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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Flourishing coffee farms in Nawnghkio, Shan State (North)

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



The coffee nursery of Evergreen Coffee Farm in Nawnghkio Township, Shan State (North).

Nawnghkio Township in Kyaukse District, Shan State (North), standing at an altitude of 2750 feet, has seen many thriving coffee farms. The strain of coffee the township grows commonly is catemo, which thrives in the areas that stand at an altitude of over 2000 feet.

During our trip to Nawnghkio Township, we visited Evergreen Coffee Farm, accompanied by Manager Daw Nan Lwin Lwin Sein of the Township Myanma Agriculture Service.

She told the Myanma Alin, "Coffee thrives here because of favourable geographical conditions. The township's coffee sown acreage totals 12,605, and now 3842 acres are at harvest.

On average, we get 210.59 viss of coffee beans an acre. Last year, our township collected 809,087 viss of coffee beans in total."

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Warning of high tide in Yangon River

YANGON, 15 July—The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.2 feet to 21.3 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 22nd July to 27th July 2009. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.1 feet high above datum in the year 2007 and 2008, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA

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The path to future peace and stability

Today's people are under a bounden duty to work together to achieve the goal of democracy, while scaling up the development without sacrificing already-achieved fruitful results.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Work together for conservation of natural teak forests

Myanmar has laid down the objectives for the forest sector and these objectives are aimed at national socio-economic development and environmental and ecological balance.

In the world, Myanmar, India, Thailand and Laos are the countries where teak trees grow naturally. The teak of Myanmar has been the best and the most popular. Because of Myanmar's terrestrial, aquatic and climatic conditions, the number of naturally-growing teak trees has been on the increase and the Bago mountain range is home to world-famous teak trees.

Natural teak forests cover about half of the nation's area. According to the records of Forest Department before 1990, there is a total of 27.29 million hectares of teak forests in the world and, out of it, 16.25 million hectares are in Myanmar. There are 12.53 million acres of teak forests in the Bago mountain range alone.

A teak-planting ceremony was held in the Margri forest reserve in Taikkyi Township on 11 July to green the Bago mountain range.

Also in Shwetaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division, Forest Department had teak saplings planted in an acre of land in each village and three teak saplings in the compound of each household.

The teak of Myanmar is famous worldwide. Therefore, young teak trees are grown at tree-planting ceremonies in the rainy season every year to prevent the depletion of teak forests.

We would like to call on the entire national people to work together for the conservation of natural resources, especially forest resources, for the sake of the environment and national economic development.

Talks on E-Commerce Status in GMS Countries and Challenges for Myanmar on 18 July

YANGON, 15 July—With a view to developing information and communication technology, the Myanmar Computer Professionals Association will organize the talks on E-Commerce Status in GMS Countries and Challenges for Myanmar at the Conference Hall of the main building of

Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township from 1 pm to 4 pm on 18 July.

Secretary of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thaung Tin, Chairperson of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association Daw Wah Wah Tun, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs As-

sociation-Mandalay U Ye Myat Thu, Joint-Secretary-2 of MCPA U Thaung Su Nyein will participate in the talks.

Any IT enthusiasts may attend the talks free of charge. For further information, may contact Building 4, Room 4 of MCPA, Tel: 652276.

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People's Desire

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

Regional development tasks in Hlegu Township inspected

YANGON, 15 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint viewed the ploughing at U Hla Myo's monsoon paddy field in Kadit Village of Hlegu Township, Yangon North District on 13 July.

At Basic Education Primary School in Phayagone Village, the commander donated cash and stationery and looked round the learning of the students. At the briefing hall of Ngamoeyeik dam, the commander heard a report presented by the Deputy Director of



Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint inspects Ngamoeyeik Dam in Hlegu Township.—MNA

Division Irrigation Department on digging canal of Ngamoeyeik Dam. After that, the commander left necessary instructions

and inspected the dam.

On arrival at local battalion, the commander inspected the site chosen for construction of Basic

Education Middle School (branch) and met with Tatmadawmen and their families at the hall of the battalion.—MNA

Health Minister receives British guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Foreign and Commonwealth Office of Britain, Assistant under Secretary of State Mr Asif Ahmad and Mr Jeremy Hodges, Charge d' Affaires ai of British Embassy at the ministry here yesterday morning.

In discussion between the health minister and the two British guests on works of the ministry, the guests said that they were pleased to visit Ministry of Health; that they were satisfied with preventive measures of the ministry against New Influenza A (H1N1), 3D which are HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria; that they had learnt that research works



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are keeping abreast of the international community and supervision on foodstuff and drugs also in progress; and that they

were pleased to hear health care services of the ministry in storm-ravaged regions, they added.

Also present were

Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, directors-general and directors.

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Narcotic drugs seized in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 15 July—Authorities of Myitkyina Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, searched the motorcycle driven from Washaung to Waingmaw by Myo Min in Namwa Village of Waingmaw Township at 4.45 pm on 17 June and seized 4.898 kilos of raw opium and 120 ml of opium liquid. Myo Min is under interrogation and efforts are being made to arrest the related drug possessors.

At 10 am on 29 June, the authorities of Laukkai of Shan State (North) seized 6,400 cards of Pseudoephedrine near Manchu Village of Laukkai and they are trying to expose

the drug possessors.

At 8.40 pm on 29 June, the authorities of Mandalay Special Anti-Drug Squad of Mandalay Division seized 1320 WY brand pinky stimulant tablets from Zaw Pe Win (a) Maung Zaw of Dawnabwa Ward of Aungmyaythazan Township. Zaw Pe Win (a) Maung Zaw is under investigation and efforts are being made to arrest more related drug possessors.

The above drugs and drug possessors were arrested by the local authorities and officials of the special anti-drug squads with the utmost efforts.—MNA



Shocking suicide toll among Afghanistan veterans

LONDON, 15 July—Britain faces a “ticking timebomb” of mental illness and suicide among young Army veterans who return from hand-to-hand combat in Afghanistan, the Conservatives will warn today.

A lack of mental health care for veterans, combined with the stress of fighting the Taliban, will mean many survivors of the conflict pay a heavy price in psychological problems and self harm, according to David Cameron and the shadow Defence Secretary Liam Fox.

As the bodies of eight soldiers – including three teenagers – killed in a bloody 24 hours in Helmand were repatriated yesterday, mental health experts joined the politicians in warning that not enough was being done to care for returning members of the armed forces.

Research suggests that veterans aged 18 to 23 are up to three times more likely to commit suicide than their civilian counterparts. Setting out plans today to boost mental health care for returning troops, Mr Fox and Mr Cameron will argue that more veterans of the Falklands campaign and the first Gulf War killed themselves after quitting the forces than died in action.

An estimated 264 Falklands veterans have committed suicide since the conflict ended, compared with 255 soldiers killed in action, according to an ex-servicemen’s organisation.—Internet



Mourners react as a procession of hearses carrying the bodies of eight British soldiers killed in Afghanistan in travels through the streets of Wootton Bassett, in Wiltshire on 14 July. —INTERNET

Hidden bombs wreak grim toll on Afghan frontline

GARMSIR, 15 July—The bomb killed two US Marines instantly, shredded their armour and flung body parts into a canal. A mission to open a supply line in Taliban country faced a hidden enemy at every turn.

A foot patrol was advancing painstakingly with metal detectors and bare hands to defuse bombs planted on a rough track when an explosion shot a cloud of dust and rocks into the sky in southern Afghanistan’s Helmand Province at dusk.

“I turned away and felt rocks in the air as they came over my back,” said Sergeant Anthony Zabala, 31. “That was it,” he added. The unit has been in Afghanistan for only months, part of a surge of 21,000 extra US troops sent to quell a Taliban insurgency that is testing Western military endurance and shows signs of expanding beyond southern and eastern heartlands.

The two dead men had expressed frustration earlier in the day to an AFP reporter about the difficulties posed by so-called improvised explosive devices (IEDs), but seemed confident they could neutralise the threat.

Internet



A US Marine runs to safety moments after an IED blast in Garmsir District of Helmand Province in Afghanistan on 13 July. Two US Marine soldiers were killed when the explosion occurred as they tried to clear a route into the Taliban heartland of southern Helmand Province.—INTERNET

Suicide bomber kills seven in Iraq’s Anbar Province

BAGHDAD, 15 July—A suicide bomber has killed seven people in an attack on security forces in Iraq’s Anbar Province.

Two police officials in Baghdad say the suicide bomber, who was driving a minibus, attacked a checkpoint of Iraqi soldiers and police officers at about 8 am on Wednesday. Six police were among the dead, and 17 people were injured.

Officials say the attack happened in the former insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, 70 miles (115 kilometres) west of Baghdad.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.—Internet



Afghans stand around the crater caused by a bomb blast in Mohammad Agha district on the main road from Kabul to Logar Province, Afghanistan, recently. —INTERNET

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 15 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 8134 Afghan people were killed and 16,723 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 7 July.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	8134
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	16723

Internet

NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 15 July— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 14 July reached 697,937 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,256,685, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	697,937
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,256,685

Internet

A wounded man lies at a hospital after a bomb attack in Baghdad’s Sadr City recently. INTERNET





Toyota Motor Corp introduces the Lexus brand's first "HS250h" in Tokyo, Japan, on 14 July, 2009. The HS250h, with a fuel efficiency of 23.0 kilometres per litre, powered by a 2.4-litre cycle combustion engine, has a starting price of 3.95 million yen. Its prices range up to 5.35 million yen.—INTERNET

Garment and textile sector of Vietnam tries to boost exports

HANOI, 15 July — The Vietnam's Garment and Textile Association said that the country is making efforts to boost garment and textile exports up by 6 percent in the second half of the year, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported Wednesday.

Vietnam suffered a 4.7 percent decrease year-on-year in export turnover of garment and textile in the first half year to 4.14 billion US dollars, said the association.

The decrease was due to shrinking demand from the country's traditional markets caused by the impacts of the global economic crisis, said Le Quoc An, chairman of the association.

In the first six months this year, garment and textile exports to the United States fell more than five percent, while the country's exports to the European Union countries went down by 4 percent, said An.

