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Meritorious deeds performed at religious sites in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Buddhists performed meritorious deeds and practiced meditation at religious buildings as today is Fullmoon Day of Waso (Dhammacakka Day).

The Waso robes were offered to members of the Sangha at Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. Moreover, Shwekyar robes were offered to Buddha images at the prayer (See page 10)

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.

Fruits of development in Shan State (East)

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

Nowadays, the people residing in all border areas of the country are enjoying fruits of development. To observe the developments of respective regions, we made more and more trips continuously.

To enquire the progress of economic, health, education, communication and transport sectors of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, we, the news crew of Kyemon Daily had an interview with officials at the office of the Shan State (East) PDC.

Staff Officer U Than Tun explained first, "Shan State (East) is a hilly region sharing border with neighbouring countries. In the past, the region lagged behind development in education, health, economic and social sectors. In the time of the Tatmadaw

Government, the region gains development momentum based on prevailing peace and stability. Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council has been spending hundreds of thousands kyats on development tasks of the region yearly. From June 2008 to April 2009, the Shan State (East) PDC spent over K 271.6 million on the development tasks."

Deputy Manager U Mya Aung of Myanmar Agriculture Service said, "The agriculture sector of the region improves. The areas where poppies were grown in the past can be seen with thriving beans and pulses plantations in addition to summer and monsoon paddy. Before, there were about 170,000 acres of arable lands. So far, over 510,000 acres of land have been reclaimed for expediting development of economic and social

sectors of the region."

Agriculture in-charge U Tun Lin of Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise (Perennial Crops) added, "Only a few numbers of growers were engaged in rubber farming in the past. At present, a total of 2130 private entrepreneurs are growing rubber plants on over 70000 acres of lands after realizing the benefits to be gained from the rubber farming. Moreover, the plan is under way to put 100,000 acres of lands under rubber plants."

Branch Clerk Daw Nan Aing Lar of Health Department said, "Shan State (East) had 14 hospitals up to 1988. Now, the region has been facilitated with 26 hospitals. Kengtung Hospital (100-bed) was (See page 8)



A road passing hilly area linking Kengtung and Taunggyi.



PERSPECTIVES

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Grow more plants and trees to keep the environment green and pleasant

July is the month when it rains regularly and the soil is wet enough for growing plants. Therefore, it is designated as the tree-planting month.

Climate depends on trees. Should trees become fewer, there would be less rain. Should we get less rain, there would not be enough water for drinking and agricultural purposes and the weather would become hotter and drier. As a result, we could be affected socially and economically.

People have to rely on natural resources, including forests, for their living as well as for their economic development. As the population of the world is increasing year after year, more and more forest resources are being used up. Therefore, forestry plantations are being established to prevent depletion of forests.

As the soil is wet in the rainy season, it is the most suitable time of the year for growing plants. We can enjoy a lot of benefits by growing trees. Plants and trees give us shade, fruit, wood and flowers as well as peace and pleasure.

We Myanmar people love plants and trees. In growing plants and trees, it is necessary to choose a climate or an area suitable for various kinds of plants and trees. Moreover, young plants and trees have to be nursed by giving them fertilizer and protection against pests and animals.

Now is the time when tree-planting ceremonies are being held region-wise and ministry-wise all over the country. If local people look after young plants and trees, it would contribute to greening the environment.

Secretary of Infectious Disease Control Central Committee Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo makes an address at the meeting.

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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

Regional development tasks facilitated in Mandalay Division



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects Ngweche-6 cotton plantation of NyaungU and Ngazon Townships.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected Ngweche-6 cotton plantation of NyaungU and Ngazon Townships on 16 and 23 June.

The commander attended the prizes presentation ceremony to outstanding students with flying colors for 2008-2009 academic year in NyaungU and

Aungmyaytharzan Townships on 16 and 22 June.

The commander also attended the ceremony to hand over Post-Basic Education Primary School and cash donation ceremony for Inntaing Village BEPS in Myingyan and NyaungU Townships.

The commander attended the opening ceremony of football tournament in Kyauktaing Sports Ground in Mandalay on 24 June.—MNA

Meeting on review of preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) held

YANGON, 6 July—Secretary of Infectious Disease Control Central Committee Deputy

Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo attended a meeting to review preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) 2009 yesterday.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo made an address on the occasion, saying that the preventive and control measures involve risks, but success has been achieved due to cooperative efforts of health staff from respective hospitals with the leadership of authorities from Yangon Division.

Up to now, a total of 35 from National Flu Department's suspected patients have been screened and only one out of 35 suspected patients on her return from Singapore

was found to have the virus of influenza A (H1N1). Findings from lab tests are being sent to National Institute of Infectious Diseases cooperating with the WHO. Myanmar is praised for its performance in the diagnosis of A (H1N1). All the findings are identical to the results of Myanmar National Flu Department.

Responsible personnel from private sectors and experts have already discussed preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) to increase public awareness of them.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Health Committee Secretary of Yangon Division Peace

and Development Council, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Director of Health Department (Infectious) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein, Director of Health Department (Lab) Dr Nay Win, Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital Dr Nu Nu Tha and Prof Dr Thi Wa Tin presented respective reports. The deputy minister and officials replied to the queries raised by those present. Next, the deputy minister urged those present to cooperate in the preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) and the meeting came to a close.—MNA



Climate change will spread hunger

AMSTERDAM, 6 July—Chronic hunger may be “the defining human tragedy of this century,” as climate change causes growing seasons to shift, crops to fail, and storms and droughts to ravage fields, an advocacy group said. Oxfam International released a report Monday as leaders of the Group of Eight wealthiest nations prepare to meet in Italy this week, with an agenda to include both food security and climate change.

It says that as the weather changes, millions of people in areas suffering food scarcity will have to give up traditional crops, possibly leading to social upheavals such as mass migrations and possible conflict over water resources.

Rich countries in temperate climate zones, such as northern Europe and parts of the United States, will benefit from warmer weather and more rainfall, but far more people in

hotter, poorer countries will face more erratic and expensive food supplies, said the British-based nonprofit group.

The report, “What Happened to the Seasons?” was meant to add urgency to the G-8 meeting and to a broader group of 17 countries, the Major Economies Forum, which convenes later in the week to try to unblock negotiations on a new climate change agreement due to be completed in December.—*Internet*



Railroad workers get to repair work after a 50m tower crane fell on a railroad line in Seoul, South Korea, on 6 July, 2009. The train service on the Seoul-Busan Line has suspended after the accident.—INTERNET



An Iraqi police man inspects a destroyed vehicle following a road side bomb in the northeastern city of Baquba. An Iraqi policeman was killed and 15 others, including three police, were wounded in four separate grenade attacks in the same Mosul street on Sunday, a security official told AFP.—INTERNET

Tornado touches down in Alberta

RED DEER, 6 July—No injuries were reported when a tornado touched down just north of Red Deer, a city in central Alberta.

The funnel cloud dropped into a tornado on the evening of 4 July, the *Calgary Herald* reported Sunday.

Resident Josh Radtke said he looked out his back door after receiving a call from his mother-in-law telling him the funnel cloud was above his house. He saw the cloud forming and watched as

it dropped down.

Radtke said he and his wife prepared to take their 6-month-old daughter into the basement in case the tornado grew stronger. Another Red Deer resident, Kelvin Arendt said he saw a light patch and watched a V-shaped cloud stretch out and suck back in when suddenly “it just dropped down into that snake.”

Environment Canada meteorologist Steve Knott confirmed it was a tornado. *Internet*

Fatah, Hamas disputes grow, as the two unready yet for a deal

GAZA, 6 July—Palestinian rival Fatah and Hamas leaders on Sunday voiced doubts that a reconciliation deal would be signed in Cairo on 28 July, as Palestinian security officials in the West Bank accused Hamas of planning to carry out violent actions aimed at creating a status of instability in the territory.

A senior Fatah movement official warned that if rival parties fail to reach an inter-reconciliation deal sponsored by Egypt soon, this will make the date for holding general elections in the Palestinian territories on 25 Jan uncertain. Zakareya el-Agha, told the Ramallah-based al-Ayyam daily that if the Palestinian factions fail to sign an agreement in Cairo on 28 July, “this would make it impossible to hold the Palestinian elections on time.”—*Internet*

Submarine detects signal from Yemenia black boxes

PARIS, 6 July—A submarine scouring the Indian Ocean on Sunday detected the signal beacons of the two black boxes from a Yemenia Airways flight that crashed off the Comoros Islands, the French aviation agency said. Plans were under way to retrieve the boxes within days, an official from Yemen said.

A 12-year-old girl, Bahia Bakari, who clung to debris for up to 13 hours, is the only known survivor of Tuesday’s crash, which killed 152 people flying from Paris to Moroni, the capital of the Comoros, via San’a in Yemen.

The chief of Yemen’s Civil Aviation Authority, Hamed Ahmad Faraj, had only grim news Sunday for reporters, saying that search planes have spotted another floating body.—*Internet*

Canadian soldier dies after being injured in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 6 July—A Canadian soldier injured in Afghanistan last month has died of his injuries in a hospital in eastern Canada’s Quebec City, military officials said Sunday.

The soldier was injured when he stepped on a mine while on a foot patrol near Kandahar City in June. He was evacuated back to Canada later, but was never able to regain consciousness. He died Saturday, according to a press releases from the Defense Department.

