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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Venezuelan President

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chavez Frias, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which falls on 5th July 2009.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Myanmar is making the best cooperation with the United Nations as a UN member

Senior General Than Shwe

UN supports Myanmar's seven-step Road Map

Mr Ban Ki-moon

Senior General Than Shwe receives UNSG for two times

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July —Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received and held discussions with UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here two times – on 3 July from 2 pm to 3.50 pm and on 4

July from 9.30 am to 10 am.

Also present at the calls were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, SPDC Secretary-1

General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador U Than Swe, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. The UNSG was accompanied by Senior Adviser Mr B Lynn Pascoe, Senior Adviser Mr Ibrahim Gambari, Senior Adviser Mr Kim Won-soo, Senior Adviser Ms Catherine Bragg and UN Resident Representative Mr Bishow B Parajuli.

First, Senior General Than Shwe said he cordially welcomed the second visit of the UN Secretary-General. As a UN member, Myanmar is making the best cooperation with the United Nations, he added.

In his discussion, Mr Ban Ki-moon said he was very glad to be in Myanmar for the second time. Before visiting (See page 8)

Myanmar's Concentration

- * Arrangement made for successful completion of the election due to be held in 2010.
- * Laying foundations for the next government to be formed according to the election results.



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 5 July, 2009

Get further involved in public service

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the Myanmar Women's Day at the City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw on 3 July.

With the aim of improving the calibres and the living conditions for the mass of Myanmar women with fine traditions, the government set up the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996, and designated the date as the Myanmar Women's Day.

In accordance with the principles it had laid down to boost national interest, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs formed the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation with seven lofty aims designed to ensure life security and better living standard of the entire women.

MWAF is actively involved in the projects for national development, and lays down and puts into action the work programmes referring to international provisions and charters on women's affairs in conformity with the objective conditions of national women.

In its bid to ensure life security of women, the federation cooperates with the government and departments concerned in prevention of violence against women and trafficking in persons, and nurturing and rehabilitation of needy women.

All members of the federation therefore have to continue to do their bit in serving the interest of the nation and the people, promoting the Myanmar society, and nurturing the youth of the nation.

Control of new influenza pandemic discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — A meeting on control of new influenza pandemic was held at the disease control division of the Health Department, here, this morning.

Deputy Director-General (Treatment) Dr Kyee Myint of Health Department made a speech.

Deputy

Director-General (Disease Control) Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director (School Health) Dr Aung Tun and Deputy Director (Infection) Dr Than Htein Win discussed infection of influenza and control system, requirements of township education officers and school heads for control of influenza

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Coordination meeting in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye attended the departmental coordination meeting at the state hall of Sittway on 25 June.

The commander also attended the prize presentation of painting, cartoon and poster contest to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and delivered an address at the ceremony. The commander presented prizes to the winners in the contest and viewed around the booths.

Foreign Minister felicitates Venezuelan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Nicolas Maduro Moros, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which falls on 5th July 2009. — MNA

The commander viewed the national museum in Sittway and inspected medical care for students and learning of students at Yupa (South) BEPS and Yupa (North) No. 3 BEPS. — MNA

F&R Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

It was also attended by the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, managing directors, directors-general and general managers.

The managing directors and the directors-general reported on progress of work



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at work coordination meeting of the ministry. — MNA

programme and works to be done. After hearing reports on progress of works on ASEAN Economic Community Blue Print by respective departments, the minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the work coordination meeting of the committee for development of Information and Communication Technology followed. The minister heard reports on

works being carried out and future programme presented by official and attended to the needs.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

I&P Ministry plants monsoon trees



Immigration and Population Ministry holds collective monsoon trees planting ceremony at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — The Ministry of Immigration and Population held the second collective monsoon trees planting ceremony at the

plantation of the ministry here today.

The directors-general planted the *Seintalone* mango saplings at the designated

places and inspected the collective participation of staff in the process.

The ministry planted over 4500 saplings this year. — MNA



The meeting on control of new influenza pandemic being held at disease control division of the health department in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Russian-US relations to step forward if US drops missile shield plan

Moscow, 4 July—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Friday that relations with the United States will move forward if the latter refrains from stationing missile defence elements in central Europe, local media reported.

“If we see that our American partners abstain from deploying missile defence facilities in Europe, or, for example, review their approach to expanding military-politi-

cal blocs, or abandon bloc-like thinking, this would be a large step forward,” Putin was quoted as saying by the *Interfax* news agency.

“We are ready for efficient cooperation. We really expect a lot from the new (US) administration,” Putin said on an agricultural inspection in south Russia’s Krasnodar region.

Moscow has expressed strong objections to the US missile defence plan and NATO’s east-

ward expansion despite Washington’s assurance that such moves are not directed against Russia.

The Russian premier also rejected US President Barack Obama’s claim that he was stuck in Cold War thinking. “We are firmly standing on both feet and always look to the future. That is Russia’s specialty and that has always allowed us to move forward and strengthen,” Putin said in televised remarks.—*Internet*



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting in the town of Pikalyovo, in Leningrad region, about 270 kilometres from Russia’s northern city of St. Petersburg, on 4 June, 2009.
INTERNET

Two US troops killed in Afghanistan blast, four wounded

KABUL, 4 July—A blast in eastern Afghanistan killed two American troops and wounded four others Saturday, a US military spokeswoman said.

The troops were attacked in eastern Paktika province, but there were no immediate details about the incident, said Lt Cmdr Christine Sidenstricker.

The deaths come as thousands of Marines in southern Afghanistan are involved in the biggest US military operation here since the American-led invasion of 2001, trying to cut insurgent supply lines and win over local elders.

US troops continued looking for an American soldier believed captured

by militants in Paktika province, Navy Chief Petty Officer Brian Narango said Friday. The soldier and three Afghans with him went missing on Tuesday. There was no immediate public claim of responsibility from any militants group.

The Taliban, who have made a violent comeback following their initial defeat in the 2001 US invasion, have stepped up attacks in former strongholds of eastern and southern Afghanistan.

Internet



An Iraqi shop owner surveys the damage in a popular market in the centre of the northern city of Kirkuk, 225 kms from Baghdad. Bombings in the lead-up to the pullback of US forces from Iraq’s towns and cities, resulted in the bloodiest death toll seen in the conflict-hit nation in 11 months, official figures showed Wednesday.—INTERNET

Palestinians detain rivals to strengthen grip

RAMALLAH, 4 July—West Bank – Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ security forces have significantly widened a crackdown on Hamas in the West Bank in the past month. They have doubled the number of detainees and are in-

creasingly targeting the wives of activists, school teachers and others on the fringes of the Islamic militant group, Hamas officials say.

In the same period, police in Hamas-ruled Gaza have picked up dozens of Abbas loyalists,

said officials in Abbas’ Fatah movement.

The bitter rivals accuse each other of using the sweeps for political leverage, as they try to negotiate an elusive power-sharing deal and the terms of general elections in January. A Palestinian unity government is seen as crucial to US efforts to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, since Israel says it can’t make concessions to the divided Palestinians.

Tit-for-tat detentions have been carried out over the two years since Hamas overran Gaza, ousting the forces loyal to Abbas, who was left with just the West Bank. Since then, each side has been trying to assert more control and wipe out the rival’s power base, amid persistent allegations of mistreatment of detainees.

Internet

Six people, including baby, die in London blaze

LONDON, 4 July —A three-week-old baby and two children were among six people killed when a fire tore through a 12-storey block of flats in southeast London on Friday, emergency services said.

The blaze broke out on the fourth floor of the flats on the Sceaux Gardens Estate in Camberwell and rapidly spread, the London Fire Brigade said.

Eighteen fire engines were sent to the scene and more than 100 firefighters tackled the fire.

A brigade spokesman said the blaze swept up to the 11th floor and 30 people had to be rescued. Police said the baby, a seven-year-old child and a woman died in hospital.

A child, aged about six, a woman and another adult died at the flats.

MNA/Reuters

British firefighters search a burnt out building in Camberwell, southeast London, on 3 July, 2009.
INTERNET



An Indian worker at the construction site of a Commonwealth Games stadium in New Delhi in May 2009. India is racing against time to complete its stadiums for the Commonwealth Games to be held in the capital next year.—INTERNET



An undated photo of a ship docking at Port Klang, west of capital Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Malaysia's exports slumped 29.7 percent in May from a year earlier, hitting their lowest level since 2001 with demand evaporating, according to official data released Friday.—INTERNET

Some US cities cancel Independence Day fireworks displays due to economic downturn

WASHINGTON, 4 July—As the economic downturn squeezed municipal budgets across the country, many US cities canceled the annual fireworks displays on the Independence Day, which falls on 4th July, US media reported Friday.

Flint, Michigan, will go without its traditional July Fourth fireworks display this year, because the city couldn't afford the costs of 40,000 US dollars, according to local TV station WJRT.

In Florida, Miami-Dade County canceled one of its two shows to

save about 40,000 dollars, according to WPLG TV.

