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Lt-Gen Tha Aye supervises development tasks in Mindat District of Chin State



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects women's vocational training school in Kanpetlet.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hon Ngai, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, on 3 July, visited Mountain Resort and Pine Wood Villa in Ward 2 of Kanpetlet in Chin State.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party attended the tea plant growing ceremony at Ward 2 of the township and

viewed participation of departmental staff, members of social organizations and locals in growing tea plants.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye then visited Kanpetlet Basic Education School and Township People's Hospital. Lt-Gen Tha Aye comforted the patients and presented cash assistance to the funds of the hospital.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye went to Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department and encouraged the trainees learning basic and advanced
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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

A boom in agricultural farming in Yesagyo Township

Article & photos: Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)

Now, the whole nation witnesses remarkable improvement in the social, economic, health and education infrastructures, especially in the agricultural, as a result of transforming the nation into a modern and developed one.

The government is fulfilling all forms of requirements in the agricultural sector for boosting agricultural production. In the drive, it is exclaiming vacant lands into farmlands, and constructing dams, sluice gates, diversion weirs, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations wherever necessary and possible across the nation.

Despite having a vast area of arable lands, the arid regions in the central Myanmar had to place much reliance on rainwater for the agricultural purpose in olden days. In consequence, the regions' supply of crops was well less than its demand. In contrast, they

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Water is pumped from Chindwin River into the main canal to irrigate farmlands.



PERSPECTIVES

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Build a new nation based on education

In the world today, advanced science and technologies are developing in various fields with the passage of time. Educated generations are a major driving force for the emergence of a peaceful and prosperous society.

The government of Myanmar is working for advancement of national education through implementation of the 30-year long-term plan. In accordance with the development of information and communication technologies of the 21st century, the youth are being trained and nurtured in order that they will become highly-qualified human resources.

The short-term and long-term national education promotion plans are designed in such a way that every citizen completes basic education and qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia constantly emerge. Basic education schools and educational institutions are being extended and upgraded. All those living in urban and rural areas have an equal opportunity to learn as the whole nation is wired.

In this age of rapid development and strong competitiveness, it is necessary for teachers and students to work more closely in the teaching-learning process. Moreover, teachers have to train and nurture new generations for their all-round development and for possessing strong national spirit and sound morale and morality.

It is the bounden duty of teachers to build a new nation based on education. Therefore, the teachers are required to train the youth so that they become well-educated, able and morally strong. Only then will highly-qualified new generations constantly emerge.

Talks on “Leadership based on human’s value” held

YANGON, 8 July—Organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, scholars hold talks on respective subjects every month.

Sponsored by Sinma Furniture Company Limited, Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet gave talks on “Leadership based on human’s value” at Mingala Hall of UMFCI Office Tower on 4 July and replied to the queries raised by those present.—MNA

Rector Dr Myo Myint of University of Foreign Languages extends greeting at a seminar to commemorate 10th anniversary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science.—EDUCATION

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

Industry-2 Minister attends tree growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and departmental heads attended the fifth monsoon tree growing ceremony 2009 of the ministry here this morning.

The minister and the deputy minister viewed the collective planting of trees of departmental staff.

A total of 11984 saplings were grown at the ceremony. The ministry have planted 52937 saplings for five times.—MNA

Minister inspects tree plantations in Magway Div



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Daungnay extended protected public forest in Magway Division.—FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met with service personnel at division, district and township levels at the meeting hall of the office of the Deputy General Manager of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Magway Division on 5 July.

Upon arrival at Dahatkan village in Magway Township, the minister inspected growing of three teak trees and 20 eucalyptus each at 120 houses in the village.

Moreover, he looked into 300 acres of eucalyptus plantations in Magway Township and

eight acres of eucalyptus plantations, 300 acres of eucalyptus plantations and 350 acres of eucalyptus plantations in Yenangyoung Township.

Next, the minister inspected the scattering of seeds on 500 acres in Yenangyoung Township and eucalyptus plantations and the greening tasks of

Shwepontaung in Chauk Township.

The minister later inspected one-acre tree plantation, one-acre eucalyptus plantation in NyaungU Township and model tea plantation of Tin Win Tun Company in Kyaukpadaung Township.

MNA

Seminar held to mark 10th anniversary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science

YANGON, 8 July—To mark the 10th anniversary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, an education seminar (2/2009) was held at the hall (Malar Hostel) of National Center for English Language. Rector Dr Myo

Myint of University of Foreign Languages, Secretary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, extended greeting. Member of Executive Committee U Thiha gave talks on Language for survival,

sustainability and success, and on English literature in the University curriculum before now of retired head Daw Phwar Yin of English Department of Yangon University.

After that, retired

professor Daw Khin Lay Myint of English Department of Yangon University talked about progressive changes in the University English language and literature curriculum, Pro-Rector Dr Daw Lwin Lwin Soe of Yangon Institute of Education about training teachers for English language teaching in Myanmar and professor Daw Naw Ju Phaw of English Department of Yangon University about language teaching methods; past and present.

Afterwards, those present made suggestions and U Thiha gave replies to them.—MNA





Firemen respond to the scene of a parked car bomb attack in Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, 5 July, 2009.
INTERNET

Taliban kill 8 police, surround east Afghan office

JALALABAD, 8 July— A district in Afghanistan’s restive east was in danger of falling into Taliban hands after pitched gunbattles with insurgents killed at least eight police, a senior official said on Wednesday.

The fighting erupted late on Tuesday in Afghanistan’s eastern province of Nuristan bordering Pakistan, where authorities are also battling a growing Taliban insurgency.

Violence has flared across Afghanistan after U.S. Marines launched a major new offensive in the southern Taliban stronghold of Helmand last week.

The police were killed when insurgents attacked government buildings in Nuristan’s Barg Matal district late on Tuesday.

Another eight police were kidnapped during gunbattles lasting several hours, Nuristan’s governor Jamaluddin Badr said.

“The district headquarters is with the government, but if we do not get reinforcements it will fall to the Taliban,” Badr told a Reuters reporter in eastern Afghanistan by telephone.

Officials said 21 Taliban fighters were killed in the battle.—*Internet*

Soldier could face death penalty over Iraq slaying

SAVANNAH, 8 July—An Army sergeant accused of slaying his superior and another US soldier in Iraq will face a court-martial and could be sentenced to death if convicted, the military said Tuesday.

Army prosecutors say Sgt Joseph Bozicevich, 39, of Minneapolis shot his squad leader, Staff Sgt Darris Dawson, and Sgt Wesley Durbin on 14 Sept at a joint US-Iraqi patrol base south of Baghdad. Witnesses have said Bozicevich opened fire on the soldiers when they tried to counsel him for poor performance.

Internet

11 NATO troops killed in 2 days in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 July— International troops in Afghanistan endured another deadly attack on Tuesday, a day after 10 NATO-led troops were killed in that country.

A US coalition service member “died as a

result of injuries” on Tuesday afternoon in a roadside bombing attack on a convoy in western Afghanistan, the US military said.

This follows 10 NATO-led deaths on Monday, the highest

single-day total in Afghanistan in nearly a year, according to NATO and US-led coalition numbers.

Seven Americans, two Canadians and one Britain died in four separate incidents Monday. On August 18, 2008, 10 French soldiers were killed when about 100 insurgents attacked a patrol in Kabul Province, and a British soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan when insurgents attacked a patrol with a roadside bomb.

A month before that, 10 American troops were killed in two separate incidents on 13 July, 2008.

Internet



An injured man is treated for wounds after a parked car bomb exploded in Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, on 5 July, 2009.
INTERNET

Civilian casualties due to US-led invasion of Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 July—A news story on the Internet says that it has been a long time since the US-led invasion of Iraq.

A large number of Iraqi people are killed and injured daily owing to the invasion by the US and its allies.

Casualties of Iraqi people

Up to 7 July, the death toll of Iraqi people as a result of hostilities of US and its allies reached 697,803, and the casualty toll, 1,256,259.

Sr No.	Subject	Quantity
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	697803
2.	Total number of seriously injured Iraqi people	1256259

Internet



An Afghan victim of a grenade attack receives treatment at a hospital in Khost province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 7 July, 2009. A hand grenade thrown at a police vehicle in eastern Afghanistan exploded in a crowd Tuesday, killing at least one civilian and wounding some 28 others, a day after 10 foreign troops died amid escalating violence across the country.—INTERNET

Soldier killed in Afghanistan explosion

LONDON, 8 July— A soldier has been killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan while on the “Panther’s Claw” offensive against Taliban rebels, the Ministry of Defence here said on Wednesday.

“It is with great sadness that the MoD must

confirm that a soldier from The Light Dragoons has been killed in an explosion,” the ministry said in a statement.

“The incident took place whilst on Operation Panchai Palang (Panther’s Claw) near Gereshk, Helmand Province, on the evening of 7 July.”

The death brings to 176 the total number of British service personnel killed in Afghanistan since operations began in 2001, when US-led forces ousted the Taliban in the wake of the September 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

Internet

Civilian casualties due to US-led invasion of Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 July—A news story on the Internet says that it has been a long time since the invasion of Afghanistan by NATO troops led by the US.

A large number of Afghan people are killed and injured daily owing to US-led invasion.

Casualties of Afghan people

Up to 7 July, the death toll of Afghan people as a result of hostilities of US and its allies reached 8119, and the casualty toll, 16,695.

Sr No.	Subject	Quantity
1.	Death toll of Afghan people	8119
2.	Total number of seriously injured Afghan people	16695

Internet



A technician pictured at a bauxite factory in Kamsar, a town north of Guinea's capital Conakry, October 2008. African Development Bank chief Donald Kaberuka on Tuesday said he was "confident" that if China's economy were to return to double-digit growth, it would lift African growth to pre-crisis levels.—INTERNET

US consumers fall behind on loans at record pace

NEW YORK, 8 July—Soaring US unemployment and a shrinking economy drove delinquencies on credit card debt and home equity loans to all-time highs in the first quarter as a record number of cash-strapped consumers fell behind on their bills.

