### Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

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

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

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**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects Nay Pyi Taw National Herbal Garden**

**NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—**Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham visited the Nay Pyi Taw National Herbal Garden of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health at 3 pm today and left necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall, Director-General Professor Dr Aung Myint of the department reported on area and location of the garden, aim of establishment, carrying out of the park’s tasks in cooperation with four ministries, organizational setup and strength of the garden, nurturing of medicinal plants and useful plants, displays of traditional medicine and medical equipment at the museums of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin gave a supplement report.

After hearing the reports, the Vice-President gave instructions on conducting research works, traditional medicines to be tested practically for reliable use of people, production of quality traditional medicines and systematic and accurate measurement and weight for traditional medicines, use of traditional medicines for the people on a wider scale like other countries, pursuit of traditional medicines of other countries and holding research paper-reading sessions for improvement of traditional medicine.

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**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (20-7-2011)**

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*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views cultivation of herbal plants at National Herbal Garden.* —MNA
PERSPECTIVES
Thursday, 21 July, 2011

Maintain roads and bridges
Monsoon has set in. Rains have been scattered in Kachin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Region, Mon and Rakhine States, and there will be heavy rains in some areas. Noteworthy amounts of rainfall were recorded in some towns.

Preventive measures are to be taken for damages on line of communication and housings due to overflow of rivers. Natural disaster preparedness works are to be carried out in real time. Plans must be completed to be able to provide assistance for transport and foods and medical treatments for the people.

As there have been heavy rains in many regions of the nation, continuous inspections are to be made for maintenance of roads and bridges. It is necessary to take care of the runs of vehicles and trains along their routes due to landslides.

Floods can cause inundation of bridges and mud slides at bridge approach roads. Maintenance is to be undertaken for betterment of bridges and connected roads.

Towns and villages where floods can occur in the rainy season are to check the increase of water levels above their datum. Water sentries are to be assigned along embankments of rivers.

Damages of communication routes in torrential rains and floods can cause difficulties to commodities and passenger transport. Officials of road and bridge sectors, local authorities, social organization members and local people are to place special emphasis on preventive measures against natural disasters in real time.

Myanmar to boost cooperation with JICA
NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Prof Dr Konosuke Odaka from Hitotsubashi University Union and Deputy Director General Mr Takahiro Sasaki of JICA Headquarters from Tokyo of Japan called on Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, at the Minister’s office here this morning. The meeting focused on human resource development and boosting JICA-Myanmar cooperation. Also present at the call were directors-general and officials.—MNA

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Japanese officials.—MNA

Farmers visit model rice paddies in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets township managers at 50-acre integrated farm in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held a meeting with 90 township managers from Regions and States to the Good Agriculture Practice Seminar (4) at the 50-acre integrated farm in Pobbathiri Township here this morning.

In his speech, he called for more and more talks on agricultural methods, boosting production of quality seeds of crops, constant research on scientific methods.

Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw made further clarification to the points the township managers should carry out in their trips to fields.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung visited the model rice paddy of excursion team members and course attendees whose per acre yield is expected over 200 baskets, the sugarcane plantation whose per acre, over 60 baskets, and hybrid sunflower plantation.

Members of the excursion team also inspected the Agricultural Research Farm in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

Union Transport Minister receives Chinese guests

Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung held a discussion with Vice-President Mr Zhou Xiang Shu of Changjiang Waterway Bureau of the People’s Republic of China and party, at the minister’s office here this afternoon. Both sides discussed waterways development and conservation of Yangon River and Ayeyawady River.

In the afternoon, Vice-President Mr Xexing and party from China Great Industry Corporation called on the Union Minister. It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Win Shein, departmental heads and officials.—MNA

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung receives Vice-President Mr Zhou Xiang Shu of Changjiang Waterway Bureau of China.—MNA

Flood notice
NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung is 1118 cm. It may reach its danger level 1130 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is 719 cm. It may reach its danger level 750 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Mawlaik and at Kalewa are 1104 cm and 1376 cm respectively. It may reach their respective danger levels of 1230 cm and 1550 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.—MNA

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
Local intelligence chief killed by gunmen in N Afghanistan

TALEQAN, 20 July—Unknown armed men gunned down the intelligence chief of Ashkamish District in Takhar Province 245 km north of capital city Kabul on Wednesday, an official said.

“Unidentified armed men driving a car opened fire on Abdul Jalil, the head of intelligence depart in Ashkamish District at 05:00am local time, killing him on the spot,” Abdul Manan Hakimi, the governor of Ashkamish District told Xinhua.

The murderers made their good escape, he added. He also blamed the attack on Taleban and said, “Taleban militants are behind the heinous crime.” Taleban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.

16 Southern Thais injured in an IED explosion

BANGKOK, 20 July—Sixteen Thais in southern Banang-satar District of Yala Province as an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded on Yala-Potong road on Tuesday morning.

Initially, nine troops, four villagers and three students were wounded and then rushed to nearby hospitals. Combined forces of military and police sealed and examined the scene. People were not allowed to enter as the authorities were afraid of the second bomb.

Since the resurgence of insurgency in 2004 in three southernmost provinces, Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat, altogether more than 4,000 have been killed and about 7,000 injured in more than 10,000 violent incidents instigated by suspected secessionists.—MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bombing rocks Mazar city in N Afghanistan, kills six, injures 12

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, 20 July—A suicide bombing rocked Wednesday Afghan northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of Balkh province, 305 km north of capital Kabul, leaving six people dead and injuring a dozen other, police said.

“The blast happened in Dasht-e-Shor area at around noon leaving six people including the bomber dead and injuring 12 others,” police spokesman in Balkh province Shir Khan Durani told Xinhua.

The terrorist planted explosive device in bicycle and detonated it in Dasht-e-Shor area killing himself and five others,” Durani said, adding that all the victims are civilians.

He blamed the enemies of peace, a term used against Taleban militants by Afghan officials for organizing the attack, but the outfit fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops has yet to make comment.

Mazar-e-Sharif is one of the seven areas that Afghan government is going to take its security responsibility from NATO-led troops in near future.

Afghan government has already assumed security responsibility of central Bamyan province and eastern Mehterlam city from NATO-led troops.

Al-Qaeda Iraq group claims recent deadly attacks

BAGHDAD, 20 July—An Al-Qaeda-linked group has claimed responsibility for two recent attacks that killed 40 people and wounded scores.

The Islamic State of Iraq says in a statement posted on its website Tuesday that it was behind a 5 July double bombing at a local government building in Taji.

The group said it sent a car bomb and a suicide bomber to the building just north of Baghdad. But officials have blamed at least one of the blasts on a roadside bomb. Thirty-seven people were killed and 54 wounded in the Taji attack.

The group said it also masterminded a 26 June attack by a suicide bomber in a wheelchair who killed three and wounded 18 at a police station in Tarmiyah, 30 miles (50 kilometres) north of Baghdad.—Internet

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

KABUL, 20 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 34104 Afghan people were killed and 41738 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 20 July.

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US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 20 July—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

According to the readings, the number of seriously injured people reached 1280112, according to the news on the Internet.

