way to grow adult stem cells that could be reintroduced back into the patient. The process of culturing is made difficult because stem cells grown on standard plastic tissue culture surfaces do not always expand to create new stem cells but instead create other cells which are of no use in therapy. Stem cell expansion can be boosted by immersing the cells in chemicals, but the scientists said these methods were limited in their effectiveness. — Internet

A stem cell makes adhesions (shown in green) to the new “nano-patterned” plastic surface. — Internet

Donate Blood

Homes and roads flooded in Inverness and Perth

Perth, 19 July—Floodings have caused disruption across Scotland after almost 24 hours of heavy rain. In the Highlands, homes in the Culloden, Ballach and Smithton areas near Inverness have been affected. Police closed Murray Road and Murray Terrace in Smithton, and Barn Church Road, Culloden, and the A96 Balloch junction was also “badly flooded”. There were also flash floods in Perth and Balerno in Edinburgh. Northern Constabulary said other roads in the Highlands were affected by “significant surface water” and advised drivers to take alternative routes. Highland Fire and Rescue service sent four pumps to the area. Flooding in Glasgow also affected some train services. — Internet

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Actress Sonam Kapoor, who is in the middle of divorcing her husband Marc Anthony, will be paid more than 620,000 pounds to sing at a wedding in Ukraine.

The new graduate began his studies at Cardiff in 1942, where his mother enrolled him in engineering classes.

Sandy Magnus, the only female astronaut on the NASA shuttle mission, has paid a tribute to explorers. “They are our future. With them, and the girls who are our future explorers.” — Internet
Women’s World Cup final breaks Twitter record

LONDON, 19 July — The Women’s World Cup final between Japan and the United States set the record for tweets per second, eclipsing the wedding of Prince William and Kate and the death of Osama bin Laden. Japan rallied twice to tie the United States 2-2 after extra time before winning a penalty shootout on Sunday in Frankfurt, Germany. The US was aiming for its third World Cup victory, while Japan lifted the World Cup trophy for the first time after going 0-25 against the Americans over the years.

The exciting climax drew 7,196 tweets per second, according to Twitter. Paraguay’s penalty shootout win over Brazil in a Copa America quarterfinal later the same day came close to beating it with 7,166. The previous record of 6,939 was set just after midnight in Japan on New Year’s Day. Other spikes included bin Laden’s death (5,106 per second) and the Super Bowl in February (4,064).

World Cup gives Japan joyous reprieve from disaster

Tokyo, 19 July — After months of grief and gloom, Japan found a reason to unite in celebration. Japanese who have shared in mourning for months boisterously cheered a Women’s World Cup victory that briefly put aside the lingering uncertainty of recovery from the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.

Fans decked out in the national team’s dark blue uniforms hugged and sang in Tokyo as they watched their team lift the winner’s trophy on live broadcast from Frankfurt, Germany. “This is a chance to forget the nuclear disaster and everything else, to just unite and celebrate,” said 22-year-old Toru Komatsu, Prime Minister Naoto Kan called the victory the “greatest gift” to the nation, especially to the residents of the north-east coast most devastated by the 11 March disaster.

The earthquake and tsunami left nearly 23,000 people dead or missing and caused partial meltdown at a nuclear power plant. “(The team) gave courage for everyone by showing a diehard match even when they were on the back foot,” Kan said in the statement carried by Kyodo news agency. Japan became the first Asian nation to win the Women’s World Cup, beating the United States 3-1 in a penalty shootout Sunday after a 2-2 draw.

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Singapore celebrates with jubilation after their win over the Netherlands in a Women’s World Cup quarter-final in Frankfurt on Sunday. — Internet

Corinthians yet to agree deal for Man City’s Carlos Tevez

LONDON, 19 July — Brazilian club Corinthians say they have not yet struck a deal to sign Manchester City striker Carlos Tevez. On Sunday, City boss Roberto Mancini claimed a deal had been reached for the 27-year-old, with only personal terms still to be agreed. But a Corinthians statement said: “We would like to clarify to the public that City did not accept our offer.

“City sent a counter-proposal in the early hours... and this will be analysed by Corinthians.”

Manchester City slips past Whitecaps 2-1

VANCOUVER, 19 July — Shaun Wright-Phillips scored in the 84th minute and Manchester City of the English Premier League defeated Major League Soccer’s Vancouver Whitecaps 2-1 in an exhibition game on Monday. Wright-Phillips almost unleased a shot from about 30 yards that beat goalkeeper Jay Nolly.