Delinquencies on the value of all card debt soared to a record 6.60 percent from 5.52 percent

in the fourth quarter as more cardholders relied on plastic to meet day-to-day expenses, the American Bankers Association said. Late payments on home equity loans rose to 3.52 percent from 3.03 percent, and on home equity lines of credit climbed to 1.89 percent from 1.46 percent.

A broader gauge showing late payments on eight categories of loans rose for a fourth straight quarter to a new record, edging up to 3.23 percent from 3.22 percent. That rate actually understates consumer pain because it excludes credit cards. The ABA tracks loan payments that are at least 30 days late.

Internet

Boeing to purchase South Carolina plant

CHICAGO, 8 July — Boeing is purchasing a facility of Vought Aircraft Industries in South Carolina State where some parts for its 787 Dreamliner are manufactured, the Chicago Public Radio reported on Tuesday.

Boeing would increase its productivity to develop large structures and Vought would continue its relationship with Boeing, the report said.

Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc is one of the world's largest independent suppliers of aero-structures. It has about 6,600 employees in nine US locations. Vought's president Elmer Doty was quoted as saying that his company made the decision mostly for financial reasons.—Internet

Meal kit packets of non-fat milk recalled

WASHINGTON, 8 July—The US Food and Drug Administration announced the recall of about 104,500 meal kit packets of non-fat dry milk because of possible contamination.

The FDA said Traditions Meal Solutions of Pearl, Miss, initiated the recall because the items might be contaminated with salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems.

The non-fat dry milk packets are components of Traditions Meal Solutions shelf stable meal kits distributed to food distributors and regional nutrition service providers in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Internet



Yemeni women shop for food in Sanaa's Suq Al-Melh (Salt Market) in 2007. The World Food Programme issued an urgent appeal on Tuesday for 23 million dollars in financial support from international donors for food aid to Yemen specifically targeted at women and children.—INTERNET

G-8 leaders look for signals of economic recovery

L'AQUILA, 8 July—Britain and the United States may see room for more stimulus. Germany is worried that it has done too much already.

The leaders of the Group of Eight nations — united in their desire to work together to combat the worst economic crisis since the Depression, but still divided on how much longer they need to keep the stimulus going — will discuss on Wednesday ways to coordinate their exit

strategies once their economies are stable enough.

But the data is still grim—from rising unemployment to slowing growth—and most economists think the crisis has yet to reach its nadir.

The leaders of the G-8 — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,

Russia and the United States — will discuss at what point to begin the shift from the current emphasis on fiscal stimulus, but they also are likely to remain cautious in their assessment of recovery so far when they issue a statement later Wednesday.

Internet

Mexico moves towards economic recovery

MEXICO CITY, 8 July— Mexico's economy is now beginning a process of recovery, aided by rising international prices for raw materials, said Finance Minister Agustin Carstens on Tuesday.

"We have reached a floor and we are moving towards a more favourable economic reality in a few months," said Carstens at the annual councilors meeting of financial group BBVA Bancomer.

"We are seeing some green shoots that signal recovery and this has been reflected in a rebound of raw material prices," he said.

Mexico's economy shrank eight percent during the first quarter, as the recession in the United States hit Mexican export demand. The close linkage of Mexican banking system to crisis-hit US banking system helped intensify the decline, by hitting credit and in turn domestic demand.—Internet

EU imposes anti-dumping duties on biodiesel from US

BRUSSELS, 8 July—The European Union (EU) on Tuesday decided to impose anti-dumping duties and countervailing duties on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States.

The decision was made by EU finance ministers who met in Brussels on Tuesday.

The punitive measures were adopted after a European Commission investigation concluded that biodiesel from the United States had been sold in the EU below the normal value price and had benefited from state subsidies.—Internet



Two epidemic prevention workers sterilize the city after the flood receded in Liuzhou City of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 7 July, 2009. The flood passing through Liujiang River receded on 6 July and local people began to clean the city and restore the basic facilities.—XINHUA



The actresses perform on the opening ceremony of the first Taihang Mountains Festival in Xingtai, a city of north China's Hebei Province, on 6 July, 2009. Plenty of cultural and trade promoting activities will be held during the festival.—XINHUA

CPA Australia predicts China's growth near 8% by year end

CANBERRA, 8 July—A survey released by accountants CPA Australia on Wednesday revealed that three-quarters of respondents predicted China to grow in a range of 6 to 7.9 percent by the end of this year despite a difficult global environment.

Eighty-six percent expect China to recover by mid-2010.

In its most recent forecast by the International Monetary Fund, it put China's growth at 6.5 percent

in 2009, rising to 7.5 percent in 2010. In 2008 it was 9 percent.

In announcing Tuesday's monthly interest rate decision, Reserve Bank of Australia governor Glenn Stevens was upbeat about Australia's major trading partner.

"Growth in China has strengthened considerably, which is having an impact on other economies in the region, including Australia," he said.

Respondents to the CPA

survey expect manufacturing, real estate, exports and retailing to lead China's economic resurgence with 54 percent citing government spending as the major driver of future growth. The "China Economic Recovery Survey" also revealed that 64 percent believed the global economic environment would not result in decreased Chinese investment in the Australian market over the next 12 months.

Xinhua

Gartner predicts 6-percent drop in global IT spending in 2009

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 July—Worldwide spending on information technology (IT) is on pace to decline 6 percent in 2009, market research firm Gartner predicted on Tuesday.

Gartner said it now expects global IT spending to fall to 3.2 trillion US dollars this year from 3.4 trillion dollars in 2008.

Gartner, which in March forecast that 2009 IT spending will decline 3.8 percent, said it lowered the projections because of the economic situation and the rise in the value of the US dollar against most currencies in recent months. "While the global economic downturn shows signs of easing, this year IT budgets are still be-

ing cut and consumers will need a lot more persuading before they can feel confident enough to loosen their purse strings," Richard Gordon, head of global forecasting at Gartner, said in a statement.

According to Gordon, the projected decline in spending growth for the hardware and software segments in 2009 has almost stabilized, and only minor downward revisions have been made to the latest forecasts.

"However, the full impact of the global recession on the IT services and telecommunications sectors is still emerging, and forecast growth in these areas has been further reduced significantly," he noted.

Xinhua



The Tokyo tower decorated with lights of white lamps is seen in Tokyo, capital of Japan, in the photo taken on 7 July, 2009. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

HK foreign currency reserves up \$1.9 b in June

HONG KONG, 8 July—Hong Kong's official foreign currency reserve assets rose to 207 billion US dollars in June, up 1.9 billion on May, the Monetary Authority of Hong Kong said Tuesday.

Including unsettled forward contracts, foreign currency reserve assets stood at 208.2 billion US dollars, up 3.1 billion on May, said the authority.

Hong Kong is the world's seventh largest holder of foreign currency reserves based on the latest published figures, after the Chinese mainland, Japan, Russia, India and South Korea. The total foreign currency reserve assets of 207 billion US dollars represent over eight times the currency in circulation, or 47 percent of Hong Kong dollar M3.—Xinhua

Kenyan leader lauds cooperation with China

NAIROBI, 8 July—Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki on Tuesday hailed the existing cooperation with China and expressed optimism that the cordial ties will be further enhanced. When he received credentials from the incoming Chinese ambassador to Kenya, Deng Hongbo, President Kibaki noted that China has established a special relationship with Kenya.

The president appreciated the development assistance the east African nation gets from China and expressed optimism that the cordial relations between the two countries will be enhanced for the benefit of the two countries.

"We want to develop genuine mutual cooperation for the benefit of the people of our two countries," President Kibaki said, according to a statement issued by his office.—Xinhua



People visit the 8th China Shenyang International Auto Exhibition in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 7 July, 2009. —XINHUA

Japanese foundation contributes funds to boost Malacca Straits' safety

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 July—The Nippon Foundation has contributed 2.5 million US dollars to boost security and marine environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, according to a local newspaper on Wednesday.

The money, which was a third of the total maintenance expenditure of the two straits this year, was channelled to the Aids to Navigation Fund managed by Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

This was the second contribution from the Japanese-based foundation after it spent 1.35 million US dollars to launch the fund last year, *The Star* said. Foundation Chairman Yohei Sasakawa said that his foundation would continue to urge the international shipping community to cooperate in enhancing the safety of navigation and environment protection in the straits, after he witnessed the signing ceremony of the foundation's contribution together with Malaysian Transport Minister Ong Tee Keat.—Xinhua

5.4-earthquake shakes north and center of Chile

SANTIAGO, 8 July—An earthquake of 5.4 magnitude on Richter scale shook on Tuesday the northerner region of Atacama and the Metropolitan region in the centre of Chile, without victims and material damages being reported.

This is the second earthquake in the north zone of the country in less than 24 hours.

The earthquake occurred at 12:46 pm local times and its epicenter was located 90 kilometres northeast to La Serena, some 400 kilometres north to Santiago, according to the Seismologic Services from the University of Chile.

According to the National Office of Emergencies (Onemi), the earthquake was classified of medium intensity, reaching a maximum of V degrees on Mercalli scale in the cities of La Serena and Ovalle.

Xinhua

Anti-crime activist and neighbour killed in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 8 July—An anti-crime activist and a neighbour were killed in northern Mexico on Tuesday by gunmen believed linked to a drug cartel, a local legislator said.

Mexican anti-crime activists said the slaying of Benjamin LeBaron, a US citizen, in Chihuahua state was the first time one of their own had been killed for denouncing crime and called it a chill-

ing warning.

LeBaron led street protests in May demanding the release of his 19-year-old brother, Eric, who had been snatched by a kidnapping gang in May. The teenager was later freed.