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Afghan forces got underway in a neighbouring Province. The nine-hour gun battle in volatile Kandahar was a reminder of the challenges awaiting Afghanistan’s army and police as they kick off a slow transition process that aims to put them in control of the whole country by the end of 2014. “Three policemen were killed and six more wounded when two gunmen attacked police district one,” Abdul Razig, chief of police in Kandahar Province, said after the fighting ended.

The two Taleban gunmen were killed and the attack was over by late morning, although police were combing the station to check no other militants were hiding there, he said.—Reuters

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A man reacts during a funeral of a victim from bomb attack in al-Shurta al-Ruban District in Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

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Fossils are clues to ancient Canada seas

WINNIPEG, 20 July—Fossils of prehistoric sea creatures unearthed in Manitoba give clues to what Western Canada was like when dinosaurs lived, researchers said.

Scientists from the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre have dug up two mosasaurs—a huge predatory reptile known as the “T Rex of the sea”—in the landlocked province at a dig site that also yielded a prehistoric squid and bird skeletons, as well as two other as yet unidentified fossils, the Waterloo Region Record in Ontario reported.

The discovery of the shore bird fossils may suggest there was a lot more available land 80 million years ago when much of the Canada’s prairies were under salt water, researcher said. “It was not just this big, wide, open sea,” fossil curator Amta Janzic said. “It’s giving us some new insight into what the seaway was like. That is changing how we are looking at the seaway and that, to me, makes this site very interesting.” Some of the country’s richest deposits of marine dinosaurs are found in the sand-like soil of Winnipeg, despite the site being about as far from the ocean as you can get in Canada, researchers said.

Mosasaurs were huge oxygen-breathing lizards, as long as 50 feet, that moved though the water by swinging their tail from side to side. “They were definitely on top of the food chain,” Janzic said. “They even preyed upon other mosasaurs.”

Greenhouse gas impact of dairies measured

KIMBERLY, 20 July—US agricultural scientists say they have produced the first detailed data on how large-scale dairy facilities contribute to the emission of greenhouse gases.

US Department of Agriculture researchers monitored the emissions of ammonia, carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide from a commercial dairy with 10,000 milk cows in southern Idaho, a USDA release said Tuesday.

Agricultural Research Service scientists at the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly, Idaho, conducted the study at the facility that has 20 open-lot pens, two milking parlors, a hospital barn, a maternity barn, a manure solid separator, a 25-acre wastewater storage pond and a 25-acre compost yard.

The study found that, on average, the facility generated 3,575 pounds of ammonia, 33,092 pounds of methane and 409 pounds of nitrous oxide every day, with the open lot areas creating 78 percent of the facility’s ammonia, 57 percent of its nitrous oxide and 74 percent of the facility’s methane emissions.

The emission of ammonia and nitrous oxide from the open lots were lower during the late evening and early morning, and then increased throughout the day to peak late in the day, researchers said.

Lenovo launches three tablets to take on iPad

BEIJING, 20 July—it was rumoured back in April that Lenovo would be releasing a tablet or two around now, and today the Chinese manufacturer surprised us slightly by unveiling not one, not even two, but three new tablets.

The 10.1-inch devices will be sold globally, with prices to be set close to those of the popular iPad, its main rival.

So how do the three tablets line up? Well, for consumers Lenovo has come up with the IdeaPad Tablet K1. For business users there’s the ThinkPad Tablet. And for home and office use you have the IdeaPad Tablet P1.

Both the IdeaPad Tablet K1 and ThinkPad Tablet run Android 3.1, come equipped with Nvidia Tegra 2 dual-core processors, have full Flash support, 1280x800 displays, microSD/USB ports, and front and rear cameras. The ThinkPad Tablet also has an optional digitizer pen for note-taking. The IdeaPad Tablet K1 weighs less than 2 lb, while the the ThinkPad Tablet comes in at 1.65lb. The iPad, in comparison, tips the scales at 1.33 lb.

Both devices will be available in the US in August, and the rest of the world soon after.

The IdeaPad Tablet P1 runs Windows 7, has full Flash support, and incorporates microSD/USB ports and a front-mounted webcam. The P1 will be available some time in the fall. All devices will be Wi-Fi only, with 3G versions coming later.

As for pricing, the 32GB version of the IdeaPad Tablet K1 is going for $499, while the 16GB version of the ThinkPad Tablet comes in at $479.

The price of the IdeaPad Tablet P1 hasn’t yet been set. Lenovo’s announcement follows hot on the heels of Apple’s news of record profits in its last quarter. This was due in part to strong sales of the company’s iPad (more than 9 million units) — a clear indication that the Chinese company has its work cut out if it’s going to make an impact in the tablet market.
Tips for getting enough physical activity

NEW YORK, 20 July—It may sound daunting: The government says most adults should get 2½ hours a week of physical activity that revs their heart rates. But if you can’t do that much, don’t give up — every little bit helps, especially as people age. “The message should always be to take it slow by setting realistic but challenging goals,” says Jack Rejeski, Wake Forest University professor of health and exercise science. He recommends a walk with friends “and before you know it, you’re through.”

Some tips:
* The recommendation is for moderate-intensity physical activity, things like a brisk walk, water aerobics, cutting grass with a push mower, taking a dance class, doubles tennis.
* Just doing 10 minutes at a time counts. A few 10-minute activities each day add up.
* If you’ve been sedentary, build up gradually.
* If you prefer more vigorous activity — like jogging or singles tennis or a fast bike ride — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 75 minutes a week is sufficient. One minute of vigorous activity counts for two minutes of moderate activity.
* The CDC says moderate-intensity means you’re not breathing too hard to talk but you couldn’t sing.
* In addition to the aerobic activity, the CDC urges muscle-strengthening activities at least two days a week. That can range from digging in the garden and yoga to push-ups or lifting weights.—Internet

In this 2 April, 2008 file photo, a physician’s assistant in a surgery at Bad Aibling, southern Germany, takes a blood sample from a patient. Researchers are working on an experimental blood test that appears very accurate at revealing how much of the telltale Alzheimer’s brain deposits a patient has, and they hope it might be a much-needed first step to see who needs definitive testing for the disease.—Internet

India’s Wipro says quarterly profit up 1.23 pct

NEW DELHI, 20 July—India’s No 3 outsourcer, Wipro, has reported a fiscal first-quarter profit of 1.23 percent on the back of newer products and access to new markets. The results for the quarter ending 30 June that were announced Wednesday beat expectations, but the glum forecast sent the stock slipping 3 percent on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

Net profit for the June quarter was 13.35 billion rupees ($300 million) under international accounting standards, up from 13.18 billion rupees. Revenues were 85.64 billion rupees ($1.92 billion), up 18 percent from a year earlier.

Wipro Chairman Azim Premji said the company was seeing early signs of positive momentum after reorganization. He said clients “continue to focus on optimizing operations, creating new products and getting access to newer markets.”—Internet

Baidu makes deal with world music giants

SHANGHAI, 20 July—Baidu Inc, the largest Chinese search engine based in Beijing, said Tuesday it closed a deal that allows the company to provide download services of music from Universal Music, Warner Music and Sony Music. According to the deal signed between Baidu and One Stop China (OSC), a joint venture of the three music companies, Baidu will pay them on a per-play and per-download basis for all tracks delivered through its MP3 server, said a Press release provided by Baidu.

