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- 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 accord with the Constitution

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

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

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**Maintenance of cultural works at pagodas, stupas inspected in Bagan Archaeological Region**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan accompanied by Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library and officials, inspected the renovation of ancient cultural heritage at Pahtothamyar Temple, Kheminga Pagoda and pagoda No. 629 in Bagan Archaeological Region of Mandalay Region yesterday morning and gave necessary instructions.

At Pahtothamyar Pagoda, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and party looked into renovation of the pagoda and putting the mural paintings on records through digitalization, maintenance works to protect ancient buildings from natural disasters. At Kheminga Pagoda, the Union Minister viewed masonry works at the concrete lines, cleaning of mural paintings and renovation of mural arts and masonry works with the use of modern chemicals.

Next, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and party inspected the pagoda No. 629 being renovated by a well-wisher. On his inspection tour, the Union Minister instructed officials to closely supervise placing of concrete layer to prevent damages of pagodas and stupas in rain water, to immediately repair damaged parts of the buildings, to add skilled workers for timely completion of digitalized records of the mural paintings of the pagodas, to draw the systematic plans for prevention of damages at the temples and pagodas due to natural disasters and to systematically manage renovation of religious edifices without losing original style for the delight of wellwishers.

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**Chindwin River remains above its danger level**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—According to the (12.30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Mawlaik (1363) cm and Kalewa (1674) cm have exceeded by (133) cm (about 4.4 ft) and (124 cm) (about 4 ft) above their respective danger levels. It may fall about (60) cm (2 ft) during the next (48) hours commencing noon today and will remain above their respective danger levels of (1230) cm and (1550) cm.

According to the (12.30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Bago River at Bago (914) cm has exceeded by (4) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (910) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.
Monday, 25 July, 2011

**Industrial product shows for national industrialization**

In its drive for national industrialization through agricultural development, the government is giving huge encouragement to international level manufacturing processes and establishment of new factories and plants.

As part of the effort, the Industrial Development Committee is staging the Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 at the Myanmar International Conventional Centre in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw. President U Thein Sein visited the show on 24 July. It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Coordination, Vice President Dr Maung Aye and officials and 1498 trainees.

On display at the show are 893 items of the enterprises under the Ministry of Industry-1, procedures for registration of industries, and notable facts about Electricity Law and Boiler Law.

In addition, buses, trucks, engines and parts of heavy machinery, parts of wagon coaches, and a wide variety of machines and tools manufactured by No. 2 General Heavy Industries are on exhibition.

To beef up industrial development, the government is taking steps for development of agro-based industries, quantitative and qualitative improvement of industrial products, boosting production of new items, and manufacturing machines for industries. It is also encouraging establishment of private-owned factories.

It is simply believed that staging industrial product shows helps increase the market share through public knowledge about the quality of products from State-owned factories, give impetus to the goal of national industrialization and ensure proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system.

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**Union I & P Minister views issuance of household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards in Yangon**

The Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, accompanied by personnel concerned, viewed issuance of household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards to local villagers in Tatyigon Village, Hmaubwy Township, here on 22 July. The Union Minister also viewed issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to those who were born of national parents but was now in full swing across the nation but issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to those of mixed race may take longer as it needed thorough examination.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi gives instructions to villagers of Shwenatha Village in Mangaladon Township.—MNA

**Union Education Minister visits Mandalay University**

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye views research works at Zoology Department of the University.—MNA

**Winners awarded in Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta recitation contest**

A ceremony to award the winners in the 11th Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta recitation contest of No. 3 Department of Basic Education was held at the Education Dhammayon on Gyatawya Street in Bahan Township this afternoon. Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu presented the first prizes to Thanlyin BEHS in the boys’ and girls’ events. Officials awarded the second and third prize winning schools.

On 23 and 24 July, four boys’ and girls’ teams representing four districts of Yangon Region participated in the contest.—MNA
Senior police officer escapes suicide bombing in Iraq’s Diyala

BAQUBA, 24 July—A senior Iraqi police officer escaped a suicide car bomb attack in Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala on Saturday, at least killing a civilian and wounding seven others, a provincial police source told Xinhua.

The incident occurred around midday when a suicide car bomber struck the convoy of Colonel Mudhaffar al-Magdamy, deputy police chief of Diyala Province, while travelling in northern the provincial capital City of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The blast killed a passer-by and wounded Magdamy, two of his bodyguards and four passers-by, the source said citing first police reports.

The powerful blast damaged one of the convoy’s vehicles and set fire to three nearby shops and two civilian cars, the source added.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other militant groups since the breakdown of Iraq’s war in 2003.—Xinhua

Bomb blast wounds three soldiers in Nigeria

MAIDUGURI, 24 July—A bomb blast blamed on militants targeted a patrol team in violence-wracked northeastern Nigeria on Saturday, leaving three soldiers wounded, the military said.

A bomb blast targeted a military patrol team stationed near Budum market exploded, injuring three soldiers, Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Isijeh said.

He said the militant sect known as Boko Haram was believed to be behind the blast. Boko Haram has been hit by scores of bomb blasts and shootings blamed on the sect and hundreds of troops have been deployed to the city as a result. The sect is fighting for the establishment of a state in Nigeria, Africa’s most populous nation and where the 150 million population is roughly divided between Christians and Muslims.

There has been intense speculation over whether some of the attacks have been politically linked. The source of Boko Haram’s financing and support remains unclear.

