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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

Traditional cultural performing arts competitions designed to promote the role of traditional culture

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attends first coord meeting of leading committee for organizing 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—The first coordination meeting of the leading committee comprising patrons for organizing of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, this afternoon, with an address by Patron for organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Leading Committee for organizing MTCPAC Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, member ministers, the Auditor-General, Deputy Ministers, the directors-general of the SPDC Office and Government Office, heads of departments, musicians and dramatists and officials.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo made a speech on the occasion, explaining the origin of the performing arts competitions. In the time of assuming duties of the State, the tasks to restore stability of the State and community peace and tranquility were carried out at first, he said.

The Secretary-1 continued to say that the government has laid down Our Three Main Causes and 12 Objectives and is implementing them. The performing arts competitions have been held since 1993 in accord with the social object of "Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character" and success has been gained. There has been an increase number of participants from states and divisions year after year. The performance of artistes was valued and praised while entertaining in foreign countries, and moreover, gifts were presented to the artistes.

Culture is physical and mental development of the people and human skill development and practice. The essence of the culture covers politeness, understanding and creation of cultural arts and safeguarding of cultural heritage. The history of Myanma music and drama originated in Pyu period.

The creative and innovative power of the artistes in Pyu Era was high and we owed gratitude to the ancestors for the preservation of the arts and efforts for the improvement of the arts.

The development of science and technology has adverse effect on the traditional cultures in the world. If cultures of foreign countries penetrate Myanmar's culture, the characteristics of the people will be eroded and the nationalistic fervour will be tarnished by the influence of other cultures. He stressed the need for preserving the nationalistic spirit and traditional culture.

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Patron for organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the first coord meeting of Leading Committee for organizing the 17th MTCPAC.—MNA

Objectives of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Uplift of dynamism of genuine patriotic spirit based on national unity
4. Emergence of new generations who will preserve and safeguard national character

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 21 July, 2009

Keep your environment always clean to prevent dengue hemorrhagic fever

In providing public health care services, prevention is as important as treatment. In the rainy season, we must always keep our environment clean as increase in the number of mosquitoes is so high that possibility of facing dengue hemorrhagic epidemic during the time is also high.

Ordinary fevers may not be so harmful. But a patient is in danger if his temperature is high and he is defecating frequently and having coffee-colour vomit. The patient should be sent to hospital at once, if his temperature is high for three consecutive days, he is suffering from pain, vomiting often and so weak although his temperature falls.

Normally, children between five years and ten are prone to dengue hemorrhagic fever. But now, there are also dengue hemorrhagic patients from 14-year old to over 30 men and women. As the infection is mainly caused by mosquitoes whose breeding ground is the clean and clear waters, we must always conduct mosquito eradication campaigns in our surrounding areas.

We must put cover on every home-used water containers, always keep the flower varses clear of larva and sleep in mosquito nets or insecticide-treated nets.

From May to early July, personnel concerned put larva-killing agents into water in 16 townships where dengue hemorrhagic breaks out most in Yangon Division. The public on their part should also earth-fill puddles and clear all things that may become breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

The Ministry of Health in cooperation with the respective organizations is launching dengue hemorrhagic control and prevention campaigns on a wider scale. Here, public also should take part in round-the-year mosquito eradication campaigns with health knowledge.

Yangon Mayor inspects digging drain, pipe factory

YANGON, 20 July—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with Secretary U Aung Than Win, Joint Secretary U Kyaw Soe, Committee Member U Hla Aye and departmental heads inspected extension of brick drain on Banyadalla Road between Yuzana Street and Aungmingala Street in Tamway Township and completed tasks being carried out by Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) under YCDC. The mayor then left necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor looked into pipe factory of Engineering Department (Water and Sewerage) under YCDC in Photkan Ward, Insein Township this evening.—*MNA*

Tobacco Kills

People's Desire

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

Commander of Triangle Region Command meets staff and families of Tachilek Station

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo met with the officers, other ranks and their families at the Tachilek station hall on 13 July morning.

The commander attended the meeting with the departmental officials held at the Tachilek Town hall. After hearing the reports by the officials concerned, he fulfilled the requirements.

The commander also attended the opening of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Chairman's Cup Women's Football Tournament (open) at the Shan State Sports Grounds in Kengtung and delivered an address. After that, he enjoyed the matches of first day.

MNA

Ministry of Finance and Revenue holds monsoon tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the 3rd monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2000 of the Ministry held at the staff quarters in Dhanatheikdi ward here on 17 July morning and grew saplings.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, directors-general, managing directors and staff.

The minister grew a star-flower sapling, and the deputy minister, the governor, the directors-general, the managing directors, staff of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Economic Bank, Budget Department and Internal Revenue Department also grew shady trees, kitchen crops and perennial plants.

The minister and party viewed planting trees by staff at plantations of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Economic Bank, Budget Department and Internal Revenue Department. And the minister grew a mango sapling at the plantation of the Central Bank of Myanmar. After that, the minister attended the ceremony to put fingerlings into small dam held at No. 25 dam of Myanma Economic Bank and put fingerlings into the dam.

Next, the minister viewed putting fingerlings into the dam by the deputy minister, the Governor, the directors-general, the managing directors and the staff.

A total of 2815 saplings were grown at the ceremony. So far, altogether 8045 plants have been grown. A total of 10,000 fingerlings were put into the dam.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun puts fingerlings into No. 25 dam of Myanma Economic Bank.

MNA

Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses opening ceremony of new building of BEPS of Ingon village in Ingapu Township.

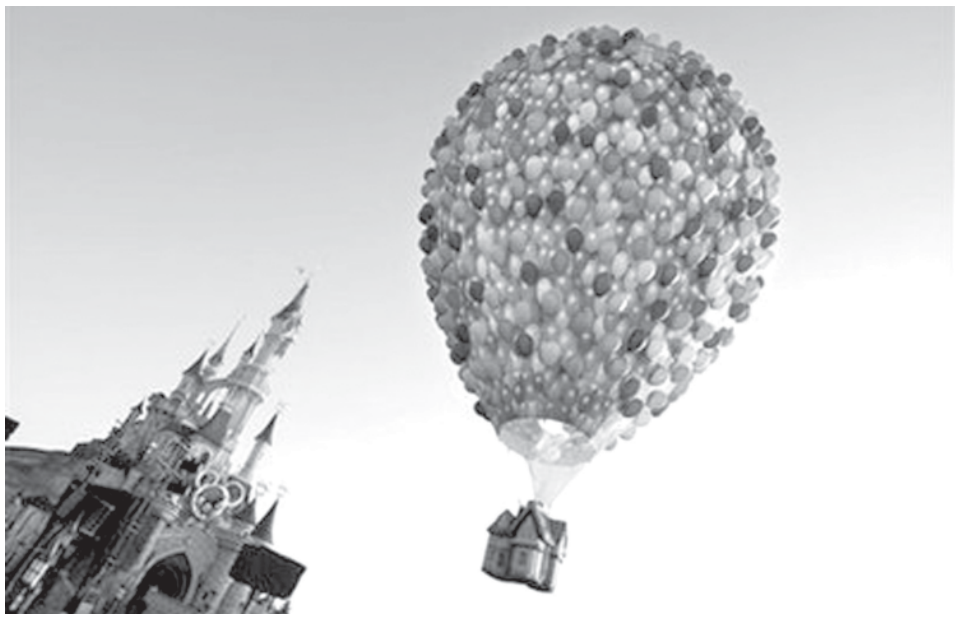
(News reported)

FORESTRY

Vietnamese goodwill delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 20 July— At the invitation of Union Solidarity and Development Association, a Vietnamese 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 left here by air this morning.

CEC member U Aung Thein Lin (Yangon Division In-charge) of USDA hosted a dinner to the goodwill delegation at Hotel Yangon in 8th Mile Junction here on 19 July.—*MNA*



This photo released by Disney France on 20 July 2009 shows a hot-air balloon taking off near Sleeping Beauty Castle, at the Paris Disneyland theme park in Marne La Vallee, east of Paris, on 20 July 2009, promoting the new Disney movie 'Up'.—INTERNET

Iran: Sanctions on air industry a crime against humanity

TEHERAN, 20 July— Iran's prosecutor general Qorban-Ali Dorri-Najafabadi said on Sunday that sanctions on the country's air industry is a crime against humanity, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the world bodies have to make those who impose sanctions on air industry understand that it accounts for a crime against humanity, Dorri-Najafabadi told *IRNA*.

A Russian-made Tupolov passenger plane, belonging to the Iranian Caspian Airlines, crashed on Wednesday morning near the country's north-western city of Gazvin and all 168 people on board were killed.

The cause of the disaster is not immediately clear, but the officials have attributed the incident to the technical problems of the airliner.

In the past, Iran's airlines have suffered a number of flight disasters, both civil and military use. Experts believe that the U.S.-imposed sanctions against Iran, which prevented its allies from selling aircraft or aircraft parts to the country," have und-ermined safety standards within Iran's civil and military aviation fleet and is increasing the likelihood of more major air disasters."

Internet

Britain's Conservatives takes largest lead in poll over Labour amid public discontent with economy, Afghanistan policy

LONDON, 20 July — Britain's Conservatives have moved into their biggest lead in a poll over Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour Party since September as the public expressed strong dissatisfaction with economic gloom and Brown's strategy toward Afghanistan.

A poll released by the YouGov, an international Internet-based market research firm in Britain on Sunday showed that the Tories had an approval rating of 42 percent against Labour with 25 percent, underlining the possibility that the Conservatives will win the next election if current voting intentions continue. The poll of nearly 2,000 people showed that the Conservatives' leader are significantly more trusted to run the economy than the prime minister and his Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Thursday that the British economy will shrink by 4.2 percent in 2009 and will only recover to a weak gain of 0.2 percent next year. —*Internet*

IAEA inspection in Iran proceeding smoothly

TEHERAN, 20 July — Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Ali Asghar Soltanieh, said IAEA inspection in Iran is continuing without any obstacles, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Sunday.

"IAEA activities in Iran, in the presence of inspectors and controlling systems, proceed without any delay or problems," Soltanieh told *IRNA* in Vienna on Saturday.