Users can have access to the authorized music free of charge, and Chinese songs, both in Mandarin and Cantonese, and some global content provided by the three music companies will be included in the catalogue.

Baidu also launched a social music platform called “Baidu ting!” through which users can obtain and share some music-related information and content. Li Xinzhe, CFO of Baidu, described the deal as a “milestone” that can benefit not only Baidu and its partners but also music lovers and the privacy-stricken industry. Wang Bin, secretary general of Copyright Union of Internet Society of China, predicted that it would have a demonstrative effect on the Internet sector. In 2008, Universal, Warner and Sony Music sued Baidu for at least 63.5 million yuan (98.8 million US dollars) in copyright infringement.—Xinhua

Vaccines used in the 2009 “swine flu” pandemic caused no perceptible rise in a neurological disorder called Guillain-Barre syndrome, a study published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) said on Wednesday. —Internet

Half of Alzheimer’s may be preventable

PARIS, 20 July—More than half of all Alzheimer’s disease cases may be prevented through simple lifestyle changes and treatment of chronic conditions, US researchers say. Study leader Deborah Barnes, a mental health researcher at the San Francisco VA Medical Centre and University of California, San Francisco and colleagues analyzed data from studies worldwide involving hundreds of thousands of participants.

The study, published in The Lancet Neurology and presented at the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease in Paris, found that worldwide, the biggest modifiable risk factors for Alzheimer’s disease are, in descending order of magnitude: low education, smoking, physical inactivity, depression, mid-life hypertension, diabetes and mid-life obesity. Together, these risk factors are associated with as much as 51 percent of Alzheimer’s cases worldwide and 54 percent of Alzheimer’s cases in the United States — 2.9 million cases, Barnes says.

“What’s exciting is that this suggests that some very simple lifestyle changes, such as increasing physical activity and quitting smoking, could have a tremendous impact on preventing Alzheimer’s and other dementias in the United States and worldwide,” Barnes says in a statement. Barnes cautions her conclusions are based on the assumption that there is a causal association between each risk factor and Alzheimer’s disease.

“We are assuming that you change the risk factor, then you change the risk,” Barnes says. “What we need to do now is figure out whether that assumption is correct.”—Internet

Housing starts push oil prices higher

NEW YORK, 20 July—Crude oil prices posted sharp gains Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, adding $1.57 to settle at $97.50 a barrel.

A US Census Bureau report indicated housing starts rose nearly 15 percent to a five-month high in June, helping to fuel the increase in crude oil prices during trading.

Gasoline added 2 cents to settle at $3.11 a gallon.

Home heating oil also picked up 2 cents to $3.10 a gallon.

Natural gas lost a penny to end the session at $4.53 per million British thermal units.

At the pump, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline was $3.678 Tuesday, up from $3.676 reported Monday, AAA said. —Internet
Canadian man charged with voyeurism

NEW GLASGOW, 20 July—A 33-year-old Canadian man was in court Tuesday, charged with voyeurism for allegedly videotaping customers at a tanning salon, authorities said.

Russell Alexander Wile was released on $1,500 bail after appearing in Pictou provincial court on four counts of voyeurism.

He allegedly videotaped at least four customers at Coco Beach Tanning Studio in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported. Police began investigating him after a woman complained 8 July.

The court ordered him not to contact nine individuals, and to stay away from changing rooms at pools, beaches, sports facilities and clothing stores.

Wile, who was arrested Monday, also is not permitted to use the Internet or possess any recording devices.

He is to be back in court 22 Aug.

Hiker swept away in Yosemite falls

FRESNO, 20 July—Yosemite National Park rangers searched below the Merced River’s towering Vernal Falls Tuesday after witnesses said at least one hiker was swept over it.

Park spokeswoman Kari Cobb said emergency services received “multiple calls” about one or more people going into the water and over the 317-foot falls about 1 pm, the Fresno Bee reported.

KFSN-TV, Fresno, reported rangers closed the popular Mist Trail near the falls after receiving the calls.

“They’re out there interviewing witnesses, but they still don’t have anything,” Cobb told the Bee at 4:30 pm.

At least eight people have died in the park this year, she said.

Two US citizens charged with illegal lobbying for Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Two US citizens were charged with participating in a long-term conspiracy to illegally lobby for the Pakistani government and its intelligence agency, the US Justice Department said Tuesday.

Syed Ghulam Nabi Fai, 62, a US citizen and resident of Virginia, was arrested Tuesday morning, the department said in a statement. He was accused of lobbying for a foreign government without registering with the Justice Department.

According to the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), anyone who lobbies on behalf of a foreign government must register with the Justice. Zaheer Ahmad, 63, a US citizen and resident of Pakistan, was also charged. He remains at large and is believed to be in Pakistan, the statement said. Both face a potential sentence of five years in prison if convicted.

Rok introduces its 1st indigenous private aircraft

SEOUL, 20 July— South Korea on Wednesday introduced its first home-built private aircraft after years of efforts aimed at developing commercial airplanes.

The Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs said that a ceremony marking the first flight of the country’s first indigenous non-military aircraft was held at Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) in the southern city of Sacheon on Wednesday morning. The four-seat, single-engine propeller aircraft, named the Naraon, made South Korea the world’s 28th nation to build and fly an indigenous non-military aircraft, according to the ministry.

With a top speed of 389 kilometres per hour and maximum flight distance of 1,850 kilometres, the aircraft can reach most major cities in Japan, China and some Southeast Asian countries, the ministry said. It is expected that the price of the aircraft will be set at around 600 million won (368,000 US dollars). The aircraft can be used for pilot training, leisure and various other purposes including personal use. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia rescues 46 Indonesian immigrants on sinking boat

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 July— Malaysian authorities rescued 46 undocumented Indonesian immigrants when their boat sank in the sea off Malaysia’s Southern Johor state as they were trying to sneak back into Indonesia ahead of the Eid holiday.

Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency officials said they rescued the group on Tuesday after search efforts that lasted 10 hours.

“The weather was not so good and the waters were very choppy,” said agency regional commander Zulkifli Abu Bakar.

“The Indonesians were weak and terrified when we finally found them at about 3:50 am,” he added.

The group were believed to be heading to Batam, Indonesia for the Eid holiday and the fasting month of Ramadan in August before their boat’s engine malfunctioned.