Monterey, California, also nixed its show and an accompanying party to save about 150,000 dollars.

In Illinois, WLS-TV reported that the cities of Harvey, Berwyn, Elgin, Gurnee and North Riverside canceled the Independent Day fireworks display.

Blue Springs, Missouri, canceled the pyrotechnics to give the city "some immediate budget relief," according to KCTV.

However, the American Pyrotechnics Association said fireworks display companies are working with their clients to make sure the shows go on.

Internet

Europe's main stock markets weakened further after sliding a day earlier on news of greater-than-expected job losses in the United States.—INTERNET

Ukrainian PM meets senior Chinese official on bilateral ties

KIEV, 4 July—Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko on Thursday met and discussed bilateral ties with Wang Gang, member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, a Chinese official said Friday.

During the meeting, Tymoshenko said Ukraine-China ties have developed smoothly in recent years.

Ukraine is willing to further boost cooperation with China in trade and

economy, especially in agriculture, infrastructure, aviation and space industries, in a bid to continuously enhance Ukraine-China ties.

Wang, also vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, China's top advisory body, conveyed to Tymoshenko Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's greetings.

Wang said China-Ukraine ties have maintained a good momentum

for sound and steady further development. The two countries have had frequent high-level exchanges, deepened their political mutual trust, and enabled their bilateral cooperation in various fields to yield fruitful results.

He said China appreciates the Ukrainian government's taking the development of its ties with China as a high priority in its foreign policy, and China has all along considered Ukraine its sincere and reliable partner.—Internet



Key Nabucco gas pipeline deal to be signed 13 July

SOFIA, 4 July—EU nations and Turkey said Friday they will sign a key intergovernmental agreement in Ankara on 13 July on Europe's flagship Nabucco gas pipeline project, but key issues still need to be resolved.

Turkish officials said that invitations had been sent to the relevant parties and one official in Ankara told AFP on condition of anonymity that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan would host the signing ceremony.

Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on a visit to Romania that Nabucco, which is

planned to reduce Europe's dependency on Russian gas imports, was a "priority" and a "very important, strategic project" for his country.

He added that it would "ensure cooperation between the participating states and will solve the general energy problem that faces mankind."

The European Commission, which is not a signatory to the agreement but has been a key proponent of the pipeline and could sign up as an observer once legal details are ironed out it, confirmed that it had been invited.

Internet

Nigeria, Algeria, Niger seal \$10 bln gas pipeline deal

ABUJA, 4 July—Three African countries on Friday signed an accord to build a 10-billion-dollar trans-Saharan gas pipeline linking vast reserves in Nigeria to Europe.

The project will convey gas destined for the European market more than 4,000 kilometres (2,485 miles) from the Niger Delta in Nigeria, via Niger and Algeria.

The head of Nigeria's state oil company, Mohammed Barkindo, said the agreement "gives this project the official stamp of approval from the three governments, directing the national oil companies of these three countries to begin in earnest the definitional phase of this project."

Petroleum and Energy ministers Rilwan Lukman of Nigeria, Chakib Khelil of Algeria and Mohammed Abdullahi of Niger signed the agreement in Abuja.

The first delivery of gas is scheduled in 2015.—Internet



A woman carries tapioca seeds next to a gas flare fire near Warri, 2007. Three African countries on Friday signed an accord to build a 10-billion-dollar trans-Saharan gas pipeline linking vast reserves in Nigeria to Europe.—INTERNET

Volkswagen plans electric car in 2013

BERLIN, 4 July—German auto maker Volkswagen hopes to turn out its first all-electric car in 2013, VW head Martin Winterkorn said Friday.

"We are going to use our New Small Family line to offer our first electric vehicle in 2013," he said in a speech, according to an advance text.

"And in 10 years at the latest we want to offer a large number of all-electric vehicles at affordable prices and with the autonomy that our clients expect." Winterkorn added that VW was aiming for 1.0-1.5 percent of the global all-electric vehicle market by 2020.

Another German manufacturer, Daimler, in late June launched Germany's first hybrid vehicle almost 10 years after market leader Toyota.—Internet



Chinese Health Minister Chen Zhu (3rd L) speaks during an international meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Cancun, Mexico, on 2 July, 2009. Mexico started hosting a two-day international meeting on Influenza A/H1N1 on Thursday.—XINHUA

China calls for more emerging countries' involvement in WHO decisions

CANCUN, 4 July—Chinese Health Minister Chen Zhu on Friday called on the World Health Organization to involve emerging nations more in order to take better and more transparent decisions.

“I suggest that decision making mechanisms need to be improved by inviting experts from emerging market nations to participate in the emergency committee, to

improve decision making it and make it more transparent,”

Zhu told the Lessons Learned and Suggestions session of the first global meeting on the deadly new A/H1N1 flu virus in Cancun, a resort town in Caribbean coast state Quintana Roo. “The international reporting system could be improved beyond encouraging and facilitating member states to strengthen solidarity

and cooperation based on mutual respect,” he said.

He also called for the restructuring of pandemic reporting system to make it more global and more up to date, and asked the WHO to review the scientific definition of flu and develop strategies to prevent its mutation.

The WHO should also ask its members to exercise more domestic control, he added.

Xinhua

Serbia, IAEA sign additional protocol on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons

BELGRADE, 4 July—Serbia and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed here on Friday an additional protocol to the agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The protocol was signed by Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Bozidar Djelic and IAEA Director-general Mohamed El Baradei.

Addressing a press conference after the sign-

ing ceremony, Djelic said that once the Serbian parliament ratifies the protocol, the IAEA would carry out detailed inspections across Serbia, similar to the ones that were made at Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences, which was founded in 1948 and lies some 17 km southeast of Belgrade.

“Serbia is willing for the inspections to be carried out at any point in time anywhere in the country so that it is veri-

fied that it has no nuclear proliferation plans,” said Djelic, adding that developing nuclear weapons was neither a policy of the former Yugoslavia nor of Serbia.—Xinhua

Rescuers return after searching for the missing Yemenia Airbus 310-300 airplane, that crashed in Mitsamiouli, 30 km north of Comoros' capital Moroni on 1 July, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Northern Mexico hit by 6.0-magnitude earthquake

MEXICO CITY, 4 July—Northeastern Mexico's Sea of Cortez region was rocked by an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale at around 5 am local time (1100 GMT) on Friday.

By press time, there have been no reports of injuries or property damage. This was partly because the epicenter was out at sea, said the Na-

tional Seismology Service, which is a unit of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Cities in the region, Baja California Sur capital La Paz and tourist town Los Cabos, felt a moderate tremor.

Local authorities reported that emergency service agencies had not received any calls for help.—Xinhua

Another quake rocks Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 4 July —A moderate earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted easternmost of Indonesia on Friday evening, but there was no report of damage or casualties, the Indonesian Meteor-

ology and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake jolted at 21:27 Jakarta time (1427 GMT) with epicenter at 119 kms southwest Jayapura of Papua and 59 kms in depth, the agency said.—Xinhua

First test flight of 2nd China-made ARJ 21-700 jet

BEIJING, 4 July—The blue-and-white small passenger plane took off at 11:21 am on Wednesday and made a successful landing after 62-minute flight. It maintained a height of 3,000 meters with a speed of about 335 km/h.

After landing, the pilot said the test flight was a success adding that all technical problems during the first test flight in November were solved.

Soundbite: Luo Ronghuai, supervisor of ARJ 21 project, said, “The third and fourth ARJ 21 aircrafts are scheduled to undergo test flights within this year. Our main work at present is focusing on investment raising, certificate applying and test flights.

Our goal is to deliver the first ARJ 21 lateral aircraft to the users next year.”

Xinhua



A mother comforts her son as a doctor performs a circumcision in 2007. Thirty-one teenage boys have died from complications after botched traditional circumcision rites in South Africa's rural Eastern Cape region.—XINHUA

Brazilian Air Force denies mistakes in Air France Flight 447 case

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 July—Brazil's Air Force released a statement on Friday in which it denies any errors in the Air France Flight 447 case, and said it warned the Senegalese air traffic control that the Air France's Flight 447 was heading to.

Brazil Air Force also released an audio record of communication with the doomed Air France plane on the day to avoid the blame from French inves-

tigation report that Brazil's slowness to notice the lost of Flight 447 delayed the searching efforts.

The statement said, Flight 447 made the last contact with Brazil at 10:33 pm local time on 31 May (0133 GMT, June 1), and informed the estimated time to pass the next checkpoint. The Brazilian air traffic control, then informed Dakar of the plane's position, and Dakar confirmed the reception of the information. Brazil Air Force also mentioned an agreement with Senegalese air traffic control departments which says if a plane enters Senegalese airspace in time, it is not necessary to inform the Brazilian authorities to formalize the control transference.—Xinhua

Russia to allow US arms shipments to Afghanistan

MOSCOW, 4 July—Russia said Friday it will allow the United States to ship weapons across its territory to Afghanistan, a long-sought move that bolsters US military operations but potentially gives the Kremlin leverage over critical American supplies.

