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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Mongolian President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—On the occasion of the National Day of Mongolia, which falls on 11 July 2009, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Tsakhia Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia.—*MNA*

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Chairman of Standing Committee of People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Party Secretary of Guangxi CPC

Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Mr. Guo Shengkum, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received the visiting Chinese delegation led by Mr Guo Shengkum, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Party Secretary of the Guangxi Communist Party of China (CPC), at the hall of the Government Office, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Deputy Secretary of CPC Guangxi Committee Mr Peng Xiaochun, Charge d'Affaires ai of the Chinese Embassy Mr Wang Zongying, Mayor of Nanning City Mr Huang Fangfang and senior officials.

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 11 July, 2009

Strive for providing mothers and children with better health care services

Today, 11 July, is the World Population Day. The First Population Conference was held in 1974. And the World Population Day was designated on 11 July 1987 when the world's population reached 5,000 million.

The United Nations' millennium goal is to reduce the mortality rate of children under five, to bring about better health care for pregnant women and to cooperate with the international community in the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

In the national health policy, priority is being given to strategy capable of bringing about better reproductive health. Under the reproductive health programme, special emphasis is being placed on availability of reproductive health care services.

Reproductive health plays a pivotal role in the development of human resources, and every mother should pay attention to it.

The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, an organization formed with the aim of carrying out maternal and child health care services, is widely engaged in maternal and child health care services throughout the nation in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

With the aim of reducing maternal and child mortality rate, the association made field trips right down to rural regions and provided pregnant women with necessary assistance.

The government is implementing the objectives of United Nations' millennium goal and striving for boosting the maternal and child health care services hand in hand with WHO, UNDP and UNFPA.

This being so, each and every mother should pay serious attention to the motto of the World Population Day "Protecting Marginalized Populations from the Global Economic Crisis".

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**

Commander attends opening of Sepak Takraw Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min delivered an address at the Southern Command Commander's Shield Sepak Takraw Tournament held at the hall of the command headquarters in Ketumati of Toungoo Township on 3 July morning.

After that, the commander enjoyed the skill demonstration of the athletes.

The commander also attended the ceremony to honour the victorious football team that secured the Sports Minister's Trophy and the championship trophy in the Inter-State/Division U-19 Men's Football Tournament at Taungoo Town Hall.—*MNA*

Special Refresher Course for Police Officers concludes

YANGON, 10 July—The Special Refresher Course No. 17 for Police Officers concluded at Ohndaw Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi made a speech and awarded outstanding trainees.

Also present on the occasion were members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, the rector, pro-rectors and faculty members of CICS (Phaunggyi) and officials.

A total of 231 male trainees and 33 female trainees from Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation, Myanmar Correctional Department and Immigration and National Registration Department attended the four-week course.—*MNA*

***Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi presents prize to an outstanding trainee.*—MNA**

Changhong Electronic get-together held

YANGON, 10 July— Hte Wah Win Trading Co Ltd distributing Changhong electronics hosted Changhong Electronic get-together in conjunction with a ceremony to honour sale agents at the Park Royal Hotel here yesterday evening. Director U Thura Aung of Hte Wah Win Trading Co., Ltd explained the facts about the Changhong Electronic. After that, General Manager Mr Hwang He Rong of Changhong Electronic Co presented the best seller awards to sale agents. And lucky draw was opened for customers. Changhong Electronic is one of the well-known electronic companies in China as well as the world's best brand.

Samsung, LG and PHILIP Panel Brand LCD TV (42, 37, 32, 22, 19 and 15.6 inches) and CRT TV (21 and 29 inches) are being produced. The varieties of Air-cons with 1 to 25 horsepower such as wall mounted split type, Window, Portable, Corner Ceiling, Ceiling Cassette, Duct Type and floor standing are available. In addition, these air-cons can save power and high-quality Japanese compressors are used in these air-cons. Changhong Electronic materials are available with three years guarantee and service programme is free services for first year and free repairing charges for the rest.

Air-cons and TV are available at Hte Wah Win Trading Co., Ltd, No.59 (B), Inya Myaing Street, Shwetaunggar ward(1), Bahan Township, (Ph- 537115 and 701849).—*MNA*

***General Manager Mr Hwang He Rong of Changhong Electronic Company presents best seller award to a sale agent.*—MNA**

Special Appellate Bench hears special criminal appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of The Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court Judges of The Supreme Court (Yangon) Dr Tin Aung Aye and U Han Shein sitting at Court room No. 1 of The Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgement of 5 special criminal appeal cases and 8 special civil appeal cases. And then heard 5 special criminal appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, on 10 July 2009.—*MNA*

S Okkalapa Tsp No.1 BEHS to publish golden jubilee magazine

YANGON, 10 July — No.1 Basic Education High School of South Okkalapa Township will publish a magazine to mark the golden jubilee of the school.

The school has invited documentary photos related to the school, short and long stories, poems in Myanmar and English and cartoons to cover in the magazine.

Those wishing to send the photos and manuscripts may contact the headmaster of the school, Ph 561590, 561442, U Aung Shein, Ph 565308, U Hla Win (Byamaso Robe Shop) Ph 571728; and U Kyi Myint (Raza Cooperative Society) Ph 577328.

MNA

An Egyptian patrol ship navigating in the Suez Canal between Port Said and Ismailia. Egyptian security forces have arrested 26 suspected Al-Qaeda loyalists on charges of plotting attacks on foreign ships passing through the Suez Canal, the interior ministry said on Thursday.—INTERNET

Egypt holds 26 over suspected Qaeda plot on Suez Canal

CAIRO, 10 July — Egyptian security forces have arrested 26 suspected Al-Qaeda loyalists on charges of plotting attacks on foreign ships passing through the Suez Canal, the interior ministry said on Thursday.

The suspects, 25 Egyptians and a Palestinian, were in contact with the Al-Qaeda-linked Islamic Army of Palestine, the ministry said in a statement.

It alleged that they had prepared remote controlled detonators and explosives fabricated from armaments left over in the Sinai desert from Egypt's wars with Israel.

The cell was awaiting instructions from abroad from an Al-Qaeda operative, the statement said.

It also charged that the cell carried out a deadly armed robbery of a Coptic Christian-owned jewellery shop in Cairo in May 2008 in which the owner and four workers were killed. The gun used in the attack had also been found.

Five suspects "gave detailed confessions on carrying out (the attack)... to fund their activities," it said.

In May, the interior ministry said it had arrested seven members of another alleged Al-Qaeda-affiliated cell over a bombing in Cairo's Khan el-Khalili bazaar that killed a teenage French tourist.—*Internet*

Five teens killed by train at level crossing

CANTON, 10 July — A teenage driver bypassed gates at a level crossing in Michigan and was hit by an Amtrak train Thursday afternoon, killing all five in the car, police said.

The crash in Canton between Dearborn and Ann Arbor was videotaped by a security camera at a business near the crossing, WDIV-TV, Detroit. reported. The tape shows the driver drove around an SUV already stopped at the crossing as well as bypassing the gates.

The dead were described as four young men aged 17 and 18 and a 14-year-old girl. Police said removing the bodies took about three hours.

The train was heading to Chicago from Detroit. One passenger told the TV station he heard the train whistle before every road crossing, and another said she heard it just before the crash.

The warning equipment at the crossing, including flashing lights and gates, appeared to be working, police said.

The train was carrying about 170 passengers, including 15 blind people accompanied by Seeing Eye dogs, who were returning from a convention in Detroit.

Internet

Emergency medical technicians leave the scene in Canton Township, Mich, on 9 July, 2009 where an Amtrak passenger train carrying about 150 people struck a car at a road crossing near Detroit killing all five people in the sedan, authorities said. The crossing has a gate and flashing lights that were believed to be working when the car approached, said Sgt Mark Gajeski, a police spokesman.—INTETNET

Poll shows Obama's job rating falls 15 points

WASHINGTON, 10 July— US President Barack Obama's job approval rating among Americans has plummeted, a survey released Thursday found. The CNN/Opinion Research Corp survey showed the president's approval rating had fallen from 76 percent in February to 61 percent in late June.

The poll also indicated those who say they consider Obama "a strong and decisive leader" fell 10 percentage points, to 70 percent in the five-month span, while those who say they see Obama as tough enough to handle a crisis declined 9 percentage points, to 64 percent.

Fifty-six percent said they think Obama generally agrees with them on issues they care about, down from 63 percent in February, and 53 percent say he has a "clear plan" for solving the nation's problems, down from 64 percent, the poll found.

Internet

UN Secretary-General's message on World Population Day

11 July 2009

In the midst of the worst global economic crisis in generations, we must find the most effective ways to continue progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. There is no better path than the focus of this year's World Population Day: investing in women and girls.

As budgets tighten, the crisis threatens to wipe out hard-won progress in improving health and reducing poverty. When household incomes decline, girls are more likely to drop out of school. When profits decline, women are more likely to lose their employment and sources of income. When health systems suffer, women risk childbirth without life-saving services. Even before the crisis, a mother died every minute in pregnancy and childbirth, nearly all in developing countries where the crisis has pushed women deeper into poverty.

Investing in girls' education delivers well-known returns. When girls are educated, they are more likely to earn higher wages and obtain better jobs, to have fewer and healthier children and to enjoy safer childbirth.

And investing in women's health, especially reproductive health, can not only save the lives of half a million mothers, but also unleash an estimated $15 billion in productivity each year. As we commemorate the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, let us accelerate efforts to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015.