The boat’s captain escaped and the immigrants were under police custody. — Internet

Iranian men and women perform traditional dances during Maryam Sadeghi’s wedding in Ghale Sar village in north eastern Teheran on 15 July, 2011. Internet

The Russian Navy training ship “Kruzenshtern” arrives in Tallinn on 15 July, 2011. The four-masted barque and tall ship “Kruzenshtern”, the world’s second largest traditional sailing ship in operation, was built in 1926 at Geestemunde in Bremerhaven, Germany, and was initially commissioned as a cargo ship “Padua”. In 1946, she was surrendered to the Soviet Union as war reparation and renamed after the early 19th century Baltic German explorer and admiral of the Russian Imperial Navy, Adam Johann von Krusenstern (1770-1846). “Kruzenshtern” was based in Tallinn from 1981 to 1991. — Internet

The Indian company that launched the world’s cheapest car has unveiled its latest product for the fast-growing nation: a flat-pack house that costs just $700 and can be built in a week. — Internet
1.5-metre high Buddha statue unearthed in Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, 20 July—Archaeologists in Kyrgyzstan have unearthed a 1.5-meter high statue of Buddha in the hills outside the capital Bishkek. Archaeologists from the Kyrgyz Academy of Sciences, working with colleagues from the Russian Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, were digging in a series of fields, which they believe cover the remains of a Buddhist monastery complex.

“This sculpture is as high as two humans. If we could straighten it out and put it vertically, its height would be about four meters,” said Valery Kolchenko, an archaeologist from the Kyrgyz National Academy of Sciences.

Archaeologists believe the statue dates back to a time between the 8th to 10th centuries, though further tests are needed to pinpoint its exact age, 3 News reports.

“The excavation of this sculpture is a very laborious task, that is why we cannot date this artefact to any particular time. First of all we need to excavate it and then we can say how old it is,” said Asan Torgoyev from the Oriental Studies Department of the Hermitage.

Finding Buddhist remains of this kind is rare in the mountainous regions of Kyrgyzstan. Pre-Islamic Buddhist culture is well documented in Tajikistan, but very unusual in its northern neighbour, Kyrgyzstan.

Mummies from the Chachapoyas culture from about 200 AD are displayed at the Museum of Leymebamba, in the Andean region of Chachapoyas, on 16 July, 2011. The Museo Leymebamba displays more than 200 mummies from the Chachapoyas culture and their burial offerings recovered in 1997 from the Laguna de los Condores. The mummies have been wrapped in layers of cloth, creating a microclimate that promotes conservation, according to the museum. The skin of the mummies has also been treated and appears leathery with preserved facial features. —XINHUA

Six killed, 45 wounded in Bangladesh in road accidents

DHAKA, 20 July—Six people were killed and 45 injured in two road accidents in Bangladesh’s Bagerhat and Nilphamari Districts Tuesday, the Daily Star reported. In Bagerhat, a bus overturned on the Khulna-Mawa highway in Mollahat sub-district after hitting a pedestrian standing in front of a filling station around 12.25 am, said a police official.

The unidentified pedestrian died on the spot. Besides, a firefighting unit recovered two bodies of Rabiul Islam, 32, and Sajib, 24, from inside the vehicle, said Moktar Hossain, a Mollahat sub-district officer. In Nilphamari, at least three people were killed and 30 injured when two buses collided in Dhalapur area Tuesday morning.

The accident took place when a Nilphamari-bound bus from Dhaka collided head-on with a Dhaka-bound bus of Maroon Enterprise at around 7.50 am. Salim Miya, a passenger of the Nilphamari-bound bus, said the driver was speeding dangerously to make up for a three-hour delay in Gazipur area—XINHUA

Solar panels keep buildings cool, keep AC costs down

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Solar panels on your rooftop aren’t just providing clean, inexpensive power, they are doing more - cooling your house and keeping expenses down on air conditioning.

Jan Kleissl, professor of environmental engineering a the University of California and his team have come up with the first ever measurements of the cooling benefits provided by solar photovoltaic panels.

As solar panels sprout on an increasing number of residential and commercial roofs, it becomes more important to consider their impact on buildings’ total energy costs, Kleissl said in the journal Solar Energy.

His team determined that the amount saved on cooling the building amounted to getting a five percent discount on the solar panels’ price, over the panels’ lifetime, according to a California statement.

Data for the study was gathered over three days on the roof of the Powell Structural Systems Lab at the Jacobs School of Engineering with a thermal infrared camera.

The building is equipped with tilted solar panels and solar panels that are flush with the roof. Some portions of the roof are not covered by panels. The panels essentially act as roof shades, said Anthony Dominguez, the graduate student involved in the project. Rather than the sun beating down onto the roof, which causes heat to be pushed through the roof and inside the ceiling of the building, photovoltaic panels take the solar heating.

Meet 22-yr-old Brazilian woman who has a full-sized nipple on her foot!

LONDON, 20 July—Brazilian researchers have reported a rare case of a woman with a full-sized extra nipple on the sole of her foot, possibly the first of its kind. “A 22-year-old woman sought medical care for a lesion in the plantar region of her left foot, a well-formed nipple surrounded by areola and hair,” the Mirror quoted the researchers, as saying in a report.

“Microscopic examination of the dermis showed hair follicles, eccrine glands, and sebaceous glands. “Fat tissue was noted at the base of the lesion. Clinical and histopathologic findings were consistent with the diagnosis of supernumerary breast tissue, also known as pseudomammary. “To our knowledge, this is the first report of supernumerary breast tissue on the foot,” they added. The 22-year-old woman however admitted that despite having the unusual 2-inch wide growth all her life, she never felt any pain due to it. Generally extra nipples are found along the milk lines, which run from the genitals to the armpits, they have been discovered on the back, thigh or even the face. The case of the woman was first published in Dermatology Journal in 2006.—Internet

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Accompanied by the Union Minister for Health, deputy ministers and departmental heads, the Vice-President viewed round scientific facts of herbal plants, thriving sample plants, dried plants, raw materials of traditional medicines, posters, traditional medicines and medical equipment, and four subjects of traditional medicines displayed at the Traditional Medicine Museum and Traditional Medicine Development Museum under the Ministry of Health, museums of the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and cultivation of herbal plants at the garden.

Nay Pyi Taw National Herbal Garden was opened on 4 January 2008. It is located on 196.40 acres of land. Herbal plants and saplings are being planted at the garden.—MNA

 Establishment of political parties scrutinized, permitted

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—The Union Election Commission scrutinizes establishment of political parties and gives permissions to them. As an application submitted by 16 persons inclusive of Dr Than Htai Oo for establishment of the People Democracy Party that has been scrutinized by the Commission is in line with the Law and Bylaws, the Commission gave permission to the party for its establishment today.—MNA

Applicants born of both national parents can get citizenship scrutiny cards within 28 days

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi inspected the issuing of citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at Kyowkyai Village Basic Education High School in Hpa-an Township on 16 July.

A meeting took place at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, to expedite processes to issue household registration sheets and citizenship scrutiny cards. In his speech, the Union minister said that they are taking measures for issuing household registration sheets and citizenship scrutiny cards at the fixed price within the due period. He assured that applicants born of both national parents can get citizenship scrutiny cards within 28 days. He said that if an applicant can submit all related documents, he may get the card within the same day, paying only six kyats for CV form and card. He added that for more on that, contact township heads concerned. Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min called for arrangements issuing household registration sheets and citizenship scrutiny cards in the regions that are difficult of access, and said that they will render necessary assistance. He cried out for collaborative efforts to ensure accuracy in the process.

The Union minister dealt with matters for speedy implementation of the follow-up programmes.

