President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Maldives counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — On the occasion of the 46th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives which falls on 26th July 2011, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Nasheed, President of the Republic of Maldives.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife attend Waso robe-offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attended the Waso robe-offering ceremony at Maha Atulawaiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay yesterday.

It was also attended by members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Sayadaws Presiding Sayadaw of Waso Monastery of Maha Withuiddayon Taikthit in Mahauangmye Township Shwekyin Maha Raza Abhidhaja Maharatta Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa and Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Nikayanayupadetha Monastery of Masoyein Taik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejasa Sarsathvikasa, the Union ministers, the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region, the deputy ministers, members of Region level institutions, departmental officials, members of religious associations and guests.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon offer Waso robe and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Aggiya.—MNA

Service personnel to abstain from bribery and corruption in putting into reality the President’s guideline of being a clean government

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan, Union Minister for (See page 7)

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets Chief Minister and region ministers at Yuzana hall of MCDC.—MNA
Preserve cultural heritages for durability

Myanmar civilization has existed for thousands of years. Since residents of the land later known as Myanmar formed into national races, cultural traditions have improved gradually. Edifices of cultural heritage and artifacts excavated across the nation suggest high civilization of Myanmar.

The government has been doing archaeological research and unearthing and preserving edifices and objects of cultural heritage in a systematic way which cannot survive ravages of times for a long time without maintenance.

In that case, it has been excavating archaeological sites in search of historical objectives such as stone tablets, palm-leaf manuscripts and paper parchments, and renovating archaeological and religious edifices.

Among the sites is Bagan, a region of thousands of pagodas and temples where there are large varieties of artistic works of the 10 traditional arts and crafts including wall paintings, ink inscriptions, stone inscriptions, bell inscriptions and floral arabesques.

Bagan Archaeological Region fills the nation and the people with national pride and integrity. Archaeological edifices and artistic handicrafts of cultural heritage in the region really put Myanmar on the map. Therefore, the region has a steady stream of foreign tourists.

Now, some archaeological buildings in Bagan that are going to rack and ruin due to ravages of times and weather are under renovation without sacrificing their original styles. The people especially responsible service personnel and dwellers are urged to maintain cultural heritages for their durability.
Iraqi forces arrest 16 suspected al-Qaeda members

BAGHDAD, 25 July—Iraqi security forces have arrested 16 suspected al-Qaeda members accused of being behind more than 100 killings in the capital, a senior security official said Sunday.

General Ahmed Abu Ragheef, the Interior Ministry’s head of internal affairs, accused the men of carrying out the high-profile assassination in May of Ali al-Lami, a senior Iraqi politician who helped purge members of Saddam Hussein’s banned Baath party from politics after the 2003 US-led invasion. Militants have stepped up attacks, specifically targeting police and army officers, to try to destabilise the government as US troops prepare to leave by the end of December, more than eight years after the toppling of Saddam Hussein.

“We managed to arrest the terrorist group that was responsible for the recent assassinations in Baghdad,” Ragheef told reporters at a news conference. Ragheef said the entire operation to arrest the 16 men, including the cell’s leader, had taken security forces 20 days.

He said security forces have also uncovered the cell’s main weapons cache in southern Baghdad where silenced guns and sticky bombs were being manufactured.

Car accidents kill 11 in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 25 July—At least 11 people were killed and 24 others injured on Sunday in a multiple collision among seven cars that circulated in national route 3 in Las Flores about 150 kilometres northeast of capital Buenos Aires, local police said.

The police confirmed that 10 of the injured were sent to different public hospitals in the area for treatment and others were sent to their homes. The police, who are investigating the accident, said that due to a dense fog, five medium cars, a van and a bus were hard to moving on and were involved in the accident.

The police department chief Juan Carlos Paggi said that “a van collided with a bus and then the tragedy was happened,” adding that “the injured people were sent to hospitals in General Belgrano, Las Floresy Monte and a little girl was sent to the Blue hospital.”

The police said the traffic is still not resumed despite workers are cleaning the area after the accidents.

NATO admits five children wounded in air strike

KABUL, 25 July—NATO’s force in Afghanistan has admitted that one of its helicopters had accidentally wounded five children in the southern province of Helmand.

“Violence is at a record-high in the war,” NATO’s spokesperson said.

NATO’s helicopter crashed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 July—A NATO helicopter crashed on Monday in eastern Afghanistan, the military alliance said.

“An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan today,” said a statement issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) here. As coalition rescue forces approached the crash site, they came under enemy fire, the statement added.

“Coalition forces returned fire, with small arms, while working to secure the site of the crash. All passengers and crew members have been secured and safely transported to a nearby base,” according to statement.

The statement did not give more details, only saying that ISAF is currently assessing the incident to determine further facts. Meantime, an Afghan police official in eastern Kunar Province who declined to be named said that chopper crashed in Manogai District of eastern Kunar Province in the wee hours on Monday.

Papua New Guinea rattled by 6.3 quake

PORT MORESBY, 25 July—The Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea was rattled by a powerful 6.3-magnitude earthquake Monday, but seismologists said the tremor was unlikely to have caused major damage in the remote area.

Geoscience Australia measured the quake at magnitude 6.3 and said it occurred at a depth of 39 kilometres (24 miles) in the New Ireland region known for earthquake and volcanic activity.

“There would have been plenty of shaking there and there could have been some damage fairly close by, but these northern islands are pretty sparsely populated,” Geoscience Australia seismologist Hugh Glanville said.

“Being under 6.5, we don’t issue tsunami warnings.”

The United States Geological Survey put the quake at 6.2 magnitude and said it struck about 201 kilometres (124 miles) northwest of New Britain’s township of Rabaul and 794 kilometres (492 miles) from national capital Port Moroeby.

