**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Building of a new modern developed nation in 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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**Preserve potency of traditional medicines to win greater public trust**

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits University of Nursing (Mandalay), University of Traditional Medicine**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July**—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by the Union Ministers, the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region, deputy ministers and departmental heads, visited University of Nursing (Mandalay) in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay at 7.30 am yesterday.

The Vice-President viewed learning of students at the library, the Internet room, the basic health nursing department and skill lab and lecture hall. Rector Dr Daw Marlar Win conducted him around the university.

At the hall of the university, the rector reported on conducting the training courses at the university, strength of staff, number of students, lecture halls and staff quarters. Principal Daw San Win of Nursing Training School (Mandalay) reported on facts about the training school. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Vice-President attended to the needs and looked into staff quarters and buildings in the compound of the university.

At University of Traditional Medicine in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay, the Vice-President cordially greeted the faculty members and students.

At the hall, Rector Dr Than Maung reported on location and area of the university, opening of the institution on 19 December 2001, implementation of aims and objectives of the university, strength of staff, number of students, curriculum, (See page 8)

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks around University of Nursing (Mandalay) in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay.**

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits University of Traditional Medicine in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay.**

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For better health

Fulfillment of health care infrastructures for children is effective effort in nurturing the new generation children to be physical and mental healthy and fit outstanding citizens on whom the State can rely in the future nation.

A ceremony to inaugurate the 550-bed Children’s Hospital (Mandalay) was held in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay in Mandalay Region on 25 July. Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the gala ceremony and formally unveiled the plaque of the facility.

Children from Upper Myanmar and surrounding townships of Mandalay have now easy access to better health care services at Children’s Hospital (550-bed) upgraded from former 300-bed Children’s Hospital of Mandalay. The already-opened facility was renovated by Eden Group of Companies.

As over 60 per cent of the people in Myanmar are mothers and children, it is necessary to emphasize maternal and child health care services across the Union in drawing health plan.

So far, Mandalay Region has been facilitated with 14 specialist hospitals, three teaching specialist hospitals, two 300-bed hospitals, three 200-bed hospitals, six 100-bed hospitals, 14 50-bed hospitals, 14 25-bed hospitals and 48 16-bed hospitals, totalling 104. As part of efforts to fulfill the requirements of health sector in border areas with opening of hospitals and rural health centres and appointments of health staff, the Ministry of Health has inaugurated 100 border hospitals and 83 sub-township hospitals, totalling 938 up to 2011.

Health and fitness of all citizens and development of human resources play an important role in building a modern and developed nation. As such, the government is providing health care services to the people across the Union.

Health staff members are to give health care to the people with goodwill at already opened 550-bed Children’s Hospital (Mandalay) and other hospitals on which the people can rely. Likewise, the people on their part are to participate in sanitation and durability tasks of the facilities.

Cash donated to MWJA

YANGON, 28 July—A ceremony to present cash donations to the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the association Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street here this afternoon.

On behalf of late General Soe Win-Daw Thaung (Sethmu-Monywa) family, U Ode Maung (Myinnu Maung Naing Moe) presented K 1 million; Managing Director of Aung Sezein Jewellery Co U Aung Gyi (Kyayzu Kyee Hla Mi Hnit Pha Team); Daw Nan Toe Toe Shwe and family, K 500,000; Aung Gyi (Kyayzu Kyee Hla Mi Hnit Pha Team) — Managing Director of Aung Sezein Jewellery Co U Thaung Thaung; Than Nwe (Malay-Monywa) family, K 1 million; U Ohn Maung (Kyayzu Kyee Hla Mi Hnit Pha Team) — Deputy Manager of Albert’s Jewellery Co Ltd, K 500,000; and U Myint Maung family (Fuji Paint Shop), K 500,000; Daw Nan Toe Toe Shwe and family, K 500,000; Aung Gyi (Kyayzu Kyee Hla Mi Hnit Pha Team) — Managing Director of Aung Sezein Jewellery Co U Thaung Thaung presented his Credentials to the Director-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, on 11 July 2011 in Geneva. MNA

Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN presents Credentials to UN D-G


Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to South African President

NAVPYI TAW, 29 July—U Myint Naung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. JacobGedleyihlekisaZuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, on 12 July 2011, in Pretoria. MNA

Union H&T Minister receives Brazilian Ambassador

NAVPYI TAW, 28 July—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan receives Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior. MNA

Deputy Construction Minister meets ROK guests

NAVPYI TAW, 28 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin met Deputy Minister for Construction and Water Resources Policy Mr. Chung Nae Sam of the Republic of Korea and party at his office this morning. They held discussions on road/bridge construction works.

It was also attended by Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works, Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and House- hold Development, the Head of Office and officials. MNA

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin meets Deputy Minister for Construction and Water Resources Policy Mr. Chung Nae Sam of the Republic of Korea. MNA

Myanmar selected Judo athletes to partake in International Judo Friendly Tournament in Bangkok

YANGON, 28 July—A Myanmar selected Judo team this morning left here for Thailand to partake in the International Judo Friendly Tournament to be held in Bangkok commencing 30 to 31 July.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned of Sports and Physical Education Department as well as Myanmar Judo Federation. The team led by Vice Chairman of Myanmar Judo Federation U Aye Kyi, U Aung Naing Swe includes eight athletes—Ma Salwheel(Sethmu-1) (under 45 Kilo), Ma Khin Khin Su (Sethmu-1) (under 48 Kilo), Ma Thanda Soe (Rail Transportation) (under 52 Kilo), Ma Zin Mi Mi Thain (Rail Transportation) (under 57 Kilo), Ma Ei Phyu Zin (Sethmu-1) (under 63 Kilo), Ma Thanda Win (Sethmu-1) (under 70 Kilo), Ma Aye Aye Aung (Sethmu-1) (under 78 Kilo) and Ma Khin Myo Thu(Rail Transportation) (under 83 Kilo), including Sergeant Zaw Lwin as a coach and Warrant Officer Class1 Nyan Soe as a referee. MNA
Suicide bombing kills 12 outside bank in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 July—A suicide bomber on Thursday struck an Iraqi bank in Saddam Hussein’s hometown where policemen were picking up their paychecks, killing 12 and wounding 30 people, officials said.

The midmorning blast was the fourth major attack this year on Iraqi security forces in the northern city of Tikrit, a former hotbed of Sunni insurgents bent on targeting the government and exposing the country’s instability.

Salahuddin Provincial spokesman Mohamed al-Asi said the explosion went off outside the state-run Rafidain bank where policemen were picking up their monthly pay. It wasn’t known how many policemen were among the dead and wounded.

Television footage of the blast showed a huge white mushroom cloud over the two-story bank, followed by thick black smoke. A car parked nearby was on fire, and firefighters struggled to douse the flames. Iraqi security forces sealed off the area.

Another provincial spokesman, Ali Abdul-Rahman, said at least 12 people were killed and 30 wounded.

Tikrit, located 80 miles (130 kilometres) north of Baghdad, has been at the epicenter of deadly strikes on Iraq’s government in the north so far this year.

In June, a suicide bomber attacked a mosque filled with Iraqi politicians and policemen while another blew himself up inside the hospital where the wounded were taken, killing a total of 21 people.

Iraqi women shop for handmade grass fans at a market in the old city area of Basra, 340 miles (550 kilometres) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 27 July, 2011. —INTERNET

SMS Korean cargo plane crashes

SEOUL, 28 July—An Asiana Airl ine cargo plane with two crew on board crashed Thursday into the sea off South Korea’s Jeju island.

The Jeju Coast Guard said its patrol boat found debris of the Boeing-747 aircraft operated by South Korea’s second-largest flagship carrier in the sea about 170 kilometres west of Jeju city.