Suicide bomber kills Pakistani soldier, seven injured

ISLAMABAD, 24 July—A suicide bomber Sunday blew himself up near a checkpoint of Pakistani troops in South Waziristan tribal region and killed a soldier, TV channels reported.

Seven more soldiers were injured in the attack at Chak Malai checkpoint, Express TV reported.

The attack came at a time when the government has started repatriation of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) as the result of a major military offensive in October 2009. The army had declared victory over the Taleban militants last year but the Sunday’s attack shows that militants are still hiding in remote areas of South Waziristan, the birthplace of Pakistani Taleban movement.

Sources said that IDPs of Mehsud tribe have refused to return homes due to insecurity.

Meanwhile the security forces have killed 11 militants in nearby Kurrum agency, reports said Sunday. The security forces also destroyed two hideouts of the militants.—Xinhua

Italian ship seized off West African coast

MILWAUKEE, 24 July—A boat containing six people who were part of a wedding party collided with a speed boat on the Chippewa River near Eau Claire, Wis, leaving two dead and two missing, officials said Saturday.

The 50-year-old driver of the speed boat was killed on impact and his boat circled out of control, according to the Chippewa County Sheriff’s Office.

The operator and four passengers on the other boat were thrown into the water on impact. The boat was a Prince Craft, a boat similar to a pontoon.

The operator and two passengers were able to swim to shore, but the other two who were thrown into the water are missing. A fifth passenger was found dead on the boat, which was found about a half mile downstream from the scene, according to the sheriff’s office.—Reuters

Two dead, two missing in Wisconsin boat crash

MILWAUKEE, 24 July—A boat carrying a cargo of diesel fuel in the Gulf of Guinea off Cotonou, the economic capital of Benin, is reported to have been attacked by pirates.

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Soldiers walk through the Panshekara suburb in Kano in 2007. A bomb blast blamed on militants targeted a patrol team in violence-wracked northeastern Nigeria on Saturday, leaving three soldiers wounded, the military said. Internet

Militancy becomes big threat to students in Pakistani tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 24 July—The hopes in the eyes of Syed Hassan, a 24-year-old Pakistani engineer, have almost been over taken by the frustrations as he could not visit his home in the country’s northwestern tribal region of Kurram for last five years due to the closure of the only road to his hometown by Taleban militants. Hassan and many other students of his area, either it was hot around 40 degree or with heavy rains, have been sitting in a protesting camp in Pakistani capital Islamabad since 21 April, to urge the government to take strict action against the militants. The militants had paralyzed the whole area of Kurram, especially its regional capital Parachinar, by cutting its links with the other parts of the country and occupying the 70-km-long Thall-Parachinar road.—Internet

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This photo released by the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department on 23 July, 2011, shows a pontoon-like boat that collided with a speedboat on Friday night, leaving two people dead and two others missing on a western Wisconsin river. Internet
Russian space telescope unfurls giant antenna

MOSCOW, 24 July—A giant new Russian space telescope on Saturday unfurled its dish-like antenna which will observe radio waves from galaxies and black holes billions of light years away.

The operation to deploy the 10-metre-diameter antenna of the Spekt-R telescope, which was launched into orbit on Monday, has been successfully carried out, space agency Roskosmos said in a statement.

“According to telemetry data, the planned programme was carried out in full,” Roskosmos said. Interfax said scientists at the Lavochkin institute outside Moscow had begun on Friday the tricky operation to open up the plates of the dish like petals on a flower but initially encountered potentially major problems.

The telescope is going to point itself at the moon in a test phase and will start its programme of exploring deep space objects in around three months, Interfax said.

The radio space telescope’s launch was a major event in the Russian space programme, marking its first deep space project in years and heralding a return to cosmic exploration.

Dubbed the “Russian Hubble” after the iconic US space telescope, the Russian instrument will in fact be able to produce images with a resolution many thousand times greater.—INTERNET

Ancient Dino-eating Croc had huge teeth, dog dace

BRASILIA, 24 July—A crocodilian fossil with big teeth and a doglike skull is now shedding light on the anatomy of a strange group of predators, scientists have revealed.

The fossil was unearthed by a municipal worker in a small town in Minas Gerais, Brazil. It dates back 70 million years, near the end of the Age of Dinosaurs.

“Whereas modern-day amphibious crocodiles have low and flat heads, this new find gives us one of the first detailed insights into the head anatomy of this weird group of extinct crocs called Baurusuchia that feature tall, doglike skulls with enlarged canines, and longlimbed body proportions,” said researcher Hans Larsson at McGill University in Canada.

The creature is named Pissarrachampsa sera. Pissarrachampsa means “a crocodile from piçarra,” the local name for fossil-bearing sandstones, and sera means “late,” referring to how it was one of the last fossils found during the 2008 expedition that uncovered it. It also refers to the local flag that quotes Virgil — “Libertas Quae Sera Tamen” — meaning “Freedom, Albert Late.”

The scientists detailed their findings online 13 July in the journal PLOS ONE.—INTERNET

Xbox 360 receives full Star Wars makeover

NEW YORK, 24 July—Coinciding with the release of Kinect Star Wars, a new retail bundle for the Xbox 360 features a console styled after R2-D2 and a C-3PO controller. Announced during the San Diego Comic-Con, the white and blue Xbox 360 S comes with 320GB of storage, and a white Kinect sensor in contrast to the usual black.

R2-D2’s beeps and bloop sounds out when the 360 is turned on or its disk tray is opened, and the wireless controller’s gold and silver reflects C-3PO’s colour scheme.

