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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Egypt

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Hosny Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt which falls on 23 July 2009.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Egyptian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Nazif, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt which falls on 23 July 2009. —MNA

Bus lines in Thandwe Township for regional development

Article and Photos: Singu Soe Win



Photo shows a building of Myittawady Home for the Aged in Thandwe.

Recently, I made a trip to Thandwe.

A total of 16 townships are situated on 360 miles long Rakhine coastal strip. With the assistance of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council, I had visited various townships of Rakhine State by boat, by land and by air.

As I planned to visit Gwa, I arranged my trip

to Gwa via Thandwe.

At the highway bus terminal in Taungup at 5 am, Secretary of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Chit Mya and Ko Thant Zin of Township Transport Planning Department met me. Thanks to their assistance, I had a seat in an

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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

Combating iron deficiency: rice with six times more iron than polished rice kernels developed

SCIENCE DAILY, 22 July—According to the World Health Organization, approximately two billion people suffer from iron deficiency. They tire easily, experience problems in metabolizing harmful substances in their bodies and eventually suffer from anemia. Women and children are particularly affected in developing countries, where rice is the major staple food. Peeled rice, also called polished rice, does not have enough iron to satisfy the daily requirement, even if consumed in large quantities. For many people, a balanced diet or iron supplements are often unaffordable.

Rice actually has a lot of iron, but only in the seed coat. Because unpeeled rice quickly becomes rancid in tropical and subtropical climates, however, the seed coat—along with the precious iron—has to be removed for storage.

Internet



PERSPECTIVES

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Open more libraries for emergence of qualified human resources

The government of Myanmar is fulfilling the requirements of the health, education, transport and economic sectors for rural development.

As seventy per cent of the nation's population live in rural areas, five rural development tasks are being carried out for parallel development of rural and urban areas.

In doing so, self-reliance rural libraries are being opened in order to help rural people broaden the scope of their knowledge. Rural people will acquire a reading habit due to the opening of rural libraries in various states and divisions.

Human resources development is essential to establishment of a modern and developed nation and, therefore, constant efforts will have to be made for emergence of qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Nowadays, new basic education schools and affiliated schools are being built. As a result, the number of rural youths who have access to basic education has been on the increase.

If rural people enjoy higher living standard, their way of thinking will improve. Then, they will be able to differentiate between right and wrong and work together with the government in building a peaceful and developed democratic nation.

We believe that rural people will become well-read and well-informed and qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia will emerge if more and more libraries are opened across the nation.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun Townships get new tarred roads

YANGON, 22 July — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Bo Bahtoo tarred road built by Bogale Township Development Affairs Committee in Bogale, Ayeyawady Division on 20 July and inspected the new road.

The 1985 feet long and

12 feet wide new road can contribute to better transportation of local people and smooth flow of commodity.

The minister also attended the opening of 1200 feet long and 12 feet wide Saw Hla Baw and 938 feet long and 16 feet wide Yamonna tarred roads built by Mawlamyinegyun Township DAC yesterday.



Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of Bo Bahtoo tarred road in Bogale.

PBANRDA

Foreign Minister felicitates Egyptian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—On the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt.—MNA

Next, the minister met with local people at Maw Ayeya Hall in Mawlamyinegyun.

Then the minister

attended the coordination meeting for development of Maubin Township at the office of Maubin Township DAC. — MNA



Workshop on National Level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Myanmar opens

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July —Organized by Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry, UNEP and Global Environment Facility (GEF), the opening of Workshop on National Level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Myanmar took place at the auditorium of Forest Research here this morning.

Director-General U San Lwin of Forest Department made an opening address and UNEP Deputy Resident Representative Mr. Min Htun Yin spoke on the occasion.

It was also attended by the rector, deputy directors-general, the pro rector, and directors of University of Forestry and enterprises and departments under the

Ministry of Forestry and representatives of the relevant ministries including Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, UNEP and GEF and NGOs, experts and guests.

Next Director U Tin

Tun of Environment and Wildlife Conservation Branch of forest Department gave accounts of the workshop.

A total of 51 experts attended the workshop and read out nine papers at the workshop that will be held up to 23 July.—MNA

Silver Star Youth Efficiency Course commences

YANGON, 22 July—The Silver Star Youth Efficiency Course was opened at the hall of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (Head Office) at 37/G on Kyundaw Street in Kamayut Township on 20 July.

A total of 40 trainees including national races are attending the one-month course.

The course focuses on declining danger of drug abuse. Scholars and specialists will lecturer on literature, music, painting, psychology and tranquility in mind.

At the opening ceremony, Chairman of the association U San Thein (retired ambassador) and Vice-Chairperson Sayamagyi Daw Tin Tin made speeches.—MNA



Director-General U San Lwin of Forest Department addresses opening of workshop on National level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Myanmar. FORESTRY



18 dead in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 22 July — Bombs killed at least 18 people and wounded dozens in Iraq on Tuesday in a sign that insurgents, though weakened, remain intent on destabilizing a country that is struggling to consolidate US-backed security gains.

Children, shoppers and men looking for a day's work were among the dead in attacks in Baghdad, Ramadi and Baqouba, cities that saw some of the most intense fighting of Iraq's long war but have since experienced sharp drops in violence. American combat troops completed a pullout from urban areas on 30 June, and Iraqi forces now take the lead in securing the cities.

The violence came as Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki traveled to Washington for a meeting Wednesday with President Obama, who plans to withdraw all American soldiers from Iraq by the end of 2011 and is shifting military resources to the war in Afghanistan.

Internet

Market catches fire devours to ashes in Afghan capital

KABUL, 22 July — A timber market caught fire in the Afghan capital Kabul early Wednesday causing huge damage to the shopkeepers.

The incident, according to the shop owners occurred at 03:00 am local time and devoured dozens of shops. "Goods over 2 million US dollars have turned to ashes," a shopkeeper Hajji Ghulam Ali told *Xinhua*, adding that inside the market there were several shops of liquid gas and oxygen.

No one knows the exact reason for the incident at the moment but some shopkeepers believed that shot circuit caused the disaster.