On this World Population Day, I call on decision-makers to protect women's ability to earn income, keep their daughters in school, and obtain reproductive health information and services, including voluntary family planning. Together, let us advance the rights of women and girls, and empower them as highly productive members of society capable of contributing to economic recovery and growth. There can be no better investment on this day or any other.—*UNIC*

A wounded man arrives for treatment after a roadside bomb attack near a market in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 July, 2009.
INTERNET

Afghan blast kills 25, half of them children

KABUL, 10 July — A truck filled with explosives that police believe may have been destined for Kabul blew up on a highway Thursday, killing 25 people — more than half of them children walking to school. Two American soldiers died in combat as the US military reported the number of roadside bombs in Afghanistan last month was nearly three times the figure for Iraq.

The attacks served as a grim reminder that the bloody conflict is widening, even as thousands of US troops are being sent to Afghanistan to try to turn the tide against the Taleban-led insurgency, which has made a comeback after the Islamic extremist movement was ousted from power in 2001.

The blast occurred about 7 am as police were trying to clear a traffic jam on a highway in Logar Province after the truck, which was loaded with timber, had overturned the night before. Suddenly, explosives hidden beneath the timber detonated, killing 21 civilians and four policemen, Interior Ministry spokesman Zemerai Bashary said.

At least 13 of the dead were children on their way to school, provincial official Kamaluddin Zadran said. Three children were missing, he added.

Internet

*A Zimbabwean shop worker prepares bags of rice to stack shelves in a shop in Harare in June 2009. —*INTERNET

Weak retail sales in June raise worries

NEW YORK, 10 July—After yet another weak month, retailers are preparing to fight for their share of crucial back-to-school shopping. But they may have to keep discounting to keep consumers coming in, given escalating job uncertainty.

Particularly worrisome in Thursday's same-store sales reports: Mall-based teen stalwarts like Abercrombie & Fitch were among those hit hardest as families looked for bargains.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc, the world's largest retailer, is expected to be a big winner as it woos young shoppers with trendy electronics and fashions, but its sales are no longer included in the monthly data.—*Internet*

Black Americans turn to DNA to trace African roots

ATLANTA, 10 July—To get a sense of the pain many black Americans feel about their broken connection to Africa, just listen to the cries of joy when the divide was bridged by blacks who used DNA to trace their roots to a specific country:

"My life has been turned upside down," said Veronica Henry of Las Vegas, who quit her corporate job in information technology and set up website www.myafricandiaspora.com after she learned in 2007 that her mother's lineage came from the Mende people of Sierra Leone.

Said Stephanie Smith of Randallstown, Maryland, after tracing her roots back to Sierra Leone: "I finally feel some of the separation between myself as an African American and other Africans beginning to fall away."

Others said they were almost physically sick with anticipation as they opened the envelope containing their DNA test results that could reveal their ancestry.—*Internet*

Brazilian Minister sees opportunities in cooperation with China in technology, information

RIO DE JANEIRO,10 July—Brazilian Science and Technology Minister Sergio Rezende said Thursday his country expects a successful negotiation with China on technology and information cooperation.

In a statement issued after his meeting with officials of Potevio, a Chinese telecommunication and electronics company, on Wednesday, Rezende said there are many opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in those areas.

He said Brazil and China can extend their successful cooperation in space development to other areas. The two countries had jointly developed and launched a remote-sensing satellite.

"In the area of communication and information technology, Brazil has a large market and it has many laws, like the Informatics Law, which boost production in the country for the local market and for exports," Rezende said.

"That has made companies from many countries consider Brazil a destination for investment in that area. And they have made Brazil a base for export to other Latin American countries and to other continents," Rezende added.

The statement also quoted Potevio Vice President Wang Zhongfu that Brazil offers opportunities in many areas for Chinese firms, which will benefit both countries.—*Internet*

***Budget air carrier AirAsia X's first leased Airbus A330 long-haul aircraft. AirAsia Thursday launched "Redbox," an express courier service it says will be 50 percent cheaper than its rivals.—*INTERNET**

Japanese wholesale prices log record drop

TOKYO, 10 July—Japanese wholesale prices fell at the fastest ever pace last month, data showed, deepening concern that another bout of deflation could hinder a recovery in the world's number two economy.

The prices of goods traded between companies dropped by 6.6 percent in June from a year earlier, the Bank of Japan said, the steepest decline since records began in 1960.

It was the sixth straight year-on-year fall, following a revised 5.5 percent drop in May.

Lower commodity prices were the main cause, an official at the central bank said.

"Weak domestic demand is also pressuring prices," he added.

While falls in the cost of oil and other raw materials are good news for many manufacturers, the fear is that sustained drops in consumer prices could create another dangerous deflationary spiral.

"The latest deflationary pressure could negatively affect the economy by hurting corporate earnings," said Hideyuki Araki, an economist at Resona Research Institute.

Deflationary pressure will probably intensify due to smaller summer bonuses for workers and the weak job market, Araki said.

Internet

Siemens lands S Africa orders ahead of World Cup

BERLIN, 10 July—German engineering giant Siemens said Thursday it had landed around a billion euros' (dollars) worth of orders to improve infrastructure in South Africa as the country gears up to host World Cup 2010.

"Most of these orders are connected with the expansion of the country's energy infrastructure," the company said in a statement.

The company has built new power plants in Cape Town and Mossel Bay to manage spikes in energy demand during the World Cup, which is expected to attract more than 3.5 million people when it kicks off next year.

Internet

Chevron says Q2 hit by US refining, weak dollar

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 July—Chevron Corp (CVX N) warned that second-quarter earnings would be hit by a sharp decline in US refining margins and that any benefits from higher oil prices were largely offset by a weaker dollar, sending its shares down 1.8 percent.

The outlook from the second-largest US oil company only contributed to the gloom surrounding the country's refiners in the face of toughening regulation and a depressed fuel market.

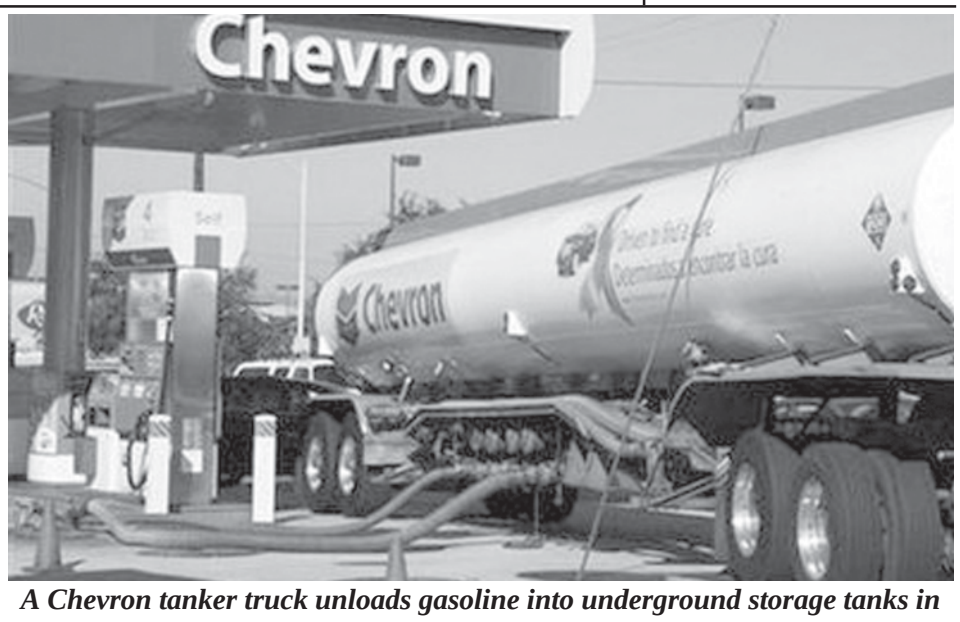
Chevron said on Thursday the decline in second-quarter US refining margins more than offset an increase in marketing margins, while margins were mixed outside its home country.

Refining margins have been squeezed by higher crude prices, which lift input costs, and weak demand due to the recession.

"Downstream results are projected to be significantly lower than the first quarter," Chevron said in its interim update.

Chevron said US oil-equivalent production in April and May was 682,000 barrels per day (bpd), up from 671,000 in the first quarter, while international output was 1.979 million bpd, down by 13,000 bpd from the previous quarter.

Internet



***A Chevron tanker truck unloads gasoline into underground storage tanks in Burbank, Calfiornia on 18 June, 2008.—*INTERNET**

Exhibitors use carriage to advertise their brands at the Moscow International Beer Festival, on 8 July, 2009. The 11th Moscow International Beer Festival opens at the Luzhniki Sports Complex in Moscow on Wednesday. —XINHUA

Chile, Bolivia sign export promotion cooperation agreement

SANTIAGO, 10 July—Chile and Bolivia have signed an agreement on cooperation among their export promotion agencies to strength bilateral commercial and economic ties, the Chilean Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

Alicia Frohmann, director of ProChile, and Patricia Ballivian, Bolivian Productive Development and Plural Economy (Promueve Bolivia) Minister, signed on the agreement.

The agreement is also aimed at generating enterprises alliance through the exchange of market information, boosting the productive chains, performing activities of mutual benefit and setting a reciprocal aid.

Promueve Bolivia will replace the Ceprobol as the Bolivian institution for export promotion. Chile signed export cooperation agreements with Ceprobol in 1999 and 2006.

ProChile and Promueve Bolivia have co-sponsored training and market research programmes, as well as three Fairs of Construction in Chile, among other activities.

Chilean exports to Bolivia reached 448 million US dollars in 2008. Its imports registered 77.6 million dollars.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

IOC slams USOC for Olympic content-related network

GENEVA, 10 July— The International Olympic Committee Thursday said they were "disappointed" by the US Olympic Committee as the latter will launch their own television network "unilaterally".

The IOC accused the US Olympic Committee of acting hastily by announcing plans Wednesday for the "US Olympic Network," which is scheduled to go on air next year after the Vancouver Winter Games with Comcast as broadcast partner.

