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

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

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

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receives UNICEF Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Resident Representative Dr Ramesh M Shrestha of UNICEF at the hall of the Speaker of the Hluttaw Office, here, at 1 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint were Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, the director-general of the Hluttaw Office and deputy directors-general.

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Rural development and poverty alleviation, one of many tasks of new government

Only when socio-economic life of rural people develops, will productive capability of nation improve

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—The Rural Socio-economic Development Subcommittee of Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held the work coordination meeting 2/2011 at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, at 2 pm yesterday, with an address by Chairman of the Subcommittee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, members Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, ministers of regions and states, the chairman of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and members, departmental heads and officials.

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**Improve art of traditional medicine**

The art of traditional medicine is royal medical subject. In successive eras, health care has been provided to the people with potent therapies of traditional medicines. Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are to give health care services to the people in accord with their fine traditions.

The government is giving encouragement to ensure sustainable development for durability of Myanmar traditional medicine. The University of Traditional Medicine is turning out traditional medicine practitioners constantly. Researches are being conducted to be able to produce potent traditional medicine. Herbal gardens are established to culture and conserve rare medicinal plants.

Traditional medicine practitioners are to strive for conducting experiments on traditional medicines so as to uplift standards of traditional medicine arena. Standards are to be set for production of quality traditional medicines with systematic and accurate measurement and weight.

As the international community uses traditional medicines respectively, strenuous efforts are to be made for enabling the people to use Myanmar traditional medicines on a wider scale. Moreover, it is necessary to distribute high quality of traditional medicines to the people at fair prices.

Art of Myanmar traditional medicine is of wide range and subtle. Original strong effectiveness and characteristics of Myanmar traditional medicine are to be handed to new generations to be able to preserve them. All-out efforts are to be made for standardizing the Myanmar traditional medicines of international level.

Nowadays, traditional medicine practitioners and producers are to constantly conduct researches and produce quality traditional medicines on a wider scale for the safety of use of people while promoting the art of Myanmar traditional medicine to meet higher standard.
Bomb kills three employees of Pakistani oil company

QUETTA, 21 July—Police say a bomb has hit a vehicle carrying employees of a national oil and gas company in southwest Pakistan, killing three people and wounding five others.

Police official Mohammed Tariq says Thursday’s attack occurred on a road in the Jaaberabad area of Baluchistan Province. The people who were killed worked for the state-owned Oil and Gas Development Corporation.

Police said the bomb was fixed to a motorbike and parked on the roadside about 170 miles (272 kilometres) southeast of the provincial capital Quetta.

“It was a remote-controlled device which hit the oil and gas officials’ vehicle,” Mohammed Tariq, a senior police official, said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. But Baluchistan has experienced frequent violence from nationalist groups that want a greater share of the province’s natural resources.—Internet

Two Britons detained in Afghanistan

LONDON, 21 July—British forces have detained two British nationals in Afghanistan, authorities in London said Thursday, amid reports they were suspected of fighting with the Taleban.

“We can confirm that British forces have detained two individuals in Afghanistan who claim to be British nationals,” the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

A Foreign Office spokeswoman added: “We can confirm that two British nationals have been detained in Afghanistan.”

Neither ministry would confirm reports on the BBC and in Britain’s The Sun newspaper that said the pair were suspected of fighting for the Taleban.

The Sun said two men wearing Afghan dress were arrested in the southern Province of Helmand, and were being held at a military base.

Britain has about 9,500 troops in Afghanistan as part of international forces fighting the Taleban military.—Internet

US drone attack kills four in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 July—At least four people were killed on Wednesday when a US drone targeted the North Waziristan tribal area in northwest Pakistan, local sources said. The pilotless aircraft fired two missiles at a house in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan, they said.

The identities of the killed are not immediately known, but Washington often claims the US drone strikes aim to hit militant hideouts in Pakistan’s mountainous tribal belt. Since the start of 2011, the US drones have launched at least 44 times (counted on daily times) of strikes in Pakistan’s northwest tribal areas, reportedly killing over 400 people in total.

While most of the people targeted by US drones in Pakistan are believed to be militants who often launch attacks on the US-led NATO troops in Afghanistan across the border, US drones do often mistakenly kill innocent civilians.

MNA/Xinhua

Petraeus says trusts Pakistan in fight vs al-Qaeda

PARIS, 21 July—US General David Petraeus, Washington’s new intelligence chief, said on Wednesday he trusted Pakistan as an ally in the fight against al-Qaeda and gave a cautiously upbeat overview of the war in Afghanistan which he led for the past year.

Petraeus, who handed over command of foreign troops in Afghanistan on Monday, spoke in support of Pakistan’s military leadership in the midst of heightened tensions between the United States and its at-times reluctant regional ally.

“I do believe they want to eliminate the al-Qaeda presence and I do believe they want to eliminate the Taleban Pakistani presence,” Petraeus said at a news conference in Paris, where he stopped on the way back to the United States from Afghanistan.

After many in Pakistan were infuriated by a secret US raid that killed al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in May, US-Pakistan relations were further strained this week with the arrest in Virginia of a US citizen charged with illegally lobbying the United States for the Pakistani Government.

“It is credible they did not know” Osama bin Laden had been living in a compound in the city of Abbottabad, the site of a Pakistani military school, Petraeus added.—MNA/Reuters

Welding device explodes in Moscow market, one injured

MOSCOW, 21 July—One welder was injured after his device exploded in a market near Moscow Thursday, local media reported.

According to police, the blast occurred when a worker hooked up the welding device to an electric wire. The device’s electric insulation was broken, causing a short circuit and a blast.

Initial reports suggested that a blast happened under a car parked at the market that sells gardening equipment.

Xinhua

A file photograph shows British soldiers in Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province. British forces have detained two British nationals in Afghanistan, authorities in London said, amid reports they were suspected of fighting with the Taleban.—Internet

A bomb fixed to a motorbike killed at least three people on Thursday in a remote town in the country’s troubled southwest that borders Afghanistan and Iran, police and doctors said.

INTERNET

In this undated photo, a man injured in a suicide bombing gets treatment in the Kazimiyah hospital in Baghdad, Iraq.