The death brings to 122 the total number of Canadian soldiers who have died as part of the Afghan mission since it began in 2002. *Internet*

Suicide car bombing targets airfield injuring 14 in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 6 July—A man driving an explosive-laden car hit one checkpoint at the entrance gate of Kandahar Airport in southern Afghanistan Monday morning, injuring least 14 people, said an official.

Commander of 205th Afghan Corps in south Afghanistan General Shir Mohammad Zazi told *Xinhua* that it occurred at around 7 am local time (GMT0230) when the suicide bomber came with a mini-bus and exploded himself at the checkpoint of the airfield.

“At least 12 civilians and two Afghan soldiers were wounded in the blast while the casualties number might go up,” Zazi said.—*Internet*

10 wounded in bomb attacks in N Iraq

MOSUL, 6 July—At least ten people were wounded on Sunday in bomb attacks in the city of Mosul, the capital of northern Iraq’s Nineveh Province, a provincial police source said.

A booby-trapped car parking near a police office in central Mosul detonated in the morning, wounding four people and caused damage to the office building, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate attack, an attacker hurled a hand grenade at a police vehicle in the city, wounding a policeman and five civilians, the source said. Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, has been a stronghold for militant groups, including al-Qaida organization. *Internet*



A police rescue team lift a “victim” into a stretcher during a simulated attack at a beach restaurant in Singapore on 6 July, 2009. Singapore holds its biggest anti-terror drill on Monday, simulating the deadly Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people last year, ahead of hosting an Asia-Pacific summit in November. Exercise North Star VII will involve 2,000 participants from 15 state agencies and media outlets and simulate situations such as concerted terror attacks on hotels, malls and an underground train station, the Singapore Police Force said in a statement.—INTERNET

Advertising set for mild 2010 recovery

LONDON, 6 July—The downturn in global advertising is approaching its lowest point and, after a fall of 8.5 percent in 2009, the industry should see a mild recovery in 2010, a leading media agency predicted on Monday.

ZenithOptimedia said it had revised down its forecast for 2009, from an earlier prediction of a 6.9 percent drop, after the first quarter came in worse than expected.

WPP's GroupM

agency said in June it expected global advertising to drop 5.5 percent in 2009 before a mild recovery in 2010.

"Faced with extreme uncertainty, advertisers in most sectors planned for the worst and cut their costs in anticipation of steep drops in revenue," the Zenith report said.

Of the different platforms, the Internet is the only medium expected to grow in 2009, while television, cinema and out-

door advertising are set to decline by less than the overall market.

Advertisers say using the Internet allows brands to be flexible and see consumer response rates, which is important during a downturn. Zenith forecast Internet advertising expenditure growth of 10.1 percent in 2009 and said it expected the medium to account for 15.1 percent of all advertising expenditure by 2011, from 10.5 percent in 2008.—Internet



A municipal worker fumigates a street against mosquitos, vectors of the dengue fever, in Santa Cruz, eastern Bolivia, in February. A Red Cross official has sharply criticised "complacency" towards the impact of communicable diseases on poor countries, contrasting it with responses to flu or heart disease in rich nations.—INTERNET

S Korea's GDP falls to world's 15th largest in 2008

SEOUL, 6 July— The South Korean economy fell four notches in the world's GDP rank, standing at the 15th post in 2008, the World Bank (WB) said on Monday.

According to the latest data released by the WB, South Korea's gross domestic product (GDP) topped 929.1 billion US dollars in 2008, the 15th highest among 186 countries with comparable data.

South Korea stepped down four notches from the 11th spot marked in 2003, the last time the WB released the list, as other emerging economies including India, Brazil, Russia and Australia expanded.

Internet



Workers clean the glass windows of an office building in central Sydney on 6 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Judge approves plan to sell GM assets

NEW YORK, 6 July—A US judge on Sunday approved General Motors Corp's bankruptcy sale, in a move that will allow the company's most profitable assets to exit bankruptcy protection under government ownership.

Judge Robert Gerber of the US bankruptcy court in Manhattan said the sale would "prevent the death of the patient on the operating table."

GM, which filed for bankruptcy protection on 1 June, had argued that it would be forced to liquidate if the sale was not approved. The US government said it could walk away from funding the automaker if a deal was not approved by 10 July.—Internet

Aviation industry records 502 accidents in 2008

ABUJA, 6 July— The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has said the total number of global accidents in the aviation industry in 2008 was 502.

This was contained in a statement signed by Giovanni Bisignani, director-general of IATA, in the Nigerian capital Abuja on Sunday, according the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

The figure showed a decline compared with 692 accidents in 2007, the statement said.

"This resulted in a 56 percent improvement in the fatality rate from 0.23 fatalities per million passengers to 0.13 per million passengers," the statement said.

IATA put the global accident rate (measured in hull losses per million flights of Western built jet aircraft) at 0.81 or one accident for every 1.2 million flights.

This was a slight deterioration from the 2007 performance when the accident rate was 0.75 or one accident for every 1.3 million flights, it said.

A total of 109 accidents occurred in 2008 against 100 in 2007, while the number of fatal accidents increased from 20 in 2007 to 23 in 2008, according to the statement.

It said IATA member airlines recorded a decline in their accident rate from 0.68 percent in 2007 to 0.52 percent in 2008.

"That is equal to one accident for every 1.9 million flights," the statement added.—Internet



Mount Kilimanjaro in Amboseli National Park in this file photo taken on

21 March, 2007.—XINHUA

Mt Kilimanjaro climbs in race of new world "Seven Wonders"

DAR ES SALAAM, 6 July— Mountain Kilimanjaro has finally entered into the top 10 list in the land features category as Africa's highest peak races to become one of the new "Seven Wonders" of the world, the local Sunday news reported on Sunday.

Kilimanjaro has experienced a jump start from the previous 32nd position to the eighth in the category rankings, after Tanzania finally signed endorsement con-

tract forms, announced Tia Vierung, information officer for the New Seven Wonders organization.

Africa's highest peak almost missed out when Tanzania had previously failed to sign contract forms sent from the New Seven Wonders organization with the deadline of 7 July, 2009, according to the report.

The mountain is now well positioned to fight for a spot among the Top 77 nominees in the global

campaign to choose the official New Seven Wonders of Nature.

The race includes over 260 locations to compete to become one of the eligible for finalist selection, it added.

In Africa, the Capetown based-Table Mountain of South Africa leads at No 7 in the land features category, while the Sahara desert leads in the world under another category of landscapes, according to the report.

Internet



Chinese astronauts Zhai Zhigang (C), Liu Boming (2nd, R) and Jing Haipeng (1st, R) attend the exhibition "Roaming the Universe — Aerospace Exhibition for China's First Space Walk" in Shanghai, east China on 5 July, 2009.—XINHUA

China's top tourism official eyes trip boost with Italy to fend off difficulties

ROME, 6 July—China and Italy should work together to expand bidirectional flow of tourists amid the current difficulties arising from the financial crisis and global spread of A/H1N1 flu (also called swine flu), a top Chinese tourism official said on Sunday.

"The financial crisis and the swine flu have had a very serious impact on world tourism, and there is no exception for China and Italy, but the two lead-

ing tourist countries can make a concerted effort to fend off difficulties," Shao Qiwei, who was accompanying Chinese President Hu Jintao to visit Italy, said in an interview with *Xinhua*.

Heading a tourism promotion delegation to Italy, Shao said China and Italy could use the opportunity of next year, which marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and is

also the Chinese Culture Year in Italy, to strengthen cooperation in the field of tourism. During his visit, Shao was due to sign a memorandum of understanding on tourism cooperation with his Italian counterpart, which is designed to facilitate visits by tourists from both sides.

He would also attend the opening ceremony of a Chinese tourism office in Rome, while Italy has planned to do the same in Beijing.—*Xinhua*

Train-minibus collision kills 14 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 July—Fourteen people were killed and dozens others wounded after a mini bus collided with a train in Klaten of Central Java on Sunday, local media reported.

The collision occurred at 10:35 am (0335 GMT), when a Yogyakarta-Surakarta train slammed into a minibus, which was carrying 35 passengers to attend a wedding ceremony, at an illegal rail crossing in Klaten, the *Jakarta Post* reported. The train pushed the bus up to over 20 meters, local TV quoted a survivor as saying.—*Xinhua*

Train operator killed in Florida Disney theme park crash

BEIJING, 6 July—A train's operator was killed when two monorail trains carrying tourists collided with each other at a theme park in Walt Disney World in central Florida early Sunday, according to Disney officials.

It was the first fatal crash in the monorail's 38-year history in the park.

The operator died at the scene of the crash, which happened around 2 am, said Bo Jones, deputy chief for Reedy Creek Fire Department.

The other train operator was uninjured but was taken to a hospital because he was emotionally shaken. Details of injuries were not immediately available and the cause of the crash was being investigated.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Torrential rains and floods kill 20 in Vietnam

HANOI, 6 July—Vietnam's Central Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control said torrential rains and floods since Friday had killed 20 people and left 18 others in the country's northern mountainous provinces so far, the *Vietnam News* reported Monday.

Among the deaths, 13 are in Bac Kan, three in Cao Bang and four others in Ha Giang, Lai Chau, Lao Cai and Lang Son, said the committee. Heavy rains and floods also swept away crops and hundreds of houses, and caused landslides, resulting in serious traffic jams, said the newspaper.

According to the committee, official estimates for damages were not available now as many districts were completely isolated due to washed out roads and cut electricity and telephone lines.

The committee sent an urgent order to require relevant authorities to monitor reservoirs and dams, said the newspaper.