6.2-magnitude quake hits Japan’s Fukushima Prefecture

TOKYO, 25 July—An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale jolted Japan’s northeastern Fukushima Prefecture and its vicinity on early Monday morning, said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The focus of the quake, which occurred at 03:51am local time was located some 40 km under the sea off Fukushima, said the agency.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to properties, and no tsunami warning was issued. Tremors were felt in Tokyo, about 240 kilometres away from the prefecture. There was no immediate reports of abnormalities from the quake by the operator of the crippled Fukushima No1 nuclear power plant.

Soldiers stand by a burned out military vehicle at the site of an attack in Aden, Yemen, on 24 July, 2011. A suicide attacker driving a pickup truck packed with explosives blew himself up outside an army camp in Yemen’s coastal city of Aden on Sunday, killing at least eight army soldiers and wounding dozens, security officials said.

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Fool’s gold yields clues about early Earth

EDINBURGH, 25 July — Scottish scientists say pyrite, often called fool’s gold, is yielding insights into a turning point that took place billions of years ago in Earth’s evolution. Researchers at the University of Edinburgh are recreating ancient forms of the mineral — dubbed fool’s gold for its metallic luster — that reveal details of past geological events.

Detailed analysis of the mineral is giving fresh insight into the composition of Earth before what is called the Great Oxygenation Event, 2.4 billion years ago, when oxygen released by early forms of bacteria gave rise to new forms of plant and animal life, transforming Earth’s oceans and atmosphere, a university release said Friday. “Technology allows us to trace scientific processes that we can’t see from examining the mineral composition alone, to understand how compounds were formed,” research leader Ian Butler said. This enables better understanding of geological conditions at the time and how the oceans and atmosphere evolved, he said.—Internet

Symantec vaults above $22 as Android mobile security market booms

WASHINGTON, 25 July—Symantec is the largest maker of security software for computers. Norton Antivirus software is a major revenue driver for the company and comprises almost 34% of the Trefis price estimate for Symantec. Norton Antivirus software has traditionally had the largest market share in the computer security market and currently holds close to 45% market share, which is expected to decline to 42% by the end of Trefis forecast period. It competes with McAfee, which was acquired by Intel, and against companies like AVG, TrendMicro and Kaspersky Labs.

The overall security software market is expected to increase to almost $6 billion by the end of the forecast period. We currently have a $21.50 price estimate for Symantec, which is almost 10% above the current market price.

The mobile market, especially smartphones, has surged in the last couple of years. Android is now on almost 130 million devices with manufacturers adopting it at an increasing rate, thanks to its open nature. However, the same openness has seen malware attacks on the Android platform increase by over 400% over the last year. Symantec had launched a free beta version of Norton Mobile Security for Android last year. It will soon launch the final version in the Android Market.

Symantec Vaults Above $22 As Android Mobile Security Market Booms.—INTERNET

T-Mobile offers iPhone users Micro SIM card to access service

NEW YORK, 25 July—T-Mobile this week began offering a Micro SIM card that lets iPhone users access their network.

The card, available here, carries a $9.99 suggested retail price, but is free with a two-year contract with the carrier. iPhone users have been able to access T-Mobile with an unlocked iPhone since June.

Roger Entner, an analyst with Recon Analytics, says iPhone users can access T-Mobile by getting a normal SIM card cut to a Micro SIM card at phone shops. iPhone users on T-Mobile don’t get access to a 3G network and can’t use Apple’s visual voicemail. Despite those limitations, T-Mobile claims to have more than 1 million iPhone users on its network. Meanwhile, AT&T is in the process of purchasing T-Mobile. Even if that comes to pass, T-Mobile promises to offer the same plans it does now — rather than AT&T’s service plans — for a year or so. Piper Jaffray analyst Chris Larson also said earlier this month that the iPhone 5 will be available to T-Mobile and Sprint.
Oil falls to near $99

SINGAPORE, 25 July—Oil prices fell to near $99 a barrel Monday in Asia amid investor concern that the lack of an agreement among US lawmakers to raise the country’s debt limit could trigger a default and damage the global economy.

Benchmark oil for September delivery was down 81 cents to $99.06 a barrel at late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude rose 74 cents to settle at $99.87 on Friday.

In London, Brent crude slid 60 cents to $118.07 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Talks stalled during the weekend as an Aug deadline looms for Congress to raise the government’s $14.3 trillion debt limit. Without action by that date, the Treasury will be unable to pay all its bills, which could lead to a debt default and undermine the global economy.

“We believe that a last-minute stopgap deal will be reached, averting worst-case outcomes,” Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a report. “But it will fail to provide a credible long-term fiscal solution or lift rating agency concerns.”

Bank of America said rating agencies will likely cut the US credit rating to AA from AAA by the end of the year. In other Nymex trading in September contracts, heating oil fell 2.0 cents to $3.12 a gallon while gasoline slid 1.5 cents to $3.08 a gallon. Natural gas futures for August delivery advanced 1.5 cents at $4.41 per 1,000 cubic feet.—Internet

Ford: Don’t expect any raises

DEARBORN, 25 July—Michigan-based Ford Motor Co, preparing to start negotiations with the United Auto Workers union, says workers shouldn’t expect pay raises.

Mark Fields, Ford’s president of the Americas, said workers shouldn’t expect pay increases at a time when many of their neighbours remain unemployed, the Detroit Free Press reported.

Ford has made nearly $12 billion in profits since the start of 2009, even though it said its average labor costs are higher than its competitors. Hourly workers who received $5,000 profit-sharing checks for 2010 were angry with the millions paid to top executives, the report said.

“We cannot afford to slip back into old habits,” Fields told the Free Press as the Big Three automakers prepare for talks with labor union representatives.

Fields said Ford has the “wind at our back … I wouldn’t trade our position for anything.”

“Last year, the company did well and … we paid about $5,000 per hourly employee [in profit sharing] in a very difficult environment where their neighbors and friends otherwise are not working,” Fields said.

Last week Ford held a lottery in Louisville, Ky, to trim a pool of nearly 17,000 applicants for 1,800 new jobs it will add to make the all-new Ford Escape in November.—Internet

4.5 million kids can’t afford dental care

WASHINGTON, 25 July—About 4.5 million US children did not receive needed dental care in 2008 because their families could not afford it, an Institute of Medicine report says.