INTERNET

The wrong kind of Muslim: the Shiite city of Karbala, Iraq is a frequent target of attacks by Sunni Muslims.—INTERNET
Stone Age erotic art found in Germany

BAMBERG, 21 July—Researchers in Germany have discovered Stone Age cave art in the country for the first time including carvings of nude women that may have been used in fertility rites, officials said Wednesday. Archaeologists working for the Bavarian State Office for Historical Preservation came upon the primitive engravings in a cave near the southern City of Bamberg after decades searching, a spokeswoman for the authority said.

The spokeswoman, Beate Zarges, confirmed it is the first report to appear in the weekly newspaper Die Zeit that the engravings were believed to be around 12,000 years old, which would make them the first Stone Age artwork ever found in Germany. “They include schematic depictions of women’s bodies and unidentifiable symbols, among other things,” she said. The ancient artists appear to have taken their inspiration from rock formations in the caves resembling breasts and penises and then carved the images in the walls of the cave, Zarges said.

Die Zeit quoted geologist and archaeologist Bernhard Haecx, a member of the discovery team, as saying that the five-metre-long (16-foot-long) chamber in the cave may have been used for fertility rituals. “It is a place full of magic,” he said. Zarges said the examination of the site was still ongoing and thus closed to the public. The world’s oldest cave paintings are believed to be the Chauvet Pont d’Arc murals in southern France, the subject of German director Werner Herzog’s most recent documentary, “Cave of Forgotten Dreams”.

The artwork is thought to be more than 30,000 years old.INTERNET

Fake Chinese Apple store has even staff fooled

KUNMING, 21 July—China’s passion for iPads and iPhones has triggered widespread cloning and even brawls. Now, it has gone further with a fake Apple store so convincing the staff think they work for Steve Jobs.INTERNET

An iPad look-a-like, using computer parts, a touch screen and a case with a keypad, made for gadget-crazy people in China who desperately want Apple’s popular iPad tablet computer but cannot afford it. China’s passion for iPads and iPhones has triggered widespread cloning and even brawls. Now, it has gone further with a fake Apple store so convincing the staff think they work for Steve Jobs.INTERNET

Toyota’s new pre-crash technology directs steering

SUASONO, (Japan) 21 July—Toyota is developing a safety technology that takes control of the steering so the vehicle can steer away when it isn’t able to stop before impact. Toyota Motor Corp. showed some of its up and coming safety innovations in a demonstration to reporters Thursday at its facility in this town, west of Tokyo, near Mount Fuji.

In the new system, Toyota uses cameras and a super sensitive radar called “millimetre-wave,” both installed in the front of the vehicle, to detect possible crashes such as a pedestrian crossing the road. The vehicle calculates how braking and steering must be applied to avoid a crash, said chief safety technology officer Moritaka Yoshida.

Toyota said it was aiming for zero fatalities and injuries, although it did not say when that goal would be achieved. Fatalities have been declining in auto accidents, because of better safety features, but deaths among pedestrians in traffic accidents have not gone down in Japan.INTERNET

Atlantis has landed, ending NASA’s shuttle era

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida) 21 July—The space shuttle Atlantis returned from NASA’s final shuttle mission on Thursday, ending a 30-year era that opened the space frontier, exposed its dangers and established a toehold for future endeavors beyond Earth. NASA workers lined the runway at the Kennedy Space Centre before dawn to greet Atlantis and its crew upon their return from a successful 13-day cargo run to the International Space Station and to celebrate the conclusion of the shuttle programme after 135 flights.

“I saw grown men and grown women crying today, tears of joy to be sure,” said shuttle launch director Mike Leinbach. “Human emotions came out the runway today. You couldn’t suppress them.”

Sailing through an unusually clear and moonlit night, Atlantis commander Chris Ferguson gently steered the 100-tonne spaceship high overhead, then nose-dived toward the swamp-surrounded landing strip a few miles from where Atlantis will go on display as a museum piece.

Atlantis’ landing capped a three-decade-long program that made spaceflight appear routine, despite two fatal accidents that killed 14 astronauts and destroyed two of NASA’s five spaceships.

The last accident investigation board recommended the shuttles be retired after construction was finished on the space station, a $100 billion project of 16 nations. That milestone was reached this year, leaving the orbiting research station as the shuttle programme’s crowning legacy.

“It’s job is done and we got them back and can put them safely in museums and be proud of what they did,” said veteran astronaut Stephen Robinson, who was among those on the runway.INTERNET

In this image provided by NASA, Space Shuttle Atlantis touches down at NASA’s Kennedy Space Centre Shuttle Landing Facility in Cape Canaveral, Fla, completing its 13-day mission to the International Space Station and the final flight of the Space Shuttle Programme on 21 July 2011.INTERNET

Parts of the runway at the Kennedy Space Centre Shuttle Landing Facility in Cape Canaveral, Fla Goldberg, who was among those on the runway, said she was “overwhelmed by the magnitude of this mission and the respect of the world after 30 years of servicing the forefront of human space flight.”

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Health

Don’t pack a choking hazard in kid’s lunch

DALLAS, 21 July—When packing a child’s lunch, parents should remember choking on food is one of the most common pediatric problems seen in emergency rooms, a US doctor warns.

Dr Pam Okada, a pediatrician at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says adults should avoid giving small children hot dogs, grapes, peanuts and chunks of fruit. Toddlers lack the muscles and the coordination necessary to chew and swallow hard foods, she says.

“The pediatric anatomy is perfect for choking,” Okada says in a statement. “Their airway is approximately the diameter of their pinkie finger.”

Lunch can hold dangers for teenagers, too. Perhaps surprisingly, adolescents are at the highest risk for unaphylaxis, or severe allergic reaction, Okada says.

“This group tries crazy things,” Okada says. “One study reported that teens purposefully eat food they know they’re allergic to — they think they’ve outgrown their allergy or they succumb to peer pressure to try foods they’re allergic to.” Children and adolescents with food allergies should always carry an EpiPen, which contains a single dose of the medicine epinephrine, which they can quickly inject into their outer thigh to stop a severe allergic reaction. It’s not fun, but it does the trick, Okada advises.’

“Anaphylaxis, or severe allergic reaction, is not uncommon in teenagers, too,” Okada says. “This group tries crazy things.”

Children should never be given foods to which they are allergic, and parents should always be near to stop a reaction, Okada advises.