District-level authorities were urged to promptly evacuate locals to safe areas, provide food and safe water to flood victims and rebuild destroyed homes. Families having dead people were given financial support.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 4 July, 2009 shows the Performing Arts Center under construction for the Shanghai 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, east China. The Shanghai 2010 World Expo is to open on 1 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Japan sends 2 destroyers for anti-piracy missions off Somalia

TOKYO, 6 July—Japan sends two Maritime Self-Defence Force (MSDF) destroyers for anti-piracy missions off Somalia Monday under a new law authorizing them to escort commercial ships of any nationality. The 4,550-ton *Harusame* departed from its base in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, and the 3,500-ton *Amagiri* left its base in Maizuru, Kyoto Prefecture, both in the afternoon.

The destroyers will take over escort roles later this month from two other destroyers that have been operating in the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden since March.

Two MSDF P-3C Orion surveillance airplanes have also been dispatched to the African country of Djibouti to provide patrol flights over the gulf and convey information on suspicious ships to commercial ships and foreign navies.—*Xinhua*

Traveling exhibition of Shanghai Expo opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 6 July—A traveling exhibition of the Shanghai Expo was unveiled Sunday in Beijing on the 300th day of countdown to the event.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan attended the ceremony and launched the exhibition.

Addressing the ceremony, Yu Zhengsheng, secretary of the Shanghai

Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, said Shanghai wants to make the Expo 2010 a place to display urban civilizations, exchange concepts of urban development, and discover the living modes of the future.

Secretary-general of the Bureau of International Expositions (BIE) Vicente

Gonzalez Loscertales said the national traveling exhibition represents one of the core dimensions of the Expo which is an educational and transformational project of the whole nation. The exhibition will be held in the Capital Museum from 7 to 25 July (with the exception of Monday). People can visit free of charge.—*Xinhua*



Yu Zhengsheng (front), secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China and director of the World Expo 2010 Shanghai Executive Committee, addresses the opening ceremony of a traveling exhibition of the Shanghai World Expo 2010 in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 July, 2009.—XINHUA

Nigerian militants claim to destroy Chevron facility

LAGOS, 6 July—Nigerian militants said they destroyed a strategic facility owned by US oil group Chevron hours after they claimed an attack on Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell.

“The strategic Okan manifold which controls about 80 percent of Chevron Nigeria Limited offshore crude oil to its BOP Crude Loading Platform was blown up at about 2045 hours on Sunday, 5 June, 2009,” the Movement for the Emancipa-

tion of the Niger Delta (MEND) said in a statement.

Chevron was not immediately available to confirm the attack, coming after a similar attack on Shell’s facility in the volatile Niger delta.

MEND said it carried out the attack to teach Nigeria and its special military task force (JTF) in the region a lesson.

“As long as the Nigerian government and military JTF has chosen to

carry out kidnappings and arson against innocent communities and individuals, Moses will fight for them,” it said.

The group demanded the release of a traditional ruler it accused the military of abducting.

“We are demanding that the abducted monarch who is still being held illegally by the JTF be released immediately or charged to a competent court of law,” it added.

Internet

Germany’s biggest bank hired detectives to spy on staff

BERLIN, 6 July—Germany’s biggest bank, Deutsche Bank, hired detectives to spy on its employees including a member of its supervisory board, managers and a shareholder, German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported.

The bank launched an internal inquiry at the end of May into potential breaches of data privacy

law in connection with the affair, *Spiegel* said in its latest edition to be published Monday.

Chief executive Josef Ackermann promised a “zero tolerance” approach over the affair at an annual general meeting of the bank.

Detectives “kept an eye on the movements of these people, and made inquiries as to who they

were meeting and when”, said *Spiegel*, which had seen a report by a law firm on the matter. Victims of the espionage included a representative from union Verdi on the supervisory board, Gerald Herrmann, who was “suspected of having disclosed the company’s third quarter results in 2001” to journalists, *Spiegel* said.

Internet

Ten dead in Indian factory explosion

BHOPAL, 6 July—Indian police were investigating Monday a powerful blast at an explosives factory that killed at least 10 people in the central state of Madhya Pradesh.

At least 40 others were injured when an explosion shook the factory Sunday night and the resulting fire spread to neighbouring buildings.

The factory was located in the district of Singrauli, more than 750 kilometres (465 miles) from the state capital Bhopal.

“Ten people are dead. Nine were recovered and one died in hospital,” said Singrauli police superintendent Anurag, who goes by one name.

He said rescue operations were still under way but no other bodies had been recovered from the rubble.

The blast was so powerful that vibrations were felt in nearby towns, and power lines were immediately cut. The cause of the explosion has yet to be determined.—*Internet*



Indian police were investigating Monday a powerful blast at an explosives factory that killed at least 10 people in the central state of Madhya Pradesh.—INTERNET

Sandstorms plague Iraq and are getting worse

BAGHDAD, 6 July—Accented on the second syllable, that means the ill wind that blows in summer across Iraq, and other countries in the region, stirring sandstorms in its wake.

Vice President Joe Biden found out late last week what 25 million Iraqis have known for a long time—everybody talks about them, but nobody can do anything about them. His chopper flight from a US base to the International Zone was canceled when a shamal turned the skies over Baghdad and beyond the same color as Biden’s khaki desert boots.

He wound up donning body armor and a helmet for a caravan to his meetings with Iraqi leaders and others. Several NFL coaches visiting troops in Iraq also found their plane to Kuwait delayed a day.

Internet

A hot car can ‘bake’ a child

Leaving a child in a hot car is like leaving a child in a lit oven, a US emergency physician warns.

Dr Nick Jouriles, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, says children throughout the country die each year as a direct result of being left alone in a hot vehicle.

“The most important thing to know is that it does not have to be brutally hot outside for it to be brutally hot inside the car,” Jouriles said in a statement.

A vehicle’s window will act like a greenhouse, trapping sunlight and heat inside with no ventilation and the inside of a vehicle parked in direct sunlight can reach up to 131 degrees Fahrenheit despite an outside temperature of 80 degrees, Jouriles says.



An albino baby turtle swims with green sea babies turtle in a pond at Kham island, about 30 km (19 miles) from Pattaya, east of Bangkok. Special care is given to around 15,000 green and hawksbill baby turtles hatched and housed at the navy’s conservation center each year.

From Haiti, a surprise: good news about AIDS

When Micheline Leon was diagnosed with HIV, her parents told her they would fit her for a coffin.

Fifteen years later, she walks around her two-room concrete house on Haiti’s central plateau, watching her four children play under the plantain trees. She looks healthy, her belly amply filling a gray, secondhand T-shirt. Her three sons and one daughter were born after she was diagnosed. None has the virus.

“I’m not sick,” she explained patiently on a recent afternoon. “People call me sick but I’m not. I’m infected.” In many ways the 35-year-old mother’s story is Haiti’s too. In the early 1980s, when the strange and terrifying disease showed up in the US among migrants who had escaped Haiti’s dictatorship, experts thought it could wipe out a third of the country’s population.

Woman, 90, donates 200th pint of blood

A 90-year-old California woman has donated her 200th pint of blood — that’s 25 gallons — since she got her start as a donor in 1954.

Margaret Delfino of Bakersfield, a great-grandmother, said she briefly stopped donating in 2001 when she had ovarian cancer, but she starting giving blood again five years later when her doctors declared her cancer-free, CNN reported.

Delfino said she brings her family to donate with her and she would like to increase the number of people in her area who give blood.

“To think in Kern County that there are only 3 percent who give blood when there are so many who are able to donate,” she said.

“It can mean the difference between life and death for some people.”



NEWS ALBUM



A chimpanzee licks a giant ice lolly as it cools down in the hot weather at Chester Zoo, in Chester, England. The zoo was evacuated on after about 30 chimpanzees escaped from their enclosure.

A light display of the Milky Way is reflected on a window as skyscrapers and the Tokyo Bay area are seen in background from a viewing deck of Tokyo Tower on 5 July, 2009. The Milky Way Illuminationis made up of 10,000 blinking blue lights to resemble the Milky Way.



Developing and pleasant Meiktila

Article: Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila); Photos: Ko Thant Sin



Four-dimension clock tower, a grand and beautiful symbol of Meiktila, seen at junction of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Myingyan Road.

(from page 16)
Highway and Myingyan Road.

Similarly, a modern

four-dimension clock tower was built in Meiktila. The clock tower is located at the junction

of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Myingyan Road, in front of Kandaw Mingala Hall. The 18 feet

long, 10 feet wide and 60 feet high clock tower was built at a cost of K600,000.

In addition, Meiktila Township DAC extended two-lane Yangon-Mandalay Highway to four-lane facility. The road was tarmacked and its shoulders were placed with concrete. For ensuring traffic safety, the motor road, west of the market, was designated with up and down ways. Moreover, the traffic islands were built on the motor road and flower plants and shady trees were grown there.

For greening the urban areas, Meiktila Township Development

Affairs Committee planted shady trees, wind-breaks and flower plants along both sides on the section of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and the roads to Myingyan, Kyaukpadaung and Taunggyi. A bridge was built for enabling the local people to easily pay homage to Antaku Yayle Pagoda located in Meiktila Lake. The committee built parks for public rest and recreation. In addition, various species of flower plants are being nurtured at the junctions of roads.