Internet

S Korea's spending on economy tops \$134 b in first half

SEOUL, 15 July — The South Korean government spent 171.5 trillion won (133.7 billion US dollars) to bolster the economy during the first half of this year, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.

The expenditure takes up 64.8 percent of the government budget for the year worth 257.7 trillion won (200.9 billion US dollars), marking a higher ratio than the government's original target of 60.6 percent, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance said in a statement.

In a bid to pull the local economy out of the downturn, the government has spent 52.9 trillion won (41.2 billion US dollars) on four main projects, including financial market stabilization, job creation, and social overhead capital spending, the ministry said.

Internet

S Africa vows to halve poverty, unemployment by 2014

JOHANNESBURG, 15 July — The South African government is still committed to halving unemployment and poverty by 2014, despite the global economic downturn, the country's Presidency Planning Commission Minister Trevor Manuel said on Tuesday.

Outlining the government's Medium Strategic Frame Work (MTSF) in Pretoria, Manuel said its

main focus was to minimize the impact of the economic crisis on the country's productive capacity, on jobs and on poverty reduction measures.

"The challenge that presents itself to us is that we cannot continue with the high levels of unemployment... This is the kind of commitment that we must make."

Manuel said the government's focus would be

on creating decent jobs, but this was not mutually exclusive with President Jacob Zuma's promise to create half a million job opportunities by this year's end.

Though these tended to be short-term and originated from the government's infrastructure building programme, they brought relief to families and therefore the two types of job-creation should "be read together", he said.—*Internet*

China's paper industry output up 5.1% in Jan-May period

BEIJING, 15 July—The industrial output of China's paper and paper product producers grew 5.1 percent from a year ago during the first five months, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said in an online statement.

But the ministry did not give figures for value of the industrial output.

The 5.1-percent growth in the first five months compares to a fall of 0.8 percent in the first four months. It indicated a recovery in the output, as demands picked up after government stimulus measures boosted related sectors.

The ministry said the sector's industrial output rose 7.1 percent from a

year ago in May alone.

From January to May, output of machine-made paper and cardboard edged up 3 percent year on year to 34.47 million tonnes, according to the statement dated on Monday.

Among the total, the output of paper products inched up 2 percent to 14.12 million tonnes.

Internet



Soldiers try to rescue a fisherman after a tropical storm hit Putian, Fujian Province on 14 July, 2009. Torrential rain, strong winds triggered by tropical storm at coastal area in Putian have left four fishermen missing, local media reported. Picture taken on 14 July, 2009.—INTERNET

EU car-makers predict production of passenger cars may fall 25%

BRUSSELS, 15 July—European car-makers predicted on Tuesday that Europe's passenger cars may fall 25 percent in 2009 due to the financial crisis.

Fleet renewal schemes by some governments have helped segments of the passenger car market in some countries, but failed to boost the overall vehicle demand in Europe, said European car manufacturer association (ACEA).

"While the outlook for the second half of 2009 remains uncertain, current developments imply that production may fall as much as 25 percent over the whole of 2009 for passenger cars, and at least 50 percent for commercial vehicles," the association said.

In the first quarter, pro-

duction of motor vehicles overall declined by 35 percent to 3.4 million, said the group, as many manufacturers continued to reduce stocks and cut output in light of reduced market demand, van and truck production fell separately by 57 percent and 56 percent to 226,739 and 76,651.—*Internet*

Mexico beefs up drug, health tests for airport staff ahead of summer vacations

MEXICO CITY, 15 July—The Mexican Communications and Transportation Ministry said on Tuesday that it had beefed up drug and health tests for air transport staff ahead of summer vacations.

The testing programme, organized by the General Directorate for Protection and Preventative Medicine, was carried out at the airports of Acapulco, Cancun, Guadalajara, Hermosillo, Mexico City and Monterrey, a ministry spokesman said.

"The goal is to avoid any possible accidents," he said. Since the programme began last Wednesday, 150 people had been tested a day for a list of drugs, including alcohol, which could interfere with performance, the spokesman said.—*Internet*



People cross the road in central Tokyo's Ginza shopping district. Japan's economy is expected to shrink 3.4 percent in the current financial year to March 2010, the country's central bank has said, downgrading its outlook for the world's number two economy.—INTERNET



EU courts China over climate deal

BEIJING, 15 July—The European Union (EU) is eager to strengthen dialogue with China in order to thrash out an agreement on climate change ahead of the massive international meeting on the issue set for Copenhagen in December.

Swedish Environment Minister Andreas Carlgren, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, is on a week-long visit to Beijing with other EU representatives,

including politicians from Spain — the country that will hold the EU presidency during the next term.

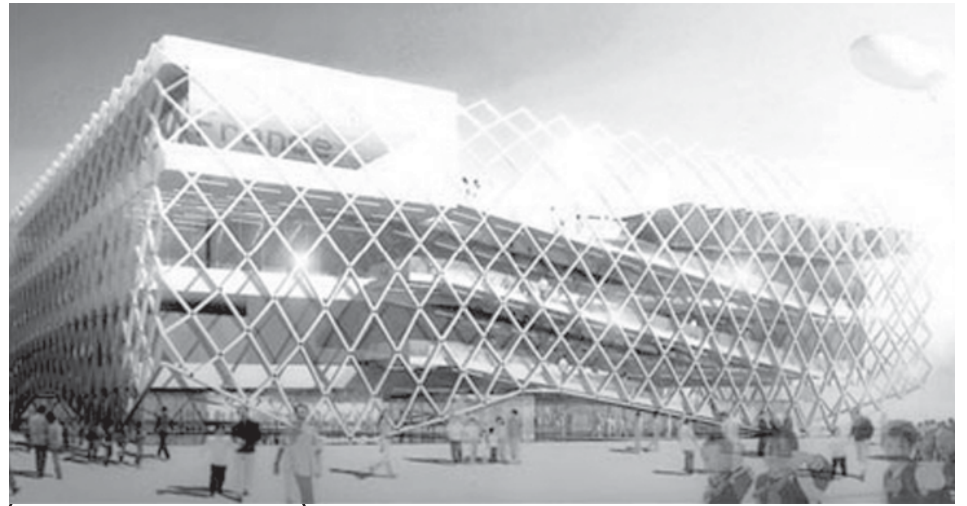
Carlgren said his visit is aimed at “laying the right foundation for a successful Copenhagen conference”.

The gathering of nations in December will seek to find a climate change deal that will replace the Kyoto Protocol when it expires in 2012.

The EU has already

committed to take greenhouse gas emissions down to 20 percent less than the 1990 level by 2020. In Copenhagen, the EU will be looking to improve on that effort by setting a target of a 30 percent reduction, Carlgren said.

But China is calling for more and would like to see the Copenhagen agreement include a commitment to cut emissions by 40 percent for developed countries.—Xinhua



This artist's rendering shows the French Pavilion to be built for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo.—XINHUA

Indonesia to host international warship Exhibition

JAKARTA, 15 July—Indonesia would hold an international warship exhibition that displays more than 50 warships from China, France, the UK, the US, Japan and Russia, Indonesian Navy commander Admiral Tedjo Edhy Purdijatno said here on Wednesday.

Tedjo said that the exhibition, called Indonesian Fleet Review (IFR), is scheduled to be held from 17 to 19 Aug in Manado, the capital city of North Sulawesi Province.

“As many as 32 countries already confirmed to take part in the IFR, involving more than 50 warships,” Tedjo was quoted by the *Antara* news agency as saying.

The IFR is a Navy fleet exhibition held in Indonesia. It was originally intended to commemorate Indonesian Independence Day on 17 Aug, Tedjo said.

This year would be the second event with the first one held in 1995 by Indonesian Navy, he added.

Indonesia would deploy ten of its Navy fleet warships in the event and demonstrate its might to guard the country's waters that represent two thirds of its territory, he said.

Xinhua



An investigator looks at a hole on top of a Southwest Airlines plane which had to make an emergency landing in Charleston, WV, on 13 July, 2009.—XINHUA

US Southwest Airlines inspects jets after hole forces emergency landing

HOUSTON, 15 July—US largest low-fare carrier Southwest Airlines said on Tuesday it inspected all its Boeing 737-300 jets overnight after a hole opened in the fuselage of an identical jet, forcing it to make an emergency landing in West Virginia.

Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Marilee McInnis said the company checked all 181 of its 737-300s overnight at hangars around the country but found no similar problems in any of the other planes.

The jets inspected overnight were sent back to service on Tuesday morning, McInnis said. About 20 flights were delayed slightly due to the inspections.

A US Southwest Airlines 737 jet made an emergency landing in Charleston, West Virginia on Monday evening after a football-sized hole was found in its fuselage, prompting the cabin to depressurize.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Chilean president signs free trade agreement with Turkey

SANTIAGO, 15 July—Chilean President Michele Bachelet signed on Tuesday a free trade agreement (FTA) with Turkey, which will allow 98 percent of their bilateral trade to be duty free.

This is the first FTA between Turkey and a Latin American country. The agreement promises a potential market of more than 70 million customers for Chile. “This trade agreement signed by Chile can be an entrance to an economic zone of great potential, which is practically unexplored for us,” Bachelet said.

Many sectors in Chile, including mining, agriculture, fishing and forestry, will benefit from the agreement. The FTA have to be ratified by both nations' legislatures to become effective.—Xinhua

Vietnam plans for sustainable development of aquaculture

HANOI, 15 July—Vietnam plans to have 100 percent of shrimp and tra fish raised in the form of intensive cultivation and semi intensive cultivation by 2012, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported on Wednesday.

The plan was unveiled at a recently-ended seminar on building a national plan on sustainable development of Vietnam's aquaculture for 2010-2012, held by Vietnam's Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development.

According to the plan, about 70 percent of catch and raised fish provided to local seafood producers can be traced back their origins. Up to 80 percent of seafood processing units are capable of applying the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)—a systematic preventive approach to food safety and pharmaceutical safety — into their production. Other measures to help the country's aquaculture industry include improving quality of input materials, building modern raising farms, and diversifying markets. —Xinhua

Northern Mexico mayor killed in drive-by shooting

MEXICO CITY, 15 July—The mayor of a small town in northern Mexico was murdered in a drive-by shooting when he drove to work on Tuesday morning, officials said.