The majority of the US population routinely obtains oral healthcare in traditional dental practice settings, but dental care eludes many — including racial and ethnic minorities, older adults, pregnant women, poor people and rural populations, the report says.

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It occurs because of a deletion in a gene that makes a protein called dystrophin, which helps provide a protective membrane around muscle fibres. Without this skin, muscle fibres become damaged and eventually die.

By the time they are aged eight to 12, boys with DMD become unable to walk and usually face a shortened life expectancy.

In DMD, the problem lies specifically in sections of DNA called exons that, like stepping stones, provide the pathway by which the gene makes dystrophin.

The new drug takes the approach of “exon skipping,” or applying a tiny molecular patch over the deletion, so that the gene can produce a shorter but still functional version of the protein.

After successful tests on muscle cells cultured in a lab dish and on mice, the therapy was cautiously tested for safety on 19 ambulatory patients aged five to 15 at hospitals in London and Newcastle.

Seven out of the 19 showed a “significant” response, with levels of dystrophin rising to as much as 18 percent of normal levels. The volunteers, who were treated over 12 weeks, suffered no side effects.

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Famine in Somalia is ‘immoral’: UN aid coordinator

ROME, 25 July—With the world scrambling to rescue 12 million people on the brink of starvation in the Horn of Africa, UN emergency official Cristina Amaral said the fact that children are dying of hunger is “immoral”.

As head of emergency operations in Africa for the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Amaral has been warning about the crisis facing the drought-stricken region since November, after the rainy season failed. Now she says it’s not enough for donor countries to stump up some cash for immediate food aid — there needs to be long-term investment to help farmers resist droughts and international mediation to bring peace to war-torn Somalia.

“When we have a declaration of famine in the 21st century, we should consider this immoral,” Amaral told AFP in an interview as she prepared for emergency talks at FAO in Rome on Monday aimed at coordinating the aid effort. Ministers, aid chiefs and charities are meeting to discuss ways of stepping up food supplies and delivering them to the epicentre of the famine in southern Somalia, much of which is under the control of militias.

“Without access to south Somalia, we’re only seeing the tip of the iceberg — those refugees arriving in Kenya and Ethiopia,” Amaral said.

“There are many more — we estimate 3.7 million — that need emergency assistance,” she added.—AFP

Bottled water poses dilemma for Vermont offices

MONTPELIER, (Vermont) 25 July—At the state maintenance garage where Lori Girard-Pion works, the water cooler isn’t a luxury. It’s a necessity, especially for the mechanics who maintain the Vermont State Police vehicle fleet.

So when the state of Vermont said it was doing away with bottled water deliveries for state government offices and buildings in favour of drinking water from the tap, she wasn’t happy. Without it, workers at the Colchester garage will have to get their drinking water from a bathroom washbasin where mechanics wash their greasy hands, she says.

“Is that a lot to ask for?” Girard-Pion, an administrative assistant, wrote in a complaint to the state last month. “I think we have good reasons to keep our water cooler.” Turns out kicking the bottle is harder than it looks.

Now, state officials who touted the change as a way to go easy on the environment, save more than $200,000 annually on water purchases and support municipal water systems are scrambling to salvage the plan. Workplace sanitation rules, tap water said to be smelly or visibly dirty and stiff opposition from employees insulated by the thought of having to provide their own water forced the administration of Gov Peter Shumlin to postpone the 1 July adoption of the new policy. —AFP

23 Cambodian children die of dengue fever so far this year

PHNOM PENH, 25 July—Cambodia reported 4,626 cases of dengue fever which had claimed 23 Cambodian children so far this year, Ngan Chantha, director of dengue control at the Ministry of Health, said Monday.

“Most of them were under 5 of age,” he said in a meeting on dengue fever prevention.

He said that to prevent the disease, the center has spent one million US dollars this year to buy Abate, a chemical substance, used to put in water pots and other still water sources to kill larvae, and distribute it free-of-charge to people in order to prevent the disease.

In Cambodia, dengue fever happens mostly in the rainy season from May to October. Last year, about 12,347 cases of dengue fever had been reported and killed 37 Cambodian children, he added.—MNA/Genhua

US airlines fight prospect of higher security fees

WASHINGTON, 25 July—US airlines are fighting the prospect of sharply higher passenger security fees that could be part of any deficit-reduction plan. The approach is among a handful involving aviation that have swirled around the ever-changing complexion of efforts by Congress and the White House to avert a debt default.

While those proposals would cover only a fraction of any deficit savings, they represent flashpoints in relations between industry and government over aviation policy. Business aircraft manufacturers, the powerful private pilot and aircraft owners associations and, now, the biggest commercial airlines have in recent days aggressively lobbed issues around the debt talks that would affect their members.

According to sources with knowledge of the talks and documents circulating on Capitol Hill, a proposal would double the security fee paid by airline passengers to raise at least $15 billion over 10 years. The current maximum fee imposed on commercial flights is $10 per round-trip ticket. Nicholas Calio, who as president of an industry association is the top lobbyist for commercial carriers, said any increase in security fees that would bump up ticket prices would be unacceptable.

“We should advance a tax policy that encourages air service to grow, not contract. Airlines are critical to the nation’s economic health,” he said.—Reuters

40 injured in Washington state hayride accident

SEATTLE, 25 July—Authorities say four people were hospitalized and 40 others sustained minor injuries in a hayride accident on Shaw Island.

The San Juan County Sheriff’s Office says the accident happened Sunday morning when a flatbed trailer carrying about 50 people collided with the tractor that was pulling it and dumped the passengers on the road.

Officials say the hayride was part of a weekend retreat by at least two northwest Washington church youth groups at Our Lady of the Rock Monastery on the island.

The sheriff’s office says in a statement that during the hayride, the tractor and attached trailer were driving downhill when the trailer gained momentum and the tractor jackknifed.