Rejecting a report by *Associated Press* that Iran has created obstacles for IAEA inspections in Iran, he underlined that regular inspections, especially in Natanz, are in progress, *IRNA* said.—*Internet*

A child wounded during a bomb attack is treated at a hospital in Falluja on 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

Fighter jet crashes at Afghan base

KABUL, 20 July— A Tornado fighter jet crashed inside NATO's largest base in southern Afghanistan on Monday in the second major crash on the base in two days, officials said.

The jet crashed inside Kandahar Airfield during take-off at 7:20 am Afghanistan time (0250 GMT), said Capt Ruben Hoornveld, a spokesman for the NATO-led force. The two-member crew ejected and were being treated at the base hospital. There was no indication that insurgent activity caused the crash, he said, but officials could not immediately say why the plane went down. The jet caught fire and emergency personnel responded.

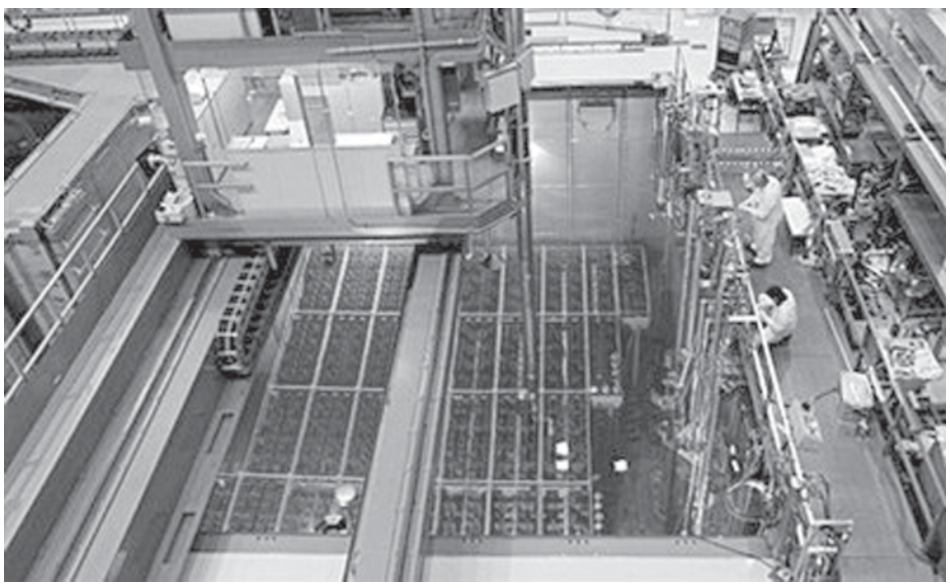
NATO didn't identify which nation the jet came from, but a US military spokeswoman in Kabul, Lt Cmdr Christine Sidenstricker, said the jet was a Tornado — an aircraft commonly flown by British forces.

Internet

Roadside bomb kills 11 civilians in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 July — Eleven Afghan civilians were killed and a woman and a child got wounded as a mini bus ran over a roadside bomb in Afghanistan's western Farah Province, police official said on Monday.

"The incident occurred Sunday afternoon in Gulistan district when the victims were heading from Gulistan to Dilaram district, leaving 11 people, all of them civilians, dead and a woman and child injured," Abdul Rauf Ahmadi, spokesman of police in western region, told *Xinhua*.—*Internet*



Employees of the nuclear power plant Kruemmel work at the plant, in Geesthacht, northern Germany, in 2007. German Chancellor Angela Merkel hit out at Swedish nuclear operator Vattenfall on Sunday over a series of problems at an ageing reactor near Hamburg.—INTERNET

German's Merkel slams Swedish nuclear operator

BERLIN, 20 July — German Chancellor Angela Merkel hit out at Swedish nuclear operator Vattenfall on Sunday over a series of problems at an ageing reactor near Hamburg.

"I am very, very unhappy with what Vattenfall has done and the way that they have acted," Merkel said in an interview on public television. "It is possible to get angry thinking about what has happened and how it has been managed."

The Kruemmel reactor near Hamburg, one of Germany's oldest, underwent earlier this month what Vattenfall called an "emergency shutdown" after a short circuit in one of its transformers.

It was the second such incident in several days at the plant, which had only just re-opened after two years of repairs following a malfunction in a transformer that had caused a fire and a shutdown.—*Internet*

US recession easing but likely not over

WASHINGTON, 20 July — The US recession's grip on the economy appears to be easing but likely has not yet ended, according to a survey of economists released on Monday.

The National Association for Business Economics' quarterly industry survey found that demand is stabilizing, but a small majority of the 102 respondents said their firms had not yet seen the bottom.

The survey "provides new evidence that the US recession is abating, but few signs of an immediate recovery," said Sara Johnson, managing director of global macroeconomics for IHS Global Insight, who helped analyze the report for the *NABE*.

"Industry demand was still declining in the second quarter of 2009, but the breadth of decline had narrowed considerably since late 2008, raising prospects for stabilization in the second half" of the year, she said.

The net demand index dropped to -5 from the first quarter's -14. In the fourth quarter it registered -28.

Of the four major sectors, financial services showed the strongest demand, with an index reading of +15. The transportation, utilities, information and communications sector had the lowest reading at -90.

Internet

Photo taken on 19 July, 2009 shows the business-class cabin of an Airbus A321-200 plane of Shanghai Airlines at Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, east China. Shanghai Airlines' first plane of the kind flew into Shanghai from Hamberg of Germany on Sunday.—XINHUA

California lawmakers, Schwarzenegger postpone talks

SACRAMENTO, 20 July — Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger is abruptly postponing until on Monday talks leaders had hoped would solve the final details to closing the state's $26.3 billion budget deficit.

The top four legislative leaders had been set to meet with Schwarz-enegger on Sunday evening.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLear said on Sunday the governor delayed talks until on Monday because Assembly Speaker Karen Bass wasn't available until late Sunday.

But Bass says she's ready to meet as scheduled.—*Internet*

Contestants make solar energy model cars in the 3rd China Juvenile Innovative Design Contest in Jinan City, east China's Shandong Province, on 18 July, 2009. —XINHUA

Porsche chief to get $140m parachute

STUTTGART, 20 July— The biggest "golden parachute" ever given a European executive awaits Porsche chief Wendelin Wiedeking, *The Sunday Times* of London reported.

Without naming sources, the newspaper reported that should Volkswagen complete a purchase of the debt-burdened German sports car maker, Wiedeking would stand to collect $140 million in payouts, dwarfing the previous parachute record of $82 million awarded former Daimler chief Jurgen Schrempp in 2005.

The Sunday Times quoted industry insiders as Wiedeking could command an even more lucrative payoff, and has hired one of Germany's top lawyers to negotiate for him.—*Internet*

Shift gears for lasting economic recovery

BEIJING, 20 July— The stronger-than-expected rebound of the Chinese economy has proved the power of investment as a key growth engine.

However, policymakers should keep in mind that there is a limit to such an investment-driven recovery. The emphasis should be more on a consumer-led recovery. Almost single-handedly so far, an investment boom has put the country back on track to hit its growth target of 8 percent this year.

Latest statistics show that fixed asset investment soared by 33.5 percent year on year in the first six months, contributing 6.2 percentage points to the country's 7.1 percent headline real GDP growth for the first six months. In other words, investment accounted for about 90 percent of the growth while consumption and export together added only 0.9 percentage points.—*Internet*

Samsung's 4.2 b dlrs "green" initiative

SEOUL, 20 July—South Korea's Samsung Electronics on Monday announced a 4.29 billion dollar plan to develop eco-friendly products and cut emissions from its manufacturing plants by 2013. The "PlanetFirst" project focuses on achieving low-carbon growth, the company said in a statement.

It involves cutting greenhouse gas emissions from plants by 50 percent and reducing total indirect emissions from all products by 84 million tons through 2013, as well as ensuring all products exceed global eco-mark standards.—*Internet*

A vessel rescues an engineering barge in danger on the sea off Shantou in south China's Guangdong Province, on 19 July, 2009. The engineering barge with its seven crew members was successfully rescued on 19 July, after it was wrapped on the sea due to typhoon Molave on 18 July.—XINHUA

Microsoft deal talk, optimism overshadow results

SEATTLE, 20 July— Microsoft Corp will likely report the first annual sales dip in its history as a public company, but investors are looking beyond that for upbeat comments on Windows 7, signs of a tech sector recovery, and even a deal with Yahoo Inc to challenge Google Inc.

The question for investors when the world's largest software company reports quarterly results on Thursday is whether it can present enough optimism to maintain the momentum that has pushed shares up 63 percent since early March. Tech heavyweights IBM and Intel Corp ratcheted up expectations last week by blowing through Wall Street forecasts and setting ambitious outlooks that suggest the worst may be over for the sagging computer business.

Microsoft, whose software drives more than 90 percent of the world's PCs, stands to benefit as it prepares to roll out its new Windows 7 operating system in October.

"There's been a sentiment shift," said Todd Lowenstein, a portfolio manager at HighMark Capital management. "People are starting to get excited now about the visibility of Windows 7 — it's got good reviews and they've got some pent-up demand."—*Internet*

China and Russia conduct joint military exercises

BEIJING, 20 July—Chinese and Russian armed forces have conducted joint military exercises to defend against terrorism.

The operation on Saturday was designed to strengthen military cooperation and the Sino-Russian strategic partnership.

During the exercise, the two air forces deployed more than thirty fighter jets, and land forces rolled out over one hundred tanks and armored vehicles. The air and land units coordinated their actions in a simulated fight against terrorists.

The biennial Peace Mission showcases the ability and resolution of both sides to cooperate against security threats and crack down on terrorists, separatists, and extremists.

Lt Gen Segei Antonov, Russian Deputy Commander-in-Chief, said, "We have conducted the first joint military drill, but the tasks completed in the drill between China and Russia are not for the first time. We feel we are battling together."

Xinhua

***Chinese and Russian armed forces conduct joint military exercises to defend against terrorism on 18 July, 2009 at a military training base in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province.*—XINHUA**

Palestinian teenager killed in Gaza tunnel collapse

GAZA, 20 July—A Palestinian teenager was killed Sunday evening in an accident inside an underground smuggling tunnel between Egypt and Rafah city in southern Gaza Strip, medical sources and witnesses said.