"We were aware that the USOC had been considering a new 'Olympic broadcast network', but we have never been presented with a plan, and we had assumed that we would have an opportunity to discuss unresolved questions together before the project moved forward," the IOC said in a statement from Lausanne, Switzerland.—*Xinhua*

US signs accord for participation in Shanghai World Expo

SHANGHAI, 10 July—The United States Friday confirmed its participation in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo by signing an agreement with the organizer.

The contract made the American country one of the 212 nations and international organizations that have decided to take part in the largest world expo to be held between May and October next year in Shanghai.

Xinhua

A Lufthansa Boeing 747 takes off from Frankfurt airport, 2003. The leading German airline, Lufthansa, said it suffered a 2.8-percent fall in traffic in June from the figure for the same month in 2008, owing to the global economic crisis.
INTERNET

German self-service wholesaler to open new stores in China

BEIJING, 10 July—German self-service wholesaler Metro Cash & Carry plans to open four new wholesale stores this year in China, said Friday's *China Daily*. The new stores would be in east China's Kunshan, Changshu, Cixiand Hangzhou.

The company said it planned to have a network of 42 wholesale stores across the country by the end of this year.

Tino Zeiske, president, Metro Cash & Carry China, said Metro would continue to invest and grow in the coming years in China.—*Xinhua*

Five people killed in landslide in West Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 July—Five people were killed and one was seriously injured in a landslide on Friday morning in West Java, Indonesia, the National Disaster Management Agency said here.

The accident occurred before dawn at the Cicurug district of Bogor regency, spokesman of the agency Priyadi Kardono said. The soil fell after a small dam collapsed and hit two houses located about ten metres down below. "Five people in the houses were killed, and another one was rushed to a hospital because of serious injury," he told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

Survey finds French tourists "worst in the world"

PARIS, 10 July—French people are the worst tourists in the world, according to a survey by TNS Infratest released on Thursday.

Based on nine criteria including politeness and willingness to tip, the survey questioned 4,500 hotels across the world to rank 27 nationalities.

The survey for the online travel company Expedia concluded that the French were poor at using languages, rude, complaining, and the meanest in tipping. Spaniards and Greeks are near the bottom on the list of the worst.—*Xinhua*

Doctors attend to patients suffering the effects of illicit liquor in the emergency room at Shardaben Hospital in Ahmedabad. The death toll from a case of mass poisoning involving home-brewed alcohol in the western Indian state of Gujarat rose to 107, police said.—INTERNET

Venezuela extends oil exploitation agreement with Byelorussia

CARACAS, 10 July—The Venezuelan government said Thursday it has decided to extend the oil exploitation agreement with Byelorussia through their joint venture Bielovenezolana. Bielovenezolana was formed by Petroleos de Venezuela and the Byelorussian company Belorusneft.

Venezuelan Energy and Oil Ministry announced the decision in its official gazette, which says Bielovenezolana will be allocated new exploitation blocks.

The gazette says Bielovenezolana will operate the Oritupano Norte oil fields, which include an area of 209.60 square km between Pedro Maria Freites in Anzoategui state and Aguasay en Maturin in Monagas state.

Oritupano Norte also includes the zones of Simon Rodriguez and San Jose de Guanipa in Anzoategui state totaling 157.59 square km, and block II Lagunilla in Zulia state extending 63.56 square km. In 2008, Bielovenezolana extracted 690,000 tons of oil from the fields of Campo Guara Este in Anzoategui and Lago Medio in Zulia.—*Xinhua*

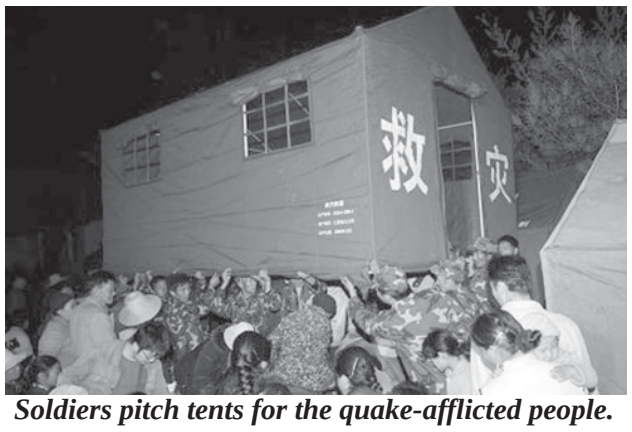
More than 300 injured in SW China 6.0-magnitude quake

KUNMING, 10 July— More than 300 people were injured and more than 10,000 houses collapsed in a 6.0-magnitude earthquake that hit southwest China's Yunnan Province on Thursday evening, local authorities said.

Among the victims, 30 suffered severe injuries while the other 305 were slightly injured as of 1 am, said the quake-relief headquarters in Yao'an County, Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture.

All the severely injured were being treated at the People's Hospital of Yao'an. The headquarters previously put the number of injuries at 336, among whom 56 were severely injured. More than 10,000 houses collapsed and more than 30,000 others were damaged in six counties in Chuxiong, according to the latest figure.

The quake occurred at 7:19 pm, at a depth of about 10 kilometres, with the epicenter in the county's Guantun Township, about 200 km from the provincial city of Kunming, said the China Earthquake Networks Center.—*Internet*



Soldiers pitch tents for the quake-afflicted people. More than 300 people were injured and more than 10,000 houses collapsed in a 6.0-magnitude earthquake that hit southwest China's Yunnan Province Thursday evening, local authorities said.—XINHUA

Younger kids more likely to get wrong dose

BALTIMORE, 10 July— Infants and young children treated with heart drugs get the wrong dose or are victims of errors more often than older children, US researchers found.

Research led by the Johns Hopkins Children's Center found the highest number of errors among infants under age 1.

Lead investigator Dr Marlene Miller said children of all ages are vulnerable to such mistakes because healthcare providers can manually miscalculate weight-sensitive doses and can misinterpret safe age ranges of adult drugs used off-label in children.

"We found that cardiac medication errors happen in children, and they can happen every step of the way, from prescribing to delivering the medication, but dosing and administration errors were ominously common," Miller said in a statement.

Internet

Israel's senior defence official in Cairo for talks on Shalit

JERUSALEM, 10 July— A senior Israeli defence official arrived in Cairo Thursday, for discussions on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the release of the captive Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, local news services said.

Amos Gilad, head of the political-security bureau at Israel's Defence Ministry, met with Egyptian security officials in Cairo, local daily *Ha'aretz* reported.

Also on Thursday, Egypt's intelligence deputy chief general Mohammed Ibrahim, who charged with mediating between Israel and the Palestinians for the release of Shalit, visited Ramallah for talks with Palestinian Authority leaders, the report said.

Israeli defence sources told the Israeli daily on Wednesday that a freeze in the attempted reconciliation of Fatah and Hamas has brought efforts for negotiation on Shalit to a standstill, and that the likelihood of a speedy deal to release Shalit is slim.

Gilad will, during the very brief visit, discuss with a number of senior Egyptian officials about developments in the efforts to secure a lull between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, as well as the release of Shalit in exchange for Palestinian prisoners, according to the Israeli news service Ynet.

Internet

Study says US hospitals let too many die

WASHINGTON, 10 July—Too many people die needlessly of heart attacks, heart failure and pneumonia at US hospitals, especially at the worst hospitals, a government analysis said.

Patients with pneumonia died at nearly 6 out of 100 hospitals at rates significantly higher than the national average, the analysis by US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said.

The death rates from heart failure were higher at about 3.5 percent of hospitals and from heart attacks were higher at more than 1 percent of hospitals, the analysis said.

Most US hospitals also operate the equivalent of revolving doors for their patients, with one in every four heart-failure patients and slightly less than one in five heart-attack and pneumonia patients returning to the hospital within 30 days, the analysis found.

"We have double failure in our health system," Dr John Rumsfeld, chief science officer for the American College of Cardiology's National Data Registry, told USA Today.

Internet

This photograph taken on 4 July, shows Bangladeshi conjoined twins resting in Chittagong. Newborn twins joined at the stomach and legs died on Tuesday in Bangladesh after efforts by a team of surgeons to separate them failed.

700-year-old skull washes up on Aussie beach

Baffled Australian police have launched an appeal for information after a 700-year-old skull washed up on a beach.

Police believe the skull must belong to a private collector or museum, but are mystified as to how it arrived on the Sydney beach in September.

A police handout photo shows a 700-year-old child's skull which was found washed up on a Sydney beach. Baffled Australian police have launched an appeal for information on the skull.

"Detectives are now looking for the owner of the skull, who they believe may be a private collector or from a museum or research facility," they said.

Tests showed the skull belonged to a non-Aboriginal child aged between four and six who lived about seven centuries ago.

NEWS ALBUM

Illinois cabbie uses deodorant to disarm attacker

Police in suburban Chicago say a taxi driver who didn't have Mace handy when he was attacked by a knife-wielding passenger instead disarmed the man with a can of aerosol deodorant.

Elgin Deputy Police Chief Jeff Swoboda says the 51-year-old cabbie picked up the male passenger early outside a casino. Swoboda said the driver grew suspicious when the man offered several destinations, so he surreptitiously placed the small can of deodorant between his legs.

Robbers hit NY gas station, ran out of gas

State police in New York say two Pennsylvania men robbed a gas station and might have gotten away if they had also fueled up.

Troopers said they caught 29-year-old Lonnie Meckwood, of Carbondale, and 51-year-old Phillip Weeks, of Tunkhannock, after their getaway car ran out of gas while the were trying to escape.

They're accused of using a knife to rob a clerk at the Quickway Convenience Store in Kirkwood, near the New York-Pennsylvania border about 80 miles south of Syracuse. The clerk wasn't hurt.