It was his second goal in as many games on Manchester City’s North American tour, having scored Saturday in a 2-0 win over Club America in San Francisco. Wright-Phillips almost had a second goal, but Nolly made a save late in the game. — Internet

Vancouver Whitecaps’ Bilal Duckett, left, and Manchester City’s John Guidetti compete for the ball during the second half of an international friendly soccer match in Vancouver, British Columbia. — Internet

Shalke fail with improved Roux bid

PARIS, 19 July — Shalke 04 have had an improved bid for Brest’s French striker Nolan Roux rejected, the German side’s sporting director Horst Heldt revealed on Monday.

“Our new, improved offer has been refused,” Heldt said during Schalke’s pre-season training camp in Austria, according to AFP subsidiary SID.

If France Under-21 international Roux’s chances of moving to Gelsenkirchen now appear slim, Schalke are still seeking to re-jig the attacking department of their squad. Romanian striker Ciprian Marica, released by Stuttgart last week, could join the club, although his failure to impose himself at the Swabians means “the risk has to be evaluated,” according to Heldt.

A decision on whether or not to sign Marica is expected to be made before the end of the week. Schalke’s Brazilian striker Edu, meanwhile, could leave the club for Asia. A Japanese club are believed to be preparing a bid for the 29-year-old, who arrived from Korean outfit Suwon Bluewings in January 2010. Should Edu leave, Heldt said “it is possible that two forwards would be recruited”.

Inter to keep 2006 Italian League title

Rome, 19 July — The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) announced on Monday that Inter Milan will be allowed to keep the 2006 Serie A title, attributing them in the wake of that year’s Calciopoli scandal. A motion by the FIGC’s federal council declared that there was “no judicial basis for the revocation” of the 2006 Scudetto was passed by 22 votes to one at a meeting in Rome, with two abstentions.

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Russia wins team technical gold at world titles

SHANGHAI, 19 July—Russia continued its dominance in synchronized swimming at the world aquatic championships, winning the team technical competition Tuesday for its third gold medal in as many days. Russia scored 98.3 points to beat China, which finished with 96.8. Spain won the bronze with 96.0 points.

On Monday, Russian Natalia Ishchenko won her second gold medal, teaming with Svetlana Romashina to win the duet technical final a night after taking the solo gold. The competition has four more gold medals to be awarded, all in the freestyle events — solo, combination, duet and team.— Internet

Seven policemen poisoned, killed in Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 19 July—Seven policemen were poisoned and shot dead by insurgents in Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital of Helmand province 555km south of capital city of Kabul on Monday, said a statement of the provincial government released on Tuesday.

“Seven policemen, who were guards of a check point in the Sarkar areas in the vicinity of Lashkar Gah, were first poisoned and then shot dead by insurgents at around 02:00 pm local time on Monday,” said the statement — Xinhua
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VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Union Construction Minister inspects Meiktila-Kyaupadaung-NyaungU and Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya roads

Nav Pyi Taw, 19 July — Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials, visited construction site of Meiktila-Kyaupadaung-NyaungU Road (Kyaupadaung-NyaungU road section) implemented by Myat Noe Thu Company with B.O.T system yesterday morning and stressed the importance for completing the repair of damaged tarred road ahead of the dry season.

Afterwards, the Union minister inspected Magway-Yenangyoung-Gwecho-Kyaupadaung Road (Kyaupadaung-Magway road section) implemented by Kaung Mon Company with B.O.T System.

The Union minister and party viewed damaged road and bridges along Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) road due to heavy rains, erosion and landslide.

Next, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint looked into the building of a diversion drain, bridges, box culverts, conduits and tarred road along the road. On arrival at Shwepagon briefing hall, the Union minister met with officials and gave necessary instructions.

The Union minister and party inspected the tarred road, Htantabinchaung bridge and Ngalaik bridge. During his inspection, the minister called for construction of retaining walls wherever necessary along the road.—MNA

Flood Warning

Nav Pyi Taw, 19 July — According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is 1153 cm. It may reach its danger level 1360 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is 2815 cm. It may reach above its danger level 2900 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

Nav Pyi Taw, 19 July — Organized by Industrial Development Committee, Industry-1 and -2 Ministries’ Industrial Product Exhibition kicks off on 22 July at Myanmar International Convention Centre.

The exhibition will stage a variety of items from the two ministries as well as entertainment programmes and model shows till its end on 24 July.—MNA