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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

Secretary-1 receives Permanent Member of Communist Party of Central Committee of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council and party

NAYPYTAW, 19 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received the visiting goodwill delegation led by Permanent Member of the Communist Party of Central Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr. K Sor Phuco at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion together with Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo were Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo,

Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min, CEC members of USDA U Thein Nyunt, U Tin Naing Thein, U Khin Aung Myint and Thura U Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col. Kyaw Kyaw Win and Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw.

The goodwill delegation led by Permanent Member of the Communist Party of Central Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr. K Sor Phuco was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Chong Phung.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeting Mr. K Sor Phuco, Permanent Member of the Communist Party of Central Committee of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives goodwill delegation led by Permanent Member of Communist Party of Central Committee of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr. K Sor Phuco.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Factories to operate at full capacity for industrial development

Industrial development lies at the centre of the drive for transforming a nation into a modern, developed one. With this concept in view, the government is working tirelessly, exploiting the natural resources and mobilizing the participation of the people for industrial development.

In the process, the government is opening industrial zones for progress of both State-owned and private-owned industries. Simultaneously, it is constructing factories and mills of import-substitute goods, while boosting the capacity of the State-owned industries.

Now, many factories with advanced technologies and high manufacturing capacity have been set up in industrial regions, which manufacture a wide variety of goods including diesel engines, heavy machinery and machines. In addition, a large number of new factories and mills help boost production of personal goods, household utensils, foodstuff, and import-substitute items.

Owing to the government's establishment of heavy industries extensively, the contribution the industrial sector makes towards the GDP is growing year by year.

Setting up of more and more factories and mills beefs up regional development and generates job opportunities for local people. Having access to modern machines, they have gained advanced technologies and a lot of experience.

Establishment of a growing number of modern factories in industrial regions and industrial zones suggests that the nation is enjoying cumulative industrial development. Therefore, all those responsible are to focus on ensuring better operating ratio of factories and their operation at full capacity, uninterrupted supply of raw materials and boosting quality products to scale up industrial development.

Vietnamese goodwill delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—At the invitation of Union Solidarity and Development Association, a Vietnamese goodwill delegation led by Permanent Member of the Communist Party Central Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr K Sor Phuco together with CEC member of USDA Thura U Aung Ko and Vietnamese Ambassador

to Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung arrived at Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening after visiting Mandalay. They were welcomed by CEC member U Khin Aung Myint, Secretary U Khin Maung Htay of Nay Pyi Taw District USDA and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

CEC member U Thein Nyunt hosted a dinner to the visiting goodwill delegation at Thingaha

Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

The delegation led by Mr K Sor Phuco called on CEC member of USDA U Thein Nyunt at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall this morning.

In the evening, CEC member U Khin Aung Myint and officials saw off the Vietnamese goodwill delegation leaving Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

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

Staff's outstanding children of Ministry of Transport honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—The Ministry of Transport held a ceremony to present awards to the staff's children who passed the matriculation examination for 2009 with Flying colours at the meeting hall of the Ministry here on 17 July afternoon in conjunction with a ceremony to provide cash assistance for the students in 2009-2010 academic year, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Afterwards, the minister and wife awarded the outstanding students who won five and six distinctions.

After that, Directors-General, Managing-Directors, the rector, the principal and their wives awarded the outstanding students, and presented cash assistance through responsible persons.

On behalf of the outstanding students, a six-distinction winner spoke words of thanks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents prize to an outstanding student.

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ISD Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament concludes



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presenting shield to the winning team.—SPED

YANGON, 19 July—The final match and the prize presentation ceremony of the 40th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament was held at Bahtoo Gymnasium

in Mandalay this morning.

Sagaing Division won over Mandalay Division in the final match in the women's event and Yangon and Magway divisions tied at third

place. Mandalay Division beat Shan State (North) while Kachin State and Sagaing Division were held to third place match.

After the final events, officials presented prizes to winners. Next, Vice-President of Myanmar Basketball Federation U Myint Thein presented best player awards to Ma Yu Mon Aung of Sagaing Division and Maung Thein Than Aung of Mandalay Division.

Next, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented K 200,000 each to third place teams, K 300,000 each to second prize winning teams and K 500,000 to champion team. Then, K 50,000 each were presented to Yangon Division Women's Team and Kachin State Men's Team.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given in Mawlamyine Township

YANGON, 19 July—Under the supervision of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, a talks on traffic rules took place at Basic Education High School No. 2 in Mawlamyine on 11 July.

Headmistress Daw Kyin Ein spoke on the occasion. Mawlamyine Township In-charge (Traffic Police) Police Captain Myint Aye, Sub-Police Inspectors Aung Naing and Aung Aung Naing gave talks on traffic rules. Next, the

Mawlamyine Township In-charge (Traffic Police) presented a documentary video tape on traffic rules and pamphlets to the headmistress who spoke words of thanks at the ceremony.

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Government routed wages to wrong accounts

WASHINGTON, 19 July — A defence agency is investigating whether the Department of Defence paid more than \$15 million to the wrong people, a report released in *Washington* said.

The Defence Criminal Investigative Service found the Defence Department may have paid more than \$15 million into civilian employee accounts with invalid Social Security numbers or to people below the legal age to

work. The investigation found wages of several employees were paid into a single account.

Among the invalid Social Security numbers were some with all zeros in one or more sections, investigators told *CNN*. The report was released 15 July.

The Defence Civilian Pay System, which manages payroll for the department's 7.3 million civilian employees, paid out \$148 billion in wages during a

six-year period reviewed by the Department of Defence Office of the Inspector General.

The investigators found \$905,000 was paid to deceased employees and concluded the DCPS did not use procedures to identify deceased employees, including one who died in 1948. The report said the department overseeing payroll is changing procedures to prevent similar problems from cropping up.—*Internet*



A tourist takes photos of the Hukou Waterfall on the Yellow River in the Hukou scenic area on the border of northwest China's Shaanxi Province and north China's Shanxi Province, 18 July, 2009. Recent rainstorms in north and northwest China have caused serious soil erosion, making the river yellower than usual. —INTERNET

Lebanese stone UN peacekeepers, injure 14

BEIRUT, 19 July — Villagers threw stones at UN peacekeeping troops in southern Lebanon On Saturday, lightly injuring 14 soldiers, in an attempt to prevent an investigation near the site of a recent explosion, a spokeswoman said.

In one instance, a peacekeeping patrol had to fire warning shots in the air to clear its path, said peacekeeping spokeswoman Yasmina Bouziane.

Saturday's incident is believed to be the most serious confrontation between Shiite Muslims sympathetic to the militant Hezbollah group and the thousands of UN peacekeepers deployed in southern Lebanon after the 2006 war between the guerrillas and Israel.

The incident came after an explosion Tuesday in a southern village was blamed on a suspected Hezbollah weapons depot that apparently accidentally blew up.—*Internet*



A wounded boy lies in a hospital after a bomb attack in Falluja, 17 July, 2009. A bomb planted in the house of a police captain killed two children and wounded 11 other members of the same family in the city of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said. —INTERNET

Turkish oil exploration rankles Greeks

NICOSIA, 10 July — An oil exploration plan by Turkey increased tension created when Turkish jets violated Greek air space, officials told the news agency *Kathimerini*.

Turkey authorized its Turkish Petroleum Corp on 17 July to explore for oil off the coast of Cyprus. Greek officials did not react to the news but reports from *Athens* said the mood was tense in the Foreign and Defence ministries, partly because Turkish jets violated Greek air space in the Aegean and over Agathonisi earlier in the day.

Nicosia announced plans this year to prospect for oil off the island's coast.

The Turkish government issued a decree, published in the Turkish government gazette, that a Turkish vessel will embark on hydrocarbon exploration in four areas. One of those areas, in the eastern Mediterranean, northeast of Cyprus, may have been selected in reaction to Nicosia's prospecting plans, the news agency reported.—*Internet*

Taleban releases video of captured US soldier

WASHINGTON, 19 July — The Taleban has released a 28-minute video showing a US soldier captured by the hard-line Islamic group in Afghanistan last month, a monitoring group announced here.

The US soldier, whose identity has not been released, went missing from his base in eastern Afghanistan on 30 June.

The Alexandria, Virginia-based IntelCenter said the video contains a production group logo that has been associated with Taleban related video in the past.

Internet

Rivers that circle Dhaka are dead or dying

DHAKA, 19 July — Rivers near Dhaka, Bangladesh, are biologically dead and especially toxic during dry seasons, a water resource expert said on Saturday.

"The rivers around Dhaka have too little oxygen for the survival of aquatic life," Umme Kulsum Navera, assistant professor of Water Resource Engineering of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, told the news service IRIN. Oxygen levels increase during the monsoons but not enough to allow for a healthy aquatic environment. Specialists warn the rivers cannot be cleaned.

The Water Resource Engineering department researched the rivers and reported they learned some invertebrates and small organisms come to life in the rivers when water flow increases. In the dry season these organisms disappear from four major rivers that encircle the city.—*Internet*

A police helicopter prepares to land on top of a hotel during an anti-terrorism drill in Singapore. Security analysts say threats from militants are continually evolving and Singapore, a densely populated port city hosting thousands of multinational firms, has to stay a step ahead. —INTERNET



Five killed in bomb attacks in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 July — Two bomb explosions in Iraq's western province of Anbar on Saturday killed five people and wounded six others, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb targeting Naim al-Halbousi, an Awakening Councils group leader in the town of Garma, some 15 km northwest of the city of Fallujah, killed three of his bodyguards, including his son, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Halbousi was seriously wounded by the blast, along with three bystanders who were close to the site of the explosion, the source said.