The announcement by a top Kremlin aide came ahead of President Barack

Obama's visit to Moscow next week, when the deal is expected to be signed during a summit aimed at improving the nations' strained relations.

Russia's concession on arms shipments also came as the Obama administration is shifting the US military's focus from Iraq to Afghanistan, where a massive Ameri-

can offensive is currently under way in Taliban-controlled areas of Helmand Province.

Russia has been allowing the United States to ship non-lethal supplies across its territory for operations in Afghanistan, and Kremlin officials had suggested further cooperation was likely.

Internet

Antarctica melting faster than expected

WELLINGTON, 4 July—New Zealand scientists have warned that Antarctica is melting faster than expected.

Professor Peter Barrett of Victoria University's Antarctic Research Center told the annual Antarctic Conference, held on 1-3 July in Auckland, that the rate of ice loss was up 75 percent since 1996, and was increasing quickly.

The loss of glaciers at the edges of Antarctic was causing a sea-level rise of 0.4 mm a year, he added.

With the global ice loss from Greenland, Antarctica and other glaciers sug-

gested sea levels would rise between 80 cm and 2 m by 2100, Barrett said.

Research center director Professor Tim Naish, led a team of researchers who drilled deep into the Antarctic rock and discovered ancient records from the last time atmospheric CO2 reached the level it was now approaching.

They found that 3 million to 5 million years ago, seas were warm enough to melt a large chunk of Antarctica's ice when atmospheric CO2 was only slightly higher than today.

Naish said west Antarctica's ice would melt before the larger east Antarctic ice sheet because it sat below sea level and warmed with the ocean.

However, he said the research raised unresolved questions about how much atmospheric CO2 would need to rise to increase temperatures by 2degC or more.

CO2 concentration in the atmosphere is now around 387 parts per million, up from about 280 ppm at the start of the Industrial Revolution.

Internet

Rainstorms wreak havoc in south China; Beijing issues hot weather alert

BEIJING, 4 July—Rainstorms since early the week have swept a wide swathe of south China, leaving dozens people dead or missing and forc-

ing hundreds of thousands to evacuate.

In Jiangxi Province, two people were killed, three more were missing and more than 100,000

have been evacuated following the heaviest rain this summer, local flood control authorities said.

The rain damaged 178,000 hectares of crops, caused 8,231 houses to collapse, and incurred a direct economic loss of 1.31 billion yuan (191.7 million US dollars).

By 3 pm Friday, average rainfall in the province was 97.4 millimetres, while the maximum topped 540.8 millimetres in Niedu town of Chongyi County. The province, for the first time in history, issued the highest level of rainstorm alarm on Friday.

Internet



Flood submerges houses at the Xinyuan village in Ruijin, a city of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 3 July, 2009. More than 60,000 people have been transferred due to the flood caused by heavy rainfall in south Jiangxi Province.—XINHUA

British senior officer killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 4 July—The British Ministry of Defence said that an army officer killed in an explosion was the most senior one to have died in Afghanistan since operations began in 2001.

Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Thorneloe, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, was killed in Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan on Wednesday when an explosive device was detonated under the vehicle he was traveling in, the ministry said on Thursday night.

Prince Charles, reported to have known Lt Col Thorneloe well, was "deeply saddened", a Clarence House spokesman said.

A total of 171 British soldiers have died in Afghanistan since 2001.—Internet



Scott Schiffner, of Strathmore, Alta, comes off Afro Man during bull riding rodeo action at the Calgary Stampede, on 6 July, 2008. The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth will fly out of the chutes Friday, and Calgary Stampede officials hope to hold on tight and ride out the recessionary bucking bronco that has tossed much of Canada's tourism industry into the dirt.

Man deposits \$200 with pot, cocaine at bank

Authorities said a man using the drive-through at a Tallahassee bank deposited \$200 and a small bag containing marijuana and cocaine. Police said an employee at the Wachovia Bank called police Wednesday after the unusual deposit. An officer arrested a 38-year-old man and found the remnants of three marijuana cigarettes inside his vehicle.

The man was charged with drug possession and later released on \$3,000 bail. It's not clear why the man included the drugs with his deposit.

German court upholds ban on words with Nazi link

Germany's highest court has upheld a ban on three words appearing in sequence because of their link to a former anthem of the Nazi party.

The Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe rejected an appeal by a member of a far-right party who was fined 1,750 euros (\$2,400) for wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the words "die Fahnen hoch."

This literally translates as "the flags on high." The court said the words, which appeared as the final part of an eight-word slogan on the shirt, were too similar to the opening line of the Nazi anthem, the Horst Wessel song.

Movie characters influence teen smoking

Movie characters who smoke, regardless of whether they are "good guys" or "bad guys," influence teens to try smoking, US researchers found.

"Previous studies have confirmed a link between smoking in movies and the initiation of smoking by adolescents, and we wanted to dig deeper into the data to see if the type of character who is smoking matters. Is it 'good guys' or 'bad guys' that have more of an influence?" lead author Susanne Tanski of the Dartmouth Medical School said in a statement.

This opens with "die Fahne hoch," referring to a single flag. Public displays of Nazi symbols are banned in Germany.

"An observer familiar with the existence and history of the Horst Wessel song will be able to place the short text passage in a broader context," the court said in a statement.

To ignore this would be to overlook the dangers of a revival in National Socialist tendencies, it said.

Health Tip: Controlling asthma

Medication used to control asthma may be used every day, without the fear of becoming addicted, the American Academy of Family Physicians says.

So-called controller medications help prevent inflammation, so users feel better and breathe easier. The academy says the following people may be candidates for a daily controller medication:

- * People who have chest tightness, wheezing or bouts of coughing more than once per week.

- * People whose asthma wakes them up or keeps them up at night.

- * People who have frequent asthma attacks.

- * People who need a quick-relief medication daily to stop asthma attacks.

NEWS ALBUM

Dog-eaten passport cancels Wis boy's trip to Peru

A Wisconsin teenager using a classic excuse for evading schoolwork missed a class trip to Peru despite his tale being true: The dog ate his passport.

Officials at Chicago's O'Hare airport told 17-year-old Jon Meier the chewed-on document was fine, but authorities in Miami rejected it and wouldn't let him board the southbound aircraft.



In this undated photo supplied by Queensland Museum, palaeontologists search for the Diamantinasaurus fossils in Winton, in central Queensland, Australia. Scientists have confirmed for the first time that Australia was once home to a dinosaur that was big, fast and terrifying, and has a name like something from an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie. Meet the Australovenator.



Commander, Mayor look into sanitation tasks in Yangon

YANGON, 4 July—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected tasks for proper flow of water in Yangon West District here today.

The commander and the mayor viewed the tasks carried out for the proper flow of water in Khayan Creek

in Ward-3 of Mayangon Township and construction of Thamine Bridge of broad crest type on Baho Road in Hline Township.

Next, the commander and the mayor also inspected the dredging of drains of Myatlaeyon Kyaungtaik and Mingalar Thukha streets and proper flow of water of Hanthawady riverside route in Kamayut Township and fulfilled their needs.

MNA

Gifts for students of Coastal Region Command

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Coastal Region Command held the ceremony to present exercise books and stationery for 2009-2010 academic year at its hall on 27 June.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo made a speech.

The commander and officials presented exercise books and stationery to the students.

MNA

Ministry of Labour holds monsoon trees planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The Ministry of Labour held monsoon trees planting ceremony at the ministry here today. Ministry for Labour U Aung Kyi attended the ceremony and planted the

Gangaw tree.

The minister viewed the collective planting of staff at the ceremony. The ministry planted over 600 trees this year.— MNA

Ministry of Information holds tree planting ceremony for fifth week

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The fifth week rainy season tree planting ceremony 2009 of the Ministry of Information took place at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw Press House of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Nay Pyi Taw Daily of News and Periodicals Enterprise in

Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon this morning. Service personnel collectively planted the saplings.

A total of 1000 saplings – 300 saplings in the minister's office, 250 in MRTV, 200 in Nay Pyi Taw Press House of PPE and 250 in Nay Pyi Taw Daily of NPE – were grown at the ceremony.

MNA

Staff of the Information Ministry plant saplings at the fifth week monsoon trees planting ceremony of the Ministry.—MNA

Sports Technical Officer Course opens

YANGON, 4 July—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint yesterday attended the opening ceremony of Sports Technical Officer Course No. 1/2009 at the hall of Sports and Physical Education Institute at Kyaikkasan Grounds, here.

Altogether 135 trainees are

attending the course.

The minister also attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of Sports for 2009 at Kyaikkasan Grounds.

The ministers, departmental heads and staff participated in the tree planting ceremony.

