President U Thein Sein felicitates Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces of the Arab Republic of Egypt

NAVPYITAW, 23 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Field Marshal Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2011.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Egyptian Prime Minister

NAVPYITAW, 23 July—Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Essam Abdel Aziz Sharaf, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2011.—MNA

Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 commences

NAVPYITAW, 22 July—The Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011, organized by Industrial Development Committee, was opened in front of the Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyine, Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and guests.

Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung formally opened the show.

Union Minister U Soe Thein unveiled the signboard of the show.

The deputy speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the deputy speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Union Ministers, deputy ministers and party viewed round the products of the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2.

With the aim of enabling the people to know the quality and standards of products manufactured by (See page 8)

Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Union ministers and deputy ministers visit Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

Work Committee for Development of Agricultural Production for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation meets

NAVPYITAW, 22 July—The Work Committee for Development of Agricultural Production on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held the first meeting and the Meeting on Development of Paddy Production were held at the hall of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this noon.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing stressed the need to carry out the urgent tasks and short and long-term plans in accord with the work plans adopted by the President for development of agriculture sector. Central level, region and state levels, district, township and village level officials are to effectively undertake those tasks to increase incomes and improve socio-economic life of farmers. Merchants and the Ministry of Commerce are to use their capitals to create the opportunity for farmers to enjoy strong market for crop products at good prices, he said.

The Union Minister continued to say that emphasis is to be placed on compilation of accounts on types of paddy sown acreage. He said that (See page 8)

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Work in concert for development of rural socio-economic life

Nowadays, Myanmar is building new democratic nation for reformation of political, economic, social, education and health sectors. Sound foundations are constructed in all sectors.

Rural development and poverty alleviation is one of important tasks of the nation. Utmost efforts are being made in all sectors for ensuring economic growth and boosting production in rural regions. These sectors comprise tasks to develop agriculture, and meat and fish sectors, to increase incomes of rural people and alleviate poverty.

The Rural Socio-economic Development Subcommittee will adopt the practical and effective tasks in education, health, human resource development, transport, communication and availability of drinking water.

The subcommittee will undertake the tasks to realize the full success of free compulsory primary education system in education sector, to reduce the deliberate ending in education and to enjoy tenderly education in the education sector. In the health sector, it is necessary to enable rural people to receive medical treatment within reach, to make field trips to grassroots level for providing health care for common diseases and to set up funds for township and station hospitals. In human resource development sector, the establishment of village libraries is to be opened and one copy each of newspaper is to be delivered to every village.

Efforts are to be made for upgrading inter-village roads and the roads linking rural and urban areas. All the villages are to be facilitated with telephone systems and communication stations. Information on market, weather, agriculture and health sectors are to be disseminated through rural information centres. Emphasis is to be placed on supply of drinking water and its storage methods in rural areas.

Tasks have been adopted for ensuring development of socio-economic life of rural people and alleviation of poverty. All the people are to participate in realization of the tasks in harmony so as to gather momentum of accomplishments.

Tun Foundation Bank announces winners of stipend

YANGON, 22 July—Tun Foundation Bank Ltd announced its cash assistance award winning first year students for 2010-2011 academic year, today.

Tun Foundation Bank Ltd Stipend Selection Committee will present monthly stipends as K 50,000 each to students of Universities of Medicine, K 40,000 each to students of Universities of Technology and

Mines Ministry, Myanmar Daewoo to promote cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan of Myanmar Daewoo Limited and party at his office here today. The meeting focused on cooperation in mining. Also Present at the call were the director-general of Mining Department, the director-general of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, the managing-director of No.2 Mining Enterprise, and the managing-director of Myanma Gems Enterprise.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Egyptian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—On the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Al-Araby, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan and party of Myanmar Daewoo Ltd.

Myanmar, Bangladesh focus on economic prospects

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Commerce Secretary Mr Md. Ghulam Hussain of the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, mdc, psc and party at his office here this morning.

They held discussions on bilateral trade and prospects of economic cooperation. Present also at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, the directors-general, managing directors and officials.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Bangladeshi Commerce Secretary Mr Md. Ghulam Hussain and Bangladeshi Ambassador Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, mdc, psc and party.

Myanmar yacht team to participate in OCBC 21st IODA Asian Optimist Championship 2011

YANGON, 22 July—Myanmar yacht team left here this morning for Singapore to participate in U-15 OCBC 21st IODA Asian Optimist Championship 2011 to be held in Singapore from 22nd to 30th July.

The team is comprised of Thiba Kyaw Khaging Zaw and Ekari Kyaw coached by U Than Sein. Over 25 countries will take part in the championship.
Oslo bomb kills 7; shootings at nearby youth camp

Oslo (Norway), 22 July — Terrorism ravaged long-peaceful Norway on Friday when a bomb ripped open buildings including the prime minister’s office and a man dressed as a police officer opened fire at a nearby island youth camp. At least seven people were killed and 15 injured in the bomb blast, the nation’s worst attack since World War II. Police Inspector Bjoern Erik Sem-Jacobsen said a suspect in the shooting has been arrested. He said the gunman, who was dressed as a police officer, pulled out a gun and started firing into the crowd of youths. There were unconfirmed reports that five people were wounded in that shooting.

Public broadcaster NRK showed video of a blackened car lying on its side amid the debris. An AP reporter who was in the office of Norwegian news agency NTB said the building shook from the blast and all employees were evacuated.

The explosion occurred at 3:30 pm (1330 GMT), as Ole Tommy Pedersen stood at a bus stop 100 meters (yards) away. “I saw three or four injured people being carried out of the building a few minutes later,” Pedersen told AP.

Bangladesh floods kill six, displace thousands

Dhaka, 22 July — Authorities say floods triggered by monsoon rains in southern Bangladesh have killed 6 people and displaced more than 10,000.

Government administrator Zainul Barhi says two rivers in the region have overflowed after five days of heavy rain and inundated about 200 villages. The displaced have taken shelter in school buildings in the flood-hit District of Cox’s Bazar.

Another government official Shafiq Mia said Friday that six flood-related deaths have been reported in the area, 296 kilometres (185 miles) south of Dhaka.

Monsoon floods are common in Bangladesh, a tropical delta nation of 150 million people.

41 dead in bus fire in central China

Zhengzhou, 22 July — At least 41 people died on Friday when an overcrowded bus that was carrying hazardous goods caught fire in central China, state television reported.