Mouawia Hassanein, an emergency official, said that Majed Abu Zuhri, 17, had been pulled out dead from the tunnel that collapsed beneath the border line.

He added that the boy was suffocated because the fall damaged a pipe in which gasoline was being pumped to the Palestinian side.

Witnesses said that the tunnel has apparently fallen after Egyptian security forces bombed the shafts of several tunnels on the Egyptian side of the border.

Xinhua

A Palestinian works in a tunnel in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on the border with Egypt, on 19 July, 2009. A total of 115 people have been killed in the tunnels in two years.
XINHUA

Three killed, 17 injured in clashes with rebels in Colombia

BOGOTA, 20 July— Three Colombian civilians have been killed and 17 others injured in the country's Cauca province during clashes between the police and the Revolutionary Armed Force of Colombia (FARC) , the police said on Sunday. The police exchanged fires with FARC members who were trying to enter the municipality of Corinto. Three civilians were killed and 17 others were injured in the clash, including two police officers, they said.

"The situation had been under control," the police added. FARC is the largest anti-government guerrilla in Colombia. Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has put the elimination of the rebel group as his top priority.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Two hotels receive bomb threat in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 July—After the bomb blasts in Jakarta's JW Marriott and Ritz Carlton hotels on Friday, another luxury hotel Four Seasons Hotel in Jakarta and the Best Western Asean Hotel in Medan also received bomb threats respectively, the *Jakarta Post* reported on Sunday.

The Four Seasons Hotel, which also locates in South Jakarta, received a bomb threat from an unidentified male caller on Sunday. Police immediately sent an anti-bomb squad to the location, but they found nothing.

Indonesian National Police spokesman Insp Gen Nanan Sukarna said he had yet to receive a report from his officers. "If there is a bomb threat, it is usually a hoax," he said.

The Best Western Asean Hotel in Medan got the threat from an unknown male caller on Sunday. "The caller said he will detonate the bomb in 30 minutes," S Siregar, a security officer at the hotel said.

An anti-bomb squad from the local police was immediately dispatched to the hotel but they did not find any bomb after 30 minutes of searching.

Two explosions occurred at the Ritz Carlton and Marriott hotels respectively in Jakarta on Friday morning, killing 8 people and wounding more than 50 others.

Xinhua

Palestinian negotiator confirms meeting with Iranian FM in Egypt

RAMALLAH, 20 July—A senior Palestinian negotiator said Sunday that he had met Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned Movement summit in Egypt.

Saeb Erekat, the veteran negotiator, told *Xinhua* that he met with Mottaki on Thursday in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, "and asked Iran to support the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian people in a good way."

Erekat said the meeting was positive, adding that Mottaki had told him that "Iran will support the Palestinian cause by all means and we have already stood by the Palestinian people."

Asked if he discussed ties between Iran and the Palestinian Hamas movement, Erekat said "we did not discuss other things rather than regional affairs, the peace process and the ways of restoring the Palestinian unity."

The Palestinians split up in 2007 when Hamas routed forces of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and seized control of the Gaza Strip.

Abbas' Fatah movement has often accused Iran of aiding Hamas and providing it with weapons but Hamas said Iran's aid is dedicated to resist Israel.

Xinhua

A local resident watches a forest fire burning on the edge of Kelowna, British Columbia, northeast of Vancouver at dawn on 19 July, 2009.
XINHUA

Forest fire forces evacuation of 6,500 homes in western Canada

VANCOUVER, 20 July—The forest fire in Kelowna, Canada's western province of British Columbia (BC), is spreading rapidly, forcing emergency evacuation of 6,500 homes and damaging nine houses, the provincial Ministry of Forests said Sunday.

Spurred by the dry conditions, strong wind and hot weather, the fire, which was first reported just before 3 pm local time Saturday, has quickly swelled from initial 15 hectares to about 300 hectares as of Sunday.

So far, at least nine homes have been destroyed, according to provincial Forests Minister Pat Bell. He said the fire has the potential to be worse than a devastating fire six years ago in that area that destroyed more than 200 homes.—*Xinhua*

Indonesian police try to rebuild bomber's face

JAKARTA, 20 July— Indonesian police on Monday were trying to rebuild the face on a severed head found at the scene of deadly hotel blasts in Jakarta in an attempt to identify one of two suspected suicide bombers.

The grisly forensic work could provide a key breakthrough in the investigation into on Friday's twin suicide attacks on the luxury JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels, which killed up to nine people including two militants.

One of the bombers apparently targeted a regular weekly breakfast gathering of Western businessmen at the Marriott, killing three Australians including a diplomat, and a company executive from New Zealand.

More than 53 people were injured in the blasts, which officials suspect were the work of regional Islamist network Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), responsible for the 2002 Bali attacks and dozens of other bombings since the late 1990s.

Jemaah Islamiyah draws inspiration from Al-Qaeda and has had extensive links with global jihadists as it seeks to create an Islamic cali-phate spanning much of Southeast Asia including Indonesia, Malaysia and the southern Philippines.

Police said an unexploded bomb left in a guest room of the JW Marriott resembled devices used in the Bali bombings, which killed 202 people, and one discovered in a recent anti-JI raid on an Islamic school in Central Java.

Internet

***Indonesian policemen arrive at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Jakarta.—*INTERNET**

West Bank plan bears fruit, but much more needed

NABLUS, 20 July— Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says he wants to make "economic peace" with the Palestinians, and the first fruits are already being seen in eased Israeli restrictions that are stoking a retail and entertainment boom in the West Bank.

But where it counts — industry, exports, investments — Netanyahu still has a way to go.

Just ask the manager of the West Bank's only aluminum plant which almost went out of business because Israel banned a vital chemical on grounds it could also be used to make bombs. Only last week was the factory told it could resume importing the chemical, but in limited quantities and under close supervision.

Or the Wataniyeh telecommunications company, which plans to invest hundreds of millions of dollars but has waited for more than a year for an Israeli decision to assign signal frequencies.

Still, Netanyahu's policies — along with improved Palestinian security performance — have begun to make a dent, prompting the International Monetary Fund to predict last week that the economy could grow by 7 percent this year, its first optimistic forecast in three years.

Internet

Obama's approval rating drops below 60 pct

WASHINGTON, 20 July — For the first time since taking office, US President Barack Obama's job approval rating has dropped below the 60-percent threshold as Americans expressed doubts about his handling of the economy, the deficit and health care, a new opinion poll showed Monday. *The ABC News/Washington Post* survey showed Obama's job approval rating fell to 59 percent, down 10 points from its springtime peak.

Slightly more than half of Americans, 52 percent, now approve of his work on the economy, down eight points from its peak, according to the poll.

Just under half, 49 percent, approve of his handling of health care, a drop of eight points. And only 43 percent approve of his handling of the budget deficit, with 49 percent disapproving, the survey indicated.

Internet

Big tech earnings week will reveal economic trends

SEATTLE, 20 July—The technology sector is often talked about as if it were a unified front, an easy-to-define monolith. People say technology stocks rose or technology stocks fell.

Tech helped drive a huge boom in the 1990s, and when that collapsed in 2001, tech contributed to the last recession.

In reality, technology companies have about as much in common as Toyota Motor Corp, Boeing Co and JetBlue Airways Corp Sure, all three play a part in getting you places, but their customers are different, as are their sales cycles and the metrics used to measure their prospects.

Internet

Teens in sports less likely to smoke

Teens who participate in sports are less likely to become smokers, but exposure to movies increased the likelihood of teen smoking, US researchers said.

Anna M Adachi-Mejia of Hood Center for Children and Families at the Dartmouth Medical School in Lebanon, NH, and colleagues analyzed data from school- and telephone-based surveys that assessed movie smoking exposure and team sports participation.

The data involved 2,048 youths from September 1999-November 1999 and February 2006-February 2007.

Baseline movie smoking exposure was reported when respondents were ages 9-14 and team sport participation was assessed at ages 16-21.

The study, published in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, found those with exposure to the highest quartile of movie smoking compared to those with exposure to the lowest quartile were more likely to become established smokers.

Cai Wei, a pedicab driver, shows the notification of admission to Shanghai's prestigious Fudan University for doctor's degree studies of Chinese ancient documents, in Jinzhou City, northeast China's Liaoning Province. Cao Wei only obtained a high school diploma and went to work in a factory, where he was laid off in 1994. He studied ancient documents and published articles in online forums. Impressed with Cai's knowledge, Fudan's professor Qiu Xigun, a prominent academic in the field of ancient documents, recommended him to attend the doctor recruitment exam.

Sri Lankan man gives up life for squirrel

A 40-year-old Sri Lankan man who saved a squirrel from drowning lost his life on Saturday, an English newspaper reported .

According to the *Daily Mirror*, Tilak Rajakaruna was climbing out after cleaning his 60-foot-deep (about 18.29 metres) garden well in a northern Colombo suburb called Kandana, when a squirrel fell into the well from an overhanging branch.

NJ police say burglar returned to apologize

Police in central New Jersey say they arrested a man on burglary charges after he returned to the victim's house to apologize. Rahway police arrested 35-year-old Craig Fletcher of Elizabeth shortly after the homeowner told them a man had just rung his doorbell, apologized for the break-in and run off on foot.

The homeowner said he interrupted the June 29 burglary. He chased the burglar, who had stuffed three laptops and an Xbox game console into a backpack. The intruder threw the bag down and got away.

Fletcher was also charged with a second burglary in the same neighbourhood.

He was taken to the Union County Jail in lieu of $60,000 bail. Police did not know whether he had a lawyer.

NEWS ALBUM

Karen Wolf, head veterinarian at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, cleans the teeth of Jaya, a 205-pound female Sumatran tiger, during her annual check-up in Tacoma, Wash. A team of zoo personnel performed a battery of tests while the animal was anesthetized including blood work, X-rays and an ultrasound of the reproductive tract to see if the animal can still conceive. Zoo officials are considering bringing in a new male for Jaya to mate.

