**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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**All are to cultivate Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit for peace and stability of the Union and national development**

**Prevent aliens from intruding into region**

**President meets officials of Rakhine State**

NAVPYITAW, 30 July—President U Thein Sein delivered an address in meeting with members of Rakhine State government, state level departmental officials and town elders at the hall of the state government in Sittway this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications U Thein Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Education Dr Pe Thet Khin, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Thein Lin, Deputy Speaker U Tha Nyunt, members of Rakhine State government, departmental officials and town elders.

Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin reported on damages of housing in some townships due to heavy rains in Rakhine State from 20 to 22 July, providing of relief aids, reopening of the suspended schools, health care services, floods at monsoon paddy fields and regrowing, conditions of embankments, damages of bridges and road sections in bank erosion, landslides and repairing of roads and bridges.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint submitted the report on landslides on Ngathainggyaung-Gwa road, clearing of landslide areas, construction of retaining walls, repairing of bridge approach structure damaged in bank erosion on Gwa-Thandwe road, inundation on Thandwe-Taungup road section in Thandwe Township, repairing of Hngetpyaw Creek and Sane Creek bridges on Taungup-Maei-An road section, maintenance of Minbu-An section, repairing of wooden bridge and approach road on An-Tattaung section, installation of iron frames at damaged pier-7 of 990 feet long bailey Dalat Creek Bridge, repairing works for floods on the road, maintenance of wooden bridge and 40 feet long section on Minbya-Sittway section, and installation of iron bailey frames at damaged bailey bridge in Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road (Maungtaw District).

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The haves share their possessions with the have-nots. The Strong have mercy upon the weak. And these are noble traditions of Myanmar as well as auspicious deeds. So, all are to work together with the government for the success of rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.
Hand down Myanmar’s good cultural traditions to posterity

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions have been held 17 times with a view to maintaining Myanmar’s good cultural traditions that have emerged with long history and handing them down to posterity. Now, preparations are being made for successful holding of the 18th competitions.

The first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 July. Patron of the Leading Committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the meeting.

Myanmar’s national characters mean own style, own traditions and customs as well as national characteristics of our own nation and people. The city states in Pyu Period when Myanmar’s traditional cultural characteristics were recorded in history became civilized and prosperous societies. Artistic works handed down by the Pyu cities were first recorded in Bagan Period as mural paintings. It has been recorded that according to the stone inscriptions of Bagan Period, today’s five musical instruments namely metal, shall string, leather, horn and bamboo were developed in Bagan Era. Centuries-long Myanmar traditional culture reflects the glory and dignity of the State and high nationalistic spirit. In comparison with the world civilization, Myanmar’s civilization still features such characteristics as Myanmar’s own style and national culture and character.

As this year’s competitions will be first held in the time of the new government to ensure success in both form and essence, doyen musicians and artistes and the public are work together in order to hand down Myanmar’s good cultural traditions to posterity.

Second round of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 1 August

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—A coordination meeting to systematically organize the second round matches of the 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011 was held at the Ministry of Sports, here, this morning.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave a speech.

Responsible persons of Myanmar Football Federation and officials of the organizing committee explained laws, rules and regulations for the competition.

Union A&I Minister meets rice and paddy dealers, farmers in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin view thriving paddy plantation through good agriculture practice in Sittway.—MNA

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Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects maintenance of Thayu (Pepadon) Bridge.—MNA

On 28 July, the Union Minister visited construction site of Anchaung Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Road in An Township and inspected progress of Metaungshaunggwin road section from mile post No. 9/10 to 11/0 on An-Sittway Road.

While meeting special construction groups for buildings, airports and bridges and staff of Kyaukpyu District Engineer Office and An Township Engineer Office and personnel of private companies constructing roads in An Township, he called for regular checks on roads and bridges.—MNA
Two NATO soldiers killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 July—Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Friday in a Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in eastern Afghanistan, the military alliance said.

“Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” said a statement issued by ISAF here.

However, the brief statement did not reveal the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from the United States have been stationed in eastern Afghanistan within the framework of ISAF to curb Taleban-linked militancy there.

A total of 328 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year. —Xinhua

US review finds Iraq deadlier now than a year ago

BAGHDAD, 30 July—Frequent bombings, assassinations and a resurgence in violence by Shiite militias have made Iraq more dangerous now than it was just a year ago, a US government watchdog said Wednesday in a report released Saturday.

The findings come months ago that, while he wasn’t there at the time, his understanding is that his father was taken from his home by US and Afghan soldiers, beaten in a school bathroom and then shot in the head. —Reuters

Congress and the Obama administration on progress — and setbacks — in Iraq. “It is less safe, in my judgment, than 12 months ago.”

The report cited the deaths of 15 US soldiers in June, the bloodiest month for the US military in Iraq in two years. Nearly all of them were killed in attacks by Shiite militias bent on forcing out American troops on schedule. —Reuters

13 killed in firing incident in Quetta, SW Pakistan

QUETTA (Pakistan), 30 July—At least 13 people were killed and five others were injured in a sectarian-motivated attack in Pakistan’s southwest City of Quetta on Saturday morning, said hospital sources.

According to Xinhua sources and local media reports, the attack took place at about 08:00 am local time when two unknown gunmen riding a motorcycle opened fire indiscriminately at a passenger pick-up carrying people from Hazara Shia community on their way for work near a bus stop on the Spini road in a densely populated area of the city. The gunmen escaped after the firing. Police have arrived at the area shortly after the firing was reported and the area has been cordoned off for search operation. All the injured people have been shifted to the Bolan Medical Complex in the city.

No group has taken credit for the attack yet. Saturday morning’s incident is the second of its kind in the city over the last 12 hours or so. Late on Friday night, seven Shia devotees were reportedly shot dead in Quetta while they were heading to Iran to visit religious places. —Xinhua

Delta planes clip one another on ground at Chicago airport

CHICAGO, 30 July—Two Delta passenger planes clipped one another on the ground at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport on Friday, but no injuries were reported, the airline said.

“We had a taxiway incident tonight at O’Hare.”

Delta spokeswoman Chris Kelly Singsley said, adding that two planes had “made contact” on the ground.

