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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to French President

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic, which falls on 14 July 2009.—MNA

True patriotism

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

Attention to be paid to durability and neatness of Namhsan People's hospital to promote health care services of local people **Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects development undertakings of Namhsan**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July —Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected a new 50-bed People's Hospital project in Namhsan, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North) yesterday.

Accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council

Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, ministers and officials, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye arrived at the project and was welcomed by Deputy Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint and departmental personnel.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects construction of 50-bed hospital in Namhsan.—MNA

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Exercising and welcoming cooperation (1)

The government never failed to make arrangements for meetings between Mr Gambari and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in his visits to Myanmar, thereby showing its stand to cooperate with the UN as possible as it can.

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MAUNG HMAT

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

Launglong	13.50 inches	Ye	5.35 inches
Dawei	7.56 inches	Kawkareik	5.28 inches
Bilin	6.73 inches	Thaton	5.12 inches
Mawlamyine	6.66 inches	Paung	4.84 inches
Mudone	6.54 inches	Kayaikmayaw	4.71 inches
Hpa-an	5.98 inches	Kawthong	4.14 inches

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 14 July, 2009

Export more marketable products through regular trade

Trade is a driving force for economic development. At present, efforts are being made for boosting trade to be able to export more Myanmar products.

Previously, Yangon Port was the major source of transport for trade with foreign countries. Nowadays, trade has been extended through land trade routes. Muse 105th Mile Border Trade Zone, Myawady and Tamu border checkpoints have launched regular trade with neighbouring countries through land routes.

Of them, Muse 105th Mile Border Trade Zone shares border with China and the trade volume of the zone is larger than any other land trade centre. Export of agricultural produce such as rice, beans and pulses, corn and sesame, fruits such as mango, watermelon and muskmelon, marine products such as fish, prawn and eel, and minerals such as lead and jade to neighbouring countries is being carried out through Muse trade zone.

And import of necessary items such as iron, steel, construction materials, machine and machine tools, computer and accessories, farm implements, fertilizer, raw materials and household utensils is being launched through the trade zone.

Bilateral regular trade has been boosted year by year since 2006 with the emergence of Muse 105th Mile Border Trade Zone. As the government is taking steps for entrepreneurs to extend their business, the respective chambers of commerce and entrepreneurs are to strive together for success of regular trade between the two countries.

Now, Muse trade zone is booming while its regular trade is making progress. And it is incumbent upon departmental officials and entrepreneurs to make concerted efforts for exporting more marketable products through regular trade.

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

Yadanabon FC bestowed with great honour

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe graced with his presence the ceremony to honour Yadanabon FC representing Mandalay Division, champions of 1st Myanmar National League Football Tournament, at the council on 8 July.

The commander delivered an address and posed with the team for a group photo.—MNA

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to French counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Bernard Kouchnar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic, which falls on 14 July 2009.—MNA

Mandalay Mayor inspects sinking of tube well, water works, growing of shady trees

MANDALAY, 13 July—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, accompanied by Secretary U Maung Pu, member U Myint Thein and heads of department, inspected progress in sinking of a 12-inch diameter tube well No (35), the site chosen for implementing No 7 water works and growing of shady trees and flowering plants in Chanmya Wady Park on

Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects progress in sinking of a tube well.
MCDC



Course on General Banking Services opened

YANGON, 13 July — Course No 14 on General Banking Services conducted by the supervisory committee for banks was opened at the Myanmar Banks Association here today.

A total of 53 trainees from State-owned banks and private banks are attending the 10-week course. The course was opened with an address by Secretary of the committee Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein.

The course is aimed at improving the banking services and skills of the staff of banks.

The opening ceremony was attended by members of the committee, directors-general and managing directors of departments under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, executives of Myanmar Banks Association, course instructors and trainees.—MNA

15 June morning.

The mayor and party first inspected the tube well and the chosen site for implementing the waterworks. He then gave instructions to officials on extended supply of water in the wards of Chanmyatharzi and Pyigyidagon Townships and fulfilled the needs.

Later, the mayor and party looked into the growing of shady plants and flowering plants and gave instructions on cultivation of kitchen crops in the park. After that, the mayor inspected the proper flow of water in the ditches on both sides of roads and bridges.

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231 drug-related cases exposed in June

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—In June 2009, the Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 231 narcotic drug cases — 35 cases of opium, 74 cases of heroin, 18 cases of opium oil, 16 cases of inferior opium, 17 cases of marijuana, 59 cases of stimulant tablets, six cases of speciosa, one case of diazepam, one case of sudo ephedrine, one case of morphine, one case of chemical powder, and two other cases.

In the cases, action was taken against 368 culprits—302 men and 66 women in line with the law.

MNA



Opening ceremony of the Course No 14 on General Banking Services in progress at the Myanmar Banks Association.—F&R



Cuban leader visits ally Algeria ahead of NAM summit

ALGIERS, 13 July—Cuban President Raul Castro met Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika on Sunday as he began a three-day visit to Cuba's north African ally ahead of a key summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Castro, 78, was welcomed by Bouteflika at the airport before they held talks at a presidential residence west of the capital Algiers, the Algerian news agency APS reported.

The programme of

Castro's visit was not made public, but Algerian government newspaper *El Moudjahid* said meetings would focus on "a major event, the 15th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement" in Egypt on Wednesday and Thursday.

Founded in 1955, the Non-Aligned Movement counts some 118 member states that represent more than half the world's population. NAM states consider themselves not formally aligned with or against any major power

bloc. This is the second trip this year to Algeria by Castro, who was handed the reins of power by his brother Fidel after the Cuban revolutionary leader underwent major surgery in July 2006. Raul officially became president in February 2008.

Then he signed cooperation agreements with Bouteflika on his first tour outside of Latin America as president — a trip that also included Russia and Angola.

Internet



A worker cleans the site of a car bomb attack at Palestine Street in Baghdad on 13 July, 2009. Bombs exploded in Baghdad on Sunday, in apparently coordinated attacks that killed four people and wounded more than 30, Iraqi police said.—INTERNET



Photo taken on 12 July, 2009 shows the flooded streets at the Nanba Town of Yihan County in Dazhou City, southwest China's Sichuan Province. —XINHUA

Heaviest rainstorm in 50 years hits China county

CHONGQING, 13 July—The heaviest rainstorm in half a century hit a county in southwest China from Sunday evening and has continued, local meteorologists said on Monday.

The storm, which began to sweep Chengkou County, Chongqing Municipality at 8 pm Sunday, was the heaviest since the beginning of the county's meteorological records in 1958, the Chongqing Meteorological Station said.

Five townships were drenched. Shuanghe Town received 136 mm of rain from 2 am to 10 am Monday, said the meteorological office, adding that Zhouxi Town had rainfall of 87.5 mm.—Internet

Bomb misses US Ambassador to Iraq

NASIRIYAH, 13 July—Chris Hill, the US ambassador to Iraq, was unharmed on Sunday when a roadside bomb detonated as his convoy traveled through southern Iraq, officials said.

The bomb, described by a military official as small, slightly damaged the vehicle in front of the one in which Hill was riding, *USA Today* reported. No one was hurt by the blast, which occurred at Nasiriyah, the capital of Dhi Qar Province, the newspaper said.

"There was a bang, and we went through a thick cloud of smoke," Hill told *USA Today*. "We are all fine."

Maj Myles Caggins, a US military spokesman, said it was unknown whether the ambassador was targeted. However, he said, it is unusual for Western civilian convoys to be attacked in that part of Iraq.—Internet

Netanyahu calls for meeting with Abbas to resume peace talks

JERUSALEM, 13 July—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday called for a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as soon as possible in order to resume Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

"Let's make peace — both diplomatic peace and economic peace," Netanyahu was quoted by local daily *The Jerusalem Post* as saying at the start of a cabinet meeting in Beersheba in southern Israel, which was held there to show solidarity with the Negev capital.