The plane took off from Incheon International Airport at 3.05 am (local time) and was heading for Shanghai’s Pudong airport.

An official from the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs said in a press briefing that the plane was believed to have caught fire in flight, but the exact cause of the crash could not be confirmed until the recovery of its flight data recorder.

He said the pilot told air traffic controllers in Shanghai that fire had broken out in the hold and that the plane was trying to make its way to Jeju airport.

The plane was carrying 58 tons of cargo, including semiconductors, machine parts and 0.4 ton of inflammable materials.

Five coast guard patrol boats and one harbor police helicopter are searching the area for the two crew including the captain, 52, and first officer, 44.

Asiana Airlines is the country’s second-largest flagship carrier after Korean Air.—Xinhua

Air Canada plane forced to return to Australia

SYDNEY, 28 July—An Air Canada flight was forced to return to Sydney airport on Thursday after crew members saw smoke coming from an oven in the galley, an airline official said.

No one on Flight AC34 was injured in the incident, which forced the pilot to dump fuel before safely landing the plane in Sydney, said Jeannie Foster, Air Canada’s general manager for Australia and New Zealand.

“Smoke was seen by a crew member in an oven so the captain made the right decision and decided to come back to Sydney to check it out as a safety precaution,” Foster told The Associated Press. “They had to dump fuel because it’s a very heavy airplane with 15 hours worth of fuel to get to Canada.”

Foster denied earlier reports of a fire breaking out on board.

“There was no fire at all,” she said.

There was no damage to the Boeing 777 and no smoke entered the cabin, Foster said. Engineers were on board trying to determine the cause of the smoke.

The flight, which was bound for Vancouver and Toronto, was carrying 264 passengers. Foster said the airline was hoping the plane would be able to resume its journey later Thursday after engineers completed their checks.

Australian air safety investigators said they were awaiting a report from Air Canada before commenting on the incident.—INTERNET

KANDAHAR, 28 July—Seven explosions rocked Trinkot City in the capital of Uruzgan Province on Thursday, casualties feared, spokesman for Uruzgan City Khan Agha Niakhil in talks with Xinhua confirmed that so far 20 bodies and three injured men have been taken to hospital.

Gunbattle is still ongoing, according to the spokesman.

Seven blasts rock Trinkot city in S Afghanistan, 20 killed

KANDAHAR, 28 July—Seven explosions rocked Trinkot City the capital of Uruzgan Province on Thursday, casualties feared, spokesman for Uruzgan Provincial administration Ahmad Milad Mudasir said.

One of the blasts targeted Provincial Governor Office, the second blast targeted the compound of local television and the third blast targeted highway police department, Mudasir said, adding gunbattle is going on.

Meantime, head of Health Department in Trinkot City Khan Agha Niakhil in talks with Xinhua confirmed that so far 20 bodies and three injured men have been taken to hospital.

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A car is swept along by floodwaters next to tilted electric posts on a damaged road, after typhoon Nock-Ten hit Daraga, Albay in central Philippines on 27 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Storm Nock-ten claims over 400,000 USD worth of Philippine crops

MANILA, 28 July—Tropical storm Nock-ten (local name: Juaining) damaged 17.17 million pesos (about $407,664 US dollars) worth of Philippine crops, according to initial report filed Thursday by the agriculture department.

Nock-ten, which triggered flash floods, destroyed 2,977 hectares of farmland planted with rice, damaging 10.83 million pesos (257,183 US dollars) worth of un milled rice.

A total of 612 metric tons of fruits and vegetables and 11 tons of corn were also destroyed.

Agriculture Undersecretary Joel Rudinas said the effect of the losses is negligible, but he expects the losses to climb after the regional officials complete their survey of areas battered by the storm.—Xinhua

Members of Korea Coast Guard retrieve a piece of an Asiana Airlines cargo plane that crashed into the sea off Jeju Island, South Korea, on 28 July, 2011. —XINHUA

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**Science**

*Follow-the-leader* asteroid discovered

PASADENA, 28 July—Astronomers studying data from an orbiting NASA observatory say they’ve discovered the first known “Trojan” asteroid orbiting the sun in the Earth’s orbit. Trojans are asteroids that share an orbit with a planet near stable points in front of or behind the planet, but can never collide with it as they maintain their leading or trailing position, a NASA release said.

Neptune, Mars and Jupiter and two of Saturn’s moons share their orbits in our solar system with Trojans. Scientists had long predicted Earth should have its own solar system with Trojans. Scientists of Saturn’s moons share their orbits in the leading or trailing position, a NASA release said.

“Earth always is chasing the leader,” said Amy Mainzer of NASA’s Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer. “But we finally found one, because the object has an unusual orbit that takes it farther away from the sun than is typical for Trojans.

WISE was a game-changer, giving us a point of view difficult to have at Earth’s surface.” The researchers’ hunt through the WISE data resulted in two Trojan candidates, and one known as 2010 TK7 was confirmed as an Earth Trojan after follow-up observations with the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope on Mauna Kea in Hawaii. The asteroid is about 1,000 feet in diameter and is about 50 million miles from Earth.

“It’s as though Earth is playing follow-the-leader,” said Amy Mainzer of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. “Earth always is chasing this asteroid around.”

A handout photo released on 26 July, by Nature magazine, shows the fossil of Xiaotingia zhengi, a Previously unknown species of bird-like dinosaur from the Late Jurassic of China. Xing Xu and colleagues describe the fossilized remains of a small, feathered, Archaeopteryx-like dinosaur, weighing about 0.8 kg.

**Space station to plunge into ocean at end in 2020**

MOSCOW, 28 July—A Russian space official said Wednesday that once the mammoth International Space Station is no longer needed it will be sent into the Pacific Ocean.

“It’s a plan that’s long been in the works and is a step to avoid the station becoming dangerous space junk. It was supposed to plunge into the ocean as early as 2015.

The US recently extended its life until at least 2020, and there’s been talk of keeping it going even longer.

Vitaly Davydov, deputy head of the Russian space agency, said the orbiting outpost will be destroyed in a controlled descent to Earth “so that there is no space junk left behind.”

Russia sank its Mir space station in the Pacific in 2001 after 15 years in operation. Skylab, America’s first space station, fell from orbit in 1979 after six years in space.

The International Space Station is the biggest orbiting outpost ever built and can sometimes be seen from the Earth with the naked eye. It’s now big enough for six residents.

It now consists of more than a dozen modules built by the US, Russia, Canada, Japan and the European Space Agency.

**College Humor among first 3-D video offerings on Nintendo 3DS**

NEW YORK, 28 July—Late last week, Nintendo Video service officially launched on the Nintendo 3DS, allowing users to start downloading and watching exclusive videos on the handheld gaming device.

Now, just a few days later, the first crop of 3-D video has become available through the service, and it includes some choice segments from one of the Internet’s most popular comedy sites.

The animated short “Dinosaur Office” from CollegeHumor.com was one of several 3-D videos that became available recently, which also saw the arrival of more 2-D video via the Nintendo Video service and the recently launched Netflix on 3DS.

According to CNN, College Humor has created four more animated, 3-D shorts exclusively for the 3DS, and plans to make a regular series out of at least one of them.

Nintendo also indicated that 3-D videos from rock groups OK Go and Foster the People are also expected to arrive on the 3DS soon.

We reported on the arrival of Netflix on the 3DS just a few weeks ago, a move that offers yet another way to use the streaming video service. Nintendo and Netflix promised to make a library of 3-D video available via Netflix in the future, too.