She said that all passengers disembarked after the incident involving a flight bound for Minneapolis and another heading to Atlanta. An investigation was underway into the cause of the collision and to assess the damage, she said. —Reuters

Death toll in northern Vietnam fire climbs to 17

HANOI, 30 July—Four of the 17 injured in a fire in Vietnam’s northern Haiphong city on Friday afternoon succumbed to their heavy burns Saturday morning, increasing the total death toll to 17.

According to Vietnam News Agency, the fire broke out about 4:30 pm local time on Friday, at a private shoe-making workshop in Haiphong city.

Local witnesses said that welding slag dropped on spongy materials and ignited them as a welder hired by owners was erecting an anti-lightening pole to brace for the Nock-ten storm.

As the incident happened, a total of 36 employees were working in the workshop and only six of them escaped. Thirteen were burnt to death on the spot and 17 others injured. The eight workers in critical condition are transferred to Hanoi for urgent treatment. —Xinhua

Photo taken on 28 July, 2011 shows the damage caused by explosions in Trinoki city, the capital of Uruzgan Province, 370 km south of capital city Kabul, Afghanistan. Multiple explosions and gun battle left 25 people including six attackers dead and injured 35 others here on Thursday, spokesman for provincial administration Ahmad Milad Mudasir said. —Xinhua
PlayStation Vita to use a 45nm CPU from Samsung

NEW YORK, 30 July—Here’s a small news blip that’s probably more of interest to the hard-core techies among you gathered gamers. Sony’s upcoming PlayStation Vita portable gaming device will come packing a 45nm CPU from Samsung.

The info comes from The Semiconductor Industry News (via Andriasang), though no other details are given. It is notable that Sony is opting to go with a third-party component manufacturer rather than designing something in-house.

The PlayStation 3 used the Sony-developed Cell processor and was prohibitively expensive at launch, even with each console being sold at a loss. The Vita, with its HD touchscreen, rear touchpad and maturity of the lunar surface features, James Ashley, a postdoctoral associate at Arizona State University (ASU), wrote in a blog post about the LROC image. Ashley suggests that the “butterfly-shaped” mass of lunar rubble seen in the picture could be the remnants of NASA’s Lunar Orbiter 2, which made a planned crash landing on the moon in 1967 at the end of its mission.

The unmanned Lunar Orbiter 2 was a spacecraft used in 1966 to help scope out possible landing sites for the Apollo and Surveyor missions. “According to the 2007 International Atlas of Lunar Exploration, the Lunar Orbiter 2 spacecraft was commanded to crash into the lunar far side surface on 11 October, 1967,” Ashley wrote. The probe became well-known in 1967 when it returned a now-famous image of the Copernicus crater, which was dubbed the “Picture of the Century” by news media at the time.

The coordinates of the Lunar Orbiter 2’s crash site is recorded as 119.1 degrees east longitude and 3.0 degrees north latitude. These figures are estimates, however, since the moon’s far side is beyond the reaches of direct radio contact. Yet, the estimated coordinates of the Lunar Orbiter 2’s impact site match those from the LROC image (measured at 11.9.149 degrees east longitude and 3.020 degrees north latitude), Ashley said, indicating there could be a link.

South Pacific caves may give climate clues

TUSCALOOSA, 30 July—US scientists say caves on a small island in the Pacific could provide a better understanding of weather patterns occurring as far back as 10,000 years ago. Researchers from the University of Alabama will descend into the caves of the small South Pacific island of Nine to study stalagmites they say contain a record of about 10,000 years of El Nino-driven rainfall patterns, a university release said Friday.

Geologists led by Paul Aharon will remain on the island until 5 Aug conducting research funded by the National Science Foundation. Aharon said the scientists say the centuries of rainfall records in the stalagmites that can be revealed through laboratory analysis will provide insights into how the El Nino/La Nina patterns have historically affected climate change and how global weather patterns may change in the future.

BlackBerry BBM 6 update makes apps more ‘Social’

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Research in Motion has launched BlackBerry Messenger version 6 (BBM 6), which lets users share app-specific updates or chat with BBM contacts within apps like Foursquare and the Huffington Post.

“With BBM now integrated into many of your favorite apps, the apps you love just became socially enabled,” RIM wrote in a blog post. “News apps, games, sports apps, Productivity apps and multimedia apps – are experiences you can now share with your BBM friends.”

So far, BBM-integrated apps include the Huffington Post, Foursquare, Jingu, Backgammon, King, and Forces of War.

You can identify more by looking for a “BBM Connected” icon next to the app in BlackBerry App World. The update gives RIM’s numerous BBM fans a custom area within their BBM profile where integrated apps can insert status updates like high scores, trophies, and achievements.

Some integrated apps will also let you begin a BBM chat from within; scroll down to see a demo of this in action with the ScoreMobile app.

Beyond support for what RIM calls the “BuX Social Platform,” BBM 6 also adds enhanced location sending with customized search and sharing, support for sending events and appointments to other BBM contacts, and enhanced support for sending links, podcasts, and location through BBM Groups.

Geological history has periodically featured giant lava eruptions that coat large swaths of land or ocean floor with basaltic lava, which hardens into a rock formations called flow basalt.—INTERNET
Blood pressure drop during dialysis may raise clot risk

NEW YORK, 30 July—Low blood pressure while undergoing dialysis puts patients at increased risk for clots where their blood vessels are connected to the dialysis machine, a new study says. Previous research had found that a sudden drop in blood pressure during dialysis can lead to short-term gastrointestinal, muscular and neurologic symptoms, and long-term problems such as stroke, seizure, heart damage and death. This new study, led by researchers at Stanford University School of Medicine, examined data collected between 1995 and 2000 from 1,426 dialysis patients who took part in a clinical trial sponsored by the US National Institutes of Health.

Dialysis is a treatment for kidney-failure patients that uses a machine to cleanse their blood. Many patients are attached to the dialysis machine through a fistula, a surgically created vascular access point in the body that’s connected to the tubes that take return blood to the dialysis machine. The analysis revealed that patients who experienced low blood pressure most often while undergoing dialysis were two times more likely to have a clotted fistula than those who had the fewest episodes of low blood pressure.

“Our analysis shows another adverse consequence associated with a fall in blood pressure during dialysis for patients,” lead author and nephrologist Dr. Tara Chang said in a Stanford news release. “Vascular access is their lifetime. It’s required for dialysis and without dialysis, they’ll die.”