A diver in a panda outfit performs in an aquarium in Chiang Mai , during an event to promote the offspring of female panda Lin Hui which resides in Chiang Mai Zoo, north of Bangkok. Lin Hui, a female panda on loan from China, gave birth to the baby panda in Thailand after being artificially inseminated with her partner's sperm for a second time.

Traditional cultural performing arts…

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As part of efforts for preserving the traditional cultures in the country, the government has organized the Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions yearly since 1993. There has been increasing interest and encouragement to the traditional cultures and arts by the national races, as witnessed by the increasing number of the contestants year by year and their improving skills, he said. The modern music contest was included in the performing arts competitions last year.

The innovation should support the traditional cultures with the use of modern technology and musical instruments. Traditional cultural perfarming arts competitions are designed to promote the role of the traditional culture. Only then, will today's youths keep themselves on the track of Myanmar traditional culture, he said.

Chairman of Work Committee for organizing 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.
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In conclusion, he urged the participants of the meeting to make efforts for greater success of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Next, Chairman of Leading Committee for organizing 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin reported on experiences of 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and arrangements for holding of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in better and improved condition, planned time frame and budget for the competition.

Afterwards, Chairman of Work Committee for organizing 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint explained objectives of the competitions, organizing of committees and subcommittees and arrangements for holding the competitions.

Secretary of the Work Committee, Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo presented reports on organized time and place of the competitions, competition categories, presentation of prizes and scoring levels.

Those present reported on works of the respective subcommittees. Chairpersons of panel of judges and leaders reported on works of respective categories.

Next, Patron for holding the competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo coordinated the needs. In his concluding remarks, the General said that the State today is holding Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions yearly with aim of maintaining traditional culture of all the national races of the Union, keeping from extinction of national character and preserving it forever and he urged personnel, scholar artistes and contestants to make collaborative efforts for successful realization of the objectives of the competition.

After the coordination meeting, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted veteran artistes.

The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw on a grand scale with four objectives:

1. **Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character.**
2. **Uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation**
3. **Uplift of dynamism of genuine patriotic spirit based on national unity**
4. **Emergence of new generations who will preserve and safeguard national character.**—*MNA*

Chairman of Leading Committee for organizing 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.
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***Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents cash assistance to Yangon Division Red Cross Society.*—MNA**

First Aid course for schools in Yangon launched

YANGON, 20 July—Under the arrangements of Yangon Division Red Cross Supervisory Committee and No.3 Basic Education Department, First Aid Course for Schools was opened for 43 BEHSs in 43 townships in Yangon Division at Yangon Division Red Cross Society on Satyon Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

First, Patron of Yangon Division Red Cross Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin spoke on the occasion.

Dr Hla Pe, Secretary of Myanma Red Cross Society and deputy director-general U Myo Myint of No.3 Basic Education Department also delivered addresses.

The mayor presented K 5,070,000; and U Myo Myint 30,000 textbooks of First Aid Course to the chairman of Yangon Division Red Cross Society.

First Aid Course for Shools campaign will be launched in 4 districts in Yangon Division which will be attended by principals and school board of trustees.—*MNA*

Preventive measures to be taken against A (H1N1) in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—A coordination meeting on surveillance measures to be taken against New Influenza A (H1N1) in Nay Pyi Taw Airport took place at the Ministry of Health here this afternoon.

Secretary of the Central Committee for Control of New Influenza A (H1N1) Pandemic Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo in his address said that the World Health Organization on 6 July reported 94,512 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection including 429 deaths in 135 countries; that surveillance measures are being taken in international exits such as airports, ports and border checkpoints, especially in Yangon and Mandalay international airports, and also in Bagan, NyaungU and Heho airports; that the plan is also to cover Nay Pyi Taw Airport; that the departments concerned are to participate in the drive for ensuring smooth operation; and that related ministries and departments are required to work together in coordination to screen foreign arrivals.

The deputy director-general (Disease Control) of the Department of Health reported on programmes to be launched for precautionary measures against the disease.

The secretary of the central committee gave concluding remarks.

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Respect paying ceremony to be held at No. 2 BEHS in Kamayut Township

YANGON, 20 July—A respect paying ceremony of Students of No.2 BEHS (Kamayut) who passed in 2009 matriculation exam will take place at the school, at 8:00 am on Sunday, 26 July. All 2009 matriculation-passed students are invited to attend the ceremony without fail.

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

New nation being built with loving-kindness at the core

Ngar Min Swe

Schools began on 1 June. It is pleasant, delightful to view schoolchildren with school uniforms. Holding the hand of my son, I left for No (30) Basic Education Primary School in Ward (10), Hline Township. I took him to the classroom, and waved to him. That refreshed the memories of my schooldays. As a child, my father sent me down to the classroom, holding my hand. For me it is very pleasurable to recall my school days. There is something that really can generate success and prosperity to the children: loving-kindness shown for each other between parents and children. In like manner, the loving-kindness the people show for one another is exactly something that can bring prosperous, peaceful conditions to them.

After sending my son to the school, I left for Kyaikto, where my father lives, by express bus. I arrived at Kyaikto at sunset. My father is now 84. One of his legs is paralysed, but keeps on driving and supervising the work at the salt farm, braving his disability. He is worthy of praise for his diligence and strong mind. He tuned his radio to VOA at six o'clock sharp. After he listened to the programme, he switched it off. Then he said, "I'm really weary of such fabricated programmes." About four or five years ago, he used to listen to the programmes of VOA, BBC and RFA from the beginning to the end with great endurance. Now, he gets tired of their broadcasts, but it is not strange. Like him, the people of Myanmar have got irritated by hearing the programmes of those radio stations.

It was already 7 o'clock when we had dinner. I said, "Shall I tune the radio to RFA, Dad?" He replied, "No, thanks. RFA programmes are particularly designed to sow hatred among Myanmar people. It's my feeling that **the most important thing for our country is peace. Whatever party wins and forms a government, what is the most important is that the government is capable enough of maintaining peace, stability and security. The people of us can work for national development only if peace and security are maintained."** Surely, he said those words from the bottom of his heart, based on the experiences he had gained throughout his life. Then, he was with a long face. He seemed to recall his past untold miseries. Having a gaze at him, I felt sad. That evoked my memories of the tragedies Kyaikhami dwellers had encountered many years ago. He sometimes told me those events.

His father's name is U Tun Maung (a) U Po Khwe. My father U Tun Nyein is only son of my grandfather. My grandfather was a hardworking farmer. In the post-independence period, Myawlamyine and Kyaikkhami saw armed insurgency. He ran an agricultural farm in Ye-hla Village, about three miles from Kyaikkhami. My mother's brother-in-law and her brother were shot dead near Ye-hla Village, while cutting down trees for firewood. However, villagers of Ye-hla Village decided not to move to Kyaikkhami, because they could rely on my grandfather. Despite knowing the fact that it was highly risky to live while the region lacked peace and stability, the villagers under the leadership of my grandfather kept on living there in fear that the 20-house village and their farms would be destroyed. At sundown one day, three insurgents with automatic rifles got into the compound of my grandfather's house and opened fire to his legs, and struck his head with stones and rifle butts to death. The death of my grandfather led to the collapse of Ye-hla Village. The villagers including my parents moved to the urban area of Kyaikkhami.

One day, my father made a trip to Mawlamyine to buy prerequisites for his brother-in-law to be ordained. At that time, there were two bus schedules from Kyakkhami to Mawlamyine a day. He was offered to take the first bus (Shwe-U Daung), but he chose the second bus (U Ba Myaing). On arrival at the top of Thetke hill between Thanbyuzayat and Mudon, the first bus was blocked by logs some armed insurgents had laid on the road. Then, the insurgents seized all on the bus, and shot them to death in coldblood. Hearing the gun fires, the second bus stopped at a site a distance from the scene. Then, the insurgents marched to the second bus. Fortunately, a Tatmadaw column got to the site, and the passengers of the second bus escaped from the atrocities. Of about 30 people on the first bus, China-born U Chein Phaw, a salt entrepreneur, was the only one who survived the terrorist attack. The rest were massacred on Thetke Hill by the insurgents.

The following morning, I left Kyaikto for Kyaikkhami by Honda Dream motorcycle and for Ye. A van is worth about 40 million to 50 million kyats. So, a vehicle I could afford was the motorcycle I bought it for over one million kyats. I am waiting for the day with hopes on which a van worth two million kyats will be priced at three million to four million kyats. In the past, Kyaikto-Mawlamyine Road was a poor transport facility full of pot-holes. However, it has been now upgraded to a tarred one. I never dreamt that there would be such a fine road in the region. It was so fine that it was very comfortable for me to drive on it. Previously, people had to wait a convoy if they wished to travel in daytime, and a trip was impossible in the region at night. Now, people can travel in the region at any times. I took the trip in peace and with comfort.

I stopped over in Bilin for lunch. Driving along the fine tarred road, I happened to think about the work I would have to do. Some time after that, I reached Kyaikkaw Theinseik. After driving for about six miles to the west of Kyaikkaw Theinseik along the laterite road, I got to Seikkyun Village. I stopped at my farm in the village. Together with farm in-charge Ko Lwin, I viewed the ploughing of fields and the scattering of paddy seeds and gave some work to the workers and left Seikkyun. I arrived in Thaton at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. After a five-minute break, I proceeded.

The majority of the villages along Thaton-Mawlamyine Road are Mon national race villages. I arrived at Zinkyaik, a Mon town, at about 6 pm. I found the town somewhat prosperous with fine buildings and houses. There, a plot with a house in the past was worth only 10,000 to 20,000 kyats, but now was priced at about 10 million kyats. With regional peace and stability, houses and plots in rural villages and small towns have got handsome prices. In the past, a rural folk no longer dared to continue to live in a rural town if he or she became rich, and moved to a township. In contrast, now peace and stability have been restored in the rural areas, and rural people have become rich due to the fact that the price of a house has gone up to 10 million kyats on average. I approached Paung at about 6.30 o'clock, and at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) at about 7 o'clock in the evening.

When Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) was being constructed, local people said that to get a bridge on the Thanlwin River was a dream come true. They wanted to get a bridge spanning the river so much that they dreamt about a bridge. Mon national U Tun Shein of Kamawet Village, a colleague of my father, told me, "Min Swe, I am now 80. How long will it take to construct this bridge?" I said, "I think it will take about five years." He said, "I want to live for five more years, because I want to see the bridge before I die." His wish was fulfilled, and he passed away soon after the completion of the facility.