Internet



A woman reacts near the ruins from Tuesday's bomb attack in Baghdad's Husseinia district on 22 July, 2009. In Husseinia, just north of Baghdad, a series of blasts in a popular market killed five people and wounded 28 on Tuesday, police said.—INTERNET



A resident stands at the site of a car bomb attack in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad on 21 July, 2009. A suicide bomber in a moving car and a bomb in a parked car killed three civilians and wounded 13 others when they detonated near simultaneously near a group of restaurants in northern Ramadi, police said. Another police source said only one person was killed and 18 wounded.—INTERNET

Eight killed in battle in Afghanistan's east

KHOST, 22 July — At least eight people were killed when Taliban guerrillas, including waves of suicide bombers, attacked government buildings in a town in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday, residents and officials said.

The Taliban, leading a growing insurgency against the Western-backed government and seeking to drive foreign forces out of Afghanistan, claimed responsibility for the assault.

It said 15 suicide bombers were involved in the attacks on government buildings in Gardez, capital of eastern Paktia Province.

Two provincial officials in Gardez said at least five members of the Afghan security forces and three Taliban fighters

had been killed as gunbattles raged in the town. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least two of the suicide bombers were dressed in traditional head-to-toe burqas worn by many Afghan women, said an Afghan source working for a foreign aid agency.

Captain Elizabeth Mathias, a US military spokeswoman, said suicide attacks had been reported against the governor's compound in Gardez, the police headquarters and the National Directorate of Security offices. The complex attack resembled other recent assaults by the Taliban in eastern Nuristan, Paktika Province and even the capital, Kabul, and elsewhere—*Internet*

A wounded man is treated after a double bombing in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 July, 2009. Police and hospital officials say two bombs exploded a few seconds apart on Tuesday morning near a group of day labourers.

INTERNET



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

KABUL, 22 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 8167 Afghan people were killed and 16,811 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 21 July.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	8167
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	16,811

Internet

NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 22 July— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 21 July reached 697,991 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,256,905, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	697,991
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,256,905

Internet



A man with bloodied clothes stands at the site of suicide attacks in Gardez southeast of Kabul on 21 July, 2009. At least eight people were killed when Taliban guerrillas, including waves of suicide bombers, attacked government buildings in a town in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, residents and officials said.

INTERNET

Millions in US can't afford health insurance

LOS ANGELES, 22 July —Millions in the United States can't afford health insurance as employer-based coverage is not an option, a new survey finds.

Most people in the United States who try to buy an individual health insurance policy on their own never end up getting coverage, often because the premiums are just too expensive, according to the study published by

Health Day News on Tuesday.

Roughly three of every four people who tried to buy a policy from the individual health insurance market in the past three years didn't get one, said the study by the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that supports independent research on health policy reform.

The study cited premium cost as the main

reason. About 57 percent of the people surveyed said it was very hard or even impossible to find coverage they could afford, while about 47 percent said it was difficult or impossible to find a plan with the coverage they needed, and 36 percent reported being charged more or denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition or having the condition excluded from their coverage.—*Internet*



Investigators inspect the Kfir fighter plane crash site at an airport in Cartagena, Colombia, on 20 July, 2009. Two pilots aboard the plane survived the accident Monday.—XINHUA

Forest fire in Spain kills four firemen

MADRID, 22 July—A forest fire in northeastern Spain has killed at least four firemen and severely injured two others, local government said on Tuesday.

The fire, starting Monday in a natural park in Horta de Sant Joan, Tarragona, had been seemingly under control on early Tuesday, said the local government in a statement. However, it said, a change of wind direction later on Tuesday rapidly spread the flame and trapped the firemen. The two injured were being treated at Barcelona's Hospital Del

Valle.

So far, the fire has destroyed 800 hectares of land, half of which belongs to the natural park of Ports.

Both Defence Minister Carme Chacon and Environment Minister Elena Espinosa on Tuesday warned against trips to this region and delivered the government's condolences towards the victims.—*Internet*



Firefighters take cover as a plane drops water on a fire burning in the Cerro del Castillo hill, near the town of Collado Mediado, northeast of Madrid, which forced the evacuation of some 2,000 people, the mayor of the town, Maria Rubio, told news radio Cadena Ser.—INTERNET

Venezuela warns Colombia against US military bases

CARACAS, 22 July — Venezuela will review its diplomatic ties with Colombia if the country authorizes the installation of US military bases close to Venezuelan border, President Hugo Chavez said on Tuesday.

Chavez said on local TV channel Venezolana de Television that the US military bases on Colombia's border with Venezuela represent a threat to his country.

Chavez said he has given order to Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro to review the diplomatic ties with the Colombian government.

Colombia is opening its doors "to those who constantly attack us and to those who are getting ready new attacks against us," he said.

—*Internet*

NY, NJ immigration raids violated rights

NEW YORK, 22 July—Immigration agents raiding homes for suspected illegal immigrants violated the US Constitution by entering without proper consent and may have used racial profiling, a report analyzing arrest records found.

Latinos made up a disproportionate number of the people arrested who were not the stated targets of the raids, and many of their arrest reports gave no basis for

why they were initially seized, said the report, which was based on data from raids in New York and New Jersey.

The Immigration Justice Clinic at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N Cardozo School of Law analyzed home raid arrest records from Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices in Long Island and throughout New Jersey. The clinic, founded last year, represents indigent immigrants facing depor-

tation.

Its report, released on Wednesday, said that since ICE agents use administrative warrants — instead of judicial warrants, which give law enforcement unfettered access — they must have a resident's consent to enter a home or else violate the constitutional right to protection against unreasonable searches.

—*Internet*

Ozone-boosting reaction discovered

IRVINE, 22 July—Chemicals pumped into the air by fossil fuels create smog-forming chlorine atoms that boost ozone levels, researchers in California said.

Under extreme circumstances, the chemicals could account for nearly half of California's state-set limits on outdoor air pollution, scientists at the University of California, Irvine, said on Monday in a release.

"We should be monitoring it and incorporating it into atmospheric models," chemistry professor Barbara Finlayson-Pitts said. "We still don't really understand important elements of the atmosphere's chemistry."

—*Internet*

Tourists play the game of tug-of-war by pulling the drum with local youngsters of Miao ethnic group at the Yupu Village, in Rongshui Miao Autonomous County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 20 July, 2009.