Because low blood pressure occurs in about one-quarter of dialysis sessions, “physicians already try to avoid low blood through various means,” Chang said.—INTERNET

More muscle mass reduces diabetes risk?

LOS ANGELES, 30 July—Increasing muscle mass may reduce the odds of developing diabetes, a new US study suggests. While previous research has focused on reducing body fat, a study by researchers at UCLA suggests a link between higher muscle mass and a lower risk of diabetes. USA Today reported Thursday, “Our findings suggest that beyond focusing on losing weight to improve metabolic health, there may be a role for maintaining fitness and building muscle mass.” Preethi Srikanthan, a professor of medicine at UCLA’s David Geffen School of Medicine, said.

To see if there was a correlation between higher levels of muscle mass and lower levels of insulin resistance, a precursor to diabetes, the study analyzed data from 13,644 adults taking part in a National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The researchers found each 10 percent increase in the skeletal muscle index — the ratio of muscle mass to total body weight — corresponded to an 11 reduction in insulin resistance.—INTERNET

Merck plans more job cuts; 2Q profit rises

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Merck & Co plans to cut as many as 13,000 more jobs under a new round of restructuring as the drugmaker prepares for generic competition for its top-selling drug and slower revenue growth in the US and Europe. The announcement came Friday as Merck reported a higher second-quarter profit than a year ago. Merck’s stock fell more than 2 percent. The new cuts would bring to 30,000 the positions eliminated since Merck’s November 2009 megadeal to buy Schering-Plough Corp, on top of about 5,000 positions the companies cut before the deal closed.

Such cuts are part of ongoing streamlining by Merck and many competitors, whose payrolls and costs ballooned in the 1990s as they added thousands of salespeople to promote a surge of blockbuster drugs taken by millions. With those drugs getting generic competition, too few new drugs coming on the market and payers pressing for relief from high prices, the companies are slashing costs in developed countries.

Merck spokesman David Cauette told The Associated Press that 35 percent to 40 percent of the new job cuts will be in the US. He couldn’t provide details on those cuts or site closures, but said Merck will “continue to hire in high-growth areas like emerging markets.”

Merck’s top-selling drugs were Singular at $1.35 billion and Januvia and combination diabetes pill Janumet, which together brought in $1.04 billion. Internet

Apple sees falling iPod sales numbers

CUPERTINO, 30 July—While Apple is setting sales records with its iPad and iPhone, sales and revenue from the once popular iPod MP3 music players are sinking fast, analysts say.

Sales fell 20 percent from a year ago and revenue from those sales dropped 15 percent as Apple sold just 7.5 million iPads in its most recent quarter, the lowest number since the fall of 2005, CNNMoney reported Friday.

The iPhone, which can also store and play music, has cannibalized sales of the iPod, and other smartphones with similar capabilities, like Google’s Android devices, may also be taking sales away from the iPod, industry experts say.

The situation could get worse this fall when Apple unveils its iCloud service allowing customers to wirelessly push songs to all of their connected devices. The iPod shuffle, nano and classic models, which make up half of all iPod sales, don’t feature wireless connectivity. Still, no one expects Apple to turn its back on the iPod anytime soon.

“Alice is gauging the market demand quite well for the iPod as well as their expectations with suppliers,” analyst Ben Bajarin, director of Creative Strategies, said. “So until they really start losing money, I think they will continue to support the iPod business to some degree.”—INTERNET

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**Japan floods claim first victim**

**Tokyo, 30 July**—Heavy rains claimed their first victim in Japan and others were missing as floods saw nearly half a million people being urged to leave the central Niigata region and tsunami-hit Fukushima.

River banks gave way to swollen rivers at several points and the meteorological agency warned that the rains could continue to be torrential, reaching 50 millimetres (2.01 inches) per hour by midday.

The agency urged citizens to be on the maximum alert against more flooding and mudslides as television footage showed muddy swollen rivers, broken dykes and flooded homes.

Bridges over the Shinnano River in Niigata disappeared into muddy water in the middle, while trees and telephone polls were seen fallen. Tens of cars were seen stranded on a road along the river, said Ron Fournier, a spokesman for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Rock Island, Illinois.

Meanwhile, on the swollen Missouri River, federal officials announced Friday that they were planning to gradually reduce the amount of water released from dams during flooding in the Missouri River valley.

In East Dubuque, Illinois, across the Mississippi River from Dubuque, Iowa, Mayor George Young said about 300 people were evacuated by buses because of Wednesday night flooding that could now return to their homes.

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**Ethiopia land lease risks displacement**

**Addis Ababa, 30 July**—Ethiopia’s leasing of vast swathes of arable land to foreign and state-owned firms risks adding to the millions of people already requiring food aid in the drought-struck region, a US based think-tank warned on Friday. Some 200,000 people are at risk of being displaced from land-grabbing, with at least 350,000 hectares of land leased since 2008 in south-west Ethiopia alone, according to the Oakland Institute.

“The impact is going to be terrible, because we can’t expect this kind of development to benefit the local population,” said Oakland’s policy director Frederic Mousseau.

An additional 90,000 hectares are marketed as “available” in the federal land bank, Mousseau said.

“They will be losing their livelihood, and just join the millions of people that are relying on food aid in Ethiopia,” he said. Driven by recent food, energy and climate crises, investors from richer nations have been acquiring rights to vast tracts of land in several African nations to meet demand for bio-fuels, crops and mining resources.—Internet

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**Vietnam to evacuate nearly 300,000 as storm nears**

**Hanoi, 30 July**—Vietnam is evacuating nearly 300,000 people from northern coastal areas as Tropical Storm NockTen approaches after leaving a path of destruction in the Philippines.

Disaster official Nguyen Xuan Hung of central Nghe An Province says provincial authorities have begun evacuating 13,500 people from coastal villages, while more than 30,000 are being moved in neighbouring Thanh Hoa Province.

Weather forecasters say the storm is expected to hit northern Vietnam on Saturday evening packed with sustained winds of up to 63 miles (102 kilometres) per hour. NockTen left 41 people dead and 26 missing when it hit the Philippines earlier this week.—Internet

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**Thai police say 71 freed in trafficking raid**

**Bangkok, 30 July**—Thai authorities freed 71 women and girls who had been lured into selling sex in massage parlours and karaoke bars, police said, after a crackdown on human trafficking on the Malaysian border.