Meiktila Township DAC is making utmost efforts for building Meiktila to become a modern and

pleasant town. The committee manages to collect garbage of the urban area daily. Sanitation task is being carried out at the market. Moreover, the committee supplies water from the water station to local people of urban wards through water pipelines. Sewerage water is being drained out from the urban area through the pipelines. Therefore, Meiktila is being shaped as a developing and neat and tidy major city.

Translation: TTA

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Photo shows two-storey Kandaw Mingala Hall in Meiktila.

World's first 'self-watering' desert plant

HAIFA, 6 July — Researchers from the Department of Science Education-Biology at the University of Haifa-Oranim have managed to make out the "self-

irrigating" mechanism of the desert rhubarb, which enables it to harvest 16 times the amount of water than otherwise expected for a plant in this region based on the quantities of

rain in the desert. This is the first example of a self-irrigating desert plant, the scientists say.

The desert rhubarb grows in the mountains of Israel's Negev desert, where average precipitation is particularly low (75 mm per year). Unlike most of the other desert plant species, which have small leaves so as to minimize moisture loss, this plant is unique in that its leaves are particularly large; each plant's rosette of one to four leaves reaches a total diameter of up to one meter. Prof. Simcha Lev-Yadun, Prof.

Internet



Researchers from the University of Haifa-Oranim have managed to decipher the unique self-watering mechanism of this plant in the Negev desert.

Caffeine reverses memory impairment in mice

TALLAHASSEE, 6 July — Coffee drinkers may have another reason to pour that extra cup. When aged mice bred to develop symptoms of Alzheimer's disease were given caffeine — the equivalent of five cups of coffee a day — their memory impairment was reversed, report University of South Florida researchers at the Florida Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

Back-to-back studies published online July 6 in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, show caffeine significantly decreased abnormal levels of the protein linked to Alzheimer's disease, both

in the brains and in the blood of mice exhibiting symptoms of the disease. Both studies build upon previous research by the Florida ADRC group showing that caffeine in early adulthood prevented the onset of memory problems in mice bred to develop Alzheimer's symptoms in old age.

"The new findings provide evidence that caffeine could be a viable 'treatment' for established Alzheimer's disease, and not simply a protective strategy," said lead author Gary Arendash, PhD, a USF neuroscientist with the Florida ADRC.

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Coffee drinkers may have another reason to pour that extra cup.

Fruits of development in Shan State (East)

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Auto-exchange and microwave station of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications seen in Monghsat of Shan State (East).

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upgraded to a 200-bed facility as the Shan State (East) General Hospital. Likewise, station hospitals, township hospitals and rural health centres were opened in Mongla, Mongkhat, Mongyang, Metmang, Mongyawng, Mongton, Mongpyin, Mongphyat

and Tachilek townships and villages. A total of 37 specialists, 107 assistant surgeons and 448 health staff are providing health care services to the local people."

Rector Dr Ko Ko Myint of Kengtung University explained, "Three higher education institutions namely

Kengtung University, Technological University and University of Computer Studies were built with better shapes in Shan State (East) after 1988. Kengtung University had conferred degrees on 299 day and distance education graduates up to 2008 while Technological



Staff Officer U Than Tun of Shan State (East) PDC.

University turned out 504 graduates as intellectuals and intelligentsia."

With regard to the transport sector, Chairman of All Bus-line Control Committee under Road Transport said, "The committee manages to ply highway buses along Taunggyi-Kengtung route. Small and large buses run between Kengtung and Tachilek covering the trip in four hours.

Now, the improved security contributes to

regions of the nation. Now, Public Access Centers (PAC) have been opened by applying the ADSL broadband networks."

Nowadays, the nation is on the development path with sound infrastructures. To maintain the development momentum, all the local people are to take part in the respective sectors while making use



Photo shows Nurse Training School (Kengtung) built in Kengtung to fully provide health care services to local people.



Local farmers threshing and winnowing summer paddy in Shan State (East).

better transportation."

U Thein Zaw of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications said, "The telephone lines in Shan State (East) have easy access to various

of the facilities. They will then enjoy the fruits of development in the long run.

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Talks on "Career Talk for Potential Software Engineer" on 11 July

YANGON, 3 July—Organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, with the assistance of Myanmar Professional Education Centre (MPEC), Executive of MCPA U Zaw Moe Tun is going to give talks on the title with "Talks on "Career Talk for Potential are Engineer"

at Conference Hall of Myanmar Info Tech in Hlaing Township, here from 9.30 am to noon on 11 July. The talks will cover leading role of Software Engineers, their job opportunities, technologies to be pursued and guidance on respective careers at the different levels. Furthermore, the

interested students and their parents can seek suggestions after asking what they want to know.

Any IT interested person may attend the educative talks and take part in the discussion. For further information, dial Tel-652276 at room No-4, building No 4 of MCPA.

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Heroin seized in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Members of Sagaing Division Anti-drug Squad, acting on a tip-off, searched Thaw Zin (a) Hein Htet, who arrived at Glacier Restaurant in Yongyi Ward, Monywa, at about 11 am on 30 June, and seized him together with 0.3 gram of heroin from his jeans pocket.

After the interrogation he said he

bought it from Kyaw Kyaw Naing of Inywa new village in Monywa. The authorities continued to search the house of Kyaw Kyaw Naing and found him together with Myo Thant. And 1.1 grams of heroin from Kyaw Kyaw Naing's bed and a little heroin powder packed with a piece of paper from Myo Thant's longy

were seized. Further investigation led to the arrest of Soe Min Htay of Ale Ward, Monywa, who bought heroin from Kyaw Kyaw Naing. A new set of 3cc syringe and a blood-stained syringe were seized from him.

In connection with the case, the culprits are under interrogation to expose more culprits. —MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe presents prize to a winner in poster, cartoon and computer painting contests.—MNA

Pathein observes International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed in Ayeya Shwe Myay Hall in Pathein on 26 June. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, military officers of the

command, divisional departmental staff, students and teachers and members of social organizations.

Next, the commander and party presented prizes to the winners of poster, cartoon and computer painting contests and their award-winning works. Then, the commander made cash donations for Bogalay Education College.—MNA

Monsoon collective tree planting ceremony of Electric Power No. 2 held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Rainy season collective tree growing ceremony for 2009 of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 was held at the surrounding areas of the Ministry near the dam on 4 July. Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint grew Yetama saplings, the deputy minister, heads of departments and staff collectively planted perennial crops, shade trees and perennial saplings. The

minister and the deputy minister viewed the staff planting saplings.

At the tree planting ceremony, a total of 1545 saplings including perennial saplings such as mango, jack fruit, mahogany, teak and other hard wood was planted.

Afterwards, the minister, the deputy minister and officials concerned released 7000 fingerlings into the Shopait dam of the Ministry.—MNA

Those from US and British Embassies visited NLD (Headquarters) 26 times in June

YANGON, 6 July—The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of the NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine Street, here, 26 times in June 2009. During their visits, they met with CEC members of the NLD party and gave small and large envelopes and parcels to the latter.—MNA

Myanmar Women's Day observed in Taninthayi Div

YANGON, 5 July—Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization observed Myanmar Women's Day at the hall of No.1 Basic Education High School in Myeik yesterday morning. Also present were members of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization, chairpersons and members Myeik District Women's Affairs Organization and township WAOs,

outstanding women, guests and social organizations.

At the ceremony, Daw Khin San, member of Taninthayi division WAO, delivered an address.

Then, members of Division WAO presented prizes to the outstanding women, and viewed the documentary photos displayed at the hall

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Sports gear presented to universities, colleges, basic education schools

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the ceremony to present sports gear at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an yesterday.

The minister presented sports equipment for Kayin State Sports and

Physical Education Committee, Hpa-an University, University of Computer Studies, Technological University, Education College, four Basic Education High Schools and Township SPECs through officials.

Chairman of Kayin State SPEC U Zaw Lin Tun spoke words of thanks.—MNA

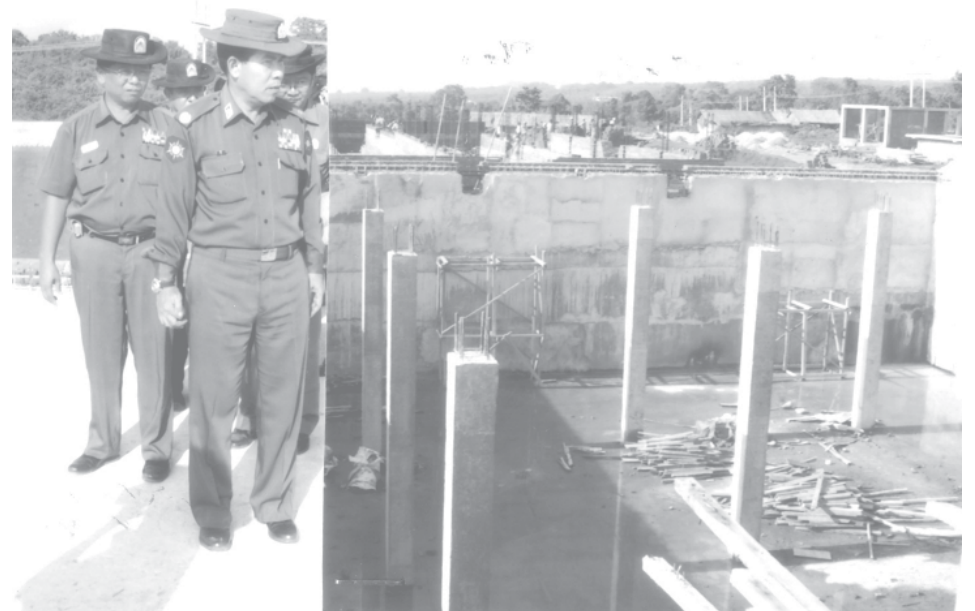
Mandalay Mayor visits Yadanabon Myothit housing project (North)

MANDALAY, 6 July — Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han together with committee members on 15 June inspected progress in implementation of Yadanabon Myothit housing project (North) by MCDC near Thonedau Village in PyinOoLwin District. Officials reported on completion of construction of a tank with a storage capacity of 100,000 gallons and

construction of a tank with a capacity of 500,000 gallons and water works. Next, the mayor gave necessary instructions.