The Awakening Councils are armed groups, including some powerful anti-US Sunni militants groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.

In a separate incident, an explosive charge detonated outside the house of an Iraqi police officer in the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing two of his daughters and wounding two more family members, the source added.—*Internet*

Calif budget cuts could cost later

SACRAMENTO, 19 July — Experts say cuts made for short-term savings to resolve California's budget crisis could cost the state billions of dollars in the next few years.

Eliminating funding for home health aides could force many elderly and disabled residents to move to nursing homes, the *Los Angeles Times* reports. Cutting spending on poison-control hotlines could lead to

thousands of additional visits to emergency rooms, the newspaper said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, struggling to resolve disagreements with Democrats who control in the state legislature over how to close a \$26 billion budget gap, is aware of the problem.

"As much as we believe those cuts will result in greater expense down the line — espe-

cially in healthcare — we have to do it because I can't promise the people something we don't have," Schwarzenegger told a Sacramento radio station, KXJZ-FM.

Nicholas Freudenberg was the author of a 2006 study that estimated less than \$10 billion in cuts to public services in New York during the financial crisis of the 1970s cost the city \$54 billion during the next 20 years.

"It's pay now or pay later," Freudenberg said. *Internet*



Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) astronaut Koichi Wakata, Expedition 19/20 flight engineer, takes pictures out the forward Kibo or JEM window of the International Space Station as the Space Shuttle Endeavour approaches for docking 17 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Nepali Gov't to invite bids for 8 power projects

KATHMANDU, 19 July — Nepali government plans to invite bids from the private sector for detailed feasibility studies and construction of eight hydropower projects with a total capacity of 175 MW.

According to Sunday's eKantipur.com report, the Department of Electricity Development (DoED) under the Ministry of Energy will set the bidding process rolling soon.

According to a senior official with the DoED, the eight projects come under three categories. The first category includes projects in areas severely affected by the decade-long conflict, namely Budhi Ganga in Accham district, Madi in Rolpa district and Inkhu in Solukhumbu district. The second-category projects aim to address power shortfall in the eastern region.

Dudh Koshi and Simbuwa come under the third category.

The first-category projects are ready for bidding for feasibility study, contractors are studying the second-category projects, while officials are evaluating proposals for the third-category projects. —*Internet*

An electronics shop in Tokyo. Japan's Toshiba Corp will enter the Blu-ray DVD market, more than a year after it gave up on its own next-generation format that failed to gain industry support, a report said. —INTERNET



Nokia sells Symbian unit to Accenture

NEW YORK, 19 July — Nokia has agreed to sell the professional services unit of its Symbian mobile phone operating system to the US consulting firm Accenture, officials say.

The move, announced by Accenture on Friday, is seen by industry analysts as a further step by the Finnish handset maker to distance itself from Symbian and establish it as a stand-alone software firm, *Information Week* reported.

After purchasing Symbian for \$410 million, Nokia moved to spin it off into an independent foundation where it says it can further develop its open source, royalty-free mobile phone operating system, which faces competition from Apple's iPhone, Google's Android and Research In Motion's BlackBerry, *Information Week* said.

Internet

China's gross ocean product tops 1.3 trln yuan in H1

BEIJING, 19 July — China's gross ocean product (GOP) topped 1.386 trillion yuan (202.96 billion US dollars) in the first half, according to an initial assessment by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA).

The figure represented an increase of 6.9 percent over the same period last year, the SOA said in a report published on its website on Sunday.

GOP is a component of a nation's gross domestic product, reflecting development of ocean-relevant industries, including oil and gas production, fisheries and maritime transport. —*Internet*



Aerial view of the area where two houses were swept away by a landslide in Nachterstedt, eastern Germany. —INTERNET

Bangladesh offers tax incentive to lure investment in power sector

DHAKA, 19 July —The Bangladeshi government has offered 15 years of tax waiver on income of private power generation companies to lure investment in power sector, local newspaper *The Financial Express* reported on Sunday. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has already issued an order to this effect offering the facilities for the private companies that will start power production on commercial basis by 30 June, 2012, the leading English-language newspaper said.

The facilities will be effective from the first day of their commercial production.

The move has been taken to lure investment in the cash-starved power sector and ease power supply

problem in the South Asian country, which produced around 3,800 to 4,000 MW power a day against demand for 5,000 MW, according to the newspaper.

"Private power generation companies that will start power produc-

tion within the stipulated timeframe of 2012 will be able to enjoy the tax holiday facilities, effective from fiscal 2009-10 (from July)," one senior tax official was quoted as saying.

Internet

Cameroon airline to hire 443 workers

YAOUNDE (Cameroon), 19 July — Cameroon Airlines Corp says it plans to hire 443 new employees, including 30 pilots and 75 crew members, to get the new African airline off the ground. Paul Alain Mendouga, managing director of the airline, said in a release Camair also would be seeking dozens of ground operations workers, maintenance workers, security officers, administrative and financial resource members and other employees, *ToutCameroun.com* reported on Thursday.

ToutCameroun.com said the airline was incorporated on 11 Sept, 2006, via 100 percent public capital. Since then the airline was formed, its first director-general, Gilbert Mitonneau, resigned and was replaced by Mendouga. —*Internet*



China to build cardiac surgery treatment, training center in Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM, 19 July —China is set to build a cardiac surgery treatment and training centre here to provide better training for Tanzanian medical service workers and help improve the health status of the Tanzanian people.

At the signing ceremony for the contract of the construction of the cardiac surgery Treatment and Training Center of Tanzania, Blandina Nyoni, the permanent secretary of the Tanzanian

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, said that China has been providing medical service to her country since 1968 in accordance with the traditional friendship between the two countries.

"China assisted Tanzania with medical equipment and training as well as the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients via traditional Chinese medicine. The project of the construction of the cardiac surgery Treatment and Training Center of Tanza-

nia is of great importance and will further help improve Tanzania's medical service level, as Tanzanian cardiac patients will have no need to go abroad to receive surgery," Nyoni noted.

For his part, Fu Jijun, Charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy to Tanzania, said that the cooperation in medical sectors between China and Tanzania is expanding as the two countries have a long history of good relations.—Internet



Tanzanian and Chinese representatives shake hands at the signing ceremony for the contract of the construction of the cardiac surgery Treatment and Training Centre of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam, capital of Tanzania, on 18 July, 2009.—XINHUA



Visitors view the works of Spanish artist Salvador Dali in an exhibition in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 July, 2009. Some 24 sculptures and 21 prints by Dali were on display at the exhibition, opened on Saturday.—XINHUA

India, US work on agreement on arms, defence technology

NEW DELHI, 19 July—The visiting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Saturday that India and the United States are working "very hard" to finalize the agreement on monitoring the end use of arms and sensitive defense technology that the United States sold to India, reported the Press Trust of India.

The report said it was aimed to ensure the technologies were not diverted to any other country.

Clinton also said she was optimistic that they would get such agreements resolved when she was asked whether there would be an agreement for the end use monitoring of sensitive technology transferred to India

by the United States, during a visit to the prestigious St. Xavier College in Mumbai, the financial capital of India.

The US top diplomat arrived in Mumbai Friday night for a five-day visit, during which she is expected to meet with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Monday in New Delhi.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China's SFDA launches pharmaceutical safety programme

BEIJING, 19 July—China's State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) has announced a two-year campaign to improve the quality standards of pharmaceuticals from manufacture to sale.

The programme is aimed at better regulating the production, distribution, pricing, advertising and application of basic pharmaceuticals across the country, according to a statement posted on the website of the administration on Friday.

Pharmaceutical companies and hospitals that violate the regulations would face prosecution and the revocation of their operation licences,

according to the statement.

In addition to the administration, five central government departments will join in carrying out the campaign, including Ministry of Health, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, State Administration for Industry and Commerce, and State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine.—MNA/Xinhua

Visitors view a Chinese white dolphin specimen in the 1st China Ocean Expo in Zhuhai, a city of south China's Guangdong Province, on 18 July, 2009.

XINHUA

OPEC says members to continue oil production cut

LUANDA, 19 July —Chairman of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Botelho de Vasconcelos said here at the weekend that OPEC member countries will continue to comply with the OPEC's decision on oil production cut.

Botelho de Vasconcelos, who is also Angola's minister of Oil Industry, guaranteed that all the OPEC member countries are complying with the oil

production cut decision made in May in Austria. In his capacity as OPEC chairman, he told reporters that the OPEC members whose oil production are being cut by 20 to 22 percent have achieved a desired goal of maintaining acceptable oil prices in the world market.

However, he admitted, some elements of the oil market are not yet fully controlled, hence the continuation of oil production cut.—Xinhua



Small plane crashes in US, killing two

LOS ANGELES 19 July —A small plane crashed in Santa Clarita near Los Angeles on Saturday, killing two people on board, authorities said.

The plane crashed in the middle of a street at noon, said Brendon Peart of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. "A small experimental aircraft crashed in the middle of the street," he said. "There were two

fatalities on the plane."