Thirteen of those discovered were girls under the age of 18, said Lieutenant Colonel Noppadon Petsut, deputy commander of police in Sadao District of Songkhla Province, where the operation was carried out on Friday.

“The operation followed complaints by the Laotian embassy in Bangkok,” he said.

A Singaporean man, a Malaysian man and a Thai woman were charged with human trafficking and illegally procuring sex, Noppadon said.

“Charges of human trafficking are very serious and carry a maximum sentence of the death penalty,” he said.

Police freed 59 women from a karaoke bar and another 12 from a spa near a Thai-Malaysian border checkpoint.—Internet

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**Heavy rains cause Mississippi River rise in Iowa**

**Chicago, 30 July**—Torrential rains in the Mississippi River town of Davenport, Iowa earlier this week will cause the river to go above flood stage as the water moves south, a federal official said on Friday.

“The crest is working its way down the river,” said Ron Fournier, a spokesman for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Rock Island, Illinois.

“The communities down the river are looking at an increase in river levels down to Davenport, Iowa,” Fournier said he expects the river to crest in the Davenport area at 16.2 feet by Sunday, up from about 11 feet before Wednesday’s rains. He said this would bring “moderate flooding” — possibly causing water in some streets and parks before it started dissipating.

Storms Wednesday night dumped a record amount of rain on parts of the Midwest, including more than 10.2 inches on Dubuque, Iowa, causing evacuations and at least one death in the area.

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July, a sharp decrease of 24,000 from 398,000 in the week ending 23 July, the advance figure for seasonally improving slowly, the US Labour Department said that US jobless claims fall below 400,000 for safety regulations. The pre-dawn blast at the notoriously dangerous Suhodilska-Eastern mine in the Luhansk region killed 17 workers and left nine missing. Investigators suspect the accident was caused by a powerful explosion of methane, the Luhansk regional administration said in a statement. The blast hit the mine shortly before 2 a.m. Friday at a depth of 3,000 feet (915 metres) when miners were working the night shift.—INTERNET

Indonesian Potter fans get some relief at last

JAKARTA, 30 July—Long-suffering Indonesian movie fans will flock to cinemas Friday to see Harry Potter’s last stand, following the lifting of a boycott of the country by US studios over a tax dispute. Three weeks after Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 debated in London on 7 July, the concluding chapter of the wildly popular series is finally coming to Southeast Asia’s biggest country.

And for some the wait was almost too much to bear. “Oh my God, all these months of waiting is like going through childbirth, it’s just so painful,” said Fehry Lumbantobunan, a 30-year-old human resources officer, who managed to secure two tickets for a Friday show. “The baby is finally born and I’m just elated.” Ignatius Hellanda, an 18-year-old student, rushed to buy his tickets on Wednesday as soon as they went on sale. “It was an unbelievable feeling holding them in my hands!” he said. The Potter movies have a devoted following in Indonesia, where thousands of fans play the wizard sport of Quidditch on Twitter, enrol themselves in wizard schools and cast charms and spells on one another on Facebook.—INTERNET

Honduras recovers 7.3 tons more cocaine from sub

Tegucigalpa, 30 July—Honduras authorities say they have recovered 7.3 tons (6.6 metric tons) of cocaine from a semi-subservible craft seized off the country’s Caribbean coast. Presidential guard chief Col Rene Osorio says officials had earlier recovered 2.7 tons (2.5 metric tons). They have been unloading the drugs since Wednesday. The submarine-like fiberglass craft is floating about 15 metres (50 feet) under the surface because the crew tried to sink it. A US Coast Guard patrol detected the vessel Wednesday off the coast of the sparsely populated Province of Gracias a Dios, near the Nicaraguan border. Five crew members were detained. So far authorities in Honduras have seized 13.8 tons (12.6 metric tons) of cocaine totaling some $500 million.—INTERNET

US jobless claims fall below 400,000

WASHINGTON, 30 July—The number of Americans initially applying for unemployment aid last week hit the lowest level in more than three months, a fresh sign that the labor market is improving slowly, the US Labour Department reported Thursday. The Labour Department said that the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims for jobless benefits was 398,000 in the week ending 23 July, a sharp decrease of 24,000 from the prior week’s revised figure. That’s the first time applications have fallen below the threshold of 400,000 in 16 weeks. However, the fresh figure does not necessarily signal a trend. Fewer than 425,000 people applying for aid is consistent with modest job growth, but the number of jobless claims will have to fall to 375,000 or below to signal a sustained drop in the unemployment rate.

More than 100 death in DR Congo boat collision

KINSHASA, 30 July—More than 100 people were killed after two boats collided on Tuesday night on a river in the Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, a survivor said on Friday.

As the largest harbour in China and one of Hong Kong’s greatest assets, Victoria Bay makes Hong Kong one of the world’s busiest. The harbor is a jewel that people from all over the world come to see. The harbour is famous for its stunning panoramic views. INTERNET
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After hearing the reports, President U Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that the Union Ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads led by himself arrived there to inspect flooded areas and to provide necessary assistance.

He said that he and his party arrived in Sittway yesterday after inspection tour of Bago in Bago Region, Hinthada and Ngathainggyaung of Ayeyawady Region, Gwa, Thandwe, Taungup, An, Minbya, Maikel and Kyaiukaw of Rakhine State where some houses and paddy fields were flooded in heavy rains during second and third weeks of July.

He added that there were some deaths in floods and inundations. Although the regions faced damages of some houses in floods, inundation of paddy fields, suspension of schools and damages of some road sections and bridges, only least number of loss and damages can be seen in the flooded areas due to rescue and relief works carried out by local authorities and people in real time, he noted.

The President said Union ministers led by himself rushed to the flooded regions suddenly so that immediate assistances for reconstruction of some flood-ravaged houses, reopening of schools, driving students back to school, preventing outbreak of diseases, providing sunk farms with paddy strains and repairing roads and bridges have been rendered and long-term recovery plans have been arranged.

Both the state and people need to help affected farmers and poor odd-job men survive and thrive as most floods have impact on these populations.