Authorities say four people were airlifted to hospitals. —AFP

Group criticizes global forest protection effort

BANGKOK, 25 July— Participants in a global, landmark effort to save the world’s shrinking forests are instead trading in illegally sourced timber and razing jungles in an area of Borneo island inhabited by endangered orangutans, a non-governmental organization said Monday.

London-based Global Witness alleged in a report that some companies in Asia, Africa and Europe are allowed to reap benefits of associating with the World Wide Fund for Nature, which authored the project, while continuing to destroy forests and deal in illegally sourced timber.

The Switzerland-based WWF, one of the world’s prominent environmental organizations, initiated the Global Forest and Trade Network 20 years ago to ensure that the increasing demand for wood is supplied by companies engaged in the legal, sustainable harvesting of forests. —AFP
Vice-President
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After receiving the Nine Precepts, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmone offered Waso robes and offertories to the State Ovadacariya Shwekyin Maha Raza Weso Monastery Sayadaw.

Then the Union ministers, the chief minister and party presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, the congregation received a sermon delivered by the State Ovadacariya Shwe Wah Win Monastery Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

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Union Foreign Minister attends
44th ASEAN Ministerial Conference and
18th ASEAN Regional Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Dr R.M Marty M Natalegawa, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the 44th ASEAN Ministerial Conference and 18th ASEAN Regional Forum held from 18th to 23rd July in Bali, Indonesia and arrived back yesterday afternoon by air.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the Retreat and Plenary Sessions of 44th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, the Meeting of the Commission for the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ Treaty), ASEAN and Three Foreign Ministers’ meeting, Post Ministerial Conferences, the Retreat and Plenary Sessions of East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers’ Consultation, Mekong-Japan Ministerial Meeting and the Retreat and Plenary Sessions of 18th ASEAN Regional Forum.

The meetings exchanged views on regional and international issues, ASEAN Community Building, the implementation of the ASEAN Charter, review and future direction of external relations of ASEAN with its dialogue partners and preparations for the 19th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits. ASEAN Foreign Ministers considered positively the willingness and readiness of Myanmar to take the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014, based on its firm commitment to the principles of ASEAN, and to recommend to the ASEAN Leaders for their consideration. As regards the South China Sea, ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers’ Meeting endorsed the guidelines on the implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and ASEAN’s position on direct communication with the Nuclear Weapon Free States on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ Treaty) was agreed during the meeting.

The Union Minister co-chaired the ASEAN-Russian Federation Post Ministerial Conference which endorsed the joint Statement on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Partnership. Furthermore, the Union Minister received Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore and Mr Kurt M Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America on 20 July. The Union Minister also met with Mr Yang Jiechi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic China on 21 July and Mr John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada on 22 July.

During the meetings, they exchanged views on promotion of bilateral realations and matters relating to cooperation for mutual interests.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Mekong and Japan counterparts pose at 4th Ministers’ Meeting.—MNA

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—According to the observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Momeya (1039) cm has exceeded by (39) cm (about 1.3 ft) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (1000) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing (noon today).

According to the observation today, the water level of Thandwe River at Hpa-an (835) cm has exceeded by (85) cm (about 0.28 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathang Chaung (1161) cm has exceeded by (31) cm (about 1 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.—MNA
Service personnel to abstain from bribery...

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Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, deputy ministers and departmental heads, left here by air for Mandalay yesterday morning. They were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, ministers and departmental officials.

The Vice-President held a meeting with the chief minister and ministers at Yuzana Hall of Mandalay City Development Committee.

The chief minister reported on structure of the region, farmlands, irrigation water supply, outputs of crops, growing sown acreage, food security, productivity of industrial zones, ongoing tasks in the education and health sectors, and progress in carrying out the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that the nation has seen the Union government, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Union Supreme Court, Region/State governments and hluttaws formed in line with the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The three administrative bodies of the Regions and States have been discharging duties through the check and balance system.

Members of Mandalay Region government is now in a position to manage its economic, social, financial and service personnel affairs in cooperation and coordination with each other to speed up the development of the region.

They are to be responsible for good and bad results of what they have done, and are to report on whatever tasks they have carried out to the Union government and the Union ministries concerned. If necessary, they can ask for assistance.

Issues on ethnic groups residing in the region are to be addressed in coordination with the Region minister for national races affairs.

Undertakings of all ministers of the reconstituted ministries of the region are to be transparent in order that the public places trust and reliance on and recognizes the Region government as a clean government.

In addition, Mandalay Region Hluttaw has to take responsibility for development of the region, enacting new laws, amending and repealing outdated laws, and holding talks in the hluttaw over matters prescribed in Schedule II of the Region or State Hluttaw Legislative List.

When it comes to the judicial sector, cases can be heard freely under supervision of the chief justice of the Region High Court. Criminal and civil appeal cases are to be heard as soon as possible in coordination with the Region government to avert piles of pending cases. In carrying out judicial tasks, all responsible are to try to win public trust and refrain from partiality.

Mandalay, the second largest city as well as an archaeological city in Myanmar, has a constant flow of foreign visitors and is a commercial hub with agricultural development. It is time Mandalay became an international level city as it is the region where goods from neighbouring countries are distributed and is a strategic region with a steady stream of various national races.

In that regard, measures are to be taken effectively to achieve the goal by building buildings wherever necessary, and growing fast-growing trees and landscaping plants across the city to ease hot weather and to spruce the region, enforcing the garbage system, curbing the bad habit of splitting betel spittle indiscriminately in public area, building enough modern latrines, laying dust bins at every corner of roads, and giving green light to private organizations to implement particular programmes the Region government find difficult.

Regional level officials are to be familiar with national stances and policies because they have to represent the nation in holding talks time and again with diplomatic corps inside and outside the nation, NGOs and INGOs.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is a developing country, so the tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation have been launched since 1 July to improve the socioeconomic life for rural people.

Of the eight tasks for agricultural development, cottage industries, microfinance, cooperatives, education, health, electric power supply and environmental conservation, the private microfinance sector is the most indispensable one. Mandalay Region government is required to give the top priority to that point.

