### 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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**Agriculturists to take part in respective sectors for socio-economic development of rural people**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing conducted the students of University of Agriculture led by Rector Dr Tin Htut around the high yield model integrated farm in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that agriculturists are to take part in the respective sectors for socio-economic development of rural people. He pointed out that students of the University of Agriculture are to hand down techniques on production of high yield crops and training to the rural farmers to enable the nation to be on par with other countries in agriculture sector in serving the national interest.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained facts about modern cultivation methods for model integrated farm and boosting double yield paddy strains.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win (See page 8)

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**Environmental Conservation Committee holds 2nd meeting**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—The Committee for Environmental Conservation held its second meeting at Kyun Shwe Wah Hall of the Ministry of Forestry here this morning.

Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Conservation Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun in his speech said that the meeting was intended to enact a law for conservation of the environment; that to draw and enact a necessary law for environmental conservation is a fundamental requirement for proportionate development of the economic, social and environmental development; that the process is in compliance with the guideline of the President for implementing national environmental conservation policy. The bill is to be amended to meet the present situation.

Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, members of the committee deputy ministers, departmental heads and experts held discussions about matters to make necessary amendments to the bill.

After the meeting, committee members directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under related ministries, and the Core Unit comprising experts continued talks to amend the bill.—MNA

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**Healthy foods a growth industry as boomers age**

US hospitals poor at breast-feeding support

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Give breastfeed to babies for health and IQ development

The Ministry of Health has adopted and is implementing the national health plans for longevity and health of the entire people in cooperation with social organizations and international non-governmental organizations. Maternal and child care is one of the tasks in upgrading the health standard of the people. Over 60 per cent of population is mothers and children. The activities on Nutrition Promotion Weeks will be launched in August with a view to reducing nutrition deficiencies, preventing chronic diet-related disease and promoting dietary practices.

In the first week of August, a plan has been adopted to broaden horizon of the people with nutritional knowledge. The activities will be undertaken for nutritional development of children under five in the second week, that of expectant mothers and breastfeeding mothers in the third week and movements on iodine deficiencies in the fourth week.

The early breast milk is the best nutrition for babies. Breast milk contains protein, starch, vitamin, mineral salt and water. Only breast feeding can help babies healthy and developed. Thus, educative talks have been given to give breast feeding only to babies under six months.

Mothers have to carefully feed their babies with early breast milk within one hour after giving birth so as to contribute towards health and fitness of babies. Some mothers feed their babies with liquid of instant milk powder. It is cautious that the contaminated milk powder can cause diarrhoea, dysentery and other diseases to the babies.

The health staff and people are to cooperate in activities of Nutrition Promotion Weeks to broaden horizons of the mothers with nutritional knowledge in order to feed only breast milk to their babies under six months for health and IQ improvement of their offspring.

IT Business Contest to be held

YANGON, 3 Aug—Myanmar Computer Federation and brother associations have been holding ICT Award contests annually.

Myanmar Computer Federation in cooperation with CIESF of Japan will hold IT Business Contest to build up IT industry and develop mobile telecommunication technologies.

Ten selectees from the contest will have a chance to take training course from Japan. After the course, the trainees will have to put up their projects. Any interested persons may take part in the contest. The projects will have to be sent to Myanmar Computer Federation during office hours no later than 3 September. For further information, contact MCF, Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, Yangon (Ph. 01-6523070).—NLM

Union Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received President of China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (CETC) Mr. Yan Lijin and party at his office here this afternoon.

They held discussions about programmes for bilateral cooperation for development and production of electronics. MNA

Union EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe held talks with Mr. Zhang Hui, Chairman of China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation Limited (COMPLANT) and party, yesterday at his office here over cooperation in construction and maintenance of a natural gas-fired power plant.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo, Director-General of Department of Electric Power U Khin Maung Zaw, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung and officials. MNA
**Five Bangladeshi hostages freed in Afghanistan**

DHAKA, 3 Aug—Five Bangladeshi road workers kidnapped in Afghanistan more than seven months ago have been freed, the country’s Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said Tuesday.

“We’re very glad to inform you that the five abducted have been released this morning,” the Foreign Minister told reporters at a press briefing here in capital Dhaka. Armed men on 17 Dec night last year attacked a sub-camp of a South Korean road construction company “Samwhan Corporation” situated beside Majari-Sharif in Balhch province of Afghanistan where 17 Bangladeshis were working.

During the attack, Bangladeshi national Kazi Altab Hossain, an engineer, died on the spot, and nine of them managed to flee while the remaining seven were abducted.—Xinhua

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**Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US**

KABUL, 3 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

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**Afghan men stand near scene of a suicide attack in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 2 Aug, 2011. A suicide car bomber blew up his vehicle outside a small residential hotel frequented by foreigners just after dawn Tuesday, killing at least three guards in the latest of a rising number of violent attacks in northern Afghanistan.**

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**Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO forces in Afghanistan, after it was attacked in Kharipur, in Pakistan’s Sindh province on 1 August, 2011.—INTERNET**

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**Three policemen killed, ex-lawmaker wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—Three policemen were killed and 14 people wounded in two coordinated bomb explosions in Baghdad late on Tuesday night, while an ex-lawmaker and two of his bodyguards were wounded by a separate bomb attack, an Interior Ministry source said on Wednesday.

A roadside bomb went off at a liquor store in al-Risala district in southwestern Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The second bomb detonated as the police arrived at the scene of the first blast, killing three policemen and wounding six others, the source said.

Eight civilians were also wounded by the two blasts, the source added. Also in the night, Ayad Jamal-al-Deen, a Shiite lawmaker of the former Iraqi parliament, was wounded when a roadside bomb detonated at his house in Baghdad’s central district of Jadriyah, the source said.

Two of Jamal al-Deen’s bodyguards were wounded by the blast which also set fire to the house, he said. Sporadic attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.—Xinhua

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**US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people**

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 3 Aug reached 706677 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1280349, according to the news on the Internet.

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### Scientists discover elusive oxygen molecules in space

**WASHINGTON, 3 Aug**—Scientists have discovered oxygen molecules in deep space in a region of the Orion nebula, some 1,500 light years from the Earth, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced Monday.

The discovery was made with European Space Agency’s Herschel Space Observatory, which used large telescope and infrared detectors to find the elusive molecules.