Such gangs are frequently linked to drug cartels in Mexico, and there were signs that one such cartel may have been involved in Tuesday's killings of LeBaron and

neighbour Luis Widmar, who apparently went to LeBaron's house to try to help him.

"A commando of 15 to 20 men came to Benjamin's house at 1:30 in the morning, and because they couldn't get in through the door, they broke out the windows," said state legislator Victor Quintana, basing his account on conversations with LeBaron's family.—Internet

Ten bodies from crashed Yemeni airliner found along Tanzania coast

STONE TOWN, 8 July—It has been confirmed that 10 bodies of the passengers of the ill-fated Yemeni airliner have been found floating in the water of the eastern Tanzania coast, *Xinhua* learned on Tuesday.

The bodies found near Mafia Island of Tanzania include four women, two girls and four men, while most of the bodies are in bad conditions and some

of them have lost part of their bodies, according to report from Mafia parliamentarian Abdulkadir Shaha Buji, who is currently attending parliament session in Dodoma.

Some remains of the plane were also found along with the bodies, and more bodies are expected to be recovered from the shore of Mafia island, the report added.

Security Committee of Mafia island has confirmed to the recovery of the bodies to higher authorities and are waiting

for the permission for the burial of the bodies, Shaha Buji was quoted as saying.

He further said police are undertaking investigation to make sure if they could find more bodies on the area as the bad weather is making the task difficult. Only one passenger out of the 153 people on board has been confirmed to survive the crash after the Yemeni Airbus plunged into the sea off the Indian Ocean archipelago of Comoros on 30 June.—Internet



An Indian extinguishes flames from a burning vehicle after a fire at a fireworks factory in the western Indian state of Maharashtra in April 2009. Indian police were investigating Wednesday a fire in a fireworks factory that killed at least 17 people in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.—INTERNET

Firework factory fire kills 17 in India

CHENNAI, 8 July—Indian police were investigating Wednesday a fire in a fireworks factory that killed at least 17 people in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

At least 21 others were injured when the fire broke out Tuesday evening in a suburb of Madurai, 500 kilometres (310 miles) from the state capital Chennai.

Police said the impact of the resulting explosions caused the building to collapse.

"The incident occurred while packing the crackers," said Madurai police superintendent M Manoharan.

It took four hours for fire officials to control the blaze, and their efforts were hampered by a water shortage.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

Internet



French investigators test their equipment at Galawa beach before a search mission for the missing Yemenia A310-300 plane, in Mitsamiouli, north of Comoros island's capital Moroni, on 6 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Chestnut wins NY hot dog eating match, 3rd in row

Joey Chestnut chomped down a record 68 hot dogs, capturing his third straight July Fourth hot-dog eating contest at Coney Island, an annual showcase for flamboyant hot dogging contestants eager to show they really are what they eat.

Chestnut of San Jose, Calif, hoisted the American flag and then stood proudly like an Olympic athlete as "The Star-Spangled Banner" played following his 68 to 64 1/2 dog victory over his archrival, six-time titleholder Takeru Kobayashi. As soon as he knew he had won, he shot his right fist into the air, his mouth still bulging while he chewed the last of his wieners at Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest.



Joey Chestnut, left, of San Jose, Calif, defending champion of the Nathan's Famous July 4th Hot Dog Eating Contest, celebrates his victory over former champion Takeru Kobayashi of Nagano, Japan, on 4 July, 2009, in New York. Chestnut logged his third consecutive win in Coney Island's annual hot dog eating contest with a world-record 68 franks.

In this photo released by the Florida Keys News Bureau, staff and volunteers from the Florida Keys-based Turtle Hospital release 'Obama' the loggerhead sea turtle, at Higgs Beach in Key West, Fla, on 4 July, 2009. The turtle was found severely ill on 19 Jan, 2009, the day before President Barack Obama's inauguration and nicknamed after the 44th president of the United States.



Tea, water and biscuits as S African Govt tightens belts

Tea, water and biscuits are on South Africa's recession menu to replace lavish meals at some government meetings as the belt is tightened on public spending, a spokesman said.

"Budgets that are spent on meals or food in departments, travelling, are being slashed as we speak," Themba Maseko told journalists while outlining plans in tough financial conditions.

Turtle named for Obama freed on Independence Day

A sea turtle named after President Barack Obama that was rescued just before Inauguration Day has been set free on Independence Day.

Obama the loggerhead sea turtle was found ailing off a Key West beach on 19 Jan, the eve of the inauguration.

Suffering from an intestinal impaction, the 200-pound female was nursed back to health with a diet of squid and mineral oil at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon.

Turtle Hospital administrator Ryan Butts said the turtle was set free Saturday on a Key West beach as about 100 people watched.

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Tea being served Tea, water and biscuits are on South Africa's recession menu to replace lavish meals at some government meetings as the belt is tightened on public spending, a spokesman said.

Japan's machinery order hits record low in May

Japan's core private-sector machinery orders fell 3.0 per cent in May from April to 668.2 billion yen (some seven billion US dollars), hitting the lowest level on record, the government's Cabinet Office said Wednesday.

The fall was beyond the market forecast which stood at about 1.8 per cent, implying Japanese companies still face a rocky road to recover.



Safer Food for Better Health

Professor Dr. Paing Soe

Food, shelter and clothing are the three main fundamental needs for every human being. Among these, food is the most important one. We need to have a balanced diet containing protein, carbohydrate and fat in our everyday meals. Protein-rich fish and meat as well as vitamin-rich beans, vegetables and food are essential for health. However, food safety is now considered an important issue nowadays. WHO has defined Food Safety as “the assurance that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared and/or eaten according to its intended use”.

Every year, food-borne infections cause millions of illness and thousand of deaths. Surveillance and monitoring by a number of countries has indicated that food borne illness is increasing around the world. Food-borne disease is caused by consuming contaminated foods or beverages. Most of these diseases are infectious, caused by a variety of bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can be carried about in food. Other diseases are poisonings, caused by harmful toxins or chemicals that have contaminated the food.

Food Poisoning is a common, usually mild, but sometimes deadly illness, generally presenting with typical symptoms like nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramping, and diarrhea. It often occurs suddenly (within 48 hours) after consuming a contaminated food or drink, and depending on the type and extent of contaminants, fever and chills, bloody stools, dehydration, and nervous system damage may follow.

Food borne pathogens

Organisms that mostly account for food poisoning includes bacteria, virus, protozoa, fungi and algae.

1. Bacteria

Bacteria can cause food poisoning in two different ways. Some bacteria infect the intestine, causing inflammation, over-secretion of fluid and electrolytes, difficulty in absorbing nutrients and water, leading to diarrhea. Other bacteria produce chemicals in food (known as toxins) that are deleterious to the human digestive system. Some of the well-known bacteria causing food-borne illness include:

Vibrio cholerae causes cholera, a mild to moderate illness resulting in abrupt onset of crampy diarrhea (fishy smelling, watery motion), headache, nausea, vomiting and may be accompanied by fever with chills. Without proper treatment, it can even be fatal due to severe dehydration. Cholera is mainly transmitted by infected, undercooked, or raw seafood and outbreaks strikes mostly in the early monsoon, warm and rainy season.

Salmonellae: Salmonellae are bacteria that can cause food poisoning through transmission by undercooked foods such as eggs, poultry, dairy products, and seafood. The illness itself is often referred to as Salmonella or Salmonella infection. Salmonellae cause a moderate illness with nausea, vomiting, crampy diarrhea, and headache, which may come back a few weeks later as arthritis (joint pain). In people with impaired immune systems (such as kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, or receiving chemotherapy for cancer), Salmonellae can cause a life-threatening illness.

Shigella (traveler's diarrhea) causes moderate to severe illness with fever, diarrhea contain-

ing blood or mucus or both, with a constant urge to pass motion. It is mainly transmitted in water polluted with human wastes.

Escherichia coli (E.coli) causes moderate to severe illness that begins as passing large amounts of watery diarrhea, which later turns into bloody diarrhea. There are many different types of *E.coli*. The worst strain can cause kidney failure and death (about 3%-5% of all cases). It is transmitted through eating raw or undercooked food like hamburger; un-pasteurized milk or juice, or contaminated well water. Outbreaks of food poisoning due to *E.coli* can also occur.

Clostridium botulinum (botulism) causes severe illness affecting the nervous system. Symptoms usually start with blurring of vision, which then develops into problems of overall weakness even to undertake normal tasks like talking and walking. Symptoms then progress to breathing difficulty and the inability to move arms or legs. Infants and young children are particularly at risk. It is transmitted in foods such as home-packed canned foods, honey, sausages, and seafood. As botulism can be released into the air, it is considered a potential biological weapon for terrorists.

2. Viruses

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause a mild illness with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea abdominal pain, headache, and low-grade fever, which usually resolve in two to three days without sequelae. It is mainly transmitted through water, shellfish and vegetables contaminated by feces, and also from person to person contact. It is one of the common viral infection to cause adult food poisoning and outbreaks are common in densely populated areas such as nursing homes, schools and cruise ships.

Rotaviruses causes moderate to severe illness with vomiting followed by watery diarrhea and fever. It is the most common cause of food poisoning in infants and children and is transmitted from person to person by fecal contamination of food and shared play areas.

Hepatitis A causes mild illness with sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite and feeling of tiredness followed by jaundice, which is seen as yellowish coloration of the eyes and skin. It is transmitted from person to person by fecal contamination of food.

How does food become contaminated?