The fire happened early on Friday morning on a highway in Henan Province, China Central Television said.

Five passengers and the driver were pulled out alive from the blaze, which left the bus completely charred, according to other state media reports. The cause of the fire is still unclear.

Doubts cloud NATO handover in Afghanistan

Kabul, 22 July — Grave doubts over the ability of Afghanistan’s fledgling security forces to beat back the Taliban are weighing on a transition from NATO control taking place in seven parts of the country this week. With foreign troops starting to leave ahead of a full combat drawdown by 2015, the spotlight is keenly focused on building up the national army and police forces, which officials say are rapidly improving in quality and number.

But experts say worrying problems persist, with high levels of attrition and illiteracy, cronynism and fears of infiltration by militants within the ranks.

NATO says 50 militants killed in east Afghanistan

Kabul, 22 July — International and Afghan troops battled heavily armed militants holed up in caves and bunkers that served as a way station for foreign fighters crossing into the country from Pakistan, the US-led coalition said Friday. The two days of fighting killed more than 50 of the militants, it said. The foreign fighter encampment is located in a rugged, mountainous part east of Afghanistan’s Paktika Province. Militants from the Haqqani network, which is affiliated with the Taliban and al-Qaeda, used the camp as a staging area for fighters brought over the border to carry out attacks across the country, the coalition said.

International forces and Afghan troops, including Afghan special forces, battled militants armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers, heavy machine guns and AK-47 assault rifles.

Paktika Province, along the eastern border with Pakistan, is a known haven for the Afghan and Pakistani wings of the Taliban, and al-Qaeda affiliates.

Six police, pharmacist killed in separate attacks in Iraq

Baghdad, 22 July — Six police personnel and a pharmacist were killed, and 22 others wounded Friday in war-battered Iraq, a source from the country’s Interior Ministry said.

The source, on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua that two bombs exploded near an alcohol store in Mansour district in western Baghdad, killing two policemen and injuring eight others, among whom half are police personnel.

The official said unidentified gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons on a pharmacist in front of his residence in Abu Ghraib area, 25 km west of the capital Baghdad, killing him and then fled the scene.

Also on Friday, two explosive devices exploded in Rashidiya area in northern Baghdad, wounding six members of one family and causing serious damage to their residence and neighboring buildings.

On the same day in Abu Ghraib, a police patrol hit a roadside bomb, wounding two police personnel and damaging one of the patrol vehicles.

Gunmen driving a minibus attacked a police checkpoint using pistols with silencers in Baquba City, 65 km northeast of Baghdad, killing four police personnel.

In Baquba, a car bomb exploded Friday near a crowded market in the western part of the city, leaving six people injured and causing damages to four shops, three cars, and one Sunni mosque.
Russia declares ‘era of Soyuz’ after shuttle

MOSCOW, 22 July—Moscow on Thursday declared it is now “the era of the Soyuz” after the US shuttle’s last flight left the Russian system as the sole means for delivering astronauts to the International Space Station.

Far less glamorous than the horizontal-landing winged shuttle, the principle of Russia’s Soyuz rocket and capsule system for sending humans into space has changed little since Yuri Gagarin became the first man in orbit in 1961.

But after the successful landing of the US Space Shuttle Atlantis, Thursday drew the curtain on the 30-year US space shuttle programme, it is now the only vehicle which can propel astronauts towards the ISS.

“From today, the era of the Soyuz has started in manned space flight, the era of reliability,” the Russian space agency Roskosmos said in a statement.

Roskosmos expressed its admiration for the shuttle programme, which it said had delivered payloads to space indispensable for construction of the ISS.

“Mankind acknowledges the role of American space ships in exploring the cosmos,” it added.

But Roskosmos also used the occasion to tout the virtues of the Soyuz (Union) spacecraft, which unlike the shuttle lands on Earth vertically with the aid of parachutes after leaving orbit.

Russia has this year started using the modernized TMA-M version of the Soyuz, which is lighter and uses a digital rather than analogue computer.

Fish could yield human daily rhythm clues

TEL AVIV, 22 July—An Israeli researcher says a 2-inch fish may yield insights into human circadian rhythm and treatments for mental illness, diseases or sleep disorders.

Tel Aviv University researcher Yoav Gothilf says humans and zebrafish share mechanisms that regulate our circadian system, the natural cycle that dictates our biological processes during a 24-hour day.

The zebrafish discovery provides an excellent model for research that may help to develop new treatments for human ailments, Gothilf says.

Zebrafish may be small, but their circadian system is similar to those of human beings and as test subjects, he says, they have several distinct advantages.

Their embryos are transparent, allowing researchers to watch as they develop; their genetics can be easily manipulated; and their development is quick — eggs hatch in two days and the fish become sexually mature at 3 months old. Previous research on zebrafish showed a gene called Period2, also present in humans, is associated with the fish’s circadian system and is activated by light.

“When we knocked down the gene in our zebrafish models,” Gothilf said, “the circadian system was lost.” Gothilf and colleagues isolated and tested the human gene and inserted it into zebrafish cells, and it behaved in exactly the same way, activating when exposed to light — and revealing a connection between humans and the 2-inch-long fish.

20th Century Fox bringing movie downloads to Android in October

WASHINGTON, 22 July—Google’s Android is getting a welcomed addition to its media offerings this Fall.

Twentieth Century Fox has announced a new service that will bring Fox movie downloads to Android devices. This marks a first for film studios offering content on Android.

The service won’t exactly allow movies to be downloaded directly to phones. Customers will need to initially buy a physical Blu-ray disc of a Fox movie. Afterward, they will be allowed to download a digital Android-friendly copy of the movie from Fox’s website to a computer, which can then be side loaded onto the Android device.

Android users can expect to see the service beginning in October — Fox is starting the service off with X-Men: First Class. The download service will hit the US first along with the UK, France and Germany. This can be significant.

The Google OS has faced a severe poverty in movie services. Only recently has Google integrated books and the new Youtube Movies service for all Android 2.2+ phones; services which allow books and movies to be rented directly from the market storefront.

Netflix has also introduced an Android app, but only recently doubled its compatible list to 24 devices.

Apple’s Lion roars onto computers with one million downloads in a day

WASHINGTON, 22 July—In the space of 24 hours, Mac owners in 123 countries around the world downloaded more than one million copies of Apple’s latest operating system, Mac OS X 10.7 Lion.