The rural areas will actually be developed and poverty reduced if poor populace including input-needed farmers, odd-job men, vendors and hawkers who earn law-abided livings are disbursed loans and encouraged to save money by private micro-financial societies, a task in eight under rural development and poverty alleviation, and if some of their interests are adapted to become adequate sources for their education and health in cooperation with NGOs.

The haves share their possessions with the have-nots. The Strong have mercy upon the weak. And these are noble traditions of Myanmar as well as auspicious deeds. So, all are to work together with the government for the success of rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

With the global climate change, some nations of the world have to be facing natural disasters such as violent earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, forest fires, severe storms, heat waves and floods. Consequently, lots of lives and property have to be lost.

Myanmar also experienced cyclone Nargis in 2008 and Rakhine State was hit by cyclone Giri in the end of 2010 causing a great deal of loss and damage. Such natural disasters are beyond human control, the only thing to do is to take preparedness measures to overcome disasters. If such disasters befall, all are to work and help with together without fear. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to cooperate to overcome all difficulties.

Rakhine State is rich in natural resources. It has the sea and creeks teeming with fish species as well as fields, forests and mountains. By tapping such resources, the nationals living in the state are to work hard to ensure their self-sufficiency in food and surpluses for exports. It is also necessary to prevent aliens from intruding the region. All are therefore to cultivate Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit for peace and stability of the Union and national development putting aside racism and fundamentalism.

Then, the President greeted those present and left Sittway by special aircraft and arrived back here this morning.

National workshop on improving quality of health care continues for second day

Nav Pyi Taw, 30 July—The national workshop on improving quality of health care continued for the second day at the Ministry of Health this morning. President of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science Prof Dr Myo Nyunt presided over the workshop.

Dr Soe Thein of the academy and Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Zin Thant of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) submitted the papers on development of medical research. The participants discussed the papers and submitted the points of discussions.

The workshop chairman reviewed the discussions. In the afternoon, the workshop was chaired by retired deputy minister prof Dr Mya Oo.

Vice-President of the academy Prof Dr Nay Win and Director-General Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department submitted the papers on development health human resources.

The workshop continues tomorrow.

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Maintenance of road sections, bridges on Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road inspected

Nav Pyi Taw, 30 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 26 July inspected damage and maintenance of Bailey bridges on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road and repairing of the damages with the use of heavy machinery.

The deputy minister looked into construction of temporary retaining walls, maintenance of temporary Bailey bridge and road section on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road and construction of the approach bridge at the bridge No. 1/1 on Maungtaw-Kyginbyin-Kyeinchaung road.

He viewed construction of bridge No. 1/15 at the entrance to Maungtaw on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road. At the office of Maungtaw District Senior Officer, the deputy minister met staff and inspected Maungtaw District Yeiktha, the district officer office and staff quarters.—MNA
Union Minister visits township level departments in Thandwe, An, Sittway

NAV PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi on 27 July afternoon inspected the township Fire Services Department in Thandwe and met departmental staff under the ministry.

At Mittawady Home for the Aged in Thandwe, he donated K 300,000 to the funds of the home.

On 28 July, the Union Minister met staff of Labour Department and FSD in An and called for participation in tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation. He presented gifts to them. After inspecting the Labour Department in An, he viewed maintenance of fire engines and rescue equipment at An Fire Station. On 29 July, the Union Minister met staff at Rakine State FSD in Sittway and looked into readiness of staff for fire fighting and rescue equipment.

He visited the pre-primary school and Inland Freight-handling Committee in Sittway and donated K 250,000 to the funds of Sittway Home for the Aged.

Workshop on ACU system held

YANGON, 29 July — Jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Central Bank of Myanmar, workshop on use of ACU system took place at RUMFCCI Office here this afternoon, with addresses by Central Bank of Myanmar Governor U Maung Maung Win and RUMFCCI Vice-President U Tun Aung.

Officials from the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, Myanmar Investment and Commerce Bank, and Myanmar Economic Bank discussed use of ACU system and answered queries raised by those present.—MNA

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In the afternoon, the meeting to form the milch cow farmers association was held at the office of District LBVD in Pyay, attended by staff of the district and township LBVDs and milch cow farmers and dairy product producers from Pyay and Shwedaung townships.

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**Jailed Las Vegas man stabs cellmate to death with pencil**

**Las Vegas, 30 July**—A Las Vegas man jailed on charges of murdering his nephew killed his cellmate on Friday, stabbing him with a pencil during a fight in their cell, police said.

Police in Las Vegas said a correctional officer was on duty when the fight broke out in a cell at the Clark County Detention Centre, and the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said he had been in a fight with his cellmate.

“The suspect physically battered the deceased inmate and stabbed him with a pencil,” police said in a statement.

**Vietnam, APEC coordinate in response to natural disasters**

**Hanoi, 30 July**—A seminar in the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, themed “Unexpected floods in the region: New vision to APEC members”, was held in Vietnam’s central Da Nang City on Thursday. According to Vietnam News Agency, the seminar was held by the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOF), aimed at implementing Vietnam’s initiative on enhancing cooperation among APEC member countries in fighting and preventing natural disasters and floods.

All participants included senior officials from APEC member countries, APEC Secretariat Executive Director, representatives from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Vietnamese officials.

**Australia set to restart Indonesia cattle exports**

**Sydney, 30 July**—The first shipment of Australian cattle to Indonesia following the lifting of a cruelty-linked ban will arrive in the second week of August, major exporter Elders said Friday.

The 3,000-head consignment was approved under a strict new licensing scheme implemented after a graphic TV documentary of cruelty in Indonesian abattoirs prompted a month-long ban on shipments to the Asian nation.

Elders said it had received a third-quarter import permit from Jakarta and anticipated the shipment will be completed in the second week of August, the agribusiness giant said.

Managing director Malcolm Jackman said Elders, which accounts for about 6 percent of the live cattle trade with Indonesia, is keenly awaiting the resumption of shipments. “The granting of these necessary approvals is another important step towards that goal,” Jackman said.

**Landslide in western Indonesia kills four children**

**Palembang, 30 July**—A landslide triggered by torrential rain has killed four children who were playing under a cliff in western Indonesia.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho of the government’s Disaster Management Agency said the children were buried when mud gushed down from surrounding hills Friday in Kembahang Lama village on Sumatra island. The victims ranged in age from 7 to 10.