As we live in a microbial world, there are many opportunities for food to become contaminated during production and in preparation. Many food-borne microbes are present in healthy animals (usually in their intestines) raised for food. Meat and poultry carcasses can become contaminated during slaughter by coming into contact with intestinal contents. Similarly, fresh fruits and vegetables can be contaminated if they are washed or irrigated with water that is contaminated with animal manure or human sewage. Later, during food processing, food-borne microbes can be introduced from infected humans handling the food, or through cross-contamination from other raw agricultural products. For example, *Shigella* bacteria, Hepatitis A virus and Norwalk virus can be introduced by the unwashed hands of food handlers who are themselves infected. In the kitchen, microbes can be transferred from one food to another from using the same knife, cutting board or other utensils used to prepare

both without thorough washing in between use. A food that is fully cooked can also become recontaminated if it touches other raw foods or drippings from foods that contain pathogens. Many bacterial microbes need to multiply in the food, to a number large enough, to cause disease. Presence of warm moist environment and ample supply of nutrients, one bacterium can reproduce, by dividing itself every 20 minutes, to reach up to 17 million progeny within 12 hours. As a result, lightly contaminated food left out overnight can become highly infectious on the next day. Therefore, food should be refrigerated promptly, to prevent bacteria from multiplying as; in general, refrigeration or freezing prevents virtually all bacteria from growing.

What foods are most associated with food-borne illness?

Raw foods of animal origin are most likely to be contaminated; that is, raw meat and poultry, raw eggs, un-pasteurized milk, and raw shellfish. Foods mingled with products of many animals, such as bulk raw milk, pooled raw eggs, or ground beef, are particularly hazardous because a pathogen present in any one of the animals many contaminate the whole batch. Fruits and vegetables consumed raw are of a particular concern. Washing can decrease, but does not eliminate contamination, so the consumer can do little to protect themselves. Using unclean water can contaminate many boxes of different products. Fresh manure used as fertilizers for vegetables can be contaminated by left-over residues. Alfalfa sprouts and other raw sprouts pose a particular challenge, as the conditions under which they are sprouted are ideal for growing microbes, and also because they are often eaten without further cooking. Un-pasteurized fruit juice can also be contaminated if there are pathogens in or on the fruit from which it was made. The danger of pesticides and fertilizers should be considered in consuming vegetables and fruits. Nowadays, pesticides and fertilizers have been using widely in agriculture. Their residues last for a few days even after washing with water and cooking. They can disappear gradually according to their half-lives. Thus, it would be safer to leave a period of 3 to 7 days after buying of fruits and vegetables before consumption.

Prevention

Without proper handling or cooking, all food have the potential to cause food poisoning. The following steps can help prevent this from happening.

1. Hand washing
2. Separate raw and cooked food
3. Cook food thoroughly
4. Keep food at safe temperature
5. Use safe water and raw materials for cooking and preparing food
6. Make food and utensils used in cooking or serving inaccessible to insects pests.

1. Hand washing

Wash hands before handling food and often during food preparation.

Wash hands after going to the toilet.

Wash and sanitize all surfaces and equipment used for food preparation.

Protect kitchen areas and food from insects, pests and other animals.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye supervises development...

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tailoring courses and presented gifts to instructors.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye later visited Training School for Development of National Youths in Border Areas and met with the principal, staff and trainees. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected condition of Saw- Kanpetlet road, Saw-Mindat road and progress of Mindat in a motorcade.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party attended tea plants growing ceremony at Bawkui farm of Myanma Agriculture Service and encouraged departmental staff, members of social organizations and locals growing tea plants.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party then inspected condition of Mindat-Matupi road and arrived at Matupi.

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Operating of Malun water pumping station inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July— Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspected operating of Malun water pumping station in Chanayethazan Township on 30 July morning.

The mayor looked into cleaning of algae in the water surface of the motes and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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New Shan Literature and Culture (Lashio) hall opened

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Chairman of Shan State (North) State Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut on 28 June attended a ceremony to open the Hall of Shan Literature and Culture (Lashio) and grew a plant to mark the opening of the hall.

After that, the commander made a speech on the

occasion and visited the hall and culture booth.

On 29 June, the commander delivered an address at the ceremony held at Town hall to present titles, medals and certificates of honour conferred by the State Peace and Development Council and handed over them to the winners.

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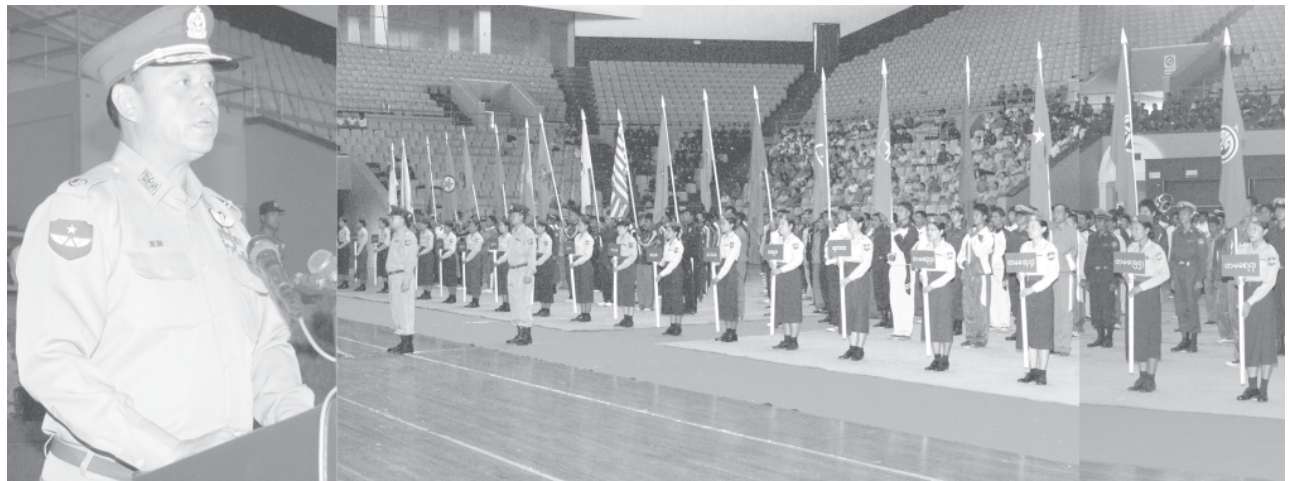
Defence Services C-in-C's Shield Karatedo Championship commences

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The opening ceremony of 18th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Karatedo Championship took place at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) in Yangon this morning. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services,

the Commander of Mingaladon Airbase delivered an introductory speech.

A total of 25 teams of (Army, Navy, Air) are taking part in the contest.

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On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Commander of Mingaladon Airbase makes a speech at the opening ceremony of 18th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Karatedo Championship.—MNA

Safer Food for Better...

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2. Separate raw and cooked

Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods.

Use separate equipment and utensils such as knives and cutting boards for handling raw foods.

Store food in containers to avoid contact between raw and prepared foods.

3. Cook food thoroughly

Cook food especially meat, poultry, eggs and seafood thoroughly.

Bring foods like soups and stews to boiling to make sure that they have reached 70°C.

Reheat cooked food thoroughly.

4. Keep food at safe temperatures

Do not leave cooked food at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

Refrigerate promptly all cooked and perishable food (preferably below 5°C).

Keep cooked food hot (more than 60°C) prior to serving.

Do not store food too long even in the refrigerator. Do not thaw frozen food at room temperature.

5. Use safe water and raw materials

Use safe water or treat it to make it safe.

Select fresh and wholesome foods.

Choose foods processed for safety, such as pasteurized milk.

Wash fruits and vegetables, especially if eaten raw. Do not use food beyond its expiry date.

6. Make food and utensils used in cooking or serving inaccessible to insects and pests.

Food and utensils used in cooking and serving should be kept away from insects like flies, cockroaches, pests like rats and other pets. Many results have found out the evidences of transmitting diseases by these insects and pests. For example, leptospiro-

sis, a disease that causes hepatitis and muscle pains in human can occur in people who have eaten food and drinks contaminated with the urine of infected rat.

Caution

* Shop safely. Bag raw meat, poultry, and fish separately from other food items. Drive home immediately after finishing your shopping so you can store all foods promptly.

* Prepare food safely. Wash hands before and after handling food. Also wash them after using the bathrom or changing diapers. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables, rinsing well with running water. After cutting raw meat, poultry, or fish, wash the cutting board with hot, soapy water and disinfect it with a bleach solution. Use 1 teaspoon of bleach per 1 quart [32 fl.oz] of water, or according to the directions. You can also disinfect your knives and cutting boards in the dishwasher.

* Store foods safely. Cook, refrigerate, or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, fish, and ready-to-eat foods within 2 hours. Make sure your refrigerator is set at 4°C or colder.

* Cook, foods safely. Use a clean meat thermometer to determine whether foods are cooked to a safe temperature. Reheat leftovers to at least 70°C. Do not eat undercooked hamburgers, and be aware of the risk of food poisoning from raw fish (including sushi), clams and oysters.

* Serve foods safely. Keep cooked hot foods hot, at 60°C or above and cold foods at 4°C or below.

* Follow labels on food packaging. Food packaging labels provide information about when to use the food and how to store it.

* When in doubt, throw it out. If you are not sure whether a food is safe, don't eat it. Reheating food that is contaminated will not make it safe. Don't taste suspicious food. It may smell and look fine but still may not be safe to eat.

It is important to pay particular attention to food

preparation and storage during warm months when food is often served outside. Bacteria grow faster in warmer weather, so food can spoil more quickly and possible cause illness. Do not leave food outdoors for more than 1 hour if the temperature is above 32°C, and never leave it outdoors for more than 2 hours. Food-borne diseases adversely affect not only individual's health but also family and ultimately, country's economy. Food-borne diseases are largely preventable; through there is no simple one-step prevention measure like vaccine. Instead, measures are needed to prevent or limit contamination all the way from farm to table. Recognition that the problem of food-borne disease exists, creation of effective interdisciplinary co-operation among health care personnel and collaboration with related ministries like Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries will minimize the challenging food-borne diseases. By keeping personal hygiene and following facts for food safety can markedly reduce food-brone diseases in future.