On 17 July, the Union minister inspected the office of the head of Hpa-an District Immigration and National Registration Department in Hpa-an Township.—MNA

5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 goes on

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July—The 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continued its first round matches at the designated places today.


At No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Home Affairs plays against Ministry of Border Affairs in first round match of 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament.—MNA

CBM Governor receives Japanese guests

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives Professor Dr Konosuke Odaka and party of Hitotsubashi University of Japan.—MNA

Formation of private credit societies discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, accompanied by Adviser at the President Office Dr Sein Hla Bo, Chairman of Central Cooperative Union Chairman of Cooperative Bank Ltd U Khan Maung Aye and officials, on 18 July met farmers, perennial crop growers, farming cooperative society members and local people in Winkyan Village of Hpa-an Township.

In the meeting, officials explained assistance to be provided for production of quality crops and monetary assistance for works.

The Union Minister stressed the need to give monetary assistance for poverty alleviation. It is necessary to organize entrepreneurs to be able to set up private credit services.

He inspected functions of Cooperative Bank in Hpa-an through e-banking system.

Together with Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, the Union Cooperatives Minister met local people in Htilon Village of Hlaingbwe Township and explained alleviation of poverty.

In meeting with local people and social organization members, they discussed formation of same works and arrangements for providing investment and technology.

In the evening, they met state ministers, departmental officials, local authorities and entrepreneurs. The Chief Minister explained ongoing tasks of work committees in seven townships. Officials discussed formation of green farming production, credit cooperative societies, model market cooperative societies and cooperative syndicates.

The Union Minister for Cooperatives delivered an address. While in Hpa-an, he visited Basic Weaving Training School and Kayin State and Township Cooperative Departments.—MNA

Union Mines Minister inspects jade warehouse in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Hluak visited Myanmar Gems Enterprise (Yangon branch) in Yangon on 17 July. While inspecting the storage of jades at jade warehouse, he called for systematic storage of jades, preparations to be made for display of quality jades and gems, display of precious jades in coming emporium, cooperation between jade and gems companies, collection of sculptors at home and abroad and dissemination of sculpture.—MNA

Myanmar discusses sports promotion programmes with Japan, Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan and party arrived in Yangon yesterday evening after attending the 30th General Conference of Asian Olympic Council and the Centennial Ceremony of Japanese Olympic held in Bangkok of Thailand on 18 July.

On 13 July afternoon, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister met Japanese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ms Kikuta Makiko and Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Mr Akihijo Ohata and discussed matters related to sports of Myanmar and Japan and cooperation in

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Myanmar selected Sepak Takraw athletes, who will partake in Open Sepak Takraw Tournament, seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Malaysia.—MNA

Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan attends 30th General Conference of Asian Olympic Council, Centennial Ceremony of Japanese Olympic held in Bangkok of Thailand. —MNA

Committee and Japanese Sports Federation held in Tokyo of Japan from 14 to 16 July at the invitation of Asian Olympic Council and Japanese Olympic Committee and Japanese Sports Federation and the coordination meeting between Myanmar-Thai Olympic Committee and hotels and tourism.

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Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint speaking at meeting with State ministers, departmental officials, local authorities and entrepreneurs at meeting hall of Kayin State Government Office. —MNA
Refresher Course No.25 for Law Officers opens

Duck farming, a main...

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staff members were appointed for some villages of the township to collect news promptly if there was suspicious death of fowls and educate local breeders about farming animals; that they regularly took serum of suspicious ducks for diagnosis of diseases; that they vaccinated ducks against diarrhoea; and that

and at 7 o’clock in the evening.
Q: How do you give them food and water?
A: We make duck food with shrimp, broken rice, bran, mollusc powder and Vitamins tablet powder and we feed them at the rate of about seven-and-a-half ticals of dry food per head a day. We make 225 viss (about 800 lbs) of food for 3000 ducks a day.
Q: Do you give them light at night?
A: We give them light the whole night starting from around 6 o’clock in the evening.
Q: What about health care to the ducks?
A: Most duck farms in our township hardly use antibiotics, and we use organic farming methods. So, our products are safe.

Duck eggs to be delivered to the market.

Thanatpin Township was named the winner of the award for outstanding duck breeding at the ceremony to mark the World Food Day (2004).

I also visited the duck farm of Secretary of Thanatpin Township Duck Breeding and Duck Eggs Trading Association Dr Khin Maung Myint near mile post No. 9/1 of Thanatpin-Kamase Road for an interview.
Q: Well, may I know about your farming ducks?
A: We get 28-day female ducks from the traditional duck hatchery in our township at the price of 500 kyats per head. They start to lay eggs at five months.
Q: How many ducks do you raise?
A: We raise ducks one year for eggs. Then we sell them for meat at the price of 2300 kyats per head.
Q: What is your trade of duck eggs?
A: We sell duck eggs 85 kyats a unit. A duck egg is sold for 90 kyat in the market. Thanatpin Township has 16 duck eggs purchasing centres. We collect five boxes of duck eggs a day. A box can hold 500 duck eggs. We deliver duck eggs to Bago, Yangon, Mawlamyine and Toungoo according to the demands.
Q: How much do you feed them a day?
A: A 100 ft x 60 ft run can hold about 3000 ducks. We have 30 troughs for food and 30 troughs for water, and we wash them twice a day.
Q: How do you give them food and water?
A: We feed them at the rate of about seven and a half ticals of dry food per head a day. We make 225 viss (about 800 lbs) of food for 3000 ducks a day.
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A duck farm in Thanatpin Township.

Hacking hearing suspended shortly due to attempted attack on Murdoch

LONDON, 20 July—The hearing on the Murdoch’s over phone hacking at a select committee of British Parliament was resumed after suspending for around five minutes due to a sudden disturbance by a man.

Sky News identified the man as comedian Jonnie Marbles, who attempted to attack Rupert Murdoch with some “white substance” when the Murdochs had been questioned for about two hours and a half.

The hearing resumed only minutes after Rupert Murdoch took off his suit pelted with the white substance.

Rupert Murdoch and his son James Murdoch, chairman of News International, were attending the hearing held by the culture, media and sport committee of British Parliament.

The Murdochs initially refused to appear before the committee but changed their minds after they were issued with a summons to attend.—Xinhua

Psychotic mother kills her baby

LONDON, 20 July—A mother in Britain killed her two-year-old baby just hours after psychiatric nurses decided it was safe to leave the child with her, a court heard. Health visitors and nurses had visited Sonia Bellfield, who has a history of mental illness, and her daughter, Jasmine, barely two days before the tragedy, the Daily Mail reported Tuesday. Though alarmed by her mental state, they failed to find it as an ‘emergency’ requiring immediate intervention. The day after the second visit, however, they changed their minds.

But when a seven-strong crisis team of social workers, psychiatrists and police officers knocked on Bellfield’s door, they found she had smothered her baby. She also tried to kill herself with a kitchen knife.

Bellfield, 31, had been suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, attributed to cannabis, which she started using in childhood. Bellfield denied murder, but the Crown accepted a plea of guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility at Leeds Crown Court Monday.