Shipping with both Kinect Adventures and Kinect Star Wars, the whole thing weighs in at $449 in comparison to the standard $399 250GB Kinect bundle and $299 4GB version.

There’s no firm release date for the limited edition 360, nor pricing details for its European counterpart, though both the bundle and Kinect Star Wars are due before the year is out.—INTERNET

Android apps may transmit personal data

WASHINGTON, 24 July—Android malware may be transmitting personal user data to unauthorized computers, indicating increasing security vulnerabilities in the OS and drawing criticism and concern, especially as Android devices grow in business and government usage.

Researchers at Calif-based security firm Dasient looked at 10,000 applications for Android smartphones in a random sampling, and discovered more than eight percent of the apps transmit personal user data to unauthorized computers.

More than 800 of the examined apps leaked information like the specific phone and subscriber numbers that unauthorized servers can easily use to clone the data and sell it in bulk to illegal organizations that replicate phones — a fact that may have alarming implications.

Some of the particular malware discovered by Dasient takes over a smartphone, automatically sending text messages to entire contact lists and racking up charges unbeknownst to the user.

Another type of malware gets into smartphones when users aren’t installing anything, but simply browsing a site. Called “drive-By downloads,” this category of malware infects a smartphone when its user simply visits a malicious site. For example, Dasient found drive-by downloads populating several phone websites featuring the popular Angry Birds mobile game.

The implications of these weaknesses are potentially alarming, especially as smartphone usage grows into businesses. Since corporations and governmental agencies often allow employees to use personal devices for work, these types of malicious apps may jump from smartphone to major business and governmental networks.

This past spring, Google renewed efforts to make its Android OS business-friendly to take advantage of growing dissatisfaction with the corporate-set’s longtime favorite device, the BlackBerry. Several businesses, like Deutsche Bank, are moving away from the BlackBerry devices and towards employee’s personal smartphones and devices.
Liver cancer linked to male sex hormones

HONG KONG, 24 July—Hong Kong researchers have found that men are more likely to develop liver cancer due to a type of gene which is linked to male sex hormones. Researchers at the Chinese University of Hong Kong said a study conducted since 2008 found more than 70 percent of patients with liver cancer produced high levels of a gene called cell cycle-related kinase (CCRK).

The study said the gene, one out of more than 17,000 in the human body, is directly controlled and activated by the receptor protein of the male sex hormone, androgen. “This study has a potential clinical impact as it depicts the relationship between androgen receptor and liver cancer development,” university vice chancellor Joseph Sung and research team leader Mok Hing-yiu said. “It also provides an explanation on why men have a higher risk of liver cancer than women,” they added in a joint statement posted on the university’s website.

Researchers examined risk factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption and occupation to explain the gender disparity but none could fully explain the difference. The study has used mouse models and found either lowering the level or blocking the androgen-receptor-CCRK pathway could significantly reduce the tumor growth rate.

Liver cancer is the third deadliest type of cancer in the world after lung and colon cancer and there is currently no effective treatment.

Men are three times more likely to develop liver cancer than women in Hong Kong, said the study, whereas in certain areas in China and Japan men are seven times more likely to develop it. Around 40 percent of liver cancer is diagnosed at an advanced stage, with that proportion reaching 80 percent in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

In the United States more than 19,000 people are diagnosed annually with liver cancer, and some 17,000 die each year of the disease.

What to know when a student goes to college

DEERFIELD, 24 July—A US doctor says a checklist he has compiled provides medical and mental health information parents and their college-bound children should review.


The booklet also includes the most current vaccination requirements for teens, health insurance for students, medical records for students away from home and the benefits of visiting the student health center on campus.

Venture capital cools on cleantech

WASHINGTON, 24 July—Investors pumped a total of $8 billion into US-based venture companies during the second quarter, a decrease of about five percent on the previous quarter, according to new data released by Dow Jones VentureSource.

In the energy and utilities industry, investment levels fell more precipitously. The sector saw investment of roughly $566 million in 29 deals, which amounted to less than half the capital raised in the second quarter of 2010.

Venture investments into the US energy sector were dominated by renewable power capital commitments, which accounted for $540 million of the $566 million total invested in the sector.

As venture investors reduce commitments in the energy sector, clean tech start-ups are relying increasingly on corporate, government and other types of investors to fill the gap.

There were roughly 800 deals altogether during the second quarter.
China train collision kills 35, 210 injured

WENZHOU, 24 July—Death toll has risen to 35 and 210 were injured when a high-speed train smashed into a stalled train late Saturday in east China’s Zhejiang Province, according to the provincial emergency office.

As of 9:30 am Sunday, 35 people have been confirmed dead, including two foreigners, the emergency office said in a statement.

In the meantime, identifications of 19 people who died in the accident have been confirmed.

The accident occurred at 8:27 pm on Saturday on a bridge near Wenzhou City in Zhejiang Province when high-speed train D301 rear-ended D315, which was allegedly hit by lightening and lost drive.

Four carriages of D301 fell off the viaduct while two carriages of D315 were derailed.

Train D301 was heading from Beijing to the southeastern city of Fuzhou in Fujian Province while D315 was running from Zhejiang’s capital city of Hangzhou to Fuzhou. As of 10 am Sunday, a total of 23 trains from Hangzhou were suspended, railway authorities in Hangzhou said.

There are about 30 high-speed trains that head to Wenzhou passing through Hangzhou every day.