June shows first trade surplus in 3 months

Tokyo, 21 July—Japan recorded a trade surplus of 70.7 billion yen ($898 million) in June, the first such positive number in three months, the government said Thursday.

However, the June surplus, still reflecting the effects of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami disaster, was down 89.5 percent from the same month last year, the ministry figures showed.

Nonetheless, the June performance pointed to growing signs of recovery, Kyodo News reported. June exports totaled 5,776 billion yen ($73.3 billion), down 1.6 percent from the same month last year, the ministry said. — Internet

Microsoft profit set to rise but PC worries dominate

Seattle, 21 July—Microsoft Corp is expected to post a 9 percent increase in fiscal fourth-quarter profit on Thursday, helped by solid sales of its Windows and Office mainstays, but investors may be distracted by evidence of flickering computer sales, which are key to its success.

The world’s largest software maker is set to follow Google Inc., Apple Inc. and IBM in reporting surprisingly good results as technology spending holds up relatively well in an uncertain economy.

“The mature market consumer segment is still soft,” Intel Chief Executive Paul Otellini told analysts on a conference call on Wednesday, after the company cut its 2011 PC growth projection to a range of 8 percent to 10 percent from earlier estimates in the low double digits.

Even that could be optimistic. PC sales grew only 2.3 percent last quarter, according to research firm Gartner, as cash-strapped consumers held off buying or opted for an iPad instead.

Chinese medicine could treat Parkinson’s: HK study

Beijing, 21 July—Chinese medicine may be effective in battling certain symptoms of Parkinson’s disease, and lessening side effects from the drugs used to treat the condition, according to a new study.

Researchers at Hong Kong Baptist University said Gouteng, a traditional Chinese herb used to treat hypertension, helped patients better communicate and made them less prone to depression and sleeping difficulties.

“There is no cure for Parkinson’s right now, but the study showed Chinese medicine can help treat the disease,” a university spokesman said Thursday.

Parkinson’s is a progressive motor-system disorder which usually affects people over the age of 50, although it can strike earlier, often causing severe symptoms including body trembling, stiffness and loss of balance.

“The condition is usually treated with a drug called levodopa, which the brain converts into dopamine to relieve the symptoms, but it can also cause nausea and hallucinations,” the Baptist University study found that patients who took Gouteng together with levodopa experienced fewer side effects from the drugs while showing a marked improvement in their communication skills.

Li Min, an associate professor who led the study, said the findings could also help boost the profile of Chinese medicine. “They provide not only pharmacological proof of the efficacy of Gouteng in treating Parkinson’s disease, but will also help promote the effectiveness and safety of Chinese medicine to the international medical arena,” she said.

Li — whose team has applied for a US patent — told the South China Morning Post that she expects the herb would start being used to treat the disease after the second phase of the study in 2013.— Internet

AMR Corp places huge order for new planes

Fort Worth, 21 July—AMR Corp said it has placed the largest commercial aircraft order in history, splitting a purchase of 460 planes between US and European companies.

In a statement released Wednesday, AMR, the parent company of American Airlines, said it has ordered 200 Boeing 737 single-aisle aircraft and 260 planes of comparable size from Airbus.

Half of the order from Boeing is for 737 planes with a new engine that will “offer even more significant fuel-efficiency gains over today’s models,” AMR said in a statement. AMR said within five years it expects “to create the youngest, most fuel-efficient fleet among US industry peers.”

In addition to the order of mid-sized jets, which seat approximately 160, AMR said it “has plans to acquire 42 state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliners, to be delivered starting in late 2014.”

On top of that, AMR said it has “firm orders” for seven 777-200 wide-body aircraft, which it expects to be delivered between 2013 and 2016.— Internet
At the invitation of The State of Duma of the Russian Federation with which Myanmar has maintained friendly relations for over 60 years, a nine-member delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was on a goodwill visit to Moscow and St. Petersburg of the Russian Federation from 26 June to 1 July.

The visit was designed to foster bilateral friendly relations, exchange views through reciprocal visits between the parliaments and boost cooperation between the two countries.

The global community welcomed the holding of the free and fair multiparty democracy general election in line with the new constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the formation of Hluttaw. The Russian Federation is one of the countries that understand the objective conditions of Myanmar and welcome the emergence of Hluttaw. It therefore invited a Myanmar Hluttaw delegation with the aim of fortifying friendly cooperation between the two parliaments.

The delegation comprised five Pyithu Hluttaw members and four Amyotha Hluttaw members who are the speaker, secretaries and members of Hluttaw committees, the Union level bodies. The two Hluttaw members are successful entrepreneurs in the commercial field. Being knowledgeable about Hluttaw committee functions and related subjects, delegation members are capable of pursuing the objectives of the purpose of the goodwill visit.

Myanmar and Russia have maintained friendly relations with mutual understanding for a very long time. So, there have been many reciprocal visits of leaders of the two friend countries. According to the records, the two countries have organized about 30 State visits to each other in about 40 years.

The goodwill visits include the visits of Hluttaw delegations. The last time a Myanmar Hluttaw delegation visited Russia was in 1975. A delegation of the State of Duma visited Myanmar in 1995, and the Vice Speaker of the Federation Council of Russia, in 1996. The friendly relations between the two countries have been strengthened to some extent by the goodwill delegation of members of Myanmar Hluttaw that have been set up according to the new system.

The Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann called on Speaker Mr. Gryzlov of Duma at the State of Duma in Moscow on 2 June. The two sides held frank relations. The Speaker of the State of Duma said that on behalf of Duma of the Russian Federation, he gave a warm welcome to the Myanmar delegation led by the speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw that had accepted his invitation immediately; that he was pleased that Myanmar had held a multiparty democracy general election freely and peacefully and the first sessions of the Hluttaw; that he welcomed the opportunity to exchange views and boosting cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries; and that the delegation could held discussions everywhere at any time.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker thanked the speaker for the invitation and expressed his trust in the long-term friendship between the two countries and welcomed the goodwill visit, regarding it as a visit and the first sessions of the Hluttaw; that he was glad to learn the political development in Myanmar; that he wished Myanmar a greater success in the political sphere; that the trade value between the two countries was still small, but was growing gradually; that he reckoned that the two countries needed to speed up bilateral cooperation; that bilateral economic cooperation was of great importance; that the two countries could cooperate in the geological survey and exploration of gas and minerals; and that the State of Duma could push the Russian government to boosting bilateral cooperation.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that he believed that boosting Myanmar-Russia trade and economic cooperation; that while in service the two sides should try hard for greater success; that Myanmar was interested in cooperation in the oil and gas exploration and mining; that Myanmar could sell agricultural produce, marine products, forest products and tea; that raw rubber and garments are also included; that refined oil and fertilizers could be imported; that regarding the world tourism industry, Myanmar had pleasant and beautiful sea beaches resorts which Russians took interest and invited them to the tourist attractions; that during the visit, the Myanmar delegation would meet with the Russian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its invitation; that the Myanmar delegation also comprised relevant businessmen as well as Hluttaw members who could hold discussions about trade; that Myanmar will work closely with Russia in the interest of the nation and the people; that the nation will learn the experiences of Russia; that the two countries can boost bilateral cooperation by exchanging views in the culture and sports fields apart from the political, economic and science and technology sectors; and that boosting cooperation between the two governments must be encouraged.

In his talks, the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that the new government will keep exercising the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy; that he thanked Russia for standing on the Myanmar side in the field of international relations; that he praises and honours the Russian Federation for its leading role in world peace and security issues; that according to the Myanmar’s foreign policy, the nation will participate in international affairs with congenial countries; and that Myanmar is dealing with international affairs in an honest and frank way.

Then, the two sides held frank talks about Hluttaw affairs.

The State of Duma of the Russian Federation is part of the Federal Assembly of Russia. In Russia, the senate is called Federation Council of Russia. The State of Duma was formed in 1906. It is the first legislative body of the Russian Federation. The first to fourth sessions of the State of Duma were held from 1906 to 1917. The time of Tsar Monarch met its end in 1917. Later, Supreme Soviet was formed with two legislative parliaments, which became the legislative body of highest power in the country.
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There, Speaker of St. Petersburg State of Duma Mr. V. I. Tulypanov welcomed the Myanmar delegation with open arms. The talks of the two sides focused on boosting cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries. In particular, they presented a proposal to boost cooperation with organizations like Yangon Region Hluttaw.

We learnt that St. Petersburg State of Duma is constituted with 50 MPs from 50 constituencies that every week, 18 offices of MPs of the State of Duma in St. Petersburg hold talks with voters, professional groups, and international organizations such as the UN, and others. From the discussions, Russian deputies learnt about the political situation of Myanmar and the government’s developmental agenda.

With the palaces, edifices and museums built in the times of Russian monarchs from Tsar to Peter The Great and Queen Catherine, St. Petersburg sees a large stream of European tourists.

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Proposal for designating Inndawgyi as sub-township to be submitted to next Hluttaw session

NAV PYI TAW, 21 July—A proposal will be submitted to the next session of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Lay responding to the queries by Mohmyn Township correspondent of the New Light of Myanmar.—(001)

As scheduled by the host country, the Myanmar delegation held talks on bilateral trade. While in Moscow, we called at the Russian Merchants Association. The meeting was also attended by Russian businessmen who are dealing with Myanmar. The two MPs of the Myanmar delegation are from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. So, we could reply to all queries raised by the Russian side. The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker and members held a wide range of talks including direct air flights between the two countries, schedules for foreign tourists, investments in the mining sector, exploration of oil and gas, export of agriculture produce, foreign products and marine products, and investments in garment factories. Similarly, some Russian entrepreneurs held informal meetings with Hluttaw members. Russian entrepreneurs arranged a boat trip for us in the River niber in St. Petersburg. On the trip, we held talks about bilateral trade at dinner. We noticed signs of marked increase in bilateral trade value. Holding discussions, we sought ways and means to solve possible problems. The meeting reached an agreement that Myanmar with sea beach resorts and other tourist destinations should try to draw more attention from Russian tourists.

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Sarpaybeikman manuscript prizewinning books published

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Paung Township Women Affairs Association Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Aye

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shady trees, vegetable plants, teaks in monsoon growing-ceremony held in

both sides of NatyeeChaung-Oukkan inter-village road.—Myanmar Alin

UFL (Mandalay) holds Beauty Pageant Contest

NAV PYI TAW, 21 July — University of Foreign Languages (Mandalay) organized a Beauty Pageant Contest at Thiri Yadana Hall yesterday morning.

On behalf of the rector (in-charge) Patron of sub-committee for organizing Bodybuilding and Physical Culture and Beauty Pageant Contest Professor/Head of Myanmarsar Department Dr Soe Moe Moe made an opening address and Chairman of the sub-committee Lecturer Head of International Relations Department Daw Kyu Kyu Win explained aim and rules of the contest. After the contest, the prize presentation ceremony followed.

Rector In-Charge Dr Zaw Lin and officials presented prizes and certificates of honour to winners of the contest.—MNA
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Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that the subcommittee held the meeting to successfully realize the adopted plan for development of rural socio-economy. He said that in accord with the constitution, He said that in accord with the constitution, a new democratic nation is being built with the facilities of political, economic, social, education and health sectors. Rural development and poverty alleviation is one of many tasks of the new government. The Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee headed by the President has adopted eight tasks and is carrying out them. All walks of life are to work in concert in their respective sectors in undertaking the eight tasks, which are really necessary.

The Rural Socio-economic Development Subcommittee is to make utmost efforts for successful development implementation of the tasks. Only when socio-economic life of the rural people develops, will the productive capability of the nation improve. The subcommittee is to take responsibility for undertaking six wide and important fields. All the subcommittee members are to consider development of six sectors on a wider scale and to cooperate with each other. All ministries, respective region and state governments, district, township and Union level subcommittees are to hold coordination for implementing the tasks in the respective sectors in line with the Action Plans. The Action Plans already adopted by the meeting have been submitted to the Central Committee led by the President, and plans were drawn again at the first coordination meeting of the subcommittee with the participation of deputy ministers.

As accomplishment plays an important role in undertaking the task, more action plans in conformity with the respective regions can be suggested at the meeting. The subcommittee is to adopt the practical and effective tasks in six fields and to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the tasks.

Secretary of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister U Soe Win explained work plan of the subcommittee and important facts to be included in the requirements submitted by the townships.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin and Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin reported on works of the ministries concerned for the rural development and poverty alleviation, and officials of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health on participation of their ministries in the Action Plan.