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) was formally opened by the Head of State. I watched the inauguration of the bridge on TV. I thought the Head of State would return straight to Yangon after the ceremony. However, I saw on TV the Head of State observing the fine bridge with pleasure the following evenings. In my opinion, the **Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) came into existence thanks to the loving-kindness the Tatmadaw government and the people show to each other. So, the bridge can be called a loving-kindness bridge.**

I had dinner at a restaurant opposite Mawlamyine Railway Station. There is a guesthouse above the restaurant. I got tired out as I had been riding a motorbike more than 100 miles. I wondered if I proceeded to Kyaikkhami early morning after spending the night in Mawlamyine. Mawlamyine-Kyaikkhami road is 55 miles long. In the past people usually travelled only in the daytime and it was impossible to travel at night. With peace and stability prevailing

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Ngar Min Swe

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nowadays, however, Mawlamyine-Kyaikkhami road can be used at any time. Missing my mother as well as my eagerness to get back to Kyaikkhami, my native place, made me continue the trip at about 8.15 pm without spending the night in Mawlamyine.

I arrived in Mudon at nearly 9 pm. In the past, one would feel frightened as soon as one left Mudon. Robbery, shootings and kidnappings occurred between Mudon and Thanbyuzayat very often. But now, everyone can go round by car or motorcycle with peace of mind even at night. The places where robbery took place in the past are now packed with restaurants and beer stations. With instability in the past, the region was covered with bushes and weeds and lands were worthless. Now in the region a one-acre vacant land where rubber can be grown is worth K 5 million. A one-acre plantation with three to four year-old quality rubber strains is worth K 10 million. One who owns a ten-acre plantation of such rubber strains is a rich man with K 100 million. With regional peace and stability, the local people will become millionaires. After riding about 20 minutes, I reached the top of Thetke Hill. This is the place where insurgents cruelly killed about 30 people of Kyaikkhami at one time. I stopped there for a while and dismounted the motorbike. I stood still feeling sorry for those killed. The place where there were sounds of gun fire and bloodshed has become peaceful and stable. Now in the region there is no longer any one who will kill the national people or me. I can even have a nap there if I wish to.

Once, a lot of national people in Mon State lost their lives and property because of some cruel, unkind persons. Lands were worthless. But now, Mon State has progressed with peace and stability due to loving-kindness shown towards each other's national people. Land prices have increased. Mon national people are becoming rich with millions of kyats. All the people in Mon State cannot accept at all their improved living conditions being harmed. If their region went back to the instable period of the past, they would lose their lives and property again. They know very well that their lands worth millions of kyats will then be worthless. So there is no need to question whether the national people of Mon State like the present situation in which their region is developing with peace and stability or the previous situation in which their region was undeveloped with lack of peace and stability.

The national people in Mon State are actively participating in regional and national development tasks showing goodwill attitude towards each other. Likewise, the **Myanmar people in all parts of the country are cooperatively working for their regions and nation to develop showing loving-kindness towards each other. As such a time like this, those wanting to harm peace and stability of the State and plunge the nation into the previous situation with lack of peace and stability should mend their manners and apologize to the national people. If they do so, the people will forgive them out of loving-kindness.**

Translation: MS+ST

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NW Command Commander and F&R Minister meet staff in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and departmental heads met with departmental staff of the ministry of finance and revenue in City Hall of Monywa on 18 July.

After the officials presented the departmental objectives for 2009-2010 financial year, the commander and the minister extended greetings. Later, the minister inspected banks and departments under the ministry in Monywa and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun visits Myanma Economic Bank in Myinmu.
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***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe views students learning braille in Kyimyindine School for the Blind.*—MNA**

Minister visits training schools of Social Welfare Department

YANGON, 20 July— Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe visited Kyaikwai Youth Training School and Centre for Vocational Training (CVT) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

The minister also visited social welfare training school and training school for the disabled and observed computer course, photography course, tailoring course, electronics course and so on. The minister inspected renovation of classrooms in training school for the youth disabled and viewed trainees pursuing education.

The minister then went to School for the Blind of Social Welfare Department on Panpingyi Street in Kyimyindine Township and inspected renovation of hostels and dining rooms. The minister viewed teaching of braille and message and fulfilled the requirements.—*MNA*

Kachin State must become the fourth largest paddy producer in Myanmar

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

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in harness under the leadership of the government in the interest of the nation and their regions.

With the arrangements made by Kachin State Peace and Development Council, we recently paid a visit to Kachin State in the northernmost part of Myanmar which is now working hard to be able to put its goal into reality "Kachin State must become the fourth granary of Myanmar".

Our team from the Myanma Alin went by train to Mandalay. When we passed through the outer townships of the state such as Mogaung and Mohnyin, we saw local farmers in their agricultural farms: some were ploughing fields; some, pulling out paddy saplings for transplanting; and some, transplanting paddy saplings.

The train with us on board was on its way. From the train, we had a good view of paddy fields stretching to the horizon.

One day after our arrival, with the arrangements of Myitkyina Township Peace and Development Council, we observed thriving paddy fields in Waingmaw Township accompanied by Staff Officer Daw Myint Myint Khaing of Myitkyina District Information and Public Relations Department, and township reporters U Yan Aung and U Hla Than Myint.

Myitkyina and Waingmaw are neighbours, but the Ayeyawady River is flowing between them. Now, there has been Bala Min Htin Bridge over the river linking the two townships.

Secretary of the Township PDC Daw Ei Ei Shwe conducted us to the paddy fields. She said, "Our township is a land where summer paddy and monsoon paddy thrive. Under the motto "Kachin State must become the fourth granary in Myanmar", we grew 58,511 acres of monsoon paddy and 351 acres of summer paddy in 2008-2009. The per acre yield of monsoon paddy was over 72 baskets, and summer paddy was over 55 baskets."

The billboard saying "Kachin State must become the fourth granary of Myanmar."

Workers transplanting monsoon paddy saplings in Mogaung Township, Kachin State.

A thriving paddy field near Moklwe Village in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State.

She said, "We chose high-yield paddy strain in order to achieve high per acre yield of paddy. The common paddy strains we grow are Hsinnweyin and Hsinthweyin."

Today, local farmers of Kachin State are working hard to become the largest paddy producer in Myanmar, after Ayeyawady, Bago and Sagaing divisions. In 2008-2009 season, Kachin State put 590,971 acres under monsoon paddy, and 29,339 acres under summer paddy, totaling 620,310 acres.

The districts in Kachin State where paddy can be grown are Myitkyina, Mohnyin, Bhamo and Putao. Some regions in the four districts grow hilly paddy apart from monsoon and summer paddy.

Without any doubt, Kachin State's dream will come true if local people, responsible persons, agricultural experts and local farmers keep on working in collaboration.

Secretary of Waingmaw Township PDC Daw Ei Ei Shwe.

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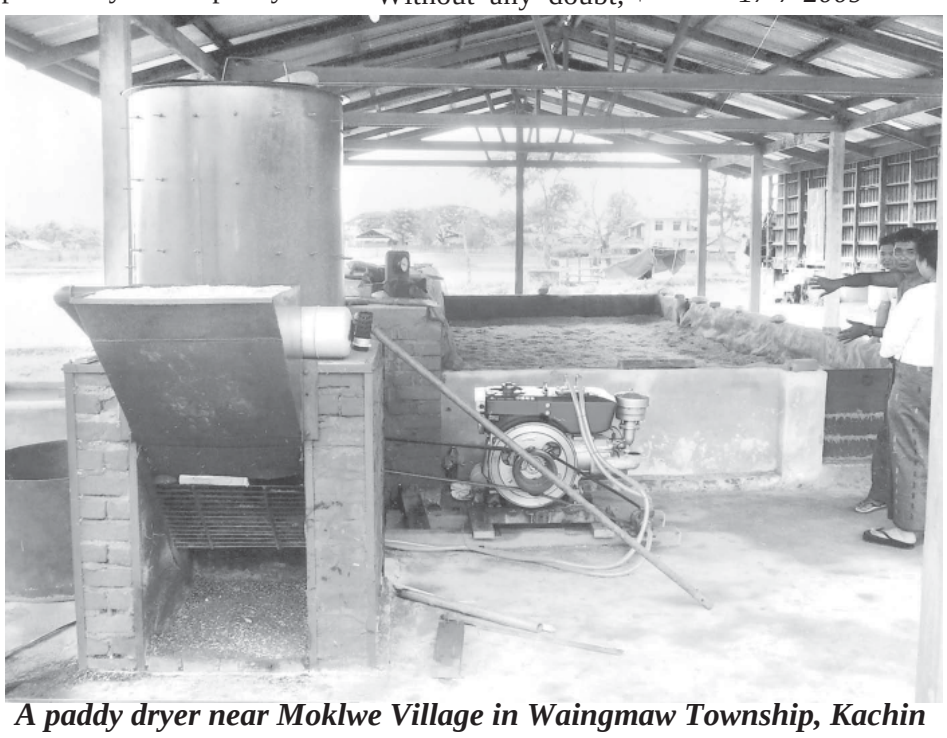

A paddy dryer near Moklwe Village in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State.

S Korea pushes to restart nuclear talks with North

SEOUL, 20 July—South Korea called on Monday for a new push to restart dialogue with North Korea on ending its nuclear arms programme as Washington seeks to increase pressure on Pyongyang with punishment for its atomic and missile tests.

North Korea, which tested a nuclear device in May, has quit six-party talks that promised it massive aid and diplomatic rewards and said it will expand its nuclear arsenal as defence against a "hostile" United States.

The on-again-off-again talks involved the two Koreas, host China, Japan, Russia and the United States. South Korea's top nuclear envoy said Seoul and Washington were on the same page on enforcing UN Security Council resolutions designed to cut off the North's lucrative arms trade but more needed to be done to bring Pyongyang back to dialogue.

"(As) you put it yesterday on the form of two-track approach, we have to think about resumption of dialogue as well," South Korea's Wi Sung-lac told US Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, who is visiting Seoul.