The download milestone makes Lion the fastest-selling OS in Apple’s history. The operating system is priced at $29.99 in the US Apple App Store — meaning that Apple earned close to one million dollars each hour the software was on sale during the first day (figures could be slightly lower taking into account that Lion can be installed on multiple computers associated with a single iTunes account). “Lion is off to a great start,” boasted Philip Schiller, Apple’s senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing, adding that “user reviews and industry reaction have been fantastic.”

Almost 10,500 people have rated Lion in the US Mac App Store to date leaving an average rating of four and a half stars. A recent report on WindowsITPro suggests that Microsoft continues to sell around 20 million copies of its latest operating system Windows 7 every month, almost two years after its release.
Eating Mexican queso blanco or other soft cheeses during pregnancy can be risky. Those made with unpasteurized milk can harbor Listeria bacteria, which has been linked to miscarriage, premature delivery, and death. It’s best to avoid brie, camembert, feta, blue cheese, queso blanco, queso fresco, and Panela — unless the label says it’s pasteurized. When in doubt or dining out, ask before you eat. — Internet

### Health

#### Optimism may lower stroke risk

New York, 22 July—The more optimistic you are, the lower your risk of having a stroke, a new study suggests. “Optimism protects against stroke,” said researcher Eric Kim, a doctoral student at the University of Michigan. While it is not cause-and-effect link, Kim and his colleagues did find a significant association. The finding is published in the 21 July online issue of Stroke. For the new study, Kim and his colleagues looked at data from the Health and Retirement Study. This is a nationally representative sample of US adults over the age of 50. The team looked at the results of standard optimism tests for 6,044 men and women. All were free of stroke at the study’s start. The optimism score was on a 16-point scale. The participants self-rated their health, and the team followed them for two years. During the follow-up period, 88 cases of stroke occurred. After adjusting for age, each unit increase in their optimism score reduced stroke risk about 9 percent, Kim said. The researchers also adjusted for other factors such as smoking, alcohol use, race, gender, marital status, blood pressure, chronic illness, mental illness, body mass index and level of physical activity. They found the association between optimism and reduced risk of stroke remained robust. How to explain the association? One possibility is that those who expect the best things in life take steps to promote their health, Kim said. — Internet

#### Brilinta approved for acute coronary syndromes

Washington, 22 July—Brilinta (ticagrelor) has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to help reduce the risk of heart attack and cardiovascular death among people with acute coronary syndromes (ACS). ACS is an umbrella term for any condition caused by reduced blood flow to the heart, such as unstable angina or heart attack. Blood-thinning Brilinta helps prevent clots that could impede cardiovascular blood flow, the FDA said in a news release.

The drug was studied in tandem with aspirin use. However, Brilinta’s label will warn that its effectiveness will be impaired if people take aspirin in doses higher than 100 mg per day, the FDA said.

The boxed label warning also specifies that Brilinta could lead to significant, possibly fatal, bleeding, a common label warning for blood-thinning drugs, the agency said.

As a condition of approval, drug maker AstraZeneca must take steps to alert doctors of the risk of using higher doses of aspirin. — Internet

### Business

#### European stocks firm at open, London up 0.49%

Paris, 22 July—Europe’s main stock markets firmed at the start of trading on Friday in the wake of a eurozone debt deal, with London’s benchmark FTSE 100 index up 0.49 percent to 5,928.64 points. Frankfurt’s DAX 30 grew 0.25 percent to 7,308.48 points and in Paris the CAC 40 gained 0.95 percent to 3,855.43.

Share prices had already closed sharply higher on Thursday as news of the eurozone debt deal offered the hope of finally turning a crisis which had roiled markets for months.

Eurozone leaders and private creditors agreed to give Greece a new 159-billion-euro bailout, risking a potential default to prevent the debt crisis from spreading worldwide. — Internet

Stockholm, 22 July—Truck maker Volvo AB’s second-quarter profit surged 63 percent as sales returned to levels last seen before the financial crisis, the Swedish company said Friday. Net income rose to 5.12 billion kronor ($802 million), up from 3.15 billion kronor in the same quarter last year. Volvo’s sales increased 15 percent to 79 billion kronor, from 68.8 billion kronor in the second quarter of 2010. “Sales are now at the same level as before the financial crisis that struck the world a few years ago, with a profitability that is now at its highest level so far, both in terms of operating margin and return on shareholders’ equity,” CEO Leif Johansson said. Volvo shares rose 4 percent to 106.40 kronor ($16.66) in Stockholm after the report.

The company, which sold its car division in 1999, is one of the world’s biggest truck makers, with brands including Volvo, Mack, Renault and UD trucks. The company also makes buses, engines and construction equipment. Sales in Volvo’s truck unit alone rose 20 percent to 50 billion kronor, and the company said it now controls 20 percent of the heavy-duty truck market in the US and 28 percent in Europe. “In terms of market conditions, we maintain our previous forecasts that the truck market in both Europe and North America will amount to 230,000-240,000 heavy-duty trucks in 2011,” Volvo said.

Truck sales were up 31 percent in Europe, boosted by demand in France, Germany and Poland. In North America, Volvo more than doubled its deliveries to 10,290 trucks. Highway customers are leading the recovery there, while demand for vocational trucks such as garbage trucks is still “well below” normal levels, Volvo said. Truck deliveries dipped by 9 percent in Asia, as a result of production disturbances for UD Trucks in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. The disruptions cost Volvo 400 million kronor in operating income, mostly affecting its unit for construction equipment. — Internet

People wait to make transactions at an automatic teller machine (ATM) of the Piraeus Bank in the centre of Athens on Thursday. — Internet
Disasters in China leave 7,844 people dead or missing in 2010

BEIJING, 22 July— Various kinds of disasters in China left 7,844 people dead or missing and affected a total of 430 million persons last year, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs on Thursday.

The disasters in 2010 also resulted in direct economic losses of 533.99 billion yuan (82.72 billion US dollars), the report said.

The country witnessed multiple serious disasters, including the severe earthquake in Qinghai’s Yushu City, the Defence Ministry said in a statement late on Wednesday.

Mexico seizes over 800 tonnes of meth chemicals

QUERETARO, 22 July—Mexico’s army has made one of its biggest-ever drug busts, seizing a warehouse full of chemicals that experts say could have been used to make billions of dollars worth of methamphetamine.