Massachusetts to power up for vehicles

BOSTON, 24 July—The state of Massachusetts said 142 charging stations for electric vehicles would be installed in 25 communities by the end of the year. “We want to have a public investment so that once these vehicles come on the market, it’s going to be easy for people to find a charging station — it’s not going to be an impossibility,” said Maeve Bartlett, state assistant transportation secretary, The Boston Globe reported Saturday.

Bartlett said, “We want a rollout of electric vehicles to be successful, and publicly available charging stations can enable that.”

The stations will be publicly and privately operated and installed in convenient sites, such as schools, shopping centers and schools, the newspaper said.

Consumers can find charging stations online through a Web site called mychargepoint.com.

The funding for the stations, which cost about $5,500 per site, comes from ChargePoint Network and the US Department of Energy.

ChargePoint Network is run by Coulomb Technologies Inc, a maker of charging stations, the newspaper said.—Internet

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CORONA, 24 July—Authorities say two people are dead after a small airplane crashed in flames in Southern California’s Cleveland National Forest.

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The Riverside Press-Enterprise says the plane was a Cessna that crashed at the base of a mountain, caught fire on impact and sparked a small brushfire.

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Officials from the National Transportation Safety Board are headed to the site and will lead the investigation.

Authorities did not release any information about the victims or the aircraft’s flight plan.—Internet

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Famed Spanish matador butted to ground in comeback

Valencia, 24 July—If Ernest Hemingway were alive, Spanish bullfighter Jose Tomas would likely be a hero of one of his novels. Brave and fearless, but an introvert to the point of being a hermit, Tomas made a triumphant comeback to the bull ring Saturday in Spain’s eastern City of Valencia after spending a year recovering from a goring in Mexico that almost killed him.

In the undisputed top event of the 2011 bullfighting season, Tomas took on a 556-kilogram (1,226-pound) bull named “Sweet Tooth” who butted him extremely hard into the air and sent him somersaulting in Valencia’s bullfighting ring.

About 11,000 fans gasped as Tomas went airborne and crashed hard to the ground — and then tumbled with cheers after he literally ate the sand of the ring, rose ungored and hard to the ground — and then raved.

“Jose Tomas has returned and has proved that he is still No 1,” said Emilio Martinez of the digital newspaper Diario Critico. “After a dangerous knockdown, he’s still fighting bulls without sacrificing his pure style and has shown again that his courage is out of the box.”

Fans booed the bullfighting judge who declined to award Tomas both of the bull’s ears, the top prize for a job well done. But Tomas’ return itself was historic in the world of bullfighting.—Internet

Passeders held after Cebu Pacific mid-flight scrap

Cebu (Philippine), 24 July—Philippine police Saturday detained a dozen airline passengers, said to be Chinese, after an alleged mid-flight scrap with a brother-in-law of President Benigno Aquino, officials said. The suspects, described by police sources as Chinese citizens, flew to Cebu on a domestic flight that also carried Aquino’s eldest sister Maria Elena Cruz and her husband Eldon Cruz, airport manager Nigel Paul Villarete said.

Cebu airport police detained the suspects on the Cebu Pacific flight’s arrival from Manila after the pilot filed a complaint, the manager told reporters. “We are monitoring the investigation,” Villarete added.

Police sources in Cebu said one of those under investigation grabbed the presidential-in-law’s neck to choke him when the latter asked the group to tone down their voices in mid-flight.—Internet

S’porean man found dead in M’sian factory storeroom

Kuala Lumpur, 24 July—A male Singaporean was found dead in the storeroom of a furniture factory in Jalan Bukit Belacan, Lembah Jaya near Ampang on Saturday.

Ampang Jaya police chief ACP Amruddin Jamaluddin said the body of wireman Khairil Anwar Ab Karim, 48, was found at 12.30pm by a member of the public.

“The body lying in bed was black, smelly and swollen. Khairil is believed to have died three days ago. “There were no signs of forced entry as the door was locked from inside while the room was not ransacked,” he told reporters at the scene.

Amruddin said Khairil had occupied the room for five months and was believed to be a friend of the furniture factory owner. The body was sent to Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre (UKMMC) for an autopsy.

Police have classified the case as sudden death.—Internet

Boy, 13, charged with drink driving in Australia

Sydney, 24 July—A 13-year-old boy has been charged with drink driving after police pulled him over for his erratic behaviour on the road, authorities said Sunday.

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Washington, 24 July—The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Saturday partially shut down, furloughing without pay about 4,000 workers as Congress failed to reauthorize the agency’s funding.

The Senate on Friday failed to approve a controversial extension of taxes that help fund the FAA. The measure was passed by the House.

In a statement, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said he’s “very disappointed” that Congress didn’t pass the extension of FAA funding. “Because of their inaction, states and airports won’t be able to work on their construction projects, and too many people will have to go without a paycheck. This is no way to run the best aviation system in the world.”

LaHood stressed essential personnel related to airport and air safety would not be cut, saying “safety will not be compromised.”

Xinhua

A photo taken in February shows passengers boarding a Cebu Pacific plane at Iloilo International Airport, in central Philippines.—INTERNET

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Union Commerce Minister undertakes regional development in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, accompanied by Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Region Ministers and officials, attended the opening of Zeyaungmyay rice company office at Debayin yesterday and a ceremony to present loan and inputs to farmers by Zeyaungmyay Paddy Trading Co.