Four officials in the town of Namiquipa, in the state of Chihuahua, including Mayor Hector Ariel Meixuerio, had received death threats or suffered physical attacks from drug traffickers since 2008, municipal

secretary Miguel Angel Estrada was quoted by Mexican media as saying.

Meixuerio took up the post as mayor in October 2007 but stepped down for two weeks in 2008, until the state sent a squad of 17 police to protect him.

Violence has soared in the city since the Mexican army seized two tons of cocaine in El Terreno, a settlement governed by the municipality, in Feb-

ruary last year. Drug traffickers had reportedly left a message in Chihuahua industrial city Ciudad Juarez saying that Meixuerio would pay a price for having hired paramilitaries to target them.

There have been 3,610 drug-related murders in the country this year, according to figures published by the Mexico City daily newspaper *El Universal*.—Xinhua



Teachers update information of the on-line enrolling system at University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 13 July, 2009. —XINHUA

OPEC forecasts Global oil demand to grow next year

VIENNA, 15 July—The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) forecast on Tuesday that the world oil demand next year would show an increase of 0.5 million barrels perday (mb/d) after two consecutive years of negative growth, amounting to 84.34 mb/d.

According to the monthly oil market report of OPEC released on Tuesday in Vienna, the growth of global oil demand depended mainly on the pace of the global economic recovery. The International Energy Agency (IEA) also forecast recently that the oil demand for next year would be positive.

The global oil demand forecast released by the IEA on 10 July said that the world's crude oil demand would increase by 1.7 percent, or 1.4 mb/d, in 2010, amounting to 85.2 mb/d.—*Internet*

Smoke haze in Indonesia's Riau worsens

JAKARTA, 15 July—Smoke haze resulted from forest fire in Indonesia's Riau Province is getting out of control, the private news portal *detikcom* reported on Wednesday.

Starting early morning till on Wednesday noon, the capital city of Pekanbaru has been in a condition as if it was cloudy. It did not mean that the rain would start to fall. It was just because the sunlight had been blocked by thick smoke.

The Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG) reported that 144 hotspots spread equally in all residences and cities.

It was likely that the smoke spread to neighbouring areas of Malaysia and Singapore.

Internet



Destroyed oil pipelines at the Altas Cove in Lagos following an attack by the Emancipation of Niger Delta on 13 July. The country's main militant group waging an "oil war" against the government has declared a 60-day truce after the release of its leader Henry Okah under an amnesty deal.—INTERNET

Expressway ramp bridge collapse kills six, injures four

TIANJIN, 15 July—Six people were confirmed dead and four others were injured when a ramp bridge linking to a north China expressway collapsed early on Wednesday, the local government said.

Five trucks fell off the ramp bridge, about 800 meters from a toll station near Tianjin port, when the accident happened at 1:33 am, a city government spokesman said.

He did not identify the victims.

The accident has closed down the Tianjin section of the pivotal expressway linking to the northern Shanxi Province and caused congestions in the downtown areas.

Internet



Spanish bullfighter 'El Fandi' performs with a Jandilla ranch fighting bull named 'Capuchino' during the fourth bullfight of San Fermin festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, on 10 July, 2009. 'Capuchino' fatally gored Spanish runner Daniel Jimeno Romero on the morning running of the bulls. Romero was declared dead shortly after his arrival at hospital. This was the first such fatality in the festival in nearly 15-years.—INTERNET

W Va woman wins her 9th big lottery prize

Brenda Bailey is still on a roll.

This week, the 60-year-old South Charleston woman claimed her ninth West Virginia Lottery prize, \$7,000 in the Gem 7s instant game. That brings her total winnings since last September to \$159,000 from five instant tickets.

Lottery officials say Bailey has claimed a total \$165,800 in prizes from instant and online games since 2000.

Caiman in zoo bites the pointing finger

A teenage girl in Sweden learned the hard way some reptiles do not like to be pointed at — especially when the hands are within biting range.

The girl was bitten by a spectacled caiman, a close relative of alligators and crocodiles, at Furuviken Park in eastern Sweden several hours north of Stockholm, The Local reported. She got stitches and bandages at Gavle County Hospital.

The 13-year-old and her family were in the new South American exhibit at

the park when she pointed at the spectacled caiman in an effort to show her brother something.

The brother told the Stockholm newspaper *Aftonbladet* the bite left his sister's finger "covered in blood and in tatters."

Jonny Persson, the head zookeeper, said the park will raise the fence around the enclosure inhabited by Gorm, the 20-year-old spectacled caiman. But he said Gorm was only doing what caimans do.

Toy-gun robber foiled by bat-wielding store worker

Authorities in south Alabama say a gas station employee used a cricket bat to chase away a would-be robber who brandished a toy gun.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's office says the suspect entered Bee Gee's gas station near Bay Minette and tried to use the fake weapon to steal money.

Hikers enjoy the Pyrenees mountains. A 62-year-old French woman hiker survived 11 days lost in the Pyrenees mountains with nothing but a picnic to eat, her husband said Thursday.—INTERNET



NEWS ALBUM

Singapore tycoon finds long-lost son

An ecstatic Singaporean millionaire thinks he has discovered his son in Malaysia after putting out an appeal to be reunited with his long-lost family, a report said.

"I found him! I found him!" Yak Eng Wai, 62, told the *Star* newspaper after speaking by telephone to a man who was able to provide accurate family details to confirm that he was his 37-year-old son, Ah Teck.

Spokesman Tung Kong Ming of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), which had publicised Yak's appeal, said the man had to furnish identification papers to support his claims, but that the wealthy tycoon appeared convinced.



In this photo made on 9 July, 2009, Pet Airways Co-founder Alysa Binder's dog, Zoe, walks by one of the upstart airline's aircraft in Omaha, Neb.



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects supply of water to the farms at Kontaung Village in Thazi Township.

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A&I Minister performs regional development tasks in Thazi, Meiktila Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Paypinkan Dam built for supply of water to the farmlands at Kontaung Village in Thazi Township on 11 July and called for boosting agricultural production.

The 5200-foot long and 10-foot high

Paypinkan Dam benefits 300-acre of farmlands.

The minister and party looked into supply of water to paddy and long staple cotton plantations of the village and its environs through hand pumps and engines.

So far, 342 tube-wells have been sunk and more tube-wells are being sunk.

Next, the minister

held discussions with the farmers on boosting agricultural production at the village and oversaw pumping water for monsoon paddy cultivation at Nyaung-kaing Village in Meiktila Township.

In the evening, the minister met with farmers of Magyibin Village and fulfilled the requirements.

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School uniforms, exercise books provided

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — The ceremony to provide school uniforms and exercise books to offspring of staff of Civil Service Selection and Training Board was held at the auditorium of the board here on 10 July.

It was attended by Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu and members U

Aung Myint, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun, U Kyaw Aung and the directors-general, the head of office, officials and staff.

CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu spoke on the occasion and presented school uniforms and exercise books for 88 basic education students to the directors-general and the head of office.—MNA



Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu makes a speech at school uniforms and exercise books donation ceremony.—CSSTB

Symposium on account on 18 July

YANGON, 15 July — Symposium on opportunities for efficient accountants and on managing hardships for business due to financial crisis will be held at Parkroyal Hotel here at 1 pm on 18 July.

Officials from the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of

Singapore-ICPAS will give talks at the symposium.

The symposium will focus on the important role of accountants during the financial crisis and demand for financial experts for the small- and medium-scale businesses. The officials from ICPAS will also give talks on subjects for

accountants.

Those who passed the matriculation exam, LCCI, CAT and ACCA, and those who are learning accounts and graduates on economic and accounts, are invited to participate in the symposium and can enrol at Ph 652288, 521125 and 09 5124761.—MNA

Flourishing coffee farms in Nawngkhio, Shan State (North)

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



A thriving coffee plant in bean at a farm in Nawngkhio Township.

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U Thein Lwin, in-charge of Evergreen Coffee Farm said, "We grow 300 acres of coffee at the rate of 1320 plants

an acre. On average, we collect 2640 viss of coffee beans an acre. We launched our farm in 1996-1997 and started to harvest it in 1999-2000."

"We distribute our product only at home. We sell a ton of coffee seeds for around 300,000 kyats. Last year, we collected eight tons of coffee beans. I would say farming coffee is a more lucrative business than farming crops in the long run," he said.

Representative U Aung Win of the farm said, "Coffee farming is a lucrative business if compared with other crops. The harvest of coffee beans was 30,000 to 40,000 viss last year. We grow coffee plants with a space of 4 feet by eight feet between two plants. And we grow shade trees such as coral trees among coffee plants. Coffee plants are in flower in April, and coffee beans are mature in September."

He added, "To form a coffee farm, we sow coffee beans. In this regard, we pluck best quality coffee



U Aung Win (Evergreen Coffee Farm).

beans, we trample over coffee beans, we mix them thoroughly with some ash, then we expose them to the sun. Then we sow them. When coffee seedlings are about two months, we put them into small plastic bags and nurture them. We plant them when they are six months. It is better if we plant one-year saplings."

Now in Shan State (North), coffee is also grown on a large scale in Lashio, Muse and Kyaukme townships.



U Thein Lwin (In-charge, Evergreen Coffee Farm).



Daw Nan Lwin Lwin Sein (Manager, Nawngkhio Township Myanma Agriculture Service).

Nawngkhio Township grows coffee on the largest scale in the region. Up to the end of 2007, Shan State (North) has put 13,769 acres under coffee.

Therefore, local farmers in the hilly regions in Shan State standing at an altitude of more than 2000 feet should grow coffee extensively to make healthy profits.

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The path to future peace and stability

Kyaw Ye Min

In democracy, the people are the master and their aspirations are crucial. The decision made by the majority in accord with the people's wish is the final. The practice of accepting, obeying and realizing the public decision while paying serious attention to the aspiration of the majority of people is the base of democracy, so simple and understood by all.

These days, the anti-government groups are denying the decision made in accord with the wish of the majority while mumbling the word democracy as if they are continuously reciting a mantra. It is not appropriate that anti-government politicians saying that they value and admire democracy as their idol cannot follow even the most basic democracy practice.