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Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents saplings to representatives of the department at rainy season trees planting ceremony of the Ministry.—SPED



Labour Minister U Aung Kyi plants Gangaw tree at monsoon trees planting ceremony of the Ministry.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Football Championship commences

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July— The Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Football Championship 2009 was opened in Meiktila on 29 June afternoon.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the commander of Ground Training Base made a speech and opened it.

It was also attended by the commander of Flying Training Base and officers and other ranks of Flying Training Base and Ground Training Base and family members.

In the debut, Mingaladon Air Base played a goalless draw with Toungoo Air Base.

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The UN supports Myanmar's...

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Myanmar, he had extensive discussions with UN member countries, five permanent UN Security Council member countries, Japan and ASEAN nations. All those countries supported his visit to Myanmar and wished to see progress in Myanmar's democratic transition and seven-step Road Map. Last year, he visited Myanmar and coordinated necessary measures for humanitarian aids for the rehabilitation of cyclone Nargis-affected regions, said Mr Ban Ki-moon. When he was in the country for the second time, he was delighted to see some buildings damaged due to the storm while going to Yangon from Yangon International Airport have been reconstructed. When he visited the storm-affected delta areas the following day, he would know the arrangements made and work done by Myanmar and continued assistance to be provided by the UN and the international community, UNSG added. He recognized the activities of Tripartite Core Group in humanitarian aids as an ideal. Regarding humanitarian aids, the international community will continue to give necessary assistance.

Mr Ban Ki-moon said he would like to discuss political affairs. The UN supports Myanmar's seven-step Road Map. It is found that the fifth step of the road map is beginning to be implemented. When meeting the Senior General the previous year, he said the State would like to build a consolidated, peaceful democratic nation and leave it to the next generation as a legacy. And this is the nice vision of the Senior General. Mr Ban Ki-moon continued to say that when he met the political parties and armed groups that had made peace with the State, he would urge them to participate in nation-building tasks as partners with a constructive attitude under the leadership of the Head of State and in the election with a constructive attitude. The next year's election will go down in the annals of Myanmar's history and is the very important matter. The international community wishes to see that election next year to be one that is held democratically. He said he believes that the election will be open, free and fair and win international recognition and it will ensure all-inclusiveness. If necessary, the UN would like to render assistance to the election. It also would like the government to arrange for all politicians who should take part in the process of transition to democracy to be able to participate in it. He added he knows how Myanmar is affected by economic sanctions. He will discuss this matter when meeting the leaders of western nations. Mr Ban Ki-moon said he wished to see Daw Aung San Suu Kyi during his visit. He knows that she is facing a trial at the moment.

Senior General Than Shwe thanked the Secretary-General for his explanation at length on functions of the United Nations. The Senior General said that Myanmar is making the best cooperation with the United Nations as a UN member. Myanmar recognizes the meetings between the Secretary-General and the leaders of other important countries before his visit to Myanmar, he added. The Senior General expressed thanks for UN cooperation and assistance in storm-hit regions. Myanmar has never experienced a disaster like the cyclone Nargis in its history. Moreover, such great loss and destruction had never been experienced either. However, the government in cooperation with the people and the Tatmadaw effectively carried out rehabilitation work with the contribution of the international community in order for the condition to return to almost normal in the shortest possible time. The major businesses of the storm-hit region — agriculture, livestock and fisheries and salt industry — have been restored to normalcy. The new roads stretching 300 miles are under construction for protection and evacuation in times of emergency.

The earth road has been built. The road will be upgraded to the hard road in future. Permanent houses for the homeless in the region, cyclone shelters and embankments for preventing floods are also being built. The Senior General said that the UN Secretary-General would witness the work progress when he goes there weather permitting the following day. Arrangements have been made to explain rehabilitation works by Tripartite Core Group, he added.

The Senior General said that he would like to explain the future work programmes of the State. The government will hold fair elections in 2010. Necessary laws, regulations and procedures are being drafted to

peace with the government; that at the meetings, he urged them to participate with positive altitude in the election and tasks for national reconciliation; that this morning, he sat together with his advisors and discussed official international aid to Myanmar; that international assistance to Myanmar is far less than that to other countries; that he wants to give help to Myanmar; that it is important to set timeframe for necessary laws and commissions for the election; and that he would like Myanmar officials to consider to arrange a meeting between him and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

In response, Senior General Than Shwe said that he thanks the UNSG for the discussions; that he



Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

be completed in time. When they have been drafted, parties will be formed and election laws will be issued in time. Plans have been made for everyone to participate in the election. The laws are being drafted to be fair. Arrangements will be made to form parties and to run for the elections. With the concept that national unity is a must for the nation, the present government has built trust and confidence with the insurgent groups that had emerged in the post-independence period and they are now cooperating with the government. Although there are still some insurgent groups, 17 major armed groups and small armed groups have made peace with the government and are carrying out regional development tasks.

He added that he would like to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, but she is now on trial with US citizen Mr John William Yettaw. So, he would like the UNSG to understand that she is not available in the trial period.

Mr Ban Ki-moon said that he thanked the Senior General for his response to the discussions; and that he would like to call on the Senior General before his return home the following day. The meeting ended at 3.50 pm.

At 9.30 am today, Senior General Than Shwe met UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon for the second time.

At the call, the Senior General was accompanied by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win; and the UNSG, by Senior Advisor Mr B Lynn Pascoe and Senior Advisor Mr Ibrahim Gambari.

The UNSG said that previous day, he held discussions with the Myanmar Prime Minister on Myanmar-UN cooperation; that he met the 10 political parties, and then with seven groups that have made

hopes the UN will cope with the issue fairly and without discrimination against or in favour of particular countries, big or small; that Myanmar is concentrating on the two major points; that the first point is arrangement for successful completion of the election due to be held in 2010, and the second point, laying foundations for the next government to be formed according to the election results; that for the time being, they are in no position to pay attention to any personal cases, except the two points; that he had explained the previous day as to the case the UNSG had asked for a meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that he would like to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, but she is now on trial with US citizen Mr John William Yettaw; that the case is being heard freely and fairly, so they have no right to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The meeting concluded at 10 am.

Mr Ibrahim Gambari arrived in Myanmar on 26 June for making arrangements for the visit of UNSG. He met Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and made detailed agenda for the UNSG's trip to Myanmar. The meeting coordinated to hold a meeting between the UNSG and Senior General Than Shwe, to meet the Prime Minister and to host a dinner by the Prime Minister, to attend the TCG meeting on cyclone "Nargis" and to meet responsible persons from INGOs, NGOs, UN agencies and donors at the meeting, to meet with legal political parties, to meet the groups that have made peace with the government, to meet representatives of UN agencies and foreign diplomats to Myanmar, and to make necessary arrangements for the UNSG and members. According to the coordination, a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi could not be allowed as she is facing a trial at the court, it is learnt.

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It is also learnt that after the meeting Mr Ban Ki-moon invited representatives of National League for Democracy to his bedroom at the hotel and separately met them for 20 minutes.

Afterwards, the Secretary-General met leaders of Kachin State Special Region (1) NDAK Group, Shan

State (North) Special Region (5) KDA Group, Shan State (South) Special Region (6) PNO Group, Kayah State Special Region (2) Ka La La Ta Group, Haungtharaw Special Region Peace Group, Phayagon Special Region Peace Group and Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association-DKBA at 5.50 pm at the same venue.

At the meeting, Mr Ban Ki-moon said that he was pleased to see armed groups struggling in the past are now trying their best in harness for forging peace;

and that he knew all the national race groups have been striving for ensuring the best interest of the nation. It is also learnt from the peace groups who attended the meeting that the peace groups said that tasks for regional peace and stability and development could be carried out only in the time of the Tatmadaw government; and that to be able to maintain this situation, the groups will accept the government's plan to form their groups as frontier forces and people's militia.—MNA

UN Secretary-General and party leave Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July— Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon and party called on Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe for the second time at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9.30 am today.

The UN Secretary-General and party left Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft at 10.50

am and arrived in Yangon at 11.45 am.

They left Yangon at 12.15 pm for Kyondah Village of Dedaye Township in Ayeyawady Division by helicopter and visited the village. At 2.15 pm, they arrived back in Yangon. At 6 pm, they met with ambassadors of foreign embassies to the Union of Myanmar, Charges d'Affaires, diplomats and responsible persons of UN agencies, representatives of

non-governmental organizations at home and abroad, member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff of local journals and magazines at the meeting hall of Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Streets in Kamayut Township.

In the evening, the UN Secretary-General and party left Yangon.

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Mr Ban Ki-moon and party visit Kyondah Village in Dedaye Township.—MNA

Home Affairs Ministry holds tree planting ceremony



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe grow teak saplings at tree planting ceremony of the ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The raining season tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the ministry here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo,

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe and departmental heads and staff.

First, the minister, the deputy minister and departmental heads planted teak saplings at the designated places.

Next, the minister

and party viewed the collective growing of trees by departmental personnel.