While sales of the Nintendo’s 3-D gaming device haven’t exactly met with the company’s expectations, the company appears to be betting that development of more games and other services that take advantage of the system’s unique capabilities will pay off in the long run.

Sony announces super-thin DSC-TX55 digital camera with OLED touch screen

WASHINGTON, 28 July—Sony just announced the newest model in its Cyber-shot DSC-T series of digital cameras. The Cyber-Shot DSC-TX55 is a high-end, 16-megapixel snapshot camera with several notable features.

The DSC-TX55 can capture both 16-megapixel still photos and 1080i/60 video. More interestingly, the camera can take 12-megapixel photos while taking 1080i/60 video, a seldom-seen feature.

It packs a 5x optical zoom lens into its 12.2mm-thick frame, less than half an inch thick not counting the sliding lens cover. Because it’s so small, the DSC-TX55 can only accept the “micro” varieties of flash memory: Memory Stick Micro or microSD/SDHC cards. The back of the DSC-TX500 features a 3.3-inch OLED touch screen, Through which the camera’s multiple scene modes can be selected.

The DSC-TX55 comes with several unique modes, including a 3D Still Image mode that captures a simulated 3D picture by taking multiple photos, and an Intelligent Sweep Panorama with High Resolution mode that can record a 42.9-megapixel panorama shot by automatically stitching multiple photos together.

The Sony Cyber-shot DSC-TX55 will retail for $350 when it ships in September, and will be available in silver, black, red, and violet versions.

Sony’s new 3DS, which features OLED touchscreens has now been launched in Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore. It will launch in the US on September 23rd.

The camera features a 12.2-megapixel sensor and has three movie modes including Intelligent Sweep Panorama (High Resolution), which creates 42.9 megapixel photos.”

Boys are seen slugging it out in an Xbox 360 wrestling game at an IT Show in Singapore. US technology giant Microsoft on Thursday said its annual profit soared on record revenue thanks in part to hot demand for its Xbox 360 videogame console gear and online network.

**Technology**

Shoppers try out Nintendo 3DS at an electronics retail store, in Tokyo, Japan, on 28 July, 2011.

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Internet
**Mexican papayas sicken 99 in US**

AUSTIN, 28 July—Mexican papayas tainted with salmonella have sickened 99 people in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Tuesday. No deaths have been reported but the outbreak spans 23 states and health authorities warned people not to eat fresh, whole papayas imported from Mexico by Agromed Produce of McAllen, Texas.

“Consumers should not eat recalled papayas, and restaurant and food service operators should not serve them,” said the CDC.

The company issued a voluntary recall on Saturday of all Blondie, Yaya, Mananita, and Tastylicious brand papayas sold prior to 23 July because they could be contaminated. The first cases in the salmonella agona outbreak arose in January and have continued to be reported through mid-July, the CDC said.

Twenty-five of the 99 illnesses have been in Texas, the worst hit US state. In Mexico, the Agriculture Ministry said Tuesday that it was too soon to know if the Mexican papayas in question were the source of the illness.

US and Mexican authorities “are carrying out an investigation in both countries to determine the source of the outbreak of salmonella” so it is not time for any conclusive comment on cause, said Enrique Sanchez, who heads up Mexico’s food safety agency.

“For now, Mexican papayas cannot be named as the source of the illness,” Sanchez said. Salmonella poisoning usually causes diarrhea, fever, and stomach pains within 12 to 72 hours of eating, and symptoms can last up to a week.

Most people recover without treatment, but people with weak immune systems, the elderly and the very young could be at risk if the infection spreads to the bloodstream.

**Human brains wired to empathize, study finds**

NEW YORK, 28 July—A person’s brain works hard to empathize or understand what it’s like to walk in another person’s shoes, no matter how different they may be, a new study indicates. Researchers from the University of Southern California found people automatically attempt to empathize — even with those who are physically very different. To do that, however, people must use two separate regions of their brain.

In a paper, published online by Cerebral Cortex, USC researchers found that empathy between two people who can relate to each other more directly relies primarily on the intuitive, sensory-motor parts of the brain. A person who empathizes with someone who is very different or with whom they cannot directly relate, however, depends more on the rationalizing part of the brain.

In conducting the study, USC researchers showed videos of hands, feet and a mouth doing “tasks” to a woman who was born without arms or legs, as well as 13 typically developed women. The participants were also shown videos of injections being given on certain parts of the body. As they watched the videos, the women’s brains were scanned. Researchers compared those scans to pinpoint sources of empathy.

The researchers found that when the woman without limbs watched videos of tasks being performed using body parts that she did not have, the sensory-motor areas of her brain were still strongly engaged. The researchers noted, however, even without limbs, the woman was able to perform some of these tasks herself by improvising with the body parts she did have. If the action was impossible for her however, another set of brain regions involved in deductive reasoning were also activated, the study pointed out.—INTERNET

**Israel offers Intel $295 million to expand**

TEL AVIV, 28 July—Israel has approved a one billion shekel ($295 million, 204 million euro) grant to Intel to help underwrite an expansion in its local operations, the finance and trade ministers said on Wednesday.

The ministers “decided to approve in principle giving a grant to Intel of about one billion shekels toward the investment in two of the company’s plants in Israel,” a joint statement said.

The grant would cover 20 percent of the total price tag for the plan to double the size of Intel’s existing chip plant in the southern town of Kiryat Gat and open a new factory in the north of the country.

**Daewoo Shipbuilding’s Q2 earnings down 3.6 percent**

SEOUL, 28 July—South Korea’s Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering said Thursday its second-quarter net profit fell 3.6 percent due to foreign-currency losses as a result of the strong won.—INTERNET

The world’s number three shipbuilder by sales said in a statement that its net profit for the three months ended 30 June declined to 170.1 billion won ($162 million) from 176.5 billion won a year earlier.

Sales rose 13 percent to 3.178 trillion won from 2.823 trillion won. Operating profit more than tripled to 339.9 billion won in the April-June quarter from 106.9 billion won a year earlier.

Orders for high-end ships such as container carriers and liquefied natural gas carriers helped boost the operating profit, said company spokesman Yoon Yo-Han.

Daewoo Shipbuilding achieved 65 percent of its annual order target of $1 billion in the first six months.
Threats to civilians increasing in east DR Congo

KINSHASA, 28 July—Civilians in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo are bearing the brunt of a surge in activity by the marauding former Ugandan rebels, Oxfam said in a report. Communities in the remote region are already among the most isolated and vulnerable on the continent but their plight has worsened further over the past year, the report said.

The UK-based charity has been conducting annual assessments on the protection of civilians in the region since 2007 but was only able to carry out a comprehensive study in Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA)-affected areas for the first time this year.

“Small groups of hungry fighters constantly on the move continue to viciously target the most isolated and forgotten populations,” report said on Wednesday, Ramos said. “We are entirely exploitable”.

“Some 30,000 civilians fled the LRA in the first three months of 2011, bringing the total number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the area to 330,000,” Oxfam said.—INTERNET

Philippines storm death toll rises to 35

MANILA, 28 July—Tropical storm Nock-ten dumped heavy rains across mountainous regions of the northern Philippines on Thursday, raising fears of more fatalities as the death toll rose to 35, with 25 missing.

Nock-ten, which slammed into the east of the country on Tuesday, had claimed 35 lives, with another 25 people unaccounted for, according to Ramos.

The latest recorded fatalities, two policemen and two government workers, were buried by a landslide in the north on Wednesday, Ramos told AFP.—INTERNET

California wildfire burns through heavy brush

LOS COYOTES INDIAN RESERVATION, 28 July—Higher temperatures and lower humidity challenged firefighters battling a 21-square-mile California wildfire that churned through steep, rugged terrain in northeast San Diego County.