Next, ministers and officials of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and governments of Regions and States explained works to be done for socioeconomic development of rural people, and Chairman of Myanmar Libraries Foundation U Maung Maung elaborated tasks of the foundation which is related to rural region development.

Regarding the reports, the chairman of the subcommittee Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan attended to the needs and called for compilation of Action Plans of respective regions and completion of this work within two months.

The subcommittee will implement effective action plans in the areas of education, health, human resources development, transport, telecommunications, and availability of potable water. Action plans will be realized through collaborative efforts of four strengths — (1) Union level subcommittee, (2) ministries concerned, (3) respective Region/State governments and district and township organizations and (4) local people. For availability of money and materials needed for the success of action plans, action plans will be implemented with collaborative efforts of ten strengths — (1) government, (2) banks, credit cooperative societies, (3) foundations, (4) entrepreneurs, (5) local nongovernmental organizations, (6) United Nations and international organizations, (7) international nongovernmental organizations, (8) wellwishers, (9) social organizations (township association, religious association) and (10) local people.

The subcommittee will carry out the tasks to realize the full success of free compulsory primary education system in education sector, to reduce the deliberate ending in education, to enable all students who passed matriculation examinations in rural areas to enjoy tertiary education; in health sector, to enable rural people to receive medical treatment within reach, to care common diseases in rural areas by making field trips in cooperation with nongovernmental organizations, social organizations and wellwishers and to set up funds for township and station hospitals; in human resources development sector, to extend the establishment of village libraries with five characteristics and to deliver a newsletter to every village; in transport sector, to build village-to-village road and roads linking between rural and urban areas and to upgrade the roads so as to be used in every season; in telecommunications sector, to install suitable telecommunication system in every village, to open telecommunication centers and to establish rural information centers in order to share market, weather, agricultural and health information; and in availability of potable water, to ensure underground tapping and natural water and to educate the people in use of water.

It is required for township subcommittees to compile facts needed for socioeconomic development of villages in their townships by making field trips and to fulfill the requirements immediately in township level and to report them to upper level if necessary. After scrutinizing the reports of townships and districts step by step, the Union level subcommittee will develop a coordinated efforts for ensuring the help of 10 strengths, invite wellwishers through media and join hands with respective township subcommittees in distributing accepted cash and kind.

MNA

Victorious Pancék Silat athletes honoured

YANGON, 21 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and Chief Minister U Myint Swe of Yangon Region yesterday attended the ceremony to honour victorious athletes in the 3rd SEA Pancék Silat (Attak) Contest held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia, at the hall of Karaweik Palace, here. Vice-President Daw Yup Hsei Ein of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation presented K 12 million donated by Jade Land Myanmar Group Co Ltd to the Union Minister.

The Chief Minister awarded K 1.8 million to goal medallist SIP Thein Soe (Home Affairs), and the Union Minister K 1.8 million to goal medallist Ye Kyaw Thu (Defence), Regional Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win presented K 1.2 million to silver medallist Ye Thida (Defence), Regional Development Affairs Minister U Hla Myint, K 1.2 million to silver medallist Kyaw Naing Tun (Commerce) and Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin, K 1.2 million to silver medallist Hnin Thida (Industry-1).

Member of MOC Chairman of Zay Gabar Co Ltd Dr Khin Shwe, President of MMAF Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni and Vice-President of MMAF Daw Yup Hsei Ein gave K 600,000 to silver medallists each.

The vice-president of the federation recounted the experiences in contest. The president of the federation hosted a lunch to them.—MNA

Computer, accessories handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—A ceremony to hand over a computer and accessories donated to Khunkyon Village Basic Education Middle School in Haka Township by Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun took place at Chin State Government Office in Haka this morning. Chin State Chief Minister U Hon Ngai delivered a speech and handed over the donations to the school through the headmaster and a member of the school board of trustees.

MNA
Coordination meeting on buildings, airfields, roads and bridges in Regions and States held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Ministry of Construction held a coordination meeting on buildings, airfield, roads and bridges in Regions and States at the ministry here on 20 July, with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint.

The Union minister gave instructions on maintenance of roads and bridges, systematic use of funds in line with financial regulations, supervision on use of tars and machineries, assistance to be provided by the Ministry and supervising use of roads and bridges in accordance with ASEAN standards.

After that, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin reported on allocation of funds for maintenance of roads and bridges, nature and works of maintenance, inspection and supervision on trucks. Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and Ministers from States/Regions also presented the reports. Afterwards, the minister made a concluding remark.

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graduate courses must help fulfill the national requirements in health care and prevailing conditions in the international community. He disclosed that the seminar is designed to make reforms to the syllabuses of pre-and post-graduate courses as curriculums should be improving regularly.

Also present at the seminar were Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, rectors, deputy directors-general, professors and guests. Director-General of the Department of Medical Science Dr Than Zaw Myint delivered a speech to the seminar that continues tomorrow.

Newly tarred road opened in Zabuthiri Township

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt attends opening of tarred road of the entrance to Pyankapyae Village in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

NAV PYI TAW, 21 July—Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt this morning attended the opening ceremony of the tarred road at entrance to Pyankapyae Village in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, constructed by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee. Head U Kyaw Myint of Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of the Committee presented matters related to the newly-opened road.

Pyankapyae Villager U Win Htay spoke words of thanks for commissioning the road into service. Member of the committee U Myo Aung, Zabuthiri Township Administrator U Yi Mon and Villager U Win Htay cut the ribbon. After that, the Union Minister and party strolled along the road.

Residents from Pyankapyae village have an easy access to Nay Pyi Taw Council Area through Zizawah Flower Roundabout on Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road, thanks to the road measuring 3000 feet in length and 18 feet in width.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party attended at opening of a tube-well at Basic Education High School (branch) in Pyankapyae Village.

After Headmaster of the school U Tin Oo and Pyankapyae Villager U Win Htay had opened the tube-well, the Union Minister and party viewed the tube-well.

It was reported the tube-well with 400 feet-depth and four inches-diameter was commissioned into service for the students’ sufficiency of purified drinking water with fund of the committee.—MNA

5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continues

NAV PYI TAW, 21 July—The 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continued its first round matches at designated places today.