Internet
65 percent Himalayan glaciers

NEW DELHI, 20 July — In a startling comparison between the state of glaciers in the Himalayan ranges in the last 50 years, glaciologists say nearly 65 percent glaciers are melting due to global warming.

“Almost 65 percent of the glaciers are melting in the Himalayan Region in a comparison between 1955 and 2007. There are many recently formed lakes in the region, resulting to changing weather pattern,” said scientist Alton Byer, who is studying melting glaciers, in a documentary screened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) here Tuesday.

The film examines the shrinking glaciers of the Himalayas and the effects they have on the lives and livelihood of people in Asia.

Glaciologists from the Mountain Studies Institute and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) have stated the ice melting poses a huge risk of disasters in the regions surrounding the mountain range.

“There is a huge risk of avalanches and high magnitude earthquakes in the region. The meltdown poses threat to millions across Asia,” said Byer in the documentary.

The UNDP also awarded Chhewang Norphel, popularly known as the ‘Ice Man’ of Leh, for preventing glacier melting in the Leh mountains.

Norphel, chief project officer of the Leh Nutrition Project, brought hope to thousands of farmers in the Ladakh region through his innovative idea of building artificial glaciers that store melting glacial water and help irrigate land in the region.—Internet

Forest fires hit western Turkey

ISTANBUL, 20 July— Fire-fighting teams were trying to extinguish two separate forest fires in western Turkey on Tuesday, local media reported.

Local news agency DHA reported that one fire broke out at an olive farm and spread to the nearby pine forests due to wind in the northwestern Province of Balikesir.

Two fire-fighting helicopters and other teams have been dispatched to the area.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. No information was immediately available on any physical or material damage.

Balikesir has a Mediterranean climate with long, hot and dry summers with cool and rainy winters. Meanwhile, attempts were also being made to put out a blaze in the western Province of Canakkale.

Fire-fighting planes and around 50 forest workers are attempting to put out the blaze.

Damage was reported to nearby olive farms.—Xinhua

Visitors view pictures of “A Century Of Indian Dance” in Visual Art Gallery of Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi, India, on 19 July, 2011.—Xinhua

One missing, 50 injured as strong typhoon lashes Japan

OSAKA, 20 July— A large and powerful typhoon lashed Shikoku Island and parts of the Kinki Region in western Japan early Wednesday, leaving one person missing and 50 injured in 15 prefectures, local Press reported.

At around 0:30 am local time Wednesday, Typhoon Ma-on, this year’s sixth typhoon, hit the southern part of Tokushima Prefecture on Shikoku — the first typhoon landfall in Japan this year, with strong winds of over 90 kilometres per hour, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

As of 6:00 am, torrential rain and strong winds due to the typhoon have left one person missing and 50 people injured in 15 prefectures.—MNA/Xinhua

Strong earthquake rocks southern Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, 20 July— A powerful earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale has jolted southern Kyrgyzstan on the border with Uzbekistan, the US Geological Survey said Tuesday.

No casualties or serious damages were immediately available.

The earthquake occurred at about 1:35 am local time on Wednesday 400 kilometres from Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan.

The US Geological Survey said the earthquake took place 9.2 km underground, around 42 km southwest of Perghana, a city in the east of Uzbekistan. The earthquake reportedly lasted up to 15 seconds, and it was not clear if the epicentre of the earthquake was in a populated area.

Xinhua

Record snowfalls leave over 5,000 people isolated in Chile

SANTIAGO, 20 July— At least 5,000 inhabitants in a southern Chilean Region have been isolated after parts of the area were cut off by the heaviest snowfalls in 16 years, authorities said Tuesday.

The country’s National Emergency Office (ONEMI) said the region, a 600 km south of Santiago, emerging from the winter season.

The number of isolated people would fall as more roads are reopened, Rivas said, adding that the region’s National Emergency Office (ONEMI) had said so far, 90 percent of Lonquimay’s inhabitants have successfully been reconnected to the national electricity network.

Xinhua

Four dead in Wyoming flash flood

SARATOGA, 20 July— Four members of a Colorado family died Tuesday when their vehicle rolled into a washout caused by a flash flood in Wyoming, authorities said. The Wyoming Highway Patrol said the only survivor was the father of the family, Alex Constantindes, KGWN-TV, Cheyenne, Wyo, reported. The accident occurred on Wyoming Highway 130 near Saratoga.

KKTV-TV, Colorado Springs, said Constantindes is a doctor in Colorado Springs. His wife Laurel and their three children, whose ages and names were not provided, were killed.

KGWN-TV said another vehicle was washed downstream but the driver was rescued by another motorist.—Internet

A Palestinian boy plays at a fountain to cool off during a heat wave in the West Bank City of Ramallah, on 19 July, 2011.—Xinhua
First Cuban student to compete in int’l Chinese language contest

HAVANA, 20 July—Lilibel Gomez Garcia is the first Cuban undergraduate to represent Cuba at the 2011 “Chinese Bridge” language competition in China. The competition, which aims to promote Chinese language and culture among university students worldwide, is taking place in China’s central Hunan Province from 16 July to 8 August. A third-year student at the Confucius Institute at the University of Havana, Gomez won the first prize of the National Chinese Language Proficiency Competition in May. Gomez was selected to represent Cuba in the upcoming competition because of the student’s outstanding performance.

The three-phase competition is expected to attract 120 students from 60 countries. Beijing and Havana have maintained excellent relations and cooperation based on mutual respect, friendship and common interest.

Swans are captured on the River Thames in southeast England on 15 July, during “Swan Upping.” The historic ceremony dates from the 12th century, when the crown claimed ownership of all mute swans and passes through Middlesex, Surrey, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire.—Xinhua

Don’t Smoke

Cancer cells and stem cells share same origin

LOS ANGELES, 20 July—US scientists have proven that oncogenes can change normal cells into stem-like cells, paving the way to a safer and more practical approach to treating diseases like multiple sclerosis and cancer with stem cell therapy.

In a collaborative study, researchers from the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC), and the Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) in California and Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in New York have successfully converted human skin cells into brain cells by suppressing the expression of p53, a protein encoded by a widely studied oncogene. This suggests that p53 mutation helps determine cell fate — good or bad — rather than only the outcome of cancer. Oncogenes are generally thought to be genes that, when mutated, change healthy cells into cancerous tumor cells.

S China’s island province receives more foreign tourists

HAIKOU, 21 July—The number of overseas tourists visiting south China’s tropical island of Hainan grew 12 percent year-on-year to 383,800 from January to June, the Province’s tourism commission said Wednesday.

Tourists from European countries and the United States grew 33.5 percent to 155,720 in the first half year-on-year, the commission said in the statement.

The number of Russian tourists visiting the island continued to grow 44.83 percent in the January-June period to 105,174, especially thanks to the opening of new airline routes this year to five Russian cities.

Hainan has long been a favorite destination for holiday makers from the Russian Far East region. However, the number of tourists from Asian countries only rose a moderate 3.16 percent to 85,321, the commission said.—Xinhua

Invitation to domestic proprietors who are willing to run Yangon local train business

The domestic proprietors who are willing to run Yangon local train business are hereby invited to come and contact as per under schedule.