The six-day-old fire burned to the east and northwest, with the most active flames on the northern portion of the blaze, an area thick with vegetation and no known history of fire, said Mike Smith, of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Firefighters have surrounded 45 percent of the 13,700-acre fire that started Thursday on the Los Coyotes Indian reservation. There is no estimate on full containment, Smith said. The blaze was not expected to threaten any structures or populated areas. But firefighters faced temperatures hovering around 100 degrees and low humidity, and changing winds that could send smoke into surrounding buildings were reported from the fire, which occurred along a stretch of track in the rural community of Littlerock, about 35 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

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The 68-car train was headed east to a railroad yard near the city of Colton, 55 miles east of Los Angeles, when 21 cars suddenly left the track, prompting the evacuation of at least 100 homes, many of them overturning, Union Pacific spokesman Aaron Hunt said.—INTERNET

Freight train with chemical cars derails in California

LOS ANGELES, 28 July—A Union Pacific freight train hauling about 14 chemical cars derailed on Wednesday in a desert town north of Los Angeles, prompting the evacuation of at least 100 homes, but the railroad said the overturned tankers were all empty.

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Venezuela says US takes ‘extremist’ stance

CARACAS, 28 July—Venezuela’s foreign minister is criticizing US conservatives for what he calls “extremist” stances against President Hugo Chavez’s government.

Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro condemned what he called actions by the “far right” in Washington.

He says conservatives have swept up Congress and the US government in an “abused, extremist policy against Latin America and against our homeland.”

Maduro did not elaborate in his remarks on Tuesday night.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee last week backed an amendment to slash the $48.5 million that the US provides for the Organization of American States. Florida Republican Connie Mack said the measure was aimed at an organization that he feels backs Chavez.—INTERNET

In this on 20 July,2010 file photo showing a DC-10 jumbo jet tanker drops fire retardant on top of the crest of Hauser Peak to protect microwave towers in Palmdale, Calif.—INTERNET

Rescue workers try to remove a bus that fell 40 feet (12 metres) from an elevated expressway in Parañaque City, the Philippines, on 26 July, 2011. Three persons were killed and four others injured in the accident.—XINHUA

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"Small groups of hungry fighters constantly on the move continue to viciously target the most isolated and forgotten populations," report said on Wednesday, Ramos said. “We are entirely exploitable”.

“Some 30,000 civilians fled the LRA in the first three months of 2011, bringing the total number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the area to 330,000,” Oxfam said.—INTERNET

Residents wade through a flooded street after heavy rains caused by tropical storm Nock-ten in San Juan city, east of Manila.—INTERNET

Fighters of a self-defence force, seen here on a road, armed with rifles in Bangadi, north eastern Congo, in 2009.—INTERNET

Freight train with chemical cars derails in California

LOS ANGELES, 28 July—A Union Pacific freight train hauling about 14 chemical cars derailed on Wednesday in a desert town north of Los Angeles, prompting the evacuation of at least 100 homes, but the railroad said the overturned tankers were all empty.

There was no fire, and no injuries or damage to surrounding buildings were reported from the week, which occurred along a stretch of track in the rural community of Littlerock, about 35 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

With no obvious sign of a collision or obstruction on the track, authorities said they had no immediate explanation for the accident.

The 68-car train was headed east to a railroad yard near the city of Colton, 55 miles east of Los Angeles, when 21 cars suddenly left the track, prompting the evacuation of at least 100 homes, many of them overturning, Union Pacific spokesman Aaron Hunt said.—INTERNET

‘Evil’ Australian hacker faces 49 charges

SYDNEY, 28 July—A man who used the online nickname “Evil” has been charged with hacking attacks that police Wednesday alleged could have caused considerable damage to Australia’s national infrastructure.

They include hacking into the systems of Platform Networks, one of the 13 service providers for the National Broadband Network (NBN), the largest infrastructure project in Australia’s history.

Potentially, customers could have lost their services, depending on the security back-up they had in place.

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Mosquitoes with West Nile Virus found in US capital

Storms hit Western Australia's southwest

Sydney, 28 July—Wind gusts have torn roofing from houses, uprooted trees, and brought down power-lines as storms hit the southwest region of Western Australia (WA) overnight, local media reported on Thursday.

The southwest town of Waroona in WA has been the worst hit with at least two houses losing large parts of their roofs and downed power-lines attacked from China, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported. Storms also hit the Perth metropolitan area overnight and State Emergency Service (SES) workers responded to more than 60 calls for help in the city and the south.

WA’s Fire and Emergency Services Association (FESA) said SES volunteers were making temporary repairs to homes, fixing roof damage, removing fallen trees from fences and sandbagging areas in danger of flooding.—Xinhua

Man arrested on bomb suspicions in Australia

Melbourne, 28 July—Heavily-armed police on Tuesday arrested a man north of Melbourne on suspicion of possessing items used to make bombs. Arson and explosives squad detectives, together with the Special Operations Group, arrested the 32-year-old in Castlemaine after executing a search warrant at a home in the town.

“The investigation relates to the alleged possession of substances and items to assist in the manufacture of explosives,” police said in a statement. “Immediate neighbours of the home being searched have been asked to leave their homes while the Bomb Response Unit and investigators process the scene.” No further details were immediately available.—Internet

Crocodile caught in Siberian lake

Abakan, 28 July—A rescue team in the Russian republic of Khakassia said they caught a 6 1/2-foot crocodile spotted floating in a lake.

Yury Stolbun, head of the rescue group, said Wednesday a tour group in a catamaran spotted the crocodile floating in the water and initially thought it was a log. RIA Novosti reported Wednesday.

“Suddenly the log started blinking and paddling with its legs,” Stolbun said.

Stolbun said the croc belongs to a man who offers tourists the chance to

“Something distracted the owner and the crocodile escaped into the lake,” Stolbun said.

7.9 tons of cocaine seized off Caribbean coast

Bogota, 28 July—Authorities from Colombia, the United States, Honduras and Panama have seized at least 7.9 tons of cocaine off the Caribbean coast, Colombian National Navy said Tuesday.

In an operation, a US-flagged vessel was intercepted in San Blas Islands of Panama. A total of 3,454 kg of cocaine was seized when the ship was sailing from Cartagena in Colombia to Colon in Panama, said a navy source.

Two people, one Spaniard and one Colombian, were on board, added the source. In another operation, a semi-submersible with about 4.5 tons of cocaine aboard was intercepted in international waters.

The ship was spotted by a US maritime patrol aircraft. The four Colombians and a Honduran on board tried to go underwater to escape when they saw law enforcement authorities, the navy said. The navy attributed the success of the operations to exchanges of information among relevant countries in line with maritime agreements.—Xinhua

Personal data of some 35 M hacked in S Korea

SEOUL, 28 July—Personal information on some 35 million users of Nate and Cyworld, a portal site and a web community site operated by SK Communications in South Korea, was hacked by outside sources, local media reported Thursday. SK Communications, a unit of the country’s conglomerate SK Group, said on Thursday that it suffered a leakage of users’ personal information on 26 July.

Nate is the country’s third-largest portal behind Naver and Daum. Cyworld is the country’s biggest social network service.

SK Communications said seems to be related to a malicious virus with its users up to 33 million. The exact scale of the hacking, which SK Communications said seems to be related to a malicious virus causing power cuts, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported.

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Preserve potency of traditional...

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degrees and course duration. Medical Superintendent U Myint Aung of Teaching Hospital (Mandalay) submitted the report on public health care and training for students, opening of the hospital (25-bed) in 1976 and upgrading it to the 50-bed facility in 1998, overage number of patients to receive medical treatment, and increasing number of patients day by day. Pro-Rector (Admin) U Wa Tun of University of Traditional Medicine gave an account of turning out traditional medicine practitioners from the university.