A total of 1176 saplings – 326 saplings at the minister's office and 850 at the office of the Chief of Myanmar Police Force – were grown at the ceremony.—MNA

Myanmar stands third in women's 800-m race

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July— Athletes from 45 countries are taking part in the 1st Asian Youth Games being held in Singapore from 20 June to 7 July.

Ma Swe Li Myint of Myanmar stood third in the women's 800-m race with 2 min 22.14 sec yesterday.

The Indian athlete secured the first

prize and the Vietnamese athlete, second.

The contestants from Myanmar sports contingent continue the competition in swimming event.—MNA

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking of Mon State was held in Mawlamyine on 26 June.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and

Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win delivered an address. The Commander of Mon State Police Force read the message sent by the Chairman of Central Committee for Drug

Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs.

The commander and officials presented prizes to the winners in the computer art and photo contest and visited the narcotic drug educative booth.—MNA

Revising basic manual book for engineering works coordinated

YANGON, 4 July— Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe attended the basic manual

book for engineering work revising coordination meeting at the Yangon Division superintending

engineer office on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here yesterday.

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Deputy Minister U Tint Swe attends coord meeting on revising basic manual book for engineering works. —MNA

Exercise integrated farming extensively

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)



The integrated farm of U Kya Mawt near Yanhla Village, Katpha Village-tract, Kengtung.



A lychee plant is in fruit in the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt.

I had a plan to drop in the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt near Yanhla Village, Katpha Village-tract when I made a tour of Kengtung.

After arriving at Kengtung, we, accompanied by Secretary U Aung Kyaw Moe of Township Peace and Development Council, took a lift given by Assistant Engineer U Nyan Kyi Oo of the Irrigation Department to the integrated farm. Those two persons took an active role in the programme to introduce integrated farming to Kengtung.

In the compound of the

integrated farm of U Kya Mawt, U Aung Kyaw Moe made clarification to mixed farming, saying, "We launched the

integrated farming in compliance with the directives of those in-charge of the region. Integrated farming is a

mixed form of agricultural farming and livestock breeding."

The 12-acre farm was found completely covered with a paddy field, fish ponds, chicken runs, pigsties, cow shed, vegetable patches and perennial crops plants.

Conducting us round the farm, U Aung Kyaw Moe told us, "The farm has three acres of a paddy field, four acres of perennial crops, five fish ponds, two chicken runs, two pigsties, and a cow shed."

He said that the farm bred about 18,000 fishes of species of tilapia, Hamilton's carp and Shwewah Hamilton's carp, 3500 chicken, 10



Secretary U Aung Kyaw Moe of Township Peace and Development Council.

cows and 21 pigs; and that fish ponds were harvested once a year.

We noticed that the pigsties were over the fishponds. It is because the feedstuff that spills into the ponds from the feed-boxes in the pigsties becomes the feedstuff for fish. And pig droppings into the ponds dissolve into the water. Then, the water is used to make the plants further grow. We also noticed about an acre of thriving rubber plants near the fish pond.

Macadamia plants were in rows on the embankments of fish ponds.

Lychee, Nagamauk and mango trees were found in fruit, the fruits were appetizing.

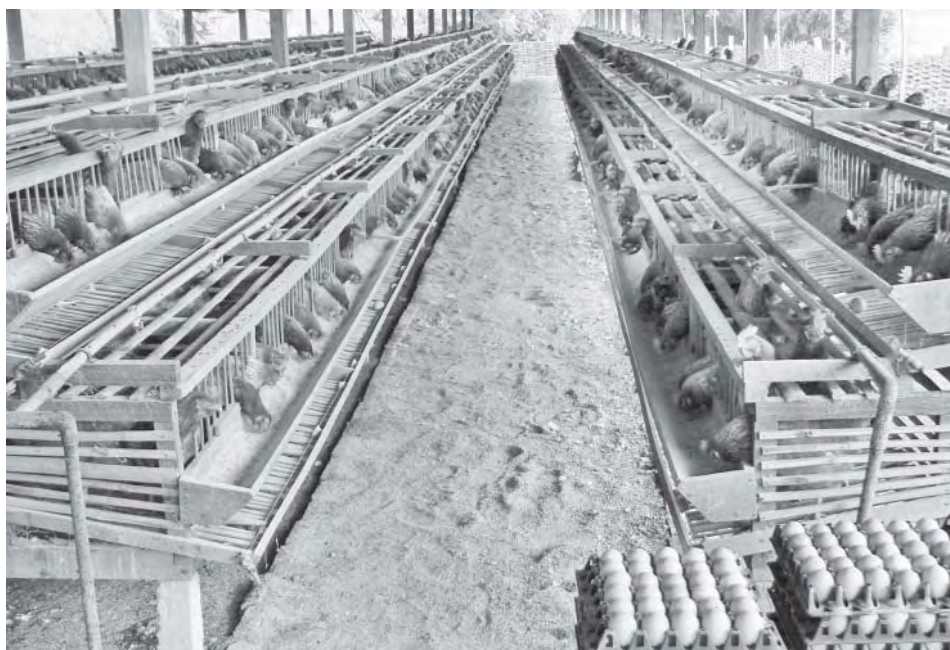
In the farm, mushroom is grown in rows. He said that wasted paddy stalks, dry leaves and weeds were mixed

with EM to make organic fertilizer. They also made worm-cast humus on a large scale, breeding worm in a tank, he said.

We gained a lot of knowledge of the mixed farming during the visit, so the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt was really worth a visit for us.

In the integrated farming, none of the by-products and animal droppings is wasted, and agricultural farming and livestock farming are benefiting each other. So, it costs less, but profit is greater. So, rural farmers should practise integrated farming on a wider scale in the interest of their regions and the nation.

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A thriving chicken run of the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt.

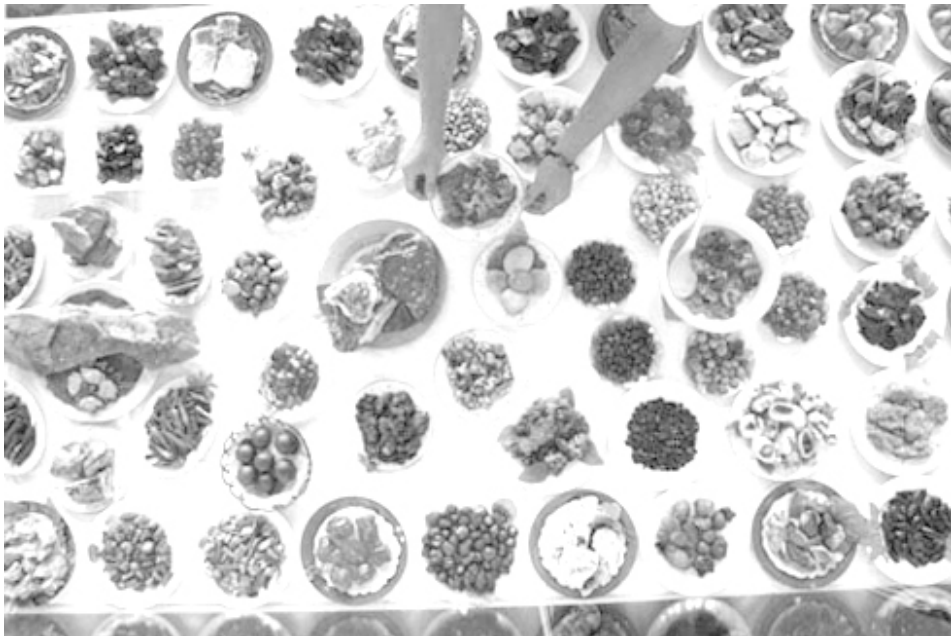


Photo taken on 3 July, 2009 shows a stone-made "Man-Han Banquet" at a household exposition in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province. All of the 108 vivid dishes of the banquet are made of colorful rare stones, which becomes a special view of the expo.—XINHUA

Oil falls below \$66 after bleak US jobs data

LONDON, 4 July—Oil dropped a dollar to below 66 US dollars a barrel on Friday after unemployment data hardened views economic weakness would sap energy demand and that last month's rally was overdone.

In the latest sign the economy of the world's top consumer was still struggling, data on Thursday showed US employers cut 467,000 jobs in June and the jobless rate rose to a 26-

year high. Euro zone unemployment climbed to a 10-year high.

"All the data was bad yesterday," said Rob Montefusco, a trader at Sucden Financial. "Technically, it looks pretty weak at the moment." US crude fell by 1.22 US dollars to 65.51 US dollars a barrel by 1718 GMT, extending the previous session's nearly 4-per-cent drop. London Brent crude fell 1.35 US dollars to 65.30 US dollars.

Oil prices have doubled from a low of 32.40 US dollars a barrel in December last year and they surged by 42 percent in the last quarter — the largest quarterly gain since 1990.

But some analysts had predicted the market's rise above 70 US dollars in June could not be sustained as the economy and energy demand were still weak and oil inventories remained high.