Conclusion

1. Hand washing
2. Separate raw and cooked food
3. Cook food thoroughly
4. Reheat cooked food thoroughly.
5. Keep food at safe temperature. Do not leave cooked food at room temperature for more than 2 hours (1 hour during warmer months)
6. Use safe water and raw materials for cooking and preparing food
7. Make food and utensils used in cooking or serving inaccessible to insects and pests.
8. When in doubt, throw it out. Don't taste suspicious food.
9. Handling of food can contaminate it. (with raw hands)
10. Plates or bowls should be thoroughly washed and heated before serving.



Construction of road and bridge in Ayeyawady Div inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, on 30 June, inspected the construction of Nyaungchaung bridge and digging of feeder canal in Kangyidaunt Township and also attended the rainy season tree-planting ceremony held at Phayachaung village. Afterwards, the commander met with trainees of Myaungmya Education College and inspected Ngwegaba breeding farm in Myaytada village.—MNA

Commander, minister perform regional development task in An Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with local people at Basic Education Primary School in Hmwar village in An Township on 5 July.

The commander and the minister presented clothes, publications, exercise books, CI sheets, bags of cement and cash for regional development and awarded two outstanding students.

At BEPS in Talaingtaung village, the commander and the minister delivered addresses in meeting with local people and present clothes for the village, magazines and journals for village library, exercise books and bags of cement for the primary school in the village and CI sheets for village dispensary to responsible persons.

Then the commander and the minister attended the opening of Aye Yadana Phyto Alin Pya Library in Daing-gyi village in the township and presented publications and a TV set for the library.—MNA

Health Ministry holds tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July —Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint planted a Gangaw tree at the rainy season tree planting ceremony 2009 of the Ministry of Health at perennial crop plantation near the ministry here this morning.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe and departmental heads planted trees at the designated places.

Next, the minister, the deputy minister and party viewed the collective growing of tree by staff families.

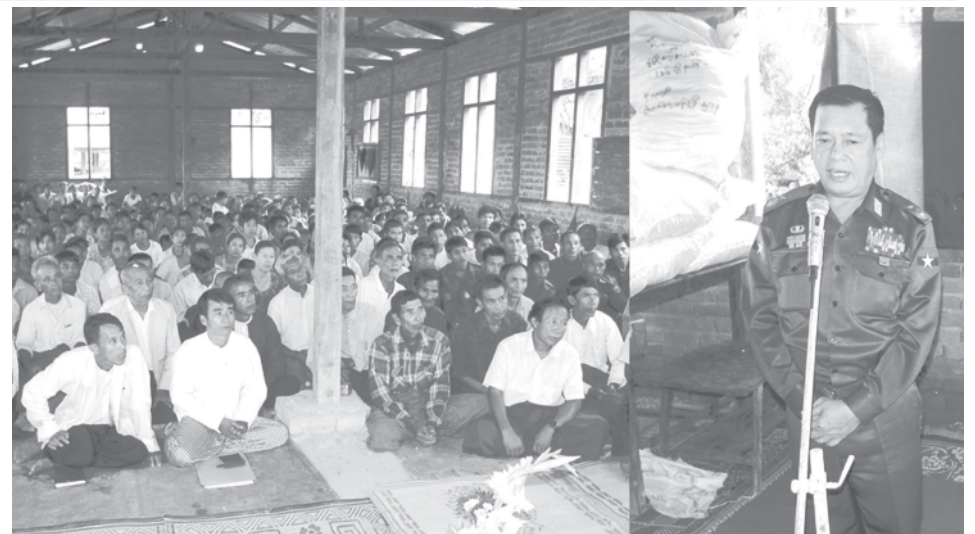
A total of 977 saplings were grown at the ceremony.—MNA

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint grows a Gangaw sapling at monsoon tree-planting ceremony of Ministry of Health.
HEALTH



Tarred road of Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay) opened

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June, attended a ceremony to open self-reliant tarred road in the compound of Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay) and looked into the road. After that, the commander looked round the blood donation at the Hospital and presented nutritious foods to the donors. MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe makes a speech in meeting with local people in Talinetaung village, Sane village-tract of An Township.—TRANSPORT

HACCP Based Quality Management Course concludes

YANGON, 8 July—The conclusion of HACCP Based Quality Management Course conducted by the Myanmar Fishery Federation under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Myanmar Fishery Products Processors and Exporters Association took place at MFF in Insein Township this morning.

Acting Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department delivered an introductory speech.

Chairman U Nyo Min of the association explained the purpose of

the course. EU Training Course Expert Mrs Huynh Le Tam of Vietnam gave a brief account of course experiences.

The acting director-

general presented certificates to the 114 trainees, who had completed the four-week course.

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Acting Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries presents certificates of HACCP Based Quality Management Course.—L&F

Poem, short story, article, cartoon, poster and photo contests to mark Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

YANGON, 8 July—Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee will organize the ceremony to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Supervisory Committee, here, in October 2009.

The open poem, short story, article, cartoon, poster and photo contests on traffic rules to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Supervisory Committee will be held.

The sizes of entries for

cartoon and poster contests must be 15 inches by 20 inches. The contestants are to put their signatures on the back of the works. In addition to open class, the cartoon and poster contests for the students in middle and high schools under No. 3 Department of Basic Education will be held separately.

For the photo contest, the entries are to be original. If one secures the prize, the winner must submit the original file info to the

committee. The Supervisory Committee will use the prize winning works. Prize winning photos are not allowed to take part in the contest. The sizes of the entries must be 10 inches by 14 inches.

Only high and middle school students of No. 3 BED may participate in the essay contest. One original and duplicate copy each of the entries are to be submitted. The entries must be between 5,000 and 10,000 words. Each

contestant may submit one short story, one poem and one article each. All the contestants are to send two passport-sized photo, name, pen-name, names of parents, Citizenship Card Number, education, occupation, address and brief biography to the office of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force on 51st Street in Pazundaung Township, Tel: 298651. The photos are to be sent to Myanmar Photographic Society at 27/29, First Floor, 35th Street (Lower Block), Kyauktada Township, Tel: 373167.—MNA

Special programme for vehicle buyers and sellers

YANGON, 8 July—Sakura Auto Auction Centre will launch a special auction programme on 12 July for those who want to buy and sell cars.

On that day, Sakura Auto Auction Centre will carry out registration and service free of charge for this Auction Program. For more information contact Tel : 01-569073, 569074, 09-8601864, 09-9601779.—MNA

Cash assistance for education presented

YANGON, 8 July—Yangon Division Police Force held a ceremony to present cash assistance for education for 2009-2010 academic year at the meeting hall of the office of Yangon Division Police Force this afternoon.

First, Commander of Yangon Division Police Force Police Col Win Naing and wife presented cash assistance K 5,263,000 and 2000

dozens of exercise books worth K 2,910,000 for 104 students at university level, 149 at high school level, 176 at middle school level and 191 at primary level.

Next, wellwishers donated cash and exercise books for Yangon Division Police Force and then Police Col Win Naing accepted the donations and gave certificates of honour to them.—MNA

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Gusto to conduct Applied Programming Course on 26 July

YANGON, 8 July —Gusto Computer Technology Training School will conduct applied programming course “Software Solution with JAVA” for those who are studying computer technology and those who want to pursue further studies abroad.

The three-month

course will start on 26 July. The trainees are to attend the course at the weekend. Only 20 trainees are allowed to take the course. Those wishing to take the course may enroll not later than 20 July. Under the special programme, the first 10 trainees who enlist in the course will be given a 10%

Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee to issue magazine

YANGON, 8 July—Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee will circulate a magazine to mark the 20th Anniversary of the discount.

For further information contact Gusto Computer Technology Training School at No (11), Shwetaungdan Road, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 222052).—MNA

committee soon. Cover, manuscripts and documentary photos may be sent to office of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Corp on 51st Street in Pazundaung Township not later than 31 August. Manuscripts and photos that are not selected will not be sent back to the contestants and selected winners will be presented handsome prizes.

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A boom in agricultural farming in Yesagyo Township

Article & photos: *Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*



A thriving summer paddy field irrigated by Chitthu River Water Pumping Station.

(from page 1)

have been able to boost agricultural production remarkably with reclaimed lands, resulting from the dams, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations the government has constructed the length and breadth of the country.

For instance, Yesagyo Township in the northern part of Magway Division in the central Myanmar that shares border with Sagaing and Mandalay divisions has an area of 385.73 square miles or 246,870 acres and a population of about 345,000 and is constituted with eight regions, 81 village-tracts and 245 villages.

The majority of local people live in rural areas and live on agricultural farming. Previously, they had to rely completely on rainwater to grow crops, so it was often uncertain as to whether they would get enough rainfalls or not.

Now, Yesagyo Township has seen a good number of irrigation facilities that guarantee adequate water for agricultural purpose whether its annual rainfall is normal or less than normal. The dams and river water pumping stations the Tatmadaw government has constructed from 1988 onwards increase the sown acreages of Yesagyo Township. The irrigation facilities are Hsinchaung Dam (1000 acres) in Hsinchaung Village-tract, Myekhedaung Dam (500

acres) in Kaingmagyi Village-tract, Gwaycho Dam (400 acres) in Sitha Village-tract, Hsinkyot Dam (165 acres) in Kyu Village-tract, Khinmon Dam, Chitthu River Water Pumping Station (2531 acres) in Pakhanng Village-tract, Thintthe River Water Pumping Station (1071 acres) in Pakhanng Village-tract, Thamantabo River Water Pumping Station (1398 acres) in Thamantabo Village-tract, Mau River Water Pumping Station (150 acres) in in Mau port (lower), Minywa River Water Pumping Station (3000 acres) in Kanbyu Village-tract, Wayar-thasit River Water Pumping Station (3000 acres), and Shwechaung River Water Pumping Station (500 acres) in Nyaungsauk Village-tract.