(a) Date - 26.7.2011 (Tuesday)
(b) Time - 09:00 AM
(c) Place - Ministry of Railway Transportation Office No. (29), Nay Pyi Taw

Myanmar Railways
**Two men locked selves inside police van**

Police in Pennsylvania said they arrested two men who broke into a police van to take gag pictures and accidentally locked themselves inside the vehicle.

Radnor police said Marlton, NJ residents Ryan Letchford, 21, and Jeffrey Olsen, 22, left a party early Saturday and entered Constable Mike Connor’s van, which had been parked in the lot of the condominium where they were located, the Philadelphia Daily News reported Monday.

Investigators said Letchford and Olsen, who are believed to have entered the van to take gag pictures of themselves being arrested, got locked in. Police said a friend found them in the van after they failed to return to the party and called 911 because he was unable to free them.

Police contacted Connor, who said he must have left a door unlocked because there was no sign of forced entry.

“I came down and unlocked the doors, and ‘Dumb and Dumber’ pranced out of the van,” Connor said.

“They looked a little embarrassed.” Connor said the men had been smoking cigarettes and spitting while inside the vehicle. Cigarette butts and “a large amount of saliva” were in the van, police said.

Letchford and Olsen were arrested and charged with attempted theft of a motor vehicle, public drunkenness and criminal mischief.

**Emma Watson returns to Brown University**

BEIJING, 20 July—British actress Emma Watson said she will return to Brown University to complete her study, according to news reports Tuesday.

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**Harrison Ford wants to star in new ‘Indiana Jones’ movie**

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Harrison Ford has expressed his desire to work in another “Indiana Jones” movie.

The actor said that he would not mind to play the titular archaeologist for the fifth time as, in a follow up to 2008’s “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull,” “I wouldn’t mind a really good one,” he stated.

“I feel like I dropped the ball on the legacy that people loved,” he added. Though initially “Indiana Jones” received acknowledgement, “Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” was less well received.

**Harry Potter cast gets superimposed on covers of classic albums**

LONDON, 20 July—Images of Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint have been used to design spoof covers of classic albums, like Michael Jackson’s “Bad” and David Bowie’s “Aladdin Sane.”

The trio along with Neville appeared on a spoof of U2’s album ‘The Joshua Tree’, the Daily Mail reported. Using images of the actors from the most recent movie, ‘Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part II’, a website has transformed them into subjects including Pink Floyd, Elvis, The Rolling Stones, The Ramones and Queen.

While on one Harry Potter and Ron Weasley are shown as Bowie look-alike complete with the singer’s signature lightning strike face paint, another cover shows Dobby the house elf as one of the four members of Queen.—Internet

**Justin Bieber to perform private concert for Becks’ kids in return for footie tips!**

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Justin Bieber has agreed to give a private concert for the Beckham boys and their newborn sister Harper Seven, in exchange for some football lessons from David.

The teen sensation might even bring along girlfriend Selena Gomez to perform with him.

“I’ve agreed to give the boys a private concert at their house - if David gives me some private singing,” he said.

“David’s an amazing dad, and he told me how happy it would make the boys, so I had to say yes. “Maybe now they have a girl, Selena will have to come too, and dedicate a song to Harper.”

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**US grandmother grows 14ft fingernails to gain international TV stardom**

An American grandmother has spent 22 years to grow her fingernails to 14 foot in a bid to gain international TV stardom.

Jazz icon Sinkfield has spent 22 years growing her amazing talons, and she spends eight hours and 155 pounds a week in her local nail salon having them trimmed and polished.

And she claims her claws hardly impose on her life at all, although some simple tasks, such as tying shoes and removing jewellery, are impossible. The 48-year-old, from Atlanta, Georgia, began growing her nails in her twenties with the hope to appear on the ‘Oprah Winfrey Show’ over her strange obsession.

But now that the US chat show is over, Sinkfield appeared on ‘My Strange Addiction’, a game show that helps contestants overcome their weird fixations. However, when it came to losing her beloved nails at the end of the show, she refused to get them cut.

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**17-year-old girl tackles crook**

A 17-year-old Swedish girl stopped a perfume thief, officials say. A 37-year-old man was trying to make off with a $2,150 bottle of perfume from a Lund, Sweden, store Friday when he was spotted by a store clerk and made a run for it, the Swedish news agency TT reported.

Store employees and several passers-by chased the man out of the store, trying to stop him. It was a 17-year-old girl, however, who stopped him by tackling him into the outer wall of the Grand Hotel. She reportedly held him there with the help of others until police arrived. Police later searched the thief’s car and allegedly found $4,675 worth of stolen items, including sunglasses, cosmetics and clothes. The man was charged with theft and handling stolen goods.

**Harry Potter cast gets superimposed on covers of classic albums**

London, 20 July—Images of Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint have been used to design spoof covers of classic albums, like Michael Jackson’s “Bad” and David Bowie’s “Aladdin Sane.”

The trio along with Neville appeared on a spoof of U2’s album ‘The Joshua Tree’, the Daily Mail reported. Using images of the actors from the most recent movie, ‘Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part II’, a website has transformed them into subjects including Pink Floyd, Elvis, The Rolling Stones, The Ramones and Queen.

While on one Harry Potter and Ron Weasley are shown as Bowie look-alike complete with the singer’s signature lightning strike face paint, another cover shows Dobby the house elf as one of the four members of Queen.—Internet

**Justin Bieber performs private concert for Beckham kids in return for footie tips!**

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Justin Bieber has agreed to give a private concert for the Beckham boys and their newborn sister Harper Seven, in exchange for some football lessons from David.

The teen sensation might even bring along girlfriend Selena Gomez to perform with him.

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“David’s an amazing dad, and he told me how happy it would make the boys, so I had to say yes. “Maybe now they have a girl, Selena will have to come too, and dedicate a song to Harper.”

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Bayern suffer Hamburg friendly defeat

HAMBURG, 20 July—Bayern Munich went down to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Bundesliga rivals Hamburg in a pre-season tournament in Mainz on Tuesday evening.

Bayern's evening got off to a terrible start, with an error in judgement from goalkeeper Manuel Neuer allowing 19-year-old South Korean Son Heung-Min to put Hamburg in front inside the opening six minutes.

Neuer has had a difficult start to life in Bavaria, with a section of the club's support refusing to accept the signing of a player who is a self-confessed fan of Schalke 04.

The German international did redeem himself with a couple of impressive saves but Son went on to double Hamburg's lead from close-range just before half-time of a game played over two 30-minute periods.

Toni Kroos pulled a goal back for Jupp Heynckes’ charges, but Hamburg held on to win and will play Borussia Dortmund in the final of the tournament being played at Mainz's new Coliseo Arena home on Wednesday.—Internet

Bayer's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer

If I were Batista, I'd quit, says Maradona

MAYO, 15 July—Diego Maradona said that he will only succeed Maradona after last summer's World Cup quarters loss to Germany.

But Maradona says that decision is wrong-headed. “If I had only beaten Costa Rica, (Argentina's sole Copa success) I would have gone of my own accord,” Maradona told Radio Belgrano on Tuesday.