Just under 840 tonnes of the chemicals used for making methamphetamine were found in a warehouse in an industrial area in Queretaro, about 125 miles north of Mexico City, the Defence Ministry said in a statement late on Wednesday.

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Drug cartels shortly after taking office at the end of 2006.

“This is the biggest seizure there’s been of precursor chemicals (in Mexico),” said Alberto Islas, a security expert at consultancy Risk Evaluation. It may even be the biggest seizure ever made worldwide, Islas added.

The seizure in central Mexico, which the army conducted on Monday, included 787 tonnes of phenylacetamide and 52.5 tonnes of tartaric acid, all in 25 kilogramme (55 pound) packets.—MNA/Reuters

201 people aboard sunken Volga ship

MOSCOW, 22 July— Russia’s Investigation Committee (IC) on Friday fixed the number of passengers aboard the cruise ship that sank in Volga River in early July, saying there were 201 passengers but not 208.

“Investigations have established that there were 201 people on board during the river tragedy,” IC spokesman Vladimir Markin was quoted by local media as saying.

He said that 79 of passengers were rescued, 114 were confirmed dead, and eight were still missing.

According to the Russian Emergencies Ministry, rescuers are continuing the search for the missing and the lifting operation of the sunken Bulgaria boat is underway.

The 65-year-old Bulgaria cruise boat sank in Volga on 10 July. Two crane boats had been sent to the site last week for salvaging the ship wreckage, which was lying at a depth of about 20 metres in the river.—Xinhua
Drugs and weapons seized in Afghanistan

Canberra, 22 July—Australian Defence Force on Friday confirmed that Afghan troops, supported by Australian troops, have seized a large cache of drugs and weapons in Afghanistan.

On 10 July 2011, the Afghan National Interdiction Unit (NIU), supported by members of Australia’s Special Operations Task Group (SOTG), seized a tonne of opium, several kilogrammes of heroin and over two tonnes of chemicals used to make illegal drugs in Daykundi Province in central Afghanistan.

More than 20 weapons were also found, including pistols, rifles, machine guns and ammunition.

According to the Commanding Officer (CO) of the SOTG, who cannot be named for security reasons, militants use illegal drugs to finance their illegal activities in Afghanistan.

He said that by supporting the NIU to find and destroy drug factories, it can reduce the militants’ ability to harm civilians and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Afghan forces. “The illegal drug trade is a major threat to security, economic development and democratic government, so the more it’s reduced the better it is for Afghanistan,” the CO SOTG said in a statement released in Defence Department website on Friday.

In May this year, the SOTG commenced combined operations with the NIU. This combined effort has resulted in thousands of kilogrammes of drugs destroyed, and several individuals detained to face prosecution.

MNA/Xinhua

5.1 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand’s Christchurch

Wellington, 22 July—An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Fiji region at 06:56 am local time (17:39 GMT Thursday), and was centred 40 km west of the City, at a depth of 12 km, said New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS).

GNS seismologists said the earthquake was felt along the east coast of the South Island from North Canterbury to Dunedin. GNS said the tremor was centred on the Greendale fault, which was at the centre of the magnitude 7.1 quake on 4 Sept last year. GNS Duty Seismologist Caroline Holden said a few more magnitude 4 quakes are expected in the coming days.—Xinhua

5.8-magnitude quake hits Fiji region

Suva, 22 July—An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale jolted Fiji region at 06:56 pm (06:56:40 GMT) on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 599.40 km, was initially determined to be at 20.2932 degrees south latitude and 178.5264 degrees west longitude. There were no immediate reports of casualties or property damage. Nor was tsunami warning issued.—Xinhua

Fossil is oldest pregnant lizard

London, 22 July—A 120-million-year-old fossil found in China is the oldest pregnant lizard ever discovered, scientists say.

Paleontologists say the fossil is a very complete, 12-inch lizard with more than a dozen embryos in its body that was probably just days from giving birth when it died and was buried during the Cretaceous period, the BBC reported Thursday.

The fossil is of a reptile that produced live young rather than laying eggs, something found in only 20 percent of living species of lizards and snakes.

“I didn’t think much of the fossil when I first saw it,” University College London Professor Susan Evans said.

But when a colleague from the Chinese Academy of Sciences examined it, the tiny remains of at least 15 almost fully developed embryos were found inside it.

“Sure enough, when I examined it under the microscope, I could see all these little babies,” Evans recalled.

The lizard has been identified as a Yabeinosaurus, a large, slow-growing and relatively primitive lizard.—Internet

Yabeinosaurus, as seen at the Beijing Museum of Natural History, via Jason Quinn.—INTERNET

Australian Treasurer calls on Europe and US to resolve debt issues

Canberra, 22 July—Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan on Friday said the sooner Europe and the United States resolve the debt issues, the better it will be for everybody. On Thursday, European leaders agreed to grant Greece a new bailout, but the US has yet to strike a deal to prevent it defaulting on 2 August. Swan said events in both Europe and the United States are creating a substantial degree of uncertainty.

“In that environment, there are risks in the international economy the sooner they resolve their issues the better,” Swan told Australia Associated Press on Friday. Despite the global uncertainty, Swan said the fundamentals of the Asian region were strong and that Australia was growing strongly.—Xinhua

Honduran students dressed as indigenous people take part in the celebration of the Cacique Lempira Day in Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, on 20 July, 2011. Xinhua
**Myanmar Industrial Show…**

State-owned factories under the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 and promoting the market of products, the Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011 will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw from 9 am to 6 pm daily from 22 to 24 July.

The show displays 893 industrial products of the Ministry of Industry-1, rules on private industrial registration, facts about electrical law and boiler law, 72 items of industrial products including automobiles, trucks, heavy machinery, farming machinery, engines, machine and machine parts manufactured by Heavy Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2, various types of tyres, turbines, generators, wires, battery, meters, computer numerical control system machines, LED bulbs and solar panels.—MNA

**Work Committee for Development…**

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efforts are to be made for promoting the export of rice and paddy by calculating sufficient amount of foods for entire people including State service personnel in addition to requirements of reserve paddy for bad weather.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint discussed export of Myanmar rice and paddy, foreign market situation of Myanmar paddy and prospects of market demands.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than reported on effective production of summer paddy in irrigated farmlands, use of high yield paddy strains for increasing per-acre yield and dissemination of good cultivation methods.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw reported on efficient use of irrigation system for boosting production of paddy and crops and modernization of cultivation system to the industrialized one.