After attending to the needs, the Vice-President delivered an address, saying that the university has so far turned out nearly 800 traditional medicine graduates and they are discharging duties at Department of Traditional Medicine, hospitals and clinics. In giving health care services to the people, the traditional medicine practitioners are to make smooth relations with the patients with goodwill and loving-kindness in line with the ethics. The traditional medicine has been flourishing in Myanmar for a long time. Likewise, both China and India are giving priority to flourishing of their traditional medicines on a wider scale. In blending the medicine, traditional medicine practitioners are to take care of medicines’ potent not to be lost with firm evidences to be able to win the trust of people. As part of efforts to undertake rural development, health care services are being provided to 70 per cent of rural people with the western medicine but the ratio of population to the doctors and nurses are unbalance. Therefore, effective treatment can be given to the grassroots level in rural areas with the use of traditional medicines. Thus, it is necessary to distribute sufficient traditional medicines in boxes to the rural areas. And it is necessary to conduct short-term courses of traditional medicines to the enthusiasts of rural people and assigned them to be traditional medicine practitioners.

In conclusion, the Vice-President stressed the need for the university to realize the continuous teaching system for giving effective treatments to the people.

Next, the Vice-President visited the traditional medicine museum, library and e-library at the main lecture hall of the university.

After inspecting cultivation of herbal plants to be used for respective diseases at the model herbal garden and growing of medicinal plants for six major diseases at the lecture hall, the Vice-President urged those present to provide medical treatment to the patients with the use of traditional medicine in comparison with western medicines so as to win the greater trusts of the people.

The Vice-President and party left Mandalay by air and arrived back here in the afternoon.

Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July — The fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continued its first round matches at designated places today.


As tomorrow events, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs plays against Ministry of Information at No.1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Culture against Ministry of Forestry at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground. — MNA

Myanmar-Thai entrepreneurs to meet on 1 Aug

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July — Joint General Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aye Lwin met Minister-Counsellor (Commercial) Mr. Prubah Supinee of Thai Embassy to Myanmar at the federation here yesterday.

The meeting reached an agreement to hold a meeting between entrepreneurs of the two countries at the federation on 1 August afternoon.

Those entrepreneurs wishing to attend the meeting may dial 214344 to 49 (Ex: 121, 122). — MNA
Myanmar, China to cooperate in education sector

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July—Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe receives Consular Mr Gao Hua of the Cultural Counsellor’s Office of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar at the deputy minister’s office, here, this morning.

They discussed cooperation in education sector between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Bo Win of Department of Education Planning and Training.  

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received Consular Mr Gao Hua of the Cultural Counsellor’s Office—MNA

UNION MINISTER INSPETS COOPERATIVES SERVICES IN MANDALAY REGION

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint inspected GEC Hospital of Mandalay Region Government Employees Cooperatives Ltd—MNA

Stake-driving ceremony of Ayethaya Industrial Zone GSM Tower held

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat drives stake to build GSM tower in Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi.  

The company contributes 20% of members’ expenses on medical treatment and health care to local people. The minister called for health care to retired service personnel and organizing the youth for widening services.

Union Minister inspected cooperatives services in Mandalay Region

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint inspected GEC Hospital of Mandalay Region Government Employees Cooperatives Ltd on 73rd Street (Mingalar Street) between 26th and 27th Streets in Mandalay this morning.

Doctor in charge Dr Khin Aye Mu reported on functions and free home care to local people. The Union Minister visited the outpatient ward, operation theatre, labour room, Ultrasound room, X-ray room, ECG room and room, ECG room and ultrascan machines to the hospital.

On his inspection tour of Padamya Ngamauk Hotel of Mogok Township Cooperatives Syndicate on 82nd Street between 21st and 22nd Streets in Aungmyethazan Township, he met the members.

He inspected the Shopping Centre of Mandalay Region Cooperatives Syndicate on 26th Street between 84th and 85th Streets and had a meeting with gems merchants association.

He also inspected Bank Branch (2) of the Cooperatives Banks Ltd., two oxygen machines to the hospital.

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lower part of Mawlamyine Township, Labutta District, had 6734 acres of farmlands, 300 acres of nipa palm farms and 1170 acres of coconut palms, areca palm and other gardens; that the village’s major products were rice, nipa palm, crab, fish and prawns; that Hlinephone Village had 158 houses, Leikchaung Model Village, 160 houses, and Kansu Model Village, 152 houses; that a 16-bed station hospital was under construction to give health care to surrounding villages in addition to the 12 villages of Hlinephone Village tract; and that a communication centre was built after the cyclone “Nargis”.

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A thriving nipa palm farm in Hlinephone Model Village.  

Stake-driving ceremony of Ayethaya Industrial Zone GSM Tower held

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat drives stake to build GSM tower in Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi.  

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—A stake-driving ceremony of Ayethaya Industrial Zone GSM Tower was held at the compound of Auto-Exchange in the zone in Taunggyi of Shan State yesterday, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, the Chief Justice of High Court of the State, the Auditor-General of the State, state/district/tr乡镇ship level departmental heads and staff.

Manager of Shan State Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications U Soe Thein explained works to be done in the first phase of five-year plan for installation of 30 million GSM mobile lines. As a result, the whole Shan State will make up 2.43% of telephone density.

Next, Managing Director U Sai Khin Maung Aye of Elite Tech Group gave an account of works to be carried out.

Then the Chief Minister, State Minister for Road Transport U Sai Naw Kham and the managing director drove stakes at the designated places.

After the ceremony, the Chief Minister and party viewed round the Auto-Exchange.  

MNA
$12 M ransom sought for French kidnapped in Yemen

PARIS, 28 July—Three French aid workers who were kidnapped in southeastern Yemen are being held by Al-Qaeda members who are seeking a $12 million ransom for their release, tribal sources said on Wednesday.

“The kidnappers are Al-Qaeda members and are demanding a ransom of $12 million,” one of the tribal sources said.

The account could not be independently verified. Al-Qaeda has not claimed responsibility for the kidnappings.

Security officials in Hadramawt province, where the three aid workers were kidnapped, said that they had succeeded in identifying the kidnappers and that they belonged to “an extremist group,” without naming the organization.

And security officials in Sanaa said they had no knowledge of ransom demands, but that they had information that the three French nationals are “in good health.”

“We do not have this information,” French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said when asked about the tribesmen’s claims. “We have been engaged from the beginning in attempting to free our compatriots, and, in their interest, we must exercise the utmost discretion to preserve the effectiveness of our action,” he said.

Seattle man accused in 1957 murder back in Illinois

CHICAGO, 28 July—A Seattle man accused of killing a young Chicago-area girl five decades ago was back in Illinois on Wednesday as investigators exhumed the child’s remains in search of forensic evidence to help convict him.

Jack McCullough, 71, a former police officer in Washington state, last week waived his right to challenge extradition. He was in custody in Illinois by Wednesday afternoon, until the investigation into the week-old blaze was completed, the agency said in a statement.

The fire slowed its advance Wednesday into the backcountry, but hot weather and low humidity still posed a challenge for firefighters trying to contain it.

The fire was 65 percent contained after burning 14,100 acres on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation and Anza Borrego Desert State Park. No homes were threatened.

10 children rescued from Haitian human smugglers

SANTO DOMINGO, 28 July—Authorities in the Dominican Republic have rescued 10 children smuggled from Haiti, the Special Terrestrial Border Security Unit (Cesfront) said Wednesday.