There will be tomorrow football matches between Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Ministry of Defence at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, between Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Ministry of Culture at No.2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, between Ministry of Electric Power-1 and Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.—MNA

Yin Natha Library in Myaing opened

NAV PYI TAW, 21 July—The opening of Yin Natha Library in Kywebok Village, Myotha Village-tract, Myaing Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region, took place at the library on 10 July morning.

On behalf of the donors: U Aung Nyein-Daw Htay Yin (retired Myanmar professor), Head Daw Htay Kyi (retired Myanmar professor), Head Daw Aye Aye Nwe of Township Information Department and administrator U Win Shwe of Village formally opened the facility.

Daw Htay Kyi spoke on the occasion. Documents on the building, furniture, 242 novels, 160 books of informative writing, 650 magazines, 300 publications and K 461,000 were handed over to chairman U Htay Myint of the library. The 24 ft x 14 ft 12 ft building roofed with corrugated iron sheets, brick walls and brick foundation cost 2.5 million kyats in total.

MNA
**Heavy rainfall floods India’s Patna**

**Mongolia might be home for spent nuclear fuel: media**

**France seizes 250 kg cocaine**

**Hong Kong Observatory says 6.2-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands**

**5.4-magnitude quake hits south of Panama**

**Nine dead, four injured in vehicle collision on east China highway**

**Dutch police arrests four in FBI hacker probe**

**Apartment building collapses in NE China, casualties unknown**

**A resident walks out of his house in Lonquimay, Araucania Region, Chile, 20 July, 2011.**

**A rickshaw puller carrying a passenger wades through water in Patna, capital of India’s eastern state Bihar on 20 July, 2011.**

**Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki (R Front) sets on fire a bulk of contraband tusks and ivory during the African Elephant Law Enforcement Day in Tsavo West National Park, Kenya, on 20 July, 2011. Kibaki on Wednesday publicly set on fire five tonnes of confiscated tusks and processed ivory, which were seized in Singapore in 2002.**

**Bulls fight in a bullfight in Butuo County, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 20 July, 2011. Thousands of people of Yi ethnic group gathered here Wednesday to enjoy bullfights to celebrate the annual Torch Festival in Butuo.**
Hurricane Dora reaches Cat 4 strength off Mexico

ACAPULCO, 21 July—Hurricane Dora rapidly grew into a Category 4 storm off Mexico’s Pacific coast Wednesday while keeping out to sea and threatening coastal areas only with rain and tropical storm-strength winds.

The US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said late Wednesday that the storm’s top sustained winds had reached 135 mph (215 kph). It said Dora’s centre was about 220 miles (355 kilometres) south-southwest of Lazaro Cardenas and moving west-northwest at 15 mph (24 kph).

The fourth hurricane of the eastern Pacific season was forecast to stay offshore as it moved parallel to the coast for the next day or so. It could strengthen more before weakening begins Friday, forecasters said.

Mexican authorities issued a tropical storm watch from Lazaro Cardenas to Cabo Corrientes, meaning tropical storm conditions were possible within 12 to 24 hours.

The hurricane's outer bands brought rains to much of Mexico's southern coast, including the resort city of Acapulco. Police walked the beaches advising swimmers about the risk of strong waves.

Mexico on high alert for strengthened hurricane

MEXICO CITY, 21 July—Mexican authorities went on high alert Wednesday as Hurricane Dora upgraded into a Category 4 storm off the country’s Pacific coast. The Mexican National Meteorological Centre, citing initial reports, said the hurricane had caused flooding in the southern states of Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas, resulting in some damage. There were no immediate reports of casualties, but local residents were urged to be cautious, and Mexican emergency personnel had been put on full alert. The Miami-based US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) reported that at 5 pm local time (2200 GMT), Dora was located about 300 km southwest of Guerrero’s Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo beach resort, and packed winds of over 215 km per hour.

“The additional strengthening is forecast during the next day or so,” the NHC said, adding the extremely dangerous major hurricane is “likely to cause life-threatening” conditions along the coast. The current forecast did not see a landfall as Dora raged northwest, but the storm was already whipping up waves as high as 3.96 metres off Mexico’s southwestern shores.

Nearly two dozen dead as US heat wave moves east

CHICAGO, 21 July—A scorching heat wave in the central and southern United States has killed at least 22 people this week, and forecasters on Wednesday said the heat was moving east and could last for weeks.

The National Weather Service said 141 million people in more than two dozen states were under a heat advisory or warning because of the soaring temperatures. The country’s midsection has been scorched off and on since late May. In Wichita, Kansas, forecasters warned temperatures would hit at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) every day through Tuesday. “It’s just draining, physically draining,” said Chris Vaccaro, a Weather Service spokesman.

The inferno moved into the mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures reached above 90 degrees F (32 degrees C) in Washington, DC and were expected to hit 100 degrees on Thursday. Meteorologists said the heat wave could last into August over much of the eastern United States. Hospitals in Wichita treated 25 heat-related illnesses, according to the National Weather Service. In Des Moines, Iowa, 16 people have been hospitalized because of this week’s high temperatures.

Saudi Arabia bans iPhones, Samsung tablets in security areas

RIYADH, 21 July—The Saudi interior ministry recently announced that the iPhone and Samsung Galaxy Tab will no longer be allowed inside the country’s security institutions, Al-Arabiya news channel reported Wednesday. The Saudi interior ministry cited concerns that these gadgets may be easily infiltrated via hacking.

Al-Arabiya reported. Also, IT specialists and experts reiterated the ministry’s security concerns and agreed that these gadgets could potentially impinge on the privacy of people and institutions.

Al-Arabiya said that Saudi Arabia is not the first country that issues the ban, as the United States and a number of European countries have done the same at security organizations. It is not clear why the Saudi ministry think that these two gadgets in particular are more susceptible to an attack than any other smartphone or tablet.