Campbell said at the weekend the United States was ready to hold talks with North Korea if the conditions were right but will also press sanctions to punish Pyongyang for provocative actions.

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Astronauts Doug Hurley, pilot, and Julie Payette, of the Canadian Space Agency, temporarily switch their attention to a crewmate with a camera while participating in flight day three activities onboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in this NASA handout photo taken on 17 July .—INTERNET

Amazon's new Kindle DX 9.7" Wireless Reading Device is ready for shipment at the warehouse in June 2009 in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Amazon fended off Saturday accusations of Big Brother-like behavior after it quietly erased two George Orwell books from customers' electronic book readers this week.—INTERNET

Flash floods kill 36 in India, displace thousands

BHUBANESWAR (India), 20 July —Floods triggered by heavy monsoon rains over the past week have killed at least 36 people in the eastern Indian state of Orissa and inundated half a million homes, officials and witnesses said on Monday.

Rivers breached embankments, submerged hundreds of villages in low-lying areas and damaged thousands of hectares of rice in at least eight of the state's 30 districts, leaving thousands of people stranded. Much of India in recent weeks has suffered a bad start to the monsoon, whose uneven progress caused drought in some states and floods elsewhere.

Authorities worry the high waters will persist in the flood-prone Orissa, home to more than 36 million people, with more rains expected over the next 48 hours. "Thirty-six flood-related deaths have been reported so far," Orissa's revenue and disaster management minister, Surya Narayan Patro, told *Reuters*. "The number of displaced will be more than 5,000".—*MNA/Reuters*

Civilian helicopter crash in Afghanistan kills 16

KABUL, 20 July—A civilian helicopter crash that killed 16 people at a NATO base in southern Afghanistan pushed up the death toll on Sunday in the US and allied effort to break the Taleban, adding to pressure on Washington and London.

In Afghanistan's east, a suicide bomber killed two police and a civilian at Torkham, an important border crossing point with Pakistan, officials said. The US military meanwhile condemned as Taleban propaganda a video of a captured American soldier, missing since just before major new operations were launched in the south.

The video showed the soldier, named by the Pentagon as 23-year-old private Bowe Bergdahl of Ketchum, Idaho, unhurt, but saying he was scared and missed his family.

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Cuban specialists on Dengue missing on way to Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 20 July— Two Cuban epidemiologists who were invited to help Sri Lanka to handle the fast spreading Dengue epidemic in the island did not arrive in Colombo as expected, a local English newspaper said on Monday.The *Daily Mirror* reported that Cuba's chief epidemiologist Aramis Martinez and assistant epidemiologist S. Yalina were expected to arrive here on 8:30 a.m. on Saturday."I went to the airport with health services Deputy Director General Palitha Mahipala to receive the two Cuban epidemiologists who were to arrive on an Emirates flight via Dubai. They were not among the planeload of passengers who checked in at the immigration desk,"the paper quoted Sri Lankan Health Ministry spokesman W. M. D. Wanninayake as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Eight hurt in grenade blast in S Philippines

COTABATO (Philippines), 20 July— Eight people were injured, including a policeman, on Monday morning when a grenade exploded in front of a grocery store in the southern Philippines, officials said.

Chief Inspector Alexander Sarabia, a spokesman of Philippine National Police, told reporters that the authorities captured a suspect responsible for the blast outside the Co Chiong Bon Store shortly before 12:00 noon local time (0040 GMT).

The wounded have been rushed to a local hospital. No one claimed responsibility for the attack that occurred three days after Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo held an anti-terrorism council meeting in the southern city.

The blast site is not far from the meat shop in front of a Catholic Church where a home-made bomb exploded earlier this month. Six people died and more than 50 were wounded in the bombing attack blamed by the military on rouge rebels belonging to the Moro Islamic liberation Front, the country's largest rebel group seeking for an independent Islamic state in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN welcomes China's increasing role in Asia-Pacific region

PHUKET (Thailand), 20 July—China can play an important role in the peace and security of the Asia-pacific area, which the ten-member Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) welcomes, Thai Foreign Minister said Sunday.

China can play a role in the peace and security of the Asia-pacific area and it can also help economic development in the Asia-Pacific at large, Thai Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya told reporters. Kasit made the remark in the Press conference held after foreign ministers of ASEAN convened for the first time in their annual ministerial level meet. Their meeting focused on the human right issue and dispute-settlement mechanism among ASEAN nations.

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Photo taken in 2006 by the Rosetta probe of the planet Mars. The Apollo 11 astronauts who were the first to land on the Moon 40 years ago, have urged Americans to set their sights on Mars.
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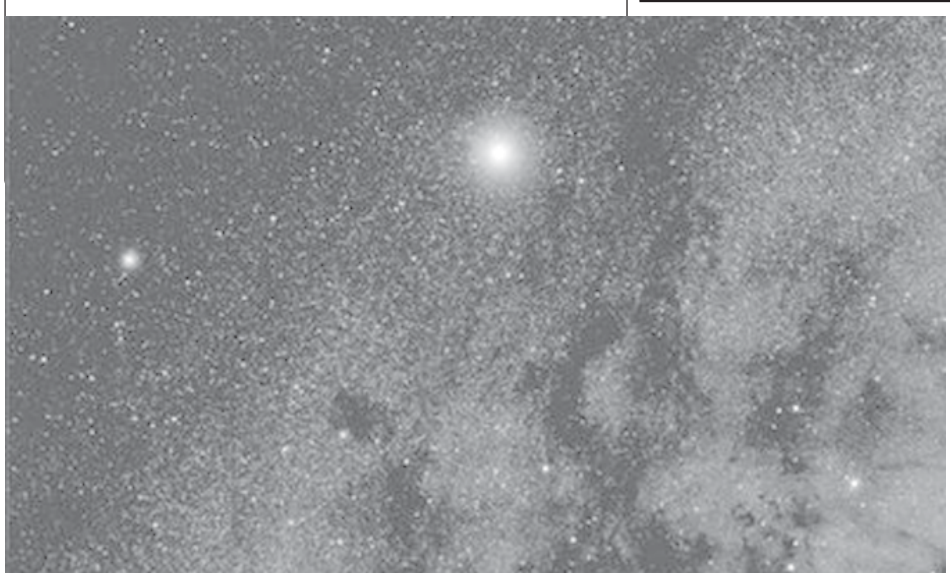

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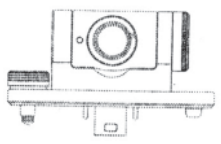

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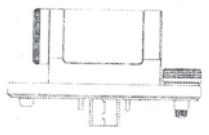

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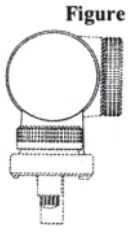

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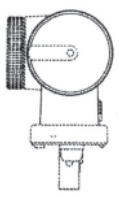

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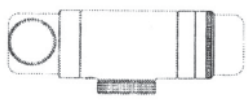

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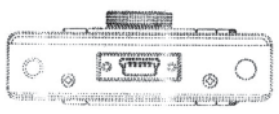

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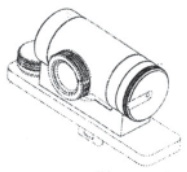

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Dated **21 July 2009** Yangon, Union of Myanmar

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Tender No	Description	Quantity
18/MR/NPT SIG/(S&T)/ 2009-2010	Computer Base Interlocked Signalling System for Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station	1 Lot

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Thousands of people storm into a bathing beach to avoid summer heat in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 19 July, 2009.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (459)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (459) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Death toll rises to nine, 15 injured in China bus accident

ZHENGZHOU, 20 July—The death toll from a bus accident in central China's Henan Province rose to nine after two died on their way to hospital, authorities said Sunday.

The bus carrying 23 tourists hit a mountain rock shortly after midday Sunday on a section of national highway 209 in Lingbao City when it was returning from a scenic spot in Sanmenxia, an official of the Sanmenxia government said late Sunday.

Seven died on the spot and two died on the way to hospital. The driver was among the dead.

All the rest were injured and sent to four hospitals in Lingbao, Lushi County and Sanmenxia City.

The passengers were all domestic tourists.

Internet

Philippine troops rescue five kidnapped workers

ZAMBOANGA, 20 July—Philippine troops have rescued five employees of a logging company who were kidnapped by suspected Muslim guerrillas in the country's south last week, the military said Sunday.

The five employees, including a woman, were seized Wednesday by eight guerrillas belonging to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Kapai township in Lanao del Sur Province, military spokesman Lt Col Romeo Brawner said. Army troops and police rescued the victims Saturday near Kapai without a fire fight, he said. A local mayor helped the troops locate the hostages, who were moved from one rebel hide-out to another to evade the military, Brawner said, adding that government forces were pursuing the kidnappers.

Internet

Astronauts deal with flooded toilet in orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, 20 July— The bathroom lines at the already crowded space shuttle and space station complex got a lot longer Sunday because of a flooded toilet.

One of two commodes aboard the international space station broke down, right in the middle of complicated robotic work being conducted by the two crews. The pump separator apparently flooded.

Mission Control advised the astronauts to hang an "out of service" sign on the toilet until it could be fixed. In the meantime, the six space station residents had to get in line to use their one good toilet. And Endeavour's seven astronauts were restricted to the shuttle bathroom. There have never been so many people — 13 — together in space.

The toilet repair work fell to Belgian Frank De Winne and American Michael Barratt, who had to don goggles, gloves and masks. They ripped apart the compartment, working well into the evening. Mission Control finally instructed them to call it a day and resume the effort Monday morning.

Flight director Brian Smith declined to speculate whether overuse caused the toilet trouble.

"We don't yet know the extent of the problem," Smith told reporters. "It may turn out to be of no consequence at all. It could turn out to be significant. It's too early to tell right now."

Teams of specialists in Houston and Moscow hurriedly convened to discuss the problem. The Russian-built, multimillion-dollar toilet flew up on a shuttle last November.

Internet

Like mother, like son

BEIJING, 20 July—A New York man has been charged with impersonating his dead mother so he could claim her financial benefits—for six years.

Thomas Prusik-Parkin, 49, allegedly wore a wig, thick make-up and old dresses as part of his elaborate ruse to claim $114,440 in social security benefits and rent subsidies.