"There is no reason for which we can't meet, Abbas and me, anywhere in Israel, and since we are in Beersheba, I say, let's meet here," said the Israeli prime minister. —Internet

Iraq lashed by sandstorms and battling drought

BAGHDAD, 13 July—Below-average rainfall and insufficient water in the Euphrates and Tigris rivers have left Iraq bone dry for a second straight year, wrecking swaths of farm land, threatening drinking water supplies and intensifying fierce sandstorms that have coated the country in brown dust.

The drought has dealt a harsh blow to hopes that reductions in sectarian violence over the last year would fuel an economic recovery. Instead, the government's budget suffered a double-hit: Lower than expected oil prices have crimped revenues and the scarcity of water will force Iraq to spend money to

import most of the crops, especially wheat and rice, to meet domestic demand.

"Look at this land. There is no water," said Ashur Mohamed Ahmood, slipping the tip of his black cane into deep cracks in his parched field. He cautioned children not to run, fearing their small bare feet would get stuck in the crevices crisscrossing the farm on the outskirts of Baghdad.

"Without water there are no plants. This is the plant," he says, uprooting a weed and throwing it back to the ground.

Internet



In this photo taken on 9 July, 2009, Ashore Mohammed, 60, checks his land in Latifiyah, about 30 kilometres (20 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 July, 2009. INTERNET

OECD expects S Korea to recover faster than average

SEOUL, 13 July—South Korea's economy will likely post a faster-than-average recovery pace among the world's major economies with indicators pointing at signs of stabilization, a report showed on Monday.

According to the report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

(OECD), South Korea climbed 1.8 points in terms of the composite leading indicator (CLI), logging 99.8 in May.

The CLI is an indicator to measure industrial output, housing and financial market conditions, and the gross domestic product to forecast the economy six months ahead, whose reading below 100 refers to a contraction expected for the economy.

Although South Korea's posting still remained below 100, it posted the fourth-steepest growth in the composite leading indicator (CLI) among the 29 nations.

The OECD also predicted that the CLI index for South Korea may exceed the 100 point benchmark in June, indicating that the South Korean economy may kick-start in the second half of the year.

Internet



A villager of Yi ethnic group walks past tents at Mayou Village in Guantun Township of Yao'an County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 12 July, 2009. Now more than 20,000 earthquake victims have been placed in tents and have received basic relief materials. —XINHUA

Ford's debt burden said worrisome

DETROIT, 13 July — US automaker Ford Motor Co has avoided bankruptcy like its Detroit competitors, but it faces a weighty debt burden, an analyst says.

Even if Ford is successful in meeting its sales goals, it may still be as much as \$36 billion in debt by 2011 when it expects to reach profitability, Citibank analyst Itay Michaeli said in an interview published Sunday by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Michaeli said that level of debt would be four times the company's hoped-for earnings, about twice as much debt that is considered healthy. Meanwhile, General Motors Corp will emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings with a \$17 billion debt load.

Internet



Paralympic athletes Erik Hagren (C) crashes into Patrick Anderson (R) as Janet McLachlan looks on (L) while playing three on three basketball during a ceremony marking International Paralympic Day in Vancouver, British Columbia on 9 July, 2009. —INTERNET

China chicken ban may prompt response

WASHINGTON, 13 July — More than 50 business groups say if the US Congress supports a ban on imported cooked chicken from China, there could be a devastating response.

The business alliance, which includes the

American Farm Bureau Federation and the US Chamber of Commerce, warns the current import ban may eventually prompt China to counter with its own ban on imported US farm products, *The Hill* reported on Saturday.

"At a time when US producers are seeking to sell their goods and services abroad during a difficult global economic crisis, it is vital we uphold our trade obligations, lest we find access to vital overseas markets cut off to American products," the groups said in a statement. —Internet

No light at end of tunnel in Canada jobs, trade data

OTTAWA, 13 July— Trade and employment data showed Canada still mired in recession at the middle of this year, and virtually guaranteed that the Bank of Canada would keep interest rates at rock bottom until mid-2010.

Figures from Statistics Canada showed that fewer people lost their jobs in June than analysts had expected. But that appeared to be due largely to what one analyst dubbed a "do-it-yourself recovery" — people trickling back to work through self-employment or in part-time jobs while full-time job creation was scarce. —Internet

LG to launch applications store with focus on Asia

BEIJING, 13 July — LG Electronics Inc will launch an online store for mobile phone applications on Tuesday with a focus on Asia and an aim to reach more global markets, media reported on Monday.

As the world's No 3 handset maker, LG, which trails Nokia and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd in mobile phones, said in a statement on Monday that the "LG Application Store" would provide 1,400 applications including 100 free programmes, available in 15 languages.

The service will first be offered in Asia-Pacific countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and Australia and will reach Europe and the South America by the end of this year, with the number of applications offered to increase to more than 2,000, LG said. —Internet

Mercedes sets new record, looks to dealer expansion

BEIJING, 13 July — While the global auto industry remains mired in the ongoing financial crisis, German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz is basking in the warm glow of continued success in China, now its fastest-growing market in the world.

The German icon has registered exceptional sales since the first of the year, even breaking records four months in a

row.

Its growth rate on the mainland now leads all luxury brands and it continued to post impressive figures in June, when it delivered more than 5,100 vehicles, an increase of 52 percent over the same month in 2008.

In the first half of 2009, Mercedes sold nearly 27,000 luxury vehicles to Chinese customers, a 50 percent jump over last year.

Its SUV family and locally produced C-Class matched sales for all of 2008 in just the first six months of this year. The newly launched GLK, B-Class and Smart also show promising market potential.

As well, more than 4,000 orders for the all-new E-Class scheduled for launch late this month have been booked since the model was unveiled in April. —Internet



A lady leads her pets, two dogs which are just clipped in a pet beauty shop, on the road in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 11 July, 2009. Many people have their pets clipped to spend the hot summer in Wuhan. —INTERNET



Actresses dressed in festive costumes perform at the Shijingshan amusement park in Beijing, on 11 July, 2009. A carnival opened here on 11 July will last to 30 August. —XINHUA

NAM senior officials meeting wrapped up after extensive discussions

SHARM EL SHEIKH, 13 July—The two-day senior officials meeting of the upcoming 15th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit was concluded here on Sunday after delegates extensively discussed the summit's draft final document and presented suggestions to modify it.

The meeting established the Political Committee and the Economic and Social Committee on Saturday morning, that

respectively held closed-door discussions on the draft final document over the past two days. Delegates from over 100 countries gave various suggestions to amend the document from its word to contents.

According to the document, NAM leaders "re-affirmed and underscored the Movement's abiding faith in and strong commitment to its founding principles, ideals and purposes, particularly in es-

tablishing a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order as well as to the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter."

The 114-page document elaborates NAM's views on global issues, regional and sub-regional political issues such as the thorny Afghanistan, Iraq and Darfur problems, as well as development, social and human rights issues.—Xinhua

Hamas says no reconciliation deal before end of West Bank arrests

GAZA, 13 July—Islamic Hamas Movement insisted on Sunday that it will not sign any reconciliation deal with President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party by late July in Cairo before Abbas' security forces halt arrests against its members in the West Bank.

A senior Hamas official, told London-based *al-Hayyat* daily on condition of anonymity that there is a clear Hamas decision, internally agreed among the

movement's leadership, that the priority is to resolve the file of the ongoing arrests against Hamas members in the Fatah-dominated West Bank.

"We decided not to sign any reconciliation agreement without resolving this issue," the official told the Saudi Arabian daily, adding "our stance concerning this issue is completely clear, and we insist that it must be ended before we go for another round of dialogue."—Xinhua



Rescuers search for survivors at the Tanzhangxia Canyon scenic spot, Wanzhou District of southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 12 July, 2009. —XINHUA

Venezuela makes progress in achieving UN development goals

CARACAS, 13 July—Venezuela is making progress in achieving UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for reducing extreme poverty and infant mortality as well as extending life expectancy, President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday.

Extreme poverty in Venezuela was 9.4 percent in 2007, down from 29.8 percent in 2003.