The eight tasks are to be implemented in order of priority with the private microfinance entrepreneurs provide as a token of their goodwill for farmers and locals of rural areas for development of the 4780 villages in the region. Ongoing programmes are to be under inspection occasionally.

Myanmar will host SEA Games in 2013. So, Mandalay Region is urged to find out athletes with potentials for success in cooperation with the Ministry of Sports for the sports events they can take part in to bring dignity to the nation.

In conclusion, he urged Mandalay Region government to get service personnel to keep off bribery and corruption and fulfill the needs of local people as far as they can in putting into reality the President’s guideline of being a clean government.—MNA

Myanmar, China to cooperate in financial and monetary matters

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—A goodwill delegation led by Chairman of China Development Bank Corporation, Myanmar Working Team Mr Zhong Shujun and General Manager Mr Lu Jingen of China Citic Bank, arrived here today.

Mr Zhong Shujun and General Manager Mr Lu Jingen of China Citic Bank called on Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun at the Ministry’s office here this afternoon. They discussed cooperation in financial and monetary matters. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Than, and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials.

MNA

Inter-Ministry Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Construction Ministry team routed Industry-1 Ministry team 6-1, Transport Ministry team whitewashed Science and Technology Ministry team 8-1 and hammered Energy Commerce Ministry team 5-2 in 9th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament played at respective venues today.

Industry-2 Ministry team meets Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry team, Education Ministry team faces Mines Ministry team and Labour Ministry team plays against Religious Affairs Ministry team on 26 July.

MNA

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun receives Chairman of China Development Bank Corporation, Myanmar Working Team Mr Zhong Shujun and General Manager Mr Lu Jingen of China Citic Bank.—MNA

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Construction Ministry team vies with Industry-1 Ministry team at 5th Inter-Ministry Football Tournament.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits...

(from page 16) research findings of the university, thesis papers and research papers and gave necessary instructions. The Vice-President then went to Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay) in Chanmyathazi Township and viewed training session of trainees. President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, President of Yadanarbon Football Club Dr Sai Sam Tun, and Coach of the academy Mr Marcos from Brazil explained progress of training. The Vice-President viewed mass hall and training hall and encouraged U-15 trainees. Currently, a total of 108 trainees aged between 13 and 15 are learning football skills from 13 coaches at the academy while pursuing basic education at Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Mandalay).

On his arrival at Institute of Sports and Physical Education Science (Mandalay), the Vice-President was welcomed by Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik who reported to the former on objectives of the Institute, location and area, required qualification for entrance of the Institute, participation in local and international sport events and number of prizes won, and salient facts about the subjects of the Institute.

Next, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tin Hsan elaborated on preparations for hosting the XXVII SEA Games, progress in construction of buildings for sports activities, and Myanmar athletes’ efforts to enhance the image of national sports standard in the region.

The Vice-President stressed the needs and coordinated essentials.

Amendment to Note of Election Objection No (1/2011) heard

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye and commission members heard Amendment to the Note of Election Objection No (1/2011) at the office of the UEC here this morning.

Union Minister U Aung Kyi, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi hold talks, answer correspondents’ questions

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held talks at Seinle Kantha State House in Yangon from 1 pm to 2.10 pm today, after which they replied to the queries raised by correspondents. The questions and answers are as follows:—

Q: U Aung Hla Tun (Reuters)
You held talks with Daw Suu about 10 times in the time of the previous government, but there were no tangible result. We understand that this time you represent the new government. So, is there any difference between the topic you are talking about and the message from the old government? Now, you are representing the new government, not the old one.

A: Union Minister U Aung Kyi
I don’t think there has not been any tangible result. We held talks for nine times and that produced results to some extent. I hope this meeting will produce better results.

Q: Daw Aye Aye Win (AP)
Well, Minister, it is fair to say that this meeting will be followed by a series meeting for the government and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Do you think this meeting is a new step to national reconciliation?

A: Union Minister U Aung Kyi
As we have talked recently, we have agreed that we should keep holding talks. I would say this meeting is the first step to what we will work together and what we will have to do in future.

Q: U Thitha Saw (Editor In Chief of Myanmar Wealth Magazine and Open News Journal)
Well, Aunty Suu, if this is the first dialogue conference between the new cabinet and you, what are you hopes? And what results do you think will come out?

A: Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
We are in favour of beneficial results to the country. Whatever acts we do, whatever talks we hold, and whoever we work with, our goal is to serve the interest of the nation and the people. That is what we hope.—MNA
Chilean miners to take their underground ordeal to big screen

LOS ANGELES, 25 July—Thirty-three Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days last year have decided to take their story to the big screen.

Representatives of the miners announced Sunday that their movie rights were sold to Oscar-nominated producer Mike Medavoy and the production of a film recounting the events surrounding the miraculous rescue is set to begin next year. Medavoy, who won nomination at the 83rd Oscars for "Black Swan," will produce the film through his recently formed Half Circle production company in association with Edward McGurn, his vice-president at Phoenix Pictures.

"Like millions of people around the world, I was completely engrossed watching the rescue at Copiapo," said Medavoy, adding "This is a story about the triumph of the human spirit and a testament to the courage and perseverance of the Chilean people. I can’t think of a better story than this one to bring to the screen."

Miner Juan Andres Illanes said: "One year after the collapse of the mine, we consider this to be a great step towards the realization of a film based on our experience in the San Jose mine. Much of our story has never been told."

S Korea’s number of birth up for 15th straight month in May

SEOUL, 25 July—The number of babies born in South Korea grew for the 15th straight month in May amid the government’s persistent efforts to boost the country’s low birthrate, a report showed Monday.

According to the report by Statistics Korea, the number of babies born in May stood at 39,100, up 3.7 percent or 2,100 over the same month last year.

The number of birth has been on the rise since March last year after suffering a 24-month consecutive decline, the report showed.

South Korea has been struggling with its low birthrate. It has one of the lowest birthrates in the world at 1.22 children per woman in 2010 while the average rate of the OECD countries is 1.74.