New Swiss firefighting tool: TV remote control

It must rank among the easiest fires ever to put out. Zurich authorities say police and firefighters were called to the house of an elderly woman after she reported her television set was burning. When they arrived, they discovered no signs of fire or smoke.

They found instead that the TV was tuned into a German station that in the early morning hours aired the constant image of a fireplace. "The fire was extinguished with the press of a button," police said in a statement.

Pure white Bengal tiger astonishes keepers

It doesn't take a wildlife expert to spot the difference between this white Bengal tiger cub and the rest of her family. For six-month-old Fareeda missed out when they were handing out the stripes.

That makes her an extreme rarity - and a major attraction at the South African conservation centre where she was born.

Fareeda's mother Geena and father Shiva are kept at Cango Wildlife Ranch, near Cape Town, as part of a breeding programme to keep their species alive.

Fareeda with her siblings shortly after birth.

Last Christmas Day, Geena had three cubs - Fareeda, her brother Shahir and sister Sitarah. Keepers immediately noted Fareeda's lack of markings but had to wait to see if she developed them later.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development tasks in Mindat Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July— Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Chairman of Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hon Ngai and departmental officials attended the collective tea planting ceremony held on Mindat-Matupi Road on 5 July and grew tea plants together with service personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on growing of tea annually in Matupi Township presented by the manager of township Myanmar Agricultural Service and supplementary reports made by officials and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected gravel retaining wall of Mindat-Matupi Road and extended construction of road.

After hearing a report on progress of road work presented by the state chief engineer at the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Tha Aye left necessary instructions.

Then Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into tea plantations of departments concerned at the entrance to Mindat.

At the hall of Basic Education High School in Mindat, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with district/township level departmental officials, townselders, members of social organizations and local people and heard reports on work progress presented by officials. The vice-chairman of Chin State PDC, the chairman and the commander made supplementary reports.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs. Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commander and officials presented gifts and medicines.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye made a speech in meeting with trainees of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Training School No (1) and presented cash donation, and viewed the plantation of the school.

Then Lt-Gen Tha Aye oversaw Digital Auto-Exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Mindat and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited Women Vocational Training School and Progress of Border Areas and National Races Training School No (2) in Mindat and presented gifts.

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***Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects gravel retaining wall of Mindat-Matupi Road and extended construction of road.*—MNA**

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung grows padauk and star-flower plants at 2nd monsoon tree planting ceremony.*—MNA**

Ministry of Forestry grows trees

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July— The 2nd monsoon tree growing ceremony of Ministry of Forestry was held at the Minister's office here this morning. Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung grew a padauk and a star-flower plants.

After that, departmental heads planted saplings at the designated places.

The minister and departmental heads viewed those present growing plants at the ceremony.

A total of 2,560 plants were grown at the ceremony.—*MNA*

Delegation of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association leaves for Thailand to study rice milling industry

YANGON, 10 July—Under the sponsorship of Ministry of Commerce, and assistance of Thai Embassy in Myanmar, a study group this afternoon left for Thailand to study ports, modern rice mills, rice milling industry and related industries, Royal Thai Agricultural Project in Bangkok of Thailand.

The group comprises CEC member of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association U Tin Win and 60 rice mill owners, 16 entrepreneurs, 4 trainees from Proficiency Course on Rice Milling Methods (1/2009), totalling 80.

U Kyaw Htoo, Managing Director of the Ministry of Commerce, U Aung Lwin, U Win Aung, U Tun Aung, Vice-Presidents of the UMFCCI, and responsible persons saw them off at Yangon International Airport.

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***Delegation of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association seen before departure for Thailand.*—MNA**

Thailand hands over office equipment to temporary Myanmar passport issuance camp

***Deputy Minister U Maung Myint extends passport to an applicant in temporary Myanmar passport issuance camp, Kawthoung.*—MNA**

YANGON, 10 July – A ceremony to hand over office equipment by Thailand to the temporary Myanmar passport issuance camp took place at Kawthoung Motel in Kawthoung this morning. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, Director-General U Min Lwin of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Chit Shein of the Ministry of Labour, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Myint of Immigration and Population Department, Commander of Special Branch Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein and staff and the Thai delegation led by Director-General of Department of Employment Mr Pichai.

First, the deputy minister extended greetings and the Thai delegation leader explained the purpose of handing over the office equipment. Next, the deputy minister and the Thai delegation members visited the temporary Myanmar passport issuance camp where they inspected the day-to-day issuance of passports for 30 illegal workers who came from Thailand to apply for temporary Myanmar passports.

Officials of Ranong of Thailand issued L.A visas for 10 illegal workers out of the 30 and plans are being made to issue the remaining visas.

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Information Minister attends opening of Guangxi Television Showcase Week

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July — Under the information cooperation programme between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, the opening of Guangxi Television Showcase Week, jointly organized by Myanma Radio and Television of the Ministry of Information and Guangxi Television of Guangxi Province, was held at the Mingalar Hall of Royal Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address and cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Present also were departmental heads of the ministry, visiting Chairman of Standing Committee of People's Congress of Guangxi Zhaung Autonomous Region and Secretary of Guangxi Communist Party of China Mr. Guo Shengkum and Chairman Mr. Peng Gang of Guangxi Television and party and officials of MRTV and guests.

First, artistes of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture performed Yein dance.

Next, some scenes of Guangxi Television Showcase Week were shown at the ceremony.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address.

Next, Mr. Guo Shengkum, the chairman of Guangxi Television and Director-General U Khin Maung Htay delivered speeches.

Artistes of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture performed Bagan Era traditional dances and Myanmar damsels, Shwebo Thanakha dances. Vocalist Ms Chan Chun Yan of Guangxi Province sang a folk song. Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and the Chinese guests formally opened Guangxi Television Showcase Week.

Guangxi Television Showcase Week will broadcast its programmes featuring the beautiful sceneries and customs and traditions of the local nationals daily beginning today by dividing seven parts.—*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Mr. Guo Shengkum and officials open Guangxi Television Showcase Week.*— MNA**

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the opening of Guangxi Television Showcase Week.

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Development tasks inspected in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe arrived at the briefing hall of No 2 district to-district road in Phaukseikpin village in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division on 4 July.

Director U Min Min Zaw of Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee and Executive Officer U Myo Thein of Kyaukse Township DAC presented reports to the deputy minister on accomplishment of the tasks of the district-to-district road and tasks being carried out and future plans. After hearing the reports, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, he looked into the repaired road at mile post No 36 and the place for paving cart way, the location of lion statute to be paved for cart way at mile post No 40 beside the motor road and the condition of the location of elephant statute in Nathmaw village in Myittha Township and progress of work in driving pile to construct the bridge at the mile post No 73/0 and 73/1 and progress in building the bridge at mile post No 83/0 and 83/1.

Afterwards, he oversaw the No 2 district-to-district road and then arrived at Kintha briefing hall of Tatkon Township. The director of Division DAC and the executive officers of Pyawbwe and Yamethin DAC presented reports to the deputy minister on accomplishment of the tasks of respective road sections, tasks being carried out and future plans.

After hearing the reports, the deputy minister gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks after making plans.

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Auditor-General honours outstanding students

YANGON, 10 July—Central staff welfare committee of the Auditor-General's Office held a ceremony to honour outstanding students and grant stipend for 2009-2010 academic year at the meeting hall of Auditor-General's Office in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

It was attended by Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Director-General U Myo Myint, deputy directors-general, directors and staff.

At the ceremony, the Auditor-General made a speech and presented K 208.5 million for 97 students.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of 3rd...

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First, the players saluted the MOC Chairman.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint said that the Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament is organized with the participation of football teams representing 35 ministries. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the football tournament is aimed at supporting the national fitness, ensuring relaxation, happiness and unity for the staff of ministries and enabling the staff to actively discharge their duties, he said. He urged all the persons to participate in realization of the aims. He added that it is known to all that while striving for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government is giving priority to raising the sports standard of the nation similar to that of other sectors. One of the social objectives "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation" is directly related to the tasks of the government to uplift the sports standard, he said.

The minister continued to say that the government is implementing the short-term and long-term plans for ensuring development of the sports standard by adopting the aim "Myanmar sports to conquer the world". As part of efforts to undertake development of national sports standard as a national duty, the government sets the player selection plan, the training plan and the plan to ensure success for uplift of Myanmar football standard, he said.

The plan is under way to transform the mass football sport to the skillful football sport, and today's football tournament is the staff sports activity, he said. The football tournament will be held for ensuring fitness and happiness of the staff, and then the selected players will be chosen. He stressed the need for the players to happily take part in the football tournament in amity while realizing the aims of the tournament. Likewise, he continued to say that the referees are to make fair decisions in the matches in line with the rules and regulations of the football sport. In conclusion, the minister urged the athletes to compete in the football tournament by showing off their superb football skills and good characters in accord with the fare play acts and to try their best to become the good service personnel.

Next, the minister opened the football tournament.

The players took four oaths.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party watched the debut match between Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs team and Ministry of Rail Transportation teams.

Altogether 35 football teams of the ministries are taking part in the 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament and they are divided into eight groups to participate in the competition at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Paunglaung Sports Ground and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.

The first round matches will be organized from 10 July to 4 August, the second round from 6 to 19 August, the quarterfinal matches from 21 to 25 August, semifinals on 27 and 28 August, the third place match on 31 August at the designated places and the final match on 1 September at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground.

In the debut, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs team trounced Ministry of Rail Transportation team 6-0.

Tomorrow, CSSTB team will play against Construction Ministry at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground.

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Industry-2 Minister receives President of CITIC

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received the delegation led by Ms Hong Bo, president of CITIC Construction Co Ltd at the ministry here this afternoon.