But no one was injured on the ground, he said.

Meanwhile, Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), said the aircraft was registered to a local resident.

He added that he did not know where the flight originated or where the plane had been headed.

Xinhua

Small plane crashes in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 19 July—A small plane crashed on Saturday at an air show in Dunakeszi, 15 kilometers north of Budapest, killing a man on the ground.

The local wire service MTI reported that the Zlin aircraft was performing a stunt when a gust of wind overturned it and caused the crash.

The pilot was seriously injured. A 60-year-old staff member of the security firm serving at the local airport was killed in the accident.—Xinhua

Russian Mideast envoy meets with exiled Hamas chief in Syria

DAMASCUS, 19 July—Russian Deputy Foreign Minister and Mideast envoy Saturday night hold talks with exiled Hamas leader here to discuss a wide range of issues, official *Syrian Arab New Agency* (SANA) reported.

Visiting Russian Deputy Foreign Minister and Mideast Envoy Alexander Sultanov met in Russian embassy with Khaled Meshaal, exiled chief of the Hamas movement.

The two discussed the latest developments of Middle East region, Palestinian-Israeli conflicts as well as the reconciliation of Palestinian factions, according to the report.

In a statement issued after talks, Hamas movement said that the talks is "positive".

Palestinian factions, mainly Fatah and Hamas, have been at odds since

Hamas seized control of Gaza from Fatah forces loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007.

The two rival groups, together with other Palestinian factions, have held several rounds of negotiations in Cairo since March to iron out the rifts to reach national reconciliation. However, the talks have yielded no results so far.

Internet



Spacewalker Tim Kopra stows tools in the payload bay of the space shuttle Endeavour while in the background the International Space Station and the shuttle's robot arms grapple the Japanese Exposed Facility in this image from NASA TV on 18 July, 2009. —XINHUA

First STS-127 spacewalk takes place

WASHINGTON, 19 July—Two US astronauts ventured outside the International Space Station Saturday to install the final section of the station's Japanese laboratory, NASA said.

NASA reported on its Web site that while STS-127 shuttle mission member Dave Wolf and space station crew member Tim Kopra donned their battery-powered spacesuits to begin work on the third piece of the Kibo labora-

tory, called the Japanese Exposed Facility, other crew members were taking care of installation and robotics activities inside the station and shuttle. CBS News said Saturday's spacewalk by Wolf and Kopra marks the first of five scheduled spacewalks for astronauts from the Endeavour. Space station Flight Director Hal Getzelman offered an explanation regarding the installation of the new laboratory section.—Internet

Indonesia intensifies hunting for fugitive Noordin Top

JAKARTA, 19 July—The Indonesian Government has intensified efforts to find fugitive Malaysian-born extremist Noordin M Top with the help of Malaysia and several other countries following the bombings of two hotels in Jakarta on Friday.

Indonesia continued to communicate and coordinate with the government and security personnel of Malaysia to look for and arrest Noordin M Top, Inspector General Ansyad Mbai, head of the anti-terror desk of the political, legal and security affairs coordinating ministry, said here on Sunday. The coordination with Malaysia covered among other things financial flows and sources of the terrorist's funds and explosive substances used to make the bombs.—MNA/Xinhua

Japan police raid tour agent over mountain deaths

TOKYO, 19 July—Japanese police raided the offices of a tour organizer Saturday on suspicion of negligence after eight senior citizens died of apparent hypothermia in cold, wet weather during a climbing tour of Japan's northern mountains, officials said.

The hikers, most of them in their 60s, were

found dead Friday. They were climbing Mount Tomuraushi on Hokkaido, Japan's main northern island, police official Tsuyoshi Matsuya said.

The members of an 18-member tour organized by Amuse-Travel Co Ltd. were found at separate locations on the mountain, a sign that they were

not well escorted, the police official said.

Another senior citizen died on the mountain in the same period while hiking alone, and a 10th died on another mountain on Hokkaido. Police and media reports said bad weather affected their descent and all 10 died sometime between Thursday and Friday.—Internet

1st US 2-hand transplant patient yearns to feel

The nation's first double hand transplant patient can wriggle his new fingers a little bit now and grab a tennis ball, but what he really wants to do is be able to feel his wife's hands when he holds them.

Jeff Kepner held hands with his wife Thursday as he talked to news reporters about his recovery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where he underwent the nine-hour surgery in early May.

So far, he has no feelings in his new hands because the nerves have not grown into them. Nerves grow about an inch a month, according to his doctors.

Kepner said he does daily therapy to develop muscle strength to use his hands, and he hoped to inspire others who need such surgery to consider it. He lost his hands and feet a decade ago to a bacterial infection, and said he did not want

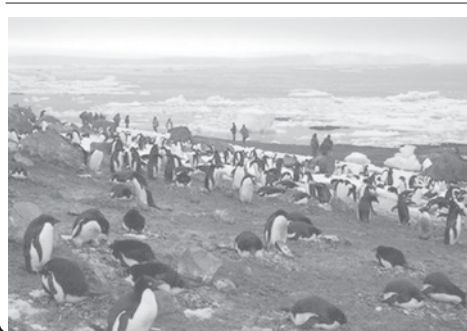
to undergo the surgery at first.

"I thought, 'Are you kidding me?' I said, 'There's no way I'm going to do that,'" Kepner recalled telling his wife when she told him about the possibility last fall.



Double hand transplant recipient Jeff Kepner, 57, of Atlanta Ga., right, works with hand therapist Kimberly Maguire after discussing his nine-hour, on 4 May, 2009 surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh.

After a short boat ride from a cruise ship, tourists observe scores of Adelie penguins at Brown Bluff on the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula.



Turtles crawl on runway, delay flights at JFK Airport

A runway at John F Kennedy International Airport was shut down shortly after at least 78 turtles emerged from a nearby bay and crawled onto the tarmac.

Grounds crews eventually rounded up the wayward reptiles and deposited them back in the brackish water farther from airport property, but not before the incident disrupted JFK's flight schedule and caused delays that reached nearly one and a half hours.

"Apparently, this is something the tower has experienced before," said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman. "I guess it's the season for spawning."

Pa woman warned about gator finds pot lab instead

Police said a woman defied a warning not to venture onto the second floor of a Philadelphia-area house because an alligator was kept there, and uncovered an operating marijuana lab. She tipped police, who searched the house in Darby, just west of Philadelphia.

Police Chief Robert Smythe said Wednesday the officers found heat lamps, fans, soil-testing gauges, gardening chemicals and plants that would yield "a very high-end marijuana."

NEWS ALBUM



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



Points that are more important for new nation

Ko Myanmar

These days, some journals and magazines carry a good many articles on political affairs for public knowledge. The writers of the articles are from various fields: some of them used to get involved in political movements, some are those whose views are different from that of the government, and who are bookworms with a vast knowledge.

About three years ago, such political works were hardly found in the nation's media. So, that is a tangible progress in the freedom of press in Myanmar.

However, those with negative attitude claim that the people have not enjoyed the freedom of press fully as anti-government works cannot be embodied in the publications. Things are to be done according to the objective conditions of the nation. They should have realized that now the nation is in the process of being transformed from old into new political system. When Myanmar sees multiparty political system, surely, the people will be able to enjoy better freedom of expression.

Literary works designed to attack the ruling government are not featured in the media of the nation, but such pessimistic articles well receive media coverage outside the nation. It is not strange that local media do not state such articles, because foreign media will not carry any works in favour of the government. So, it can be said that the expressions of the two sides are equally balanced.

Anyhow, stating such political works in publications is progress worthy of welcome because that helps the people make themselves ready for forthcoming political changes.

Among them, some writers may have political backgrounds, but some may not have, and I believe they share a common goal in the interest of the people — the political proceedings will not divert from their routes, and the nation will not face undesirable events.

Here, there may be a question: what can be undesirable events? To be short and to the point, undesirable events are things that do not fulfill, but harm the public wishes.

The majority of the people want to see peace and stability and national development, lead a peaceful life with freedom of business, have life security, enjoy the freedom of act in the framework of the law without any worries, and have their basic needs fulfilled. They aspire to multiparty democracy system believed to guarantee fulfillment of their wishes.

The Tatmadaw government is working hard to implement the seven-step Road Map in order to fulfill the public desire. The Road Map is: —

- (1) approved by more than 90 per cent of Myanmar people,
- (2) supported by neighbouring countries and regional organizations like ASEAN,
- (3) accepted by the United Nations.

In this regard, I notice that those who prioritize

the interest of a particular person and a particular group, rather than that of the people are resorting to all possible ways and means with the intention of disrupting the democratic transition process.

What is the use of doing so? I sense their acts are generating adverse effects, not positive results to the people.

Nonetheless, they claim they are doing so to introduce genuine democracy to the nation. Every person with reasoning power knows well that according to the political background and objective political conditions of Myanmar, democracy acceptable to each and every public member is impossible.

And the world has not seen any country with a type of democracy that wins the support of the entire people of the nation concerned. Each type of democracy has their defects and weak points. Here, what is the most important is that the type of democracy must be the most suitable one for the nation concerned.

If they are not complacent about what they can get and are anxious to get what is far better than what is possible, they will miss good opportunities in their hands. At present they should be content with what is available, and should try till their dream come true.