For the township, those irrigation facilities serve as a driving force for boosting production of monsoon and summer paddy, edible oil crops, beans and pulses, and crops for industrial raw materials. During the period between 1987-1988 and 2008-2009, the township increased its sown acreage of monsoon

paddy from 6313 to 35,007; summer paddy from 204 to 5241; cotton from nil to 5507; beans and pulses, from 32,563 to 70,368; edible oil crops, from 34,639 to 83,196; kitchen crops from 4232 to 8522; corn, from 1175 to 7706; vegetables, from 392 to 4323; toddy palm, and from 2365 to 6393; and the number of cattle, from 106 to 9245 heads.

Owing to the irrigation facilities, local farmers run more acres of farms and exercise mixed and multiple cropping patterns on a wider scale. So, they are enjoying higher living standard with fine houses, and TV sets. Some of them have satellite disc antennas, motorized trailers, tractors and combine-harvesters. Those fruits are, indeed, some of the tangible results due to the efforts the Tatmadaw government has been making with heart and soul for development in the agricultural sector.

Translation: MS

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A tributary and summer paddy fields.



Rainy season tree-growing ceremony of Attorney-General's Office



Attorney-General U Aye Maung grows an ironwood sapling at third monsoon tree-planting ceremony of Attorney-General's Office.

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The third monsoon tree-planting ceremony of Attorney-General's Office took place at that office, here, this morning. Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Tun Tun Oo planted ironwood saplings

at designated places.

The attorney-general and the deputy attorneys-general viewed saplings being grown by deputy directors-general, directors and service personnel.

A total of 700 saplings were grown at the ceremony.—MNA

H & T Ministry holds monsoon tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Third week monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2009 of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism was held in Thazin 1, staff quarters building 9

Bawga Theikdi Ward, here this morning. Deputy Minister of Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu planted Cassia fistula sapling and departmental heads and staff

collectively planted perennial and windbreaker saplings.

A total of 455 saplings were grown at the ceremony.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Communication network being established in Magway Division

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

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Nowadays, Magway Division has been equipped with ADSL (broadband) Internet communication system, nine mobile phone exchanges, 13,232 telephone lines, 104 Satellite Terminal Exchanges of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and 416 lines.

Moreover,

CDMA-450 system facilitates the local people to connect with the western regions of Ayeyawady River and the townships of Chin State sharing border with Magway Division at any time.

CDMA-450 stations installed with 4200 phone lines were opened on Shinma Hill, Tantkyi Hill and Minbu in 2008.

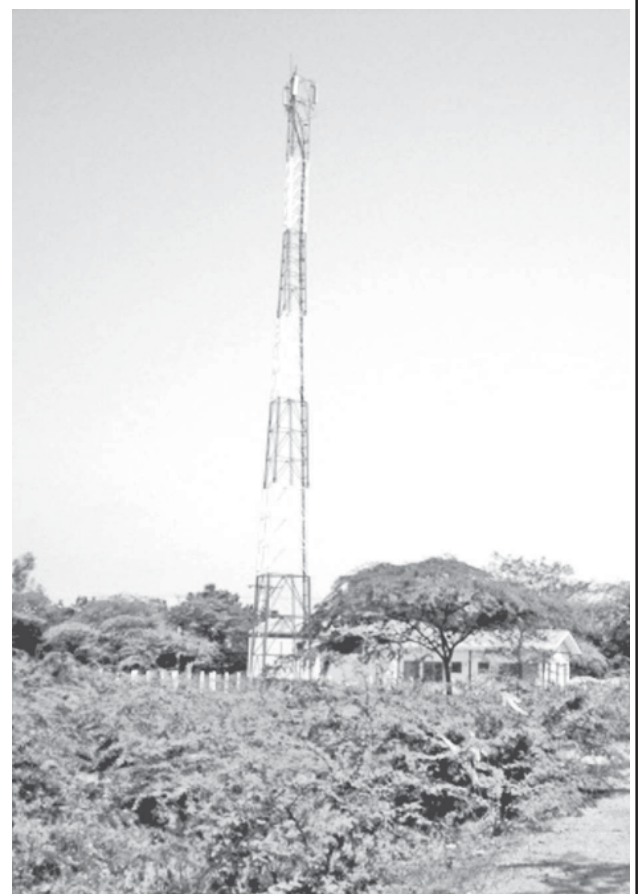
As a gesture of honouring the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the CDMA-450 station was opened in Mindat of Chin State on 22 March 2009. Therefore, the local people can apply the CDMA-450 system to communicate with their friends and relatives in the regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River namely Minbu, Minhla,

Ngaphe, Salin, Pwintbyu, Seikpyu, Pakokku, Myaing, Yesagyo, Pauk, Kyaukhtu, Saw, Htilin and Gangaw.

With regard to auto-exchange facility, a total of 17 auto-exchanges were opened in the region in 2007-2008. Likewise, eight new auto-exchanges were opened in Pauk, Kanman, Myitchay, Seikpyu, Yenangyoung Industrial Zone, Magway (new), Sagu and Minhla in 2008-2009. Moreover, the auto-exchange in Myaing was extended with 500 lines.

Furthermore, the magneto exchange in Mindon of Thayet District was upgraded to the auto-exchange on 17 May 2009 two months ahead of schedule.

The plans are under way to carry out installation of 2500 telephone lines at Magway (Extension) DMS-10 Exchange, 500 lines at Chauk (Extension) Exchange, 1500 lines at Aunglan (Exchange),



Communication station in Magway.

500 lines at Thayet (Exchange), 1100 lines at Pakokku (Exchange), 500 lines at Yesagyo (Exchange), 300 lines in Hsinpaungwe, 300 lines at Kanma (Thayet), 400 lines at Kyaukhtu, 400 lines at Saw, 300 lines at Myothit, 300 lines at Sedoktara and 300 lines

at Ngaphe exchange. As such, the communication network being established in Magway Division will contribute to uplift of the social-economic status of the local people.

Translation: TTA
Kyemon: 7-7-2009



An auto-exchange built within two months in Mindon.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (83)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (83) are hereby notified that the vessel due to arrive on 9.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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A patient, complaining
of poor vision after
consuming illicit liquor,
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INTERNET

Exhibition promotes
nature conservation

BEIJING, 8 July—An exhibition depicting the achievements of nature conservation around the world has opened at the new National Animal Museum in Beijing. From remote mountains to forests, there are many examples of people protecting nature around the world. The exhibition showcases a collection of 90 of these efforts from over the last 30 years.

Animal experts say thanks to the efforts of grass-roots conservationists, the number of endangered species in China, such as the giant panda and Tibetan antelope, have increased over the past two decades. But a large number of species remain in danger of extinction. Xie Yan, China Program Director of Wildlife Conservation Society, said, "Our aim is to let the public and relevant government departments know more about these valuable experiences in nature protection. Through this, we hope the idea of conservation can reach deeper into people's hearts."

Zhaxi Sanger has been involved in bird protection in Tibet. So far the Tibetan monk has drawn pictures and recorded details about more than 400 birds on the Tibetan plateau. Zhaxi hopes his knowledge and experience can be shared.—Internet



The Antares DLR-H2 flies its madden voyage over the northern German city of Hamburg. The airplane powered by fuel cells was commissioned by the German Aerospace Centre (DLR) with the goal of developing fuel cells for a reliable on-board power supply for wide-body airliners.

World's first fuel cell aircraft
takes off in Germany

HAMBURG, 8 July— The world's first piloted aircraft capable of taking to the air using only power from fuel cells took off in Germany on Tuesday, producing zero carbon dioxide emissions, its makers said.

"We have improved the performance capabilities and efficiency of the fuel cell to such an extent that a piloted aircraft is now able to take off using it," said Johann-Dietrich Woerner from the German Aerospace Center (DLR).

"This enables us to demonstrate the true potential of this technology, also and perhaps specifically for applications in the aerospace sector," he said.

Developed by the DLR, Lange Aviation, BASF Fuel Cells and Denmark's Serenergy, the Antares DLR-H2 motor glider has a range of 750 kilometres (465 miles) and can fly for five hours.

The system uses hydrogen as its fuel, and this is converted into electrical energy in a direct, electrochemical reaction with oxygen in the ambient air, without any combustion occurring.—Internet

Plane returns to Md airport
after bird strike

LINTHICUM, 8 July—Southwest Airlines officials say a flight headed to Providence, RI, has returned safely to Baltimore's airport after at least one bird hit an engine.

It happened about 5:20 pm Tuesday near Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Southwest spokeswoman Whitney Eichinger says Flight 69, a 737, was carrying 137 passengers. Airport spokesman Jonathan Dean says one or more birds hit the engine while the plane was taking off.

Eichinger says the plane landed safely back at BWI and there were no injuries. She said mechanics were checking the aircraft.

Planes hit birds every day in the US. A bird strike was responsible for the landing of a jetliner in the Hudson River in New York last winter. Everyone survived.—Internet



Bootleg alcohol kills 24 in India

NEW DELHI, 8 July—At least 24 people have died after drinking toxic, homebrewed alcohol in the western Indian state of Gujarat. Fifteen others were admitted to hospital in the state's largest city Ahmedabad after falling ill from consuming the contaminated liquor at a party earlier in the week, the Press Trust of India reported on Wednesday. Police used teargas to disperse angry residents who took to the streets to protest against the failure to close down illegal distilleries. Authorities are investigating the deaths. Deaths from cheap alcohol are frequent in India and most victims are poor.—Internet

Scientists identify
cholesterol-regulating genes

WASHINGTON, 8 July—Scientists at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) and the University of Heidelberg, Germany, have come a step closer to understanding how cholesterol levels are regulated. In a study published on Tuesday in US journal Cell Metabolism, the researchers identified 20 genes that are involved in this process. Besides giving scientists a better idea of where to look to uncover the mechanisms that ensure cholesterol balance is maintained, the discovery could lead to new treatments for cholesterol-related diseases.—Internet



Climate found most important in wildfires

SEATTLE, 8 July—US scientists say they've determined climate — not high temperatures or longer fire seasons — is the most significant factor in wildfires.