Cesfront officials said a Haitian citizen who had transported the children aged between 4 and 9 had managed to escape after noticing the presence of soldiers in the Province of Dajabon bordering Haiti.

According to the children’s testimony, they came from Haitian capital Port-au-Prince as well as the City of Cabo Haiti where their parents entrusted them to a man and a woman who smuggled them to Dominican Republic.

The special border unit said the children’s final destination was supposed to be Santiago City where they are going to earn a living for their traffickers as child beggars on the street along with other Haitian children.

Japan widens ban on radioactive beef

TOKYO, 28 July—Japan widened a ban on beef shipments to a second tsunami-hit region on Thursday, citing elevated radiation levels in the meat of animals because of the ongoing Fukushima nuclear crisis.

Almost 3,000 cattle feared contaminated with caesium have been shipped nationwide and slaughtered after the animals were fed rice straw exposed to fallout from the more than four-month-old nuclear crisis.

After banning sales of cattle from Fukushima Prefecture last week, the government extended the order to neighbouring Miyagi Prefecture, where at least six contaminated animals have been identified.

The new order was announced by Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano.

“We will continue gathering information and conducting surveys as thoroughly as ever from a safety standpoint,” the top government spokesman said about the possibility of the ban being further expanded to other areas.

Contaminated animals have been sold since late March, weeks after the quake-tsunami sparked the nuclear accident, and much of the meat has been eaten in restaurants and school canteens and at family dinner tables nationwide.

Tormental rain kills at least 41 in S Korea

SEOUL, 28 July—Flash floods and landslides triggered by torrential rain have left 41 people dead and 12 missing in South Korea as of Thursday morning, the National Emergency Management Agency said. At least 15 people were killed after a wave of mudslide engulfed residential areas at the foot of Mount Umyeon in southern Seoul on Wednesday.

The death toll from a landslide in Chunchon, about 110 kilometers northeast of Seoul, stood at 13. Most of the victims were college students who visited the area for volunteer work.

A plant collapsed in Tokyo, Gyeonggi Province, leaving three workers dead and two others seriously injured. Another eight people died and hundreds evacuated as Gonjiam Stream in Gwangju, Gyeonggi Province, flooded.

Residents look out at the flood water after a torrential rain storm hit the capital city on 27 July, 2011 in Seoul, South Korea.

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Some bridges over the main Han River, which runs through the center of Seoul, were closed. Heavy rain has also caused rivers to burst their banks, disrupted travel and triggered power outages.
Lion with paralyzed legs dies in Brazil

SÃO PAULO, 28 July—Ariel, a paralyzed male lion whose limp to walk again became the focus of an Internet fundraising campaign and captured wide media attention in Brazil, died Wednesday, his owner said. Ontheline’s Facebook page, owner Raquel Borges said: “Our beloved Ariel is gone. This is the saddest day of my life.” Further details were not immediately available.

The Facebook page created by Borges was “liked” by more than 62,500 people. The lion’s death made headlines on Brazil’s biggest news portals and was a top worldwide trending item on Twitter. Borges said earlier this month that the $11,500 needed every month to pay for Ariel’s treatment was coming from donations from the people who clicked the “like” button on the Facebook page and another website dedicated to him.

Veterinarian Livia Pereira who cared for Ariel recently had said that for unknown reasons, the lion’s white blood cells attacked healthy cells due to a degenerative disease affecting the medulla, a portion of the brain stem involved in motor functions.

The 3-year-old, 310-pound (140-kilogram) lion started limping one day last year after spending hours leaping and chasing balloons. Shortly afterward, Ariel’s two hind legs stopped working.

File photo shows veterinarian Livia Pereira kisses paralyzed lion Ariel that she is caring for in her home in São Paulo, Brazil. Ariel, the male lion that was the focus of an Internet campaign to raise money to treat its paralyzed legs, died on 27 July, 2011, owner Raquel Borges said.—INTERNET

Texas storm Nock-Ten to hit south China on Friday

BEIJING, 28 July—China’s flood control authority on Thursday launched an emergency response for tropical storm Nock-Ten, which is expected to land at the country’s southern coastal regions on Friday night or Saturday morning.

Nock-Ten, which killed at least 31 people in the Philippines, is the eighth storm and the most powerful one to hit China so far this year. It will make landfall over the coastal regions of western Guangdong and eastern Hainan Province, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters (SFDH) said.

As of 10 am Thursday, the centre of the storm was 600 kilometers southeast off Hainan’s West Coast City, packing winds up to 22.8 km per hour. The storm will continue to move northward at a speed of 20 km per hour, it said.

The storm may bring heavy downpours to Hainan and other regions in south China over the next three days, it forecast.—Xinhua

Japanese women have world’s longest life expectancy

BEIJING, 28 July—Japanese women remained to be the world’s longest-living last year, though their average life expectancy fell slightly to 86.39 years, according to media reports Thursday. The fall of 0.05 years was the first decline in five years, falling from a record 86.44 registered in 2009.

“Last year’s heat wave probably led to an increase in deaths resulting from heat stroke and heart trouble,” said a Japanese government official. Among countries and regions in the world, Japan ranked first for women’s longevity, followed by Hong Kong at 85.9 years and France at 84.8 years.

The average life expectancy of Japanese men hit a new high for the fifth straight year in 2010, rising 0.05 to 79.64 years. Japan ranked fourth in men’s longevity after Hong Kong at 80.0 years, Switzerland at 79.8 years and Israel at 79.7 years.—Xinhua

Hyundai Motor 2Q profit rises 37 percent

SEOUL, 28 July—Hyundai Motor’s net profit rose 37 percent in the second quarter amid higher revenue and global vehicle sales.

Hyundai, South Korea’s largest automaker, earned 2.31 trillion won ($2.2 billion) in the three months ended 30 June, according to a regulatory filing Thursday. It earned 1.68 trillion won the same period last year.

Sales revenue during the period rose 19 percent to 20.1 trillion won from 16.9 trillion won a year earlier. Hyundai Motor Co said separately that vehicle sales in the first six months of the year increased 11 percent to 96 million. It did not provide a breakdown for the second quarter. But subtracting first-quarter sales from that figure shows that sales for the period totaled 1.04 million.

The second-quarter profit was the latest in a string of strong results for Hyundai, which has benefited from its overseas factories and sales operations.

Hyundai has pursued an aggressive overseas expansion and has plants in China, India, the United States, the Czech Republic, Turkey and Russia. It is building one in Brazil. The Hyundai Motor Group, which includes South Korea’s Kia Motors Corp, is the world’s fifth-largest automotive group.—INTERNET

26,000 fishing boats return to port as south China braces for tropical storm

BEIJING, 28 July—More than 26,000 fishing boats in southernmost China’s Hainan province have returned to port as the island braces for tropical storm Nock-Ten.

The Hainan provincial government said in a statement that it has ordered all fishing boats to return to port. The government has also ordered authorities to ensure the safety of all harvesters and to evacuate people living in low-lying regions and downstream of dangerous reservoirs.

Authorities in Guangdong province have also ordered fishing ships off its southwestern coasts to return to port and emergency rescue workers to prepare to conduct disaster relief efforts.

A Luoyang museum staff member examines a mural in a Temple of Guan Yu built in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) in Yiyang County, Luoyang City, central China’s Henan Province, on 22 July, 2011. Archaeologists recently found beautiful mural paintings in an abandoned Qing Dynasty Temple of Guan Yu, a warrior of the Eastern Han Dynasty widely respected in China. The murals, all about Guan Yu, cover an area of 15 square meters and remain intact except for some slight spalling.—Xinhua

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Claims Day Notice

MV Hoang Anh Voy NO (08)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Hoang Anh Voy NO (08) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 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.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: R & R Shipping & Trading
PTE LTD, S’PORE

Pork prices drop last week for first time in three months

Beijing, 28 July—China’s pork prices dropped 0.2 percent for the week ending 24 July from the previous week, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said on Tuesday. The previous week-on-

Girl gets charity wish after death in crash

Seattle, 28 July—In honor of her 9th birthday, Rachel Beckwith asked friends and family to donate money to bring clean water to an African village. Rachel was close to meeting her goal of raising $300 when she died last week after a car accident.