Democracy is a practice that can flourish only if all the forces concerned have high intellectual power and vast experience, and the people have better socio-economic life with high education standard and a great deal of knowledge. A neighbouring country, which has practiced democracy for more than 70 years, publicly say that its people are not mature enough and have not deserved democracy yet.

Even the United States of America had to take over two centuries to meet present conditions.

Therefore, I would say they should make a self-criticism in order to know to what extent they deserve democracy, instead of persisting in their demands.

Moreover, they should assess their acts to realize

whether what they are doing now is in conformity with the democracy practice.

Democracy is a peace-focusing practice. Unrest, riots and mob rules do not represent democracy.

Democracy is a non-violent process. So, terrorist acts, massacres of innocent people and creating public panic are against democracy.

Democracy is, indeed, a practice in which the minority have to respect the desire of the majority. Coercing the government into making amendments to the case that has been approved with the great majority of the people is not consistent with democracy.

In other words, democracy is a practice in which the interest of the majority of the people is placed in the centre. Calling for economic sanctions against the nation to make the entire people impoverished in the interest of a particular person and a group is opposed to democracy.

To put it another way, democracy is a practice of approaching the people by honouring their wishes, not the policy of taking shelter in the popularity of a particular person, and sticking to personality cult.

If one wants to enjoy genuine democracy, one first has to quit committing destructive acts and confrontation with the government that are against democracy. And it is needed to give priority to public interest instead of one's own. So, one has to do all what should be done in order that one comes to deserve democracy.

At the same time, it is required to nurture and educate the people in order that they will participate in the democratization process with a sense of duty.

Besides, all are to work hard in concert for proportionate development in social and economic sectors in order that the rights bestowed by democracy will not be associated with anarchic habits.

These points are more important for the new nation that will come into being soon.

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Habits of exploitation of human rights by certain powerful...

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Minister U Nyan Win attended the luncheon hosted at the Congress Center by President Mr Hosni Mubarak and wife in honour of the Heads of State/Government and wives and heads of delegation of the NAM.

On 16 July, Minister U Nyan Win delivered a general statement in the general debate of the 15th

trafficking and human trafficking, poverty and hunger, emergence of pandemic diseases. The Movement must therefore strengthen its cooperation and coordination to effectively address these challenges and to jointly resist all new modalities of intervention, economic coercion and other measures that currently hover over the Non-Aligned countries.

pretext for meddling in the internal affairs of member states still linger on. Some weaker developing countries are selected as easy targets for censure, while the violations in those powerful countries claiming to be champions of human rights are being ignored. We therefore strongly support the Movement's position that exploitation and use of human rights as an instrument for political purposes, including selective targeting of individual country for extraneous considerations which is contrary to the UN Charter should be prohibited. In the discussion on human rights, special attention should be given to the issues of poverty, underdevelopment, marginalization and the right to development.

In this regard, we commend the out-going Chair, Cuba's interventions in reminding the member States of the principled position of the Movement in the Third Committee of the annual session of the UN General Assembly before taking action on country-specific draft resolutions. We believe that such useful practices of the Movement will also continue in future.

Peace and Development go hand in hand. They are mutually reinforcing. Development cannot be achieved without prevalence of peace. We believe that the other way round is also true. Without development, people cannot fully enjoy peace. Political and social progress can also be achieved through encouraging development, never through coercive economic measures.

Although we are fast approaching the target year of 2015, most of the member States are still far from the possibility of meeting the targets set in the Millennium Development Goals, especially in poverty eradication, health and education sectors. The paths of the developing countries to achieve those

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NAM Summit Meeting. He said:

Forty-eight years ago, the Non-Alignment Movement was founded during the time of Cold War by a group of like-minded developing nations wishing to determine their own destiny without outside interference. This firm resolve remains unchanged to date. The basic principles that our Movement cherishes most include respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, non-interference in internal affairs of any state, peaceful settlement of disputes and refraining from acts or threats of aggression or use of force against any state. These are irreplaceable bedrock principles underpinning the current international system that enabled us to successfully deter world conflagrations.

The end of Cold War has not ended the looming threat over these principles. On the contrary, they are now under greater challenge than ever before, as there are some bent on compromising these cardinal principles, promoting the concept of interference in internal affairs of sovereign State on various grounds such as humanitarian intervention and the responsibility to protect. This is indeed a dangerous trend with serious implications for peace and stability. The purposes and principles of the Movement therefore remain valid and relevant today in the light of prevailing complex world situation.

Today, the world structure is now perceived to be undergoing a profound change in recent years apparently moving towards the direction of multi-polars from the uni-polar world. We take pride with the achievement of the Movement over the past five decades in expanding its strength and in promoting its ideals and principles. The Movement is playing an important role with its influential voice in international fora. In just a couple of years away from now, we will be commemorating the golden jubilee anniversary of the founding of the Movement. However, we should not be complacent with the progress made so far and we call upon the Movement to further strengthen its cooperation among member States.

It has long been the vision of the founding members of the Movement to establish a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order. Despite our long and arduous efforts to that end, the world we live in is still far from a peaceful one. Injustice and imbalances in the world economic order are growing and the inequality gap between the North and South is widening.

The world is still plagued with various challenges including the threat of unilateralism, interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States, aggression and foreign occupation, violent conflicts, ethnics strife, terrorism, nuclear proliferation, drugs

We are also witnessing a disturbing trend in which smaller countries are singled out for censure by the powerful on grounds of pace of democratization or alleged human rights infringements. Undue political pressures are imposed selectively on some weaker countries of matters which essentially fall under domestic jurisdiction including electoral process and domestic judicial process. Equally worrisome is the growing tendency of some powerful states to bring to the UN Security Council certain issues that do not constitute a threat to international peace and security. We are grateful for the Movement for its steadfast opposition to this dangerous trend. We urge the Movement to continue to adhere to those principled position.

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the principles and purposes of the UN Charter in order to achieve a more secure, just and prosperous world. In the light of the new challenges and changes, the Movement must continue to promote multilateralism by strengthening the central role of the United Nations through effective reform measures so as to serve the interest of the international community as a whole.

The United Nations reform must include strengthening of the United Nations organs. The role and authority of the General Assembly as the principal deliberative and representative organ must be enhanced, including in the maintenance of international peace and security. **Myanmar believes that the membership of the Security Council should reflect the current reality. We support the expansion of membership of both the permanent and the non-permanent categories in the Council taking into consideration the size of population and fair regional representation. It must also be accompanied by improvement in its working methods. Above all, the reform should result in a Security Council that is representative, transparent, credible and democratic.**

May I now touch on a few selected issues that are of vital importance to the members of the Movement. My delegation reaffirms our unwavering support for the Movement's principled position on the issue of human rights. The habits of exploitation of human rights by certain powerful countries as a

Development Goals are being blocked by both man-made and nature-made obstacles.

Man-made obstacles include economic embargoes and unilateral sanctions imposed on some NAM members which adversely affect the peoples of those countries in contradiction with international law and the purposes and the principles of the United Nations Charter. Such measures only serve to worsen the plight of the people, particularly the most vulnerable among them, women and children. They are unfair and immoral as they deprive the people of their right to development. My delegation is therefore pleased to welcome that the proposed Sharm El Sheikh Declaration included, as one of the highlights, an important paragraph rejecting such unilateral sanctions. In the same vein, we also fully support the adoption of the Declaration calling for an end to economic embargo unfairly imposed by the United States against Cuba.

We are deeply concerned over the global financial and economic crisis which has even more compounded the problems being faced by the developing countries. It has impacted more severely on developing countries than on developed countries that are mainly responsible for the crisis. There is a legitimate concern over the danger of developed countries reducing the already limited resources allocated to the Official Development Assistance (ODA), thus affecting development programs with
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Commander attends tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo on 12 July attended the ceremony to mark the School Environment Greening Day at Basic Education Middle School

in Haungleik Ward of Tachilek.

The commander and those present planted saplings.

The commander also attended the opening ceremony of Youth Development Home in Wamkaung Ward.

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Commander attends tree planting ceremony for School Environment Greening Day

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae together with Tatmadawmen, departmental officials, members of social associations, the Shan State education officers, teachers and students planted shade trees and herbal plants at the tree planting ceremony in commemoration of School Environment Greening Day in the compound of No 2 Basic Education High School, Taunggyi on 12 July morning.

Next, the commander attended the ceremony to donate cash for football sport of Taunggyi University and prize awarding ceremony of body building and physical culture in the hall of Taunggyi University. The commander also attended prize presenting ceremony of Commander's Shield Sepak Tekraw Tournament.—MNA

Fish released into Yethoe, Pathi dams

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min attended the fish releasing ceremony at Yethoe Dam in Ottwin Township on 15 July morning.

The commander released fish into the dam.

He also attended the similar ceremony at Pathi Dam near Ngwetaunglay Village of Toungoo Township and put fingerlings into the dam.—MNA

Maintenance of roads, bridges inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win inspected durability of Mogaung Bridge in

Mogaung Township on 11 July.

He viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation in Kyundaw Village, maintenance of road section and bridges on Mogaung-Phakant

Road and maintenance of bailey bridges across Uru Creek.

At Phakant Township Hospital, the commander presented cash assistance and medicines to patients.

On 12 July, he inspected Mashikahtaung bailey bridge and Hwaykha bridge and gave necessary instructions to officials.