The infant mortality rate was 13.7 per 1000 live births in 2007, down from 19 per 1000 live births in 1998. The figure in the continent is 27 per 1000 live births. According to the president, seven new vaccines were applied to the newborns across the nation in 2008 alone. Venezuelans have an average life expectancy of 73.6 years, compared with 70.6 years for Latin Americans as a whole. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Two-thirds of world species may disappear in 21st Century

BEIJING, 13 July—A biologist from the United States said here Sunday that two-thirds of the world's species may disappear in the 21st Century and "a great majority" of them may be gone before they are even identified by human beings.

Peter Raven, president of the Missouri Botanical Garden, said in his keynote speech at the 23rd International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) that species on the earth are disappearing at a rapid rate due to habitat destruction, climate change and a wide spread of invasive alien

species caused by expanding human activities.

"Currently, several thousand species are lost every year," Raven said, "and very soon the number could rise to more than 10,000."

The 23rd ICCB, co-organized by the Society for Conservation Biology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the State Forestry Administration of China, opened here Sunday will last for five days. This is the first time the ICCB has been held in Asia. It attracted about 1,200 biological researchers from 74 countries.

Xinhua

At least 31 women feared dead in boat capsizing in India

NEW DELHI, 13 July—At least 31 women laborers were feared dead when two boats carrying them capsized Saturday evening in Wainganga river, about 75 kilometres from Nagpur, Maharashtra state in western India, said the semi-official *Press Trust of India* on Sunday.

Fifteen bodies, three of them teenage girls, have been found so far, while at least 16 others remained missing, said the report.

Police, local residents and fishermen have launched a search operation to look for the missing since the boats sank.

Xinhua

A slew of tourists enjoy the river-drifting tour on the air cushion vessels along the limpid brooks inside the Jiuwanxi Scenery Resort in Zigui County, central China's Hubei Province, on 11 July, 2009. XINHUA



More Russian military forces arrive in China for joint anti-terror exercise

TAONAN, 13 July—A 92-member advance unit of Russia's air force and two Il-76 air lifters arrived Sunday noon at a base in Qiqihar in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province to prepare for a joint exercise with the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

The advance unit includes personnel responsible for commanding aviation, communications, weather service and mechanics.

Prior to their arrival, 161 soldiers, 41 commanding and armored vehicles arrived on Saturday afternoon by train at the PLA's Taonan tactic training base in northeast China's Jilin Province.

All Russian troops to participate in the drill will arrive at the drill venue by 14 July, according to the Defence Ministry. —Xinhua

Cruise ship spills oil in Norwegian fjord

OSLO, 13 July—Norwegian police say a large amount of oil has leaked from a cruise ship in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Geiranger fjord.

Police spokesman Magne Toennoey says authorities have managed to contain the oil in one spot to prevent it from spreading and will try to pump it out of the water.

He couldn't say exactly how much oil was in the water but said it was "a large amount clearly visible from land."

Toennoey said the oil leaked from the Bahamas-registered cruise ship Spirit of Adventure Sunday and that police will investigate the cause of the leak.

The Geiranger fjord in southwestern Norway is one of country's most popular tourist sites and has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site together with Naerøye fjord since 2005.—*Internet*

Kidnapped aid workers in good health

KHARTOUM, 13 July—Two foreign aid workers kidnapped by gunmen in Sudan's restive Darfur region are in good health and have been allowed to speak to their relatives, a government official said on Sunday.

Sudan's state minister for humanitarian affairs, Abdel-Baqi Jailani, said efforts to free the hostages were progressing.

"Let us hope we will secure their release, but we were assured about

their safety and well being.

And yes, they are in good health," he said.

Gunmen snatched the two women—one from Ireland, the other from Uganda—early this month in Darfur.

They worked for the Irish aid group GOAL.

Jailani said the kidnappers are seeking a ransom and do not appear to have political motives.

He said he has been working with Irish and Ugandan diplomats on negotiations with the kidnappers, and the sides have established a "hotline" for the talks.

Internet

Chinese miners freed after 25 days in flooded mine

BEIJING, 13 July—Three miners have been found alive after being trapped for 25 days in a flooded mine in southern China, a local official said on Monday.

The miners drank water that seeped through the earth, said Wang Guangneng, a Communist Party spokesman in the Guizhou Province County of Qinglong.

The Xinqiao Coal Mine was flooded on 17 June while 16 miners were working underground, the official *Xinhua News Agency* said. Rescuers recovered one body a week later and are still searching for the 12 other men, it said.

Wang said rescue workers cracked open a collapsed tunnel at the mine on Sunday and found the three miners standing there holding mining lights. It was not clear whether they had any information on the others missing.

A *Xinhua* photo showed one of the miners, Wang Kuangwei, his bones prominent through his skin, getting medical attention. The party spokesman said the three miners were in stable condition and will be transferred to a province-level hospital.

Internet

Church bus crash kills one in Miss; 23 injured

MERIDIAN, 13 July—A bus carrying a church youth group from Louisiana to Georgia flipped on Sunday on Interstate 20 in Mississippi, killing one person and injuring 23 others, a coroner said.

The bus, from First Baptist Church in Shreveport, La, rolled three times around 10:20 am near Meridian and trapped at least two people underneath, Lauderdale County Coroner Clayton Cobler

III said. "It had a blow-out," Cobler said.

At least two passengers were trapped underneath the bus. A group of National Guard soldiers was on the highway at the time and helped extricate the injured.

"The National Guardsmen actually picked the bus up off the two people and got them out," Cobler said.

An 18-year-old male was pronounced dead at a

hospital, Cobler said. His name was not released.

Three people were airlifted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, including one with severe head injuries, while the others were being treated at three hospitals in Meridian, the coroner said.

Cobler said injuries ranged from severe pelvic, back, and chest injuries to scrapes and scratches.—*Internet*

In this photo released by the Xinhua news agency, miner Wang Kuangwei receives medical treatments after being lifted out of the flooded Xinqiao Coal Mine in Qinglong County in southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 12 July, 2009.—INTERNET



In this photo taken on 9 June, 2009, a 18-metre (59 feet)-tall Gundam appears at a Tokyo park. The full-size model of the Japan's most popular robot animation series character has been built, marking the 30th anniversary of the start of its TV broadcasting in 1979. Gundam that features giant robots in the era of space wars, is turning 30 this year.

Woman sitting on toilet accidentally shot in leg

Authorities said a bullet from a gun that was accidentally dropped injured a Tampa woman sitting in a bathroom stall. Police said the bullet hit 53-year-old Janifer Bliss in the lower left leg. She was taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

Bliss was sitting on the toilet in a hotel bathroom when a woman in the next stall accidentally let her handgun slip out of her waist holster. The weapon discharged when it hit the ground.

Police said the gun belonged to a 56-year-old woman who has a concealed weapons permit.



A northern German museum has put a rare set of Viking-era jewelry on display. The Stralsund Museum will show off the 16 original pieces, which amount to the biggest find of Viking gold in Germany.

Man suspected of stealing duck calls arrested

Police arrested a man suspected of stealing duck calls from a vehicle. Authorities said a 40-year-old man was booked with burglary of a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

In an arrest affidavit, police said a burglary victim saw the man near his truck right after it was burglarized.

Officers found the suspect and discovered a crack pipe in his right shoe, shotgun shells and the two missing duck calls.

New York seeks \$133 million lotto winner

New York lottery officials said they are seeking the holder of a Mega Millions ticket worth \$133 million that was purchased in New York's Queens borough.

Patel Dilip, 35, an employee at the Shiv Convenience Store in Queens, said lottery officials informed him that the winning ticket was purchased at his store, but the ticket holder has yet to come forward and claim the prize, the *New York Daily News* reported.

"No one has come to make a claim yet," said Patel Dilip, 35, who works at the Shiv Convenience Store on Hillside Ave. "As far as I know it was a woman and she is really lucky."

Lottery officials said the ticket was the only one purchased to match all six numbers in Tuesday's drawing — 25, 27, 35, 38, 39 and Mega ball number 28. They said the purchaser allowed the numbers to be selected at random by the computer and chose the lump sum option, which will mean an \$82.7 million payment to the winner before taxes..

NEWS ALBUM



A controlled explosion clears away rock during work on a railway tunnel near the town of Goldisthal in the eastern German state of Thuringia. The tunnel is to be part of a high-speed railway line, currently under construction.