Then, the mayor and party inspected construction tasks on the project site such as laying of PVC pipes for water supply, construction of roads and laying of concrete, construction of houses by private construction companies and left necessary instructions.

NLM



Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects progress in implementation of Yadanabon Myothit housing project (North).—NLM

Meritorious deeds performed ...

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halls and meals and robes to members of the Sangha. The pagoda was packed with pilgrims and devotees. Similar ceremonies were held at pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

At Shwedagon Pagoda, members of the pagoda

board of trustees organized the Waso robe offering ceremony on Fullmoon Day of Waso 1371 ME. The people paid homage to the pagoda and performed meritorious deeds there.

At Sule Pagoda, members of the pagoda board of trustees organized the Waso robes offering ceremony. Similar ceremonies were held by respective pagoda board of trustees at Botahtaung Pagoda, Kaba Aye Pagoda, Shwephonepint Pagoda, Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) and Kyaikwaing Pagoda.—MNA



Shwedagon Pagoda packed with pilgrims and devotees on the fullmoon day of Waso.—MNA



Pilgrims visit Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw on the fullmoon day of Waso to do meritorious deeds.

MNA

Collective blood donation ceremony on 18 July

YANGON, 6 July—The second collective blood donation ceremony of Thumana Blood Donation Group

of world 5 of Tharkayta Township will be held at Thumana Dhamma Beikman in Tharkayta Township here on 18

July, all are invited to donate blood at the Thumana Dhamma Beikman.

MNA

Disappearing seagrass threatening future of coastal ecosystems

SANTA BARBARA, 6 July—An international team of scientists warns that accelerating losses of seagrasses across the globe threaten the immediate health and long-term sustainability of coastal ecosystems. The team has compiled and analyzed the first comprehensive global assessment of seagrass observations and found that 58 percent of world's seagrass meadows are currently declining.

The assessment, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, shows an acceleration of annual seagrass loss from less than 1 percent per year before 1940 to 7 percent per year since 1990. Based on more than 215 studies and 1,800 observations dating back to 1879, the assessment shows that seagrasses are disappearing at rates similar to coral reefs

and tropical rainforests.

The team estimates that seagrasses have been disappearing at the rate of 110 square-kilometers (42.4 square-miles) per year since 1980 and cites two primary causes for the decline: direct impacts from coastal development and dredging activities, and indirect impacts of declining water quality.

"A recurring case of 'coastal syndrome' is causing the loss of

seagrasses worldwide," said co-author Dr. William Dennison of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

"The combination of growing urban centers, artificially hardened shorelines and declining natural resources has pushed coastal ecosystems out of balance. Globally, we lose a seagrass meadow the size of a soccer field every thirty minutes."—Internet

New research shows that 58 percent of world's seagrass meadows are currently declining.



Educative talks on A/H1N1 held in Kayan Tsp

YANGON, 6 July—With the leadership of Yangon South District Red Cross Society, educative talks on preventive and response measures against A/H1N1 were held at No 2 Basic Education High

School in Kayan Township on 1 July.

Staff Officer (Second Class) of Yangon South District Red Cross Society U Kyaw Myint Aung and Deputy Head of Township Red Cross

Society U Zaw Min talked about A/H1N1 and prevention, care and response methods.

It was attended by the schoolhead, teachers and two hundred students.—MNA

Seventh meeting of Ayeyawady Division Medical Association meets in Nov

YANGON, 6 July—The seventh Ayeyawady Division Medical Association Meeting and Medicines and Medical Equipments Exhibition of Myanmar Medical

Association (Pathein) to be held at ADMA hall on 19 and 20 November.

The professors, the senior medical specialists and the division specialists will gather at the meeting.

Those wishing to display products at the exhibition may contact Dr Kyi Pe (Chairman) Tel. 042-24292 and Dr Aung Kyaw Hlaing (Secretary) Tel. 0985 68632.—MNA

Climate change and mystery of shrinking sheep

GLASGOW, 6 July — Milder winters are causing Scotland's wild breed of Soay sheep to get smaller, despite the evolutionary benefits of possessing a large body, according to new research.

The new study provides evidence for climate change as the cause of the mysterious decrease in the size of wild sheep on the Scottish island of Hirta, first reported by scientists in 2007. The researchers believe that, due to climate change, survival conditions on Hirta are becoming less challenging, which means slower-

growing, smaller sheep are more likely to survive the winters than they once were. This, together with newly-discovered so-called 'young mum effect'

whereby young ewes produce smaller offspring, explains why the average size of sheep on the island is decreasing.

Internet



Milder winters are causing Scotland's wild breed of Soay sheep to get smaller, despite the evolutionary benefits of possessing a large body.



Tropics expanding due to climate change: study



Scientists have warned that climate change is affecting wildlife and rainfall in Australia, which is in the grip of its worst drought for more than a century. Climate change is rapidly expanding the size of the world's tropical zone, threatening to bring disease and drought to heavily populated areas, according to a study by researchers at James Cook University.—INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 6 July—Climate change is rapidly expanding the size of the world's tropical zone, threatening to bring disease and drought to heavily populated areas, an Australian study has found. Researchers at James Cook University concluded the tropics had widened by up to 500 kilometres (310 miles) in the past 25 years after examining 70 peer-reviewed scientific articles.

They looked at findings from long-term satellite measurements, weather balloon data, climate models and sea

temperature studies to determine how global warming was impacting on the tropical zone. The findings showed it now extended well beyond the traditional definition of the tropics, the equatorial band circling the Earth between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

Professor Steve Turton said that meant the subtropical arid zone which borders the tropics was being pushed into temperate areas, with potentially devastating consequences. "Such areas include heavily-populated regions of southern

Australia, southern Africa, the southern Europe-Mediterranean-Middle East region, the southwestern United States, northern Mexico, and southern South America," he said. "All of (them) are predicted to experience severe drying. "If the dry subtropics expand into these regions, the consequences could be devastating for water resources, natural ecosystems and agriculture, with potentially cascading environmental, social and health implications."

Internet

Samsung sees strong earning , shares jump



South Korea's Samsung Electronics (005930.KS), the world's top maker of memory chips and flat screen TVs, forecast second-quarter earnings well above market estimates, driving its shares up more than 4 percent on Monday.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 6 July—South Korea's Samsung Electronics (005930.KS), the world's top maker of memory chips and flat screen TVs, forecast second-quarter earnings well above market estimates, driving its shares up more than 4 percent on Monday.

Technology companies around the world have seen their earnings and valuations hit by the global downturn, which has prompted consumers to cut back spending on electronics goods.

Analysts said the guidance reflected Samsung's strong market position and it

was too soon to say the industry was on the mend.

"It looks like all key businesses — semiconductors, LCD and mobile phones — outperformed expectations," said Lee Min-hee, an analyst at Dongbu Securities.

Internet

G8 leaders to set emissions goals

COPENHAGEN, 6 July—The G8 leaders are set this week to deliver their strongest statement so far on global warming. They are likely to agree that the world ought to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2050 - with rich nations reducing them by 80%. The group will probably also say that any human-induced temperature rise should be held to 2C - a level considered to be a danger threshold. The US has previously objected to such a clause.

But it looks as though the G8 will fall short of agreeing the short-term targets scientists say are essential to ensure that the 2C threshold is not breached. Environmental campaigners accuse the G8 of willing the ends on climate change but not willing the means. American officials have privately told BBC News they cannot cut emissions as fast as the science requires, because the issue is still too politically contentious in the US Congress. I understand that the US is also delaying the G8 climate communique in the hope of obtaining more commitment from emerging nations on the issue.—Internet

EMC hikes offer for Data Domain, bidding escalates

NEW YORK, 6 July—Firing the latest salvo in a bidding brawl, data storage company EMC Corp. boosted its offer for Data Domain which has already accepted a lower bid from NetApp Inc. EMC's new offer of \$33.50 a share in cash, announced Monday, is \$3.50 per share above its previous offer and values Data Domain Inc.

at \$2.1 billion. Santa Clara, Calif.-based Data Domain has already accepted a sweetened bid of \$30 a share in cash and stock from NetApp. Data Domain makes products that cut down on the amount of storage that customers need to buy from storage companies like EMC and NetApp. NetApp, which is based in Sunnyvale,

Calif., originally offered to buy Data Domain on May 20 for \$25 a share in cash and stock, or \$1.5 billion.

EMC then offered to pay \$30 per share, or \$1.9 billion, in an all-cash deal; NetApp matched that price in a cash-and-stock offer and Data Domain agreed to NetApp's new bid.

Internet



Forecasters say worse weather may be on the way as the peak of the rainy season nears.—INTERNET

Thousands flee China floods

NANNING, 6 July—At least 700,000 people are now reported to have fled rising flood waters in southern China, as rainstorms continue to drench large areas of the country. Twenty people are also reported to have died in some of the worst flooding seen in China for more than a decade.