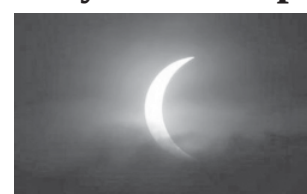
—XINHUA



Longest 21st century solar eclipse wows millions

VARANASI, 22 July—A total solar eclipse began its flight on Wednesday across a narrow swathe of Asia, where hundreds of millions of people watched the skies darken despite thick summer clouds.

The longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century was visible along a roughly 250 km-wide (155 miles) corridor, according to the US space agency NASA, as it traveled half the globe and



The moon passes between the sun and the earth amid monsoon clouds during a solar eclipse in New Delhi on 22 July, 2009.

—INTERNET

passed through the world's two most populous nations, India and China.

Thousands of people snaked through the narrow lanes of the ancient Hindu holy city of Varanasi and gathered for a dip in the Ganges, an act considered as leading to salvation from the cycle of life and death.

Amid chanting of Hindu hymns, men, women and children waded into the river with folded hands and prayed to the sun as it emerged in an overcast sky.

—*Internet*



Malaysia set to use nuclear energy by 2025

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 July—Malaysia was set to use alternative energy from nuclear power by 2025 as it was a cheaper source of power in the long run, according to a local newspaper on Wednesday.

The New Straits Times quoted Malaysian Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Fadillah Yusof as saying that initial costs of building nuclear plants may be one billion US dollars to

3 billion US dollars for a 1,000 megawatt capacity, twice the amount for building a coal-fired plant in the country.

Malaysia currently generates electricity mainly from coal, oil, gas and hydro Fadillah said that nuclear energy was a cheaper and environmental-friendly source of power with no pollutant produced in the long run.

He said that the nuclear power would produce hydrogen that can be used

and it would only produce waste after 20 years of usage.

He said that advantages of using nuclear energy included in hospitals for Computerized Tomography or CT scans and in food technology, adding that some countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) such as Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam would also opt to develop nuclear power.

Xinhua



Chinese and Russian armed forces on Wednesday began a five-day joint military drill, aimed at training their troops' capability in fighting against terrorism.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Apple posts best non-holiday quarterly sales, profit

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 July—Apple Inc on Tuesday reported record non-holiday quarterly sales and profit which were driven by strong demand for its iPhone.

In Apple's fiscal third quarter which ended on 27 June, the company's profit jumped to 1.23 billion US dollars or 1.35 dollars per share, compared with 1.07 billion dollars or 1.19 dollars per share in the same period a year earlier.

Its revenue rose to 8.34 billion dollars, up nearly 12 percent from 7.46 billion dollars in the year-ago quarter. Numbers of profit and revenue both beat expectations. According to a Bloomberg survey, analysts on average predicted profit of 1.17 dollars per share on sales of 8.21 billion dollars.

"We're making our most innovative products ever and our customers are responding," Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

Jobs returned to work at the end of June after a nearly six-month medical leave, during which he received a liver transplant.—*Xinhua*

China's largest free trade zone operator to inject realty assets tolsted arm

BEIJING, 22 July—Shanghai Waigaoqiao Group, China's largest free trade zone operator owned by the Shanghai municipal government, will inject its remaining real estate assets into its publicly traded unit, the Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone Development Co, reported Wednesday's *China Daily*.

The move follows the restructuring in June 2008 when the Shanghai-listed unit acquired a string of assets, including properties and logistics services, for 4.47 billion yuan (638.6 million US dollars) from three other group affiliates in a shareswap.

These assets constituted a major share of Waigaoqiao Group's core businesses and accounted for 82 percent of the company's total income.—*Xinhua*

German national debt to reach \$2.4 trillion in 2009

BERLIN, 22 July—Germany's national debt will reach 1.7 trillion euros (2.4 trillion US dollars) by the end of 2009, the German government said Tuesday.

The per-capita debt for Germany's 82 million citizens will reach 20,773 euros (29.549 dollars) by the end of this year, up from 19,240 euros (27.368 dollars) in 2008, said Carl-Ludwig Thiele, an opposition liberal politician. People born between 1980 and 2000 will be hardest hit by the 1.7-trillion-euro overdraft, according to a Hamburg Institute of International Economics study.—*Xinhua*

One soldier killed in landmine blast in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 22 July—One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed in a landmine blast in southeastern Turkey, said the Turkish military on Tuesday.

The General Staff of Turkish Armed Forces said in a statement that the mine, planted by the banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), exploded in Kupeli mountainous region of Sirnak province, leaving one Turkish soldier dead.

The security forces conduct frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and southeastern Turkey.—*Xinhua*



Visitors leave China's sole five-star solar power hotel, Electric Valley Jinjiang International Hotel, in Baoding City, Hebei Province on 24 June, 2009. The state-of-the-art hotel is completely powered by solar power, with one side of the building comprising one massive solar panel.—INTERNET

Petroecuador seeks fund to take over Perenco's oil production

QUITO, 22 July—The Ecuadorian state-owned oil company Petroecuador said on Tuesday that it seeks financing support to keep the production in oil field previously operated by the French exploiter Perenco.

The French oil company abandoned its facilities in the Andean country due to the embargo imposed by the Ecuadorian government after a

dispute over taxes.

Petroecuador requested the Ecuadorian Finance Ministry for a budget of 10 million US dollars to keep the operations.

Petroamazonas, a unit of Petroecuador, offered technical and economic aid to impede a reduction on the production of Perenco wells.

Despite Perenco's disagreement, the Ecuadorian government accused the

oil explorer of tax evasion for 327 million dollars as demanded by a local law on extraordinary profits.

Perenco sued Ecuador for applying such law, but the local government insisted on seizing 327 million-dollar-worth oil from the coproduction by Perenco and its partner Burlington Resources Oriente Ltd, as payment for back taxes.

Xinhua



Chinese armed police officers and local people clear mud left by a flood on a road on 21 July, 2009 after a heavy rainstorm hit Maqu County in northwest China's Gansu Province, killing at least five people.—XINHUA



Rescue workers try to search for missing persons where was in the path of a mudslide, in Hofu, about 770 km (478 miles) west of Tokyo, on 22 July, 2009. INTERNET

Chilean President says copper price rise signal of economy recovery

SANTIAGO, 22 July—Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said Tuesday that the price rise of the international copper is a clear signal that the world economy is recovering.