In her memory, strangers have now made her dream come true many times over.

By Wednesday afternoon, some 10,000 people had donated more than $400,000 to “charity water” in Rachel’s honor, many in gifts of $9 each. On a website set up by Rachel and her mother before her birthday, she explained the inspiration for her project.

“I found out that millions of people don’t live to see their 5th birthday. And why? Because they didn’t have access to clean, safe water so I’m celebrating my birthday like never before,” she wrote. “I’m asking from everyone I know to donate to my campaign in stead of gifts for my birthday.—Internet

Amazon ranks ad-supported Kindle 3G top-selling

Beijing, 28 July—Amazon.com’s e-book reader Kindle 3G with special offers is now the company’s top-selling e-book device, according to media reports on Wednesday.

Amazon revealed in its quarterly earnings report that the ad-supported version costs 139 US dollars, 50 dollars cheaper than the comparable Kindle 3G, and costs the same as a Kindle with Wi-Fi connectivity.

The advertisements will appear only in screensavers (which appear when the reader is in an idle state) and at the bottom of the home screen, so they don’t interrupt readers.

“Since AT&T agreed to sponsor screensavers, Kindle 3G with Special Offers is now our bestselling Kindle device,” Amazon’s Press release said.

Many believe Kindle is the most popular dedicated e-book device on the market today.—Xinhua

Australia investigates first organ trafficking case

Sydney, 28 July—The Australian Federal Police (AFP) are investigating their first case of alleged organ trafficking in the country as donor shortages fuel the illegal trade in body parts, local media reported on Thursday.

An elderly Sydney woman with kidney problems is allegedly suspected to have trafficked a younger woman from the Philippines with the intention of harvesting an organ, The Sydney Morning Herald reported on Thursday.

Xinhua

Mexican police find 18 bodies in clandestine grave

Monterrey, 28 July—Police found 18 bodies in a clandestine grave in a northern Mexican town where several hidden burial pits have been discovered in the past year, authorities said Wednesday.

Shepherds came across a string of empty graves in a dirt road late Tuesday in the town of Juarez and alerted police, said a Nuevo Leon state police investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk about the case.

Another 16 bodies were buried underneath, the officer said. He said the bodies were badly decomposed and had been buried for at least a month. Last month, police found two separate pits containing human remains in Juarez, a town near the industrial City of Monterrey. Last year, soldiers found 51 bodies buried at an isolated ranch in the same town.

Xinhua

Depression rates higher in wealthy countries, study finds

Washington, 28 July—A new study published 25 July reveals that major depression is on the rise around the world and is more likely to hit those living in high-income countries than poorer ones.

The new study tracked depression rates across 18 countries, noting that the average lifetime occurrence of depression in 10 affluent countries was 14.6 percent, with much higher depression rates in France (21 percent) and the US (19.2 percent). For those living in higher-income countries, the average age that depression is likely to strike is between 25 and 26 years old, according to the researchers. Based on the study, here are the percentages of people who either have experienced or will experience depression during their lifetimes.

As part of a World Health Organization study, major depressive episodes were evaluated by trained surveyors giving in-depth interviews with more than 89,037 people in 18 countries, making this the first study to assess depression with standardized surveys, said the researchers.
**Russian swindler used old Brazilian cash**

Russian police said they arrested a man who made expensive purchases by passing outdated Brazilian currency off as euros.

Kursk police said the man, whose name was not released, used cruzeiros, Brazilian currency in circulation from 1986 to 1989, to buy fur coats, household appliances and other goods from people who posted ads in newspapers, RIA Novosti reported Wednesday.

Investigators said the man claimed the cruzeiros were euros.

"Ten Kursk residents notified the police. The total damage is worth 200,000 rubles [about $7,300]."

But police believe more people could have suffered from the swindler’s actions," police said in a statement.

Police said the man could face up to five years in prison for his actions.

**Cage to star in film about Alaska serial killer**

ANCHORAGE, 28 July—The hunt for Alaska’s most infamous serial murderer is about to get the Hollywood treatment.

Academy Award-winning actor Nicolas Cage will star in “Frozen Ground,” a movie detailing the police investigation of serial killer Robert Hansen, Variety reported Wednesday.

He will play an Alaska State Trooper who investigated the murders.

Filming is scheduled to start in Anchorage on 10 Oct, a second major production filmed in Alaska in the last year. Filming wrapped up last fall on Drew Barrymore’s “Everybody Loves Whales.” Emmett Furla Films is financing the $27 million Cage project and producing with Amber Entertainment, Variety reported. Messages left for both by The Associated Press weren’t immediately returned Wednesday.

Hansen, who got the nickname “the Butcher Baker,” was convicted in 1984 after confessing to killing 17 women and raping another 30 in a 12-year span.

He received a 461 year sentence and is incarcerated at a state prison in Seward.

Hansen owned a bakery in a downtown mini-mall in the 1970s and ’80s. He lived across town with his wife and children, and they knew nothing of his other life.

The construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline in the 1970s brought prostitutes, pimps, drug dealers and con artists to Alaska’s largest city, all hoping to prey away some of the big money construction workers were pulling in. Those who sought a quick buck left as abruptly as they arrived in Anchorage, making sudden disappearances commonplace.

**Bieber helping Texas kids orphaned in crash**

HOUSTON, 28 July—Celebrities including Justin Bieber, Ellen DeGeneres and Britney Spears are spreading the word about a campaign to help three Houston children seriously injured and orphaned by a deadly car accident earlier this month.

Bieber and other celebrities encouraged their fans via Twitter and Facebook on Wednesday to donate to the “Show Your Hearts” campaign. The money raised from the campaign, which began Wednesday, will go to a trust fund set up to care for the children.

The 2 July accident in West Texas killed the children’s parents and paralyzed 8-year-old Aaron and 9-year-old Peter, who are now being treated in Chicago. Their 6-year-old sister was also injured.

**Austrian president opens Salzburg festival**

VIENA, 28 July——Austrian President Heinz Fischer opened the 91st annual Salzburg Summer Festival Wednesday, an unmissable event for lovers of opera, classical music and theatre.

The first performances will include Claus Guth’s production of Mozart’s “The Marriage of Figaro” Wednesday evening.

Among the top names performing at the festival will be French conductor Pierre Boulez and Chinese pianist Lang Lang.

The festival will also include a tribute to Italian conductors Riccardo Muti, a regular performer at the festival.

He will conduct the Vienna Philharmonic 40 years after he first performed at the festival with the same orchestra. Theatre productions will include a production of Goethe’s “Faust” by Germany’s Nicolas Stemann: it will run to seven hours, without intermissions.—INTERNET

**Man attempted own hernia surgery**

Sgt Tom Lorenz said the man, whose name was not released, pulled the knife out while waiting for paramedics and shoved a lit cigarette into the wound.

The man’s wife told police he had become frustrated by his protruding hernia and attempted to cut it out of his own stomach.

**Airman injured when toilet explodes**

A Royal Australian Air Force member is being treated for severe burns after a portable toilet exploded while he was lighting a cigarette.

A spokesman for the Department of Community Safety said the airman was participating in the Australia-United States joint military exercise Talisman Sabre 2011 when the toilet exploded at about 9:30 a.m. Monday, the Morning Herald reported.