Scientists at the US Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station and from the University of Washington said the recent increase in area burned by wildfires in the Western United States is a product of a complex relationship between climate and fuels that varies among different ecosystems.

"We found that what matters most in accounting for large wildfires in the Western United

States is how climate influences the build up — or production — and drying of fuels," study leader Jeremy Littell of the university's Climate Impacts Group said.

"Climate affects fuels in different ecosystems differently, meaning that future wildfire size and, likely, severity depends on interactions between climate and fuel availability and production."

The researchers also said their findings suggest that, as the climate continues to warm, greater areas can be expected to burn, at least in northern portions of the West.

Internet



A firefighter faces off one of more than 100 homes destroyed is engulfed in flames, after a wildfire burned through in the Montecito area of Santa Barbara County, California on 14 November, 2008.—INTERNET

High protein diet linked to liver cancer

SEATTLE, 8 July—US researchers linked diets high in protein and cholesterol with a higher risk of liver disease.

The study, published in the journal *Hepatology*, also found a high carbohydrate diet associated with a lower risk of cirrhosis — a disease where liver tissue is replaced by fibrous scar tissue. Study leader George Ioannou of Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle used data from 9,221 participants in the National Health Examination Survey. The study participants did not suffer from cirrhosis or liver cancer at the start of the study and completed a 24-hour dietary recall question-

naire.

During the follow-up period — an average of 13.3 years — 118 participants received a new diagnosis of cirrhosis and five people a diagnosis of liver cancer. These individuals were more likely to be male, diabetic, non-white, older, more obese with more central fat distribution and had higher alcohol consumption.

Subgroup analyses, the researchers said, showed the significant associations of protein and cholesterol intake with cirrhosis or liver cancer described in the entire study population were limited to overweight or obese persons.

Internet

UK scientists create first human sperm from stem cells

BEIJING, 8 July —Researchers at Newcastle University in England reported Wednesday that they have created the first human sperm cells from embryonic stem cells.

The research led by Professor Karim Nayernia at Newcastle University and the NorthEast England Stem Cell Institute (NESCI) developed a new technique that allows the creation of human sperm in the laboratory.

The creation was a proof of concept that stem cells can generate any cell in the body — not only the dozens of tissues that make up the human body, but also those egg and sperm cells that may give rise to new bodies altogether.

"Other cell types don't generate the next generation," says Nayernia, "This makes a very big difference between our study and the study of

other cell types from embryonic stem cells."

The research team stressed that the sperm would not be used for fertility treatment, as this is prohibited by British law and in any case is not their main interest.

The research, published in the journal *Stem Cells and Development*, could also lead to a better understanding of how genetic diseases are passed on.

Internet



Revellers hold up traditional red scarves during the start of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona on 6 July, 2009. San Fermin festival, best known for its daily running of the bulls, kicked off with the traditional "Chupinazo" rocket launch and will run until 14 July.—INTERNET

New Zealand reports 4th death of influenza A/H1N1

WELLINGTON, 8 July — New Zealand on Wednesday confirmed the fourth death related to influenza A/H1N1. A 46-year-old man, from the South Island city of Blenheim, died at home a week ago and was found by a relative.

Chief Coroner, Judge Neil MacLean, said the man had pre-existing health problems, including obesity, and had not seen a doctor for some time.—Internet

Two more californians died of A/H1N1 flu virus

HOUSTON, 8 July—Local health officials reported on Tuesday that two more californians had died of the A/H1N1 flu virus, bringing the death toll to 25 in the west coast state.

San Diego County pub-

lic health officer Wilma Wooten announced that a 50-year-old woman infected with A/H1N1 flu had died on 29 June.

"This is an unfortunate incident. Our thoughts are with the friends and family of this individual," said Wooten, urging individuals with underlying medical conditions to see their primary care physicians if they have flu symptoms.

County Health and Human Services Agency spokesman Jose Alvarez said the woman had an underlying medical condition and the flu created extra medical stress on her body.—Internet

New flu virus detected in pig farm workers in Canada

OTTAWA, 7 July—A new type of flu virus has been confirmed in two hog farm workers in western Canada's Saskatchewan province, health officials said Tuesday. The virus was found when the workers were undergoing tests for A/H1N1 flu virus after they showed mild flu-like symptoms about two weeks ago, according to Moira McKinnon, the province's chief medical health officer.

Lab results revealed something different and unusual. Further examination determined that a new strain of flu had emerged, he said.

McKinnon stressed

that the virus was considered not pandemic and has been named "non-pandemic influenza A virus." The virus may have been a "one-off" event, he said, noting that laboratories have not come across any other examples of the strain detected.

"These events do happen, and they do happen occasionally," McKinnon told reporters at a news conference in provincial capital Regina. "In the current heightened scenario, we've picked this one up. It will probably not transmit. It will probably go no further than it's gone already."

Internet

Sixth death of A/H1N1 flu reported in US state of Florida

HOUSTON, 8 July—Florida health officials said on Tuesday that a 19-year-old woman had died of the A/H1N1 flu in Orange County as the sixth victim of the virus in the state. "We continue to emphasize the risk of A/H1N1 flu to the community," said Dr Kevin Sherin, director of the Orange County Health Department. "We will, unfortunately, continue to expect more swine flu (A/H1N1 flu) in our communities in Central Florida and more deaths from the disease," he said.

The young woman was visiting the Orlando area from Pennsylvania, according to local health officials. She was hospitalized in Orlando prior to her death.

The officials also said the woman had an undisclosed pre-existing medical condition.—Internet

SPORTS

Inter sign Brazilian midfielder Kerlon

ROME, 8 July—Inter Milan on Tuesday wrapped up a permanent deal for Brazilian attacking midfielder Kerlon.



Inter Milan on Tuesday wrapped up a permanent deal for Brazilian attacking midfielder Kerlon, seen here in 2005.—INTERNET

The 21-year-old spent last season at Chievo having come over to Italy from Cruzeiro but has now signed a three-year deal with the Italian champions.

He is known for his dribbling ability but he is also injury prone and made only four appearances for Chievo.

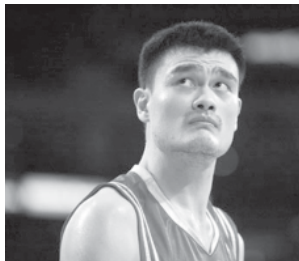
He made his name at the 2005 South American under-20 championships in Venezuela where he finished top scorer.

Internet

Yao may feed aid to toothless Sharks team

BEIJING, 8 July—With his career threatened by a foot injury, basketball superstar Yao Ming may be looking to open a new chapter in his life - as one of the owners of his old team, the Shanghai Sharks.

Sharks coach Li Qiuping reportedly said yesterday that the local native is in talks with the Shanghai Sports Bureau to invest 20 million yuan (US\$2.9 million) to save his former team from a financial crisis that could force it out of the Chinese Basketball Association. Li told Sohu.com, a major Chinese Web portal, that Team Yao, the group that manages the NBA star's career, is now in negotiations over the purchase of the local team.



Houston Rockets' Yao Ming, of China, looks up against the Los Angeles Lakers during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, California, on 3 April, 2009.—INTERNET

The Sharks are owned by Shanghai Media Group, Hongqiao Airport and Shanghai Technical Sports Institute, which is under the control of the sports bureau.

Internet

Inter call off deals for Carvalho and Deco

ROME, 8 July—Inter Milan claimed on Tuesday that they have ended their interest in Portugal pair Ricardo Carvalho and Deco because Chelsea's asking price is too high.

Transfer consultant Lele Orioli told Italy's Sky TV that any deal was now closed.



Ricardo Carvalho

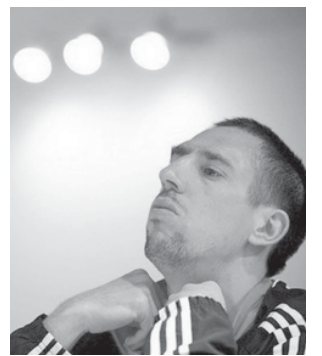
"Having had the good fortune to talk directly with Chelsea we know that they are ready to sell these two players but their asking price is too high," he said.

"It's not a deal as simple as it seems. Under these conditions it's not possible for us.

"For now the deal is closed and I don't know if it will be unblocked later on."—*Internet*

Bayern put 80m euro price tag on Ribery

BERLIN, 8 July—Bayern Munich have set a price tag of 80 million euros on French midfielder Franck Ribery, tabloid daily Bild reported on Tuesday.



Franck Ribery

The German giants have been insisting all summer they intend to hang onto Ribery, who insists he wants to join Real Madrid.

According to Bild, Bayern have given the Spaniards an ultimatum of on 16 July, the day when the squad begin pre-season training, to decide if they are ready to stump up the cash or not.

The paper did not divulge their source.

Internet

Ronaldo facing voracious Spanish press

MADRID, 8 July—After his triumphant unveiling at Real Madrid, Cristiano Ronaldo now faces the challenge of dealing with Spain's voracious press despite his stated desire to lead a "quiet" life in Spain and focus on winning titles.

"I'm going to watch TV at home, quiet, with my feet on the table", he told a news conference late on Monday where he faced repeated questions over his capacity to deal with the temptations of Madrid's lively nightlife.

"I worked hard to get here, I am not going to go sleep under a banana tree now," the 24-year-old Portuguese striker added after being presented before a record-setting crowd of 80,000 fans at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Internet



Real Madrid's new player Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo arrives for his official presentation at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. —INTERNET

Foster inks new Man Utd deal

LONDON, 8 July—Manchester United goalkeeper Ben Foster has signed a deal extending his contract until 2013, the club said Tuesday.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said: "We are delighted that Ben has signed a new four-year deal.