Prosecutors, who described the alleged fraud as "unparalleled in its scope and brazenness" say it started when Prusik-Parkin's mother, Irene Prusik, died in 2003 aged 73.

Prusik-Parkin, who had lived with her, allegedly gave his mother's funeral director a false social security number and date of birth so her death did not show up on government records.

Dressed as his mother, he would then collect benefit checks, visit banks and even go to renew her driving license, said Brooklyn police.

He would be accompanied by an accomplice who posed as her nephew, and would help the "frail old lady" to walk and communicate with officials. "He's not Norman Bates. This guy is not stupid, this guy is very smart. His schemes were brilliant," said Charles Hynes, Brooklyn's district attorney.

Prusik-Parkin was arrested after prosecutors received a tip-off from the owner of the building where his mother lived and arranged to interview "Mrs Prusick."

He turned up "wearing a red cardigan, lipstick, manicured nails and breathing through an oxygen tank," say prosecutors. He was wearing a scarf to hide his Adam's apple but failed to conceal his "rather large hands."

Internet

A man hangs a no-smoking sign at the Karum shopping mall in Ankara, Turkey, on 16 July, 2009. Turkey's government is setting up a 4,500-strong team to help enforce an upcoming no-smoking ban in bars, restaurants and coffeehouses in this country of heavy smokers, a Health Ministry official said Thursday. On 19 July, a year-old ban on indoor public smoking will be widened to include bars, restaurants, and even smoky, hazy village coffeehouses and hookah bars, despite protests from owners who fear it will bring ruin to busi nesses already suffering from the effects of an economic crisis.— INTERNET

Turkey extends smoke ban to bars, restaurants

ANKARA, 20 July— Patrons of a usually smoke-filled hookah bar stepped outside to light up Sunday as Turkey extended a ban on indoor public smoking to bars, restaurants and coffeehouses.

The ban in this nation of smokers came into effect at midnight Saturday despite protests from bar and coffeehouse owners who fear it will ruin businesses that have already been hit by the economic crisis.

"The country woke up this morning having carried out a cigarette revolution," an editorial in the newspaper *Radikal* read.

"Smokeless life has begun," was the headline on the Milliyet paper.

In Ankara's Sakarya street — famed for its fast food outlets, bars and beer halls — owners staged a brief protest saying many of the businesses there risked bankruptcy.

"We are good for the summer, as we can go outside, sit outside. But in winter it will be a problem," said Fatih Toprakkale, owner of Calcene hookah bar. "I am afraid that we may eventually have to close, which will be a shame as we employ about 15 people."

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamic-oriented government widened a ban that already covered offices, public transport and shopping malls to now include bars and restaurants, intent on reducing smoking rates and the effects of secondhand smoke. The government says the previous prohibitions on indoor smoking have already cut smoking rates by seven percent.

Internet

Russia still blue over moon landing 40 years later

MOSCOW, 20 July— When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the surface of the moon, it was a first for the Soviet Union — the first time the US had beaten the US SR in the space race.

Forty years later, the memory of that loss of primacy still seems to sting the Russian soul. When state TV channel Rossiya reported last week on the restoration of video footage of the Apollo 11 moon landing, the account gave a lot of attention to dubious conspiracy theories that the landing was faked.

"In the United States, more than anywhere else, they are sure of the believability of the steps on the moon," the report said, adding that Armstrong keeps a very low profile. "This also seems strange to many people."

For a dozen years before the 20 July, 1969, moon landing, Moscow racked up an extraordinary array of superlatives. It was the first to send a craft into orbit, with the Sputnik satellite in 1957. The first human to go into outer space was Russian Yuri Gagarin in 1961. Moscow sent the woman into space, Valentina Tereshkova in 1963; and Alexei Leonov was the first person to venture outside a spacecraft into the endless cosmos, in 1965.—*Internet*

South Africa tests AIDS vaccine

CAPE TOWN, 20 July— South Africa is launching clinical trials of the first AIDS vaccines created by a developing country, a feat by scientists who forged ahead even when some of their political leaders shocked the world with unscientific pronouncements about the disease.

Trials to test the safety in humans of the vaccines begin this month on 36 healthy volunteers, Anthony Mbewu, president of South Africa's government-supported Medical Research Council, said in an interview Sunday. Mbewu's respected organization shepherded the project.

A trial of 12 volunteers in the United States began earlier this year.

Mbewu said the vaccine was designed at the University of Cape Town with technical help from the US National Institutes of Health, which also manufactured the vaccine.

Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease and a leading AIDS researcher, was in South Africa for the launch.

During nearly 10 years of denial and neglect, South Africa developed a staggering AIDS crisis.

Internet

Miss Spain 2008 Patricia Yurena Rodriguez (L) holds the crown for Miss Coruna Estibaliz Pereira Rabade after Rabade won the Miss Spain 2009 beauty contest in the resort town of Cancun in Mexico's state of Quintana Roo on 19 July, 2009. The Miss Spain pageant is being held in Mexico to promote tourism in the country. — INTERNET

Moderate earthquake hits E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 July —A moderate earthquake with magnitude of 5.6 rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Monday morning, but there was no report of damage or casualty, the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. The quake struck at 10:37 Jakarta time (0337 GMT) with epicenter at 60 km southeast to Sumbawa island in West Nusa Tenggra Province and 21 km deep, an official of the agency Ali Imron told *Xinhua* by phone.—*Internet*

Egypt confirms first A/H1N1 flu death

CAIRO, 20 July —Egypt confirmed on Sunday the first influenza A/H1N1 death, according to the Ministry of Health.

The first death is an Egyptian woman, 28, who came back from Saudi Arabia after making Umrah (pilgrimage to Mecca at any time of the year) and she lives in el-Gharbiya Governorate, 80 km north of Cairo, Health Ministry spokesman Abdel Rahman Shahine said in a statement. Up till now, Egypt reported 127 cases of A/H1N1 flu, about 106 have recovered.

On 2 June, Egypt reported its first A/H1N1 flu case, a 12-year-old Egyptian-American girl coming from the United States via the Netherlands.

Egypt, the most populous Arab country hit hard by the fatal bird flu in 2006, decided in late April to cull all pigs in the country to stem the highly infectious flu A/H1N1.—*Internet*

Venezuela reports first death from A/H1N1 flu

CARACAS, 20 July —A Venezuelan baby girl has died from the A/H1N1 flu and it is the first such death in the country, Health Minister Jesus Mantilla told state broadcaster VTV Sunday.

The 11-year-old baby girl died Saturday and the authorities were conducting a thorough investigation into the death as the girl had neither any close relatives being infected with the epidemic nor any contact with foreigners, Mantilla said.

So far, Venezuela has reported 281 confirmed cases of the flu, 236 of whom have completely recovered, while 45 are either treated at hospital or quarantined at home.

The first case of the disease in the country was reported on 28 May.

Internet

SPORTS

Fergie backs Foster despite pre-season howler

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 July — Sir Alex Ferguson has reiterated his belief that young goalkeeper Ben Foster will one day be England's number one despite his schoolboy error in the opening match of their Asian tour.

Foster came on as a second-half substitute in their win over a Malaysian XI on Saturday but got off to the worst possible start when he failed to control a Darron Gibson backpass and Amri Yahyah pounced to score an equaliser.

Ferguson though had sympathy for the 26-year-old.

"That was Ben's first game for three or four months, he dislocated a finger ligament at the end of last season and we had to operate," he said.

Internet

England's young goalkeeper Ben Foster

Park to join Man Utd in Seoul

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 July—Park Ji-Sung will join his Manchester United teammates in Seoul later this week after his no-show in Malaysia on the first leg of their pre-season Asian tour, the club said.

The South Korean is an icon in his home country and has been crucial to United building a huge fan base there since his move to the club in 2005 from PSV Eindhoven.

Park Ji-Sung.

He missed a similar tour two years ago with a cruciate knee ligament injury and his failure to arrive with the rest of the squad in Kuala Lumpur last Friday raised fears that he may be injured again.

But the club has clarified that he was given a few extra days off due to his role in South Korea's international fixtures last month and will join the team on Wednesday ahead of their match with FC Seoul on Friday.

The 28-year-old is one of the few Asians to have made it big in England and Sir Alex Ferguson said he hoped the region would produce more top class players soon.

"There are very few Asian players currently making it in the Premier League and also across Europe. I hope to see more from Asia soon," he said, pointing to the Japanese and Korean leagues as having the best prospects.

United play a Malaysian XI later Monday in the second match of their tour, after beating the same Malaysian side 3-2 on Saturday.

The Jakarta leg was cancelled after bomb blasts in the Indonesian capital on Friday.—*Internet*

Ram backs up first title with opening win at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS, 20 July—Local tennis hero Rajeev Ram backed up the career-first title he won a week ago at Newport with a 6-3, 7-5 first-round victory Sunday over fellow wild card Devin Britton at the Indianapolis Championships.

Ram, now knocking on the door of the Top 100 in the men's tennis rankings at 108th, claimed the Newport crown in a shock ending to an event where he only entered the main draw after Mardy Fish withdrew to make an emergency appearance for the US Davis Cup team in Croatia.

The persistent 25-year-old from nearby Carmel, Indiana, began well at his home event, which he has played on six previous occasions, never moving past the third round (2005). Ram now awaits the winner of the first round match between fellow American Sam Querrey and France's Arnaud Clement on Monday.—*Internet*

Rajeev Ram.

Chardy battles to maiden title in Stuttgart

STUTTGART, 20 July—France's Jeremy Chardy rallied from a set down against fourth seed Victor Hanescu of Romania to claim his maiden title at the ATP tournament here on Sunday.

The 22-year-old former Wimbledon junior champion won through 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 to claim the 71,700 euro prize and become the first Frenchman to win in Stuttgart since Henri Leconte in 1984.

Hanescu took the first set with breaks in the second and sixth games.

In the second set, Chardy sealed a service break in the sixth game. But the Frenchman ran through the 31-minute set and rushed to a 4-0 lead in the third.

The Romanian fought back with breaks in a seven-minute sixth game, saving two break points in the next game to trail 3-4.