MNA

Refresher Course for Junior Engineers concluded

YANGON, 19 July — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint addressed the concluding ceremony of Refresher Course for Junior Engineers Grade-4 (Civil) at the central training school of Public Works (Thuwanna) yesterday morning.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees. On behalf of the managing director of Public Works, Director-General for Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win gave away completion certificates to trainees. Total of 31 trainees attended the six-week course.

Next, the minister

met engineers and staff at the office of senior engineer of Yangon North

District Public Works and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presents prize to outstanding trainee.—CONSTRUCTION

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great social impact in developing countries. The donor countries should adhere to their commitments to development assistance for developing countries.

In taking measures to respond to the crisis, the developed countries must avoid measures that could have negative impact on the developing countries, especially the weaker economies. Furthermore, we need to make collective efforts to turn the crisis into an opportunity to reform the world financial institutions for all its members to have a fair representation. Our efforts must also be directed towards preventing the spread of protectionism and advancing the WTO Doha Round negotiations. We believe that a solution to the economic crisis cannot be left just to the G-8 industrialized nations or the G-20 nations. It must take into account of the views of the developing world. We therefore welcome the outcome of the recent United Nations High-level Conference on World Economic and Financial Crisis and its impact on development.

We believe that this summit would provide us further opportunities to formulate a meaningful course for the Movement to face the new challenges and complex international situations. It is imperative for the Movement to further strengthen its solidarity, improve the Movement's working mechanism to promote and protect the common interests of its member countries.

We are confident that under the able leadership

of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Movement will further advance and take concrete steps forwards in strengthening solidarity among our member countries for promoting peace and development. We reaffirm our commitment to work collectively with other members towards achieving the goals of our Movement.

Minister U Nyan Win also attended the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting held on 13 and 14 July at Savoy Hotel of Sharm El-Sheikh. On 13 July, the minister participated in the Ministerial Interactive Debate and made intervention on the theme of "International Solidarity for Peace and Development". In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win attended the dinner hosted at the Savoy Hotel by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mr Ahmad Aboul Gheit in honour of the heads of delegation to the ministerial meeting.

The summit which concluded successfully on 16 July, adopted its Final Document of the 15th NAM Summit, Sharm El-Sheikh Summit Declaration, Special Declaration on Nelson Mandela International Day-18 July and Special Declaration on the Necessity of Ending the Economic Commercial and Financial Embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba. Sharm El-Sheikh Summit Declaration includes a paragraph rejecting the unilateral sanctions imposed on some NAM countries, which adversely affect the economy and peoples of those countries, in contradiction with international law and the purpose

and principles of the UN Charters.

As an parallel sideline event, the Summit of the First Ladies was also held on 15 and 16 July to discuss the theme of "Women and Crisis Management, Ideal Practices and Lessons Learnt". The purpose of the parallel Summit was to explore the avenues to enable women to play their part in overcoming the impact of the world economic and financial crisis.

On the sidelines of the summit, Minister U Nyan Win attended the Informal Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers held at the Savoy Hotel in the afternoon of 14th July and discussed matters related to the Association including promoting ASEAN's role in NAM.

During the summit, Minister U Nyan Win attended the separate bilateral meetings with Bangladeshi Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal Ms Tevesa Ribeiro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Timor-Leste Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives Dr Ahmed Shaheed and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan Mr Lyonpo Ugyen Tshering respectively and held discussions on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation in international fora.

After attending the summit, Minister U Nyan Win left Cairo on 17 July and proceeded to Phuket of Thailand to participate in the 42nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and the 16th ASEAN Regional Forum.

MNA

62nd Anniversary Arzani Day observed

YANGON, 19 July—The 62nd Anniversary of Arzani Day was observed at the Arzani Mausoleum, here, this morning. Chairman of the 62nd Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin took position.

The mayor laid wreaths before the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and the fallen leaders and paid tribute to the Arzani Leaders. At the same time, the State Flag was flown at half mast, the Guard of Honour and the band saluted the fallen leaders. This was followed by the dispensing of Metta and two-minute silence in memory of the Arzani leaders. Then, the mayor left the Arzani Mausoleum.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Work Committee of Arzani Day Observance Committee Secretary of YCDC U Aung Than Win and members, departmental heads, the Guard of Honour and officers of Myanmar Fire Brigade.

On arrival at the Arzani Mausoleum at 8

am, Chairman of the 62nd Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin took position.

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Next, in laying wreaths and paying tribute by the families members of the Arzanis, first, on behalf of U Aung San Oo, U Hla Pe laid a wreath

before the tomb of Bogyoke Aung San and paid tribute to him and dispensed Metta.

Then, the family members of the other fallen leaders laid wreaths at the respective tombs and paid tribute to the Arzani leaders and dispensed Metta.

Later, representatives of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiayon laid wreaths at the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and fallen leaders and paid tribute to them.

MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin lays wreath in front of the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and Arzani leaders.—MNA

Mid-year meeting of Myanmar Dental Association on 25-26 July

YANGON, 19 July—The Myanmar Dental Association will hold the Mid-Year Meeting 2009 at its hall on Thanthuma Road in Thutwaingyi Ward of Thingangyun Township on 25 and 26 July.

At the meeting, dental medicine companies will display the booths. All the

member dentists may visit the booths. Medicines and medical equipment will be sold at the special prices.

At the first-day meeting, the talks on New Influenza A (H1N1) and development of dental and oral medical education will be organized. At the second-day session, the ceremony to honour those

who volunteered at the relief and rehabilitation for the victims of the cyclonic storm Nargis will be held in conjunction with the bowling event.

For detail information, may dial the secretary of Myanmar Dental Association, Tel: 095006893 and 524815.—MNA

Refresher course of Mandalay City Development Committee commences

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han gave a speech at the opening ceremony of Refresher Course No. 4/2009 at the City Hall of Mandalay on 13 July morning.

The Mayor viewed the ground preparation to

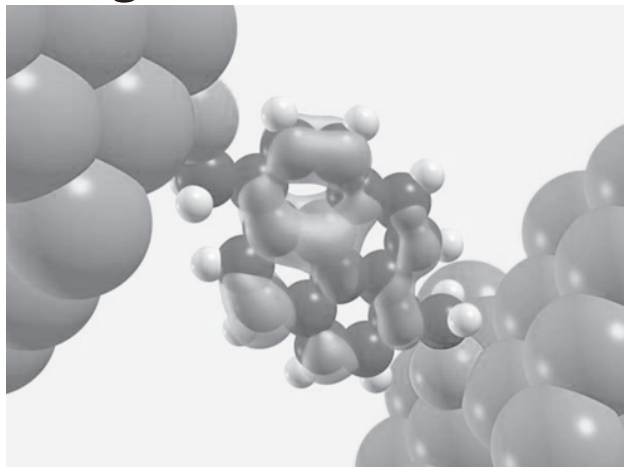
grow flowery plants at the roundabout on Theikpan Street, Aungpinle roundabout on Mandalay-Pyin Oo Lwin Road and outflow of sewage water at Shwege sluice gate in Amarapura Township.

On arrival at concrete block factory on 14 July, the Mayor inspected the production process, storage of the materials at

the factory and the construction of staff-quarters in the compound of the factory. The Mayor looked into Aungmyay UPVC Pipe Factory in Pyigyidagun Township.

Next, the Mayor inspected the construction of plastic recycling plant and the production process of quarry in Patheingyi Township.—MNA

Single molecules as electric conductors



A single molecule as electric conductor.

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 July—Researchers from Graz University of Technology, Humboldt University in Berlin, M.I.T., Montan University in Leoben and Georgia Institute of Technology report an

important advance in the understanding of electrical conduction through single molecules.

Minimum size, maximum efficiency: The use of molecules as elements in electronic circuits shows great

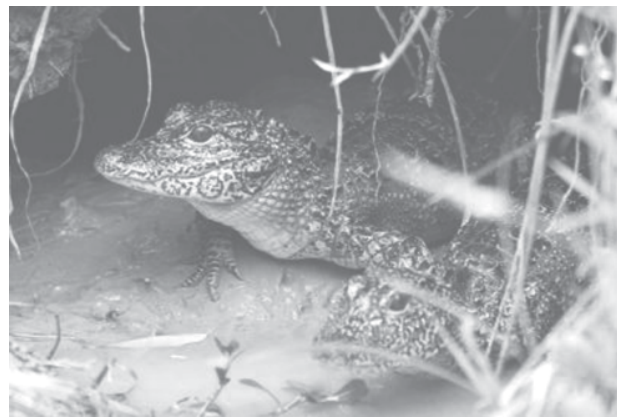
potential. One of the central challenges up until now has been that most molecules only start to conduct once a large voltage has been applied. An international research team with participation of the Graz University of Technology has shown that molecules containing an odd number of electrons are much more conductive at low bias voltages. These

fundamental findings in the highly dynamic research field of nanotechnology open up a diverse array of possible applications: More efficient microchips and components with considerably increased storage densities are conceivable.—Internet

Reintroduced Chinese alligators now multiplying in the wild in China

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 July—The Wildlife Conservation Society announced yesterday that critically endangered alligators in China have a new chance for survival. The WCS's Bronx Zoo, in partnership with two other North American parks and the Department of Wildlife Conservation and Management of the State Forestry Administration of China, has successfully reintroduced alligators into the wild that are now multiplying on their own.