"Ben is seen as one of the best young goalkeepers in England and we genuinely see him as a successor to Edwin Van der Sar"

Foster, 26, has endured various injury problems and missed the end of the season after having an operation on a ruptured thumb ligament.

He played in the team which won the League Cup final, beating Tottenham on penalties last March.

Foster has won two England caps to date.—*Internet*

El Hadary gets temporary reprieve from FIFA ban

GENEVA, 8 July—Egyptian goalkeeper Essam El-Hadary will be able to play over the coming months after world sport's top court granted him a temporary stay of execution on a suspension imposed by FIFA.

The Court of Arbitration of Sport froze the sanction first meted out on El-Hadary and Swiss club Sion in April while it examines the dispute over his controversial transfer to the Swiss side last year from Egyptian club Al-Ahly.—*Internet*



Egyptian goalkeeper Essam al Hadary celebrates after the Fifa Confederations Cup football match versus Italy in June 2009 in Johannesburg. INTERNET

Sheffield Utd keeper suspended for doping

SHEFFIELD, 8 July—Sheffield United have suspended goalkeeper Paddy Kenny after he tested positive for the banned drug ephedrine, the club confirmed Tuesday. Kenny, 31, faces a ban after the urine sample he provided after May's play-off semi-final against Preston was found to contain traces of the stimulant.



Sheffield United's Republic of Ireland goalkeeper Paddy Kenny pictured in September 2008.—INTERNET

"We can confirm that Paddy Kenny has been suspended by the club. This is an ongoing, confidential matter and as such we are unable to comment further," a Sheffield United spokesman said.

Internet

US defender Onyewu joins AC Milan

MILAN, 8 July—United States defender Oguchi Onyewu joined AC Milan on Tuesday, becoming one of the few Americans to play in Italy's top league.

Milan said Tuesday it had agreed to a three-year contract with the 27-year-old, whose contract with Standard Liege had expired.

Onyewu, long a star in the Belgian league, gained increased notice with superb performances in the US run to the Confederations Cup final. Playing in central defense, he helped the Americans end the 15-game winning streak of European champion Spain with a 2-0 win.

That upset put the United States in the final against Brazil, where the Americans led by two goals at halftime before falling 3-2.—*Internet*

Manchester United's goalkeeper Ben Foster saves a penalty from Tottenham's Jamie O'Hara during the 2009 Carling Cup final at Wembley stadium in London, March 2009. INTERNET





This 9 Jan, 2007 file photo shows the facade of the New York Stock Exchange. The powerful attack that overwhelmed computers at U.S. and South Korean government agencies for days was even broader than initially realized, also targeting the White House, the Pentagon and the New York Stock Exchange. Some government Web sites—such as the Treasury Department, Federal Trade Commission and Secret Service—were still reporting problems days after the attack started during the 4 July, 2009, holiday.

INTERNET

14 killed in US drone attack in Pakistani tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 8 July—A suspected US drone Tuesday launched an attack on a suspected hideout of Taliban militants in a Pakistani tribal region and killed at least 14 people, local TV channels reported.

Two missiles were fired in Ladha in South Waziristan, the area controlled by Pakistan Taliban chief Baitullah Mahsud, according to locals.

The private Geo television reported that the drone hit a hideout of Taliban militants at a time when the Pakistani forces have also continued operation against Baitullah Mahsud.

The attack is the third in South Waziristan in less than a month. Up to 60 people were killed when the drone fired missiles at a funeral procession of a Taliban commander in some two weeks ago, according to previous report.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (9-7-2009) (Thursday)

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

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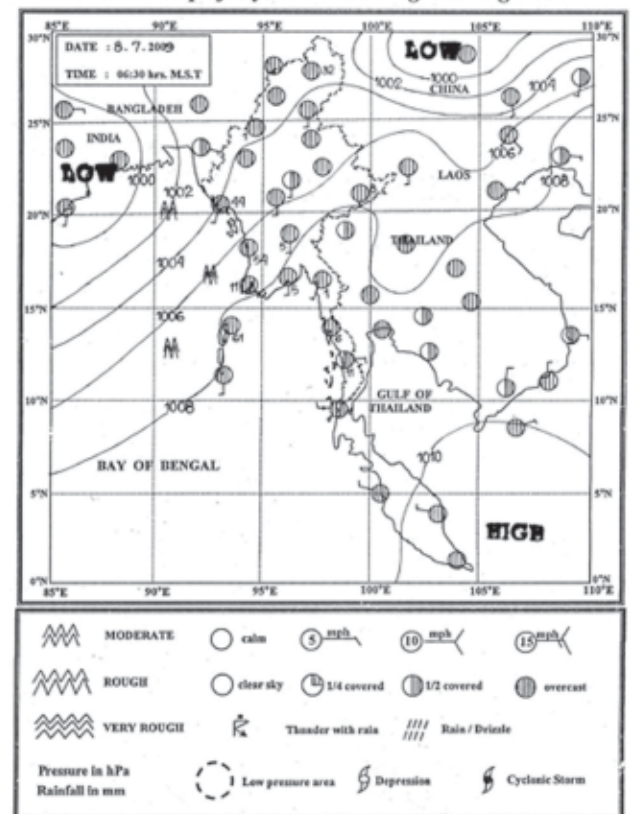
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Dressing Styles of Law-Waw Ladies
- * Uniquely.....Artistic Straw Paintings of Myanmar
- * Ever Green Songs (Pianist Chit Swe) (Rain)
- * Pleasant Inkyin Park
- * Mobile Education Activities for Wildlife Conservation
- * Coffee Production in Myanmar
- * Myanma Cattle Market
- * Take An Active Part in the Anti-drug Campaign
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Adept Sons of Inlay Lake
- * Lumber Buffaloes
- * The Art of Sculpture from Sagyin Hill
- * A Trip to Naga Land
- * Butterfly Garden In Yangon
- * A beautiful State decorated with Rubber
- * Production of A Delicious Seafood
- * Prospering and Developing Mon State
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Website: www.mrtv 3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 8 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (2.40) inches, Thandwe (2.12) inches, Sittwe (2.05) inches, Gwa (1.46) inches, Ye (1.34) inches and Minbu (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-7-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 8-7-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-7-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 7-7-2009 was (0.6) hour Approx.

Rainfall on 8-7-2009 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.11) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (44.41) inches at Mingaladon, (48.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (51.65) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 7-7-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan States and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 9 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. Nice and Sweet Song

7:55 am

4. Dance Variety

8:10 am

5. မဲဆောင်တံတား

8:15 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

7. “မနိုင်သောအရှုံး”

8:40 am

8. International News

8:50 am

9. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:20 pm

3. Song of National Races

4:25 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ဂူဗေဒ၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာ၊ စီးပွားစီမံ၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာ အထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွက်ကြွက်အိတ်

5:20 pm

8. Musical programme

5:35 pm

9. “တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်”

5:40 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရန်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ “တန်ပြန်ပိုးနည်း” (အပိုင်း-၂) (စိုးရန်အောင်၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

7:00 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်ကပ်ခြင်း

7:20 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း” (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၃၈)



Communication network being established in Magway Division

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

While visiting various regions of Magway Division recently, we witnessed development of communication sector.

On our way back from Pwintbyu, we had an interview with Magway Division Manager U Zaw Oo Han of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and learned the efforts being made for improvement of communication network in the division.

Before 1988, Magway Division had three auto-exchanges and 2200 telephone lines. At present, the division has been facilitated with 26 auto-exchanges and 18,435 telephone lines.

Likewise, the division had 20 magneto exchanges and 1250 telephone lines before 1988. Now, a total of 57 exchanges and 4990 telephone lines are in use.

(See page 11)



Photo shows GSM tower station in Chauk providing communication facilities to local people.

Winners awarded in Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Tennis Competition

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—A ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Tennis Competition was held at the hall of Southern Command Headquarters in Toungoo on 30 June morning.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min awarded the winners.

In the afternoon, the commander attended the prize presentation ceremony of the Commander's Shield Football Tournament at Ketumati Sports Ground. The commander and officials presented prizes to the winning teams.—MNA

Writer-Cum-Doctor Society to give talks on 11 July

YANGON, 8 July—Literary talks to be organized by Writer-Cum-Doctor Society of Myanmar Medical Association (MMA), will be held at Auditorium-A of MMA at 1 pm on 11 July. Interested persons may attend the talks that will be given by writers Pe Myint and Mya Hnaung Nyo.—MNA

A (H1N1) infected girl discharged from hospital after recovering from illness

Surveillance measures against those who came into contact with girl and others halt

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — A 13-year-old girl visited Singapore together with her family on 21 June and arrived back in Yangon on 26 June at 1.30 pm. Although she was found to have no fever while she was screened by health staff at the airport, she had to be hospitalized at 9 pm on 26 June after her teacher had noticed her having a persistent cough during the private tuition. She was kept in a private room of Yangon General Hospital. After giving her a check-up, the National Health Laboratory on 27 June confirmed that she was infected with new influenza A (H1N1).

She became the first human case in Myanmar. As the medical superintendent and specialists gave her a systematic medical treatment, she fully recovered from her illness and was discharged from the hospital this evening. The Ministry of Health kept

under surveillance all the persons who had come into contact with her; her family members, her classmates, the teacher and her family members in order to prevent possible disease spread and outbreaks. Moreover, officials of the Health Ministry took surveillance measures against all the 91 passengers who were on board the plane with her and the staff members (Foreign Arrival) of Yangon International Airport in cooperation with officials of Yangon Division, District and Township Peace and Development Councils. And now those surveillance measures were stopped on 6 July as the 10-day period of possible disease spread had passed.

Authorities concerned have urged the public to participate in the preventive measures against the global human flu pandemic. —MNA