“What is happening right now is not the fault of the players. Julio Grondona is doing just what he likes,” Maradona asserted, in allusion to the AFA president, with whom he was in regular conflict during his ill-fated stint as coach.

Sao Paulo throw in towel on Tevez deal

LONDON, 20 July—Brazilian side Corinthians have admitted defeat in their attempt to sign Argentinian star Carlos Tevez from Manchester City.

City manager Roberto Mancini had said on Monday that the English Premier League club had agreed to a deal but the Brazilians contradicted him and then said Tuesday that day had run out with the transfer window in Brazil for players coming in from abroad closing Wednesday night.

The Brazilian side's initial offer for the 27-year-old striker was reportedly worth 40 million euros ($63.57m) but there has been much debate between the two clubs on how the fee would be structured.

In a statement on their website, Corinthians said the deal was off. “There is no more suitable time for the transfer to go through,” the statement said. However, the club added that “we hope to be able to count on Tevez in the near future.”—Internet

Carlos Tevez

Rennes complete Mavinga signing

RENNES, 20 July—French club Rennes announced on Tuesday that they have completed the signing of left-back Chris Mavinga from English Premier League club Liverpool on a four-year deal.

No details of a fee have been released, although it is believed that Liverpool will receive in the region of one million euros for the 20-year-old.

Mavinga, who spent the second-half of last season on loan at Belgian champions Genk, will only be free to make his Rennes debut after he returns from Colombia, where he will be competing in the under-20 World Cup with France later this month.

Mavinga started his career at Paris Saint-Germain before joining Sochaux's French internationals midfield Marvin Martin

Golf doesn't mean taking anything for granted

SANDWICH, 20 July—Dustin Johnson probably doesn't think he'll have to wait 15 years to win a major.

He already has won four times in his four years on the PGA Tour, and has played in the final group at three of the last six majors. That doesn't happen by accident. To say Johnson is the most talented American golfer won't get much of an argument. Then again, a young Darren Clarke made his career at Paris Saint-Germain before joining Sochaux’s French international midfielder Marvin Martin

Kazakhstan and Spanish Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan

Uruguay beats Peru to reach Copa America final

LA PLATA, 20 July—Luis Suarez scored in the 53rd and 58th minutes to lead Uruguay past Peru 2-0 on Tuesday night and into the Copa America final.

Uruguay, which reached the semifinals of last year's World Cup, will be looking for a record 15th Copa America title in Sunday's final against either Paraguay or Venezuela, which meet in the other semifinal Wednesday in Mendoza. The final will be Sunday in Buenos Aires.

Peru, which was the worst team in South American World Cup qualifying just a year ago, has been one of the surprises of the South American championship and has played without its top two forwards, Jefferson Farfan and Claudio Pizarro.

Suarez added some spark after a disappointing first half of few chances and little sustained possession. Diego Forlan set up the first goal in the 53rd, taking a long, low shot that Peru keeper Raul Fernandez divots to left to save.—Internet

Martin confirms quit desire

LYON, 20 July—Sochaux’s French international midfielder Marvin Martin confirmed on Tuesday that he hopes to secure a transfer away from the Ligue 1 club.

“I would like to leave,” Martin, who scored a double in a 4-1 win over Sochaux’s French international midfielder Marvin Martin

Ukraine on his international debut last month, told AFP.

Martin, 23, who is under contract with Sochaux until 2014, also said that he hopes the club's president Alexandre Lacombe will agree to let him go should he receive an acceptable offer.

Lacombe had previously said that Martin, who was the inspiration behind Sochaux’s fine 2010/11 season, in which they finished fifth in the French top flight, was “not for sale at any price.”—Internet

This 17 July file photo shows Dustin Johnson gesturing to the crowd after the final day of the British Open Golf Championship at Royal St George's golf course in Sandwich. Internet

Defending champion Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan

Golubev, Ferrero fall at first hurdle in Hamburg tennis

HAMBURG, 20 July—Defending champion Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan and Spanish clay court ace Juan Carlos Ferrero both fell at the first hurdle to German challengers at the ATP Hamburg tournament here on Tuesday.

Last weekend's Stuttgart winner Ferrero fell 6-3, 6-2 to German wildcard Cedrik-Marcel Stebe while Golubev, a surprise winner here last year, crashed out 7-5, 6-3 in his first round match to Philipp Kohlschreiber.

“Told was a tough match,” said Kohlschreiber, who converted four of his 10 break point chances. “I knew he didn't win so many matches this year, but of course if you feel great at a place like here — you're the winner from last year — you always know you can play very good. I knew he was very dangerous today.”
KOLKATA, 20 July—A leopard that mauled 11 people in a fierce showdown with Indian villagers has died of knife wounds after being captured.

The snarling adult, male leopard leapt at locals and forest officials as they tried to drive it into a wildlife sanctuary in West Bengal state.

Forest official Dharma Dev Rai says villagers used knives, stones and batons to beat back the cat. It injured six villagers, a policeman and four forest guards before being hit with a tranquilizer gun Tuesday.

The cat died within hours, and a post mortem is being conducted. It happened near Siliguri, about 373 miles (600 kilometers) from Kolkata.

Leopards are protected in India though more are straying into villages for food.

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Leopard injures 11 people in India before dying

In this photo taken on 19 July, 2011, a leopard prepares to attack a forest guard, left, at Prakash Nagar village near Sahagura, on the outskirts of Siliguri, India. — Internet

13 killed, 86 injured in Uzbekistan by earthquake

TASHKENT, 20 July—Thirteen people were killed and 86 injured in Uzbekistan when an earthquake struck the Uzbek-Kyrgyz border area overnight Tuesday, the Uzbek Emergency Ministry said Wednesday.

Several old buildings were also destroyed in the Uzbek city of Fergana. The injured were provided with first aid, with 35 of them hospitalized, the ministry said.

The earthquake, measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, occurred at about 1:35 am local time Wednesday (1935 GMT Tuesday), with the epicentre inside neighboring Kyrgyzstan but 42 km southwest of Fergana, the US Geological Survey said.

Currently, no report on the casualties in Kyrgyzstan is available.—Xinhua
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
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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

Duck farming, a main source of income of Thanatpin

It was a sunny day on which I arrived in Thanatpin, Bago District, Bago Region, for the second time. The first time I was there, summer rice was at harvest and thriving yellowish rice paddies stretching as far as I could see were reflected in the sun. This time, I was there to visit duck farms in Thanatpin Township.

When I asked about duck farming in the region, Head of Thanatpin Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Tun Hla Sein said that their region was rich in water resources; that most of the duck farms in the township were along Bago-Sittoung Canal; that the region had about 300 duck farms raising close to 500,000 ducks; that 12 veterinary

By Peinzalok Thein Nyunt

Traffic rules explained at Dagon Myothit BEMS-4

YANGON, 20 July—SIP Tin Aye and party of No. 6 traffic police region of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps on 18 July afternoon gave talks on traffic rules and road disciplines at No. 4 Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

It was attended by 220 teachers and students.

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