Attention to be paid to durability and neatness...

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At the project briefing hall, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party heard a report on progress in building the hospital and future programmes presented by the chairman of Asia World Company.

In response to the report, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye stressed the need to pay attention to the durability and neatness of the hospital in order to promote health care services of local people.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party

viewed the development undertakings of Namhsan in a motorcade. They paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image at Maha Muni Pagoda on Shwesagapin Hill. They also offered flowers, water and Shwethingan to the Image.

During the visit to historic Loihsaing Padamyataung Pagoda in Taungma Village-tract, Namhsan Township, they paid homage to ancient buddha images and offered flowers and water to them.

MNA



Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Namhsan.

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Monsoon collective tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of Industry-2 held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—The 6th monsoon collective tree planting ceremony for 2009 of the Ministry of Industry-2 was held at the surrounding areas of the ministry, here, yesterday morning, attended by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Min-

ister Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Directors-General and Managing-Directors.

First, the Minister and party viewed collective tree growing of the staff. In the afternoon, they viewed tree planting of staff families at the staff quarters of the

Ministry.

At the 6th tree planting ceremony, the Ministry grew a total of 1822 saplings such as Pynma, horseradish, mango, mezali, mahogany, padauk, gamarind, teak, exantkaw and other saplings.

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A&I Minister calls for boosting crop production in Pyawbwe, Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo called the officials for boosting of crop production and making progress in water supply for greening of the region in Pyawbwe of Yamethin District in Mandalay Division on 11 July

morning.

After hearing reports presented by Director-General of Water Resources Utilization Department and officials on digging tube-wells at Phayangasu region, extended water supply tasks for paddy and long staple cotton fields, tasks for

greater storage of small dams and lakes of villages and progress in greening of the region, the minister left necessary instructions.

Next, the minister met farmers at Shawphyugon Village in Pyawbwe Township and fulfilled the needs.

MNA

Hindus to perform meritorious deeds on 2 Aug

YANGON, 13 July — Thanantana Dhamma Palaka Hindu Federation (Yangon) has invited Hindus to a ceremony to perform meritorious deeds at Mogok Building on KabaAye Hill on 2 August.

Those wishing to do-

nate cash and kind to the ceremony may contact U Tun Lin (Ph 09 5182376), U Sar Wan (Ph 09 5108541), U R K Arnanda (Ph 09 5000453), U T K Paul (Ph 398278) and U Soe Win (Ph 242751).

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Transport Minister inspects Dalla Dockyard



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers an address at Dalla Dockyard.

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YANGON, 13 July — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected progress in re-

pairing of vessels at the Dalla Dockyard and operations at the 1400-ton Dry Dockyard in Dalla,

here, this afternoon.

At the superintending engineer's office, the minister met with the staff

of the Dalla Dockyard. Managing-Director of Inland Water Transport U Soe Tint and Superintending Engineer U Htay Aung reported on tasks carried out, tasks in progress and future plans.

Afterwards, the minister urged the officials to make efforts to meet the targets, to run staff efficiency promotion trainings, to give amicable services to customers, to ensure worksite safety and to be loyal to the State. After hearing the report, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

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Tobacco Kills

Exercising and welcoming cooperation (1)

Maung Hmat

National League for Democracy issued an announcement, with foreign media making Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit to Myanmar an awful mess. The announcement seems to be a show of great put on while opportune by the party, and reflects one of its strategies: to work in synchronization inside and outside the country to attack the government. It has been a long time since I last paid attention to NLD announcements because they do not reflect or prioritize the public desire, but the repeated points stated in the announcements are all what it wants. This time, I happened to strain my ears to the announcement.

As usual the announcement carries nothing new. It implies that the party is somewhat dissatisfied with the UN Secretary-General's discussions mainly focusing on 2010 elections, and with his failure to meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. In my opinion, the party members are worried about the United Nations' recognition of the programme for 2010 election. In addition, the announcement states that they gatecrashed the hotel of the UNSG for about 10 minutes with the hope of having their wishes fulfilled, thus indicating that the party was not complacent about the time limit for NLD representatives equal with other parties to meet with the UNSG. It also says that even extra 10 minutes is too short to tell their much-important case in detail to him.

Since Mr Ban Ki-moon's departure, foreign media have been expressing variously their one-sided views about the visit. What I have heard in that regard is that the UNSG's visit is to boost cooperation between the United Nations and Myanmar. It is terrible that those media are unnecessarily spotlighting the individual role of a woman, rather than the initial objective of the visit. I have no idea what the UNSG's feeling about that is like, but I feel so weary of such lopsided broadcasts that I am in no mood to make some comments on those media.

During his visit to Myanmar, the UNSG had opportunities to sit down with the Senior General for two times. More than that, he held discussions with political parties, national race peace groups. He was also given opportunities to visit Nargis-hit areas, and to meet UN agencies and foreign diplomats to Myanmar. The government cooperated as far as it could with the UN, by fulfilling the wishes of the UN in such a short visit. So, it is safe to say that the UNSG's visit to Myanmar proves successful.

As far as I know, during the run-up to Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit, Mr Gambari arrived in Myanmar and made some arrangements for the itineraries of the visit. I learnt that at that time, Mr Gambari demanded a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and the government informed him that the meeting would not be possible. Being acceptable to that, he paid a visit to Myanmar. However, during his visit, he was reported to have requested a meeting between him and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in both meetings with the Senior General. It seems to me that for the UNSG, the personal affairs of that woman is even more important than the concern of the nation and the people.

To be blunt, I wanted the UNSG to have a sympathetic heart to the people, rather than to a

particular woman. Nevertheless, I felt very disheartened that he showed his interest in the affairs of the woman, rather than in interest of the entire people. Moreover, to my dismay he did demand twice for a meeting with her that had been denied with sound reasons since the preliminary discussions.

In reality, the government never failed to make arrangements for meetings between Mr Gambari and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in his visits to Myanmar, thereby showing its stand to cooperate with the UN as possible as it can. I am sure the government would arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi if opportune. However, things have changed a lot. During Mr Gambari's visits to Myanmar, she was under restrictions, so the government could decide whether it would approve of a meeting with her or not. But now she is on trial. So, that is under the authority of the court concerned. I do not think it is prudent if the government decides of a meeting or no meeting, or interferes in the case.

Besides, if the government gave permission to the UNSG, who represents the whole world in the global organization, to meet with her, I fear that his strong influence would have adverse effect on the judicial system. And if the court comes to have sympathy to the accused, and pronounce an order to release her, out of the influence of the UNSG, such an imprudent order will have negative impact on the nation's judicial system. And if it hands down a punitive punishment to her, without taking his influence into consideration, his meeting can attract widespread criticisms. It is my feeling that the government, thinking over the case again and again, turned down the demand because such an unnecessary meeting will not yield any positive results acceptable to both sides.

Anti-government media are complaining that the government declined a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, but previously diplomats were allowed to meet with her. As I have said above, there have been a lot of changes. At that time, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had not been put on trial, so she did not need yet to defend herself against the lawsuit. It was during the period to file a lawsuit against her. In response to the diplomats' application to the court for their presence in the trial, the court gave them permission to observe the trial proceedings. Then, they had an opportunity to see her at the court. The diplomats found her healthy and understood it was not true that anti-government media were expressing that Daw

Aung San Suu Kyi was in ill health. Anyhow, they have to realize the difference between the conditions before and during the trial.

I hoped that the UNSG's visit to Myanmar would bring many fruitful results. The entire people were wondering what sorts of results would come out to expedite the transition process to democracy. However, I felt very disappointed to hear many times strong criticisms of the visit by the majority of the people.

It is not wrong to say like this because it has been criticized by the majority of the people. Actually, my IQ is about the same as theirs as I am one of the public members. We heard the tour of the Secretary General had three main aims. One is reconciliation. Although it was dubbed reconciliation, his main aim was to meet and discuss with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and then to meet with national race groups and anti-government groups. Apart from this, we have already known that it was intended to amend the constitution approved by 92.48 percent of public votes. Any public members cannot accept such an act. If that's so, which government will accept this? All understand that any government cannot turn down the public mandate.