The minister discussed timely completion of multi-purpose diesel engines plant project jointly implemented by the ministry and CITIC Construction Co Ltd and production of quality products.

Also present were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the director-general, the managing-director and personnel.—*MNA*

Defence witness Daw Khin Moe Moe questioned in connection with cases against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma

YANGON, 10 July—Yangon North District Court questioned defence witness Daw Khin Moe Moe of Criminal Case No 47/2009 at 10 am today in connection with Criminal Cases Nos 47/2009, 48/2009 and 49/2009 filed against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma.

Yangon North District Court postponed Criminal Cases Nos 47/2009, 48/2009 and 49/2009 to 24 July. —*MNA*

Development Affairs Committees continue second-day coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The second-day session of the coordination meeting of Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs continued at the City Hall, here, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt said that Development Affairs Department is implementing the 30-year long-term plan on construction of rural road/bridge from the 2001-2002 to 2030-2031 financial years. From 1988 to 2008-2009 financial years, the department built 34,173-mile rural and urban roads and 9,376 bridges. The department constructed 184-mile tarred road, 139-mile gravel road and 783 bridges on No. 1 inter-district road and 63-mile tarred road, 191-mile gravel road and 750 bridges on No. 2 inter-district road up to the 2008-2009 financial year.

Up to the 2008-2009 financial year, the Development Affairs Committees implemented the 10-year clean water supply plan for rural regions. The committees have supplied water to 8,042 villages of three tropical divisions, accounting for cent per cent. The clean water supply project is being implemented in 14,368 villages out of 15,183 in other states and divisions, accounting for 95 per cent. So far, the committees supply drinking water to 22,410 villages out of 23,225 villages across the nation, accounting for 96 per cent.

The minister urged officials concerned to collect taxes in accordance with the rules and regulations while taking care of taxes not to be burden on the people.

He also stressed the need for supervising the spending the fund of the ministry on projects which are necessary for the people.

In conclusion, the minister called on the staff of the ministry to participate in building a democratic nation and to make efforts for achieving the public welfare projects including the 30-year road and bridge project, the 11-year project for drinking water supply supplying in rural areas and the project for district-to-district linking roads.

Afterwards, Minister Col Thein Nyunt presented awards to township development affairs committees for the outstanding performance for 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.

The meeting ended after the 12 tasks for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year of the ministry was approved. After the meeting, the minister and officials concerned viewed the documentary photos of the ministry.— *MNA*

***Minister Col Thein Nyunt presenting first prize to Sagaing Division for rural development performance for 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.*—MNA**

***Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint (centre) attends 28th Asia Olympic Council General Conference held in Singapore on 3 July, 2009.*—SPORT**

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects housing project in Taninthayi Div, attends coord meeting

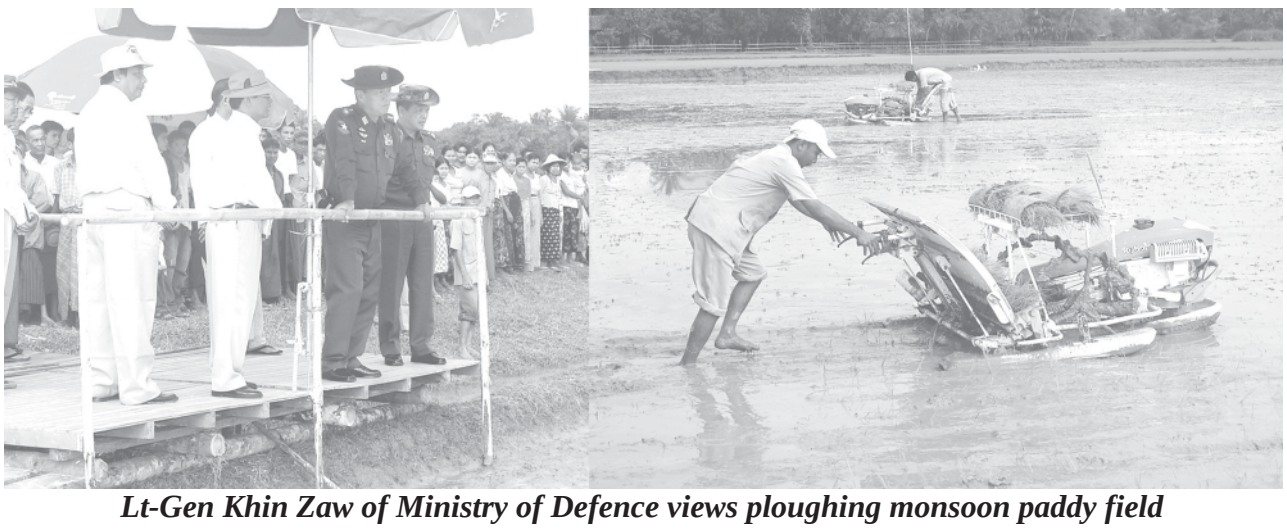
NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo inspected the thriving monsoon paddy fields, palm oil and rubber plantations along the both sides of Myeik-Taninthayi-Botepyin-Kawthoung Road on 9 July morning.

At Tatlatnge Village in Pathaung Village-tract of Myeik Township, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party looked into the monsoon paddy fields of farmer U Htay Zaw. They cordially greeted the local people and gave necessary instructions.

Next, they arrived at briefing hall of Myeikmyothit housing project in which division secretary touched upon the project condition and future plans.

After hearing the reports on arrangement of new housing project presented by the commander, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw enquired about project condition and left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected the completed buildings in Myeikmyothit housing project.



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence views ploughing monsoon paddy field in Tatlatnge Village, Myeik.—MNA

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party oversaw motorboats berthing at pontoon bridge in Myeikmyothit, construction of warehouses and constructing the main road to Technological University (Myeik).

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw attended the division agricultural supervisory work coordination meeting at which he heard the reports on completed tasks submitted by district chairmen. The commander and officials then gave supplementary reports. After that, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions relating to the reports.

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Commander of Mingaladon Airbase presenting shield to the winning team.

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Defence Services C-in-C's Shield Karatedo Contest ends

YANGON, 10 July—The final matches and prize-presenting ceremony of the 18th Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services' Shield Tatmataw (Army, Navy and Air) Karatedo Contest took place at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) this morning, attended by the Commander of Mingaladon Airbase, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Also present on the occasion were senior officers of Tatmataw (Army, Navy, Air), officers and other ranks and families, officials from Myanmar Karatedo Federation, fans and participant teams.

The senior officers presented prizes to winners and the commander, shield to a winning team.

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Extending communication networks in all regions of Kachin State

"Two CDMA mobile telephone stations and 23 satellite stations could be established in Kachin State."

U Moe Hsaung, Kachin State Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

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With regard to the improving communication sector of Kachin State, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily had an interview with Kachin State Manager U Moe Hsaung of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

"Myanma Posts and Telecommunications established 66 post offices, 20 telegraphic stations, one auto-exchange, 11 magneto exchanges, 31 telegraphic offices, six D-AMPS cellular mobile telephone stations, one GSM mobile telephone station, two CDMA-450 MHz mobile telephone stations and 23 satellite stations in Kachin State after 1988," explained U Moe Hsaung.

He continued to say, "New auto telephone exchanges are under construction in Kachin State. These telephone exchanges are Tanai Auto-exchange installed with 500 telephone lines, one auto-exchange installed with 480 lines in Hsahmaw Village of Mogaung Township, one auto-exchange installed with 300 lines in Pinbaw Village of Mogaung Township, one auto-exchange installed with 480 lines in Seikmu Village of Phakant Township and one auto-exchange installed with 350 lines in Mawhan Village of Mohnyin Township."

Moreover, some projects are being implemented at the extended auto-exchanges installed with more telephone lines in Kachin State. In implementing the projects, Moehnyin 600-line auto-exchange is being extended to the 700-line exchange, Mogaung 700-line auto-exchange to the 1080-line facility, Hopin 700-line auto-exchange to the 840-line facility, Shwegu 400-line auto-exchange to the 600-line facility, Bhamo 840-line auto-exchange to the 1200-line facility, Namti

***Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein* (Mayangon)**

350-line auto-exchange to the 480-line facility and Myitkyina DMS-10 1200-line auto-exchange to the 2400-line facility.

In addition, CDMA-450 MHz mobile telephone stations are being built in Mohnyin, Hopin (Nantmon Hill), Namti, Phakant, Lonkhin, Seikmu, Kahtanyan, Tanai, Bhamo and Shwegu (Udaung Hill) of Kachin State.

So far, a total of 25 villages in Myitkyina Township and 26 villages in Putao Township have been installed with telephones for the public use. At present, almost all the villages in Kachin State have been equipped with the communication facility.

Nowadays, the unprecedented development of communication sector can be witnessed in Kachin State. The communication network is extending from the urban areas to the rural areas of Kachin State. In our trip, we saw the development of communication technology contributing to the improvement of economic, social and education sectors of the region.

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Medvedev warns US against missile shield

MOSCOW, 10 July—Russia's President says his threat to deploy missiles near Poland if the US pushes ahead with a possible missile shield in Eastern Europe remains in force.

President Dmitry Medvedev reaffirmed the threat in comments at a news conference Friday at the G-8 summit in Italy, days after he met with President Barack Obama in Moscow.

Medvedev and Obama reached preliminary agreement on new offensive nuclear weapons cuts, but Russian officials have suggested Moscow may not sign a treaty on the cuts unless the US abandons plans for missile defense facilities in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Medvedev said he has not withdrawn his threat to deploy Iskander missiles in Poland if the US decides to go ahead with missile shield plans.—*Internet*

G8 summit ends with 20-billion-dollar aid promise

L'AQUILA, ITALY, 10 July—World leaders at the Group of Eight (G8) summit ended their three-day gathering on Friday with a promise to mobilize 20 billion US dollars to help fight world hunger.