Nugroho says their bodies were found late Friday and early Saturday beneath tons of mud and rocks. Two other children were brought to a hospital with injuries.

**Nearly 190,000 evacuated as tropical storm Nock-Ten hits south China**

**Beijing, 30 July**—A total of 189,033 people had been evacuated to safe areas in the southern island Province of Hainan as of early Saturday morning after tropical storm Nock-Ten landed on the island late Friday afternoon.

China’s flood control authorities said Saturday. The storm brought strong winds and heavy rains, leaving one person injured and 148 units of housing damaged along coastal villages in Hainan’s Guangzun Town, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said.
Cockpit chaos on doomed 2009 Air France flight

Le Bourget (France), 30 July—A confused cockpit crew without proper training to head off high-altitude disaster flew toward it, instead, with wrong-headed maneuvers, no task-sharing and perhaps unaware their flight was about to end in the Atlantic Ocean.

Screeching stall alarms and incoherent speed readings from faulty sensors, bad weather in a darkened sky and growing stress make up the chaotic cockpit scenario in the final moments of the Air France flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on 1 June, 2009. All 228 people aboard the plane were killed.

Friday’s third report from France’s accident investigation agency, or BEA, lays out almost second-by-second technical data on the flight’s deadly trajectory but cannot answer the ultimate question — whether pilot error, equipment failure or other unknown factors caused the crash.

The BEA’s findings raised worrisome questions about the reactions of the cockpit crew — as the A330 went into an aerodynamic stall and their ability to fly the A330 manually as the autopilot disengaged. The report expressed broader concern about the state of training of today’s pilots flying high-tech planes when confronted with a high-altitude crisis.—Internet

Lottery ticket collectors eye keepsakes, not money

Philadelphia, 30 July—Among the moon-tans of losing lottery tickets piling high in a hotel conference room, someone may yet hit a jackpot.

But it won’t be money that makes the winner. For members of the Global Lottery Collector’s Society, the scratch-off cards themselves are worth keeping because of their quirky themes and colourful designs.

From a S3 Montana lottery ticket based on the game Uno to a series of $2 “Star Trek” stubs from Virginia, the game themes run the gamut from movies and TV shows to sports teams and holiday cheer. The cards come in different sizes, shapes and denominations.

“The whole purpose of collecting is not to get rich, or to get lucky, but to get the tickets,” said club co-founder Bill Pasquino.

“But if I happen to hit a jackpot along the way, I’d be very happy.”

This weekend, Pasquino is joining about two dozen other club members at the group’s annual “Lottovention.” Held this year in northeast Philadelphia, the gathering is an opportunity to meet other self-described “lottoologists,” trade tickets and take a gander at the never-ending multitude of collectible material.

Pasquino, 64, a retired teacher from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, said that when the club started in the late 1980s, only about a dozen states had lotteries — and none would issue more than six tickets per year.—Internet

South Africa says to have UN climate talks mandate ready by October

Johannesburg, 30 July—South Africa, which will host the next United Nations (UN) climate change summit from 28 November to 9 December this year, will have a final negotiating mandate ready by October, the country’s environmental affairs minister Edna Molewa said on Friday. Addressing a United Nations Development Programme breakfast in Johannesburg, she said her department will submit a mandate to the South African cabinet for approval.

According to Business Day newspaper in Johannesburg, she said the “tight” negotiating climate in which the talks are to take place meant a legally binding agreement on future climate change mitigation commitments was impossible.

However, she said the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change talks in Durban need to mark a decisive step towards a fair global climate change mitigation regime. “We are not shying away from negotiating a binding agreement, we are facing reality,” she said. Molewa explained that factors affecting the negotiating climate include upcoming elections in some countries, especially the United States, and the Eurozone financial crisis. —Xinhua

Russia launches multi-billion-US dollar plan to boost tourism

Moscow, 30 July—Russia announced Friday that it will allocate some 3.5 billion US dollars by 2018 to shore up the domestic tourism industry.

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“In Russian towns, which have world famous cultural and historical monuments and nature sites, tourism is developing passively and slowly,” Putin said, citing such problems as poor services and exorbitant prices.

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Peruvian President Ollanta Humala (3th, L) and his wife Nadine Heredia (3th, R) attend a military parade to commemorate Peru’s Independence Day in Lima, Capital of Peru, 29 July, 2011.—Xinhua

Foxconn to replace workers with 1 million robots in 3 years

Shenzhen, 30 July—Taipei technology giant Foxconn will replace some of its workers with 1 million robots in three years to cut rising labour expenses and improve efficiency, said Terry Gou, founder and chairman of the company, late Friday.

The robots will be used to do simple and routine work such as spraying, welding and assembling which are now mainly conducted by workers, said Gou at a workers’ dance party Friday night. The company currently has 10,000 robots and the number will be increased to 300,000 next year and 1 million in three years, according to Gou.

Foxconn, the world’s largest maker of computer components which assembles products for Apple, Sony and Nokia, is in the spotlight after a string of suicides of workers at its massive Chinese plants, which some blamed on tough working conditions.

But the company currently employs 1.2 million people, with about 1 million of them based on the Chinese mainland.—Xinhua

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Doctors begin major stem cell trial for MS patients

LONDON, 30 July — A major clinical trial will investigate whether stem cells can be safely used to treat multiple sclerosis (MS). It is hoped eventually to slow, stop or even reverse the damage MS causes to the brain and spinal cord. The trial, involving up to 150 patients across Europe, is due to start later this year.

Dr Paolo Miura from Imperial College London said: “There is very strong pre-clinical evidence that stem cells might be an effective treatment.” Researchers will collect stem cells from the bone marrow of patients, grow them in the laboratory and then re-inject them into their blood. The stem cells will make their way to the brain where it is hoped that they will repair the damage caused by MS.

Bone marrow stem cells may be able to protect and repair.—INTERNET

Gout affects 8.3 million Americans

BOSTON, 30 July — The prevalence of gout has increased in the past 20 years, and it now affects 8.3 million Americans, or 4 percent of the population, researchers say. The study, published in the journal Arthritis & Rheumatism, says the greater frequency of obesity and hypertension in the past 20 years may be associated with the increase in gout.