The second aim was to ensure all-inclusiveness in democratic transition. It also means demanding that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all anti-government groups including armed insurgent groups be allowed to participate in the process. The government has said about it repeatedly. After laws and bylaws of elections and party formation have been passed at an appropriate time, everyone who lives within the framework of law can take part in the process. It has been said very repeatedly. But I think they are going too far to worsen the matter.

The third aim was to promote human rights. I simply understand that their so-called human rights are demanding the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the protection of her from being convicted. What should I say? This has also been explained again and again that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's case will be decided by the court in accord with the law.

However, the government on its part arranged everything for the UN Secretary General in his visit based on cooperative spirit. We heard that the government arranged for other additional matters demanded by him besides his already coordinated matters.

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The issue of a person is very small in comparison with the affairs of Myanmar and its people. The strong current of a mighty river cannot be changed because of a stone. I would like to say that a pile of stones like all the Myanmar people can only change and control the current of that river.

Exercising and welcoming cooperation (1)

Maung Hmat

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As far as I know, the Head of State hardly receives a particular person two times. This time, the meeting with UNSG two times is beyond his magnanimity.

In addition, UNSG's request for public speaking was granted and it was arranged at the Drug Elimination Museum. I have never heard of allowing public speaking before and it is hardly ever accepted. But it was likely that the approval indicated cooperative attitude towards the UN. The Prime Minister hosted a dinner in honour of the UNSG in his tour and exchanged views. Some matters which should be done on a cooperative basis were also agreed. Anyhow, these have been done by a sovereign nation as much as possible within the framework of sovereignty.

Anti-government media are making one-sided accusations that the Myanmar government showed no cooperation although Secretary-General did his

best in the interests of Myanmar. In reality, Myanmar has regarded cooperation with the UN as a top priority according to her foreign policy. This is why Myanmar fully cooperated, is cooperating and will continue to cooperate with the UN. Any accusations saying that the tour of UN Secretary General is a failure should not be made at all by looking at a matter of not allowing UNSG to meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. They are indeed groundless accusations.

Anti-government groups are also shouting that the UNSG's tour was unsuccessful as his request was rejected and that his role came to an end at this juncture. Besides, they are saying that they are getting tired of the UN's slow diplomatic approach to Myanmar and that Myanmar's government remained unperturbed despite the UN's negotiators' repeated visits to the country. The two-day visit of the UNSG is just a waste of time. They are saying that Mr Ban Ki-moon was not able to do his job although he had the opportunity to stand by the truth and that he had

to go back, disappointed. Indeed, these words are harming the dignity of the UNSG.

Anti-government groups are criticizing the UN and its Secretary-General as their wishes were not fulfilled as expected. I was moved by their narrow-mindedness, aggressiveness and short-sightedness.

The UNSG himself said he was very sorry for not being allowed to meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. But it could not be said that his visit was unsuccessful by judging whether or not he was allowed to meet her, the Secretary-General added. That is right. The issue of a person is very small in comparison with the affairs of Myanmar and its people. The strong current of a mighty river cannot be changed because of a stone. I would like to say that a pile of stones like all the Myanmar people can only divert and control the current of that river.

(To be continued)

Translation: MS+ST



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd in Mandalay Industrial Zone.
INDUSTRY-1

Aung Zeya Bridge inaugurated in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—An opening ceremony of Aung Zeya Bridge in Aung Pinle ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay division took place near the Bridge on 11 July. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials, members of social organizations, wellwishers and local people.

U Pa, a townselder, explained the

facts about the bridge, and Chairman of Chanmyathazi Township PDC U Saw Tun Win, Wellwisher U Lauk Aye and member of committee for construction of bridge U Tun Win cut the ribbon to open the newly built bridge.

Afterwards, the Commander, the Mayor and wellwisher and their families sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription and inspected the newly built bridge.

On arrival at Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd in Mandalay Industrial Zone, the minister inspected functions of the company and left instructions.

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Stake driven for MTPA office in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—A ceremony to drive stake for Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association (Central) office was held in Ottayathiri Myothit here on 11 July morning.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, Secretary of Special Development Project Col Kan Chyun, Members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee (1) U Than Tun and U Myo

Thant, Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Tin Nyunt, deputy director-general, officials, members of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, members of Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association headed by U Maung Maung Nyan, entrepreneurs of traditional medicine and Director U Tha Htay of Original Company.

The deputy ministers and officials drove the stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.

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Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe drives stake for building Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association (Central) office.
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Member of CSSTB U Win Aung delivers an address at No. 5 Management course.—CSSTB

Management course No 5 for officers opened at CICS (Phanuggyi)

YANGON, 13 July—Management course No 5 for officials was opened at Central Institute of Civil Services (Phanuggyi) in Hlegu Township today.

A total of 72 trainees from ministries are attending the 4-week course launched with an address by Member of the Civil Service Selection

and Training Board U Win Aung.

After the opening ceremony, Member of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung inspected construction of a hall which will have a 1800 seating capacity and progress of the construction of the lecture hall for the course No 5 for officials. — MNA

Magway Division Chairman inspects regional development tasks in Gangaw Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe attended the opening of village dispensary held in Myaungkhin Village, Gangaw Township on 5 July morning. He formally opened the signboard by pressing the button and

then looked around the dispensary.

Next, the chairman inspected the self-reliant auto-exchange station and dispensary in Hanthawadi Village of Gangaw Township and extended ward in township people's hospital. The chairman looked into the site chosen for spanning Myittha

River reinforced-concrete bridge and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the chairman inspected integrated farming of farmer U Than Maung in Inema Village of Htilin Township and completed Dadarchauk dam in Shwekhonetine Village.

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Talk on Scientific Study and Postgraduate Attributes held

YANGON, 13 July — An educative talk on Scientific Study and Postgraduate Attributes was held at Traders Hotel here on 9 July morning. Exam Service Manager U Kyaw Htin of BC, CEO Ko Myo

Min MCIM (CIM-UK) of PS Business School, U Aung Kyaw Oo (MA Marketing) Pg.D Marketing CIM and U Thein Htay gave talks to students.

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C-in-C (Air)'s Championship Shield Chess Contest ends

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—The awarding ceremony for 2009 Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Championship Shield Chess Contest took place at Toungoo Station

on 10 July.

Commanding officers of the airbases and squadron leaders presented individual and team prizes to the winners. On behalf of the

Commander-in-Chief (Air), Brig-Gen Hsan Oo Hlaing of Toungoo Station presented the championship shield to Mingaladon Airbase Headquarters.—MNA



Scientific Study and Postgraduate Attributes talks given at Traders Hotel.—NLM

Largest tea processing factory in Shan State (North) creating jobs for local people

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

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region is light yellow. Therefore, such tea leaves are the best for making wet tea."

We had another interview with in-charge of Lwekham Processed Tea Factory U Win Tun Than on the history of the factory and its production capacity.

"The tea processing factory is located in Lwekham Village, east of

capacity in 2009. The factory can produce 250 kilograms of processed tea per hour," he said.

The factory in-charge further explained, "We apply orthodox method and CTE method in making processed tea. The orthodox method is operated with the use of a large number of employees.

The factory applying CTE method can be



"Lwekham Processed Tea Factory produces 250 kilograms of processed tea per hour."

U Win Tun Than, in-charge of factory

method can produce quality tea with the use of few workers.

Thanks to establishment of the factory, the raw materials

can be turned to the finished goods directly.

As a result, the local tea growers are enjoying fruits of tea plantations."

Local tea growers



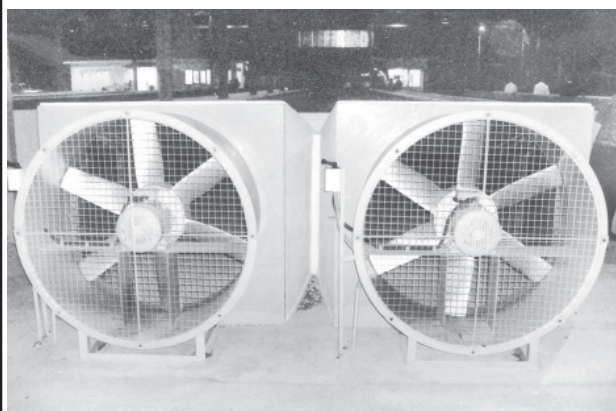
A worker put tea leaves into a cooling tank.

from the villages near the town pluck tea leaves from the morning to the

evening. After that, they carry the tea leaves to the tea factories and sell them at daily prevailing price. Among them, some tea farmers undertake both cultivation of tea plants and production of processed tea.