“It’s believed he was lighting a cigarette at the time,” the spokesman said.

The man, whose name was not released, was taken to Rockhampton Hospital to receive treatment for third-degree burns to his head, face, arms, chest and airways. Authorities said the incident is being investigated.

**Toro<span style="font-size:10px;">r</span>ego offers height-loving daredevils new thrills**

Daredevils in red jumpsuits can teeter around the outside edge of Canada’s tallest structure next month as the CN Tower opens a new attraction for thrill-seekers and those wanting to overcome fear.

Modelled on similar attractions in Auckland, New Zealand, and Macau, China, the CS3.5 million (2.2 million pounds) EdgeWalk is an adrenaline filled excursion around an open-metal walkway almost a quarter of a mile above the ground.

There’s no guard rail and no hand holds, just an uninterrupted view of the Toronto skyline and a through-the-mesh view of the ground, 1,108 feet (356 metres) beneath your feet.

Tourists are tethered to an overhead guide rail, but encouraged to tiptoe to the very edge of the platform, balance over its rim or peer through the mesh at the pinhead people below. On a clear day the view is stunning.

“We want to get every adventurous thrill-seeker, and then we want to get everybody who wants to overcome a daunting fear and do something that they never thought in their wildest dreams that they would ever want to do,” said Jack Robinson, the tower’s chief operating officer.

A reporter leans over the edge of the catwalk during the media preview for the “EdgeWalk” on the CN Tower in Toronto.

**Austrian President Heinz Fischer opened the 91st annual Salzburg Summer Festival Wednesday, an unmissable event for lovers of opera, classical music and theatre.**

**Bieber arrives at the ESPY awards in Los Angeles.**

**File photo shows actor Nicolas Cage arrives at the premiere of the feature film “Drive Angry” in Los Angeles.**

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Rooney sets up 2 as Manchester United beats MLS

HARRISON, 28 July—Wayne Rooney set up two goals with magnificent passes and Ji-Sung Park danced around a defender as Manchester United put on another masterclass performance, setting up two goals with magnificent moves.

Beckham and his MLS All-Stars on Wednesday night. Anderson, Dimitar Berbatov and Danny Welbeck also scored for the reigning English Premier League champions, who have outscored their opponents 18-2 in winning the opening four games on their US tour.

Sir Alex Ferguson’s powerhouse will wrap up its preseason tour in Washington on Saturday against FC Barcelona in a rematch of the Champions League final which the Spanish team won 3-1. Then it’s back to England for the Community Shield game and then start of another season the following week.

The final score might have been a little misleading, however, that the ban could be lifted if the former Liverpool striker turned up to face a disciplinary inquiry into the remarks he made in the media about corruption in African football.

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Benfica pile on misery for Turks in Champions League qualifiers

LISBON, 28 July—Benfica claimed a 2-0 win over Trabzonspor in the Champions League third qualifying round first leg, piling on more misery for the Turkish powerhouse which is embroiled in a corruption scandal.

The Portuguese side, twice winners of the tournament, on Wednesday dominated the tie but had to wait until the 71st minute to open their account when debutant Nolito, recently signed from Barcelona, found the target.

Nicolas Gaitan added the second two minutes from time to give the Portuguese a two-goal cushion to defend in next Wednesday’s second leg.

Trabzonspor, who finished runners-up in the Turkish league last season, went into the game having been implicated in the massive match-fixing scandal that has rocked the country and which has also taken in champions Besiktas and another of the country’s biggest clubs, Fenerbahçe.

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Walcott injury scare for Arsenal

LONDON, 28 July—Arsenal winger Theo Walcott has flown home from the club’s training camp in Germany after the recurrence of a niggling ankle injury, the club confirmed on Wednesday.

Walcott, 22, returned to London for further “investigation” of the injury manager Arsene Wenger said as the Gunners prepare for their season-opening Premier League game against Newcastle next month.

“ Theo went home early and was due to have an MRI,” Wenger said on Arsenal’s official website. “It is an ankle injury that comes and goes. We need some more investigation because sometimes he’s completely free of it and sometimes it affects him. But we had to send him back because he couldn’t practice anymore.”

Benfica’s Nicolas Gaitan (3rd L) celebrates with team mates after scoring against Trabzonspor on 27 July.—INTERNET

Tseng ready to get creative at Carnoustie

CARNOUSTIE, 28 July—Defending champion Yani Tseng believes she’ll have to be at her creative best to master the links course at Carnoustie and claim a fifth major title at the Women’s British Open.

The top-ranked Tseng tops the LPGA money list and is full of confidence heading into the year’s fourth and final major after her victory at the LPGA Championship last month.

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Blatter: ‘Give us time’

to clean up FIFA

FIFA President Sepp Blatter speaks during a news conference ahead of the Preliminary Draw of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, on 27 July.

Brazil football W Cup dates announced

RIO DE JANEIRO 28 July — The 2014 World Cup in Brazil will take place between 12 June and 13 July, FIFA general secretary Jerome Valcke announced in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday.

“The World Cup in 2014 will start on 12 June and finish on 13 July. I know everyone wants to know the city that will host the opening game of the tournament, but that will be decided in October,” he said.

The 2014 draw for the 2014 tournament in Brazil will be made in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday, one week after suspended Asian Football Confederation president bin Hammam was banned from soccer over allegations he tried to bribe Caribbean soccer’s leaders.

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Tiger Airways says Australian domestic flights could resume on 5 Aug

SINGAPORE, 28 July—The domestic flights of Tiger Airways Australia could resume from Aug 5, its parent company Tiger Airways Holdings said in a statement on Thursday.

The airline said that it has been working constructively with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia (CASA) to address the concerns it had raised, and that it is confident it can comply with the conditions set by the authority.

The company said it expects to resume services in the near future.

The flight schedules and the recommencement of sales will be “made at the appropriate time,” it added.

The CASA suspended the domestic flights of Tiger Airways in Australia on 1 July as a result of breaching security rules. An investigation has been going on for about a month now.

The authority set out a set of formal conditions that the airline must comply with in order for its flights to resume.

Tiger said it will automatically refund all passengers who have booked to fly with the airline between 1 to 4 Aug.

A court hearing due on Thursday on the suspension issue was adjourned till 1 Aug.—Xinhua
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Hlinephone Model Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township

On a day in July, the sky was dull and overcast and it was drizzling. Mawlamyinegyun Port was coping with a stream of vehicles, motorboats and motorized sampans and teeming with travellers. Hlinephone Village is 30 miles from the port.

Upstream the confluence of Kyunpyathad River and Hlinephone Creek is Mawlamyinegyun Township, and downstream, Bogale Township. And beyond the Hlinephone side is Labutta Township. Hlinephone Model Village is by Hlinephone Creek.

We saw 620 feet long Hlinephone Bridge under construction. The main bridge is 500 feet long and 13 feet wide. The 57 miles long Mawgyun-Hlinephone-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu Road is nearing completion. The region’s transport will be much better if the two facilities are completed.

Head of the village administrative committee U Wai Lwin said that Hlinephone Village-tract in the

Inter-University/College Zonal Men’s Volleyball Tournament (Lower Myanmar) commences

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—The Inter-University/College Zonal Men’s Volleyball Tournament (Lower Myanmar) for 2010-2011 kicked off at the gymnasium of Pathein University in Pathein on 26 July morning.

It was attended by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, region ministers, departmental officials, rectors and faculty members.

The Region Chief Minister watched the match between Pathein University team and Maubin University team.—MNA

$12 M ransom sought for French kidnapped in Yemen

Torrential rain kills at least 41 in S Korea