Since its assumptions of the State duties the Tatmadaw government has been giving priority to fulfilling the fundamental requirements—peace and stability of the State; uplift of economic life of the nation and the people; and uplift of national education—in building a new nation. Hence, it laid down and is implementing the seven-step Road Map for democratization in addition to laying down sound foundations for national peace, stability and progress.

As our nation is enjoying complete peace and stability, we have already built almost all the infrastructures for the future. The government has improved the socio-economic life of the people to a certain level. We can say that our peace, stability and progress are now at the stage that is suitable for democratization. Moreover, we have already fulfilled the basic requirements well.

In the political sector, at the referendum which is the fourth step of the Road Map, the constitution was approved by 92.48 percent public votes. The multi-party democracy general election which is the fifth step will be held systematically in 2010. We can say the goal is within the touching reach of the ruling government in realizing democracy and market economy. It is the result of the government's efforts to ensure a guaranteed future for the people in accord with their wish. The government focuses its efforts on the public wish.

Actually, we all wish peace and stability. No one wants an unstable environment and violence that will destroy stability. All along the past history, our people had to live in constant fear facing internal strife and its flames, strikes, disturbances and violence one after another. Throughout the past successive years, the people amidst the battles, commotions and killings even dared not hope for a better tomorrow. They were living in a hell-like situation. Today's people even do not want to dream about those terrible past events. They are totally afraid of the recurrence of the events. Likewise, they even do not want to hear the word "disturbances". They all want to enjoy life in a stable and peaceful environment.

So, the government has been striving in all sectors for peace and stability of the nation and the people. At present, we are enjoying progress together with total peace and stability as aspired by the people. We the people are satisfied to see all-round progress covering economic, social, education, health and many other sectors in addition to peace and stability. So we cannot accept in any condition attempts to jeopardize peace and stability we are enjoying. Whoever tries to

harm peace and stability will be our enemy number one.

All really wish to see the nation and people witnessing development. It is natural that we want our country to be superior in development when compared with other countries and we want our race cleverer and more prosperous than other races. We want to take pride in this. When the nation is developed and the people are rich individual socio-economic progress will be high. It is crystal clear that except from traitors opposing the government, all Myanmar who are good citizens want to witness development of the nation and race. Development can be achieved only if there is peace and stability.

We have already passed through the parliamentary democracy era and the Burma Socialist Programme Party era after the nation regained independence. Peace and stability was totally absent during the parliamentary democracy era because the nation was in total disarray and disunity facing political splits in the parties and multi-coloured internal insurgency. Those who lived during the era still remember these terrible events. As peace and stability was totally absent, not any effective effort could be made for development of economic, social and education sectors. During the BSPP era, peace and stability could not be restored in the whole nation due to the failure to root out the internal insurgency although political stability was achieved to a certain degree. So the national development could not be achieved fully. Hence, the people were leading an insufficient life and suffering from various kinds of hardships for over 40 years. Actually, over 40 years is an adequate length of time for restoring peace and stability and achieving progress. But we could not do anything and we got nothing.

Now the nation has seen significant development in the political, economic, social, education, health and transport sectors due to the hard work the ruling government has been exerting to restore State stability and community peace since 1988. And it has made peace with national race armed groups with the lofty aim of regaining national reconsolidation, which is a really brilliant performance. So the entire people of us enjoy the taste of stability, peace and development. With State stability and peace, the nation is developing remarkably, and national development has improved the living conditions for the people.

Every citizen wants to enjoy freedom in line with the law. They are anxious to improve their living standard, grasping job opportunities of their choice, leading a peaceful life, and working as hard as they can in the framework of law. They have driving ambition to achieve peak success, working most diligently,

peacefully and freely under the shelter of the law in such an opportune time of prosperity. They are looking forward to their ultimate goal of democracy, so they are supporting unanimously the national political policies of the government that is charting such a prosperous future of the nation. That is the reason why they stand firmly on the side of national cause, without getting themselves caught in the snares set by anti-government groups.

So far, the government has fulfilled most of the wishes of the people. I do not want to present the facts in detail as what the government has done is common knowledge. If in a word, today's people recognize the ruling government as the organization capable of restoring State stability, implementing formidable tasks for development of the nation and the people, and paving the way to democracy they aspire.

The ultimate goal of the nation is to transform itself into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. So, the government is implementing the seven-step Road Map to build a new nation in compliance with the great desire of the people. Now, the fifth step is in progress, and the people's desire and public stance have become more important. Therefore, anti-government groups have to respect the people's desire and public stance whether they are in support of the programme or not. If so, that will conform with the democracy practice.

So, anti-government groups inside and outside the nation should not waste their valuable time by getting themselves deep in the argument. And they no longer should focus all their attention on the plan for their party to come to power. In addition, they should have stopped making unreasonable demands. To be frank, they should have stopped claiming that the people do not accept and recognize the constitution that has been approved democratically by the public, and expending the interest of the nation and the people by provoking riots with selfishness. They should make good use of the objective conditions and opportune time.

Today, the nation is full of good opportunities for development. As I have said many times the nation lagged behind other countries in development due to the lack of a sense of duty for four decades. So, the people have to work hard twofold in such a very opportune time in order to enable the motherland to catch up with other global partners. If they keep on sticking to party attachment, wasting such a unique opportunity, their acts will be likely to harm the dream of the people. This will be unacceptable to every public member.

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Today's people are under a bounden duty to work together to achieve the goal of democracy, while scaling up the development without sacrificing already-achieved fruitful results. Anti-government groups are all public members, so they should work with foresight in order not to destroy the restored stability and peace and deter the already-achieved development momentum. I believe that even if they are in no mood to do their bit in the people's bounden duty, they should not disturb.



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Now, the three forces: the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in concert to help the nation keep abreast of other countries. The combined efforts have yielded fruits to a certain degree, which is a tangible result. So, they should not hurt or try to hinder the objective conditions. Openly speaking, they should not use any forms of means to disrupt the stability and peace or constrain the already-achieved development momentum, because such destructive acts are very harmful to the national interest.

Therefore, the anti-government groups should take the public desire into consideration in serving the interest of their own, their party and their group. If there is a strong negative impact on stability of the State and community peace, and all the success the nation has achieved will come to nought, the nation will lose its brighter future. They should take an important point into consideration with all seriousness that they are likely to lose all in hand at present.

On the whole, today's people are under a bounden duty to work together to achieve the goal

of democracy, while scaling up the development without sacrificing already-achieved fruitful results. Anti-government groups are all public members, so they should work with foresight in order not to destroy the restored stability and peace and deter the already-achieved development momentum. I believe that even if they are in no mood to do their bit in the people's bounden duty, they should not disturb.

I wish the nation a success in pursuing the goal, making good use of stability and peace.

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Minister for Industry -1 U Aung Thaung presents award to an outstanding student on 14 July (News Reported).—INDUSTRY-1

L&F Minister donates 750 bags of cement, 550 CI sheets

YANGON, 15 July—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 11 July morning explained assistance to be provided for education, health and economic development of the region to the local people at Basic Education Primary School in Pandaw Ward of Thayetchaung Township.

After meeting with

local people in Peintaw Village, the minister presented stationery for basic education schools through officials.

In Nyaungzin Village, the minister discussed undertaking of regional development with local people and presented exercise books for basic education schools through officials.

At Sawwa Village of Shinmohti Village-tract,

the minister gave instructions on regional development and donated exercise books and stationery for basic education schools through officials.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein donated 750 bags of cement and 550 corrugated iron sheets to basic education schools in Thayetchaung Township.

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Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein donates stationery to schools in Peintaw Village of Thayetchaung Township through a responsible person.—L&F



Monsoon tree-planting ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and wife attended tree-growing ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee held at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall and staff quarters here this morning and grew evergreen magnolias in

the compound of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

Afterwards, deputy minister, secretary and members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, staff and their families also planted evergreen magnolias.

Staff and their families grew mango trees in the compound of the staff quarters of Nay Pyi Taw Development

Committee and they nurtured thriving mango trees and coconut plants and put fertilizers at perennial crops plantation.

A total of 659 plants were grown at the tree-planting ceremony. So far, altogether 4725 perennial crops have been grown in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee and staff quarters.—MNA

Minister Col Thein Nyunt and wife grow an evergreen magnolia at monsoon tree-planting ceremony.

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Medical team takes preventive measures against malaria in Paletwa Tsp, Chin State

No New Influenza A (H1N1) virus found in the region

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Getting informed that recently an adult person and seven children died of a disease in Samutalan and Maungwutaung villages in India, which is adjacent to Myeik-wa Village, a border village, in Paletwa Township, Chin State, a medical team inclusive of specialists from the Ministry of Health made a trip to the affected area to inquire about the case, and to prevent possible spread of the disease into Myanmar.

According to the findings of the study conducted by the team, the most common disease in the region is malaria; that the deaths that occurred in the two villages were due to malaria; and that the victims failed to receive treatment in time, so they lost their lives after suffering from cerebral malaria.

The team took precautionary measures against malaria and gave health care at Myeik-wa Village, and the result said no New Influenza A (H1N1) virus was found in the region.—MNA

Commander attends tree planting ceremony at Pyinmana Station

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin participated in the tree planting activity for monsoon season at Pyinmana Sta-

tion on 11 July.

The commander distributed trees to volunteers and viewed the tree planting activity.

Senior military officers, officials from the

Forest Department, officers and other ranks and their families from battalions and regiments under Pyinmana Station volunteered for planting the trees.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin grows a sapling at monsoon tree-planting ceremony held in Pyinmana Station.—MNA

Narcotic drugs seized in Tachilek, Tamu

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Members of Tamu special anti-drug squad of Sagaing Division seized 9800 cards of Larfast D, each tablet contains 120 milligrams of Pseudoephedrine and 4268 cards of Acrifed, each tablet contains 60 milligrams of Pseudoephedrine, while they searched Toyota Hilux (Vehicle No. 1A/5147) driven by San Lwin at 3rd-Mile checkpoint at the exist of Tamu at 5.50 a.m. on 2 July. Action was taken against suspect San

Lwin in order to expose accomplices.