Namhsam will continue to stand as a tea city in producing a large volume of wet tea, green tea and processed tea.

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Two large fans used for cooling tea leaves.

Namhsam. The factory was established in 2007 and it operates production of tea at full

operated with control of machinery in its production procedures. Our factory applying CTE



Tea leaves passing cooling tank through conveyer.



Study may prompt rethink on schizophrenia drugs

LONDON, 13 July—Schizophrenia patients given a cheap older drug are less likely to die prematurely than people on newer treatments, despite the older product's well-known adverse side effects, Finnish researchers said on Monday. The finding may lead to wider use of clozapine — sold by Novartis as Clozaril, but also available as a generic — instead of newer drugs like AstraZeneca's Seroquel, the current market leader.

Clozapine was the first of a new generation of schizophrenia drugs, known as atypical antipsychotics. But its use has been restricted by health authorities because of safety concerns and patients taking it require regular blood tests. Despite this, an analysis of

10 years' records for 67,000 patients in Finland found that, compared to treatment with the first-generation drug perphenazine, the risk of early death for patients on clozapine was reduced by 26 percent.

By contrast, mortality risk was 41 percent higher for those on Seroquel, known chemically as quetiapine; 34 percent higher with Johnson & Johnson's Risperdal, or risperidone; and 13 percent higher with Eli Lilly's Zyprexa, or olanzapine. "We should consider whether clozapine should be used as a first-line treatment option," Tiihonen estimates clozapine is given to around one fifth of Finnish schizophrenia patients, but less than 5 percent in the United States.—MNA/Reuters



The launching ceremony of combined passenger-cargo vessel "New Golden Bridge II" is held in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province, 13 July, 2009. The first combined passenger-cargo vessel left the Chinese mainland bound directly for Taiwan Monday morning. It is the maiden voyage after the mainland and Taiwan started direct air and sea transport and postal services last December.—INTERNET



Khagendra Thapa Magar, who claims to be the shortest man in the world, dances on the lawn in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, 12 July, 2009. Khagendra, who was born on Oct. 4, 1992 in a remote village of Baglung District, some 180 km west of Kathmandu, is only 50 cm in height and 5 kg in weight, reported the myrepublica.com. He has taken his certificate of Nepali citizenship from Baglung district in western Nepal on Sunday and is set to register his name in the Guinness Book of World Record as the shortest and the lightest person in the world.—INTERNET

Malaysia allows foreign banks to provide micro-credit financing

KUALALUMPUR, 13 July—The Malaysian Finance Ministry has allowed foreign banks operating in Malaysia to provide micro-credit financing to help local businesses, local newspapers reported on Monday. Malaysian Second Finance Minister Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah said on Sunday that the ministry has allowed each of the foreign banks to open 10 branches in Malaysia to help local entrepreneurs.

He also said that this policy had been approved by his ministry recently and the micro-credit financing centers would be made available soon.

He added that this policy was an additional bonus to the Tekun fund (Economic Business Group Fund), a national financing scheme of Malaysia designed to assist small Malaysian entrepreneurs.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak

announced on Saturday, the 100th day of being prime minister, that his government would allocate additional 150 million ringgit (42.8 million US dollars) to the Tekun fund.

Economic Business Group Fund, or Tekun fund, was introduced by former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad ten years ago in the Malaysia's Budget 1999, with an allocation of 150 million ringgit to assist local small businessmen, according to the Malaysian Finance Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

"Time" says Manmohan Singh has changed millions of lives

NEW YORK, 13 July—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's speeches may not be winning him followers but his works do and his actions have "changed tens of millions of lives for the better", *Time* magazine has said.

The American publication has said that Singh first as Finance Minister and then as Prime Minister since 2004 has made the world's largest democracy one of the fastest growing economies through

radical economic reforms.

"... he won the vote and then a sweeping victory in India's general elections this year. It is not Singh's speeches that win him followers; it's the fact that first as Finance Minister and since 2004 as Prime Minister, he has led India through a series of radical economic reforms that have made the world's largest democracy also one of its fastest-growing economies—and protected the poor too.

Internet

Arroyo and CIA chief discuss fight against terrorism

MANILA, 13 July—Philippine President Arroyo had a 30-minute meeting with US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Leon Panetta on Sunday, in which they discussed issues of common concern to the Philippines and the United States, particularly the fight against terrorism.

Arroyo's Press secretary Cerge Remonde said in a press statement that Panetta, who arrived in Manila at around 2:15 a.m. Sunday and was to leave at 10:00 p.m. same day, is in the country as part of a "routine visit" of the Asia-Pacific Region. "While it was mainly a social call, they also discussed issues of common concern on international terrorism,"

Remonde said. Panetta was accompanied by US Ambassador to Philippines Kristie Kenney and Deputy Director Michael Sulick.

Philippine officials who attended the meeting were Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo, Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro Jr. and National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales. Asked about the meeting, Gonzales said: "They're happy with the working relations between our people and theirs in the combat against terrorism. It's an exchange, more of a situation around the world."

He said that the President reacted to issues

relevant to the Philippines such as the Middle East, particularly Iran and Iraq especially because there are a lot of Filipino workers in the Middle East.

MNA/Xinhua



TALY, Rome : A resident watch a huge blaze breaking in via dell'Almone, south of Rome, at a warehouse containing around 1,000 cars on 12 July, 2009 .

INTERNET

Sri Lanka reshuffles defence hierarchy

COLOMBO, 13 July—Sri Lanka's Army Commander General Sarath Fonseka, credited with the military success over Tamil Tiger rebels, has been appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff by President Mahinda Rajapakse, the presidential secretariat said Sunday in a statement.

His place as the Army Commander will be taken over by Major General Jagath Jayasuriya, the statement said. Sri Lanka Navy Chief Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda has been named as the

National Security Adviser to the president. Karannagoda's position has gone to his Chief of Staff Thisara Samarasinghe.

The reshuffle of the defence hierarchy will come into effect from July 15.

Meanwhile, the current Chief of Staff of the Sri Lanka Army and Competent Authority for the Internally Displaced Persons in the North, Major General G. A. Chandrasiri was sworn in as the new governor for the Northern Province on Sunday.—MNA/Xinhua

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**Swiss
hostage
is
released**

BERN, 13 July—Swiss officials say a tourist taken hostage in North Africa in January has been released. The Foreign Ministry says the Swiss man who was held in Mali is receiving medical treatment. Officials have never identified the man, but Swiss media have said he is Werner Greiner, whose wife was also taken hostage but was released in April.—*Internet*

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**Florida gator trade
bitten by recession**

ORLANDO, 13 July—Florida's alligator skin trade has been bitten by the recession, and the owner of one the state's oldest operations says he may be closing.

Ed Froehlich, owner of Froehlich's Gator Farm in Christmas, Fla., told *Sunday's Orlando Sentinel* that demand for hides has plummeted as customers for such luxury consumer items as alligator skin belts, handbags and shoes have disappeared. Hides from his farm-raised animals used to fetch between \$180 and \$245 apiece, but now, he says, there are no takers.

"About every five years, the price (of hides) works its way up and then takes a dip — we know it will happen," Froehlich told *the Sentinel*. "But this year it's different. Nobody can make any money."

"It's not that the market is low. There's just no market," added Lee Lightsey, owner of Outwest Farms in Okeechobee, Fla, who said he hasn't sold any alligator hides in about a year.

"Last fall, when the stock market dropped in September and October, we lost probably 60 percent of the demand for luxury items overnight," Britt Beemer, president of America's Research Group, told the newspaper. "Because the stock market hasn't rebounded, those (luxury) markets haven't rebounded."—*Internet*

Microsoft releases Silverlight 3

BEIJING, 13 July—Microsoft released Silverlight 3, its Rich Internet application (RIA) technology competitor to Adobe Flash, for Mac OS X and Windows, according to media reports on Monday.