MNA/Reuters

Russia's State Duma approves Russia-China oil coop agreement

MOSCOW, 4 July—Russia's State Duma, the Lower House of Parliament, approved on Friday a Russia-China intergovernmental agreement on oil cooperation, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The agreement, which envisions long-term Russian oil supplies to China, was signed by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin and Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan in April.

A package of oil cooperation deals on pipeline construction, oil trade and loans that Russia and China inked in February took effect after the signing of the intergovernmental pact.

Under the agreement, China and Russia will jointly build and operate the pipeline from Russia's Siberian city of Skovorodino to China's northeastern city of Daqing as its terminal via China's border city of Mohe. The pipeline, with

an annual capacity of 15 million tons of crude to China within 20 years, is expected to go into operation in October 2010.—MNA/Xinhua

European A/H1N1 flu infections exceed 10,000

STOCKHOLM, 4 July—A European health agency said on Friday that 641 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 518 were confirmed in Britain, 20 in Spain, seven in France and Switzerland, 35 in Germany, 25 in Cyprus, six in Denmark, five each in Portugal and Romania, three in Slovenia, two each in Sweden, Luxembourg and Ireland, and one each in Austria, Portugal, the

Netherlands and Poland, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 10,094, with 776 cases in Spain and 7,447 in Britain, 318 in France and 505 in Germany, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report

about A/H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.

MNA/Xinhua



A scientist prepares a DNA test for the A(H1N1) virus. Canada has reported four new swine flu deaths, bringing to 31 the country's toll from the A(H1N1) virus.—INTERNET

compressed towards its base, the floor of a crew rest area was deformed and the tail fin was wrenched off the fuselage — all in ways that suggest a violent collision with the ocean, officials said.

The cause of the crash is still not known. Bouillard said control of the flight was supposed to have passed from air traffic controllers in Brazil to their counterparts in Senegal, but that never happened.

He said the pilots of flight AF 447 tried three times to connect to the Senegalese capital Dakar by satellite without success. It was not until 0830 GMT, more than six hours after a flurry of error messages from the plane's electronic systems, that the plane was officially declared missing by Spain whose airspace it was due to have crossed en route to France.

MNA/Reuters

Like the wool sweater that emerges from the dryer a size too small, global warming seems to be shrinking sheep. INTERNET



A young girl enjoys the Hare Krishna 'Rathayatra' Festival in Trafalgar Square, London on 28 June, 2009.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (173)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (173) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.7.09 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 AM to 11:20 AM and 12 noon to 4 PM up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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An Iraqi man drives a damaged car away from the site of a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad's Karrada neighbourhood, Iraq, on 2 July, 2009. The attack was the first in Baghdad since US troops withdrew from Iraqi cities in the first step toward winding down the American war effort by the end of 2011. —INTERNET



India, Japan agree to cooperate on climate change, disarmament

TOKYO, 4 July—Cementing their strategic ties, India and Japan on Friday agreed to co-operate on pressing global issues of climate change, disarmament and non-proliferation while moving ahead in negotiations to stitch a comprehensive economic partnership pact.

India's External Affairs Minister S M Krishna, who is here on a four-day visit, held wide-ranging discussions with the Japanese side on the entire gamut of bilateral relations during the third strategic dialogue he co-chaired with his counterpart Hirofumi Nakasone.

"We are making progress in our negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. Foreign

Minister Nakasone and I agreed on the necessity of concluding a high quality and mutually beneficial agreement," he said at a joint Press conference with Nakasone. The two countries will hold further talks here later this month on the matter.

Krishna and Nakasone

also discussed the issues of disarmament and non-proliferation and agreed to cooperate so that negotiations for a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty could start as soon as possible, Nakasone was quoted as saying by Kyodo News agency.

MNA/PTI

Over 650 Chinese die in fire accidents in past six months

BEIJING, 4 July — More than 650 Chinese died in about 7,400 fires in the past six months, according to the Ministry of Public Security Friday. Nearly 300 people were injured in the fires and the direct economic loss was put at 660 million yuan (about 96.6 million US dollars).

The blaze at the new China Central Television headquarters was not included in the figure as the final report has yet to be published, the ministry said.

Improper installation of electrical devices and carelessness in using fire facilities led to most of the fires, accounting for 26.8 and 21.8 percent of the total, it said. Smoking, inappropriate operation of production and manufacturing facilities, and natural fires were the other causes that led to economic losses, according to the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 6th July 2009, (Full Moon of Waso) Day and 19th July 2009 (Martyr) Day being the public Holidays Goods. Will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

Brunei reports first A/H1N1 flu fatality

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 July —Brunei has confirmed its first A/H1N1 flu fatality as a 12-year-old girl suffering from chronic complications died on Thursday after contracting the A/H1N1 flu, according to local newspapers.

Brunei Health Minister Suyoi bin Osman said that the girl was admitted to a clinic on 14 June due to her chronic complications

of auto-immune hepatitis, end-stage liver failure and pneumonia. Suyoi said that the girl became critically ill on 26 June as she was tested positive for the flu.

The minister speculated that the A/H1N1 flu accelerated her death. Suyoi said that the ministry was investigating how the girl got infected by the flu. —MNA/Xinhua

Nepali Cabinet expanded with two more ministers

KATHMANDU, 4 July—Nepali Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal Friday evening inducted two more ministers in the Cabinet.

Rajendra Mahato, chairman of his faction from Sadbhavana Party and Prem Bahadur Singh from Samajwadi Prajatantrik Janata Party, a fringe party with one seat in the 601-member Constituent Assembly, were absorbed into the Cabinet.

Mahato was appointed as Minister for Commerce and Supplies while Singh was appointed as Minister for Law and Justice.

"We decided to join the

government after Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal has committed to adopt coalition government culture while taking important decisions," Mahato told local media on Friday. With the expansion, the Nepali Cabinet now has 32 members while its final shape is expected to have 45 ministers and state ministers of state.

More ministers from Terai-based parties and other fringe parties are yet to be appointed.

MNA/Xinhua

France says Yemenia Airways could face blacklist

PARIS, 4 July—France's Transport Minister Dominique Bussereau warned on Friday that Yemenia Airways could be on the blacklist of banned airlines in Europe unless it makes "very big efforts". "If it does not want to go on the blacklist, Yemenia Airways will have to make big efforts, very big efforts," Bussereau told RTL radio, adding that the company was under strict observation.

A Yemenia Airbus A310 crashed into the Indian Ocean off the Comoros on Tuesday, killing 152 people. The plane was banned in France after one inspection found numerous faults in the plane in 2007. Yemen's Transport Minister on Thursday rejected "unfair" European criticism of Yemenia's safety standards. —MNA/Xinhua

China opposes US imposing more duties on its vehicle tyres

BEIJING, 4 July —China's Commerce Ministry said here Friday that Chinese Government strongly opposes the United States' proposed duties on Chinese tyres, as such a move could be a sign of trade protectionism.

China is "highly concerned" about the tariff remedy plan on Chinese tyres recommended by the US International Trade Commission (ITC), said the ministry in a statement on its website, citing unnamed sources with Bureau of Fair Trade for Imports and Exports under the ministry.

Members of ITC suggested Monday that the US should impose 35 to 55 per cent duties in the next three years on certain Chinese passenger vehicles and light truck tires as the imports of such products would cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or competitive products.

The recommendation has been "unreasonable and lacks of objective evidences", said the statement, adding that such action would baffle tyre trade between China and the US, and in turn harm the interests of American tyre consumers. The statement says that Chinese-made tyres did not cause direct competition with the US products. Restriction on Chinese imports can not fix the structural problem in the US, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Two foreign aid workers kidnapped in Sudan's Darfur

KHARTOUM, 4 July—Two female aid workers, one from Ireland and the other from Uganda, were kidnapped on Friday in the restive western Sudanese region of Darfur, a UN source said.

The two aid workers, with the Irish aid organization Goal, were abducted by unknown armed men in their quarters in northern Darfur, the source said on condition of anonymity.

A Sudanese guard was also taken but later released, the source added.

This is the third kidnapping of foreign aid workers since March in Sudan.

Internet



This Sydney Taronga Zoo handout image shows a CCTV frame of a new-born elephant calf (bottom centre) with its mother 'Thong Dee' at the zoo in the early hours of the morning. The male calf is the first to be born in Australia and was delivered after a three hour labour.

INTERNET

Old gene mutations may cause cancer today

BEERSHEBA, 4 July—Gene mutations that once helped humans evolve and survive could increase the risk of cancer and other diseases today, researchers in Israel said.

The mutations were found in the genome of the mitochondria, the part of cells responsible for energy production that is passed from mother to child, scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev said.

"Although mitochondria's role in the emergence of new species has been investigated recently, the idea that they are responsible for our susceptibility to illness startles many," Dr Dan Mishmar, a molecular biologist at the university, said in a release Friday.

Internet

Australia welcomes its first new-born elephant

SYDNEY, 4 July—Australia has welcomed the first elephant ever born in the country with the arrival of a 100-kilogram (220.4-pound) male calf at a Sydney zoo, according to keepers.