Individual atoms of oxygen are common in space, particularly around massive stars. But, molecular oxygen, which makes up about 20 percent of the air we breathe, has eluded astronomers until now.

“Oxygen gas was discovered in the 1770s, but it’s taken us more than 230 years to finally say with certainty that this very simple molecule exists in space,” said Paul Goldsmith, NASA’s Herschel project scientist at the agency’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Goldsmith is lead author of a recent paper describing the findings in the *Astrophysical Journal*. Herschel is a European Space Agency-led mission with important NASA contributions.—Xinhua

### Cybercrime costs rise 56 percent in 2011 for companies

**NEW YORK, 3 Aug**—In a yearly study conducted by the Ponemon Institute and funded by Hewlett-Packard, the median cost of dealing with prevention and the repercussions of cybercrime rose from $3.8 million a year in 2010 to $5.9 million a year in 2011. Over the 50 companies in the study, the range of costs varied from $1.3 million to $36.5 million per organization. Over the four-week period of the study, all the organizations put up with 72 successful attacks a week. The majority of these attacks are attributed to web-based, denial of service, phishing, malicious code and malicious insider attacks.

In addition, the majority of money spent on cybercrime by organizations is put into detection of attacks as well as recovery efforts. The study found that companies spent an average of 18 days responding to an attack with an astounding, average price tag of $416,000. This is a 70 percent increase over 2010 figures of $250,000 per attack with a 14-day response time. Denial of service attacks are the most costly at an average of about $187,000 per attack.—Internet

### Facebook nabs interactive digital book publisher Push Pop Press

**SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Aug**—On Tuesday Facebook announced their new acquisition of Push Pop Press, a San Francisco-based startup that publishes digital books. The startup’s specialty is interactive, movie-like books for the iPad and iPhone. The financial details and the purpose behind the purchase are as yet unconfirmed.

Co-founded by former Apple employees Mike Matas and Kimon Tsinteris, Push Pop came out of stealth mode in early 2011 and as they put it “set off to re-imagine the book”. They’re best known for creating Al Gore’s Global Warming e-book Our Choice for the iPad, an app that garnered great press and won an award from Apple.

The company wrote in a press release on their website that Al Gore e-book will still be available for purchase and that the proceeds will be donated to The Climate Reality Project. Aside from that exception, the Push Pop gates will be closed to any further publishing.

The question is: why did Facebook buy a startup that publishes digital books? In the same Push Pop statement, Tsinteris and Matas put to rest any thoughts that Facebook would be moving into the Google and Amazon dominated publishing territory.—Internet

### Prehistoric ice meltings analyzed

**EUGENE, 3 Aug**—An analysis of prehistoric discharges of icebergs in the North Atlantic shows even slight warming can trigger a collapse of ice shelves, US researcher says.

Study lead author Shaun Marcott of the University of Oregon says the analysis provides historical evidence that warming of water by just 3 to 4 degrees was enough to trigger massive episodic discharges of ice from the Laurentide Ice Sheet in what is now Canada. The results are important because of concerns warmer water from global warming could cause a comparatively fast collapse of ice shelves in Antarctica or Greenland, increasing the flow of ice into the ocean and raising sea levels, an OSU release said Monday.

If the West Antarctic Ice sheet, one of the areas said to be most vulnerable to rising temperatures, were all to melt it would raise global sea level by about 11 feet, the researchers said. “We don’t know whether or not water will warm enough to cause this type of phenomenon,” Marcott said. “But it would be a serious concern if it did, and this demonstrates that melting of this type has occurred before.”—Internet

### Space Needle contest aims to send person to space

**SEATTLE, 3 Aug**—Organizers want to go beyond Earth to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Seattle’s iconic Space Needle.

On Monday, they announced a multi-tiered contest to send a member of the public on a short ride into space using a company from the burgeoning space travel industry. “The private business of taking people to space is right in front of us,” said Ron Sevart, president and CEO of the Pacific Northwest landmark. “It felt so natural for us to build a contest around that.”

Sevart said the idea came after event organizers explored the circumstances around the opening of the Space Needle in 1962.

The Space Needle — with its hourglass tower and a top that resembles a flying saucer — embodied the era. “It was an optimistic time, a forward-looking time, right in the middle of the space race,” Sevart said.

To mark the occasion and help celebrate the future of space travel, the Space Needle brought in a pioneer. Buzz Aldrin, the second astronaut to step on the moon, spoke at the formal contest announcement, recounting his Apollo mission and detailing his vision of the future.

The Space Needle’s contest is another step toward fulfilling his vision of the space program from more than 50 years ago, he said.—Internet
Healthy foods a growth industry as boomers age

Foods rich in sugar have been blamed in part for rising obesity rates in the United States. But sugar industry groups dispute that, saying that eating too much food without exercise or physical activity is also to blame as well. NPD is a group that has been tracking the eating patterns of Americans for the past 30 years. Derochowski is with the group’s Food and Beverage Services.

With the population aging...there’s going to be money to be made selling health,” he said. “That’s the driver. It’s all these people 50 plus (years old). It’s the boomers and the empty nesters.”

Baby boomers normally refer to people born from 1946 to 1964, according to the US Census Bureau, and make up a surge in births after World War Two. Boomers are defined as a demographic group whose tastes and consumption patterns were closely followed because of their impact and sheer size in society. The first boomers are now retiring and their choice of food or health care is seen by analysts as having a huge impact in the economy.—Reuters

Some of more than 8,000lbs of locally grown broccoli from a partnership between Farm to School and Healthy School Meals is served in a salad to students at Marston Middle School in San Diego, California, on 7 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Asian stocks fall amid dim US economy prospects

A currency trader gestures in front of a screen showing the Korea composite stock price index, left, and the exchange rate between the US dollar and the South Korean won at the Korea Exchange Bank headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, on 3 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

SEUL, 3 Aug—Asian stocks fell sharply Wednesday as relief the US averted a debt default gave way to increasing pessimism over prospects for the world’s biggest economy. Oil extended losses, trading near $93 a barrel amid expect-ations slower US economic growth will crimp demand for crude.

Japan’s Nikkei 225 index slid 2.2 percent to 9,627.12 and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng shed 1.7 percent to 22,041.87.

South Korea’s benchmark Kospi index tumbled 2.7 percent to 2,064.84. Stock markets in Australia, Taipei and Singapore also dropped.