The release comes on the eve of the Microsoft Worldwide Partner Conference, scheduled to start on 13 July in New Orleans.

Available as a Web application framework that works in conjunction with your Web browser, Silverlight enables Web programmers to embed animation, vector graphics, audio and video content into Web pages.

Microsoft has positioned Silverlight 3 as a challenger to Adobe's Flash technology. The latest version of Silverlight includes over 50 new features, ranging from enhanced video performance and improved quality to support for Visual Studio, Expression Blend and running Silverlight applications from the browser.

Browser-wise, Silverlight 3 supports the latest browsers, including Internet Explorer 8 and Firefox 3.5, as well as GPU hardware acceleration.

In addition to the application, Microsoft has also issued Silverlight 3's software development kit (SDK), which can be downloaded from its website.

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Russian tourist dies from fall in Israel

JERUSALEM, 13 July—A Russian tourist died during a walk in the mountains near the *Dead Sea*, rescue personnel in *Israel* said on Sunday.

The 50-year-old fell from a rock while walking with her 16-year-old daughter in the Ein Gedi district, Israeli radio reported. Rescuers said she was in a state of shock and suffering from dehydration when brought into a Jerusalem clinic by a district rescue crew.

Rescue workers said the two women were walking on a path near the Arugot River that is not marked on tourist routes. They advise tourists to travel only on marked routes and take plenty of liquids when walking in the desert. It wasn't reported how far the woman fell.—*Internet*

All Britons to be vaccinated against A/H1N1 flu

LONDON, 13 July—All Britons could be vaccinated against the A/H1N1 flu as the number of confirmed cases in Britain is moving closer toward 10,000, health authorities said on Sunday.

The first doses of A/H1N1 vaccine are set to arrive in Britain in September and could be fast-tracked through regulatory approval in less than a week.

Health officials have put forward plans to build a nationwide immunity to the disease, the biggest vaccination program of the past 50 years.

Health experts have already provided a priority list of patients, and the fast-tracking system has been established since the first British patient without underlying health problems died of the disease.

Internet



Study finds swearing can be beneficial

NEWCASTLE, 13 July—People in pain should try swearing, researchers at Britain's Keele University say.

Keele University said in a release Sunday that school of psychology researchers Richard Stephens, John Atkins and Andrew Kingston had 64 undergraduate volunteers place their hands in ice water, once while swearing repeatedly and once while repeating a commonplace word.

"It taps into emotional brain centers and appears to arise in the right brain, whereas most language production occurs in the left cerebral hemisphere

of the brain," Stephens said of swearing.

The researchers said in their *NeuroReport* study that when repeating a profanity, volunteers were able to keep their hands in the chilly water longer than when using a commonplace word. Specific details of the finding were not reported by the university.

The research team suggested the findings were the result of swearing triggering a physical response in the volunteers, accelerating their heart rates and allowing them to better deal with the uncomfortable situation.

Internet

Research links nicotine, 'pre-diabetes'

WASHINGTON, 13 July—Smoking increases the risk of heart disease and stroke because nicotine builds insulin resistance, US researchers say.

The insulin resistance creates a condition known as "pre-diabetes," in which blood glucose levels are elevated, but not to the point of diabetes, the researchers said at the Endocrine Society's 91st annual meeting in Washington.

Pre-diabetes, the researchers said, leads to a much greater risk of cardiovascular disease.

The researchers — from Charles Drew Uni-

versity of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles and Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif — also reported they partially reversed this harmful effect of nicotine in mice by treating them with the nicotine antagonist Mecamylamine.

Theodore Friedman, chief of endocrinology at Charles Drew, said the insulin resistance explains why smokers have a high cardiovascular death rate even though smoking causes weight loss, which in other cases protects against heart disease.

Internet



Lightning strikes near the space shuttle Endeavour resting atop launch pad 39A during thunderstorms at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 10 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Israeli researchers fight A/H1N1 with good data

JERUSALEM, 13 July—Professor Lewi Stone and his colleagues at the Department of Life Sciences of Tel Aviv University (TAU) are creating a statistical tool which they believe has the power to macro- and micro-manage pandemic influenza outbreaks. Good data can make all the difference in controlling A/H1N1 influenza which spreads across the world, *Israel National News* reported on its website on Friday.

According to the report, the secret weapon of the team is the most extensive database in the world dealing with influenza outbreaks.

"We've accessed a veritable gold mine of data, collected over 10

years in Israel by a large network of hospital and medical clinics," said Stone. "It gives us a country-wide picture of what a seasonal flu is like and how much worse it

would be if there were a A/H1N1 pandemic."

The team believes that their approach — a set of modeling tools modular in design — will be successful.—Internet

A/H1N1 flu cases in Vietnam increase to 295

HANOI, 13 July — Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed 33 more Influenza A/H1N1 cases, bringing the country's total number of flu patients to 295, local newspaper the *New Hanoi* reported on Monday.

Among the confirmed cases, 221 patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals, said the ministry. The rest are being treated in stable conditions. So far, the country has reported no death in connection with the disease. It also has not detected any case of A/H1N1 virus mutation resistant to Tamiflu.

Internet

Scientists work on developing the H1N1 (Influenza A) vaccine inside a Bio-safety Level 3 (BSL-3) lab at Sillapakorn University on the outskirts of Bangkok on 12 July, 2009.—XINHUA



NASA postpones launch of space shuttle Endeavour

WASHINGTON, 13 July—The US space agency NASA said on Sunday that it has decided to postpone the scheduled Sunday launch of space shuttle Endeavour until Monday due to thunderstorms near the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"Looks like the team is

ready but the weather is not. At this time we are no-go," NASA's launch director said. The next launch attempt will be at 6:51 pm EDT (2251 GMT) Monday, according to NASA.

Endeavour should have blasted off to the international space station

in mid-June, but the launch was postponed by potentially dangerous leaks of hydrogen gas.

Endeavour's 16-day mission will feature five spacewalks and complete construction of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Kibo laboratory. —Internet

Number of A/H1N1 flu cases in Bangladesh rises to 21

DHAKA, 13 July—Three more A/H1N1 flu cases have been confirmed in Bangladesh, raising the total number of the cases in the South Asian country to 21, a senior government official on Sunday.

"Three new A/H1N1 flu cases were detected last week," Mahmudur

Rahman, head of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under the health ministry, told *Xinhua* on Sunday.

Among the three new Bangladeshi patients, two persons including a woman and a child returned home from Canada while a young man came

back from the United Kingdom recently, he said. The patients are all at home now under appropriate treatment and also under supervision of health officials, Rahman said, adding treatment in hospitals was unnecessary as all the patients had showed slight symptoms.—Internet

Thailand's death toll from A/H1N1 flu rises to 18

BANGKOK, 13 July—Thailand has one more death related to A/H1N1 influenza virus infection, bringing the country's death toll to 18, according to a local media report on Sunday.

The latest victim was a 19-year-old rubber farmer from Thung Yai district,

southern province of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Nopporn Chuenklin, head of the province public health office was quoted by the website of the *Bangkok Post* as saying.

The youth also suffered from a complication of leptospirosis, Nopporn said.

Health officials were trying to find where and how the victim was infected since he had not been to Bangkok since the A/H1N1 flu outbreak. His family members and neighbouring villagers were also being examined.

Internet

SPORTS

Ji birdies 72nd hole to claim Women's Open

BETHLEHEM, 13 July—Eun Hee Ji found surprising calm in a double-bogey and a dramatic victory with an improbable birdie.

The 23-year-old from South Korea made a lengthy birdie putt on the 72nd hole to emerge from a Sunday scramble with an even-par 71 and claim the US Women's Open.



Eun Hee Ji, of South Korea, is doused with champagne after winning the US Women's Open golf tournament, on 12 July, 2009, at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa.