The company has scheduled to disburse K 290 million in cash and inputs and today loan disbursement amounted to K100 million.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party held a meeting with jaggery entrepreneurs at Seikkanthta village in Butalin Township on one-village one-product. The Union Minister and party met with plastic basket producers in Hsonekone village in Butalin Township. Today, the Union Minister visited 555 Dairy Factory in Hthitsaung village in Myinma Township, and met with diary factory’s owners and mango plantation’s owners. Then, he visited wicker works in Magyessin and Shwetaung village in Sagaing Township.—MNA

Hyundai donates hospital equipment to Kyaukpyu District Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—A ceremony to renovate the emergency unit and donate hospital equipment to Kyaukpyu District General Hospital by Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd took place at the medical institution today.

The ceremony, was attended by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and others.

Chief Operating Officer Mr. CJ Kang of Hunday Heavy Industries Co Ltd presented the purpose of the programme.

Managing Director Mr. SB JO of Daewoo International Enterprise extended greetings. Head of Kyaukpyu District Department of Health Dr Win Kyaw spoke words of thanks. Mr. SB JO handed over 13 items of hospital equipment worth US$73,715 to Dr Win Kyaw.

Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin presented a certificate of honour to Mr. CJ Kang.

Mr. CJ Kang also made cash donations to outstanding students through Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin.

The chief minister and ministers, Mr. CJ Kang and officials from the Co Ltd launched the groundwork for renovation of the emergency room.

Loan disbursed in Thayawady of Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win attended a ceremony to upgrade Thayawady Basic Education High School in Thayawady Township on 22 July. At the ceremony, the Chief Minister made a speech and accepted donation.

After that, he attended the microfinance disbursement by the implementation sub-committee for development of cooperative credit institutions, at Thayawady District General Administration Department. Then, he disbursed K 100 million of loan through officials.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Thonese Dam Project in Thayawady Township, he heard the reports by officials on progress in construction of embankment on Ayeyawady River Bank and 10 acres of model paddy plantation grown by Construction-9 of Irrigation Department and left the necessary instruction.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister meets fuel shop owners

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint met with the private fuel shop owners in Mon State at the Mon State Government Office on 21 July. The meeting aims to keep the fuel prices stable and ensure sufficient sale of fuel to agriculture and transportation.

The following day, the Chief Minister attended the opening of inter-University/College Volleyball Tournament (Mawlamyine Zone).—MNA

NEW BUILDING HANDED OVER: New building of Basic Education Primary School was held in old Panga Village of Panga Village-tract in Thanbyuzayat Township on 20 July morning. Township Education Officer Daw Shwe Mi and Panga Village Administrator U Thein formally open new school building that measures 30 feet by 90 feet one-storey facility.—Township IPRD
Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 packed with visitors

People visit booths and shops of Ministry of Industry-1 at Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011. MNA

Meeting for Implementing Production of Milk and Dairy Products held

YANGON, 24 July — Union Minister for Livestock and fisheries U Tin Naing Thein addressed Meeting for Implementing Production of Milk and Dairy Products at the ministry here yesterday. It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, departmental heads, President U Win Aung of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, President Dr. Mya Han of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and entrepreneurs from Regions and States. Dr. Khin Hlaing, Dr. Hla Hla Thein, Dr Myint Swe, and Dr Altu Mein Gaung read papers on production of milk and dairy products. The deputy minister assessed the papers before those present discussed in groups and made group presentations. MNA

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President Chavez returns to Venezuela from Cuba

CARACAS, 24 July—President Hugo Chavez has returned to Venezuela after spending almost a week in Cuba to receive chemotherapy treatment for his cancer.

The 56-year-old socialist leader’s flight from Havana arrived Saturday night.

Venezuelan state television broadcast footage of Chavez being greeted at the airport by Vice President Elias Jaua and other ministers.

Chavez told the assembled ministers: “I thank you for coming so quickly to this meeting.”

Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba on June 20 to remove a cancerous tumour. He hasn’t said what type of cancer he has been diagnosed with or specified where exactly it was located, saying only that it was in his pelvic region.

He says chemotherapy is necessary to ensure cancer cells don’t reappear.—Internet

Six presumed cartel members killed in Mexico battle

GUADALAJARA, 24 July—Six suspected cartel gunmen were killed in an overnight clash with soldiers in central Mexico, the military said Saturday.

The gunbattle took place in Ayotlan, Jalisco. The town is about a 40-minute drive from Michoacan state where drug violence is rampant.

The soldiers say they were alerted that heavily armed men were guarding a hotel called Los Arcos. When they arrived the men opened fire, they say.

The army alleges that the men were members of the Zetas drug cartel, and say they found assault rifles, grenade launchers and ammunition in the hotel.

A rider is reflected in a waterlogging on the street in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 July, 2011. Heavy fog continued to shroud Beijing on Sunday.—Xinhua

Yemen, India to sign anti-terrorism, piracy cooperation agreements

SANAA, 24 July—Yemen and India are preparing to sign several security cooperation agreements on combating terrorism and piracy, Yemeni state-run Saba news agency reported Saturday.

“The agreements are in areas of exchanging security expertise in combating terrorism and piracy,” Saba quoted Yemeni Interior Minister Mutahar al-Masri as saying.

Al-Masri made the statement during a meeting with Indian ambassador to Yemen Anasaf Sayeed, during which they reviewed a series of security issues, particularly in the area of counterterrorism.

The cash-stripped Sanaa government has waging fierce battles against militants of the al-Qaeda wing in the southern Province of Abyan, which overlooks one of the world’s busiest shipping lane in the Gulf of Aden.

The Indian ambassador asserted his government’s support to the unity and stability of Yemen, Saba added.