Similarly, Members of Tachilek special anti-drug squad seized 1281 blocks of heroin (448.35 kilos) in 10 bags and 13 paper boxes, 340000 stimulant tablets with WY brand in two bags and 896 blocks of heroin (313.6 kilos) in seven bags and three iron boxes, while they searched Nissan Truck (Vehicle No. 2A/8152) driven by Sai Tun Myint Oo together with conductors Sai Win Aung and Mutu at Lwetawkham checkpoint of Tachilek at

1.30 p.m. on 10 July. Action was taken against suspects Sai Tun Myint Oo, Sai Win Aung and Mutu in order to expose accomplices.

Priority is being given on drug elimination task that is the aim of the State by Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control with the help of the entire people. It is learnt that drug were seized due to collaborative efforts of local authorities, special anti-drug squad members and the people.

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Minister inspects communication stations

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Chairman of E-National Task Force Minister

for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended first annual general meeting of Yatanarpon Cyber Corporation Ltd held at Sedona Hotel

(Mandalay) on 12 July and made a speech on the occasion.

The following day the minister inspected Auto-Exchange and CDMA Telephone Station in Kyaukse Auto-Exchange and GSM Mobile Station in Bagan and then fulfilled the requirements.

Exchange and CDMA Telephone Station in Meiktila, Auto-Exchange in Kyaukpadaung, Post Office, Auto-Exchange and GSM Mobile Station in NyaungU, Post Office and GSM Mobile Station in Bagan and then fulfilled the requirements.

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Growing quality paddy strains in Ayeyawady Division

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)



Photo shows vast region of Hsinthukha paddy nurseries in Maubin Township.

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While visiting Maubin, we, the news crew of Myanmar Alin Daily, had an opportunity to observe the thriving Hsinthukha paddy plantations near Aingwaing Village. We

saw greening paddy plantations beside Maubin-Pyapon Highway. The remaining paddy plantations are jointly being nurtured by Yaywady Economic Syndicate Company and Wadipaing Company Ltd to distrib-

ute quality paddy strains to the local farmers.

With regard to thriving paddy nurseries and plantations, we had an interview with General Manager U Aung Kyaw Min of Myanmar Agriculture Service. He said, "We are striving for enabling the local farmers to widely grow quality paddy strains in Maubin Township. We have planned to cultivate 36 acres of Hsinthukha paddy strain and put 28 acres of lands under Hsinthukha paddy. The remaining eight acres of land will be covered with paddy plantations soon. We commence the growing of quality paddy strains this year to distribute them to the local farmers."

Hsinthukha paddy plantations are lush and green in the fields. The thriving paddy plantations and nurseries were attracting all the viewers and visitors.

"The paddy strain

namely Hsinthukha being cultivated was brought from the quality paddy farms in Myaungmya and Patheingyi. Hsinthukha paddy strain is suitable for the weather. During the period of 135 days, the paddy is ripen and it can be harvested. The recent domestic paddy strains of the farmers could yield 60 baskets of paddy per acre. Hsinthukha paddy can yield 100 baskets per acre," he further explained.

At present, a total of 36 acres of land have been put under Hsinthukha paddy strain, and it is estimated that the plantations will yield at least 3,500 baskets of paddy. After that, these paddy will be distributed to the local farmers for cultivation.

He continued to say, "We will distribute two baskets each of Hsinthukha paddy strain for every one acre to farm-



U Aung Kyaw Min, General Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

ers from Yaylegale, Meethwaychaung, Alan and Shwetaungmaw village-tracts of Maubin Township. The farmers can use the high yield and quality paddy strain in their works. In milling paddy, Hsinthukha strain promises about three baskets of rice more than other paddy strains. Therefore, the farmers will make more profits."

The cultivation period of Hsinthukha paddy strain is equal to that of

Manawthukha paddy strain. The former paddy strain endures the bad weather and pests. Due to increase in per acre yield of the paddy strain, the local farmers can earn more income this cultivation season.

Moreover, other quality paddy strains namely Hsinneweyin and Thehtetyin will be grown as summer paddy in the region.

At present, the local farmers choose the quality strains of monsoon and summer paddy for increasing their income and for uplifting of their living standards, and their utmost efforts in growing quality paddy strains and producing quality rice will contribute to maintaining the status of Ayeyawady Division as the granary of Myanmar.

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Obama says unemployment rate in US will continue to rise

WASHINGTON, 15 July—US President Barack Obama said on Tuesday that the country's unemployment rate will continue to rise for several months due to the worst economic recession in decades.

"This has been a more severe recession than we've seen since the Great Depression," Obama said after meeting with Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende, noting that the unemployment rate would continue to

tick up for several months.

"The challenge for this administration is to make sure that even as we are stabilizing the financial system, we understand that the most important thing in the economy is, are people able to find good jobs that pay good wages," he said.

But he also stressed that the situation in the financial markets has been improved.

"We have looked at a lot of the economic data

that's coming outright now," said Obama. "And, as I've said repeatedly, we have seen some stabilization in the financial markets."

The pace of job losses in the United States quickened in June to 467,000, driving the jobless rate to 9.5 percent, the highest in more than 26 years.

Since the recession began in December 2007, the US economy has lost a net total of 6.5 million jobs.—Internet



A worker checks translation earphones in the summit hall of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on 14 July, 2009. The 15th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit will kick off on Wednesday in the Egyptian Red Sea resort city.—INTERNET

Tsunami alert after NZ earthquake



A strong earthquake has shaken New Zealand, generating a small tsunami and briefly putting the country on alert.—INTERNET

NEW ZEALAND, 15 July—The US said a 7.8-magnitude quake hit off the south-west tip of New Zealand, 161km (100 miles) west of Invercargill at a depth of 33km.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii detected a small tsunami and issued a warning for New Zealand.

It later cancelled the warning, but said there could have been some

damage in areas near the epicentre.

There has been no word of damage from either the earthquake or any tsunami, although reports said the quake was felt across New Zealand's South Island.

"An earthquake of this size has the potential to generate a destructive tsunami that can strike coastlines in the region near the epicentre within

minutes to hours," the warning centre said in a statement after the quake was detected.

The quake was detected at 2122 local time (0922 GMT), reports said.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) and Japanese seismologists classified the quake as a 7.8-magnitude event, but authorities in New Zealand suggested it could have been weaker.

"We've had big differences in the measurements of the quake," the country's national civil defence centre said in a statement, saying New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science measured it at magnitude 6.6. A second earthquake, provisionally measured at magnitude 5.8 by the USGS, was detected shortly after the first event.—Internet

Russia tests 2nd sub-launched missile

MOSCOW, 15 July—News agencies say Russia has successfully tested its second submarine-launched ballistic missile in as many days.

RIA-Novosti and Interfax quote the head of Russia's joint chief of staff as saying a Sineva-type missile was fired Tuesday from the submarine Bryansk near the White Sea.

Gen Nikolai Makarov was quoted as saying it was a short-range test for the Sineva.

Russia is struggling to introduce the newer, more-sophisticated Bulava missile into service, but it has failed in five of 10 launches.

Internet

Developing states seek 'new world order' at NAM

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, 15 July — Leaders of the developing world were in Egypt for the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to discuss the effect of the global financial crisis on their countries.

But the organization's 15th summit, attended by 55 heads of state, is likely to be overshadowed by talks on the sidelines between nuclear rivals India and Pakistan, both NAM members.

Cuban President Raul Castro will address the opening session of the two-day gathering at the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh where Egypt will take over the chairmanship of the 118-member movement from Cuba. The summit will "provide for a chance for discussions over the international economic crisis, which first started in the industrialised countries, and greatly impacted the developing countries, especially Africa," Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Simbarashe Mumbengegwi was quoted by the official MENA news agency as saying.—Internet

Kenya seizes ivory, rhino horn heading to Asia

NAIROBI, 15 July—Kenya seized more than 300 kilograms (660 pounds) of illegal ivory and black rhinoceros horn — some of it still bloody

— on a cargo plane headed to Asia on Tuesday, wildlife officials said.

The blood on some of the 16 elephant tusks and two rhino horns suggested the animals had been killed recently, said Patrick Omondi of the biodiversity and research division of the Kenya Wildlife Service.

The contraband was hidden in wooden boxes shaped like coffins.

The flight originated in Mozambique and stopped in Nairobi en route to Thailand and finally Laos. It was not clear where the items came from; Omondi said they could have been smuggled into Mozambique from Tanzania or South Africa.—Internet

DC's Metro signaling system still has problems

WASHINGTON, 15 July—Federal investigators say the signaling system for Metro transit trains continues to fail periodically in the area of Washington, DC, where a deadly train crash occurred.

National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman told lawmakers on Tuesday that investigators are replacing various pieces of equipment in an attempt to stop the problem near the Fort Totten station on Metro's red line.

Metro's signaling system is supposed to prevent crashes by detecting passing trains and automatically transmitting speed and stop commands.