“The copper reached on Monday 2.5 US dollars per pound. We have better figures and this is a very clear signal that the better times start coming for the world economy, which is seen in the demand’s recovering,” Bachelet said during a visit to a factory of construction articles.

Copper reached on Monday its highest price, 2.45 dollars per pound, since October 2008, according to the Bourse of Metals in London.

Chile, where the copper mining is a leading industry and a mainstay of its exports, has been strongly affected by the copper price depreciation due to the global economic crisis.—*Internet*

Argentina said falling into deep recession

BUENOS AIRES, 22 July— Argentina may be slipping into a deep and prolonged recession, despite government efforts suggesting slow growth, a private-sector analysis finds.

The large South American country, which usually has Latin America’s second-highest human development index and gross domestic product, will contract into 2 percent to 3 percent negative economic growth this year, the analysis for the *Financial Times* found.

The negative-growth forecast contrasts sharply with official figures, which predicted 1.88 percent annual growth for May. “The government will continue to report positive year-on-year growth ... but there’s broad consensus that Argentina is currently going through an acute downturn,” David Duarte, Latin American economist with the New York market analysis firm 4Cast, told the *Times*.—*Internet*

LG Electronics posts record Q2 earnings

SEOUL, 22 July—South Korea’s LG Electronics on Wednesday reported a record quarterly net profit, boosted by brisk sales of flat panel televisions and mobile phones.

Second-quarter net profit surged 62 percent from a year earlier to 1.15 trillion won (920 million dollars) from 707 billion.

LG, the world’s third largest mobile phone maker, had reported a loss of 197.6 billion won in

January-March.

Sales on a global basis, which includes overseas units, jumped 13.8 percent year-on-year to 14.5 trillion won. Operating profit rose 32 percent to 1.13 trillion won. On a parent basis the company recorded sales of 8.47 trillion won and an operating profit of 714 billion won. LG posted 285.7 billion won in foreign exchange gains in the second quarter thanks to the won’s ap-

preciation against the dollar. Handset shipments rose 7.8 percent from a year earlier to 29.82 million.

“Profitability improved with a product mix centred on new model launches and solid growth from existing mid- to high-tier handsets,” it said in a statement

Shipments of flat panel TVs rose 45 percent year-on-year to 4.28 million.

Internet.

China to spend reserves to grow overseas

BEIJING, 22 July—Beijing will use its central bank’s international reserves, No 1 in the world, to accelerate Chinese business expansion overseas, the country’s premier said. “We should hasten the implementation of our ‘going out’ strategy and combine the utilization of foreign exchange reserves with the ‘going out’ of our enterprises,” Wen Jiabao told Chinese diplomats.

Wen said Beijing also wanted Chinese companies to increase China’s share of global exports, *The Financial Times* reported.

The “going out” strategy is a catchphrase for encouraging investment and acquisitions abroad, particularly by big state-owned industrial groups such as PetroChina Co, owned by China’s biggest oil producer; Aluminum Corporation of China Ltd, the country’s largest aluminum producer; China Telecom Corp, its largest fixed-line and mobile-phone provider; and Bank of China Ltd, one of China’s big four commercial banks.—*Internet*

Australia investigates mysterious penguin killings

The first battered bodies were found on a small Australian beach, the white sand around them stained crimson with their blood.

A few days later, the killer struck again — this time on the nearby cliffs overlooking Sydney Harbor.

The cluster of victims were covered in bite marks, their tiny tummies slashed open.

Through blood-spatter evidence and DNA testing, a profile of the killer began to emerge: Stealthy. Fast. Furry.

What is killing the little penguins in Sydney’s beachside suburb of Manly? A fox? A dog? Both?

The investigation so far has yielded some clues.

Officials can almost certainly rule out humans; the bite marks and blood patterns point to foxes, which often

hold prey in their mouths and prance around shaking it, said Sally Barnes, head of the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service.



In this photo provided by cakes.com, pastry chef Jodi Lee Knops celebrates setting the Guinness record for the world’s largest cupcake at Mall of America in Minneapolis. It weighed in at nearly 151 pounds, including 15 pounds of fudge filling and 60 pounds of yellow icing. It was one foot tall and two feet wide.

Police: Conmen switched potatoes for iPods

German authorities said a British man has been arrested for allegedly conning people into buying potatoes disguised as iPods and other electronics.

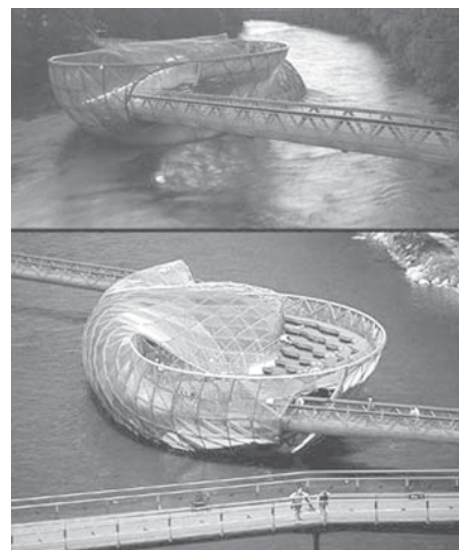
Investigators said the man and a second suspect, a 20-year-old British man whom police are searching for, pretended to be down-on-their-luck tourists selling second-hand iPods, laptop computers and camera equipment but would switch the bags after purchases were made so the victims walked off with sacks of potatoes instead of the electronics, *The Sun* reported. “We cannot give out names or any other information to the case for privacy laws. The case is already with the state prosecution because the suspect is in custody and facing charges,” said Juliane Kahr, a Hildesheim police spokeswoman. “We have identified 26 cases where we believe the British suspects were involved in. We are appealing for anyone else that may have been conned to come forward.”

NEWS ALBUM

NY man finds valuable Mexican artifacts in barrel

One man’s trash is definitely another man’s treasure. A Queens man hired to remove material from a deceased artist’s estate has found artifacts worth thousands of dollars in a discarded barrel.