Workers remove appliances and belongings during the residents eviction from a 36,00 square metre land at Asuncion neighbourhood, part of the industrial ABC side of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 20 July, 2011. Last year, 380 families took over the land. —Xinhua

People attend a seminar at the Broad Pavilion of World Expo Shanghai 2010 in east China’s Shanghai, on 20 July, 2011. —Xinhua

People wait in the rain for taxis in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 July, 2011. Continuous rainfall moistened the city in recent days as Beijing entered a main flood season on Wednesday. —Xinhua

This National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) GOES-11 satellite image released on 19 July shows Hurricane Dora along Mexico’s Pacific coast. —Internet

In the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Cindy formed well out to sea and posed no threat to land. Its centre was 800 miles (1,290 kilometres) east-northeast of Bermuda. Tropical Storm Bret was forecast to weaken to a tropical depression by Thursday as it moved northeast away from the Bahamas and well off the US Atlantic coast. Bret’s maximum sustained winds were 40 mph (65 kph). Its center was about 235 miles (380 kilometres) south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and 455 miles (735 kilometres) west of Bermuda. —Internet
Poussin took the design for the group of dancers from another of his paintings.—INTERNET

Poussin paintings vandalised at National Gallery

LONDON, 21 July—Two paintings by Nicholas Poussin have been sprayed with red paint by a vandal at the National Gallery in London. The alarm was raised after a gallery assistant spotted a man appearing to spray the works with an aerosol can. The Adoration of the Golden Calf and The Adoration of the Shepherds were painted between 1633 and 1634.

The Adoration of the Golden Calf and The Adoration of the Shepherds are part of the gallery's permanent collection and are hung in room 19.

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 - A Ministry of Railway Transportation Office No. (29), Nay Pyi Taw

Hunters and watchers battle over whales in Iceland

HUSAVIK, 21 July—A slick black head breaks the surface, drawing delighted shrieks from whale watchers in a growing, and lucrative, activity that some say should replace Iceland’s controversial whale hunt.

Since their meagre beginnings in the 1990s, whale safaris in this island state have grown to attract tens of thousands of visitors each summer. But its proponents tenured up when Iceland reintroduced commercial whaling in 2006, and the two sides remain uneasy bedfellows.

“Whaling is bad for our business,” lamented Hoerdur Sigurbjarnarson, 58, of the family-run North Sailing tour company based in the tiny northern fishing village of Husavik.

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Whale watchers are seen on the deck of a boat off the coast of the tiny northern fishing village of Husavik.—INTERNET

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Brother stabbed during cigar fight

Police in Florida said they arrested a man who allegedly stabbed his brother in the shoulder when he was told not to light a cigar inside their apartment.

St Petersburg police said Gary Williams, 53, took out a cigar just before 1 am on Friday and his brother, Dean, 53, threatened to set the residence on fire if he did not listen, The St Petersburg Times reported Wednesday.

Investigators said Gary Williams then stabbed his brother once in the shoulder with a “sharp instrument.” Dean Williams, who said he did not see the object with which he was stabbed, called 911 from a neighbouring apartment where another brother lives. Police said they believe alcohol was involved in the incident. Gary Williams was arrested and held without bail.

Hallucinating men called 911

Police in Georgia said two men who seemed to be hallucinating called 911 to report a home invasion and were arrested on suspicion of making methamphetamine.

Effingham County sheriff’s deputies said they responded to a call about a home invasion at the Bloomington home at about 4 am Tuesday and were greeted by Brian Johnson, 28, and Brian Austin, 25, who said they could hear people in their back bedroom. The Savannah (Ga.) Morning News reported Wednesday.

“They pointed out to the deputies outside where the ‘suspects’ were climbing into a boat and getting away,” sheriff’s spokesman David Ehsanipoor said.

“There was no one there, and deputies realized the two men were hallucinating.”

“They were so high they called 911 on themselves,” the spokesman said. He said investigators discovered a meth lab at the residence and the men were arrested. Austin, who was found to be carrying additional drugs on his person, was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and crossing a guard line with a controlled substance.”

Couple spot Virgin Mary in shower tile

An Oklahoma couple who recently put new tiles in their shower said they discovered an image of the Virgin Mary on one of the tiles.

Carol Burrell of Moore said she was skeptical when her husband, Gary, told her about the tile, but she became a believer when she went into the bathroom and saw the image for herself in one of the 3-inch stone tiles, The Oklahoman reported Wednesday.

“It stood right out,” Burrell said. She said they have decided to leave the tile in place because it may be damaged if removed.

Katy Perry notches 9 MTV VMA Award nominations

NEW YORK, 21 July—Katy Perry’s “Firework” had enough sparks to claim a leading nine MTV Video Music Award nominations, including video of the year.

Perry — who hosted the network’s Wednesday night special announcing the nominations — was also nominated for best female video for “Firework,” as well as best pop video for “Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.).” Adele tied Kanye West with seven nominations. The best-selling British diva will compete with Perry for top video with “Rolling in the Deep.” Others in the category include the Beastie Boys for “Make Some Noise”; rapper Tyler, the Creator for “Goblin”; and Bruno Mars for “Grenade.”

Mars was nominated for four Moonman trophies. Other multiple nominees include Lady Gaga, Beyonce and Eminem.

The VMAs are scheduled for Aug. 28 in Los Angeles and will air live.

‘Grey’s’ star Eric Dane enters rehab

LOS ANGELES, 21 July—Eric Dane’s publicist says the actor is undergoing treatment for an addiction to painkillers at an undisclosed Los Angeles rehabilitation centre.

The “Grey’s Anatomy” star was married to actress Rebecca Gayheart, who is pregnant with their second child.

“Autor Eric Dane voluntarily checked himself into a treatment facility to help him get off of pain medication that he was prescribed for a sports injury that he suffered over the recent hiatus. He reports back to work next week. Business as usual,” his representative said in a statement issued to People.com.

Katie Couric to co-host ABC’s ‘The View’ on 3 Aug

NEW YORK, 21 July—Katie Couric will soon get some practice at hosting her own daytime talk show, thanks to “The View.”

Executive producer Bill Geddie said Wednesday that Couric will be a guest co-host on the ABC talk show airing live on 3 Aug.

Last month, it was announced that ABC and Disney had signed Couric as host and producer of a one-hour nationally syndicated talk show, premiering in September 2012. She also is joining the ABC News team.

Couric was a longtime co-anchor of NBC’s “Today” show and, until May, anchored the “CBS Evening News.”

“The View” airs weekdays at 11 am Eastern time. Its regular panel of co-hosts includes Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar (BAY’-har), Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd.