The calf, yet to be named, was born at the harbourside Taronga Zoo just after 3am (1700 GMT) to a 12-year-old Asian elephant named Thong Dee, the zoo's di-

rector Guy Cooper said.

"(Staff) were with her throughout the night and have been sleeping at the barn to support Thong Dee the instant she went into labour," Cooper said.

"She was quite magnificent and her success is a tribute to the incredibly hard work our elephant keepers have done to support our elephants as a true family unit," he added.

Thong Dee, formerly a

Bangkok street elephant, was surprised by the birth, and needed to be calmed before she could be introduced to her son, said Cooper, adding that the calf was conceived naturally with the bull Gung under the zoo's breeding programme.

She greeted her baby by touching his trunk and he soon tried to suckle, which Cooper said was a good sign.—Internet

Almost 4 percent of pig valves fail

ST LOUIS, 4 July—Four out of 106 heart replacement valves from pig hearts failed, US researchers found.

The report, published in the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, said the pig valves failed after three, 14, 19 and 44 months, respectively. All four patients were age 70 or older and each received a cow heart tissue replacement.

"A four percent failure rate may not sound like a lot, but we would not ex-

pect that many of the valves to fail in such a short period of time," lead author Dr Jennifer Lawton of Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis said in a statement.

The researchers said the cause of early valve failure remains unclear. The failed pig heart valves' leaflets showed thickening — making them stiffer and more likely to interfere with blood leaving the heart through the aorta. Also,

they were covered with numerous bumps, but the exact nature of these growths couldn't be determined, the researchers said. Lawton advises more frequent exams be conducted if symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain or lightheadedness occur. "If patients have had a pig valve implanted, I would tell them that most likely they will be fine, but if they have symptoms they need to see their cardiologist and get an echocardiogram," Lawton said.—Internet

Older forests store more carbon

CORVALLIS, 4 July—Letting Pacific Northwest forests age longer would increase carbon storage and help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, researchers in Oregon said.

If, for example, the region's forests were allowed to increase in age by 50 years, their potential to store atmospheric carbon would increase by 15 percent, researchers at Oregon State University, Corvallis, said.

That would significantly offset the nation's carbon budget since the Pacific Northwest accounts for 14 percent of the live biomass in the United States, said Beverly Law, a professor of forest science at the university.

Law's team analyzed two decades worth of information from 15,000 forest plots in the North American Carbon Programme.

The team concluded carbon storage could be increased with reduced timber harvests and better forest management, a release from the university said Friday.

"Increasing carbon storage in this region might be one contribution to what clearly is a much larger global issue, something that policy makers could consider," Law said.

Internet

Canada's A/H1N1 flu death toll rises to 33

OTTAWA, 4 July—The total of people who died of A/H1N1 flu in Canada has reached 33, health officials said on Friday.

The province of Ontario reported its 12th death Friday. The victim is a 37-year-old man from Toronto man who had underlying medical conditions.

Neighbouring Quebec province reported its 14th death Friday. Other deaths occurred in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Across Canada, there have been nearly 8,000 cases of H1N1 since the outbreak began, and most have been mild.

The common flu sends about 20,000 Canadians to hospital each year. The Public Health Agency's website says between 4,000 and 8,000 Canadians can die of influenza and its complications annually, depending on the severity of the season.—Internet

New Zealand confirms influenza A/H1N1-related death

WELLINGTON, 4 July —New Zealand's first influenza A/H1N1-related death was confirmed on Saturday with the Ministry of Health reported three deaths linked to the virus.—Internet

Indonesia records 12 new A/H1N1 cases

JAKARTA, 4 July —Indonesia reported 12 new cases of people positively infected by A-H1N1 flu, putting the total cases to 20, two of them were infected in Jakarta, indicating human transmission had occurred in the country, the Health Ministry announced here Saturday.

Four of the 12 people, aged from 10 months to 50 years, were foreign visitors and the rest were Indonesian citizens, the health ministry's director general of disease control and environmental health Prof Dr Tjandra Yoga Aditama said.

"We have got 12 new positive cases of swine flu. Two of them, Indonesian citizens, have been infected in Jakarta," he told a press conference at his office.

It means that the influenza virus A/H1N1 has been transmitted among community in Indonesia.

But he declined to elaborate further from whom the two got infected. The director said that the 12 people had been traveled to Singapore, Canada, Malaysia and Australia, before entering Indonesia.

Now they were treated at hospital in Jakarta and Bali Island, he said. The country has taken precautionary measures to prevent spread of the virus, including ordering those from infected countries to wear mask since arriving in the country for three days.—Internet



Australia has pledged 52 million dollars (\$42 million) to improve water quality on the Great Barrier Reef, which is coming under increasing threat from toxic chemicals and climate change.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Owen joins Manchester United

LONDON, 4 July—Michael Owen joined English champions Manchester United on a two-year contract Friday. Owen, 29, was a free agent after his contract with relegated Newcastle expired, received phone call from Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson on Wednesday.



British soccer player Michael Owen leaves Bridgewater hospital after undergoing a medical examination in Manchester, northern England on 3 July, 2009.—INTERNET

"I never thought it in my wildest dreams really - when I got the call from the manager to come and meet him it was a shock," Owen said. "I know there will be a few people saying the manager shouldn't have bought me."

"Michael is a world class forward with a proven goalscoring record at the highest level," Ferguson said. "That has never been in question."

INTERNET

Federer, Roddick book Wimbledon title showdown

LONDON, 4 July—Roger Federer reached a record 20th Grand Slam final, and a seventh straight Wimbledon title match Friday, while Andy Roddick ended Andy Murray's bid to become the first British champion here since 1936.

Five-time champion Federer coasted to a 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, 6-3 win over German veteran Tommy Haas and will be chasing a record 15th Grand Slam crown on Sunday when he tackles old rival Roddick.

The American sixth seed put an end to the hype and hysteria in Britain with a 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7), 7-6 (7/5) win over third seed Murray who had been hoping be the first British men's champion since Fred Perry 73 years ago.—INTERNET



American Andy Roddick returns a ball to Britain's Andy Murray during their semi final match on Day 11 at the 2009 Wimbledon tennis championships at the All England Club.—INTERNET

Makelele extends PSG stay

PARIS, 4 July—Paris Saint Germain skipper Claude Makelele confirmed Friday that he has extended his contract with the French first division side until 2010.

"Staying on in Paris was my aim at the end of last season," explained the 36-year-old former French international midfielder.

"I'm happy to take this decision and I hope that we're going to achieve an emotion-filled season for the players."

Makelele's decision to stay in Paris was cemented by the departure of coach Paul Le Guen, with whom he didn't see eye to eye, and his replacement by Antoine Kombouare.—INTERNET



Chelsea announced Friday they had signed teenage striker Daniel Sturridge, seen here in action in 2008.

INTERNET

Sturridge signs for Chelsea

LONDON, 4 July—Chelsea announced Friday they had signed teenage striker Daniel Sturridge from Premier League rivals Manchester City on a four-year deal after the player's con-

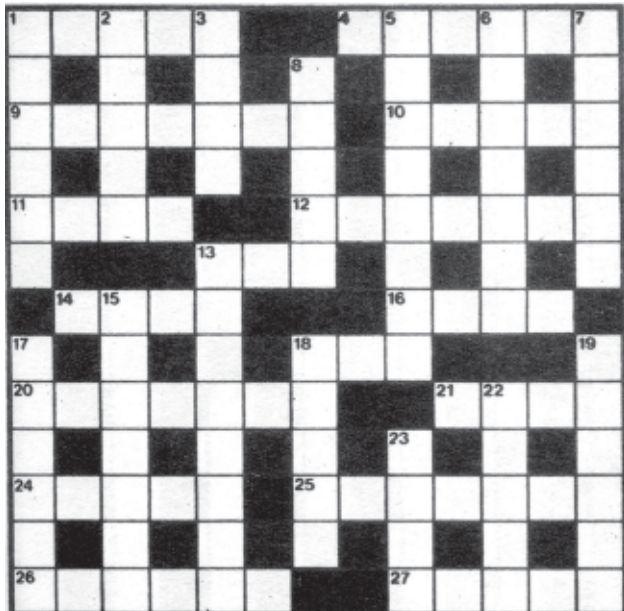
tract at Eastlands expired.

Although the two clubs could not agree on a fee, the 19-year-old Sturridge's age means City are entitled to receive some money as part of his move and a fee

will now be settled by a tribunal.

England Under-20 international Sturridge, the nephew of former Derby County forward Dean, scored four goals in 26 appearances for City last season.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Bayern hold firm over Ribery

BERLIN, 4 July—Bayern Munich's star midfielder Franck Ribery admitted Friday he wants to leave the Bundesliga giants for Real Madrid while the Germans are insisting he will stay.

"I have decided: I want to leave," the 26-year-old midfielder told L'Equipe with the new Bundesliga season set to begin on 7 August. "It will be Real or nothing at all."