Nick Dimola was hired in 2004 to take away unwanted material from the home and work spaces of artist Clinton Hill. Hill died in 2003. Among the material put out as trash was a cardboard barrel. DiMola removed it, and stored it in a warehouse for several years.



Palestinian bakers prepare a giant Kunafa, a favorite local sweet, during an event in the West Bank city of Nablus, on 18 July, 2009. Palestinian bakers made an extra-large version of the local specialty, hoping to set a record and restore this former militant stronghold’s reputation at the West Bank’s economic hub. Their kunafa, a mix of vermicelli, syrup and cheese, weighed 1,765 kilos (3,891 lbs) and was 74 metres (243 feet) long, with the measurements being certified by the Palestinian Standards Institute, and organizers say they’ll submit the results to the Guinness Book of World Records.

The bridge over the Moore River was designed by Vito Acconci from New York in order to celebrate “Graz 2003: Culture Capital of Europe.” The bridge connects artificial islands composed of various merging shells.

Bus lines in Thandwe Township for regional development

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express bus together with TV Technician-3 U Aye Chan Sein of Information and Public Relations Department. We left Taungup and arrived at Thandwe at 9 am.

At the Yeiktha in Thandwe, Secretary of Thandwe Township Peace and Development Council U Thant Zin Tun introduced me to Chairman of Thandwe Township All Bus-line Control Committee U Tun Thant Kyaw (a) U Kyaw Kyaw.

The office of the committee is located near the Thandwe Bridge at the entrance to Thandwe.

When we arrived in Thandwe, the Thandwe Township All Bus-line Control Committee donated cash to the funds for construction of Township Gymnasium that will cost K 110 million. Vice-Chairman of the committee U Pho Ni Lone and executives welcomed us and explained the transport services being controlled by the committee.



U Tun Thant Kyaw, Chairman of Thandwe Township All Bus-line Control Committee.

A total of 235 buses, trucks and three-wheel cycles centring at Thandwe are plying their routes inside and outside the town daily.

Chairman of the committee U Tun Thant Kyaw said, "Except bus lines No. 5 and No. 6, seven bus lines in the township are plying the respective routes. A total of 21 executives for seven bus lines were selected through the secret voting system. All were pleased with selection of the executives and the whole executive committee is working together in unity."

Thandwe Town-

ship is formed with seven wards and six village-tracts. The Township All Bus-line Control Committee manages the runs of bus lines to 252 villages. In the past, the local people relied on the air transportation. Now, they have easy access to various regions including the 325-mile Thandwe-Yangon route. Ye Aunglan, Aung Thitsa and Dwarawady express buses transport passengers K 10,000 per head.

Light buses centering at Thandwe Market are also plying the 10-mile Thandwe-Ngapali-Gyeikta-Lontha route charging K 400 per passenger, the 27-mile Thandwe-Meyoebay route with K 1200 per head, the 45-mile Thandwe-Taungup route for K 1800 per passenger and the 25-mile Thandwe-Phayamaw-Hydropower Thahtaychaung route for K 1500 per head.

The bus fares for the 6-mile Thandwe-Kinmaw is K 300 per passenger, the 18-mile Thandwe-Myinsaingmaw

K 500, the 80-mile Thandwe-Gwa K 3600, the 20-mile Thandwe-Kyaukkyi K 800, the 27-mile Thandwe-Pazunphyay K 1200, the 40-mile Thandwe-Kyeintali K 1800, the 47-mile Thandwe-Yadanamyang K 2000 and the 60-mile Thandwe-Hsatthwa K 2400. A total

The executives supervise their respective bus lines for the convenience of the passengers. In collaboration with the local authorities, the committee maintains some inter-village motor roads. All the buses donated K 30,000 per month to the funds for maintenance of the roads. In addition, the

tion Committee U Tin Lay to Myittawady Home for the Aged of Thandwe.

We observed that the home accommodates 13 male and 25 female aged persons by providing health care services. A total of 15 buildings of the home are located on 4.25 acres of land. The



Township All Bus-line Control Committee donates K 2 million to the funds for construction of Thandwe Township Gymnasium.

of 52 three-wheel cycles are also run in the urban area.

Secretary of the committee U Tun Tun Naing explained that the Township All Bus-line Control Committee has five office staff. The staff are being provided with salaries between K 30,000 and K 45,000. If the passengers make complaints on the drivers and bus conductors, action is taken against the offenders. The executives together with traffic police give educative knowledge on traffic rules to the passengers and bus workers thrice a month for bringing down the traffic accidents.

Under the supervision of the committee, the skillful mechanics inspect the buses and carry out maintenance tasks. The committee issued the identity cards to the bus drivers and conductors.

committee spent K 2.7 million on holding the Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival.

Without taking the cash assistance, the executive committee of the Township All Bus-line Control Committee is focusing on the township development tasks, the convenience of passengers, creating unity among the bus owners, drivers and conductors. Moreover, the better transport reflects the regional development in the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

The news crew took documentary photos on K 2 million donation of the Township All Bus-line Control Committee to the funds for construction of the township gymnasium.

Afterwards, we accompanied Chairman of Gymnasium Construc-

home deposited K 11 million as the trust fund and K 4 million to be spent on the meals at the bank. The home supervisory committee and staff are serving meals — K 5000 for breakfast and K 15,000 each for lunch and dinner—to the aged daily.

We learned that those wishing to donate cash to the funds for meals may contact the home, Telephones 043-65069, 65420, 43200 and 65149. During the visit to Thandwe, we had an opportunity to observe the progress of public welfare tasks, generous cash donations and successful functioning of the Township All Bus-line Control Committee.

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Members of Bus-line Control Committee and traffic police inspect buses for bringing down traffic accidents.

Wipe out anti-public desire elements (1)

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It is common knowledge that the entire people are in favour of democracy, so that it is more democratic in line with the law, in place of the one-party system. Besides, they are in support of the market-oriented economic system, by which they can work widely to ensure greater development of the nation as well as better socio-economic life of each individual and family. Therefore, the government is working hard practicing the market economy to improve the socio-economic life of the people in compliance with public desire. As a result, the nation has enjoyed development to a certain degree, which is tangible to everyone.