Meanwhile, the number of death totaled 21,600 in May, up 0.5 percent or 100 from a year earlier, according to the report.—Xinhua

Apple plans 5th store in booming China market

BEIJING, 25 July—Apple is planning a third, even larger Shanghai store, as well as dozens of other stores throughout China, to cope with huge crowds at its flagship store and a branch, according to media reports Monday.

Apple says its Chinese outlets — two in Beijing and two in Shanghai — are the four most heavily trafficked Apple stores in the world. They also generate the most revenue.

Apple’s push into China shows the depth of the country’s fast-growing economy, and shows that with products not so easy to counterfeit, Chinese consumers are willing to pay a premium.

For the first three quarters of Apple’s fiscal year, revenue in China and its Taipei, Hong Kong was 8.8 billion dollars — six times that of a year earlier.

China has become the second-largest market, after the United States, for apps that run on the smartphone and tablet, according to Distimo, a Dutch company that tracks the popularity of apps.

In addition, Apple has been eager to team up with state-run telecom companies, which looks after mobile phone subscriptions.

Citizens queue to donate blood at a blood collection site in Wenzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 25 July, 2011.—Xinhua

Nepalese artists from “Kirat” Community perform a traditional “Chandi” Dance during the Cultural Events 2011 in Nepali Capital Kathmandu on 24 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd donated Defibrillator Equipment, Easylite NK-K-CL Analyzer, Biochemistry Analyzer, Potable X-ray Machine (30MA), Bedside Monitor, ECG Machine with Trolley, Oxygen Concentrator, Infusion Pumps, Patient Trolleys, 10 KVA Generator Set, Laser Colour Printer, Computer Set and ETC to Kyaukpyu District People’s Hospital on 24 July.—NLM

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (Headquarters) held 7th Waso-robe and alms-food offering ceremony at Mogok Refectory on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 24 July.

Odissi troupe performed traditional dances at National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) on 25 July. Rector in-Charge of the university U Kyaw Oo, professor, deans, lecturers, and students enjoyed the performance.—MNA

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Coe confident as one-year countdown looms

LONDON, 25 July—From the late burst of speed which won him the 1,500 metres gold medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympics to the devastating finish that saw him retain the title in Los Angeles four years later, Sebastian Coe has always been renowned for an impeccable sense of timing. Now the former golden boy of British athletics is preparing to kick for home in the task which has consumed him for every day of the last six years — overseeing London’s preparations for the 2012 Olympics.

Wednesday marks the one-year countdown to the staging of the greatest sporting show on earth in the British capital, some six years after Coe spearheaded a high-powered delegation which won the bid at a 2005 vote.

The window of his office high in the Canary Wharf business district, Coe, the chairman of the 2012 organising committee, is able to look upon the consequences of that victory in Singapore every day.

A large swathe of east London has undergone a transformation, an unprecedented urban renewal of 2.5 square kilometres (one square mile) of industrial wasteland that is the Olympic Park, which is to be the focal point of the 2012 Games.

The site will eventually host the Olympic stadium and an array of state-of-the-art sports facilities along with the athletes village, Press centres and a picturesque park.

In an interview with AFP, Coe says 2012 preparations are “in good shape” as the final countdown nears.

S Korea, India sign nuclear cooperation agreement

SEOUL, 25 July—South Korea and India signed an accord Monday on nuclear cooperation, laying a legal basis for South Korea’s efforts to export nuclear power plants.

The bilateral agreement was signed after a summit in Seoul between South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and his Indian counterpart, Pratibha Patil, according to the president’s office Cheong Wa Dae.

India is currently building six nuclear power plants and plans to construct some 40 more by 2032, while South Korea seeks to become a major exporter of its home-built nuclear power plants.

The state-run Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO) struck a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2009 with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, and has been seeking to tap into the Indian market.—Xinhua

Israel approves new Eilat International Airport

TEL AVIV, 25 July—Israel’s cabinet on Sunday approved plans for a new international airport near the southern resort town of Eilat, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

Speaking ahead of his weekly cabinet meeting, in which the airport project was approved, Netanyahu said the airport would be located in Timna, northeast of Eilat, in the southern Aravah Region of the Negev desert.

“It will be an alternative to Ben-Gurion international airport and serve as an additional international airport for the state of Israel. It will also be an alternative airport for Eilat,” he said.

“It will free up considerable land in Eilat, provide a solution for the expansion of Eilat and prevent noise and other pollution in the city.”

Israel has three international airports, but most tourists flying into the country arrive at the Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv.

The new airport will replace Eilat’s current airport, which is located in the centre of the popular tourist destination, as well as the Ovda international airport in the Negev desert nearby.

The project is expected to cost 1.6 billion shekels ($471 million, 328 million euros) and is scheduled to take about three years from the start of work, though it was not clear when construction might begin.—Internet

Chinese toddler rescued 21 hours after train crash

WENZHOU, 25 July—A toddler rescued about 21 hours after a deadly high-speed train crash in east China’s Zhejiang Province shows good vital signs, according to doctors.

The girl, named Xiang Weiyi, was under medical observation and treatment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the No.2 Hospital Attached to the Wenzhou Medical College, said Pan Guoquan, the ICU director on Monday.

Xiang, aged two years and eight months, suffered bruises in her lung, liver and soft tissues.

She also suffered insufficient blood supply in two toes of her left foot, he said.

“We’ll observe the recovery progress of her blood circulation in the left leg, and then decide whether she needs an amputation,” he said.

The train collision that occurred near the city of Wenzhou late Saturday has killed 36 people and left 192 others injured as of Sunday night, according to the Ministry of Railways.

At 5:15 pm Sunday, Xiang was rescued by firefighters, making her the last survivor that had been saved after being trapped in the deformed train coaches.

Internet

Vietnam pockets 2 bln USD from rice export so far this year

HANOI, 25 July—Vietnam exported 387,186 tonnes of rice, worth 185.5 million US dollars in the first three weeks of July, pushing the total export volume to 4.3 million tonnes and a value to two billion US dollars so far this year, according to the Vietnam Food Association (VFA) on Monday.