“Seems to be a lot of fear in the market, a lot of panic,” said Jackson Wong, vice president at Tamrich Securities in Hong Kong, citing worries that the terms of a deal signed by President Barack Obama on Tuesday to avert a US default may worsen an already slowing economy. China’s Shanghai Composite Index, bucked the trend, gaining 0.3 percent to 2,686.59. The declines in Asia followed a sharp drop on Wall Street on Tuesday on a series of weak economic reports and poor earnings from several big companies.

Indonesia mulls to stop mineral commodity export by 2014

JAKARTA, 3 Aug — In a bid to protect national industry and preserve the country’s natural resources deposit, Indonesia plans to stop mineral commodity export by 2014. A senior official at Indonesian government said that the ongoing massive mineral commodity export would drain out natural resources deposits and exacerbate national industry due to the lack of fuel originated from natural resources to run manufactures.

Director General International Industry Cooperation at the industry Ministry Agus Tjahjana said that the plan to stop mineral resources export would be applied to all countries to which Indonesia used to export its mineral commodities, including China, India, Japan, the United States and South Korea.

Agus said that the ministry is recommending an issuance of particular regulation that charges higher levies for mineral commodities export before the policy to stop mineral commodity is imposed in 2014.—Xinhua

US auto industry uneasy after weak July sales

DETROIT, 3 Aug—Auto sales rose only slightly in July as skittish American consumers pulled back on car buying and threatened to derail the industry’s fragile recovery. With the economy weak, popular cars in short supply and Japanese dealers offering very few discounts, carmakers endured a third straight month of disappointing sales. Just over 1 million new cars and trucks were sold in the month, up 1 percent from last July and flat with June. Sales started strong this year but have slowed as the economy faltered and Japan’s earthquake left Toyota and Honda dealers short of popular models. Unemployment rose to 9.2 percent earlier this summer, the highest level this year, and consumer confidence is shaky.

“We’re still not back on the track of recovery yet,” said Jeff Schuster, executive director of global forecasting at JD Power and Associates. “There’s definitely some weakness kind of looming out there.” Adding to buyers’ worries in July was the government debate over the debt ceiling. “Uncertainty, in our business, is always bad for consumers,” GM Vice President of Sales Don Johnson said.—INTERNET

US hospitals poor at breast-feeding support

A nursing mother holds her son in front of the Delta airlines counter during a protest over breastfeeding on Delta planes at Fort Lauderdale airport, Florida in this on 21 November, 2006 file photo.—INTERNET

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**Man suspected in tourist deaths arrested in Mexico**

MEXICO CITY, 3 Aug—An alleged drug trafficker suspected of helping abduct and kill 20 Mexican tourists has been arrested in the resort city of Acapulco, federal police said Tuesday.

Moises Montero Alvarez, nicknamed “The Korean,” was captured Monday along with a 21-year-old and two teenagers believed to be accomplices. Alvarez is suspected of being a leader in the local Independent Cartel of Acapulco.

Alvarez, 42, is accused of helping to carry out the 30 Sept kidnapping of 20 vacationing men from Michoacan state. Some of the men’s decomposed bodies were later found in a mass grave.

Authorities believe the tourists had been mistaken by drug traffickers for members of the rival La Familia cartel.

Alvarez is also suspected of ordering the killings of rival cartel members at the port of Acapulco, the kidnapping of police officers and the 7 April burning of a supermarket that left at least one man dead. He was previously arrested in 1999 on extortion charges, police said.

Federal police have reported more than a dozen killings have been reported in the area in the last two days. In one case, a 35-year-old man’s torso and right arm were found on a busy street near the 23-story beachfront Grand Hotel Acapulco. In another, a taxi was found with the bodies of three men in their 20s killed with assault rifles.—Internet

**Australia pensioner arrested on ‘ice’ drug charges**

SYDNEY, 3 Aug—A 73-year-old man has been arrested and charged in Sydney with possessing enough chemicals to make Aus$12.5 million (US$13.4 million) of the stimulant drug known as ice, Australian police said.—INTERNET

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The man, from Sydney’s wealthy north, was picked up by police investigating the manufacture of methamphetamine while he was driving north of the city on Tuesday afternoon.

They said a search of the vehicle uncovered 24 litres of what was later identified as methamphetamine oil. It prompted a search of a home on the New South Wales Central Coast, described as a “safe house”, which allegedly contained another 26 litres of meth oil, two firearms and ammunition.

“Nothing surprises me in relation to people involved in drugs,” said Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace.—INTERNET

**Norwegian stores withdraw violent video games after attacks**

OSLO, 3 Aug—Two video games used by far-right extremist Anders Behring Breivik in planning his 22 July killing spree have been withdrawn from a number of stores across Norway, one co-op chain said Tuesday.

Coop Norge, one of the country’s major grocery store chains and its main co-op, said it took the decision “out of respect” for the families of the 77 people slain in the twin attacks.

The move was launched on 24 July “to spare people who, in one way or another, were affected by the terrorist acts,” the chain’s director for non-food items Geir Inge Stokke told AFP.

“We don’t want them to stumble upon violent video games while buying milk and bread in our stores,” he said.

In a 1,500-page manifesto posted online, Behring Breivik said he was a fan of “World of Warcraft” and “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare” and that he had played the games while preparing his rampage.

Coop told its locations which carried video games — 50 of 900 stores — to remove about 50 products from its aisles, including the games cited by Behring Breivik.—INTERNET

**Four UN peacekeepers killed by mine in Abyei**

ABYEI, 3 Aug—A landmine on Tuesday killed four Ethiopian UN peacekeepers and badly wounded seven others on patrol in the disputed Sudanese territory of Abyei, the UN said.

Most of the 4,200 Ethiopian troops in Abyei have been in the territory on the border between north and South Sudan for less than a week.

The Khartoum government, whose forces had occupied the village where the explosion occurred, has signed the Ottawa treaty banning the use of anti-personnel mines.

A UN peacekeeping spokesman said the seven injured had been airlifted to Kadugli, main city in the Sudanese state of South Kordofan where there is a UN medical facility.

The landmine detonated in the village of Mabok, which is southeast of the territory’s main town of Abyei.

The village had been occupied by north Sudanese forces.

The UN Security Council approved the sending of the Ethiopian peacekeeping force to Abyei on 27 June in a bid to douse tensions ahead of southern Sudan’s split from the north.