"Working with the G8, African and European countries and multinational bodies, we had the satisfaction of increasing the 15 billion to 20 billion dollars over thee years," Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berluscon, the host, told a press conference concluding the summit in the central Italian town of L'Aquila.

Food security was the last major item on the three-day agenda of the world leaders, who also focused on the economic crisis and the global fight against climate change.—*Internet*

***The French state railway operator SNCF decided to order 35 new-generation TGV high-speed rail cars costing more than 1.0 billion euros (1.4 billion dollars).—*INTERNET**

Low-calorie diet slows aging in monkeys: Study

BEIJING, 10 July—Low-calorie diet increases lifespan of monkeys, according to a new US study. It suggests that caloric restriction could also delay aging in humans.

In the 20-year-old study, rhesus monkeys were put on a strict reduced-calorie diet. The monkeys were three times less likely to die from age-related diseases like heart disease, cancer and diabetes than monkeys that ate as they liked, according to the scientists.

"We have been able to show that caloric restriction can slow the aging process in a primate species," Richard Weindruch of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, who led the study, said in a statement.

"We observed that caloric restriction reduced the risk of developing an age-related disease by a factor of three and increased survival," Weindruch said.He said the results should have "relevance in humans" as monkeys are "closely related to humans".

The key to the diet was to make sure that it made it nutritious. The reason why historically people had died younger even though they ate less was because the diet was not nutritious.

"It is important that we are studying calorie restriction and not malnutrition, so there is a fine line between a low enough level of calories but still enough to provide adequate nutrition," he said.

"Just because humans may have been eating less previously, it does not necessarily follow that they were eating a complete, nutritious diet."

Internet

***French sailor Alain Thebaud (pictured in 2008) chose Lake Geneva to develop a 30-metre hydrofoil, with which he intends to do a world tour. He was drawn to the lake by the varied wind speeds, in particular the dominant gentle winds that would allow him to test his prototype in stages. The first tests are planned for the beginning of 2010.—*INTERNET**

College students from over 60 countries attend Chinese Proficiency Competition

BEIJING, 10 July —A total of 113 candidates from over 60 countries are attending the semi-final and final rounds of the 8th Chinese Bridge—Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students, the Office of Chinese Language Council International (OCLCI) said Friday.

Deputy Director of the office Wang Yongli said the competition this year will be held in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province from 9 July to 7 August.

Competitors will be required to give lectures in the Chinese language, answer questions on Chinese culture and other knowledge. They will contest for six top prizes, six second prizes and 18 third prizes.

Apart from competitions, candidates will also have tours in Beijing, Shanghai, Qingdao to experience local customs and lives. Prize winners will receive scholarships sponsored by the Chinese government to allow further study in China, according to Wang.—*Internet*

Not all breast cancer patients need surgery: Study

BEIJING, 10 July—Women diagnosed with breast cancer may be undergoing surgery or gruelling treatment they do not need, according to a study. Researchers say as many as one in three cases of breast cancer detected by screening prove harmless.

Karsten Jorgensen and Peter Gotzsche of the Nordic Cochrane Centre in Copenhagen analyzed breast cancer trends at least seven years before and after government-run screening programs for breast cancer started in parts of Australia, Britain, Canada, Norway and Sweden.

The research was published Friday in the BMJ, formerly known as the British Medical Journal.

Researchers said that screening for cancer may lead to earlier detection of lethal cancers but also detects harmless ones that will not cause death or symptoms.

"The detection of such cancers, which would not have been identified clinically in someone's remaining lifetime, is called overdiagnosis and can only be harmful to those who experience it," the researchers said.

"As it is not possible to distinguish between lethal and harmless cancers, all detected cancers are treated. Overdiagnosis and overtreatment are therefore inevitable."

Internet

Roller-skating baby advert has been watched over 4 mln times

The video of babies performing skating stunts has been watched over 4 million times on YouTube in the last week alone.

INTERNET

BEIJING, 10 July—A TV advert which appears to feature roller-skating babies has become an Internet sensation.

The special effects video of infants in nappies and vests performing skating stunts to hip-hop has been watched over 4 million times on YouTube alone in the past week.

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3) ANUKLET BOATS (18')
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Detailed tender lists can be collected from the ACTED not later than 17, July, 2009. ACTED will select the offers which it consider suitable according to its internal procedure(s).

Kidnappers in Sudan seek ransom for two aid workers

KHARTOUM, 10 July—Sudan is negotiating with the kidnappers of two Darfur aid workers for their safe release, preferably without paying the demanded ransom, Sudanese officials said on Thursday.

Six gunmen snatched an Irish woman and her Ugandan colleague from their compound in the northern Darfur region of Kutum last week. They worked for the Irish aid group GOAL.

State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Abdel-Baqi Jailani called the kidnappers "bandits" with no political motives and said authorities had located the area where the hostages are held and are negotiating to ensure their safe release.

"Based on security analysis, we identified the kidnappers ... and their tribes," Jailani told *The Associated Press*. "I can say there is no political motive and they have no connection with the rebels. This is a criminal act by bandits."

Jailani said the kidnappers had made no threats.

"They have demanded ransom and set a deadline," he said, refusing to elaborate.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9026) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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US scientists detect Ebola virus in pigs

WASHINGTON, 10 July—Scientists have found a type of Ebola virus in pigs in the Philippines for the first time and warned that it could mutate and become more dangerous for humans.

Reston ebolavirus, or REBOV, was originally identified in 1989 in the United States from a shipment of cynomolgus monkeys from the Philippines, but unlike other types of Ebola, it is not yet known to cause illness in humans.

It currently isn't clear whether REBOV could become as virulent in humans as other types of Ebola, but the researchers said it is hypothetically possible that the virus could mutate in pigs and threaten humans. "REBOV infection in domestic swine raises concern about the potential for emerging disease in humans and a wider range of livestock," the researchers wrote in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

"There is concern that its passage through swine may allow REBOV to diverge and shift its potential for pathogenicity," they said.—*Internet*

People want to know more about their food

ST LOUIS, 10 July—People want food to be local and they want to know where it comes from and how it is made, a Washington state research firm said.

Michelle Barry of the Hartman Group said the Bellevue market research firm polled 1,600 people in 2007 but more recent testimony reported in the St Louis Post-Dispatch indicates that attitude hasn't changed.

Amelia LaMair, 20, of Kirksville, Mo, said she eats organic and locally grown vegetables and meat from free-range animals.

Healthy eaters used to be mostly vegetarians, but now many omnivores are concerned about the treatment of the animals who become their food as well as their health and the success of local farmers, the newspaper reported.—*Internet*

Australian town bans bottled water sales

SYDNEY, 10 July—Residents of a rural Australian town hoping to protect the earth and their wallets have voted to ban the sale of bottled water, the first community in the country — and possibly the world — to take such a drastic step in the growing backlash against the industry.

Residents of Bundanoon cheered after their near-unanimous approval of the measure at a town meeting Wednesday. It was the second blow to Australia's beverage industry in one day: Hours earlier, the New South Wales state premier banned all state departments and agencies from buying bottled water, calling it a waste of money and natural resources.

"I have never seen 350 Australians in the same room all agreeing to something," said Jon Dee, who helped spearhead the "Bundy on Tap" campaign in Bundanoon, a town of 2,500 about 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of Sydney. "It's time for people to realize they're being conned by the bottled water industry."—*Internet*

Ship smokestack emissions kill thousands

ROCHESTER, 10 July—Smokestack emissions from oceangoing ships will cause an estimated 87,000 deaths worldwide each year by 2012, US researchers said. James Winebrake of the Rochester Institute of Technology and colleagues note that the current finding is almost one-third higher than previously believed. Winebrake said most oceangoing ships burn fuels with a high sulfur content.

The smokestacks emit sulfur-containing particles linked to increased risk of lung and heart disease. A 2007 study by the researchers estimated about 60,000 people died prematurely around the world due to shipping-related emissions in 2002.

Internet

In this 8 July, 2009 photo, dogs are taken from a St. Louis location by Humane Society officials. The Humane Society of Missouri says it would welcome help as it shelters about 300 dogs that were seized in raids of dogfighting operations in Missouri and Illinois.—INTERNET

Raids in six states show dogfighting is widespread

ST LOUIS, 10 July—The arrests this week of a Little League coach, a registered nurse and a teacher during the largest coordinated raids on dogfighting in US history confirm the shadowy blood sport is alive and well despite tough laws across the country.

More than 400 dogs, including some about to give birth to puppies, were rescued in the raids by federal, state and local authorities Wednesday and Thursday in six states: Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa and Mississippi, officials said.

US attorneys in several states accused 26 people of cruelties that included shooting dogs in the head when they didn't fight well, then throwing their carcasses into a river or burning them in a barrel.

The sport, often carried out in back alley garages or rural barns, has come under renewed scrutiny after NFL star Michael Vick was sentenced to prison after his 2007 dogfighting conviction. Dogfighting is a felony in all 50 states, and in recent years, the federal government made it a felony to train, possess or fight dogs.

But that hasn't stopped people from participating in the sport. Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, said the public can "definitely expect more" arrests and raids, because "dogfighting remains a distressingly widespread activity."—*Internet*

Invasion seriously harmed historic Babylon

BAGHDAD, 10 July — Iraq's US -led invaders inflicted serious damage on Babylon, driving heavy machinery over sacred paths, bulldozing hilltops and digging trenches through one of the world's greatest archaeological sites, experts for UNESCO said on Thursday.