The country’s major rice importers included Asian countries, who accounted for nearly 54 percent of the total rice exports, followed by Africa with 31 percent and America with 12.2 percent.

Vietnam expects to export more than seven million tonnes of rice in 2011, over 6.8 million tonnes in 2010, VFA reported.—Xinhua
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANG KAJA VOY NO (70)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG KAJA VOY NO (70) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (397)
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Six pairs of twins pose for a photo during the 12th National Twins Festival held in Szigetotham, near Budapest, Hungary, on 23 July, 2011. —XINHUA

A robot waves in a competition in Mudanjiang, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 24 July, 2011. A nationwide robot competition was kicked off in the city on Sunday, with participants from 50 colleges and universities. —XINHUA

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Rest in peace…

Our little brother Zayar Ko Ko (a) Gyibar… No words to describe how we feel right now… Too Young… We will miss you so much… We will always remember the good time we had together… We were young and stupid but we had so much fun together… You will be in our heart forever… Thank you for leaving little nephews who will be due in October. … We promise we will take care of him like our own son… Love you forever… Ko Me, Ko Dau… Ma Ma Can…

Perth, Australia
**Five Dominicans break record for continuous reading**

Five students set a world record Wednesday after reading aloud for 300 straight hours to raise awareness about books in the Dominican Republic. And they kept going.

Guinness World Records recognized the university students for breaking the previous record of 240 hours set in 2009 by a group of women from Miami Dade College.

“This is a very important case because it deals with reading and promotes intellectualism,” said Michael Janela, a Guinness official who certified the record.

He called it a tremendous sacrifice.

“There is no time to sleep, nor even to eat,” he said. “Sometimes they are reading by themselves at dawn, without support.”

In preparation for the bid, participants practiced reading up to three hours a day for two years, said Cristian Rodriguez, a 23-year-old communications student.

The students began reading July 7 at a library just northwest of the capital, taking turns before a microphone every two hours. They chose to read the complete works of historian and former Dominican President Juan Bosch. The project was being transmitted live on the Internet.

The students had planned to stop Wednesday but decided to extend the reading until early Saturday to complete 365 hours of reading, one hour for each day of the year. Guinness officials will continue to monitor the reading to verify the final time.

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**Man stuck in manhole for 40 minutes**

**‘Captain America’ breaks Harry Potter’s box-office spell**

**LOS ANGELES, 25 July—**Comic book hero Captain America outdueled Harry Potter in this weekend’s box office battle, earning an estimated $65.8 million, industry estimates showed Sunday.

Paramount’s “Captain America: The First Avenger” easily topped the $48 million that “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” brought in for its midnight premiere sales ($43.5 million), according to the box-office tracker.

The eighth and final episode about the boy wizard is considered to be the strongest opener ever for any film franchise.

A California man got stuck headfirst in a manhole for about 40 minutes when he tried to retrieve his wallet, police say.

Ceres police officers found Jared Medeiros, 21, of Ceres stuck waist deep in a manhole Friday, Sacramento’s KCRA-TV reported. When they arrived, his legs were flashing in the air.

The fire department had to be called in to help pull out Medeiros after he couldn’t be budged. He was stuck for about 40 minutes.

Police said Medeiros only suffered some minor scrapes and contusions. He also found that he was intoxicated, but not impaired, the TV station said.

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**‘Cowboys & Aliens’ premiere brings out the big guns**

**SAN DIEGO, 25 July—**For the premiere of his new shoot-'em-up epic “Cowboys & Aliens,” Jon Favreau presented a screening almost as big and bombastic as the movie itself, invading the San Diego Civic Theater with a horde that included Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde, Sam Rockwell, Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard. “In case you don’t like the movie, I’m gonna say that this is how you felt about the film,” Favreau said in reaction to the thunderous applause that greeted him, before dragging the aforementioned ensemble onto the stage and launching into a heartfelt assessment of the evening.

“We have all the people who’ve been working on the movie interacting with the fans,” Favreau noted.

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**7th jazz festival to strum up crowds at Expo Park**

**BEIJING, 25 July—**More than doubling the number of performances from last year, the 2011 JZ Music Festival Shanghai will open one of the largest jazz festivals in Asia at the Expo Park from 15 October to 23 — featuring the internationally acclaimed vocals of Roy Ayers and Tower of Power.

With 100-plus shows, the seventh annual edition of the festival will boast six outdoor stages on the first two opening days at the Green Note venue inside the Expo Park, where audiences can take in a mix of jazz, folk, electronic, funk and rock renditions performed by internationally acclaimed musicians, followed by the “Masters Hall” indoor concert series from 18 October at the Shanghai Centre Theater, said organizers.

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**Lindsay Lohan ordered to enroll in psychological counseling programme**

**LOS ANGELES, 25 July—**A Los Angeles judge ruled on Thursday that troubled Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan has made some progress fulfilling the terms of her probation, but she had still to enroll in a one-on-one psychological counseling programme within three weeks.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner ruled that, the “Mean Girls” star has completed just 33 of the 480 community service hours, but she wanted to see proof within 21 days that the starlet has enrolled in a counseling session.