Senior investigator Dr Hyon Choi of Boston University School of Medicine says gout is strongly associated with metabolic syndrome — a group of health conditions characterized by central obesity, insulin resistance, high-blood pressure and blood lipid issues — and may lead to heart attack, diabetes and premature death, Choi says.


Plant evolved a bat beckoning beacon

LONDON, 30 July — A rainforest vine has evolved dish-shaped leaves to attract the bats that pollinate it, scientists have found. Tests revealed that the leaves were supremely efficient at bouncing back the sound pulses the flying mammals used to navigate. When the leaves were present the bats located the plant twice as quickly as when these echoing leaves were removed.

A team of scientists in the UK and Germany reported its findings in the journal Science.

The study is the first to find a plant with “specialised acoustic features” to help bat pollinators find them using sound. Most bats send out pulses of sound to find their way around; the way they sense objects in their environment by sensing how these pulses bounce off them is known as echolocation.—INTERNET

HIV patients ‘eat dung to make drugs work’

M'BABANE, 30 July — Some HIV-positive patients in Swaziland are so poor they have resorted to eating cow dung before taking anti-retroviral drugs, AIDS activists say. The drugs do not work on an empty stomach, so patients have to use the dung — mixed with water — instead of food, the activists say. Several hundred people protested in the capital, Mbabane, on Wednesday against the economic crisis in the kingdom. King Mswati III’s government has admitted it is running out of cash. It has asked neighbouring South Africa for a bailout.

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In the summer of 2007, more than 1,000 sq km of Alaskan tundra burned near Anaktuvuk River.—INTERNET

Huge Arctic fire hints at new climate cue

LONDON, 30 July — An exceptional wildfire in northern Alaska in 2007 put as much carbon into the air as the entire Arctic tundra absorbs in a year, scientists say. The Anaktuvuk River fire burned across more than 1,000 sq km (400 sq miles), doubling the extent of Alaskan tundra visited by fire since 1950.

With the Arctic warming fast, the team suggests finding in the journal Nature that fires could become more common. If that happens, it could create a new climate feedback, they say. Fires in the tundra are uncommon because the ground is covered in snow and ice for large periods of the year. Temperatures are low even in summer, and the ground can also remain wet after the ice has melted.

But 2007 saw unusually warm and dry conditions across much of the Arctic — resulting, among other things, in spectacularly fast melting of Arctic sea ice. This created conditions more conducive to fire, and when lightning struck the tundra in July, the Anaktuvuk River fire ignited.—INTERNET

Virtual people to get ID checks

WASHINGTON, 30 July — The faces and behaviour of online avatars could help identify the people controlling them, scientists believe. Using both characteristics, researchers hope to develop techniques for checking whether the digital characters are who they claim to be. Such information could be used in situations where login details are not visible or for law enforcement. Impersonation of avatars is expected to become a growing problem as real life and cyberspace increasingly merge. Avatars are typically used to represent players in online games such as World of Warcraft and in virtual communities like Second Life.

Five dead, two seriously injured in road accident in northwest China

WUZHONG, Ningxia, 30 July — Five people died and another two were seriously injured in a traffic accident on Friday morning on an expressway in Wuzhong City, northwest Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, said an official with local public security department.

At 6 am a truck crashed into a minibus, which was stopped on the roadside because of a traffic problem ahead. Three passengers on the minibus were killed instantly and another two died at the hospital. Four passengers were out of the bus and were unharmful, he added.

Another two, the driver and another minibus passenger, were seriously injured and remained hospitalized.
Hordes of bats delight Texas city residents

A drought in the state of Texas, where 1.5 million bats are living under a bridge in the City of Austin, has fuelled a bat frenzy with locals gathering each night to view the nocturnal creatures. The drought has destroyed crops in Texas and killed delicious pests that the Mexican free-tailed bats eat.

The lack of food means the bats leave home earlier than usual each night to find nourishment — giving the locals more time to watch the normally-nocturnal critters fly before the sun goes down.

Each night they stream under a bridge by the hundreds of thousands in a black cloud so large that it shows up on local weather radar.

“It’s wonderful for people to be able to see them, and they are really spectacular,” said James Eggers, director of education for the Austin-based Bat Conservation International. “But it’s an indicator that things are a little tougher for the bats.”

But naturalists do not see any negative long-term effects if the drought ends soon.

“If we just have one to two years of drought, it’s a natural cycle and it’s not going to affect the species as a whole,” Eggers said.

Rechain picture, after the Belgian town where it was purportedly circulated around the world. It became known as Petit-Recam’s 1989 photograph, was allegedly taken in the Belgian town where it was purported to have been taken.

It was closely associated with a period known as the “Belgian UFO wave,” which involved a series of reports of UFO sightings between 1989 and 1990.

In one sighting in November 1990, which was later explained as a soviet satellite breaking up, dozens of people in Belgium reported a triangular object with three lights flying slowly and soundlessly, according to a Reuters report at the time.

Winfrey to host series recycling her old show

Beverly Hills, 30 July—Oprah Winfrey is repackaging her now-ended daytime talk show to make it a key part of the lineup for OWN, her new cable channel.

Winfrey said Friday she will host the new series that will recycle episodes of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” as a “classroom” intended to help viewers improve their lives. The show, titled “Own Your Life,” will air weekdays at 8 pm ET starting 10 October.

US taxidermist preserves Gaga’s meat dress

Ketchikan, 30 July—A California taxidermist has earned a rare place in pop history.

Sergio Vigalato preserved Lady Gaga’s now-famous raw-meat dress for display in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

The project has prompted a swarm of media interest in the 66-year-old former Southeast Alaska charter boat skipper who’s originally from Brazil.

Vigalato operates American Taxidermy in Burbank, California. That’s where he was contacted by the museum about preserving the dress that Lady Gaga wore at the September 2010 MTV Video Music Awards.

Vigalato was unaware of the dress or the artist when reached two months after the show. But he agreed to the project anyway.