But the system had been failing intermittently in the days before and after the 22 June crash, which killed nine people.—Internet



Investigators work at the site where two Metrorail trains collided with one another between the Fort Totten and Takoma Park stations during rush hour on 23 June, 2009 in Washington, DC.—INTERNET

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"Toys, games and sporting goods, namely basketballs, golf balls, playground balls, sports balls, rubber action balls and foam action balls, plush balls for games, plastic balls for games, basketball nets, basketball backboards, miniature basketball backboards, pumps for inflating basketballs and needles therefore; golf clubs, golf bags, golf putters, golf accessories, namely, divot repair tools, tees, ball markers, golf bag covers, club head covers, golf gloves, golf ball sleeves, electronic basketball table top games, basketball table top games, basketball board games, action skill games, adult's and children's party games, trivia information games and electronic video arcade game machines, basketball kit comprised of a net and whistle, dolls, decorative dolls, collectible dolls, toy action dolls, toy action figures, bubblehead action figures, stuffed toys, novelty plush toys with wigs, jigsaw puzzles, toy building blocks, Christmas tree ornaments and Christmas stockings; toy vehicles in the nature of cars, trucks, trains and vans, all containing basketball themes, novelty

foam toys in the shapes of fingers and trophies, toy trophies, playing cards, card games, noisemakers, pet toys; beach toys, namely, beach balls, inflatable balls, toy pails, toy shovels, sand toys, sand box toys, water-squirting toys, pool accessories, namely swim floats, pool floats, toy water rafts, foam floats, swim rings, pool rings, foam rings, body boards, surf boards, swim fins, surf fins, arm floats and water wing swim aids for recreational use; volleyball game kits comprised of ball, net, sidelines and whistle, and water polo game kits comprised of ball, net and whistle; decorative cloth wind socks" (International Class 28)

"Entertainment and educational services in the nature of ongoing television and radio programs in the field of basketball and rendering live basketball games and basketball exhibitions; the production and distribution of radio and television shows featuring basketball games, basketball events and programs in the field of basketball; conducting and arranging basketball clinics and camps, coaches clinics and camps, dance team clinics and camps and basketball games; entertainment services in the nature of personal appearances by a costumed mascot or dance team at basketball games and exhibitions, clinics, camps, promotions, and other basketball-related events,

special events and parties; fan club services; entertainment services, namely providing a website featuring multimedia material in the nature of television highlights, interactive television highlights, video recordings, video stream recordings, interactive video highlight selections, radio programs, radio highlights, and audio recordings in the field of basketball; providing news and information in the nature of statistics and trivia in the field of basketball; on-line non-downloadable games, namely, computer games, video games, interactive video games, action skill games, arcade games, adult's and children's party game, board games, puzzles, and trivia games; electronic publishing services, namely, publication of magazines, guides, newsletters, coloring books, and game schedules of others on-line through the Internet, all in the field of basketball; providing an online computer database in the field of basketball. (International Class 41)

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Brazil successful in fighting HIV and AIDS

PROVIDENCE, 15 July—US researchers say Brazil has been successful in its nearly 20-year effort to treat people living with the human immunodeficiency virus and AIDS.

Scientists at Brown University and the Harvard School of Public Health say Brazil's success shows developing countries can successfully combat the epidemic with inexpensive generic medicines being a large part of the solution.

The researcher said Brazil accomplished its mission by pursuing controversial policies that prompted pharmaceutical companies to substantially lower their prices and generic companies to develop lower-cost alternatives for use in emerging markets.

"Brazil has proved it is possible to treat people with AIDS in developing countries," said Assistant Professor Amy Nunn of the university's Warren Alpert Medical School, the study's lead author. She said Brazil saved more than \$1 billion as a result of bargaining with multinational pharmaceutical companies, resulting in significant changes in global AIDS policy.

The researchers included Francisco Bastos, an AIDS epidemiologist at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Rio de Janeiro, researcher Elize da Fonseca at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and Associate Professor Sofia Gruskin at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

The study will appear in the July-August issue of the journal *Health Affairs*.—*Internet*

Students use cell phones to cheat on tests

NORFOLK, 15 July—Cheating has gone high-tech at a Catholic high school in Virginia where students allegedly used cell phones to share answers to a test, the principal says.

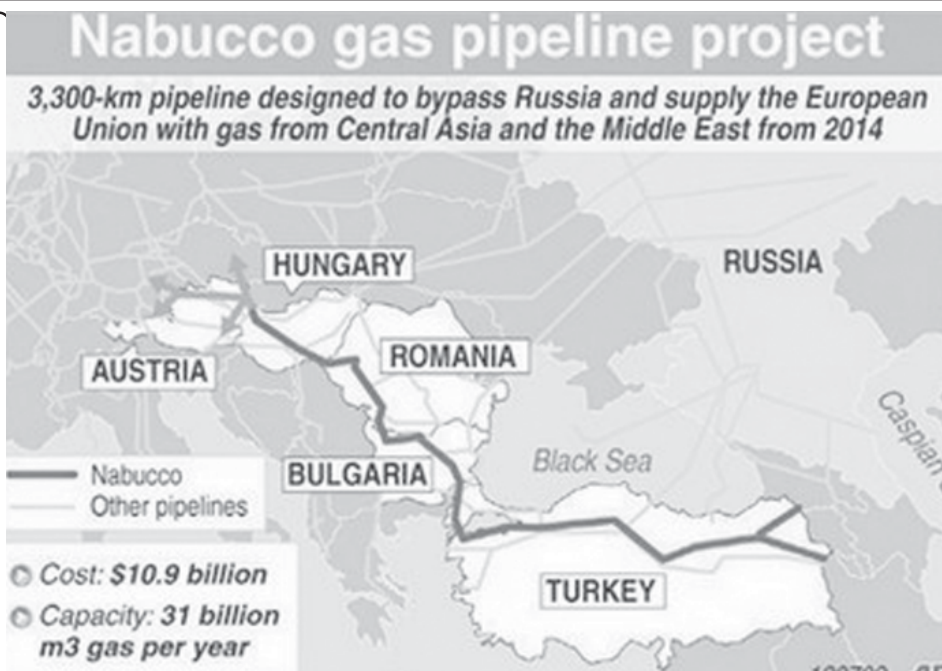
At least 30 of the 100 seniors at Bishop Sullivan High School used cell phones cradled near their pockets to cheat on a test measuring their knowledge of modern forms of government, Principal Dennis Price told *The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot*.

The test had been given to several class sections over the course of a day near the end of the school year, and students shared answers through text messages, Price said.

He said a Bishop Sullivan student alerted administrators to widespread cheating.

The principal said the cheating disappointed him. But, he added: "They're still kids. They do dumb things. The objective is that they learn now."—*Internet*

Map of Europe showing the route of the planned Nabucco gas pipeline. Russia on Tuesday shrugged off a key EU gas pipeline deal with Turkey, branding it economically unsound and driven by overblown fears of dependence on Russian gas, Interfax news agency reported.—INTERNET



Russia shrugs off Europe gas pipeline deal

Moscow, 15 July—Russia on Tuesday shrugged off a key EU gas pipeline deal with Turkey, branding it economically unsound and driven by overblown fears of dependence on Russian gas, *Interfax* news agency reported.

"Russia reacts calmly to the signing on 13 July... for the gas pipeline project Nabucco with Turkey's participation," an unnamed source in the foreign ministry was quoted as saying.

"We are of the opinion that any gas pipeline network should be based not on geopolitical considerations, but on economic realities... which is not the case for Nabucco," the diplomat said.

Monday's accord signed between Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Turkey is a milestone in the much-delayed, European Union-backed project aimed at cutting Russia's gas monopoly in Europe.

About a quarter of the gas consumed in Europe is sourced from Russia.—*Internet*



Dentists, doctors work for heart health

TUCSON, 15 July—Studies linking gum and heart diseases have spurred US dentists and doctors to work together, cardiologists and dentists said.

Cardiologist Dr Marvin J Slepian of Tucson, Ariz, and Neil R Gottehrer of Havertown, Pa., a dentist, lead an all-day session together on ways dentists could work more closely with doctors to develop proactive management of periodontal disease treatment

plans — including non-surgical options at the annual meeting of the Academy of General Dentistry in Baltimore.

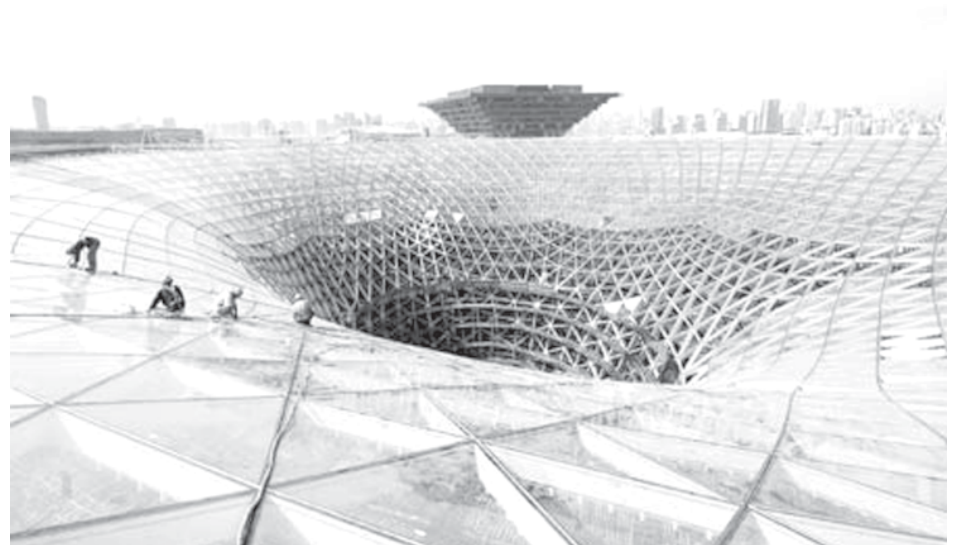
“It is critical for all dentists and physicians to collaborate in helping patients reduce inflammation, which can become a target factor for cardiovascular disease,” Slepian said in a statement.

Gum disease — or periodontal disease — is a basic inflammation and infection of the gums caused by bacterial

plaque — a sticky, colourless film, which forms on the teeth and can harden into a rough porous substance releasing bacterial toxins.

The subsequent breakdown of the fibers that hold the gums tightly to the teeth and the progress of toxins and bacteria down the tooth may cause the bone keeping the tooth in place to break down. This, in turn, may cause the tooth to fall out, the researchers said.

Internet



Workers install glass wall at the Sun Valley in the Shanghai Expo Site, Shanghai, east China, 14 July, 2009. The glass wall installation of the Expo Axis Sun Valley was about to complete soon. The Project of Expo Axis is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.—INTERNET

US researchers find childhood cancer risk rises with mother's age

WASHINGTON, 15 July—Research from the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota indicates that a baby born to an older mother may have a slightly increased risk for many of the cancers that occur during childhood, according to the results published in the July 2009 issue of the journal *Epidemiology*.