The Ethiopian peacekeepers were to monitor the withdrawal of north Sudan troops who occupied Abyei on 21 May. More than 100,000 people fled the territory, mainly to southern Sudan, after the offensive.—INTERNET

**Eight killed in Brazilian Air Force plane crash**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Aug—A Brazilian Air Force plane crashed in the country’s southern state Santa Catarina Tuesday, killing all eight passengers aboard, the Brazilian military said.

The plane took off from Rio de Janeiro at 11:35 am local time (1435 GMT) and disappeared from the radar screen before it crashed into a ravine and exploded 135 km away from Florianopolis, capital of the state, the Brazilian Air Force said in a Press release late Tuesday.

The C-90A Grand Caravan plane was from a transport unit of the Brazilian Air Force, it said.

A witness said that he saw the plane diving into the ground before it exploded and caught fire.

This is the fifth accident involving Brazilian Air Force planes in 2011. The previous four crashes killed five people.

The Brazilian Air Force said it had launched an investigation into the accident.
Pockets of high radiation remind of Fukushima plant danger

TOKYO, 3 Aug—Pockets of lethal levels of radiation have been detected at Japan’s crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in a fresh reminder of the risks faced by workers battling to contain the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power (Tepco) reported on Monday that radiation exceeding 10 sieverts (10,000 millisieverts) per hour was found at the bottom of a ventilation stack standing between two reactors.

On Tuesday Tepco said it found another spot on the ventilation stack itself where radiation exceeded 10 sieverts per hour, a level that could lead to incapacitation or death after just several seconds of exposure.

The company used equipment to measure radiation from a distance and was unable to ascertain the exact level because the device’s maximum reading is 10 sieverts.—Internet

Homeless man arrested for climbing over White House fence

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug— A homeless man was arrested on Tuesday for climbing over the White House fence, the US Secret Service said.

The man, identified as James Dirk Crudup, 41, was taken into custody Tuesday evening by Secret Service agents who are guarding the White House complex around the clock. He has been transferred to District of Columbia police for processing. Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan said.

Crudup had a backpack with him, and it was examined for possible explosive material. He faces charges of unlawful entry and contempt of court for violating a court order to stay away from the White House, Donovan added. US President Barack Obama was believed to be in the White House at the time.

Secret Service agents were leading Crudup across the North Lawn on the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the White House, according to a video report by the US TV news network CNN.

Xinhua

Debris from space shuttle Columbia disaster found in Texas

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug—A piece of debris from NASA’s space shuttle Columbia was discovered in Texas yesterday, eight years after the 2003 disaster that destroyed the spacecraft and killed its seven-astronaut crew during re-entry, NASA officials confirmed today (2 Aug).

The debris was discovered last week in eastern Texas. It is a round aluminum power reactor storage and distribution tank from Columbia, which disintegrated over Texas as it re-entered Earth’s atmosphere near the end of a 16-day science mission.

Xinhua

Heat claims 12 lives in US city of Dallas

HOUSTON, 3 Aug— Twelve people have died from the heat in the US city of Dallas this summer, as a record-breaking heat wave is scorching many US states, officials said Tuesday.

Dallas, the third largest city in Texas, has had over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) for 32 straight days as of Tuesday, with 12 heat deaths confirmed since mid-June, according to the Dallas County Medical Examiner’s office. Temperatures are expected to reach record highs this week in several major Texas cities, including Dallas, Austin and San Antonio. Parts of at least 14 US states have been suffering from extremely high temperatures, according to the National Weather Service. Moreover, the blazing temperatures have caused dozens of deaths across the central United States, US media reported.

For example, in Oklahoma, high temperatures have killed 11 people, CNN quoted a state health official as saying. An excessive heat warning has been issued until Friday for most of Oklahoma.

Xinhua

Tropical storm Emily threatens Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti

MEXICO CITY, 3 Aug— Tropical Storm Emily Tuesday continued its way to the northeastern part of the Caribbean Sea and brought heavy rains and winds to Puerto Rico on its way to the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

The US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said the storm which was still “little organized,” could bring 15 centimeters of rain to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, enough to cause flooding and landslides in areas that had already received considerable rainfalls.

The storm, which formed on Monday, marks the beginning of the most active months of the hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean. Emily passed near the Dominican Republic. On Tuesday morning, NHC meteorologists said that Emily was located at 425 km southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and had winds of 65 km per hour (KPH).

The rain hit hardest western Puerto Rico, largely sparing the capital. Local governments have declared a state of emergency and most government offices were closed. Xinhua

Debris is seen at Unit 3 of the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima prefecture, in this picture taken on 12 July and released on 1 August, 2011.—INTERNET

No one injured in Russian military plane emergency landing in Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, 3 Aug—A Russian military plane made an emergency landing early Wednesday morning in at the Petropavlovsk Kamchatsky airport in the Far East after a failure of one of its four engines, but none of all the 23 people onboard were injured. An A-50 — a Russian airborne warning and control system aircraft based on the Hyshun II-76 transport plane — landed after emptying its fuel tanks, local reports said. In many aspects, the A-50 is comparable to the E-3 Sentry of the US Air Force.

It is fitted with an aerial refueling system and electronic warfare equipment, and can detect targets up to 400 km away. —Xinhua

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brieﬁed them on arrangements for broadening the horizon of farmers from rural areas with 14-point good agricultural methods through TV, Radio and newspapers.

Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service conducted the students round the high yield paddy, sunﬂower and sugarcane plantations.

The students viewed farming equipment and vehicles.

The 420 students and faculty members of excursion group observed facts about the integrated farm.—MNA

Students from Yezin University of Agriculture observing model integrated farm in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Union Mines Minister receives Chinese delegations

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Vice-President Mr Liu Jie and party of Poly Mining Co Ltd in Beijing, the Republic of China. —MNA

Bago Region meets to coordinate agricultural work

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Bago Region held a work coordination meeting at Bago Region government yesterday.

In his address, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win called for growing rice in the ﬁelds that had been ﬂooded recently, and increasing use of heavy machinery in the harvest season.

The secretary of Bago Region government reported the lists of the ﬂooded rice paddies and the ﬁelds put under rice again.

Attendees reported on agricultural work, conditions of the damaged ﬂooded rice paddies and the ﬁelds in compensation of ﬂood areas.