Simultaneously, the government is trying its utmost to complete the seven-step Road Map, grappling with a large variety of hindrances, disruptions and challenges against democratic transition. So far, it has realized several democratization proceedings such as convening the National Convention, formulating and drafting the State constitution, and approving the draft constitution through the referendum.

The government held the referendum in accordance with the international level referendum law and bye-laws. Likewise, it formed commissions at all levels ranging from the central level to the grassroots level to supervise the proceedings for ensuring a free and fair one. Moreover, it published books on State constitution, election law and bye-laws in time for public knowledge.

On the days in which the referendum was in progress, foreign diplomats and representatives from UN agencies were sent to various regions for their first-hand knowledge of the proceedings in which local people were casting their votes of their own accord. The government made arrangements both for pro- and for anti-constitution people to cast votes freely. So, apparently, the referendum to approve the constitution was held fairly.

In the referendum, 92.48 per cent of the voters favoured the State constitution, so the constitution has had the mandate to go on.

That means the **people are in favour of the constitution and they place trust and reliance on the government. In the 1974 referendum, the constitution won only 90.17 percent of votes although the party cells of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party had been set up firmly and the people were organized at national level. The percentage at that time should have been higher than this time. Despite internal and external elements organizing and putting pressure on the people, the percentage of the votes in favour was 92.48, higher than that in 1974. So, it is crystal clear that the people are really in favour of and they accept the constitution.**

To implement the seven-step Road Map, while carrying out tasks for national development without sacrificing State stability and community peace is the correct political trend as well as the most appropriate and the safest way to achieve the goal of democracy.

The people's massive support for the constitution is largely due to the fact that the people are in recognition of the government's efforts to do national politics and it is capable of fulfilling their three major wishes. The people are in favour of stability and peace, and are opposed to subversive acts that can provoke instability, unrest and violence. They aspire to national development and betterment of their socio-economic life. They do not accept any forms of cases that can hinder development. Every citizen wants to enjoy fully the freedom of acts and businesses in line with the law, and to achieve their goal of democracy. The foregoing points represent the genuine wishes of the majority of today's people.

The people are in support of the government with all seriousness that the ruling government is capable enough of maintaining State stability and community peace, undertaking tasks for development of the nation and the people, and playing a leadership role in the democratization process, as aspired by the public. Thus, the people fully took part in the constitution-approving process or the fourth step of the State's seven-step Road Map. These are all public wishes, so all have to honour the public desire.

Nevertheless, NLD is turning a blind eye to the people's desire and trying to disrupt the proceedings. The United Nations secretary-general's visit to Myanmar was followed by a large range of criticisms from foreign media. In a BBC news programme on 14 July 2009, the spokesperson of the party said that they would hold on the policy that whether they would stand for 2010 election or not, taking into consideration the release of political prisoners including Daw Suu Kyi, a meeting to review the 2008 constitution, and the government's reaction to those two points; adding that it was impossible for them to stand for election without any action on 1990 election results.

It has been about one year internal and external anti-government groups have refused to respect the people's desire, variously criticizing the already-approved constitution. They remain intransigent, but

I am sure they have accepted straight from their heart that the result represents the public desire. It is because some anti-government groups once implicitly conceded the result. In reality, they realize the people's desire, but keep on betraying the national cause owing to their party attachment, sectarianism and personality cult.

To implement the seven-step Road Map, while carrying out tasks for national development without sacrificing State stability and community peace is the correct political trend as well as the most appropriate and the safest way to achieve the goal of democracy. That is the reason why the people showed their massive support for the constitution in the referendum in order that the nation can keep on marching at regular speed. The arrangements for 2010 multiparty democracy general election now have made a good headway. Many parties are found making preparations in the framework of the law.

It can be deduced from those points that the entire people are in support of the programmes ongoing in line with the constitution for democratization they aspire to. The ruling government has asserted that it will see to the seven-step Road Map in compliance with the mandate. The people will never accept the anti-government groups' attempts to disrupt the ongoing programmes and will not remain indifferent if the groups keep on trying to make amendments to and revoke the constitution. They should have realized that fact.

The people have approved the constitution and given mandate to the government to build the new nation in consistence with the seven-step Road Map. That means the 1990 election results, to which anti-government groups stick, have been null and void. The people do not turn to the results of more than 19 years ago. Similarly, the anti-government groups' persistent demand for a dialogue has gone down the drain. The people's memories are still fresh that they gave various reasons to refuse to attend the National Convention even though they were given opportunities to submit their opinions and hold discussions at the convention.

The demand the NLD spokesperson made for release of political prisoners including Daw Suu Kyi is unreasonable at all. The government has said many times that there are no political prisoners in Myanmar. They are, indeed, the ones who are serving their terms in accordance with the law for their harming stability and peace of the State, and committing other crimes. Daw Suu Kyi, like them, is not a political prisoner, but the person who is on trial for breaching an existing law.

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Commander and Minister attend water purifier, exercise books and school uniforms presenting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—A ceremony to donate water purifier, exercise books and school uniforms was held at No.5 BEHS in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay on 20 July.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presented water purifier worth K650,000 and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw

Myint presented exercise books for the school.

Next, the Commander, the Minister and the Mayor viewed field medical treatment of specialists organized by Mandalay Division PDC and Ministry of Health.

The Commander and party viewed health educative booth, general medical ward, traditional medicine clinic, surgical room, OG ward, pediatric ward, dental clinic, optical

ward and presented spectacles to patients with eye complaints for free.

They also viewed giving of medical treatment to patients at the clinic of Myanmar Doctors' Association, malaria, leprosy, AIDS, and TB wards. They visited construction site of new classroom and patient registration unit.

A total number of 1,082 eye patients, 587 general patients, 178 dental

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patients, 196 patients undergone traditional medicine, 201 pediatric patients, 94 gynaeco-

logical patients, 83 leprosy patients, 69 patients undergone surgery, totalling 2,490 were

received medical treatment and 145 patients were transferred to hospital.

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Minister inspects basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein went on an inspection tour of No 11 Basic Education High School here this

morning.

The minister met with the schoolhead and teachers, and gave instructions on high pass rate in the matriculation

examination. The minister inspected No.10 Basic Education High School of Nay Pyi Taw and No.1 and 2 Basic Education High Schools of Nay Pyi Taw. He gave instructions on academic matters and viewed the students learning lessons.