The alligator hatchlings—15 in number—are the offspring of a group of alligators that includes animals from the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo. The baby alligators represent a milestone for the 10-year effort to reintroduce the Chinese alligator on Chongming Island, located at the mouth of China's Yangtze River.



Chinese alligators from the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo and other North American zoos were imported by Chinese agencies for a reintroduction programme for the species. The program has scored a success with the reintroduced alligators breeding and producing young.

The announcement was made at the International Congress for Conservation Biology, convened by the Society for Conservation Biology in Beijing, China (July 11-16). "We are grateful to our Chinese partners for their commitment to reintroduce Chinese alligators back into the wild," said Dr. Steven E. Sanderson,

President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society. "WCS has championed careful wildlife reintroductions for more than a century. The reintroduction of Chinese alligators is a great example of how WCS partners with governments and local communities around the world to save wildlife and wild places."

Internet



Egypt's water needs to surpass resources by 2017

CAIRO, 19 July — Egypt's water needs will surpass its resources by 2017 because its population, now around 76 million, is still increasing fast, the state-run news agency *MENA* said on Saturday.

The agency cited a recent report by the Cabinet's Information and Decision Support Centre as saying the Arab world's most populous country would need 86.2 billion cubic metres of

water in 2017 while resources would be only 71.4 billion cubic metres.

Egypt's water resources stood at 64 billion cubic metres in 2006, of which the River Nile provided 55.5 billion cubic metres, or 86.7 percent, the report said. By 2017 the Nile is expected to supply only 80.5 percent of Egypt's resources.

Egypt is heavily dependent on river water as it has little rainfall.

A 1929 agreement between Egypt and Britain, acting on behalf of its then east African colonies, gave Cairo the right to veto projects higher up the Nile that would affect its water share.

Egypt's water supply is equivalent to an allocation of 860 cubic metres per capita per year, well below the water poverty line of 1,000 cubic metres per capita a year.—*MNA/Reuters*



Children simulate to view solar eclipse with goggles as a preparation for the coming one on 22 July, in north China's Tianjin, 19 July, 2009. A total solar eclipse will be seen on 22 July in the area along the Yangtze River in central China, while a partial solar eclipse could be seen in Beijing, capital of China, and Tianjin.—INTERNET



A man jumps up during the Blanket Toss competition in the 2009 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics held in Fairbanks, Alaska of the United States, on 18 July, 2009. The Blanket Toss competition originated from the Eskimo's celebration after hunting walrus. The competitor is tossed by the walrus leather held by 44 people.—INTERNET

Scientists zoom in on carbon dioxide in NYC

NEW YORK, 19 July—Wade McGillis peered up at the structure propped like a high-tech stick figure — minus the head — on an elementary school roof. Then he examined the electronics attached to its spindly metal frame, looking out over the Harlem brownstones nearby and the skyscrapers farther away.

Within 15 minutes, a graph spiked in his office eight blocks away. The abrupt peak marked the carbon dioxide the Columbia University environmental engineering professor and three

visitors had exhaled.

The spike was an anomaly, but it proved the rooftop device had done its job, helping to break down questions about global warming to a local level.

"We're unraveling the story of how carbon (dioxide) changes over the day, changes from neighborhood to neighborhood, and changes from the country to the city," said McGillis, who has set up seven sensors in and around New York City. The newest, in Central Park, was installed this spring.

Internet

Mudslide swallows house in Germany, 3 missing

GERMANY, 19 July — A mudslide undermined a house and buried it in a crater along a lake shore in central Germany on Saturday. Three people who lived in it were missing.

"It is too dangerous to search for the missing persons, the hillside is still moving," local fire department spokesman Christoph Voigt said in the town of Nachterstedt.

The destroyed building, half of a pair of attached houses, slipped down about 100 yards (100 meters) to nearby

Lake Concordia and was buried under mud and water.

"Everything must have happened within a few seconds," said county official Ulrich Roder.

Authorities confirmed that a 48-year-old woman and two men, 50 and 51 years old, were missing. They lived in the collapsed building and were probably asleep at the time of the accident.

Officials said they were still trying to find out if a fourth person was also missing.

The residents of the

other side of the pair of houses, which was damaged, were on vacation, Ursula Rothe, a county spokeswoman said.

Rothe said a 350-yard (350-meter) section of the lakeshore broke off, burying part of a street with mud and gravel. The cause for the mudslide was not known.

Police cordoned off the area and 44 residents were taken away.

The lake is a former coal pit that was flooded in 1994.

Internet

Aldrin: NASA should work to put people on Mars

WASHINGTON, 19 July—Former Apollo astronaut Buzz Aldrin says NASA should set its sights on a bigger target in the future: Mars.

Aldrin made the comments on the eve of the 40th anniversary of his landing on the moon on the Apollo 11 mission. He says the space agency was right to stop sending men to the moon back in 1972.

Aldrin says Mars is "much more suitable to earthlings, much more habitable. It's possibly the source of life."

He also recalled taking his first steps on the moon, a place that was "so desolate, so totally lifeless."

It probably hadn't changed much in 100,000 years."

Aldrin, who spoke on "Fox News Sunday," was to appear on Sunday

evening in Washington with fellow Apollo 11 crew members Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins.

Internet



An old lady holds up a salmon after finishing cutting out the bones and head during the Fish Cutting Contest in the 2009 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics held in Fairbanks, Alaska of the United States, on 18 July, 2009.—INTERNET

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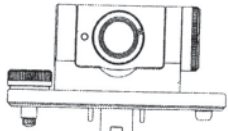


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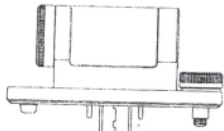


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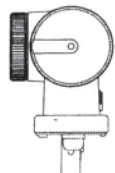


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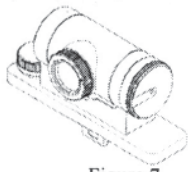


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A spectator killed in Tour de France

PARIS, 19 July—Tour de France organisers have confirmed a female spectator was killed after being hit by a motorbike as she watched the 14th stage of the race.

A statement released on letour.fr said a member of the Republican Guard was riding behind a breakaway group, 38 kilometres into the stage between Colmar and Besancon, when he struck a 61-year-old woman, who was crossing the road.

The spectator died despite receiving intensive treatment.

Two other spectators were also injured in the crash, which occurred in the village of Wittelsheim, and both are currently in hospital.

A 36-year-old is suffering from neck pain and a 61-year-old sustained a broken leg. The statement was released following an inquiry by police in Wittelsheim.

It said: "A member of the Republican Guard on a motorcycle was riding behind the breakaway group when he hit a 61-year old woman who crossed the street suddenly." After the crash, the motorcycle slid further and injured two other spectators.

The medical service of the Tour de France immediately took charge of the injured people before emergency personnel took over.—Internet

Smoke from a forest fire is shown over Kelowna, BC on 18 July. A raging forest fire in Kelowna, has forced 3,000 residents to flee their homes. The BC Forest Service said on Saturday that the 50-hectare blaze has destroyed three houses and is threatening at least 12 more.

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Guyana finds possible debris from Air France crash

GEORGETOWN, 19 July —A fisherman in Guyana apparently has found a large piece of a plane that authorities suspect might belong to the Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean, an aviation official said on Saturday.

The 30-foot-long piece of what appears to be aircraft fuselage washed up on a beach in the South American country this week, said Paula McAdam, deputy director of Guyana's Civil Aviation Authority.

The Brazilian Embassy said it would send experts to examine the debris, she said.

An Air France flight that departed neighboring

Brazil on June 1 crashed into the ocean more than 900 miles (1,450 kilometers) off that country's northeastern coast. All 228 people aboard died.

French officials expect to begin a new underwater search next week to look for more wreckage.

Guyana fisherman Denis Baksh told local media that he took the aircraft part home on Wednesday after spotting it while heading out to sea.

Internet

UK school children quarantined for H1N1 flu in China

LONDON, 19 July—A group of 52 British school children and their teachers have been quarantined in Beijing after four pupils were admitted to hospital infected with the H1N1 flu virus, Britain's Foreign Office said on Saturday.

The group arrived in China earlier this week for a culture and study tour. But shortly after arrival at Beijing airport, four of the students — all believed to be teenagers — were admitted to hospital showing symptoms of swine flu infection.

As a precaution, the remainder of the group was quarantined in their four-star hotel in Beijing.

"We can confirm that a group of 52 British school children and teachers are

being held in quarantine in their hotel," a Foreign Office spokeswoman said.

"In addition, a further four students have been hospitalized and diagnosed with the H1N1 virus.

"Consular officials on the ground are in touch with the group and their families, providing consular assistance." Parents have been told the quarantine should last a week, British media reported.

The students were part of a 1,000-strong group of visitors to China from around the world learning about the country's language and culture. More than 500 Britons in total were on the trip, organized with the help of the British Council.—MNA/Reuters

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1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro;

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 20.7.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291195.

Firefighters try to cut a broken big tree in Hong Kong, on 19 July, 2009 after storm Molave whirled into southern China drenching the region with heavy rains after killing at least five people in the Philippines. Two Chinese fishermen were missing, state media reported.—INTERNET





Traffic lights are not enough for safety

BEIJING, 19 July—Should a driver jumping a red light be reminded of the violation with bricks flung at the car? Definitely not. But when the bricks are hurled by people endangered by such violations, who is to blame?