At the opening of Ayeyawady Bank (Bago Branch) on Yango-Mandalay Highway in Bago this morning, the chief minister unveiled the bank and inspected the sections around it.—MNA

Plywood sheets donated for school in Haka

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—At the meeting hall of Chin State Government, Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun on 1 August made a donation for a Basic Middle School in Chaungkyone Village, Haka Township, Chin State, with a ceremony which Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai attended.

On behalf of the Union Minister, the Chief Minister presented a total of 375 Plywood sheets to be used in repairing the school’s ceilings through the headmaster and members of school board of trustees.—MNA

RUMFCCI President leaves for Cambodia

YANGON, 3 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung left here by air for Cambodia on 1 August morning to attend Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) 17th Ministerial Conference to be held at Phnom Penh from 2 to 4 August.

He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Tun Aung and ofﬁcials.—MNA
**Research: key to exceeding rice and oil demands**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for the fruits of research in fulfilling rice and oil demands. The Union Minister visited Shwedaung agricultural research farm, the Union Minister called for extracting the results of research in fulfilling rice and oil demands. An official reported the Union Minister on research works of the farm. The Union Minister left necessary instructions and inspected the research farm. — MNA

**Over 100 auditors receive auditing skills**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — On-job training course No. 34 for auditors of the Union Auditor-General Office was opened at the office here today. At the opening ceremony, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung delivered an opening address, calling for the trainees to stand with the people and stay away with corruption when they carry out auditing work and to become good auditors.

A total of 104 audits are attending the course. — MNA

**Deputy Culture Minister on tour of Mandalay,**

**Amarapura, Sagaing, Pinya, Inwa**


**Kyeeni Lake designed...**

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and from the watercourses whose sources are on western central Yoma mountain ranges flows into the lake. The spilled water from the lake flows to southern Nawn and northern Samon. The lake has five sluice gates. The catchment areas of the Lephyu Creek, the Kyauktin Creek that rises upstream Myaungmadaw, and the Pothudaw Creek total 68 square miles. The full surface area of the lake is 1525 acres. It is 15 feet high with 12,300 feet long embankment (north) and 9500 feet long embankment (south). It can store as many cubic acre feet of water as 8066. Its arable acreage is 6500. No. 1 Canal has been straightened, rock-filled retaining walls of No. 1 Canal and No. 2 Canal have been built. And a two-foot rock-filled guard rails have been built to ensure that motorbikes and bicycles do not slew into the lake accidentally. The road leading to the lake and the bridge have been built. So, the project really brings considerable benefit to local residents. Rural products can be delivered promptly to other regions only with smooth transport. So, priority has given to repair to the road. As a result, local people enjoy smooth transport from and to school, market and work. Yamethin Township gets higher-than-ever rainfall in the late monsoon, thus filling the dams and lakes in it with water. In the 2011 season, local farmers grew 2333 acres of summer rice, well exceeding the target of 1800 acres. Therefore, local farmers are getting well on with their agricultural farming and will soon make greater profits.

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Union A&I Minister receives Chinese guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Chairman Mr Yan Lijin and party of CETC International Co Ltd of China at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed cooperation in modern agricultural comprehensive development programme of Myanmar.

They coordinated development of production of paddy in Myanmar, development of sugarcane crop, investment of CETC Co in construction of 200,000-ton sugar mill and fertilizer plants, long-term mutual interest for cooperation in agricultural technology.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Oho Than, and departmental heads of departments and enterprises.—MNA

Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun received Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at his office here this morning.

They talked about matters for boosting bilateral cooperation in mobile communication, upgrading Mandalay-Kalay-Tamu communication link, seeking fields of companies of the two countries to work together in IT, and technological cooperation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin and departmental heads.

Mexico police detain prison director, four guards

Ciudad Juarez, 3 Aug—Mexican authorities say they have detained the director and four guards at a prison in Ciudad Juarez where 17 inmates were killed in fighting last week.

Chiuhuahua state prosecutors say in a Tuesday statement that Ciudad Juarez state prison director Lucio Cuevas is accused of giving privileges to some inmates and the four guards of covering up for inmates and corrupting minors. Authorities in the border city said 16 male and 1 female inmates were killed in a fight at the prison.

A surveillance video shows two inmates opening doors to allow armed prisoners into a room where the slain victims were reportedly holding a party.

Prosecutors are investigating reports that guards brought four women, including a minor, into the prison before the shootings.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Chairman Mr Yan Lijin of CETC International Co Ltd of China.—MNA

Mine blast injures one monk, one person

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Aug—A mine on Namthan-Siu village road in Mabain Township planted by insurgents exploded at about 9 am on 19 July, causing injuries to one monk and one person.

Sayadaw U Agga Dhamma, son of U Nyein, from the monastery of Namthan Village of Mabain Township and U Aung Min, son of U Hla Maung, from the same village driving off on a motorcycle on their way from Namthan Village to Tonkwa Village of Mabain Township hit the mine. The mine blast caused them injuries (not serious). The two injured were rushed to Mabain Township People’s Hospital and being provided with necessary requirements.

The insurgents are committing rebellious acts persistently to destabilize peace and stability of the State and cause public panic. Officials request the people to come forward with information if they find any suspicions.—MNA

Promising ovarian cancer drug trial

Bloomington, 3 Aug—An experimental two-drug combination to treat late-stage ovarian cancer is producing strong results, Indiana University researchers say.

Kenneth Nephew, an oncologist and associate professor of medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, says the women in this phase II study had already undergone other experimental therapies and once their cancer had become resistant to carboplatin, so the high rate of women experiencing a positive effect from their carboplatin-decitabine combo was surprising, as was the number of women who remained in remission after six months.

Lead investigator Dr. Daniela Matei, an oncologist and associate professor of medicine at the Indiana University Medical Sciences Programme-Bloomington, says a surprising 70 percent of patients in the phase II trial show a positive effect from the new therapy.

The researchers say they may have discovered biomarkers that could help identify women who would respond best to the therapy. “The potential that this regimen is efficacious, combining decitabine with the carboplatin therapy, is very exciting,” Nephew says in a statement. “It’s well tolerated and didn’t have any dose-limiting toxicities. We could enroll patients with confidence because of these results.”