The managing director of Myanmar Agriculture Service and the acting director-general of Settlement and Land Records Department submitted reports on implementation of their respective sectors. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung reported on prospects of exporting paddy and matters related to prices, responsible persons of Myanmar Paddy Dealers Association and paddy companies on present situation of paddy market and ways of exporting paddy, matters related to increase export paddy and region and state agriculture ministers on progress of implementing development of agricultural production.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing stressed the need to serve the interest of farmers in undertaking development of agricultural production and urged merchants to participate in tasks of raising per-acre yield of paddy and creation of better market.

**Central Committee for organizing 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting meets**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—The central committee for organizing the 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting met for the second time at the Ministry of Mines here yesterday evening, with an address by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htay.

Also present at the meeting were chairpersons of central committee for organizing the 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting and work committees, members of work committees, and entrepreneurs engaged in mining industry.

Personnel submitted reports on preparations and coordination with respective committees and the Union Minister coordinated essentials.—MNA
**Ministry of Construction holds work coord meeting**

**NAY PYI TAW, 22 July** — A work coordination meeting of special groups and special project groups of the Ministry of Construction which are carrying out construction works, accurate and systematic use of funds, greater coordination between the ministry and State/Region Transport Ministries and conducting proficiency courses for staff. Next, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin reported to the Union Minister for work progress and follow-up tasks. After hearing reports on ongoing tasks and works to be done by Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and officials, superintending engineers and deputy superintending engineers of special groups and special project groups in states and regions, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

**Union Sports Minister views training of Myanmar rowers**

**NAY PYI TAW, 22 July** — Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan viewed the training of men and women rowers in the XXVI SEA Games. The secretary of Myanmar Rowing Federation reported on events of rowing sports in the XXVII SEA Games, starting point, finishing point, stands and water courses for athletes. The Union Minister viewed participation of men and women rowers in Canoeing/Kayak events, international rowing event and traditional boat race events.

In meeting with athletes, the Union Minister called for following the disciplines of training to be fit at any time, obeying the advice of coaches and vigorously taking part in the competition. The Union Minister presented cash assistance to them. Later, the Union Minister viewed the sites chosen for starting point, finishing point, stands along Ngalaik Dam and halls for athletes.

**Outstanding offspring of staff honoured, cash assistance provided**

**NAY PYI TAW, 22 July** — In his address at the prize-giving ceremony of the ministry held in conjunction with cash assistance-providing ceremony at the auditorium of the ministry, the Union Minister called for support of the staff's family. Next, the Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung awards six distinctions winner — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that the Ministry of Transport is taking part in the drive for the success of the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan being implemented by the State and will continue to provide necessary assistance for all-round development of staff families. Next, the Union minister and wife and Deputy Minister U Win Shein and wife awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examinations with flying colours.

Then the directors-general, managing directors and departmental heads presented awards to outstanding students and provided students who are attending primary, middle and high schools with cash assistance.

**Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament goes on**

**NAY PYI TAW, 22 July** — The first round matches of the fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued today at designated places.

At No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team beat the Ministry of Defence team 2-0. At No (2) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, the Ministry of Electricity Power (1) team thresed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs team 5-1. According to tomorrow’s fixtures, the Ministry of Forestry team will play against the Ministry of Information team at No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, the Union Supreme Court team will play against the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries team at No (2) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue team will play against the Ministry of Rail Transportation team at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.
Union EP-2 Minister receives ROK guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe received Senior Vice-President Mr. Kim Kyong Min of Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd from the Republic of Korea and party at his office here yesterday morning.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in construction of sub-power stations between the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 and the company.

Also present were Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of Electric Power Department, Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise and officials. — MNA

Inlay Lake, a site...

(from page 16) sewage system, use of fly-proof latrines, curbing use of pesticides, and keeping the surface of the lake clean. Every motorboat has a notice sheet saying do not drop litters into the water. Passengers on boat are prohibited from smoking.

Local people should extend a helpful suggestion with a sense of duty to tourist guides guiding foreign tourists around the lake and surrounding areas and for ensuing ecotourism. Unlike in the past, the living costs of local people of Inlay region are going uphill. In consequence of high prices of gold, prices of food, personal goods, services are increasing.

There will be a constant flow of local and foreign visitors to Inlay Lake only if meals, drink and goods, and services are available at reasonable prices and charges, and local people give visitors a warm welcome and protection. And if they keep good relations with visitors, they can sell their local products and enjoy more jobopportunities.

And Inlay Region will remain an affluent, pleasant one. Culture, traditions, innovations and arts of Inthas (local people) can add to the good reputation of Myanmar. Therefore, I would like to urge the people especially residents to help conserve picturesque Inlay Lake, a tourist destination, full of natural beauty.

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Calif milk board alters PMS-themed ad campaign

SACRAMENTO, 22 July—Responding to a wave of criticism, a California milk board on Thursday modified an advertising campaign that targeted men by promoting milk as a way to lessen the effects of premenstrual syndrome.

The California Milk Processor Board decided to alter its two-week-old campaign, which portrayed men as the victims of temperamental women. Instead, it redirected users from its website, www.everythingdoeswrong.org , to another that will encourage discussion of the issue.

Ad campaign spokeswoman Tatum Wan said it succeeded in promoting the board’s message that milk can soften the effects of PMS symptoms. “The new site is to help foster the conversation that came up as a result of the campaign that launched last week,” she said.

Some of that discussion was not entirely favourable toward the milk board, which posted a sampling of the responses on the campaign’s website. A comment from Jezebel, a blog aimed at women, said “Telling men they’re victims of PMS sure is an interesting way to sell milk,” while a Facebook post read, “I’m a comedian and I’m not laughing.”

The campaign’s original website showed pictures of men around features as a colour-coded “current global PMS level” and “video apology enhancer.”

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Fire stations in Ottarathiri, Pobbathiri inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, visited Ottarathiri Township Fire Station and Fire Station No. 2 in Pobbathiri Township here this afternoon.