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**Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein
views students learning lessons at No. 10
Nay Pyi Taw BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA**

Yangon Mayor inspects measures for prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever

YANGON, 22 July—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials concerned went to Bahan Township Development Affairs Committee this morning. Yangon Division health officer Dr Hla Myint and officials reported undertakings on control over outbreak of malaria and reduction in

the virus to the mayor. After that, the mayor urged the officials to accelerate the drives on preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in cooperation with local authorities, social organizations and public and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor and officials inspected the educative talk and

demonstration on prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Afterwards, the mayor looked into renovation of city clinic, progress of underground drain construction across Thamine Railway Station Road, extension and condition of drains in Thamine creek on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road.

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**Mayor
Brig-Gen
Aung
Thein Lin
inspects
extension
of drains
at the
Thamine
Junction
in
Mayangon
Township.**

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Premier Coffee to organize vocalist selection contest, Miss Ginsetin contest

YANGON, 22 July—Premier Coffee Co Ltd will organize the Premier Coffee vocalist selection contest and Miss Ginsetin contest at the city hall in Mandalay tomorrow.

Actor Wai Lu Kyaw and group, vocalist L Lun Wah and Jenny will present songs and performance show.

The enthusiasts may take part in the contests. The first prize winners in the major cities will compete in the final contest at Capital Hypermarket of Yangon and to choose first, second and third prize winners.—MNA

Gusto to open Database Design & Development Course

YANGON, 22 July—Gusto Computer Training School will open Database Design and Development course which help business organizations able to create their own systematic database designs according to information needed and develop that database design with SQL Server 2008.

The three-month course will start from 2 August on weekends and is limited to only 20 trainees.

The course is focused on process of creation of a database design (Conceptual Design, Logical Design, Physical Design and etc) with practical projects and techniques for development of outcome database design in performance, data, integrity and security



system.

The course is suitable for those wishing to study computer science subject abroad, those who want to take their careers as software developers, database developers, and system analysts and information officers in private social organizations and business organizations.

Those interested may contact Gusto Computer Training School, No.11, Shwetaungtan Street (Lower Block), Lanmadaw Township, Ph:222052.—MNA

Minister attends to needs of tornado victims

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at Kyeinchaungyi village of Bogale township on 19 July morning and inspected damaged houses and village's hall that were hit by the tornado.

At the village primary school, the minister met with tornado-hit

households and local elders and gave instructions on growing of a mass of shade trees and conservation of natural forests and presented blankets, dry noodles and salt to the victims.

Next, the minister looked into progress in building houses in the village and accommodation of the

victims.

The following day the minister met with service personnel and local elders at Bogale township Peace and Development Council Office and dealt with measures for regional development.

In the afternoon, the minister oversaw progress in building Bogale town hall.—MNA

Kyethpamwezaung Village in Pyapon Township gets new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Member of the Central Committee for National Disaster Preparedness Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing formally opened the building for monastic education in Kyethpamwezaung Village, Pyapon Township, on 20 July.

At the ceremony to handover the new building, Mr Jerzy Wilk of Uniteam Marine (Yangon) Co Ltd explained the purpose of the donation of the school and U Than Oo of the company handed over the documents related to the building to Head of Pyapon Township

Education Department Daw Than New Sein.

After the ceremony, the minister inspected the clinic, library and the basic education primary school in the village and construction of the village-to-village linking bridge in Alanhpalut Village in Pyapon Township.

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Dawei-Myeik Railroad to improve transport in Taninthayi Division

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Than Oo (MNA)

(from page 16)

Taninthayi Division in the southernmost part of Myanmar is easily accessible by air, by water and by car from any other state or division. In addition, there has been a smooth transport among the cities in Taninthayi Division such as Kawthoung, Myeik and Dawei.

The Myanmar Airways International, Air Bagan, and Yangon Air-

on sea freights and bus runs for transport.

Dawei is over 150 miles away from Myeik, and the road goes uphill and downhill at many places. So, in order to reach Dawei before sunset, a traveler has to set out from Myeik in early morning.

Travelling by train is the most economic means to travel from one place to another. People have to take buses in the

Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay, Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan, and Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei.

The State Peace and Development Council is working hard to improve the infrastructures in all sectors for building a modern, developed nation. With smooth and secure transport between states and divisions, the devel-



Earthwork in progress at Peindaw in Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section of Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project.



Bridge No (29) in Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section.

ways have their flight schedules between Yangon and Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division. So, airway is the best transport means between one town and another in Taninthayi Division.

However, flight schedules are delayed whenever the weather is bad. Therefore, the majority of the people rely

regions where there is no railroad, so they have to spend more on traveling.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation is building railroads and conducting train runs with Nay Pyi Taw in the centre of the railroad network to scale up the transport for comfort and convenience of the people. The new train runs include Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Nay Pyi

opment gap between one region and another across the nation is being narrowed. The Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation has built Ye-Dawei Railroad linking Mon State and Taninthayi Division.

Now, Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project in Taninthayi Division has been launched since 21 December 2008. On completion, the railroad

will be 132.50-mile long with 19 stations, 660 bridges including 23 over-100-foot-long bridges and four under-100-foot-long bridges.

As the first phase of the project, groundwork is in progress in the 20-mile Dawei-Thayetchaung and 9.75-mile Thamok-Bokchan sections on Dawei side.

The whole project needs 5,591,500 cubic feet of gneiss rock, 36,530 75-

lb rails, and 288,320 sleepers. When the project is completed, Nay Pyi Taw will be accessible from Myeik through Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei Railroad. Soon, local people of Taninthayi Division will be able to travel from one region to another in the division with lower fares.

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Seikkan station under construction and four-unit staff quarter at Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section.



People visit the “Dodrul Chorten” stupa that was built in memory of the third king Jigme Dorji Wangchuk in 1974, in Bhutan on 22 July, 2009. Five decades ago, Bhutan was a feudal, medieval place . Today education and healthcare are free and life expectancy has risen to 66 years from less than 40.—INTERNET

BlackBerry cries foul over UAE ‘spyware’

DUBAI, 22 July—The makers of BlackBerry have charged that an update issued by UAE telecommunications company Etisalat was actually spyware, the local press reported on Wednesday.