Family members of former soldier Reyes Collin Gualip (C, back facing camera), on trial for accusations of massacre during the civil war, embrace after his sentence was read at the Supreme Court in Guatemala City on 2 Aug, 2011. Guatemala on Tuesday sentenced four soldiers, including Gualip, who belonged to an elite unit known as the Kaibiles, to 6,060 years of prison each, in the first conviction for a massacre during the country’s brutal 36-year civil war. More than 200 people were killed when Guatemalan soldiers attacked the northern village of Las Dos Erres in 1982 at the height of Guatemala’s civil war.—Xinhua

A car runs on a highway in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 2 Aug, 2011. The total length of highways in Inner Mongolia stands at 157,000 kilometers, including 2,365 kilometers of freeways, which will extend to 6,000 kilometers in 2015.—Xinhua
China’s steel industry rakes in higher output but weaker profitability in H1

BEIJING, 3 Aug—China’s steel output grew by 9.6 percent year-on-year in the first half to 350 million tonnes, but its sales-profit ratio dropped to 2.42 percent, the lowest in years, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said Tuesday.

The ministry said on its website that the soaring price of iron ore was the main reason for the weaker profitability. Chinese steel producers’ average sales-profit ratio stood at 7.26 in 2007. Since then, the figure began to slip.

The transformation and upgrading of the industry are urgently needed to enhance steel producers’ competitiveness, MIIT said. In the first half of this year, China imported 334 million tonnes of iron ore, 8.1 percent more that the same period last year, with the average price up by 42.4 percent year-on-year to 161 US dollars per tonne.

MIIT predicted steel output will hit a new record high of 690 million to 700 million tonnes in 2011. “The whole industry will maintain high output but low profit for quite a long time,” MIIT said.—Xinhua

Brazil sets up security agency for 2014 World Cup

BRASILIA, 3 Aug—The Brazilian government published on Tuesday in the Official Journal a decree creating the Special Secretariat of Security for Major Events, a body that is responsible for the security in events such as 2014 World Cup.

According to Brazilian Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo, the new secretariat will be responsible for coordinating federal, state and municipal efforts in the field of public safety. The body is also responsible for security at the 2013 Confederations Cup, but not in Rio 2016 Olympic Games, which remains under the jurisdiction of the Olympic Public Authority.

The decree provides the extinction of the secretariat in July 2015, although a request for extension may be sent to Brazil’s Presidency, if necessary.

Under the command of the Federal Police commissioner, Jose Ricardo Botelho, the secretariat will have its own budget and will receive proposals from all the states that will host the 2014 World Cup matches.

Botelho said that the next steps will be the training of security forces, the purchase of equipment and specific technologies.—Xinhua

Horn of Africa shows family planning need

DARAK, 3 Aug—The Horn of Africa food crisis shows the need to provide the world’s poor with better access to family planning as part of efforts to prevent future tragedies, the head of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said. The United Nations has declared a famine in two regions of southern Somalia, where 3.7 million are going hungry, with over 12 million people now in need of urgent aid throughout areas including northern Kenya, Djibouti and Ethiopia. Despite regular food shortages and high infant mortality, the region’s population has more than doubled since it was hit by major droughts in 1974, spurred by factors such as limited contraception use and a tradition of large families. While stressing the root cause of the crisis was the recent rain failures, UNFPA Ex-ecutive Director Ba-batunde Osotimehin said it highlighted the plight of those living in parts of the world where the land struggles to support bare life.

“We need to improve food production ... and to work with member states to ensure women and particularly young girls have access to education, including sexual education, and access to services and reproductive health services including family planning,” Osotimehin said in a telephone interview.—Reuters

Saudi billionaire to build world’s tallest tower

RIYADH, 3 Aug—Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal unveiled plans Tuesday to build the world’s tallest tower in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah, signing a 4.6 billion riyal (755.52 million pounds) contract with Bin Laden Group.

The proposed tower, which will rise more than 1,000 metres and take just over five years to complete, is the centrepiece of the planned Kingdom City development being built outside Jeddah by Prince Alwaleed’s Kingdom Holding.

“Building this tower in Jeddah sends a financial and economic message that should not be ignored,” Prince Alwaleed told reporters.

“It has a political depth to it to tell the world that we Saudis invest in our country despite what is happening around us from events, turmoil and revolutions even.”

When completed, the tower would replace Dubai’s 828-metre Burj Khalifa as the tallest tower in the world. The Burj Khalifa was built by Emaar Properties for a total cost of $1.5 billion (921.3 million pounds).—Reuters

Box at London’s Albert Hall on sale for $900,000

LONDON, 3 Aug—A five-seat box at the world-famous Royal Albert Hall in London is up for sale for a princely £550,000 ($865,000, 921.3 million pounds), the estate agents said Tuesday.

Harrods Estates described the box, which it is claimed contains the best seats in the concert hall, as the “ultimate gift” for a loved one.

Although the same money would buy a two-bedroom flat in the exclusive Chelsea district not far away, the 865-year lease should give the owner and their descendents enough time to make it worthwhile.

The box is the only one left in the hall still featuring its original timber veneer and mirrored panels, while its location on the second tier on the eastern side of the auditorium offers spectacular views of the main stage.

Shirley Humphrey, sales and marketing director at Harrods Estate, said: “The boxes at the Royal Albert Hall are extremely rare and those with original features are even rarer, so we anticipate to receive a high level of interest.”

“This five-seat box is perfect for entertaining, whether it is business or pleasure.”

The Royal Albert Hall was part of a plan envisaged by Queen Victoria’s consort Prince Albert to create an estate to promote the understanding and appreciation of the arts and sciences in the South Kensington area of London. When he died in 1861, the plans went ahead and the hall was opened in March 1871. Since then it has become one of Britain’s top music venues, hosting everything from the series of classical concerts known as the Proms to gigs by Jay Z. —Internet

A displaced family from Somalia stand in front of their makeshift shelter in south Mogadishu in Hodan district on 1 August, 2011.

INTERNET
Ancient Egypt was destroyed by drought, discover Scottish experts

Edinburgh, 3 Aug — They built the iconic pyramids and the Great Sphinx of Giza, which still stand as a monument to their skills and tenacity to this day. But the fall of the great Egyptian Old Kingdom may have been helped along by a common problem which remains severe period of drought this day.

Researchers from the University of St Andrews have confirmed that a period of drought around 4,200 years ago. They were able to see how water levels in the lake had varied over the past 17,000 years, with the sediment signalling lush periods but also times of drought. Lake Tana—the source of the Blue Nile river—flows to the White Nile at Khartoum and eventually to the Nile Delta.