The director-general inspected firefighting skills of firefighters, condition of staff-quarters, fire engines and firefighting equipment. He called members of the fire stations for ready-to-help spirit, preparation of practical firefighting plans, and increased firefighting skills for becoming more secure community-centered social organizations. — MNA

CNPC, Mines Ministry takes measures for welfare of locals along Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—President Mr. Zhang Jianlin of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and party of the People’s Republic of China called on Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay at his office here this morning. The Union Minister frankly discussed mutual cooperation in energy sector with the former.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, the acting director-general of Energy Planning Department, acting managing director of Myanmar Oil and gas Enterprise and personnel. — MNA

The CNPC donated six million USD to be used in education and health sectors of regions in Rakhine State, Shan State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State through which Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline passes. With the contribution, eight schools and 49 hospitals and rural health centres in those regions will be reconstructed commencing this year. Yearly welfare plans will be implemented to improve socio-economy of locals along the Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline.
Turkey to launch comprehensive fight against terrorism

ANKARA, 22 July—Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atabay said Friday that the government was carrying out comprehensive initiatives on using police forces in the fight against terrorism, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Atabay was quoted as saying that the government was making analysis and assessments regarding dimensions such as security, national unity, economy and human rights.

The government would continue to work with a multi-dimensional perspective on the issue of terrorism, Atabay said.

Earlier Friday, Interior Minister Idris Naim Sahin said the Turkish police, gendarmerie and other domestic security units were always ready for an operation against acts of terrorism, adding that there should be a change in fight against terrorism.

“There will be some revisions regarding structural and methods in time and soon in fight against terrorism. Neither the military is totally excluded, nor the police are included totally in this structure and method,” Sahin said.

Japanese man gets life for murder of British woman

TOKYO, 22 July—A 32-year-old Japanese man was on Thursday sentenced to life imprisonment for raping and killing British teacher Lindsay Ann Hawker in 2007, before burying her battered body in a sand-filled bathtub.

Tatsuya Ichihashi, 32 — who spent more than two-and-a-half years in the run after the 2007 crime and had plastic surgery to evade capture — was found in a bathtub filled with sand on the balcony of Ichihashi’s apartment.

The autopsy showed she died of suffocation, and prosecutors believe Ichihashi strangled her after the rape.

Ichihashi testified that after raping her, he bound her and spoke to her for hours, seeking forgiveness. He says she choked to death when he covered her mouth to stop her from screaming for help but he did not mean to kill her.

Ichihashi, whose wanted poster was a common sight at police stations and public offices across Japan, was caught in November 2009 after a witness tip-off at a ferry terminal as he tried to catch a boat to Okinawa.

Chinese vice premier meets Japanese delegation

BEIJING, 22 July—Vice Premier Wang Qishan met with a delegation from the Union of Kansai Governments headed by Toshizo Ido, governor of Hyogo Prefecture on Wednesday.

Wang hailed the commitment of Kansai to promoting Sino-Japanese friendship and exchanges.

“Communication and cooperation between the two countries’ local governments play a positive role in advancing Sino-Japanese strategic partnerships and reciprocal relations, as well as deepening our understanding and friendship between the two peoples,” he said.

New Zealand coal mine boss acknowledges problems

WELLINGTON, 22 July—The boss of a New Zealand coal mine where 29 people died in an explosion last year has acknowledged the mine faced difficulties with finances, personnel and safety.

In testimony this week at a formal inquiry into the methane-fed disaster, Pike River Coal Chief Executive Peter Whittall said he knew a four-inch pipeline removing methane gas from the mine was “inadequate” from the time it was installed. He said the plan was always to replace the pipe with a larger one.

Whittall said he’d faced “a lot of frustration” with the lack of continuity in having six different mine managers over two years. And he acknowledged the mine faced a cash flow problem after operating over schedule and behind budget.

The inquiry, in the South Island town of Greymouth, continues.

Violent crime wave hits Australia’s Gold Coast

SYDNEY, 22 July—Australia’s popular Gold Coast tourist playground was reeling from another murder Thursday with the Queensland Police Union saying it has become the country’s crime capital.

There have been five shootings in less than two months on the strip with three people dying, including a police officer. In the latest incident Colin Lutherbrooke, 36, was shot dead in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Long popular with tourists from Japan, China and Britain, the Gold Coast has witnessed dozens of armed robberies this year, and the recent killing has community concern running high. Queensland Police

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Endangered dolphin chosen as mascot of China Pavilion at 2012 World Expo

BEIJING, 22 July—The China Pavilion at the 2012 Yeosu World Expo in the Republic of Korea has chosen highly-endangered hump-backed dolphin as its mascot, the China Pavilion preparation committee said on Wednesday.
The theme of the pavilion will demonstrate the country's efforts to use the sea in a scientific way, with focus on marine environment protection and the connection between human beings and the ocean, said Zhao Zhengde, deputy secretary general of the pavilion preparation committee and Chinese government representative to the Expo.—Xinhua

Ancient Silk Road continues to wait for World Heritage status

BEIJING, 22 July—A timetable for the submission of an application to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for adding historical sites along China's 2,000-year-old Silk Road to the organization's World Heritage List has been postponed numerous times, with the project having been in the pipeline for over five years. “Our plan to submit the final application in 2012 has fallen through, as several obstacles have caused our work to progress slowly,” said Tang Wei, director of the Division for World Heritage of China's State Administration of Cultural Heritage. The newest timetable, created during the second meeting of the Silk Road joint application project's coordination committee in Turkmenistan, states that the application should be submitted on Feb 1, 2013. However, Chinese officials are not optimistic about the new schedule. “Every meeting concludes with the creation of a new schedule, but none of them have been fulfilled,” said Tang.
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Japanese airline to expand to low-cost market in Japan

Japanese carrier All Nippon Airways and Malaysia's AirAsia are set to launch an ultra-low-cost airline to be based in Narita International Airport, AirAsia's Group Chief Executive Officer Tony Fernandez said in a statement on Thursday.

Russian artists perform in ballet Swan Lake in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 21 July, 2011. The performance of ballet Swan Lake was part of the Second Xingjiang International Dance Festival, which was opened on Thursday. Dancers from Botswana, India, Russia, Spain and Ukraine took part in the festival.—Xinhua

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Statement by the China Pavilion preparation committee and Chinese government representative to the Expo,

Tigers play in the water in the Huangshan Mountain of east China's Anhui Province, on 21 July, 2011. As the temperatures in Huangshan rise, tigers in Huangshan choose to play in the water to relieve the summer heat. —Xinhua

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Malaysia’s AirAsia, Japan’s ANA to launch budget carrier in Japan

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 July—Malaysia’s budget airlines AirAsia and Japan’s largest airline All Nippon Airways (ANA) announced plans of a tie-up on Thursday to launch AirAsia Japan, the first low-cost carrier to be based in Narita International Airport, AirAsia’s Group Chief Executive Officer Tony Fernandez said in a statement on Thursday.