Nine Australian soldiers injured in military training exercise in Queensland

CANBERRA, 24 July—Nine Australian soldiers were injured, one seriously, during a war games military training exercise with US soldiers in Queensland of Australia, Defence Department confirmed on Saturday.

According to Defence Department spokesman for Talisman Sabre, Brigadier Bob Brown, an armoured personnel carrier rolled down an embankment and landed on its turret during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2011 at Shoalwater Bay, near Rockhampton on Friday night. “Emergency medical assets were notified immediately and, after initial medical care, eight of those injured have been treated and released,” he said in a statement released on Saturday.

“One ADF (Australian Defence Force) member has been transferred to Brisbane Hospital for further specialist care.” He said all of the soldiers are expected to make a full recovery and their families have been notified. Brigadier Brown said a full investigation is underway, however the exercise is continuing as planned.

More than 22,000 Australian and US defence personnel are participating in the training exercise.

Photo taken on 22 July, 2011 shows the designs of new 2010 series HK dollars in Hong Kong, south China, on 22 July, 2011.—Xinhua

Nine reported wounded in house party shooting, fight

APOPKA, 24 July—Authorities say nine people have been wounded amid a shooting at a birthday party in a central Florida home after a fight erupted.

The Orange County sheriff’s office says the fight broke out late Saturday among teens attending the party near Apopka and one person pulled out a handgun and fired shots. Sheriff’s Capt. Denise Demp-Rollins gave that account to the Orlando Sentinel and said police afterward stopped an SUV at a gas station carrying several teenagers.

Authorities say a handgun was recovered and several witnesses identified one of the occupants of the vehicle as a suspect in the shooting.

The names and conditions of those involved were not immediately provided by authorities and it wasn’t immediately clear how many of the wounded were shot.—Internet
Ancient battlefield canteen found in north China

TAIYUNA, 24 July—Archaeologists in north China’s Shanxi Province have discovered an ancient canteen that is believed to have been used during the Battle of Changping (262 BC).

The Battle of Changping was one of ten decisive battles that would reshape the country’s central region during the Warring States period (475-221 BC).

The canteen is believed to date back to approximately 2,200 years ago and is located between the City of Gaoping and Lingchuan County in Shanxi Province. It is located north of the Qinling Mountains in close proximity to the Bailishi section of the Great Wall.

The canteen is believed to have been used by soldiers who were camped out while fighting during the Battle of Changping, which pitted the states of Qin and Zhao against each other.—Xinhua

India marks watershed economic reforms anniversary

NEW DELHI, 24 July—Two decades ago, India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh unleashed radical free-market reforms that were a watershed moment in the transformation and rise of the South Asian giant.

“We shall make the future happen,” declared Singh, who was then finance minister, in presenting his landmark budget on 24 July, 1991, that opened up India’s markets and cut through the country’s

disappointed businesses who hoped he would execute a “second-generation” of changes to propel growth into double-digits.—INTERNET

Singh, today battling accusations of drift and criticism that the gradual reform process has stalled, ignited the fuse for rapid growth at a time when the economy was teetering on bankruptcy.

India had just two weeks of foreign exchange reserves to pay for food and fuel imports and had just flown 47 tonnes of gold to London to be stored at the Bank of England as collateral for an emergency loan.

Singh, a former World Bank economist, switched the country’s course from inward-looking socialist policies to a more market-friendly approach in the budget whose 20th anniversary was on Sunday.

He simplified tax collection, slashed customs duties, invited foreign investment, initiated privatisation of government-owned companies and lifted the shackles on Indian industry by abolishing stifling production quotas.—Internet

East Coast to get heat relief; other states cook

New York, 24 July—The triple-digit scorcher that taxed the electrical grid and made life uncomfortable on the East Coast was expected to simmer down somewhat Sunday, but forecasters said states in the mid-Atlantic and Southeast will still be feeling the heat wave.

Brutal heat and humidity continued throughout Saturday.

Temperatures reached 105 degrees in Atlantic City, NJ; 104 in Trenton, NJ; 103 in Norfolk, Va; 102 in Baltimore, New-ark, NJ, and at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and New York’s Kennedy Airport; and 101 in Philadelphia. But humidity made it feel hotter most places across the region.

In New York’s Times Square, tourists crowded into patches of shade along a baking Broadway, where Tony Eckinger was selling spray bottles with fans attached for $30. He had bought them at a drugstore earlier in the day for $15.

“All the stores here are sold out,” Eckinger said. “Everybody’s trying to keep cool.”

Nearby, Gordon Miller waited in the sun as his family bought theater tickets at a discount booth.

An Indian labourer Lala adjusts the spokes of a bicycle wheel at a roadside shop in New Delhi. Manmohan Singh’s stint as prime minister has disappointed businesses who hoped he would execute a “second-generation” of changes to propel growth into double-digits.—INTERNET

Cyclists wait to start in Yangping County of Beijing, capital of China, on 23 July, 2011. More than 1,000 cycling enthusiasts on Saturday completed a journey of 34 kilometers in Yangping County to promote green, environmentally-friendly way of travel.—Xinhua

HK scientists ‘show time travel is impossible’

HONG KONG, 24 July—Hong Kong physicists say they have proved that a single photon obeys Einstein’s theory that nothing can travel faster than the speed of light — demonstrating that outside science fiction, time travel is impossible.

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology research team led by Du Shengguang said they had proved that a single photon, or unit of light, “obeys the traffic law of the universe”.