An old chap in his 70s reportedly chucked bricks at as many as 30 passing motor vehicles that jumped red lights on a single night last week. The zebra crossing is located near a densely inhabited residential area in Lanzhou, capital of north-western Gansu Province.

After a request from local residents, traffic lights were installed there a year ago. But many motorists have turned a blind eye to the red lights, posing a threat to whoever dares to use the crossing.

The old man has been nearly knocked down by defiant drivers on a number of occasions. His extreme reaction was not only joined by a couple of old fellows but has won praise from pedestrians. Now nary a driver whose cars were pummeled with bricks have stopped and reasoned with the old

man, except one recent motorist. Angry looks from passers-by, however, shrunk the driver back into his car and he drove off without saying a word.

Drivers ignore red lights at the Lanzhou intersection because the violation doesn't cost them a thing. But when most drivers do not stop at red lights, it sends the wrong message to those who normally follow traffic laws and possibly encourages law abiders to defy red lights themselves. That is the awful result of lax enforcement.—Internet



A youth jumps into the ocean from a pole at Isabela de Sagua, province of Santa Clara in central Cuba, on 18 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Study calls for efforts to end car surfing

ROLLING MEADOWS, 19 July—Three researchers recommend efforts should be made to stop US residents from car surfing, an activity that can lead to serious head injuries.

Researchers Arthur Wang, Alan R Cohen and Shenandoah Robinson said the number of fatalities from car surfing are increasing in the United States, leading them to suspect the risky activity may be becoming increasingly popular, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons reported in a release on

Friday.

The researchers investigated seven traumatic head injuries caused by car surfing for their study, along with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System.

The researchers, who published their "Neurological Injuries from Car Surfing" study, found head injuries suffered from the practice of standing on a moving car's roof can potentially be more serious than head injuries from motor vehicle collisions.—Internet

Singapore reports its first death related to flu A/H1N1

HONG KONG, 19 July—Singapore reported its first death case related to flu A/H1N1 on Saturday, signaling a still worsening situation of the new flu in the Asia-Pacific region.

Prior to Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, the Philippines and China's Hong Kong had reported deaths in connection with the new flu infection.

According to Singapore's Health Ministry, a 49-year-old man, infected with A/H1N1 flu, died of heart attack on Saturday afternoon.

Singapore reported its first confirmed case of influenza A/H1N1 on 27 May. On 18 June, the country confirmed its first locally infected case. According to the latest official data, Singapore has confirmed over 1,200 infection cases.

Hong Kong government's Department of Health confirmed 108 new cases of influenza A/H1N1 in the past 24 hours up to 2:30 p m on Saturday, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 1,748 in the city.—Internet



Children wear protective face masks as they play at a kindergarten in Hong Kong.—XINHUA

Woman saves five-legged dog from sideshow

CHARLOTTE, 19 July—A Charlotte, NC, woman said she paid \$4,000 for a five-legged puppy to save it from a life on display in a sideshow featuring animal freaks. Allyson Siegel told The Charlotte Observer she plans to pay another \$2,000 to have the dog's extra leg surgically amputated.

The puppy, a Chihuahua-terrier mix now named Lilly, is about 6

weeks old. The owner, Calvin Owensby, a laid-off electrician who lives in Gastonia, had agreed to sell the puppy to John Strong, who runs a sideshow exhibit on Coney Island in New York.

Siegel, when she heard about the puppy, agreed to match the \$3,000 Strong offered plus another \$1,000 because Owensby had to return Strong's \$1,000 deposit.

The extra leg, which is between Lilly's two back legs, interferes with walking but has no nerves. Siegel, who already has six cats, plans to give Lilly to her sister.

Strong is resigned to missing a chance at an "incredibly rare" five-legged dog. "Sometimes, you just gotta say, 'OK, I still have nine-live, two-headed animals,' and move on," he said.

Internet

Moderate quake rocks east Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 July—An earthquake with magnitude of 5.3 struck eastern parts of Indonesia on Saturday evening, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake jolted at 9:21 p m (1521 GMT) with the epicenter monitored at 105 km northeast of Meloguan, North Sulawesi, and 78km deep, the agency said.

No report of damage or casualty has been available so far.—Internet

Over 160 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 19 July — A European health agency said on Saturday that 169 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 87 were confirmed in Spain, 33 in France, 15 in Switzerland, 10 in Portugal, six in Luxembourg, five in Ireland, three in Slovenia, two each in Belgium, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Iceland, and one each in Poland and Romania, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 16,059, with 1,309 cases in Spain and 10,649 in Britain, 514 in France and 834 in Germany, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about A/H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.

Internet



Tag me : Flamingo chicks move around a pen at the Fuente de Piedra lake, 70 kms from Malaga, during a tagging and control operation of 600 flamingo chicks to monitor the evolution of the species.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Ibrahimovic's agent denies Barca talks

ROME, 19 July — Zlatan Ibrahimovic's agent has denied reports the Sweden forward has reached an agreement to join Barcelona, claiming he has yet to speak to the Catalans.

Press reports in Spain have suggested that a swap deal between Inter Milan and European champions Barca for Ibrahimovic and Samuel Eto'o has been concluded with the Cameroon striker's wage demands in Italy the only matter still to be ironed out.

But Mino Raiola claimed Barca have yet to make contact with him about Ibra.

"The two clubs have



Forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic is pictured on July 14, 2009.

come to an agreement, now we'll see," he said. "I haven't yet spoken with Barcelona, I've not negotiated anything.

Internet

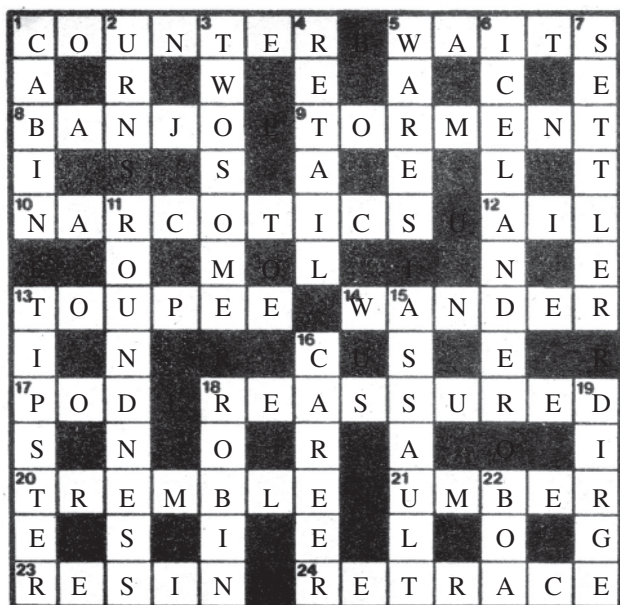
Khan wins 1st title fight, outpointing Kotelnik

MANCHESTER, 19 July — Highly touted Amir Khan finally lived up to lofty expectations, earning a unanimous decision over Andreas Kotelnik on Saturday to capture the WBA junior welterweight title.

The 22-year-old Khan's blistering victory came five years after a career-launching Olympic silver medal, and 10 months after he was knocked out by Breidis Prescott in 54 seconds. Two judges scored the fight 118-111, while the third had it 120-108.

"It's the best feeling ever," Khan said. "I picked the right shots and was composed. I stuck to the game plan and stayed concentrating. "In the early days I used to rush and fight with my heart, but now I use my brains." Khan (21-1) was stepping up a division to face Kotelnik, but didn't appear to lose any speed. His quick combinations and impressive footwork helped carry him to a triumph in front of Naseem Hamed, one of only two other Brits to become a champion at a younger age.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



City sign Adebayor

MANCHESTER, 19 July — Manchester City on Saturday said they had clinched the 25 million pound (35 million euros) signing of Togolese forward Emmanuel Adebayor from Arsenal on a five-year contract.

The 25-year-old Adebayor completed his medical test at Eastlands to become the latest big-money new face at City, after the recent captures of midfielder Gareth Barry and strikers Carlos Tevez and Roque Santa Cruz.

Hundreds of City fans greeted Adebayor, who said: "It made me feel really welcome and special and I can't wait to play for City's fans and show them what I can do. "I was born to play football and that is what I want to do. I have come here to make history for this club and those supporters," he told reporters.



Togolese forward Emmanuel Adebayor

"It is what the chairman and the manager told me that they want too and I can't wait to get started."

City coach Mark Hughes waxed lyrical about the forward, whom Arsene Wenger brought to Arsenal for just five million euros from Monaco in 2006.

"Emmanuel has been one of the top forwards in the Premier League since he arrived from France and we are delighted he has agreed to come and join us," Hughes told club website www.mfc.co.uk.—Internet

Hull not interested in Barton

HULL (England), 19 July — Hull on Saturday dismissed reports linking them with controversial Newcastle midfielder Joey Barton.

Hull want to strengthen their squad ahead of the new season but say they are not planning to offer the 27-year-old a Premier League lifeline.

Assistant manager Brian Horton said: "Joey Barton is a very good footballer. I know him, I have done things with him in Manchester.

"He has obviously had issues and that is a shame because he can be a very good footballer but at this present time I don't think it's an area that really needs to be looked at."

Hull have had a frustrating summer in the transfer market with three high-profile targets opt for other clubs.