The researchers say their findings could be applied to habitats around the globe.—INTERNET

Sneak rides car bonnet

New York, 3 Aug — A family from Tennessee had an unexpected passenger during a trip down a busy highway. A large snake emerged from the windscreen wiper vents of their car, slithered across the bonnet before falling off the mirror.

Rachel and Tony Fisher, who filmed the incident, think the snake had been falling off the wing mirror. “Looked at from an insect’s point of view, barrier effect for non-specialist feeders. However, they added, it actually created a fringe effect for one group of native trees to another. The findings were a surprise, as the result from one group of non-smoking study participants.—INTERNET

Giant fungus discovered in China

London, 3 Aug — The most massive fruiting body of any fungus yet documented has been discovered growing on the underside of a tree in China. The fruiting body, which is equivalent to the mushrooms produced by other fungi species, is up to 10m long, 80cm wide and weighs half a tonne. That shatters the record held previously by a fungus growing in Kew Gardens in the UK.

The new giant fungus is thought to be at least 20 years old. The first example of the new giant fungus was recorded by scientists in 2008 in Fujian Province, China, by Professor Yu-Cheng Dai of the Herbarium of biology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Shenyang and his assistant Dr Cui.

SUV crashes into bank

Rochester, 3 Aug — A sport utility vehicle crashed through the front doors of a bank in Rochester, NY, injuring five people, officials say. The SUV crashed through the glass doors of the Citizens Bank in Waring Plaza shortly after 9 am EDT on Monday morning, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle reported.

Rochester Police Lt Frank Alberti said the driver of the vehicle was backing out of a parking space after leaving the bank. The driver then decided to pull back in to correct her angle and her foot slipped off the brake and hit the gas. The SUV shattered the glass doors of the bank, coming to a halt against a counter in the bank’s main room.

Of the five people who were injured, four were active, making people feel sad. For this study, MAO-A was detected using a brain imaging technique called positron emission tomography. These levels were much higher than in a comparison group of non-smoking study participants.—INTERNET

Man who found $200 convicted of stealing

Perth, 3 Aug — An Australian man was convicted of stealing for picking up $200 on a casino floor. Adrian Lamonica-Miraglio, 22, was found guilty in Perth Magistrate’s Court on Monday on one count of stealing.

Lamonica-Miraglio, an apprentice refrigeration mechanic, was having drinks with friends at the Burswood Casino in Perth, Australia, March 27th when he noticed the $200 on the floor. “Noticed there was a note on the floor ... I put my foot on it and dragged it”, Lamonica-Miraglio told the court. “Once I picked it up there were not that many people around. I hadn’t de- cided to do anything with it.”—INTERNET

Singers may feel depressed after quitting

Ottawa, 3 Aug — Researchers in Canada, using an advanced brain imaging method, say they may be able to explain why smokers are at high risk for clinical depression. Senior scientist Dr Jeffrey Meyer and colleagues at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health discovered that MAO-A levels in the brain regions that control mood rose by 25 percent 8 hours after withdrawal from heavy cigarette smoking.

MAO-A “eats up” chemicals in the brain, such as serotonin, that help maintain a normal mood. When MAO-A levels are higher, as in early cigarette withdrawal, it means this removal process is overly active, making people feel sad. For this study, MAO-A was detected using a brain imaging technique called positron emission tomography. These levels were much higher than in a comparison group of non-smoking study participants.—INTERNET

Music fans enjoy themselves at the Zhangbei Grassland Inmusic Festival

Hebei Province, on 31 July, 2011. The third Zhangbei Grassland Inmusic Festival, lasting from 29 to 31 July, gathered 56 bands and artists from at home and abroad and attracted tens of thousands of fans.—INTERNET

Study shows pollinators lured away by farmland

London, 3 Aug — A study has challenged the idea that areas such as farmland provide pollinating insects with a “corridor” between fragmented habitats. Researchers suggested that the pollinators in their survey were “fickle foragers” and would concentrate on areas rich in pollen and nectar. The team warned that these behaviour could have an impact on rare native plants that are pollinated by insects.

The findings have been published in the journal Current Biology.

The team of researchers from Oxford University and Earthwatch UK said their findings were a surprise, as the result challenged the long-held assumption that areas that were rich in resources would encourage the movement of pollinators from one group of native trees to another. However, they added, it actually created a barrier effect for non-specialist feeders. "Looked at from an insect’s point of view, it makes sense,” explained co-author David Boshier.—INTERNET

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Man detained over nuclear plans

A Swedish man said he was detained by police for attempting to build a nuclear reactor in the kitchen of his home.

The 31-year-old Angelholm man, whose name was not released, told the Helsingborgs Dagblad newspaper he had been interested in nuclear physics since he was a teenager and recently began experimenting at home with radioactive materials he obtained from overseas and from taking apart a fire alarm, The Local reported Tuesday.

The man said he made no effort to hide his activities and even blogged about his experiments.

However, he said police contacted him after he inquired to the Swedish Radiation Authority about the legality of constructing a nuclear reactor in his home.

The man said the agency responded by saying someone would be sent to measure the radiation levels in his apartment.

“When they came they had the police with them. I have had Geiger counter and have not detected a problem with radiation,” the man said.

The man said police took him in for questioning, but he was later released.

The resident said he will focus on “theoretical” nuclear research in the future.

News Album

DiCaprio is highest-earning actor


Coming in at No 2 during the same period was Johnny Depp with $50 million, followed by Adam Sandler with $40 million at No 3, Will Smith with $36 million and Tom Hanks with $35 million.

Rounding out the top tier are Ben Stiller with $34 million at No 6, Robert Downey Jr with $31 million at No 7, Mark Wahlberg with $28 million at No 8, and Tim Allen and Tom Cruise with $22 million at No 9.

In this 22 Nov, 2010 publicity image released by ABC, Capri Anderson, the woman who was found locked in a bathroom of actor Charlie Sheen’s hotel room on 25 Oct, 2010 is shown during an interview on “Good Morning America,” in New York.

Internet

Mother bites daughter’s ear off

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The daughter told police she and her 43-year-old mother then got into a physical fight, which led to the daughter biting her mother’s arm and the mother biting off a substantial part of the daughter’s right earlobe and causing damage to her outer ear.

The daughter was hospitalized. Medical personnel could not reattach the severed ear part because it could not be found, the radio station said.