“Einstein claimed that the speed of light was the traffic law of the universe or in simple language, nothing can travel faster than light,” the university said on its website.

“Professor Du’s study demonstrates that a single photon, the fundamental quanta of light, also obeys the traffic law of the universe just like classical EM (electromagnetic) waves.”

China issues heavy rainfall alert

BEIJING, 24 July—The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) issued a blue alert for heavy rains on Sunday, as thunderstorms and torrential rains are expected to hit north China over the next 24 hours.

The observatory said thunderstorms will hit most of north and northeast China. The eastern part of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, as well as parts of the provinces of Hebei and Shandong and the cities of Beijing and Tianjin, will experience heavy downpours from Sunday to Monday.

China has a four-color rainstorm warning system, with red being the most serious type of alert, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

The NMC warned citizens to avoid staying in places that are likely to be hit by thunder and lightning.—MNA/Xinhua

Photo taken on 23 July, 2011 shows a Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG whose silver model appears as “Soundwave” in the movie Transformer 3, during an auto show in Changchun, northeast China’s Jilin Province.—Xinhua

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Large Hadron Collider results excite scientists

LONDON, 24 July—The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has picked up tantalising fluctuations which might—or might not—be hints of the sought-after Higgs boson particle. But scientists stress caution over these “surplus events”, because similar wrinkles have been detected before only to disappear after further analyses. Either way, if the subatomic particle exists it is running out of places to hide, says the head of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Cern), which runs the LHC.

He told BBC News the collider had now ruled out more of the “mass range” where the Higgs might be. The new results are based on analyses of one inverse femtobarn of data, gathered as the vast machine smashes beams of protons together at close to light-speed. Scientists from two different experiments (Atlas and CMS) based at the LHC are scouring the wreckage of these collisions.—Internet

Villarreal signs Chinese sportswear Xtep

XIAMEN, 24 July—Spain’s club Villarreal signed a contract with Chinese sportswear producer Xtep on Friday to start a five-year cooperation with the Fujian brand here. Fernando Roig, President of Villarreal CF, confirmed that the Spanish club would have two or three exhibition matches in China in 2012, and would take Asian trip annually in the next five seasons. Brazilian forward Nilmar was accompanied by four other teammates in the Chinese trip. He said, “I really like the cooperation with Xtep. I like China. I like the weather here. I want to join in more Asian trips in the future.”

Villarreal finished the fourth placing in the Spanish League last season and will compete in the European Champion League. Xtep became the first Chinese sportswear brand to show up in the two leagues.—Xinhua

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The case of the double-headed gold coins

It’s a case that combines history and mystery—and very valuable gold coins. The stakes were certainly high: One of these rare $20 pieces sold for a record $7.59 million in 2002.

Here’s the story. A jury decided that a Philadelphia woman, Joan Langbord, who found the coins in her father’s bank deposit box, never should have owned them, and that the US government was right to take them back.

The government argued that the never-circulated gold coins should never have been anywhere outside the US Mint. Only a half-million of the coins were made. The rare “double eagle” coins, designed by sculptor August Saint-Gaudens, are fervently sought by collectors—and worth a mint. When the United States abolished the gold standard in 1933, most of the pieces were melted down.

Two were sent to the Smithsonian, and 20 disappeared—the very 20 that can be traced to Langbord’s father, a Philadelphia jeweler named Israel Switt. In challenging Langbord’s ownership rights, the government argued that the dollar coins were most likely stolen. Langbord, who is 81, argued that her father did business with the Mint, and the coins could have been acquired legally.

But the government case seemed to sway the jury against Switt: The jeweler had been investigated for illegally possessing gold coins in the 1930s and ‘40s, but Switt was never prosecuted because the statute of limitations had expired.

The Secret Service believed that Switt worked the government was right to take them back.

Police warn of air conditioner burglaries

Milwaukee police are warning residents about a string of burglaries involving improperly installed window-mounted air conditioners.

Charlotte Brown, the Milwaukee Police Department’s District Three Community Liaison Officer, said 38 burglaries have been reported since July 1 involving air conditioners that weren’t properly bolted into place being removed to allow access into the homes, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported.

Police spokeswoman Anne Schwartz said 11 of the incidents involved air conditioners being stolen as well. Police said stolen air conditioners can be sold for a little as $10 on the streets.

Stewart suits up for battle in ‘Snow White’

SAN DIEGO, 24 July—Kristen Stewart dons armor and wields a huge sword and shield for her next movie. Rest assured, it will not be your mother and father’s Snow White.

Stewart joined other cast and crew Saturday at the Comic-Con fan convention for a preview of next year’s “Snow White and the Huntsman,” an action-packed twist on the fairy tale. The “Twilight” star told a Comic-Con crowd that doing a sweet, traditional Snow White was not something “I was jumping at.” What attracted her was that this Snow White was a bold leader with her feet firmly on the ground.

“All, I get to have a sword and stuff,” Stewart said. “Really cool weapons.”

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Five-time Oscar winner Coppola, 72, whose work includes The Godfather,” writing “Pattin” and making “Apocalypse Now,” has for many years been selective of his directorial efforts, often choosing to work outside Hollywood’s studio system where he admits he has diminished creative control.—Reuters

Britain’s “Rehab” singer Amy Winehouse dies aged 27

LONDON, 24 July—Amy Winehouse, one of the most talented singers of her generation whose hit song “Rehab” summed up her struggles with addiction, died in London on Saturday at the age of 27. The Grammy winner, famed for her black beehive hair, soulful voice and erratic behavior on and off stage, was found dead at her new home in Camden a month after a shambolic performance in Serbia forced her to cancel her entire European tour.