They lost Fraizer Campbell and Marc-Antoine Fortune to Sunderland and Celtic respectively with an attempt to sign Michael Owen also came to nothing as Manchester United stepped in.



Hull have dismissed reports linking them with controversial Newcastle midfielder Joey Barton, pictured in October 2008.

Horton added: "It is frustrating, we are trying like hell.

"But they have gone to three big clubs. If we were losing Joe Bloggs from Division Three it would be a different matter.

"We want to bring someone in but we need to have a bit of patience, things will evolve. "It's not the fact we are not trying to get better players in."

Internet

Beckham target for Chelsea, Spurs

LONDON, 19 July — Under orders from England boss Fabio Capello to stay in tip-top shape if he wants to feature at the World Cup, David Beckham may yet return to the English Premiership with Chelsea or Spurs, the Mail on Sunday reported.

After spending an impressive second half of last season with AC Milan, Beckham returned to US Major League Soccer outfit LA Galaxy in Thursday's 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls, his first match since the end of the Serie A campaign.

The 34-year-old former England captain had been loaned by the Galaxy to Milan with the proviso that he return for the entire 2009 MLS sea-



David Beckham

son, but he got his stay in Europe extended before finally returning - to some boos from sections of the crowd.

And according to the Mail on Sunday, Chelsea and Tottenham are ready to bring him home, although Beckham said in midweek he was relishing an eventual return to Italy.

"Spurs and Chelsea target Beckham," the paper headlined its web edition.

Internet

Ronaldinho ready to lead Milan to glory

ROME, 19 July — AC Milan playmaker Ronaldinho has insisted he is ready to fill the boots left by departed Brazilian compatriot Kaka during the coming season.

Ronaldinho will begin his second season in Italy with memories of a disappointing first campaign fresh in his mind but with Kaka having moved on to Real Madrid, he knows there will be added responsibility on him this time around.

Having begun well during his first season at Milan, Ronaldinho fell out of favour with former coach Carlo Ancelotti over the second half of the campaign as the now-Chelsea boss preferred an attacking triumvirate comprising Kaka, Pato and Filippo Inzaghi.

But with Kaka gone and Brazil compatriot Leonardo the new coach, Ronaldinho believes his time has come to shine once again and try to reproduce the form he showed at Barcelona when earning world player of the year awards in 2004 and 2005.



Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho

"I've naturally become the leader of this group, day after day," he told the Saturday edition of La Gazzetta dello Sport, insisting though that he does not feel any added responsibility.

"I feel something much more important: faith, from my teammates, the club, the atmosphere.

"Responsibility is just a consequence and that's a pleasure and not a concern in any way.

"Last year I started well and then things took a down turn because I got injured and Ancelotti stopped playing me.

Internet

Say No To Drug



People fight with each other with tomatoes in front of a shopping center in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 19 July, 2009. Lots of people enjoyed themselves in the game, organised by the shopping center to promote sale.—INTERNET

Dozens hurt in San Francisco rail accident

LOS ANGELES, 19 July—Two light rail cars collided in San Francisco on Saturday, injuring 48 people, four of whom were in critical condition, officials said.

The mid-afternoon accident caused service delays into the evening between the West Portal and Castro stations in California's third largest city.

Initial reports indicating that a single-car train was travelling at low speed when it collided with a stopped train have not been confirmed, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) spokesman Judson True said in a statement.

The investigation of the accident is ongoing, True said. There have been several such accidents in the United States in recent months.

Last month nine people were killed and more than 70 injured when a commuter train in Washington D.C. slammed into another that had stopped during the afternoon rush hour. The cause of the crash has not been determined.

Twenty-five people were killed and 130 injured last year when a Los Angeles commuter train collided with a freight train.—MNA/Reuters

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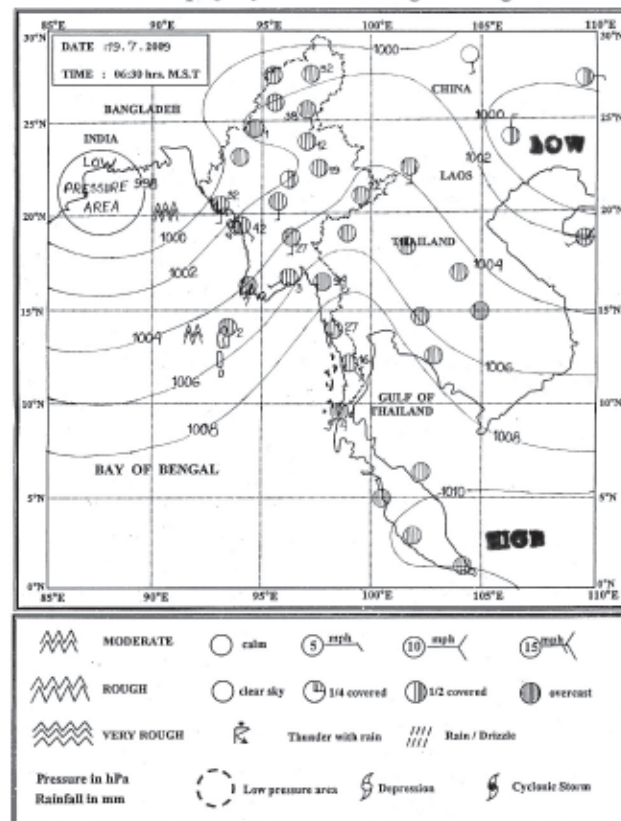
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- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 19 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mon and Kayin States and isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.16) inch, Thaton (4.45) inches, Hpa-an (4.29) inches, Mawlamyine (3.74) inches, Kawkaeik (3.19) inches, Gwa (3.15) inches, Ye (2.71) inches, Ngathainggyaung (2.44) inches, Thandwe (2.28) inches, Aunglun and Chauk (0.36) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 18-7-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 19-7-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-7-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 18-7-2009 was (1.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-7-2009 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (53.39) inches at Mingaladon, (57.05) inches at Kaba-Aye and (59.96) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (14:20) hours MST on 18-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (10:00) hrs MST today, a low pressure areas has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong to vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Divisions 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: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 20 July
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်
- ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း) (တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

- ကျောင်းကန်ဘုရားကုသိုလ်ပွား ကောင်းမှုထိုထိုလဝါဆို

8:00 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- Cute Little Dancers

8:30 am

- “တေးဆီးကကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်”

8:40 am

- International News

8:50 am

- Musical Programme

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Song of National Races

4:20 pm

- Dance Variety

4:30 pm

- ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံ ပညာဦးစီးဌာနဆင့်မအကြိမ်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာဝင်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆ) (အထက-(၄) စမ်းချောင်း) (အမျိုးသားဝတ် ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

- Song of National Races

5:05 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

- Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:25 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:40 pm

- စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:30 pm

- Weather Report

6:35 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

7:05 pm

- “ကြည်ညိုဖူးမျှော်ဖွယ်ရာ မျက်နှာသစ်တော်မင်္ဂလာ”

7:15 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမင်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

- News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေ့မေ့တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

20. အဖိတ်နေ့နှင့်ဥပုသ်နေ့

- နှိုးဆော်ချက်

21. နဝင်္ဂဗေဒါသထသီလ

- ဆောက်တည်ရန်နှိုးဆော်ချက်



- ★ 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

Commander's Shield Football Tournament kicks off in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July— The South-West Command Commander's Shield Football Championship was opened at Ayeyawady Division Sports Ground in Patheingyi on 13 July.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe delivered an address and watched the football match.

On 14 July morning, the coordination meeting on implementation of the plans of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council was held at Ayeyaw Shwewa Hall.

The commander made a speech at the coordination meeting.

MNA

Habits of exploitation of human rights by certain powerful countries as a pretext for meddling in internal affairs of member states still linger on
Equally worrisome is the growing tendency of some powerful states to bring to UNSC certain issues that do not constitute a threat to international peace and security

15th Summit of Heads of State/Government of NAM and Preparatory Ministerial Meeting held in Egypt



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attends 15th Summit of Heads of State/Government of Non-Aligned Movement. — MOFA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attended the 15th Summit of the Heads of State/Government of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting held in Sharm El-Sheikh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 13 to 16 July.

The Summit was also attended by the Heads of State/Government, ministers, deputy ministers, representatives of the observers and guest countries/organizations.

The opening ceremony of the Summit was held on 15 July morning at the International Congress Center, Sharm El-Sheikh. At the opening ceremony, President of the Republic of Cuba Mr Raul Castro Ruz handed over the Chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement to President of the Arab Republic of Egypt Mr Mohammed Hosni Mubarak who presided over the summit.

On behalf of the Head of State of the Union of Myanmar, Minister U Nyan Win also attended the opening ceremony of the summit. In the afternoon, (See page 8)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw (Lewu)	0.16 inch	Ye	2.71 inches
Thaung	4.45 inches	Ngathaygyaung	2.44 inches
Hpa-an	4.29 inches	Thandwe	2.28 inches
Mawlamyine	3.74 inches	Aungmye	0.36 inch
Kawmaw	3.19 inches	Chauk	0.36 inch
Gwa	3.15 inches		

INSIDE

Points that are more important for new nation

Democracy is a practice that can flourish only if all the forces concerned have high intellectual power and vast experience, and the people have better socio-economic life with high education standard and a great deal of knowledge.

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