Man creates scarecrow royal wedding

A British fan of the royal family said he recreated Prince William’s wedding to Kate Middleton with scarecrows for his village’s scarecrow festival.

Findlay Farmer of Abbotsley, England, said he recreated the Buckingham Palace balcony on the wall of a building that formerly housed a pub and used scarecrows to recreate a photograph from the day of the wedding, the BBC reported Wednesday.

Farmer said his recreation is “accurate in every detail.”

“The only thing I had to move were the page boys as they were taking up a bit too much room, so I moved them to the edge,” he said.

Farmer said his submission to Abbotsley’s scarecrow festival has proved a hit with locals.

“It’s slowing up the cars. It’s like a traffic calming measure,” he said.

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Ribery dreams of following in Messi’s footsteps

Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery

MUNICH, 21 July—Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery has said that winning the world footballer of the year award currently held by Lionel Messi is his “biggest dream”.

“My biggest dream is to be recognised as the best player in the world, and I think I have a chance of fulfilling it,” the French international told SportBild on Wednesday.

“Now that I am coming back to 100 percent fitness again, that my head is clear and focused fully on football, and that I have a great relationship with the coach (Jupp Heynckes), I am convinced that I can emulate Messi.”

Ribery spoke glowingly of new coach Heynckes, who is back at the club for a third spell in charge after leading Bayer Leverkusen to second place in the Bundesliga last season.

“He listens and gives the players freedom to express themselves on the pitch. That is what I need. I feel free to go out there and show what I am capable of. ‘I feel able to try out difficult dribbles or dangerous passes again,’ said the 28-year-old, whose last two seasons have been marred by injury.

Jo quits City to return to Brazil

São Paulo, 21 July—Brazilian striker Jo has left Manchester City to join Internacional in his homeland, the Premier League club confirmed on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old was City’s record signing when he joined from CSKA Moscow in 2008 for a fee of around £18 million, although he was swiftly overtaken in that regard by his countryman Robinho later the same summer.

Despite expectations Jo never adapted to life in the Premier League, and scored only six goals in 41 appearances for City. Jo, capped three times by Brazil, also had spells on loan at Everton and Galatasaray, but could not recapture the form that had made him such an exciting prospect in Russia.

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SAN JOSÉ, 21 July—Uruguay’s media on Wednesday paid tribute to their national team after the win over Peru saw the ‘Celeste’ reach the Copa America final.

Coach Óscar Tabarez’s team now stand on the verge of a historic 15th triumph if they can see off either Venezuela or Paraguay in Sunday’s final, and newspapers were full of praise.

“The dreams of a nation,” headlined El Observador after a triumph secured with two goals from Liverpool forward Luis Suarez.

Uruguayan forwards Luis Suarez (R) and Diego Forlan celebrate after Suarez scored against Peru on Tuesday.—INTERNET

“Uruguay are in the final - we want the Cup,” said Ovacion, a supplement of the daily El País, which added “we are preparing the window” ready to show off the trophy.

Ovacion praised Suarez’s “pure talent.” The player is “a machine which generates danger.”

But the media also slammed the pitch at the Estadio Único in La Plata, a venue where Brazil had trouble as they first drew with Venezuela and then slid out on penalties to Paraguay.

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LONDON, 21 July—England international defender Ashley Cole said on Wednesday that he wants to end his career at Chelsea and was full of praise for new manager Andre Villas-Boas.

Cole, 31, who has been linked with moves abroad to escape the media limelight, is only two years younger than the Portuguese, but the left-back said that had definite benefits.

“We have a young manager who is somewhat on the same wavelength with the players. This is wonderful to the team,” said Cole, who is rated one of the best players in the world in his position.

“When we train and if we are tired the manager will stop the training and move on to other things to add spice to our training sessions. This has been good and we have come on fine so far.”—INTERNET
**From Pagoda Festival To Unexpected News**

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**Experience**

Bay Inference Monsoon is vigorous in the Adaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Outlook for Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 22nd July, 2011

**Regions/States**

**Temperature (°C/F)**

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7:50 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am 6. Health Programme
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8:20 am 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
8:30 am 9. Documentary
8:40 am 10. International News
8:45 am 11. Musical Programme
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**China’s telecommunication sector revenue grows 10.1 pct in H1**

BEIJING, 21 July—China’s telecommunication sector revenue grew 10.1 percent in the first half, surpassing that of GDP for the first time since 2007, a senior official said Thursday.

“A lasting sound macro economy creates a favorable environment for rapid growth in the telecommunications sector.” Zhang Feng, director of the telecom development department of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said at a press conference.

Mobile phones users increased by 6.15 million and broadband Internet users by 1.55 million in the first half, he said.

He said Chinese people were more willing to spend on telecommunications services as incomes of urban and rural residents increased 7.5 percent and 13.7 percent respectively in the first six months from the same period last year.

Upgraded information network infrastructure and transition to an integrated information service industry had also contributed to the growth in revenue, Zhang said.

Telecommunications providers invested 143.1 billion yuan (about 22.2 billion US dollars) in upgrading infrastructures in the first half, an increase of 36.5 percent year-on-year, according to MIIT figures.

*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
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Syllabuses of pre- and post-graduate courses to be reviewed and reformed

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 July—To bring about more human resources in the health field is crucial for providing international health care with modern medicine and technologies, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the opening of the 9th Seminar on Medical Education at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

As of 2001, the medical and medicine-related universities under the Ministry of Health have been receiving a growing number of students with the opening of new universities to meet the nation’s demand for human resource development, he said.

In pursuit of human resource development in the medical field, the ministry has been setting up new and renovating old institutions, along with providing pedagogical aids, training students, replenishing lab equipment, and e-libraries and appointing more teachers to improve the medical education, he said.

Moreover, the ministry is creating opportunities for students to pursue higher subjects inside the nation and to attend post-graduate courses and seminars abroad with a view to sharpening the abilities of medical professionals, he noted.

The government is opening more post-graduate courses at home, spending huge funds, so producing enough post-graduate experts is high in the list of priorities, he said, adding that syllabuses of pre- and post-

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Flood warning
Nay Pyi Taw, 21 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Sittoung River in Madauk is 1010 cm. It may reach its danger level (1070) cm during the next 36 hours commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Chinese medicine could treat Parkinson’s: HK study

Heavy rainfall floods India’s Patna