Hanescu was unable to convert two break point opportunities in the eighth game. Chardy sprang into life to clinch a fourth service break for victory in one hour and 49 minutes.—*Internet*

French Jeremy Chardy celebrates with champagne after winning the ATP Mercedes Cup 2009 tennis tournament final against Romanian Victor Hanescu in the southern German city of Stuttgart.

INTERNET

Cink finally has major; Garcia, Westwood must wait

TURNBERRY, 20 July—Stewart Cink finally broke a tiring Tom Watson at the British Open to find that elusive major title on his 50th attempt.

For Lee Westwood it stayed just out of reach in his 47th and Sergio Garcia got nowhere near in major No 41.

While Cink's one-sided playoff victory over five-time champion Watson stopped a fairy-tale ending at Turnberry, it meant he went home with the famous claret jug after a long wait for one of golf's top titles.

"How much I needed it I don't know," said Cink, whose first major was the 1996 US Open.—*Internet*

Stewart Cink of the US holds the trophy after winning a playoff following the final round of the British Open Golf championship, at the Turnberry golf course, Scotland, on 19 July, 2009.

INTERNET

Japanese driver wins 4th straight Pikes Peak climb

COLORADO SPRINGS, 20 July— Japan's Nobuhiro Tajima won his fourth consecutive Pikes Peak International Hill Climb on Sunday, but a loose track kept him from achieving his goal of breaking the 10-minute mark. Tajima finished with a time of 10:15.368 — a few seconds faster than his winning time from a year ago. But it was well short of the record of 10:01.408 he set in 2007.

A trio of European rally car champions were expected to challenge Tajima and the elusive 10-minute barrier at this years 87th running of the "Race to the Clouds," the nation's second-oldest race behind the Indianapolis 500. Two-time world rally champion Marcus Gronholm had engine trouble and finished second at 11:28.963. He finished the race with the right rear tire of his Ford Rallycross Fiesta in flames.

British rallycross champion Mark Rennison — who couldn't make a full practice run last week after his 1999 Ford RS200 blew — finished with a time of 12:11.56. Four-time Swedish rally champion Andreas Eriksson ran off the track and was unable to finish the race.—*Internet*

Costa Rica, Mexico reach Gold Cup semi-finals

DALLAS, 20 July—Alvaro Saborio scored twice to lead Costa Rica to a 5-1 victory over Guadeloupe and into a semi-finals showdown against Mexico in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Mexico advanced with a 4-0 victory over Haiti as the quarter-final doubleheader in the regional championship drew a capacity crowd to the new state-of-the-art home of the National Football League's Dallas Cowboys.

In the first match, Costa Rica jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first 16 minutes, with a goal from Celso Borges in the third minute and Saborio in the 16th.

Armando Alonso played a role in the first two goals, passing the ball to Borges, whose bicycle kick bounced once and landed just inside the goal of keeper Marius Fausta.

"It was a great pass by Alonso," Borges said. "I didn't think twice about it. I just let the play guide me."

Saborio extended the lead when he headed in a pass from Alonso.

Andy Herron's goal on an assist from Saborio in the 47th minute stretched Costa Rica's lead to 3-0.

Guadeloupe trimmed the deficit thanks to Alexander Alphonse's header in the 64th.

But another goal by Saborio in the 71st and Pablo Herrera's 89th-minute strike sealed the win for Costa Rica.

Mexico had two goals from Miguel Sabah, who also helped out on a third.

After Haiti's Jean Dominique Zephirin blocked Israel Castro's penalty attempt in the 23rd minute, Sabah ran into the ball bouncing his way and slotted it home.—*Internet*

A male snow leopard cub called Altai yawns, during his official presentation at the zoo in Berlin, Germany,on 10 July, 2009. Altai was born on 25 Apirl, 2009.—INTERNET

"Angela's Ashes" author Frank McCourt dies at 78

NEW YORK, 20 July— Frank McCourt, the Irish American author best known for the Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir "Angela's Ashes" that chronicled his impoverished upbringing, died on Sunday, *The New York Times* reported. He was 78.

The newspaper said the cause was metastatic melanoma, according to an executive of Scribner, the author's publisher. A school teacher who came to writing late in life, McCourt won acclaim with his poignant, extraordinarily bleak picture of a childhood growing up in the slums of the Irish city Limerick.

"Angela's Ashes" brought McCourt a 1997 Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award and other honors. Millions of copies of the book were sold worldwide and it was adapted into a 1999 movie starring Emily Watson and Robert Carlyle.

McCourt turned to his life in the United States for subsequent books, "'Tis" and "Teacher Man." Born in New York City, he was the eldest of seven children born to Irish immigrant parents.—*MNA/Reuters*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(21-7-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Let's Make.....Fresh Instant Mohinga
* The Secret Jewel of the Andaman Sea
* Travelogue (Inlay)
* Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Alms-Food (Soon)
* Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
* Kyaing Tong: Town in the beautiful Valley
* Myanma Endeavours Towards Water Resources Management (Part-II)
* A World-class recreation Centre
* Pleasurable Myanma Marionette Show
* The Wonderful Peikchin Ravine
* Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
* Goodbye! And have a safe journey back home
* The Secret Jewel of the Andaman Sea
* Travelogue (Inlay)
* Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
* Mind.....the essence of Love!
* Magic of Cotton Blanket
* Welcome to Yenangyang
* Woods Finishing Industry
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 21 July
View on today

7:00 am
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7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am
5. မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)

8:05 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:20 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:40 am
8. International News

8:45 am
9. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am
10. ဘဒ္ဒန္တကုမာလဇောတိ(အဘိဓဇ မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု)ဇောတိကာရုံပါ ဦတက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ပြည်မြို့၊ပဲခူးတိုင်း၊အနောက်ပိုင်း) ထံမှနဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm
3. The Mirror Image of of Oldies

4:25 pm
4. Dance of National Races

4:35 pm
5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာနပဉ္စမအကြိမ်ဓမ္မာစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု) (အထက-၁ မှော်ဘီ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွက်အဖွဲ့)

4:55 pm
6. အဇေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

5:10 pm
7. Songs for Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm
8. "ငွေကြေးကိစ္စမှန်သမျှ ဘဏ်ကိုသာအားကိုးကြ"

5:40 pm
9. Musical Programme

5:50 pm
10. ဦးခိုက်ဖူးမျှော် ရွှေမော်ဓောစေတီတော်

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:30 pm
12. Weather Report

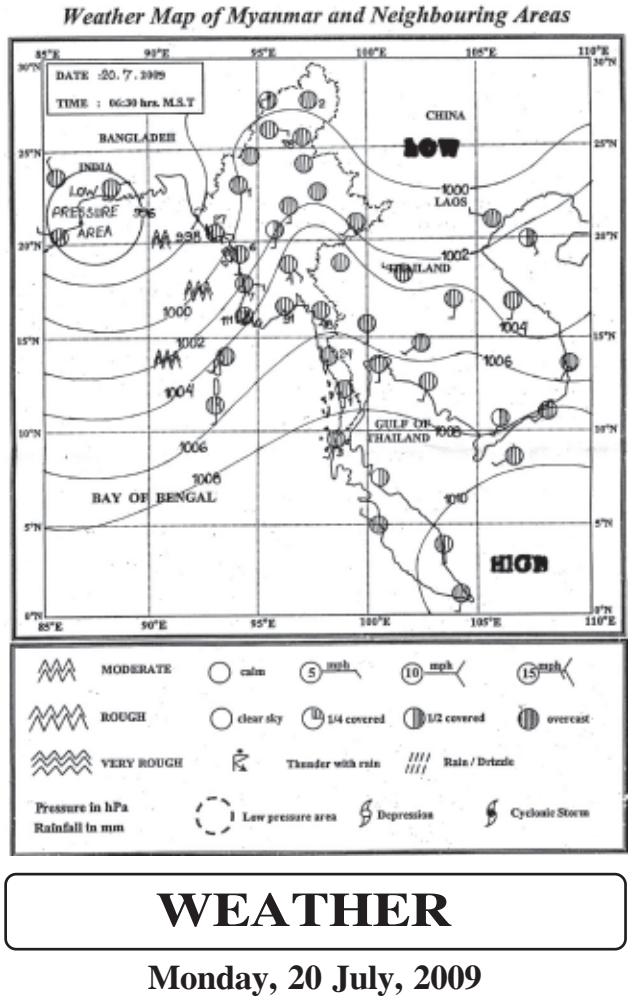
6:35 pm
13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm
14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:20 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"သမက်အလို ရှိသည်"** (အပိုင်း-၂၄) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"မေ့မတွာ"** (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 20 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayin States and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mon State and Ayeyarwady Division, isolated heavyfall in Kachin State and Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (6.07) inches, Phyarpon (4.72) inches, Pathein (4.37) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.35) inches, Maubin (3.19) inches, and Myitkyina (3.07) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-7-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 20-7-2009 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 19-7-2009 was (0.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-7-2009 was (2.91) inches at Mingaladon, (3.58) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.08) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (56.30) inches at Mingaladon, (60.63) inches at Kaba-Aye and (62.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 19-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure areas over Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is moderate to strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 21th July 2009: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Low pressure in Bay of Bengal becomes tropical storm

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — The low pressure in north-west of Bay of Bengal gaining strength and became a tropical storm, according to the observation at 2:00 pm MST. It is now centered at the sea 120 miles south-southeast of Kolkata, India. It is moving west-northwest and it is forecast to pass between Orisa State and West Bengal beach of India and to enter into land within 12 hours.—*MNA*

Kachin State must become the fourth largest paddy producer in Myanmar

Summer paddy farming proves successful in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State.

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Since assuming its charge of State duties, the Tatmadaw government has given top priority to national reconsolidation. After peace and stability had been restored, it expedited nation-building tasks for development of border areas.

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The most important thing for our country is peace. Whatever party wins and forms a government, what is the most important is that the government is capable enough to maintain peace, stability and security. The people of us can work for national development only if peace and security are maintained.

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Talks on New Influenza A(H1N1) to be held

YANGON, 20 July— Organized by Myanmar Medical Association, talks on New Influenza A(H1N1) will be held at the Auditoriun-A of MMA on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here at 2 pm on 24 July.

Interested doctors may attend the talks.—*MNA*