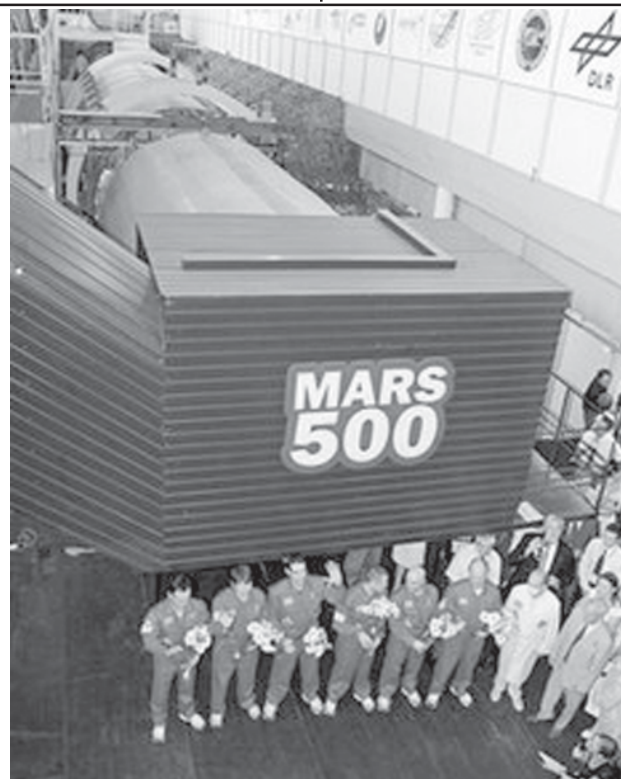
“Our finding shows that although the absolute risk is low, advancing maternal age may be a factor and explain why, after other factors are adjusted for, some children get cancer,” said Logan

Spector, assistant professor of pediatrics and cancer epidemiology researcher. Spector and Kimberly Johnson, post doctoral fellow in pediatric epidemiology, led the research team on this study.

Currently, about one in 435 children under the age of 15 in the United States gets cancer.

Types of cancers most often affecting children include leukemia, lymphoma, central nervous system tumor, neuroblastoma, Wilms' tumor, bone cancer, and soft tissue sarcoma.

Internet



The team of researchers, from left, Russian Sergei Ryazansky, Aleksei Baranov, German Oliver Knickel, Russian Aleksei Shpakov, French Cyrille Fournier and Russian Oleg Artemyev are greeted after ending an imitated flight to Mars in Moscow, on 14 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Simulated 105-day Mars mission ends

MOSCOW, 15 July—A crew of six people Tuesday completed a 105-day simulated Mars mission, the European Space Agency said.

The crew left a special isolation facility in Moscow for the first time since 13 March, ending an experiment that was part of the Mars500 programme that will help scientists better understand the psychological and medical aspects of long spaceflights.

The crew included two ESA crew members: Oliver Knickel, a mechanical engineer in the German army, and Cyrille Fournier, an airline pilot from France. The remaining four were Russians:

cosmonauts Sergei Ryazansky and Oleg Artemyev, Aleksei Baranov, a medical doctor, and Aleksei Shpakov, a sports physiologist.

“We have successfully completed our mission,” said Knickel. “This is a big accomplishment that I am very proud of. I hope that the scientific data we have provided over the last months will help to make a mission to Mars possible.” During the isolation the crew faced a range of scenarios as if they really were traveling to Mars, including simulated emergencies, while coping with a communication delay of up to 20 minutes each way.

Internet

H1N1 flu more virulent than thought

MADISON, 15 July—A team of US virologists says the H1N1 flu virus pathogen is more virulent than previously thought.

Study leader Yoshihiro Kawaoka of the University of Wisconsin-Madison says that in contrast with run-of-the-mill seasonal flu viruses, the

H1N1 virus, commonly referred to as swine flu, exhibits an ability to infect cells deep in the lungs, where it can cause pneumonia and, in severe cases, death. Seasonal viruses typically infect only cells in the upper respiratory system, Kawaoka says.

“There is a misunderstanding about this virus,” Kawaoka said in a statement. “People think this pathogen may be similar to seasonal influenza. This study shows that is not the case. There is clear evidence the virus is different than seasonal influenza.” The ability to infect the lungs, a quality frighteningly similar to those of other pandemic viruses such as the Spanish flu in 1918, which killed tens of millions.

The study, published in the journal *Nature*, also shows that people born before 1918 harbor antibodies that protect against the new H1N1 virus.

Internet

Asia reports 5 flu-related deaths

HONG KONG, 15 July—Thailand and New Zealand health authorities reported respectively three and two A/H1N1 flu-related deaths Tuesday, while Australia ordered 21 million doses of A/H1N1 flu vaccine to combat the spread of the virus.

Thailand has three more deaths related to influenza A/H1N1 virus infection, bringing the country's death toll to 24.

The number of confirmed deaths from influenza A/H1N1 in New Zealand reached nine on Tuesday, up two since Monday, the Ministry of Health said. The total number of confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 was 1984, up from 1779 on Monday. Indonesia confirmed 26 people positively infected by the A/H1N1 flu virus, bringing the total cases to 112 in the country, the Health Ministry said in a statement here on Tuesday. Hong Kong's Department of Health said there have been 62 newly confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 in the past 24 hours up to 2:30 pm on Tuesday.

This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 1,389 in Hong Kong.

Macao reported two newly confirmed cases of Influenza A/H1N1 on Tuesday, bringing the total number of such cases to 87. Vietnam Ministry of Health confirmed 10 more influenza A/H1N1 cases, bring the country's tally to 309, local newspaper the People reported Wednesday.

Australia's A/H1N1 flu cases have risen to 10,387, which is 10 percent more than WHO'S data. Australian Health Minister Nicola Roxon said on Wednesday the real number could be much higher, adding that 123 people were in hospital, with 58 in intensive care. The Ministry of Health said that five more people have been diagnosed as A/H1N1 flu cases in Nepal, The Kathmandu Post reported on Wednesday. According to the UN's World Health Organization (WHO), 94,512 cases of A(H1N1) influenza have been reported, causing 429 deaths.—Internet



Orlando Duque of Columbia dives off a 26-metre high platform on fort Lovrijenac in Dubrovnik during the 2009 Red Bull Cliff Diving Series.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Ferguson did not try to keep me, claims Tevez

MANCHESTER, 15 July—Manchester City's new signing Carlos Tevez denied on Tuesday that Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson did his best to keep him at Old Trafford.

The 25-year-old Argentinian international striker has signed for United's city rivals in a 25.5million pounds five-year contract after his two-year deal at United ran out at the end of last season. As United headed



Argentinian footballer Carlos Tevez poses for photographers at the City of Manchester stadium on July 14, 2009, after signing for Manchester City.—INTERNET

towards their 18th league title at the end of last term, speculation about whether United would extend Tevez's contract grew ever more debated before Ferguson decided not to keep the Argentinian.—Internet

Mid-East consortium takes over oldest club

LONDON, 15 July—The world's oldest football club Notts County has been taken over by a Middle East based financial group, the club said in a statement on Tuesday.

Shareholders including fans representatives at the English League 2 (fourth division) club agreed to the move which is accompanied by promises of investment in players and facilities.

New chief executive Peter Trembling said it was a momentous day for all those involved at the club based at Nottingham's Meadow Lane stadium.—Internet

Rojas claims WBC featherweight title

TOKYO, 15 July—Elio Rojas of the Dominican Republic has become the new WBC featherweight champion with a unanimous decision over Takahiro Aoh of Japan.

Rojas dominated from the opening rounds Tuesday, and was never seriously challenged in the 12-round bout at Korakuen Hall. The three judges scored it 116-113, 117-111, 118-110 for Rojas.

The 26-year-old Rojas improved to 21-1-0 with 13 knockouts; Aoh fell to 17-2-1. It was the 25-year-old Aoh's first defense of the title he won from Oscar Larios of Mexico in March.—Internet



Dominican Republic's Elio Rojas, back right, is celebrated by a corner's man as Japan's Takahiro Aoh, center bottom, looks dejected after their 12-round scheduled WBC featherweight title bout in Tokyo, Japan, on 14 July, 2009. INTERNET

Spurs angling for ex-Gunner Vieira

LONDON, 15 July—Tottenham Hotspur have offered a one-year contract to former Arsenal star Patrick Vieira, whose club Inter Milan are pre-



Patrick Vieira

pared to release him, the Daily Mail reported on Tuesday.

The Mail reported that Spurs would offer the 33-year-old Vieira a pay-as-you-play deal worth around 35,000 pounds per week. Vieira is understood to feel a move would benefit his chances of starring with France at next year's World Cup.

Spurs' Premiership rivals Sunderland are also believed to be interested in Vieira, who also is on the radar of Paris St Germain and Lyon.

Internet

Valencia set minimum price for David Villa

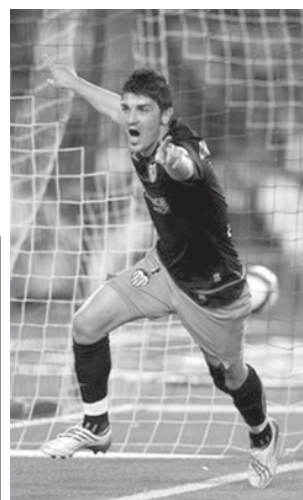
MADRID, 15 July—Valencia have set a minimum price of 50 million euros for the sale of their international centre-forward David Villa, sports newspaper Marca said on Tuesday.

Since the end of May, the 27-year-old has been the subject of attention from super-spending Real Madrid and Barcelona as well as Manchester City in the English Premiership.

Villa's agent Jose Luis Tamargo had a meeting

with Valencia management on Monday to decide whether he should stay at Valencia for whom he scored 28 goals last season. It was made clear during the discussions that the player should stay unless a really big offer came in.

Internet



David Villa

Japan's Hasegawa retains WBC bantamweight title

KOBE, 15 July—WBC bantamweight champion Hozumi Hasegawa of Japan has kept his title by stopping Nestor Rocha of the United States in the first round.

Hasegawa sent Rocha to the canvas twice Tuesday before the referee stopped the bout after 2 minutes, 28 seconds.

This was Hasegawa's ninth title defense. He improved to 27-2, 11 by knockout. Rocha was bidding for his first world title and dropped to 21-2 with seven KOs.

In an earlier bout, Roman Gonzalez of Nicaragua retained his WBA minimumweight crown with a unanimous decision over Katsunari Takayama of Japan.

Internet

Hoeness insists Ribery "bazaar" is over

BERLIN, 15 July—Bayern Munich manager Uli Hoeness is insisting that haggling over the possible sale of the club's midfield star Franck Ribery is over and the Frenchman will stay at the German club, TZ newspaper reported Tuesday.