Police were called to the address at around 1500 GMT and nearly five hours later the body was removed for a post mortem after it appeared she had lost her battle with drink and drugs.

“Inquiries continue into the circumstances of the death,” said police superintendent Raj Kohli. “At this early stage it is being treated as unexplained and there have been no arrests in connection with the incident.”

A New York woman’s lawsuit against airline JetBlue claims she was embarrassed by a worker who asked about her underwear and was later removed from the flight.

Financial consultant Malinda Knowles, 27, said in her Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit she was flying to Florida for a business meeting 13 July, 2010, when she was approached by a JetBlue supervisor, the New York Post reported.

Knowles, who said her dark denim shorts were concealed by her baggy T-shirt, said the supervisor placed the antenna of his walkie-talkie between her legs.

“He said, ‘I don’t want to see your panties or anything, do you have any on?’” Knowles said.

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Guerrero treble gives Peru third place at Copa

LA PLATA, 24 July—Paolo Guerrero scored a second-half hat-trick as Peru took third place at the Copa America with a 4-1 win over Venezuela in the second half of the tournament third-place match against Venezuela held at the Ciudad de La Plata stadium in La Plata, Argentina. [Internet]

Vandals pour bleach on green at Canadian Open

VANCOUVER, 24 July—A case of vandalism on one of the greens didn’t affect play Saturday at the RBC Canadian Open. Grounds crew discovered bleach had been poured on the grass in the eighth green, a par-3 hole at the Shaughnessy Golf and Country. “When they found it, they did all they could to wash it out,” said Bill Paul, the tournament director. “We are investigating it right now with Vancouver police. That’s all there really is.” The damage was discovered at around 6 a.m. when superintendent Rob Barr was inspecting the course. Some brown streaks could be seen on the green, but it didn’t affect play at all.” Paul said. [Internet]

Da Silva breaks tie, United beats Fire 3-1

CHICAGO, 24 July—Once again, Manchester United used a second-half surge to overwhelm a Major League Soccer opponent. Trailing by a goal to the Chicago Fire at halftime, United got goals from Wayne Rooney, Rafael da Silva and Nani, rallying for a 3-1 victory in an exhibition soccer match against the Chicago Fire at Soldier Field on Saturday. Thirty-three minutes into the first half, Djalo struck again, with a long-range left-footed shot. A Juventus goal 15 minutes into the second half was ruled offside and it wasn’t until the 79th minute that second-half sub Del Piero, put through by Jorge Martinez, lofted a powerful low shot in the waning moments denied Juventus a draw. [Internet]

Evans almost there, Cavendish poised for green jersey

CRETEIL, 24 July—While the Tour de France outcome looks settled in favor of Cadel Evans, sprints are still under pressure with both a prestigious stage win and the green jersey at stake on the Champs Elysees on Sunday. For the most part, the 95-kms 21st and final stage from Creteil will be a parade on Paris’s most famous avenue with Australia’s Evans poised to become the Tour’s first Australian winner. But for Briton Mark Cavendish, the points classification leader, much more is up to grabs. [Internet]

China makes comeback win over Laos at World Cup qualifier

KUNMING, 24 July—China rallied from two goals down to beat Laos 7-2 at the home leg of the second round of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian qualifiers here on Saturday. Thirty-three minutes into the first half, the hosts found them 0-2 down against the South-east Asian team. Yongchengkham Souk A Phone fired a powerful low shot in the fifth minute, before Visay Phaphouvanib doubled the advantage with a diving header in a counter attack. The angry spectators began to call for the ouster of head coach Gao Hongbo, who was sitting on the VIP tribune for a one-match ban which he received from the last group match against Uzbekistan at the AFC Asian Cup 2011. [Internet]
**Chelsea crush Thai team 4-0 in friendly clash**

London, 24 July—English giants Chelsea nailed a convincing win against Thailand’s All-Stars on Sunday, clinching a 4-0 victory in the capital Bangkok on the second match of their 15-day Asian tour.

The result was a marked improvement for the Stamford Bridge team after they failed to shine in Malaysia on Thursday in their first match in Asia, where they scraped a 1-0 win.

On Sunday in the Thai capital’s Rajamangala National Stadium, both sides failed to capitalise on free kicks and corners in the first half until England midfielder Frank Lampard scored in the 38th minute. Chelsea pushed ahead to 2-0 a few minutes into the second half when All-Stars goalkeeper Pattarakorn Tanganurak mishandled a shot from Portuguese forward Jose Bosingwa.

A third goal followed soon after from Serb Branislav Ivanovic in the 52nd minute, and the Blues clinched their fourth and last goal from substitute Frenchman Florent Malouda in the 72nd minute. Chelsea’s next stop after Thailand will be Hong Kong.—Internet
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★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 packed with visitors

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011, organized by Industrial Development Committee continued at the Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, today.

As today was public holiday, service personnel in Nay Pyi Taw and people from different locations visited the product show and bought products.

Items put on display at the industrial product show are textiles, printed textiles, knitting wears, vast, T-shirt, sports shirts and clothes of Myanmar Textile Industries, medicines of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries, cement, brick, insulators and ceramic wares of Myanmar Ceramics Industries, products of Myanmar Paper and Chemicals Industries, automobiles, heavy machinery, farming equipment, farming vehicles, machines and (See page 9)

Fossil is oldest pregnant lizard

LONDON, 24 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.—Internet

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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