"The use of Babylon as a military base was a grave encroachment on this internationally known archaeological site," said a report which the UN cultural agency presented in Paris.UNESCO officials stressed that the damage didn't begin with the US military's arrival nor fully end after it left. Archaeologists took away some of Babylon's finest treasures in the 19th century, Saddam Hussein embellished the site with his own structures, and looters returned when the Americans handed the site back to the Iraqis 21 months after the March 2003 invasion.

Now Babylon is the object of turf war between newly empowered Iraqi officials. At the national level, Iraq's state antiquities office, focused on conservation, is up against officials of the province surrounding Babylon who want to attract tourists.

Internet

In this photo taken on Wednesday, 24 June, 2009, Gina Haney from the World Monuments Fund makes notes during a visit to the archaeological site of Babylon about 80 kilometers, 50 miles, south of Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

Frozen carbon a climate change threat

CANBERRA, 10 July — An Australian-led team of scientists says it has determined the amount of frozen carbon in Earth's northern regions is more than double previous estimates."We now estimate the deposits contain over 1.5 trillion tons of frozen carbon, about twice as much carbon as contained in the atmosphere", said Charles Tarnocai of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the study's lead author.

Pep Canadell, executive director of Australia's Global Carbon Project and study co-author, said the existence of supersized deposits of frozen carbon means any thawing of permafrost due to global warming might lead to significant emissions of carbon dioxide and methane — both greenhouse gases.

"Radioactive carbon dating shows that most of the carbon dioxide currently emitted by thawing soils in Alaska was formed and frozen thousands of years ago," University of Florida Professor Ted Schuur said.

Internet

French military and investigators on a search mission for crashed Yemeni Airbus 310-300 land on Tanzania's Mafia Island on 9 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Internet, globalization shape new words

NEW YORK, 10 July — New words added to the Merriam-Webster Collegiate dictionary show the influence of the Internet and globalization on US English, its publishers said.

A sample list of 100 new words released by the publisher Thursday includes some words and expressions that have been around for years or even decades but have gained wider currency because of the Internet, *The Guardian* reported.

They include "sock puppet," coined as early as 1959, and "flash mob," which can be traced to 1987.

There is also the usual new crop of words, this time including entries like "vlog," a blog containing video.

Reggaeton, a word coined to describe Puerto Rican music mixing Reggae and rap, and haram, the Arabic word for foods forbidden by Islamic law, demonstrate the diversity of American English, the reort said. So do acai, a South and Central American fruit newly popular because of its supposed dietary virtues, and goji, an Asian berry popular as a drink flavour.

Other new additions include staycation, locavore (a person who eats locally grown foods) and frenemy (somebody who acts like a friend but is actually an enemy).

The last word was used by British-American writer Jessica Mitford in a 1970s essay, in which she said it had been coined by one of her sisters decades earlier.

Internet

Spain reports second death from A/H1N1 flu

MADRID, 10 July — Spain reported on Thursday the second death in the country from A/H1N1 flu — a 41-year-old man who died in the Intensive Care Unit at the Doctor Negrin Academic Hospital from Great Canary. Hospital sources said the patient died from complications caused by the virus infection.

The country's first death was reported on 30 June — a Moroccan young woman who died after having a cesarean section.

The Health Board from the Canary autonomous government told the press on Thursday that the latest victim was hospitalized on 5 July in the regional capital La Palmas, and that he had a previous chronic disease. Europe has so far confirmed 10,800 cases of A/H1N1 flu infections, including five deaths, three in Britain and two in Spain.

According to the latest report of the Spanish Health Ministry, Spain has confirmed a total of 969 cases of A/H1N1 flu.

Internet

Swine flu death toll in Britain reaches 14

LONDON, 10 July — The British government says 14 people infected with the H1N1 influenza virus, or swine flu, have died in Britain to date.

Liam Donaldson, Britain's chief medical officer, said while all 14 people did have the potentially deadly disease, swine flu was not directly responsible for all of the deaths. Donaldson said epidemic levels regarding the influenza strain have nearly been reached in both London and the West Midlands.

The United Kingdom currently trails only Mexico and the United States in the total number of swine flu cases with 9,718 total cases.

In comparison, Mexico has10,262 swine flu cases and the United States has 33,902 confirmed cases.

The BBC said while Donaldson downplayed the risks associated with the swine flu, he warned the public of what could occur should the strain be altered. "We do have to remain cautious, the virus may change or mutate, but as it stands at the moment, it's not a severe illness for most people but some people can get it very severely," the health official said.

Internet

Passengers wearing face masks as a precaution against swine flu arrive at the Beijing International Airport May 7, 2009.—INTERNET

Death toll of A/H1N1 rises to eight in Michigan

HOUSTON, 10 July— Michigan health officials said on Thursday that a 50-year-old man had died of the A/H1N1 flu in Oakland County as the eighth victim of the virus in the state.

The man died "earlier this week" after spending three weeks in a hospital in the county, said Kathy Forzley, manager of the Oakland County Health Division.

Forzley declined to release any details about the man other than to say "he did have underlying health conditions" like asthma, obesity or diabetes.

Internet

SPORTS

No fear of losing for Japan in World Cup build-up

TOKYO, 10 July—Japan's coach Takeshi Okada insists that losing to stronger countries is a good thing if it helps steel the Blue Samurai in the run-up to next year's World Cup in South Africa.

Okada has fixed friendlies against the Netherlands, Ghana, Scotland and Togo in September and October to build up his squad toward his ambitious World Cup target of a semi-final spot.

Of the four countries, only 71st-placed Togo are ranked below Japan, 40th in the FIFA standings. However, the West Africans, who count Arsenal striker Emmanuel Adebayor among their number, are still a formidable force.

"We fight to win but we never avoid fighting strong sides for fear of losing," Okada told reporters after announcing the international schedule on Wednesday. "If we lose, we lose."

Japan, former Asian champions, will play world number-three the Netherlands in Enschede on 5 September and 35th-ranked Ghana in Utrecht, on 9 September.

Japan's coach Takeshi Okada.

"I want my players to feel in their bones the strength of first-ranking teams that have the potential to reach the last four," Okada said. "It is a good thing if problems are exposed."

Like Japan, the Netherlands have already qualified for South Africa 2010 while Ghana lead Africa's qualifying Group D with three straight wins.

Internet

Benitez salutes Gerrard deal

LONDON, 10 July—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez on Thursday saluted skipper Steven Gerrard's contract extension, claiming it would serve to bolster the team's renewed push for silverware.

Gerrard agreed a deal to stay at Anfield until 2013 in April, completing the formalities after returning from his summer holiday to begin pre-season training.

Dirk Kuyt, Fernando Torres, Daniel Agger and Yossi Benayoun have also penned new deals.

"We have spent this summer trying to secure the players we have," said Benitez.

"It's really good to keep Kuyt, Torres, Agger, Benayoun and Steven. They are the here and now of the club and for the future it is really good.

"We are really pleased. We have a lot of good players who want to stay, to win and compete.

Internet

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez on Thursday saluted the contract extension for skipper Steven Gerrard, seen here in June 2009, claiming it would serve to bolster the team's renewed push for silverware.
INTERNET

Czech star Plasil joins French champions Bordeaux

BORDEAUX, 10 July—Czech midfielder Jaroslav Plasil on Thursday joined Bordeaux from Spanish club Osasuna in a four-year deal, the French League champions announced.

Czech Republic midfielder Jaroslav Plasil addresses a press conference near Bordeaux after signing a four-year deal with the French football champions Bordeaux.
INTERNET

The 27-year-old who spent seven years at Monaco and at Creteil before moving to the north Spanish club two years ago where he scored eight times.

"It's a challenge which opens up the possibility for me to play in the Champions League and other competitions," the Czech international said.

"A factor which counted towards my coming here is that Bordeaux is a club where the focus is on playing the ball."—*Internet*

Sturridge targets Chelsea Champions League dream

LONDON, 10 July—Chelsea's new teenage striker Daniel Sturridge targeted the Champions League on Thursday, but neatly sidestepped the thorny question of John Terry possibly heading for his former club Manchester City.

The 19-year-old left City to link-up with Carlo Ancelotti's new-look Chelsea but his first day at training was overshadowed by the future of club skipper Terry.

City have already had a 30million-pound bid for the veteran defender rejected.

Chelsea's new teenage striker Daniel Sturridge

"My main motivation was to play in the Champions League," said Sturridge, explaining his switch to Stamford Bridge.

"I am very ambitious and want to push myself to the highest level and play with the best in the world. I believe I can achieve big things at Chelsea.—*Internet*

Chinese women's water polo team to play for gold at Universiade

BELGRADE, 10 July— China proved a class above Canada Thursday evening in the semifinal of the first-ever Summer Universiade women's water polo tournament, outscoring 6-1 in each of the first two quarters en route to a 16-7 victory.

The Chinese girls will take on Hungary, who beat Russia 11-9 in the other semifinal, for the gold.

China scored three goals, including one with a player advantage, in the first six and a half minutes of the opening quarter before Canadian team captain Stephanie Valin found the top corner of the Chinese net with 3:12 left to play.

The lead exploded to 6-1 by the end of the first, and then 8-1 just minutes into the second stanza.

"We knew that China was a very good team, but we cannot go into the water scared," said Canadian head coach Guyla Toth of Calgary. "China is stronger and faster, but our girls didn't fight. We let them play and score too easily."—*Internet*

Green's 64 leads Laird by 1 shot at Scottish Open

LUSS, 10 July— Martin Laird finally came home and put on quite a show Thursday in the Scottish Open, twice chipping in for birdie on his way to a 6-under 65 that left him one shot behind Richard Green after the opening round at Loch Lomond.—*Internet*

Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen holds his ball after a putt during the first round of the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond, Scotland.Thursday on 9 July, 2009.—**INTERNET**

Phelps breaks 100 butterfly world record

WASHINGTON, 10 July— Beijing Olympics eight-title winner Michael Phelps broke the world record in the men's 100-meter butterfly at the US swimming championships on Thursday in Indianapolis.