Unbelievable! One out of ten world’s most bizarre relationship:Erica Eiffel, a soldier who lives in San Francisco, fell in love with the Eiffel Tower. She married it and changed her surname to Eiffel.

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Cahill and Schwarzer back for Wales clash

LONDON, 3 Aug—Everton attacking midfielder Tim Cahill and Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer return to the Australian line-up for their friendly match against Wales in Cardiff, but Harry Kewell is missing.

The England-based pair spearheaded an 18-man squad announced Tuesday by coach Holger Osieck for the August 10 clash, but out-of-contract striker Kewell was overlooked.

Osieck said the former Liverpool star was “not in very good shape”. Both Kewell and captain Lucas Neill have been released by their Turkish club Galatasaray but while Neill has maintained a trained regime, Kewell has not been as diligent.

“There is a slight difference between the two of them—one is fit and one is not fit,” Osieck told reporters.—Internet

Pastore: ‘I am going to be a PSG player’

PALERMO, 3 Aug—Argentine international Javier Pastore’s protracted transfer to Paris Saint-Germain seems finally set to go through after the player announced the move on his own website.

“It can now officially be said that I am going to be a Paris Saint-Germain player, all that remains is for me to have my medical and sort out some other details,” the 22-year-old told javierpastore-dodict.blogspot.com.

PSG and Pastore’s current club Serie A side Palermo have already agreed a fee that could reportedly reach 45 million euros, a French record.

Pele denies feud with Brazilian soccer chief

LONDON, 3 Aug—Pele denies he’s feuding with Brazilian soccer chief Ricardo Teixeira despite failing to receive an official invitation for the 2014 World Cup qualifying draw last week.

The Brazilian great needed an honorary ambassadorship from the government to attend the Rio de Janeiro event on Saturday. However, Pele said Tuesday from London that he has “not had a fight with Ricardo Teixeira” and he respects him.

Teixeira also is the president of the World Cup’s local organizing committee. He has been regularly attacked by the Brazilian media for alleged irregularities while running soccer in the country. A march in protest against his reign was held before the draw.

Woods returns to Firestone after 3-month break

AKRON, 3 Aug—Tiger Woods was on the practice range just as the sun began to rise Tuesday over Firestone, his first time on a PGA Tour golf course in nearly three months.

Even as the season heads toward a conclusion, Woods can’t wait to get started. “I’m excited to compete, to play,” Woods said. “And hopefully, to win the tournament.” That part about Woods hasn’t changed.

It’s everything else in the world of golf he once ruled that is so much different. Woods showed up at the Bridgestone Invitational at No. 28, his lowest world ranking since the start of his first full season on the PGA Tour.

Soccer legends, New York Cosmos’ Honorary President Pele signs a signature sheet during the announcement of the New York Cosmos Opus in London, on 2 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Sharapova unchallenged as world’s top earning female athlete

NEW YORK, 3 Aug—Maria Sharapova may not have won a grand slam title since 2008, but the Russian tennis player remains unchallenged as the world’s highest paid woman in professional sports.

For the seventh straight year, Sharapova topped the annual list provided by Forbes magazine, despite failing to add to her three grand slam titles, although she did make the Wimbledon final in July.

Sharapova’s earnings, mostly off-court endorsements, were estimated at $25 million, twice as much as her nearest rival, Denmark’s Caroline Wozniacki, the current women’s world number one.

American racing driver Danica Patrick was third with $12 million followed by tennis players Venus Williams, Belgium’s Kim Clijsters and Serena Williams.

Cadel Evans to be honored with parade in Australia

MELBOURNE, 3 Aug—Tour de France champion Cadel Evans will be welcomed home to Australia next week with a parade through the capital of his home state of Victoria.

It was initially thought Evans, the first Australian — and only third non-European — to win the Tour, would not have time to return to Australia, but will make a brief trip home ahead of the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge starting 22 Aug in Colorado. The Victoria state government said Wednesday that Evans would be “honored with a public celebration of his achievement at Federation Square” in downtown Melbourne on 12 Aug.— Internet
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ISTANBUL, 3 Aug—A tourist bus flipped over on Wednesday and injured 15 passengers in Turkey’s Mediterranean province of Antalya.

The bus carrying 25 tourists flipped over in the Tasagil region of the province en route to a rafting center, the Turkish DHA news agency reported, adding that one passenger was in serious condition.

The wet and slippery road is believed to be the reason why the driver lost control of the bus.

According to the report, the 25 passengers came from Iran, Russia and Britain.

Road safety in Turkey is poor and lots of casualties are reported annually.

**Jennifer Lopez talks about split from Marc Anthony**

BEIJING, 3 Aug—Newly single mother of two, Jennifer Lopez, recently explained her decision to divorce from Marc Anthony on the September cover of Vanity Fair.

To understand that a person is not good for you, or that person is not treating you in the right way, or that he is not doing the right thing for himself—if I stay, then I am not doing the right thing for me,” the “American Idol” host said.

Lopez explained her decision to separate from Marc Anthony, saying “Sometimes it doesn’t work and that’s sad.”

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★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Kyeeni Lake designed for all-round development in agricultural sector

By Reporter Nyunt Shwe

Being inspired by the good news that the Irrigation Department is taking steps for development Kyayni or Kyeeni Lake, south of Yamethin Township, I made a trip to the irrigation facility together with Head U Sai Wunna of Yamethin Township Irrigation Department several days ago.

The lake was dug in the times of Myanmar monarchs. The green light was given in early April 2011 to launch Kyeeni Lake Project with government funds. Unlike other dams each of which is constructed by damming a watercourse, Kyeeni Lake is being built in a watershed area by damming the Samon Creek that flows northwards, by the Nawin Creek that flows southwards. The Samon Creek empties into the Ayeyawady River, and the Nawin Creek, into the Sittoung River. The water from the Lephyu Creek whose source is on the eastern Shan Yoma mountain ranges, (See page 9)

Flood warnings

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announces that according to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 818 cm has exceeded by 68 cm (about 2.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1090 cm has exceeded by 20 cm (about 0.7 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung 1167 cm has exceeded by 37 cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (3-8-2011)

- Mudon           5.47 inches
- Myitkyina       4.88 inches
- Kawkareik       3.43 inches
- Theinzayat      3.19 inches
- Thandwe         2.87 inches