By combining AirAsia’s business model and brand with ANA’s depth of knowledge of the Japanese market, we aim to bring new value to our customers, offer diverse and enjoyable travel experiences, and generate new demand,” Fernandez said. AirAsia Japan would serve domestic and international destinations when it begins operating in August 2012.

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**Thief is stealing hundreds of street signs**

More than 100 street signs have disappeared in Northboro, Mass., police say. With each sign costing $125 to replace, it will cost the town more than $15,000 to get the streets properly marked again, WBZ-TV, Boston, reported. The signs being stolen are older green signs and the federal government is nailing that the town put up larger, brighter, red signs. Some of the new signs are up, though many more are needed, numerous busy streets do not have identification on them. Residents say the problem is strange, and could be a safety concern.

“Absolutely,” said Northboro resident Andrew Delcid. “Because really, we shouldn’t be staring at our GPS’ anyway when we’re driving.”

“There’s a lot missing around the area and it’s frustrating when you’re trying to give somebody directions and they can’t find the street signs that you’re telling them to find,” resident Chuck Silverman said in agreement.

Fortunately, emergency services in the area haven’t been affected by the stolen signage, as they know their way around town. The new signs are expected to arrive at the end of the summer and will then take weeks to put up.

**Asian Tour’s Que enjoys pair of aces**

For most golfers, getting a hole-in-one would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but Filipino Angelo Que enjoyed the thrill twice in nine holes as he prepared to defend his title at the Selangor Masters in Malaysia this week.

The 32-year-old was blown away with his double-ace day, but was wary about using up all his luck before the Asian Tour event even began at the RM1.2million (247,900 pounds) event hosted by the Kota Permai Golf and Country Club.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better start,” said Que, who bagged the hole-in-ones at the sixth and 14th holes of a practise round. “I’ve never had a hole-in-one in my life and all of a sudden, I have two in one day.”

Que, who used a six iron and pitching wedge to hole out, said he hoped his luck did not run out. “The funny thing was we were talking about it on the 14th tee and said what if I had another hole in one here and I did it. ‘It could be a good omen or a bad omen. When you’re so lucky on one day, the next day might be different. Hopefully it’ll continue for the whole week.’”

**Dog bites shark and goes viral**

It’s got a big yellow dog, sharks, a dead dugong, attracted millions of viewers on YouTube and you couldn’t make it up. Video footage of a dog attacking a shark under water on the Australian coast has “gone viral,” becoming a top Internet hit. The footage shows two dogs swimming in the ocean near the West Australian town of Broome, about 1,650 km (1,025 miles) northeast of Perth. The dogs appear to be herding several sharks toward shore, when one suddenly ducks under the water and attacks a shark. “The dog is biting the shark,” said Russell Hood-Penn in the voice-over as he video-taped the incident. “That is unbelievable. I’ve seen it all now.”

Hood-Penn placed the footage on video-sharing website YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HyIZh-5BQZY), where it has been viewed more than 27 million times.

When the camera pans out, a dead dugong (a large marine mammal similar to a manatee) can be seen beached on the shore and Hood-Penn speculates that is the reason the sharks are circling so close to shore.

**Chris Brown to star in romantic comedy**

**Singer Chris Brown performs on NBC’s Today Show in New York.—Internet**

**New York, 22 July—** It would have seemed improbable two years ago, but Chris Brown is coming to a theater near you in a romantic comedy.

The singer and actor will star alongside Steve Harvey, Gabrielle Union, Oscar-nominee Taraji P. Henson and Michael Ealy in “Think Like A Man,” an adaptation of Harvey’s best-selling book advice book for women, “Act Like A Lady, Think Like A Man.” Details on the casting were confirmed Thursday by a representative for Screen Gems, which is producing the movie. Brown’s involvement in the movie is another sign of his remarkable comeback since his 2009 assault on girlfriend Rihanna, for which he pleaded guilty to assault. His album “F.A.M.E.” has gone gold, and last week a record crowd of 18,000 fans showed up to see him perform on the “Today” show.—Internet

**Superman release date pushed back to 2013**

**Burbank, 22 July—** US film studio Warner Bros says it has pushed back the release date of “Man of Steel” from its tentative date of December 2012 to June 2013.

The Hollywood Reporter said director Zack Snyder’s take on the Superman legend will hit theaters later than expected because the studio wants to distance it from Peter Jackson’s “The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey,” which is to open 14 December 2012.

“Man of Steel,” with British actor Henry Cavill in the starring role, is to be begin shooting this summer. The cast also includes Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Diane Lane, Kevin Costner and Russell Crowe.—Internet

**Sarah Michelle Gellar doubles up at Comic-Con**

**San Diego, 22 July—** Sarah Michelle Gellar isn’t trying to duplicate “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” with “Ringer.”

Gellar said during a panel Thursday at Comic-Con that she was drawn to the new serialized CW thriller because it wasn’t like the supernatural series that she starred in for seven seasons. In “Ringer,” which debuts 13 Sept, Gellar plays mysterious estranged twins Bridget and Siobhan.

“I knew I wanted to come back to television-,” said Gellar.

The 34-year-old actress said she feels like she’s actually playing five characters in “Ringer”: Bridget and Siobhan in the present, in the past and Bridget pretending to be Siobhan, which she dubbed “Soiovette.” Fans shouldn’t expect any “Buffy”-style antics though.

**Los Angeles, 22 July—** Blake Shelton’s “Red River Blue” is No. 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported Wednesday.