Ribery is not for sale, Hoeness said: This is not a bazaar, he is going to stay and that's it. We are not in the market for bargaining even for 70 million euros or more."

The 26-year-old, a member of the Bayern squad for the past two years, is known to have been attracted by the lure



Bayern Munich midfield star Franck Ribery

of Real Madrid, but the high-spending Spanish club balked at the 80 million euro price tag set for the France international.

Internet

Nadal plans Montreal August return

MADRID, 15 July—Rafael Nadal, who has lost his French Open and Wimbledon titles, as well as his world number one spot, in a summer of injury misery, said Tuesday he plans to return at the Montreal Masters in August.

"I am really looking forward to practice again and to do what I most like: to play tennis," he said in a statement posted on his official website after undergoing medical tests in Barcelona.

"The event in Montreal (where he is defending champion) is important and I expect to be there and fit to play. Until then I need to continue to work on my recovery and practice well."—Internet



World number two Rafael Nadal, pictured in May 2009, said Tuesday he is recovering from his knee injury and plans to return to the tour at the Montreal Masters in August where is the defending champion.—INTERNET

Real captain heaps praise on 'super nice' Ronaldo

MAYNOOTH, 15 July—Real Madrid captain Raul heaped praise Tuesday on his new teammate Cristiano Ronaldo, calling the Portuguese international winger "super nice" and a "hardworking".

"He is super nice, normal and very hardworking," he told a news conference in Maynooth, Ireland where the club began a nine-day pre-season training camp on Tuesday.

"He is integrated. He seems very happy. In the media it seems like everything he does and says, every gesture, has a lot of meaning but he is much more normal than people think," the 32-year-old added.

Real signed Ronaldo from Manchester United last month on a six-year deal worth around 94 million euros (131 mil-

lion dollars) and he will reportedly be paid 13 million euros each season, making him the most expensive player in the world.

Internet



Real Madrid's Portuguese player Cristiano Ronaldo heads a ball during the first training session at the Carton House Hotel, in Maynooth in Ireland.—INTERNET



China's first domestically-developed regional ARJ21 jet takes off in east China's Shanghai on 15 July, 2009. The jet on Wednesday made its longest trial flight of 1,300 kilometers in about two hours from Shanghai to Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.—INTERNET

First made-in-China regional jet makes longest trial flight

XI'AN, 15 July—China's first domestically-developed regional ARJ21-700 jet made its longest trial flight of 1,300 kilometers in about two hours from Shanghai to Xi'an, capital of northwestern China's Shaanxi Province, Wednesday.

The jet moved from its production site in Shanghai to Xi'an-based Chinese Flight Tests Establishment (CFTE) of the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), the country's only institute qualified to issue flight certificates for military aircraft, helicopters, aircraft engines or other aircraft equipment.

The jet was expected to make further trial flights before gaining approval certificates from the CFTE.

The jet made its first trial flight in November 2008 and had made 18 trial flights totaling about 34 hours up to an altitude of 9,000 meters.

The flight Wednesday was the jet's 19th trial flight. It left Shanghai at 10:34 a.m. and reached Xi'an at 12:53 p.m. reaching an altitude of 7,800 meters.

The flight was smooth, said Zhao Peng, the pilot in charge of the flight.—Xinhua

MRTV-3

Programme Schedule
(16-7-2009) (Thursday)

Transmissions

Local	Times
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Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
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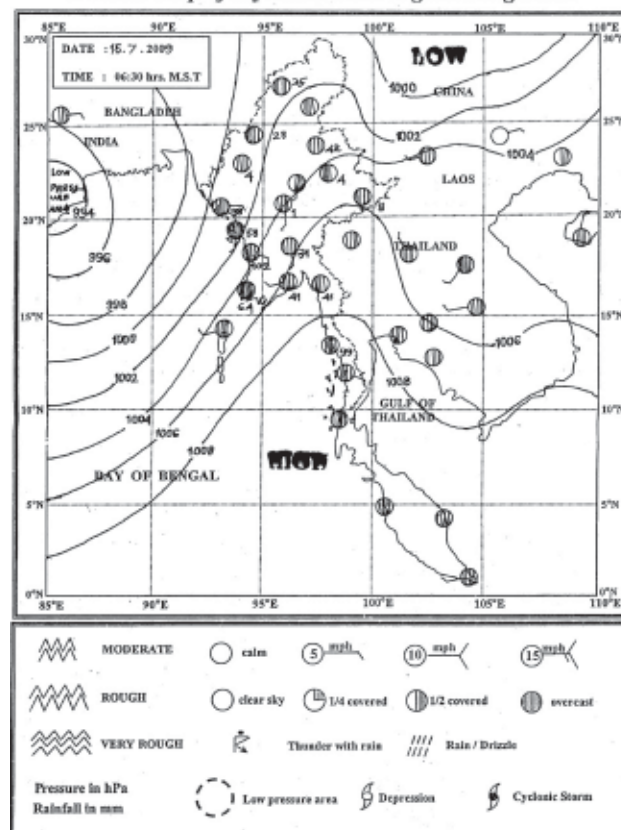
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Hidden Beauty of Asia
- * Aesthetic Jade Wares
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-I)
- * Travelogue "Sagaing"
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * A little Village of Kyar Ton
- * Bottled Buddha Image
- * Myanmar Traditional Snack "Dawei Ngamoun" (Fish Crispies)
- * Floral lover's Paradise (National Kandawgyi Gardens)
- * The Twelve Months of Myanmar and Its traditional festivals (Part II)
- * Traditional Custom and Natural Beauty of Putao
- * Clothes decorated with Sequin-like Colourful Plastics
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Aesthetic Jade Wares
- * The Famous Floating Market
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Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 15 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfall in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.37) inches, Sittway and Thandwe (4.21) inches each, Launglon (4.13) inches, Central Yangon (3.31) inches, Maungdaw and Kyaukpadaung (3.15) inches each, Kyauktaw (2.68) inches and Aungmye (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-7-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 15-7-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 14-7-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 15-7-2009 was (1.65) inches at Mingaladon, (1.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.31) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (50.55) inches at Mingaladon, (54.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (58.03) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 14-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's low pressure area over Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16th July 2009: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-7-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 16 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:20 am

2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း) (တေးရေး- ဇို လိုက်လေး တင့်အောင်)

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Nice & Sewet Song

7:50 am

5. ရေစကြိုအားမာန် ခင်မွန်ရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:00 am

6. Dance Variety

8:15 am

7. "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်"

8:30 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Cute Little Dancers

4:35 pm

4. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:40 pm

5. Musical Programme

4:55 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေး အသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:10 pm

7. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

8. ဝိတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:30 pm

9. ဂုဏ်ယူဝင်ကြားထင်ရှားပေါ်လွင် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများဂုဏ်အင် (အပိုင်း-၁)

5:45pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "ပဟေဠိဂုဏ်နည်း"

(စိုးရန်အောင်၊ ညိုထက်၊ ပိုးအိ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:50pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေးလားများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၄၀)

20. လွင်မှီးခရီးသွားနေသည့် (မြိတ်ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့) (အပိုင်း-၂)

21. တရုတ်ပြည်ကွမ်ရှီးရပ်မြင်သံ ကြားရက်သတ္တပတ်ပြပွဲ (Lantern Fishing On The Lijiang River) (Part-2)



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Growing quality paddy strains in Ayeyawady Division



Hsinthukha paddy saplings being nurtured in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Division.

**Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe;
Photos: Kyaw Myint Than
(Lanmadaw)**

Ayeyawady Division is the granary of Myanmar. Actually, Ayeyawady Division stands first in production of rice and paddy across the nation.

At present, the division is placing emphasis on production of quality paddy strains and quality rice. So far, a total of 680,015 acres of lands have been put under quality paddy strains in Ayeyawady Division.

Hsinthukha is one of the quality paddy strains being cultivated in Ayeyawady Division. Up to now, a total of 19,074 acres of Hsinthukha paddy strain has been grown, and the plans are under way to raise the sown acreage of Hsinthukha strain.

(See page 10)

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Group round matches of 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Paunglaung) Sports Ground and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground this evening.

Ministry of Industry-1 trounced Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement 9-0 at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Immigration and Population beat Attorney-General's Office 8-0 at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Paunglaung) Sports Ground and at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries won over Ministry of Finance and Revenue 3-0.

Ministry of Health will play against Ministry of Home Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Electric Power No 2 will vie with Ministry of Cooperatives at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Paunglaung) Sports Ground while Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs will compete with Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground tomorrow.

MNA

Reading session held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Nay Pyi Taw District Information and Public Relations Department held a reading session at its library yesterday. U Zaw Min Lwin and Daw Thida Tint read out the article of Maung Hmat in the 14 July issue of Myanmar Alin Daily. Staff Officer U Aye Pe and staff took part in the discussions.

MNA

51-year-old man found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) flu and all patients are in good health

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Up to now, the case of New Influenza A (H1N1) has risen to three in Myanmar. A fifty-one-year-old man who came back from abroad was found infected with A (H1N1) flu.

The patient arrived at Myanmar from Thailand by flight TG 305 of Thai Airways on 12 July and he had no fever upon his arrival in Myanmar. He was given medical check-up at his house by the Head of Township Health Department and party. However, he was found symptoms of fever, sore throat and sneeze on 14 July morning and he was sent to Waibargi Specialist Hospital and kept in a separate room. After giving him a check-up, the National Health Laboratory confirmed that he was infected with New Influenza A (H1N1).

At the separate room of Waibargi Specialist

Hospital, specialists are giving medical care to the patient and he is making progress in his health condition. On 8 July, the 20-year-old man found the virus has no fever at all and he is getting better.

The Ministry of Health kept under surveillance nine family members and a driver and family at the house of the patient and officials of the ministry are taking surveillance measures against 220 flight passengers—84 citizens and 136 foreigners who were on board the plane with the patient.

A (H1N1) touched over 100,000 people across the world and there have been more cases in the neighbouring countries. Myanmar is carrying out control measures in a systematic way. Up to now, the virus touched only three people and the spread of the virus has not been found in the country.—MNA