Sautner also reminded Lohan that she has one year to complete all the terms of her probation, which stems from a misdemeanor theft case involving a necklace valued at $2,500 dollars that the actress took from a Venice jewelry store early this year.
China completes sweep of diving golds at worlds

SHANGHAI, 25 July — Qiu Bo won the men’s 10-metre platform title on Sunday, helping China complete a gold medal sweep for the first time in diving at the world championships. Qiu totaled 85.45 points in the six-dive final to win China’s 10th gold and 14th medal overall at the outdoor pool. Qiu finished second two years ago in Rome. American David Boudia earned the silver with 544.25, the only medal won by the United States in Shanghai. Sascha Klein of Germany took the bronze at 534.50. “It’s always very tough to compete with the Chinese,” Boudia said. “It was good to hear teammates’ cheer for me. I had a good time training and competing here.” Defending champion Tom Daley of Britain finished fifth. Boudia’s teammate, Nick McCrory, was sixth. — Internet

Men’s 10m platform diving top three finishers, from left, silver medalist the United States’ David Boudia, gold medalist China’s Qiu Bo and bronze medalist Germany’s Sascha Klein. — Internet

Balotelli gets into row with City manager Mancini

LONDON, 25 July — Mario Balotelli’s failed trick shot sparked a heated row with manager Roberto Mancini that took the Justre off Manchester City’s penalty shootout win over the Los Angeles Galaxy. The Italian striker with a hot-headed reputation scored the lone goal in regulation for City but was relegated to the showers by the time the teams went to a penalty shootout to decide the exhibition match. Mancini was incensed after Balotelli broke in on the goal line in the 28th minute and then turned backwards and tried to hit a ball into the net with the back of his foot. The ball went wide and Balotelli was pulled from the game as Mancini’s McMaster University, ahead of meeting top three finishers, from left, silver medalist the United States’ David Boudia, gold medalist China’s Qiu Bo and bronze medalist Germany’s Sascha Klein. — Internet

Khan stops Judah to add title

LAS VEGAS, 25 July — England’s Amir Khan won a second piece of the 140-pound (63.5-kilogramme) title Saturday, stopping American veteran Zab Judah with a body punch in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round unification bout. He did it with a body shot that landed legally, though Judah claimed it was a low blow. No matter, said Khan, who was landing big blows even before the punch that put Judah down. “If it had gone another few rounds, I would have knocked him out with a clean shot,” Khan said. Khan was dominating the fight when he threw a right hand that landed just at the belt line of Judah, who went to the canvas. Judah stayed there on his knees as referee Vic Drakulich counted him out at 2:47 of the fifth round. — Internet

South Korea’s Park regains 400 free title

SHANGHAI, 25 July — Olympic champion Park Tae-hwan of South Korea showed he’s back in top form and Italy’s Federica Pellegrini remained unbeatable in the 400-metre freestyle on the opening night of traditional swimming at the world championships on Sunday.

Michael Phelps’ first race ended in disappointment, meanwhile, as the United States had to settle for bronze in the 4-x-100 relay behind surprise winners Australia and runner-up France. — Internet

O’Hair wins Canadian Open on 1st playoff hole

MOUNT VERNON, 25 July — Sean O’Hair turned around the worst week of his most trying golf season on an even tougher course. Sunday. Not even he imagined it was possible just four days ago. Coming off a frustratingly close missed cut at the British Open, and in the midst of his worst season on the PGA Tour, O’Hair “played horrific” in Wednesday’s Pro-Am on the eve of the Canadian Open. All of which made him savor the victory four days later that much more. O’Hair won after tapping in for bogey on the first playoff hole Sunday, and then watching fellow American Kris Blanks lip out his bogey putt from just over 5 feet. — Internet

Sports
**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**Weather forecast for 26th July, 2011**

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**Panda cub born in China’s Chengdu panda base**

A pair of newborn panda twins are seen at the Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, Sichuan province. A giant panda named Li Li gave birth to the twin female cubs at the breeding centre on Sunday morning.—**Xinhua**

CHENGDU, 25 July—A 19-year-old giant panda on Sunday gave birth to this year’s first cub in the Chengdu Giant Panda Protection and Research Center in southwest Sichuan Province.

Nineteen years is an advanced maternal age for pandas, compared with the average life span of 25 years for the endangered animal. The mother Li Li was given artificial fertilization with sperm from Qibang, a panda returned from Japan, after her natural mating failed in March. Weighing 161 grams, the new-born is a healthy female cub. Both Li Li and the baby are in good shape, according to veterinarians at the center.

With the new cub, the total number of pandas captive in the world’s largest panda base reached 97. Dubbed as the hometown of giant pandas, Sichuan has two panda bases—one in Chengdu, and the other in Wolong. A panda, nicknamed “Su Lin,” in the Wolong panda base, gave birth to its first panda cub of the year on 7 July.—**Xinhua**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (26-7-2011) (Tuesday)**

**Local Transmission**
- Opening
- News
- Three Sacred Pagodas each enshrined with Relics of Buddha’s Hair, Rib Tooth

**Overseas Transmission**
- Opening
- News
- Three Sacred Pagodas each enshrined with Relics of Buddha’s Hair, Rib Tooth
- Tasty! Delicious Smart Food!

**Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST**
- Morning News
- Nice & Sweet Song
- Health Programme
- Songs of Yester Years
- Dance of National Races
- Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
- Musical Programme
- The Mirror Images
- Oldies

**Overseas - (26-7:11 09:30 am ~ 27-7:11 09:30 am) MST**
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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

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Yadanabon University, Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay), Sports and Physical Education Science (Mandalay)

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visited Yadanabon University, Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay) and Sports and Physical Education Science (Mandalay) yesterday evening. The Vice-President, while visiting Yadanabon University, heard reports on historical background of the university, specialized subjects available, strength of lecturers and staff, number of PhD holder instructors, research works, and sports activities, installation of video conference and communication system and greening of the university campus.

The Vice-President put questions for his knowledge and gave a speech saying that he and the union ministers came there to fulfill the requirements of the university; that the State would provide necessities for construction of new lecture rooms to be able to cope with increasing students; that to enhance the capacities of the graduates, lectures must be well-qualified first; that undergraduates must have a desire for knowledge; that only through self-improvement of lecturers and undergraduates, could qualified graduates be turned out; that all lecturers were to work in tandem for production of well-qualified graduates.

The Vice-President looked round the main lecture hall, internal office multiple video conference & communication system, scale model of the university. (See page 9)

Union Minister U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issue press release

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 July—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held a dialogue at Seinle Kantha State House in Yangon from 1 pm to 2.10 pm today.

After the dialogue, the Union Minister made clarifications on the dialogue to correspondents of local and foreign news agencies. And they issued a press release as follows:

At the invitation of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called on Union Minister U Aung Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House from 1 pm to 2.10 pm on 25 July 2011. (See page 9)