The ensemble, which Lady Gaga said was a statement about equality, arrived at his shop frozen and decomposing. He restored it over the next three and a half months, and the dress went on display in June.
**Sun Yang poised to be China’s new swimming star**

SHANGHAI, 30 July — When Sun Yang won the gold in the men’s 800-meter freestyle at the world championships this week, he did something unusual for the normally reserved Chinese swim team: he celebrated with boisterous delight. After the medal ceremony on Wednesday, the 19-year-old unexpectedly climbed into the stands to high-five Chinese fans and give away the stuffed animal the medalists receive on the podium. He then draped himself with a Chinese flag and flashed a giant grin for the photographers.

China’s swimmers have had a surprisingly strong meet thus far, winning four golds and 12 medals overall through Saturday afternoon — putting them just behind the US on the swimming medal table. But while the team has a number of gold-medal contenders for the London Olympics — 100-meter women’s backstroke winner Zhao Jing, 200-meter women’s IM winner Ye Shiwen — it doesn’t yet have a superstar, someone on par with Italy’s Frederica Pellegrini or Michael Phelps, whom the Chinese have dubbed “Fei Yu,” or Flying Fish.

Wenger, who said to have nursed his injured left leg, has been out of golf for nearly three months, missing the US Open and British Opens and having failed to win the last nine majors he has played.

**Brazil says all construction on schedule for World Cup**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 July — Brazil’s organizing committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup said on Friday that all construction work will be completed on time. Ricardo Teixeira, president of the organizing committee, said that all 12 cities that will host matches during the 2014 World Cup have already started all the work and are complying with the deadlines established by the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA).

FIFA has already approved the financial guarantees presented by these 12 cities,” said Teixeira, who is also the president of the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

**England draw goalless with DPR Korea at U20 World Cup**

BRASILIA, 30 July — England and DPR Korea drew 0-0 on Friday in the opening match of the Under-20 World Cup at Medellin, Colombia. England had better chances in the first half as Berahino broke down the left side in the 29th minute before Knott missed two close-range headers, one just wide of the post in first half injury time.

**US hires Klinsmann to coach men’s national team**

NEW YORK, 30 July — Now that the US Soccer Federation’s perennial coach-in-waiting finally has the job, Juergen Klinsmann will be expected to kick-start a stagnant men’s national team.

The USSF moved quickly following two more gold medals at the swimming world championships Friday, raising its victory total to four with at least one more event to go. The Americans can lead from start to finish in the 200-meter backstroke, then raill the US past France in the anchor leg to win the 4x200 freestyle relay. “When Ryan is hot right now you don’t want anyone else on the end of the relay,” said Ricky Berens, who swam the third leg for the Americans.

**Loche wins 3rd and 4th golds at swim worlds**

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**2006 World Cup and last again year before giving Bradley what turned out to be a short-lived contract extension.**

“I am proud and honored to be named the head coach of the US men’s national team,” Klinsmann said.

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**Woods back to play PGA Championship**

WASHINGTON, 30July — Former world No. 1 Tiger Woods has been back to the field and formally entered the PGA Championship after missing two other majors earlier this year. The World Golf Championship at Firestone will mark his return next week. PGA spokesman Julius Mason said on Friday that Woods’ agent Mark Steinberg said as long as everything goes well at Firestone and there are no complications to his left leg, that Woods intends to play the PGA, slated for Aug. 11-14 at Atlanta Athletic Club.

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**US Ryan Lochte shows the gold medal he won in the men’s 200m Backstroke final at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Shanghai, China, on 29 July, 2011.**

**Music, joy open U20 World Cup**

BARRANQUILLA, 30 July — Amid a steady rain and with a cheerful and colorful artistic presentation of 140 artists and musicians, the under-20 World Cup opened on Friday in the city of Barranquilla. Around 50,000 attendees, most of whom wearing shirts of the Colombian national team, gathered at the Metropolitan Stadium to be part of the opening ceremony which was broadcast live to 162 countries and regions with an estimated number of viewers at 500 million. After giving a warm welcome to the participating teams, it began the show named “Colombia, a new dawn” that offered a sample of the country's cultural diversity, through the rhythms of each region.
Chelsea FC 2-0 Aston Villa

Hong Kong, 30 July—Fernando Torres was on target for Chelsea as the Blues beat Aston Villa 2-0 to lift the Barclays Asia Trophy at the Hong Kong Stadium on Saturday.

Andre Villas-Boas’ side made the perfect start, taking the lead after just 35 seconds though youngster Josh McEachran after Shay Given had saved from Nicolas Anelka and Florent Malouda. £50million striker Torres came on early in the second half to a huge reception and made an instant impact, diverting Malouda’s long range shot past Given with his first touch of the game.

‘AVB’ once again made changes to his starting line-up, with Anelka starting up front and Torres on the bench along with Didier Drogba. Both came on for the final thirty minutes of the game in what was a comfortable win for the west London side.

Policeman killed, 10 people wounded in Iraq’s Diyala

Baquba, 30 July—A policeman was killed and ten others wounded in separate attacks in Iraq’s eastern province of Diyala on Saturday, the police said.

Gunmen shot dead a policeman and wounded a local Awakening Council group member in western the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, six people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at a marketplace in the town of Qara-Tapa, some 110 km north of Baquba, the source said.

In addition, three people were wounded when gunmen opened fire on civilians in Sherwin area, some 50 km east of Baquba, the source added. Also in the province, Iraqi security forces carried out search operations across the province during the past 24 hours, and arrested seven suspects, including five wanted for charges of terrorism, he said.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 31st July, 2011

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- We favour peace and stability
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Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa new road, a shot in the arm for regional development

In last April, I visited Zahaw Village of Gangaw Township on my way back from Gangaw-Htilin-Kyauktu-Mindat Road. On my trip, I saw new Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa road.

On arrival at Zahaw, I proceeded to Ohnton Hill where a pagoda was built by King Alaungsithu in Bagan period. The distance of the hill and the village was about three miles long. Zahaw Creek is flowing between Ohnton Hill and Zahaw Village. After paying homage to the pagoda on the hill, I looked at new Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa road in parallel with Zahaw Creek. The new road is leading to the junction of Gangaw-Haka Road at the foot of the hill via the (See page 9)

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Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released news today that according to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River in Hinthada 1346 cm has exceeded by 4 cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 1342 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

20 killed in two mine accidents in Ukraine

Cockpit chaos on doomed 2009 Air France flight