INTERNET

She outlasted playing partner and third-round leader Cristie Kerr, who struggled from the outset in the final round and failed in her bid for a second Women's Open title in three years.—*Internet*

United's Owen still getting paid by Newcastle

NEWCASTLE, 13 July—Manchester United new signing Michael Owen is still being paid 50,000 pounds a week by his former club Newcastle even though he left the squad at St James park a week ago, north-east Eng-



Manchester United new signing Michael Owen, seen here in 2009.

INTERNET

land newspaper Sunday Sun reported on Sunday.

The 29-year-old ex-England, Real Madrid and Liverpool star accepted a massive drop in salary when he agreed Alex Ferguson's offer to move to Old Trafford. But contractual details mean his wages are being made up to their original level by the Magpies until the end of this month.

Several players who have left since Newcastle were relegated from the Premiership at the end of last season are owed hundreds of thousands of pounds due under terms of generous contracts, the newspaper added.

Internet

Lucky loser Ram captures ATP Hall of Fame title

NEWPORT, 13 July—Rajeev Ram, a lucky loser from qualifying, made the most of his second chance by winning the ATP Hall of Fame Championship on Sunday, rallying to beat third seed Sam Querrey in the final. The 25-year-old American of India heritage outlasted Querrey 6-7 (3/7), 7-5, 6-3 to capture his first ATP crown at the 500,000-dollar grasscourt event.

Ram only reached the main draw after US top seed Mardy Fish was called to the US Davis Cup team because of an injury to Andy Roddick following his marathon Wimbledon final loss to Roger Federer.—*Internet*



Rajeev Ram

Kaka defends Real spending spree

MADRID, 13 July—Brazilian midfielder Kaka has said he believes he and Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo are worth the huge transfer fees which Spanish giants Real Madrid dished out for them last month.

"If Real Madrid have decided to pay so much money for us it is because we are worth it, isn't it? Because we have shown it with our football in recent years," he said in an interview published on Sunday in sports daily Marca.

"We are in a sport which pays these kinds of



Brazilian midfielder Kaka

figures and within this sphere it could be that we are worth this investment," the 27-year-old added.

Real signed Kaka from AC Milan for 65 million euros and paid a record fee of around 94 million euros to sign Ronaldo from Manchester United.

Internet

Ibrahimovic claims Chelsea interest



Inter Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic

LONDON, 13 July—Inter Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic claimed on Sunday that Premier League giants Chelsea are set to make a 60 million pounds (97 million dollars) move for him.

The Swedish international said: "I am fully aware that Chelsea want

to sign me and, of course, it is very flattering. They are one of the biggest teams in Europe and the Premier League is one of the best leagues in the world."

He told the News of the World: "Money is not the most important thing. I will base my decision on what's good for me, what suits me. "It is about asking: will I still be able to be special in the league that I am going to, to the team that I am going to?"

"Are my qualities right for the Premier League or not?"—*Internet*

Robinson completes Bolton loan move

BOLTON, 13 July—Bolton confirmed Sunday they have completed the signing of West Brom defender Paul Robinson on a season-long loan with a view to a permanent transfer.

The 30-year-old left-back had signed a new two-year deal with the Baggies last year but after their relegation from the Premier League felt it was time to make a move to remain in the top flight.

"I am delighted that we've managed to get him in," said Bolton manager Gary Megson, who previously worked with Robinson at The Hawthorns.

"He's got a great deal of Premier League experience and is the type of player Wanderers supporters will like.

Internet

West Brom defender Paul Robinson.—INTERNET

Croatia knock USA out of Davis Cup

POREC, 13 July—Croatia, the 2005 champions, knocked the United States out of the Davis Cup on Sunday with 3-2 victory in their quarter-final.

Marin Cilic took an unassailable 3-1 lead by defeating James Blake 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in the fourth rubber, paving the way for Croatia to entertain the Czech Republic in the semi-finals in September.

Cilic dominated much of the 2hr 42min match and had an opportunity to finish it off earlier when he had a break in the third set at 2-0.

However, poor concentration allowed Blake, 29, to hit back and keep the rubber alive by grabbing the third set.

But 20-year-old Cilic broke at the start of the fourth set for a crucial 3-0 lead.

Internet

Croatian Davis Cup tennis player Marin Cilic celebrates after defeating US James Blake during their quarterfinal Davis Cup match between Croatia and USA in northern Croatian Adriatic resort of Porec, some 250 kilometres from Zagreb.—INTERNET

Ronaldo does not have star mentality, says Real coach

MADRID, 13 July—Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini says Portuguese winger Cristiano Ronaldo, who the Spanish giants signed for a record 94 million euros, does not have a star mentality.

"He's as I expected him to be. He is the first to arrive at a training session, he has fully integrated into the squad, he doesn't act as a star," he said on Sunday during his first post-training press conference as Real's new coach.

"He is a very talented but normal player who is devoted to Real Madrid. His image is very different to how he is as a player."—*Internet*



Real Madrid's Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo looks back during the second training session of the 2009-2010 football season at the Valdebebas Real Madrid training camp in Madrid on 11 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Dublin pub owner is possible Newcastle buyer

DUBLIN, 13 July—Dublin publican Charlie Chawke has emerged as being the man behind a new syndicate interested in buying troubled Championship club Newcastle, the Irishman said in a radio interview on Sunday.

Chawke is working with colleagues to put together a group with the financial means to buy Newcastle, up for sale by owner Mike Ashley following relegation from the Premiership.

The Dubliner previously had an interest in Sunderland with the Drumaville syndicate, however he is no longer involved at the Stadium of Light after American Ellis Short completed his buy-out in May.

Several consortia have matched owner Mike Ashley's 100million pounds asking price for the Magpies, with groups from Malaysia and America understood to be leading the way.—*Internet*



Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates French counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Francois Filon, Prime Minister of the French Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic, which falls on 14 July 2009.—MNA

Largest tea processing factory in Shan State (North) creating jobs for local people

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

Located in Kyaukme District of Shan State (North), Namhsam Township is a famous region that produces pickled tea leaves, green tea and processed tea leaves with a large sown acreage of tea plantations.

Namhsam is well-known for producing Zayan pickled tea leaves and it is the tea city.

While in Namhsam to write bylines on regional development, we, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily had an opportunity to visit Lwekham Tea Factory that is the largest tea factory in Shan State (North) in producing the processed tea.

As soon as we arrived at the factory, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Than Lwin explained facts about production of tea.

“Namhsam Township has 48,971 acres of tea. The output of tea leaves is 260.28 viss per acre. Among them, 30 per cent of tea leaves are meant for green tea, 40

per cent for black tea and the remaining 30 per cent for wet tea.”

He continued to say, “Taungkyaw, Manlwe, Namlin, Khekhin and Lontauk villages, east of Namhsam, gives priority to production of tea.

Moreover, Kwamhe Village in the southern part of Namhsam can be designated as a region of producing fine quality tea.”

He added, “Zayan, Myaukywa, Hoshaung, Pansemein, Kayalan,

Manmai, Mankhaik and Kyaukpyu villages centering Zayangyi Village are famous areas for production of wet tea. Significantly, the soil in the region is yellowish, so the colour of tea in the

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Processed tea being produced at Lwekham Tea Processing Factory in Namhsam Township by applying CTE method.

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

Elderly doctors to undergo medical check-up

YANGON, 13 July—Myanmar Medical Association (Yangon) will launch Screening Test Campaign (Medical Check Up) for over 70-year-old doctors at specialist clinics on 12 and 13 August.

The member doctors who wish to take medical check up may contact Myanmar Medical

Association office (Yangon) (Ph 394229), Dr U Htay Lwin (Ph 09-8553289 and 09-8020068), Dr Yi Yi Sein (Ph 524887 and 09-2131532), Prof Daw Tin Tin Aung (Ph 500940), Dr Daw Thein Kyi (Ph 536389) and Prof Daw Ohn Kyin (Ph 537664).

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Respect paying ceremony of Yangon Institute of Education Practising School on 26 July

YANGON, 13 July—A respect paying ceremony of the students who passed the metric examination in 2008-2009 academic year will be held at the

Pyinnya Beikman Hall of Yangon Institute of Education Practising School from 9 to 11 a.m. on 26 July, 2009.

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