Phelps collected five individual world records to his name when he swam in 50.22 seconds, beating compatriot Ian Crocker's mark of 50.40 set at the 2005 world championships in Montreal in the US trial for the up-coming world championships.

Phelps led at 50 metres with a split of 23.83, just three-tenths off world-record pace and pulled clear to beat Tyler McGill, who touched in 51.06. Å@Aaron Peirsol was third in 51.30.

Phelps holds world records in the 100 and 200 flys, 200 and 400 individual medleys, and the 200 free.

Internet

US swimmer Michael Phelps looks to the stands after setting a new world record in the Men's 100m Butterfly at the USA Swimming National Champinonships in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 9 July, 2009.—**XINHUA**

Pennant moves from Liverpool to Zaragoza

PARIS, 10 July — Liverpool winger Jermaine Pennant officially moved to Spanish side Real Zaragoza on Thursday on a three-year deal, Zaragoza's website reported.

The 26-year-old stayed for three years in Liverpool and played 163 matches. He played in the 2007 Champions League final.

Pennant said he turned down offers from other clubs to play in Spain.

"I wanted to come to Spain. I had offers from other important clubs in Europe but I wanted to sign for Real Zaragoza," Pennant told the club's website.—*Internet*

Harel Levy of Israel celebrates winning against Russia's Igor Andreev at their Davis Cup World Group quarter-final tennis match in Tel Aviv on 10 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Singapore launches new fund to preserve endangered species

SINGAPORE, 10 July —Singapore launched on Friday the Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund which aims to help preserve and protect the island's endangered species.

According to the website of English newspaper Straits Times, Wildlife Reserves Singapore has donated one million Singapore dollars (about 0.69 million US dollars) as seed money to start the fund.

The new fund has committed 500,000 Singapore dollars (about 343,000 US dollars) over a five year period to the National University of Singapore's Ah Meng Conservation Fund and its first project will be on the banded langur monkey.

Xinhua

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(11-7-2009) (Saturday)

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

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Ayeyawady's Second Defile
* Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Park
* Music....up Close "Heavily Rained in the past"
* Cordyceps Sinensis Shea-Pa-De
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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* Modern Embroidery
* Poem Garden "Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars"
* Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
* A Journey to Research Taron Race
* With love all things are possible
* Clothes Make the Women
* Let's Join the Elephant Dance
* The Pindaya Natural Cave
* Ayeyawady's Second Defile
* Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Parks
* Music....up Close "Heavily Rained in the past"
* Cordyceps Sinensis Shea-Pa-De
* Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Southern Shan State, Inlay)
* Myanmar Movies Impact
* Kengtaung Waterfall
* Planting of Mulberry tree and Breeding of Silkworms
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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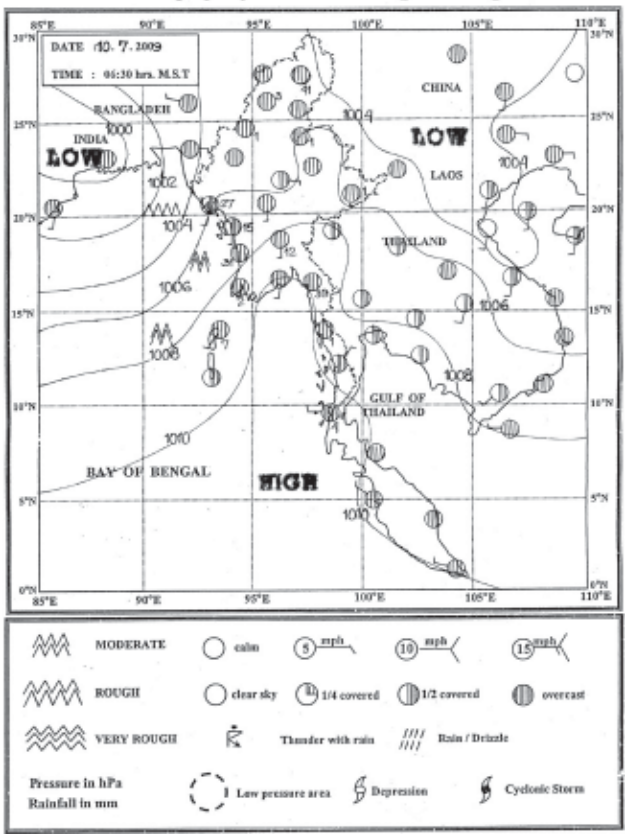
TV Myanmar

Saturday, 11 July
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
-ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်
7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
8:15 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:30 am
8. မဒန်းရေလျှောင်တမံ
8:35 am
9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:40 am
10. International News
8:50 am
11. Musical programme
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:25 am
3. ချစ်စရာ့အရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်
11:50 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local New
12:00 pm
5. Yan Can Cook
12:25 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"ဟာသကမ္ဘာ"** (အပိုင်း-၉)
1:30 pm
7. ဆိုကြမယ်ပျော်ကြမယ်
2:20 pm
8. Dance of National Races
2:30 pm
9. **"ဆီးချိုသွေးချိုကာကွယ်ပါ"** (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ ကောင်းခန့်၊ ရတနာမိုင်၊ ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ (သုတေသီ)]
14:50 pm
10. International News
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:20 pm
3. ကြားညှပ်သီးနှံဝဉ်ပင်
4:25 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင် သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
4:40 pm
5. Song to Uphold National Spirit
4:50 pm
6. **"တစ်သက်စာ"** [ထွန်းထွန်း (Examplez)၊ သဇင်] (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)
5:15 pm
7. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်
5:30 pm
8. ချစ်စရာ့အရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်
6:00 pm
9. Evening News
6:30 pm
10. Weather Report
6:35 pm
11. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
6:50 pm
12. ပဥ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်
7:10 pm
13. "တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်"
7:15 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်"** (အပိုင်း-၉)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် **"ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း"** (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၂)
20. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါအုန်း
21. တရုတ်ပြည် Guangxi ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားရက်သတ္တပတ်ပြွဲ (Beautiful Scenery In Guangxi)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 10 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Ayeyawady Division isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.85) inches, Paung (3.15) inches, Kyaikmaraw (2.48) inches, Bilin (2.24) inches, MraukU (2.17) inches, Thaton (2.05) inches and Aunglan (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-7-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 10-7-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-7-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 9-7-2009 was (7.1) hour Approx.

Rainfall on 10-7-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (44.41) inches at Mingaladon, (48.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (51.73) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 9-7-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th July 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widerspread in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Kayin States, Bagon, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated to scartted in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certanity is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-7-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-7-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament

Prime Minister General Thein Sein enjoys the first match of 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Committee members, deputy ministers, departmental heads, the president of MFF and responsible persons, football players and team captains, staff of the ministries and guests.

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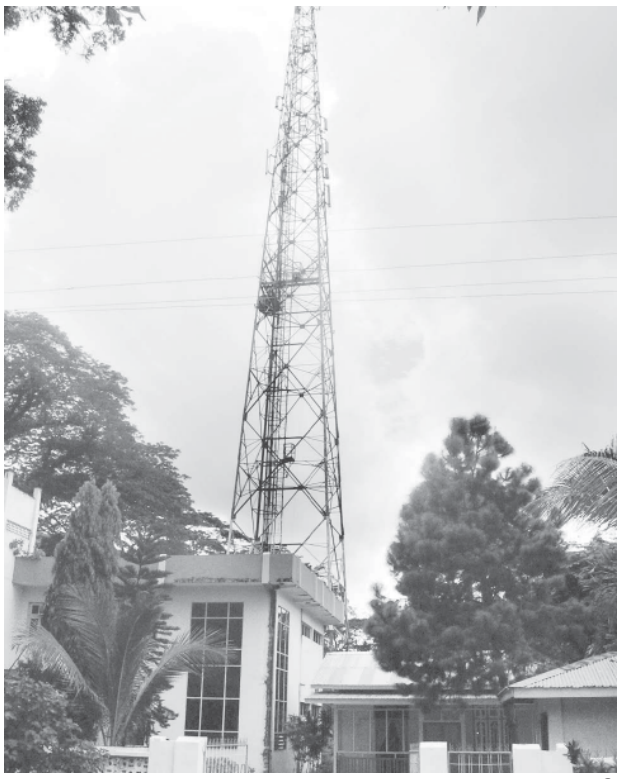
Extending communication networks in all regions of Kachin State



A communication tower seen in Myitkyina of Kachin State.

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Today is the technology age. The development in communication technology with momentum has smooth and easy access to various regions. Moreover, the communication facility contributes much to the enhancement of social, health, education and economic sectors of the respective regions.

The government is building the communication networks not only in the urban areas but also in the rural areas with the aim of enabling the people to have easy access to all the regions of the Union.

In so doing, Kachin State, the northern part of the Union of Myanmar, is one of the regions where the communication networks are established. As a result, remarkable progress in the communication sector can be seen in various regions of Kachin State.

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Eastern Command Commander's Shield Sepak Takraw contest commences

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The Eastern Command Commander's Shield Sepak Takraw Championship kicked off in Shan State Sports Ground in Taunggyi on 2 July morning.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae delivered an opening address and watched the skill demonstration of the Sepak Takraw athletes.

Next, the commander inspected progress of implementing the livestock breeding zone in Tilawka Village of Nyaungshwe Township.

MNA

Earthquake News

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity (5.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (China) about 690 miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (37) min (19) sec MST on 10 July, 2009.—*MNA*