Across several provinces heavy rains have toppled houses, flooded roads and seriously damaged a dam, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency. In some towns and cities main roads have been rendered impassable by waters up to 2.5 metres deep. In worst-

hit Guangxi region, 300 students have been trapped inside their school since Saturday by the high flood waters. Flood control officials have used boats to deliver food, mineral water and other supplies.

The heavy downpours also inundated crops and cut power across several provinces. Last week

China's national flood prevention office estimated that the floods had caused losses of more than \$1.58bn. Since then the floods have spread, likely pushing up the costs to families and businesses. Forecasters say worse weather may be on the way as the peak of the annual wet season nears.

Internet

A young red river hog runs in its enclosure at the zoo of Wuppertal
1 July, 2009.

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Hong Kong to start levy on plastic shopping bags

HONG KONG, 6 July—The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government organized a ceremony on Sunday as part of the publicity to usher in an environmental levy scheme on plastic bags expected to start on Tuesday.

Under the scheme, registered retailers in the city will be required to charge half a HK dollar (0.064 US dollars) for each plastic shopping bag provided to customers.

Speaking at the ceremony at a local shopping mall, Secretary for the Environment Edward Yau called on the public to bring their own shopping bags.

"The levy scheme provides a direct economic incentive to discourage the indiscriminate use of plastic shopping bags. More and more people in Hong Kong now bring their own shopping bags and use fewer plastic shopping bags," he said.

The levy scheme will cover the major and chain supermarkets, convenience stores, personal health and beauty stores, and supermarkets inside department stores. More than 2,800 retailers have been registered, representing a majority in the city, Yau said recently.

Internet

Colombia's combat against rebels successful in first six months

BOGOTA, 6 July—The Colombian army launched at least 10,000 highly effective operations against rebels in the first half of this year, an official report said on Sunday.

According to the report, there were 834 combats during all the operations against terrorist groups, drug-trafficking rings, and other rebel organizations. A total of 281 guerilla fighters and 27 members of illegal groups were killed by Colombian soldiers.

The operations were launched at 31 departments in Colombia. During the operations, as many as 4,003 rebels were disarmed, including 1,535 guerillas from the largest anti-government group Revolutionary Armed Force of Colombia (FARC), 280 guerillas from the Colombian National Liberation Army (ELN), and over 2,100 members from other rebel groups.

Meanwhile, the troops thwarted

1,293 terrorist attacks and destroyed 679 camps of rebel groups, especially the FARC. A total of 41 hostages were rescued by the government in the first half of 2009.

Government troops also destructed 6,502 artificial explosive devices installed by terrorists on roads, bridges, and in schools.

The casualties consisted of 75 soldiers, and 279 others were injured during the combats against rebels, the report noted.

The Colombian government under Alvaro Uribe has begun to implement the Democratic Security policy since 2002 to eliminate the armed conflicts in this country. The government promised that the former guerilla fighters would be treated properly under the Humanitarian Attention Programme to Demobilization.

Internet

Three killed as bus collides with more than 10 vehicles in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 6 July—Three people were killed and 14 others injured Sunday night as a bus lost control and entered the opposite lane to collide with more than 10 vehicles on a bridge in Shanghai.

The three dead included the driver and a passenger on the bus and the driver of a taxi involved in the accident, a Shanghai municipal police spokesman said.

The accident occurred at around 9:30 pm Sunday on the Yangpu Bridge. The bus driver was killed on the spot and the other two died of injuries after being sent to hospital.

The injured people have been rushed to hospital. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Internet

Higher cigarette tax sought in Australia

SYDNEY, 6 July—An anti-smoking group says the Australian government should increase the taxes on cigarettes to help people quit the habit.

Mike Daub, president of the Public Health Association of Australia, said a proposal to increase the excise tax on cigarettes currently being considered by the government could prove to be an effective way to limit cigarette smoking, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported in its Monday edition.

"Tobacco tax is the single most effective way of reducing smoking," Daub said, who credited public education as the second-most effective anti-smoking effort.

But Peter Dutton of the Australian House of Representatives said the proposed tax hike is more focused on filling the government's coffers than improving Australians' health.

"It's nothing to do with health outcomes; it's all to do with them trying to balance an out-of-control budget," the representative said.

Internet

Moderate earthquake hits Panama

PANAMA CITY, 6 July—A moderate earthquake with a magnitude of 5.3 shook Panama late Sunday night and can be felt in the capital city. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The temblor, the second to hit the country in two days, struck at 11:10 pm local time (0410 GMT, Monday) and was centered on an area 95 km northeast of Panama City, the US Geological Survey said on its website. Residents in the capital city also felt two aftershocks. A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6 struck the same location early Friday morning, without causing any casualties or damage. —Internet

Bridge collapses, dozens injured

MERRILLVILLE, 6 July—At least 26 people were injured and almost 100 ended up in a Merrillville, Ind, lake when a 90-foot wooden suspension bridge collapsed, police said. Lt Phil Topor of the Ross Township Fire Service told the *Northwest Indiana Times* about 26 people were injured when the bridge collapsed Saturday. Ambulances took 16 to the hospital and others drove themselves, Topor said.

Injuries ranged from lacerations to broken

bones.

Because the collapse took place about 10:15 pm, just after fireworks ended at nearby Hidden Lake Park, firefighters, medics and police were nearby and dove into the lake to pull people out of the water. Murky water and crowds near the lake hampered their rescue attempts. —Internet

File photo of a Chevron's facility on the Sambreiro River in the Niger Delta. Nigerian militants said they destroyed a strategic facility owned by US oil group Chevron hours after they claimed an attack on Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell.

INTERNET

Caution rules on world economy before G8

SYDNEY, 6 July—Markets got off to a hesitant start Monday as investor doubts on the staying power of a global recovery kept Asian stocks soggy and currencies subdued ahead of a much-expanded Group of Eight meeting this week.

Japan's Nikkei (N225) slipped 1.58 percent to 9,661.27, while the MSCI index of Asia ex-Japan eased 1.1 percent to 319.61 (MIAPJ0000PUS).

The air of caution kept the US dollar and bonds supported as safe-havens, while pressuring commodity prices. Crude oil futures were down at five-weeks lows of \$65.00 a barrel.

Investors were still smarting from last week's dismal US payrolls report which put a question mark over the recovery there, and thus across the globe.

"The payrolls result doesn't spell the end of the global sharemarket recovery," said Craig James, chief economist at CommSec in Sydney, noting that forward-looking indicators were more encouraging.

One such should be the ISM reading of the giant US services sector due later Monday which is expected to show a rise to 46.0 in June, from 44.0 the month before. "But what the payrolls result does signify is that the US economic recovery will be U-shaped, and very likely to be a very flat U," said James. —Internet





Singapore medical company can diagnose H1N1 in 2 hours

SINGAPORE, 6 July —A Singapore medical diagnostics company has announced on Monday that a chip it produced has tested successfully on confirmed pandemic H1N1-2009 influenza positive samples.

VereFlu influenza chip is developed by Veredus Laboratories, a local medical diagnostics company in conjunction with ST Microelectronics, a global leader in silicon chip design and manufacturing, according to a statement issued by Veredus Laboratories on Monday.

The VereFlu chip is a portable lab-on-chip application that can identify and differentiate human strains of Influenza A and B viruses in a single test with high accuracy and

sensitivity.

It is a portable lab-on-chip application for rapid detection of all major influenza types at the point of need in a single test. Unlike existing diagnostic methods, VereFlu can detect infection with high accuracy and sensitivity within two hours, providing genetic information of the infection that traditionally would take days to weeks to learn.

The chip has been tested successfully in a joint trial with the Singapore Health Ministry's National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL).

The ability of the chip to simultaneously lock on multiple segments of the genes of the H1N1 influenza virus enables it to identify the virus with a much higher degree of confidence compared to other tests.—*Internet*



Visitors look at Tokyo's skyscrapers at a viewing deck of Tokyo Tower in Tokyo on 5 July, 2009.—*INTERNET*

Coffee may reduce or reverse Alzheimer's disease

BEIJING, 6 July—Daily coffee consumption may help delay the progress of Alzheimer's disease or reverse the condition, according to a study in Sunday's online edition the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

Drinking coffee has previously been linked to a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's, but this is the first study to suggest that caffeine can directly target the disease itself.

Researchers from the University of South Florida studied 55 mice that had been genetically engineered to develop dementia symptoms identical to those of Alzheimer's

as they aged.

Alzheimer's occurs when sticky clumps of abnormal protein in the brain called beta-amyloid build up to form plaques, impairing cognitive function.

Half the animals were given a daily dose of caffeine in their drinking water, while the other half continued to drink ordinary water.—*Internet*

Nitrates linked to deaths from Alzheimer's

PROVIDENCE, 6 July—US researchers found a link between increased levels of nitrates in the environment and food and increased deaths from Alzheimer's and diabetes.

Study leader Dr Suzanne de la Monte of Rhode Island Hospital and colleagues studied the

trends in mortality rates associated with aging, such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes and cerebrovascular disease, as well as HIV.

The study, published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, found strong parallels between age adjusted increases in death rate from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes and the progressive increases in human exposure to nitrates, nitrites and nitrosamines through processed and preserved foods as well as fertilizers. Other diseases including HIV-AIDS, cerebrovascular disease and leukemia did not exhibit those trends, de la Monte said.—*Internet*

Sri Lanka records 33,000 snake bites in 2008

COLOMBO, 6 July—The Sri Lankan Government said Sunday that the island recorded 33,000 snake bites in 2008, with most of the victims coming from remote villages.