“Coming in at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 is Incubus’ “If Not Now, When?,” followed by Adele’s “21” at No. 3, Chris Young’s “Neon” at No. 4 and Beyoncé’s “4” at No. 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Colbie Caillat’s “All of You” at No. 6, Jason Aldean’s “My Kinda Party” at No. 7, Theory of a Deadman’s “The Truth” at No. 8, Sublime with Rome’s “ Yours Truly” at No. 9 and Selena Gomez & the Scene’s “When the Sun Goes Down” at No. 10.—Internet

**‘Red’ tops the US album chart**

**Burbank, 22 July—** Blake Shelton performs at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville on 12 June, 2011.—Internet

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Andy Schleck wins Tour stage; Voeckler keeps lead

LE PISTON-LES-BAINS, 22 July—Andy Schleck led a daring attack in the Alps to win the 18th stage of the Tour de France on Thursday, putting him within seconds of the yellow jersey and distancing Alberto Contador’s hopes of a fourth title, France’s Thomas Voeckler, in a show of grit of his own, of a fourth title. France’s overall leader Thomas Voeckler of France led a daring attack in the Alps to win the 18th stage and extend his lead over Contador. Contador started the stage trailing Voeckler by several minutes after a rough start to the three-week race and finished it with a dismal final climb. "Victory is impossible with a dismal final climb." Schleck began the day in fourth place and is now 15 seconds behind Voeckler.

Swiss swimmer wins 5K open water race at worlds

JINSHAN CITY, 22 July—Swann Oberson of Switzerland, who has been swimming in international competitions for only a year, won the women’s 5-kilometre open water race on Friday at the world championships. Oberson edged Aurelie Muller of France and American Ashley Twichell in a close finish for the gold medal. A half second separated the podium finishers — Muller took silver in 1:00.40.1 and Twichell won bronze with 1:00.40.2. The top 10 finishers were separated by only eight seconds.

World Cup winner Capdevila joins Benfica

MADRID, 22 July—Spain defender Joan Capdevila has left Villarreal for Benfica on a two-year deal, the Portuguese club announced on their website on Thursday. Benfica added that the 33-year-old’s contract includes a 20 million-euro release clause. Capdevila has been Spain’s first-choice left-back for several years, and formed part of their Euro 2008 and 2010 World Cup-winning sides. Capped 57 times, Capdevila has spent the last four seasons at Villarreal. Prior to that he was on the books at

Argentina turn page after Copa flop

BUENOS AIRES, 22 July—After being knocked out by Uruguay in the quarter-finals, fans of Argentina have drawn a line under the Copa America final. The hosts had hoped to bag a record 15th title but instead it is now 15 seconds behind.

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg climbs Izoard pass as he breaks away from the pack with overall leader Thomas Voeckler of France during the 18th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 200.5 kilometres (124.6 miles) starting in Pinerolo, Italy—INTERNET

Andy Schleck looks tour stage:

Woods gets rid of caddie

Supporters of Argentina cheer their team before the start of the 2011 Copa America Group A first round football match against Costa Rica on 11 July—INTERNET

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Barca sign Sanchez for 26 million euros

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Jackie Woods as a caddie

Steve Williams was a caddie that,” Woods said last December as he signed autographs. Then he stopped for a moment, looking up to make eye contact and added with emphasis, "And he’s a great friend." Somewhere along the bumpy path, the relationship soured. Despite being one of Woods’ best friends, Williams felt like an outsider the way he was kept in the dark about Woods’ schedule and recovery from leg injuries. Woods was annoyed when his caddie of 12 years chose to work for Adam Scott at the US Open, then signed up to work for the Australian again at the AT&T National and the British Open—INTERNET

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Alexis Sanchez

Sanchez was quoted as saying, “Even if there’s an offer from someone else, I don’t care because I am seeing out my contract at Chelsea, one more year,” said in the beginning when I was set to leave, reports said on Thursday. The former French international had widely been expected to be offloaded by Chelsea this summer as part of a clear-out to enable the rebuilding process under new manager Andre Villas-Boas. However Anelka, 32, told The Daily Telegraph he wants to stay with the Londoners for the remaining 12 months of his contract and has no plans to leave. “I never said I wanted to leave Chelsea,” Anelka said.

Anelka keen to stay at Chelsea

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Hasebe pens extended Wolfsburg deal

Japanese international midfielder Makoto Hasebe has signed a two-year extension to his contract, tying him to the club until 2014. Hasebe, 27, moved to the Volkswagen-backed club in 2008, and formed part of their title-winning side in 2008/09. He has made 88 Bundesliga appearances, scoring two goals.

Hasebe has extended his contract with Wolfsburg until 2014.
Expensive drop as forklift shatters $1.1 mn wine

Canberra, 22 July— An Australian winemaker said Friday he was “numb” after a malfunctioning forklift destroyed more than Aus$1 million ($1.1 million) of his prized shiraz.

Some 462 cases of the 2010 Mollydooker Velvet Glove Shiraz, which sells for Aus$185 a bottle, smashed to the ground as it was being loaded for export to the United States.

It cost winemaker Sparky Marquis one third of his annual production.

“So how do I feel? Gut-wrenched, shocked, numb,” he told reporters.

“When they opened up the container they said it was like a murder scene,” he added.

“There was red everywhere.

“But it smelled phenomenal.”

Brett McCarthur, of Kerry Logistics, said the company moves more than 20,000 containers a year and had never had such a malfunction before.
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

Inlay Lake, a site of natural heritage

By Nyo Win Aung (Taunggyi)

If you are on a pilgrimage to Inlay on summer vacation, you will find a stream in Nyaungshwe. At first, you have to make enquiries at wide sites not old jetties of the stream to know where you can hire a chartered boat. On the boat, you should wear thick clothes and hats or umbrellas to protect yourselves from the glare of the sun.

During the visit, you can enjoy naturally beautiful sites of the region such as premonsoon crop plantations in villages and farms, and floating farms, monsoon rice paddies and forests and mountains shrouded in mist. You may find groups of egrets in search of fish in the rice paddies and many other flocks of birds flying in the sky and singing.

With the aim of conserving the environment and protecting wild animals and birds from danger of extinction, the Forest Department in cooperation with the Land Settlement Department and the Irrigation Department is working to prevent forest fires, horizontal extension of floating plantations, silting up of the streams flowing into the lake, and hunting wildlife in the sanctuary.

In addition, it is taking measures for ensuring that local people give sanctuary to migration birds such as seagull, water duck, moorhen, cormorant and other rare species of birds, prevention of forest fires due to burning harvested plantation, supply of clean water to every village, systematic (See page 10)

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at is 1294 cm and Kalewa is 1604 cm. It may remain above their respective danger levels of 1230 cm and 1550 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Monywa is 962 cm. It may reach its danger level of 1000 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

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