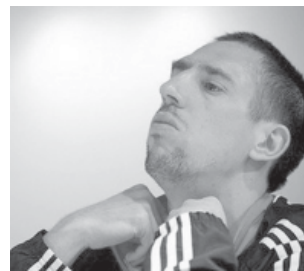
But Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has always insisted Ribery will stay.

Dutch coach Louis van Gaal took his first session on Wednesday since joining from AZ Alkmaar, but Ribery trained for only 45 minutes on Thursday

morning before he quit with blisters and he completely missed the afternoon session.

"We are completely relaxed about the issue," said the Bayern boss.

"I have heard the statement from Franck: Either Real or nothing. "And our clear answer is: nothing. Franck stays."—INTERNET



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery, seen here in March.

INTERNET

Tiger moves into lead at Congressional

BETHESDA, 4 July—The best of Tiger Woods came Friday when his game was falling apart.

Woods lived up to his hopes of being a "greedy host" when he salvaged his round during a shaky stretch in the middle and shot 4-under 66 to take a one-shot lead at his AT&T National with the lowest



Tiger Woods, left, and Lucas Glover, right, follow Woods' tee shot on the 14th hole during the second round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club, on 3 July, 2009, in Bethesda, Md.—INTERNET

36-hole score ever at Congressional Country Club.

"Either I hit it pretty close to the hole, within 10 feet, or I was missing greens," Woods said. "So it was a little bit of two ends today. It was nice to actually get a score out of it."

Woods was at 10-under 130, breaking by one shot the previous 36-hole score at Congressional set last year by Tom Pernice Jr and Jeff Overton. Woods had a one-shot lead over Rod Pamplung, who had a 64 to boost his chances of qualifying for the British Open.—INTERNET

US seeks third-straight Gold Cup soccer crown

SEATTLE, 4 July—The United States, fresh off a runner-up showing in the 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup, will take an expanded roster into their first game of the CONCACAF Gold Cup on Saturday.

The US opens defence of the Gold Cup title begins with a game against Granada on Saturday at Qwest Field. They will also face Honduras on 8 July and Haiti on 11 July in Washington, DC and Foxborough, Massachusetts.

Head coach Bob Bradley named his 23-man roster 25 June but that has since been expanded to 30 players.

The roster include a mix of Confederations Cup team members and players from North America's Major League Soccer. Brian Ching and Michael Parkhurst are included this year and were also on the team that won the 2007 Gold Cup title.—INTERNET



The head coach for the US National Soccer team Bob Bradley (3rd right) speaks to his team during a practice session in Bloemfontein, SAfrica, on 23 June. —INTERNET

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

U Khin Maung Than
(87) years

The family of the late U Khin Maung Than wish to thank all friends and relatives for their condolences and floral tributes during their recent bereavement.

The bereaved family

Three African countries agree to build gas pipeline

LAGOS, 4 July —Nigeria on Friday in Abuja signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Algeria and Niger Republic to promote the Trans-Sahara Gas Pipeline (TSGP) project, the News Agency of Nigeria reported.

The agreement was signed by Nigeria's Minister of Petroleum Resources, Rilwan Lukman, Algerian Minister of Mines and Energy, Chakib Khelil, and Malam Mohammed Abdoulahi, Niger's Minister of Mines and Energy.

Lukman said the signing of the agreement is a significant stride in the actualization of a key element of the joint protocol on regional cooperation and development. He described the event as a milestone in the collaborative effort to commercialize the country's huge natural gas resources.

The minister said the project, designed about 30 years ago, had been delayed because of the need to obtain comprehensive feasibility studies to establish its techno-economic viability. "A lack of a socio-economic framework for regional development has also contributed to the delay," he added.

According to him, other factors were the absence of a gas market in the transit countries and limited market opportunities for the TSGP in Europe.

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Programme Schedule
(5-7-2009) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
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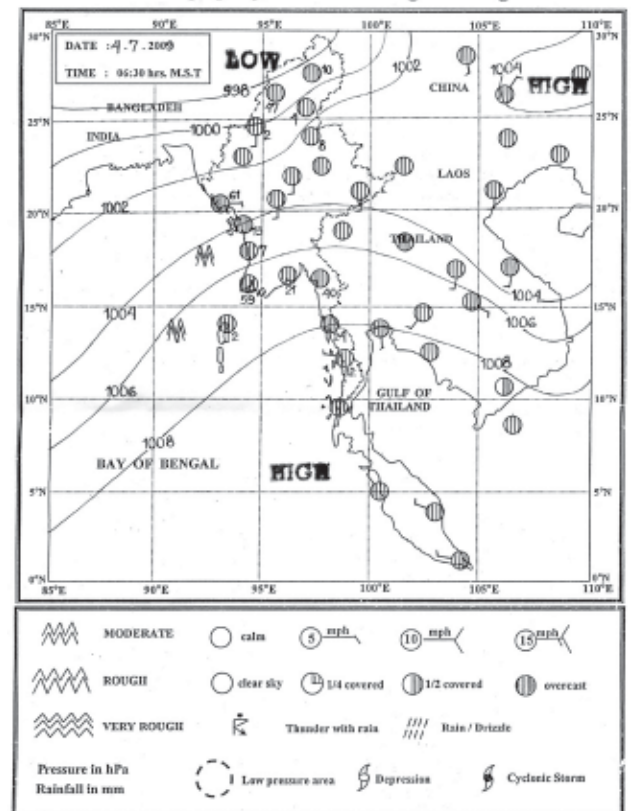
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- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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Europe/ North America Transmission

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- * Chinlone or Caneball Competitions
- * Alms Food Offering Ceremony of Southern Kyaye Chaung Village
- * Amrapura Bargaya Monastery
- * Novitiation Ceremony (Northern Shan State)
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-IV)
- * Beneficial and Useful Rubber Plants
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 4 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Sittway (2.72) inches, Patheingyi (2.32) inches, Hkamti (2.04) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.69) inches, Mawlamyine (1.65) inches and Aungmye (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-7-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 4-7-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-7-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 3-7-2009 was (0.4) hour approx.

Rainfall on 4-7-2009 was (1.69) inches at Mingaladon, (0.83) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (40.35) inches at Mingaladon, (45.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (49.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 3-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-7-2009: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Sunday, 5 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)

8:15 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:30 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:40 am

7. International News

8:45 am

8. ဝါဆိုလတွဲတေးများ

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the Week's International News

11:40 am

4. စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းမြင်းမူမြို့နယ်၊ ထီးဆောင်းကျေးရွာခမ္ဘာကြာဝတ်အသင်း၏ခမ္ဘာကြာဒေသနာတော်(အမေးအဖြေ)

11:50 am

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၈)

12:50 pm

6. Golf Magazine (TV)

1:10 pm

7. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ဟိုဘက်အိမ်ကတောင်မလေး"

- (အရိုင်း၊ ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ချောရတနာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သပြားသူ)

2:25 pm

8. International News

2:30 pm

9. ဗိုလ်လုပွဲဆိတ်တက်လှမ်းချီခဲ MNL

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL-Cup-2009

- ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်းနှင့် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း) (ဗိုလ်လုပွဲ)

5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:30 pm

4. Weather Report

6:35 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"

6:55 pm

6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ချစ်လက်ဆောင်" (ရန်နိုင်၊ ဇွဲနောင်၊ ခိုင်ပွင့်၊ ဝါဝါအောင်၊ နိုးနိုး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG)]

7:10 pm

7. "တားဆီးတာကွယ်လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်" (ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ နှင်းကုတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးမျိုးအေး)

7:15 pm

8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

9. News
10. International News
11. Weather Report
12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနုလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၁)



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The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Sunday, 5 July, 2009

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments 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
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister General Thein Sein hosts dinner to UNSG and party

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein hosted a dinner to Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone yesterday evening.

Also present at the dinner were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and departmental heads.

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Oppose any acts that will delay process of elections to be held smoothly

Representatives of Parties

Groups accept government's plan to form frontier forces and people's militia

Peace Groups

UNSG meets leaders of officially registered political parties; peace groups who have returned to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Visiting Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon met leaders and representatives of officially registered political parties namely National League for Democracy, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Wa National Development Party, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Union Pa-O National Organization and Lahu National Development Party at about 5 pm yesterday at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

At the meeting Mr Ban Ki-moon said that he has witnessed efforts being made for more development in Myanmar; that at his call on Senior General

Than Shwe, he called for the elections to be held in 2010 should be the ones accepted and trusted by majority of the people; and that Senior General Than Shwe also pledged him that the elections to be held in 2010 to be fair. It is learnt from the political parties that representatives of the parties said that they are endeavouring for building more confidence among their political parties and ensuring national development; that they will oppose any acts that will delay the process of the elections to be held smoothly; that they believe and accept the fact that elections to be held in 2010 will be the future of the nation and political parties and it is the best arrangement of the State.

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