The Department of Government Information said in a statement that most of the snake bite cases could be fatal if neglected.

The statement said snake bites are often neglected in Sri Lanka as victims do not seek treatment at hospitals where advanced medication is available. Instead, the victims rush to traditional type of treatment which could be a risk. Snake bites death at domestic level, outside hospitals, go unrecorded, said the statement.

Most victims of snake bite are from the rural and remote villages where there is no electricity after dusk.

MNA/Xinhua

Obesity increasing among poor Brit kids

LONDON, 6 July—Children under age 5 who live in Britain's poorest neighborhoods are four times more likely to be obese than affluent children, health officials say.

One in six children from Stockton-on-Tees, an economically poor community in northeastern England, were found to be

so obese their health was at risk by the time they entered primary school, national Department of Health statistics showed.

In the wealthy district of Adur, Sussex, however, just one in 25 children was reported clinically obese by age 5, *The Sunday Telegraph* reported.

"The evidence is

mounting that obesity starts early — even in the first year of life," said Tam Fry, a spokesman for the National Obesity Forum. "What many parents will consider puppy fat usually stays with children for their lives and leads to untold health problems."

Internet

Peru reports first two flu deaths

LIMA, 6 July—Peru's Health Ministry reported on Sunday two deaths from A/H1N1 flu, the first two deaths in the nation.

The total number of flu cases in the country has risen to 916, of which 607 have recovered, Health Minister Oscar Ugarteos told media.

The first flu victim was a woman aged 38 who suffered high blood pressure and was overweight. She died in a hospital in the capital of Lima.

The second death was a four-year-old girl with Down Syndrome who also died in a hospital in Lima.

"Both of the patients have received appropriate treatment," Ugarteos said.—*Internet*

Costa Rica confirms one more A/H1N1 flu death

SAN JOSE, 6 July—Costa Rica health authorities on Sunday reported the nation's third A/H1N1 flu death of a 55-year-old man, who died on Monday last week.

The man had been hospitalized for in San Jose with severe pneumonia, and had been suffering from lung blockages before catching the flu, the Health Ministry said. He had been a smoker since age 13.

Costa Rica's first death was on 9 May, and its second on 23 June, that of a woman suffering obesity. Authorities are testing samples taken from people with serious cases of pneumonia, even after they have died, for traces of A/H1N1, Costa Rica's health minister, Maria Luisa Avila, told Xinhua. The country currently has 229 confirmed cases and 77 samples of possible cases awaiting test results.—*Internet*

57 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 6 July—A European health agency said Sunday that 57 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 14 were confirmed in Cyprus, 12 in Finland, six in Greece, five respectively in Malta and Ireland, four in Portugal, three respectively in Romania and Austria, two respectively in Belgium and Denmark, one in Slovenia, the European Center 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 10,260, with 776 cases in Spain and 7,447 in Britain, 318 in France and 505 in Germany, the ECDC said.—*Internet*

Vietnam's A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 226

HANOI, 6 July—Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed 45 more A/H1N1 flu cases in the country on Sunday, bringing the country's tally to 226, local newspaper the *New Hanoi* reported Monday.

Among the confirmed cases, 196 patients are in south, 21 in north and nine others in central provinces, said the ministry.

So far, 123 patients have recovered and been discharged from hospital, while the others are still under treatment, all in stable condition.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Egypt revive World Cup hopes by defeating Rwanda

JOHANNESBURG, 6 July—Egypt revived hopes of appearing at the World Cup for the first time in 20 years with a 3-0 triumph over Rwanda in Cairo Sunday.

It was a must-win game for the 'Pharaohs' and midfielders Mohamed Aboutrika (twice) and Hosny Abd Rabou scored in the second half for a team that troubled Brazil and beat world champions Italy last month at the Confederations Cup.



Egypt's Hosny Abd Rabo (R) fights for the ball with Rwanda's Henri Munyaneza during their 2010 World Cup qualifying soccer match at the Military Stadium in Cairo on 5 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Victory lifted reigning African champions Egypt from last place on the Group C table to second, level on four points with Zambia and three adrift of Algeria at the halfway stage of the final qualifying phase.

Internet

Palestinian football team to play in Iraq

RAMALLAH, 6 July—The Palestinian national football team will travel to Iraq this week for a friendly, the first international match staged in the war-torn country since 2003, officials said on Sunday.

"The match comes in a political and sports context, and is an expression of the Palestinian commitment to breaking the siege of Iraq and to celebrating with Iraqis the departure of American forces from Iraqi cities," Jibril Rajub, head of the Palestinian football association told reporters in Ramallah.

The two teams will meet on Friday in the northern city of Arbil in the autonomous Kurdish region of Iraq and hope to schedule a second match in Baghdad, Rajub said.

The Asian Football Confederation and FIFA, football's world governing body, have given their approval for the Arbil match, according to Najih Hmud, vice-president of the Iraqi football association.—Internet

Yi beats Pressel in playoff

SYLVANIA, 6 July—The gallery was going wild. There was no question what had happened.

Eunjung Yi watched from the 17th tee and knew that Morgan Pressel, playing just ahead of her, had holed a lob wedge



Eunjung Yi tees off on the second hole in the final round of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic golf tournament on 5 July, 2009, in Sylvania, Ohio.—INTERNET

from 70 yards for eagle that had erased what had only a few holes earlier had been a six-shot lead.

Rather than let her mind wander or allow herself to be distracted by all of the people cheering for Pressel, Yi shut everything out. "I didn't think about her," she said. "I thought about my golf." Yi recovered to roll in a 10-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Pressel and capture her first LPGA Tour title Sunday in what might be the final Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Pressel, a runner-up for the second time in three years at the Farr, tipped her hat to the winner. "She won the tournament," Pressel said. "She made a birdie on the playoff hole. I had my opportunities."—Internet

Kaymer tops Westwood in playoff to win French Open

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, 6 July—Martin Kaymer of Germany won the French Open on Sunday, beating Lee Westwood of England in the first hole of a playoff. The 2007 Rookie of the



Martin Kaymer of Germany raises the cup after winning the French Golf Open at the Golf National of Saint Quentin en Yvelines, west of Paris, on 5 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Year on the European Tour kept his composure in a dramatic finish on Sunday to clinch his third title after having missed chances on the last few holes.

"On the last few holes, I was not as calm as I was at the beginning of the round," Kaymer said. "But then in the playoff, I felt really relaxed and pretty laid back. That was probably the key that I could make a good stroke on the last putt." Kaymer sank a putt from 18 feet on No. 18 at Le Golf National's Albatross Course to edge Ryder Cup star Westwood, who sent his approach shot into the water.—Internet

Woods wins his tournament with a late birdie

BETHESDA, 6 July—Even after 68 victories, Tiger Woods never had a finish quite like Sunday at the AT&T National. It had nothing to do with the golf, which was all too familiar.

Challenged by Hunter Mahan's record-tying 62 at Congressional, Woods plotted his way along the back nine and delivered the decisive birdie with a 20-foot putt on the 16th green, closing with a 3-under 67 for a one-shot victory. The trophy presentation was unlike any other.

"I've always wanted to do this, so bear with me,"

Woods said, cradling the silver trophy in the shape of the Capitol. Then, the tournament host interviewed the tournament champion. In this case, it was the same guy.

Internet



Tiger Woods

Rangers willing to sell players, says Smith

GLASGOW, 6 July—Rangers manager Walter Smith has confirmed that the Glasgow club will listen to bids for any player currently on its books. Ibrox officials made it clear back in January they could be forced to sell key players in a bid to balance the books, although no big names left at that time.

Rangers fans had hoped winning the Premier League - and securing automatic entry into the lucrative group stages of the Champions League as a result - would mean holding on to their top stars. But Smith told the Sunday Mail: "What happened in January is still there. Every player is susceptible to a bid.—Internet



Rangers manager Walter Smith

Federer edges Roddick 16-14 in 5th for 15th major

WIMBLEDON, 6 July—Roger Federer was playing for history. Andy Roddick was playing the match of his life. On and on they dueled, Federer trying for a record-breaking 15th major championship, Roddick striving for his second, in a Wimbledon final that required more games than any Grand Slam title match in the considerable annals of a sport dating to the 1800s.

"Ten games all, final set," intoned the chair umpire. Then, "Twelve games all, final set." And, still later, "Fourteen games all, final set." They were each other's equal for four full sets and nearly the entire 30-game fifth set. Until Federer, far more experienced in such matters, finally edged ahead, breaking Roddick's serve for the only time in the 77th and last game to close out a 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14 victory Sunday.

Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland kisses his trophy after defeating Andy Roddick of the US in their Gentlemen's Singles finals match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on 5 July, 2009.—INTERNET

US blanks lowly Grenada in soccer Gold Cup opener

SEATTLE, 6 July—The United States, who are fresh from their Confederations Cup success, got their Gold Cup tournament off to a successful start with a 4-0 blanking of lowly Grenada. The defending champion Americans got goals from Freddy Adu, Stuart Holden, Robbie Rogers and Charlie Davies.

The US, which was permitted to carry a 30-man roster compared to just 23 for Grenada, outshot world No. 88 Grenada 25-3. They will also face Honduras on Wednesday and Haiti on 11 July in

Washington, DC and Foxborough, Massachusetts.

The American are trying to become the second team to win three-straight Gold Cups. The last team to do it was Mexico which won three straight in the 1990s. The 12th ranked US has won three of the last four events and four times since the tournament began in 1991.—Internet

Robbie Rogers (7) of the USA is congratulated by Kyle Beckerman (5) after scoring a goal against Grenada during the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup game on 4 July, at Qwest Field in Seattle, Washington.—INTERNET



**ASLEEP IN JESUS
DAW SUNG HNIANG (85)**

Daw Sung Hniang, wife of U Lal Bik (Supdtg Engineer (Rtd) Public Works) residing at Bldg. 31 Rm 8 Uwisara Housing, Dagon Township Yangon, mother of (Rev. Lan Thuna-Daw Ida), Daw Kip Nawn (Asst. Supervisor (Domestic) (Rtd) Education Dept)-U Rang Hlur (Asst. Director (Rtd Co-op: Dept), Daw Ahsui (Asst. Teacher), Daw Sui Par-U San Lwin, Daw Sui Hniar-U Henry Tin Kio Bik (Captain, Maersk Line), (U Van Hre)-Daw Hoi Pen (U.D.C), U Lal Tin Mang (Deputy Director. Chin State Audit Dept.)-Daw Tial Tin Par, Daw Ni Siang, U Mang Tin Lian, grand-mother of 20 and great-grand-mother of 6, slept in the arms of Jesus on 4 July 09 at 4 pm. She will be buried after funeral service at Yeway Christian Worship Hall at 11:00 am on 9 July 09.

Bereaved Family.

**Sandstorm blankets Iraq,
sends hundreds to Hospital**

BAGHDAD, 6 July—Hundreds of Iraqis are seeking medical help after one of the worst sandstorms in living memory stretched beyond a week on Sunday, choking throats, clogging eyes and afflicting asthma sufferers in particular. The weeklong sandstorm forced visiting US Vice-President Joe Biden to cancel plans to fly to Kurdistan and also interfered with the schedule of his meetings in Baghdad.

It has caused numerous flight delays out of the Iraqi capital and this week delayed Iraq's first international bidding round for its oil fields since the 2003 invasion by a day. Many Baghdad shops stayed shut on Sunday, while police wearing masks directed thin streams of traffic through eerily misty streets. Hospital emergency rooms were packed with people complaining about breathing problems, officials said.

"We are on alert. This is the worst dust storm we have ever had in Iraq," said Doctor Jasib Lateef, operations manager at the Iraqi Health Ministry. "A large number of people are turning up at emergency rooms at hospitals, challenging our resources."

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3**Programme Schedule
(7-7-2009) (Tuesday)****Transmissions**

Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

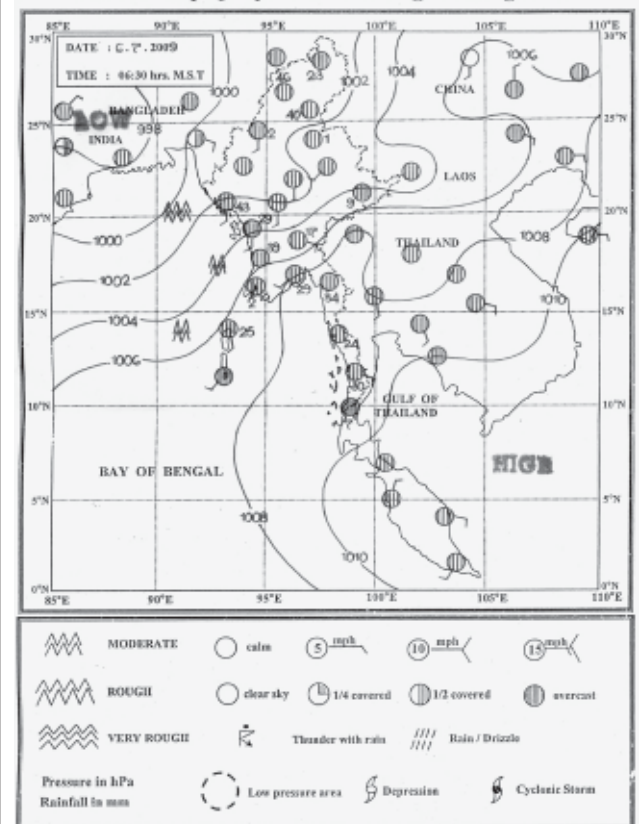
Times**Local Transmission**

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
- * Beautiful Taninthayi
- * Ever Green Songs "A Lover Spirit" (Pianist Chit Swe)
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette (Part-VII)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Buddha's Day in Rural Way
- * Four Greatest Places of Lord Buddha "Mingadawun-Delivering the first Discourse"
- * Pa-Auk Forest Monastery & Meditation Centre
- * From Sandstones to Utensils
- * Let's visit the under water world
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-VI)
- * Myanma Traditional Gold Leaf Works
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
- * Beautiful Taninthayi
- * Ever Green Songs "A Lover Spirit" (Pianist Chit Swe)
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette (Part-VII)
- * Myanmar Traditional Novitiation Ceremony
- * Turtle Our Heritage
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**WEATHER****Monday, 6 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 or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Mrauk U (5.63) inches, Thaton (4.96) inches, Hpa-an (3.82) inches, Mawlamyine (3.39) inches, Ye and Mogok (3.18) inches each and Myitkyina (2.83) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-7-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 6-7-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 5-7-2009 was (0.2) hour approx.

Rainfall on 6-7-2009 was (0.99) inch at Mingaladon, (1.14) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (42.01) inches at Mingaladon, (46.73) inches at Kaba-Aye and (49.96) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (01:20) hours MST on 6-7-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7th July 2009: Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

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

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

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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Tuesday, 7 July
View on today****7:00 am**

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပိတသန္တိဝိဇ္ဇာတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

7:55 am

5. Songs of Yester Years

8:05 am

6. "ကောင်းခြင်းဝေဖြာ"

8:20 am

7. Musical Programme

8:30 am

8. Dance of National Races

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာ ပြတိုက်

4:30 pm

4. The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

6. Song for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. ဝိတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:30 pm

8. "တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်"

5:45 pm

9. ပျော်ရွှင်ဆင်နွှဲ ဝါဆိုပန်းခူးပွဲ

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:30 pm

11. Weather Report

6:35 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမက်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News**17. Weather Report****18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ**

- "မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၉)

**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

Developing and pleasant Meiktila

Article: *Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)*; Photos: *Ko Thant Sin*

In Mandalay Division, Meiktila is a developing township with highest population density. It is a district city located at the junction of

the roads leading to Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Myingyan and Kyaukpadaung. Development of trading various commodities and goods

can be seen in Meiktila located on Thazi-Myingyan railroad.

Meiktila is one of the economic hubs in Mandalay Division because

local people produce paddy, cotton, beans and pulses, maize and sesame. Farmers from the rural areas sell their products and vegetables at one tem-

porary morning market in addition to three major markets namely Zaygyi, Central Market and Padaukmyaing Market.

Before 1991, the

northern wing of Meiktila Zaygyi Market was formed with food stalls, jaggery shops, banana shops, rice shops, pot shops and Thanatkha shops. In 1991, Meiktila Township Development Affairs Committee upgraded the market to the shape of a two-storey building comprising 461 shops. Sanitation task is being carried out two times daily for keeping the market clean and pleasant.

Meiktila had no town hall in the past. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the Township Development Affairs Committee built Kandaw Mingala Hall with K 2.5 million contributions of Township DAC and local people in August 1990. It is a 170 feet long, 50 feet wide and 24 feet high hall located in the area in front of the market at the junction of Yangon-Mandalay (See page 7)



Motor road being decorated with flower plants in Meiktila.

Frozen carbon in Arctic could worsen climate change

OTTAWA, 6 July — The vast amount of carbon stored in the arctic and boreal regions of the world is more than double that previously estimated, according to a study published this week. The amount of car-

bon in frozen soils, sediments and river deltas (permafrost) raises new concerns over the role of the northern regions as future sources of greenhouse gases.

“We now estimate the deposits contain over 1.5

trillion tons of frozen carbon, about twice as much carbon as contained in the atmosphere”, said Dr. Charles Tamocai, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, and lead author. Dr. Pep Canadell, Executive Director of the Global Carbon Project at CSIRO, Australia, and co-author of the study says that the existence of these super-sized deposits of frozen carbon means that any thawing of permafrost due to global warming may lead to significant emissions of the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide and methane.—Internet



The amount of carbon in frozen soils, sediments and river deltas (permafrost) raises new concerns over the role of the northern regions as future sources of greenhouse gases.

Battle of sexes benefits offspring

BATH, 6 July — Parents compensate for a lazy partner by working harder to bring up their offspring, but not enough to completely make up for the lack of parenting, says research by bird biologists at the University of Bath.

In nature, it is quite rare for both parents to be involved in raising young, but it is very common in birds, some fish and primates including humans. Researchers therefore wanted to find out why, for some animals, parents stick together.

The study, published in the *Journal of Evolu-*

tionary Biology, analysed more than 50 previous studies of birds to understand why and how they share their parental duties.

The research was led by Dr Freya Harrison and Professor Tamás Székely

at the Biodiversity lab at the University of Bath, in collaboration with researchers from the University of Bristol and the University of Debrecen (Hungary).

Internet



Birds, unlike most other animals, share their parental duties.