BlackBerry’s parent company Research in Motion said the software offered by Etisalat could “enable unauthorised access to private or confidential information stored on the user’s smartphone,” according to a statement carried in several newspapers.

“RIM confirms that this software is not a patch and it is not a RIM-authorized upgrade. RIM did not develop this software application and RIM was not involved in any way in the testing, promotion or distribution of this software application,” it said.

There was no immediate comment from Etisalat, which offered the “performance enhancing” patch to the 145,000 BlackBerry users on its network about two weeks ago. The Khaleej Times newspaper said the “snifferware” could intercept emails and drain battery life quickly, with more than 300 users reporting that the phone had been rendered useless with the battery dying in less than 60 minutes.—Internet



A competitor in his cake billycart in Melbourne. A giant coconut-covered, chocolate-soaked sponge cake half the size of a car was unveiled Tuesday in far north Australia, in a world record baking attempt.—INTERNET

Massive quake moves NZealand closer to Australia

WELLINGTON, 22 July—A massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake last week has moved the south of New Zealand closer to Australia, scientists said Wednesday.

With the countries separated by the 2,250-kilometre-wide (1,400-mile-wide) Tasman Sea, the 30 centimetre (12 inch) closing of the gap in New Zealand’s southwest won’t make much difference. But earthquake scientist Ken Gledhill of GNS Science said the shift illustrated the huge force of the tremor, the biggest in the world so far this year.

“Basically, New Zealand just got a little bit bigger is another way to think about it,” he told AFP. While the southwest of the South Island moved about 30 centimetres closer to Australia, the east coast of the island moved only one centimetre westwards, he said.

The biggest quake in New Zealand in 78 years caused only slight damage to buildings and property when it struck the remote southwest Fiordland region of the South Island last on Thursday. A small tsunami was generated by the earthquake, with a tide gauge on the West Coast of New Zealand recording a wave of one metre.—Internet

New e-book reader to use AT&T network

NEW YORK, 22 July—Following in the footsteps of Amazon.com Inc.’s Kindle, another e-book reader is set to get a wireless connection from a cellular carrier, letting it access books anywhere there’s a signal.

AT&T Inc. planned to announce Wednesday that it will support an electronic book reading device due early next year from Plastic Logic Ltd., a Mountain View, Calif.-based startup based on British display technology.

It marks the second significant announcement

of the week for Plastic Logic, which said Monday that Barnes & Noble Inc. will supply digital versions of books for its device.

With the AT&T and Barnes & Noble deals in place, Plastic Logic will be able to match functions of the Kindle, which uses Amazon’s e-book store and a wireless connection provided by Sprint Nextel Corp.

But Plastic Logic’s goals are quite different, according to Chief Executive Richard Archuleta. The device’s screen will be nearly 8.5 inches by 11 inches, and its target market will be professionals who would want to display business documents in nearly full size. Reading novels would be a secondary application.

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Australia starts 1st swine flu vaccine trials

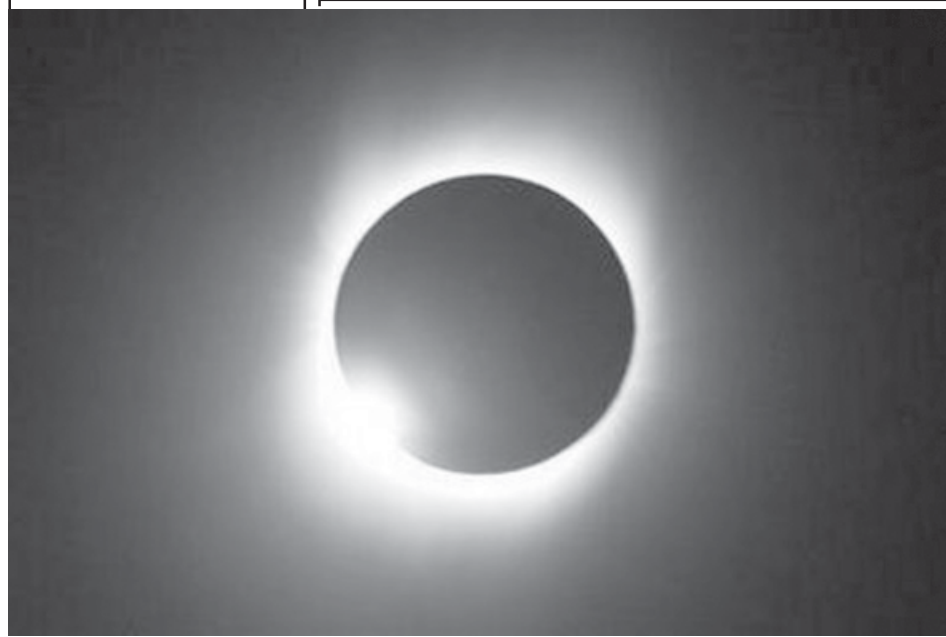
ADELAIDE, Australia, 22 July—The world’s first human trials of a swine flu vaccine have begun in Australia, drug company officials said Wednesday, with the aim of controlling the virus that has so far killed more than 700 worldwide.

Two biotechnology companies have started injecting adult volunteers in the southern city of Adelaide with their vaccines. Adelaide-based Vaxine began trials Monday with 300 subjects, and Melbourne’s CSL has 240 people in its seven-month trial, which started Wednesday. The companies say their trials are the first tests of a swine flu vaccine on humans.

At least 41 people have died in swine flu-related illness in Australia, which is well into its winter flu season.—Internet

The moon passes between the sun and the earth during a total solar eclipse in the northern Indian city of Varanasi on 22 July, 2009.

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six dead, 8 missing due to heavy rain, mudslides in Japan

TOKYO, 22 July—Six people died Tuesday and eight others remain missing in Yamaguchi and Tottori prefectures in western Japan after heavy rain triggered mudslides and swelled rivers, *Kyodo News* reported.

In Hofu, Yamaguchi Prefecture, three people died, one person was injured and four others are still missing at a nursing home for the elderly after a mudslide hit shortly after noon. Rescue workers from the police, firefighters and the Self-Defence Forces are searching for the missing people.

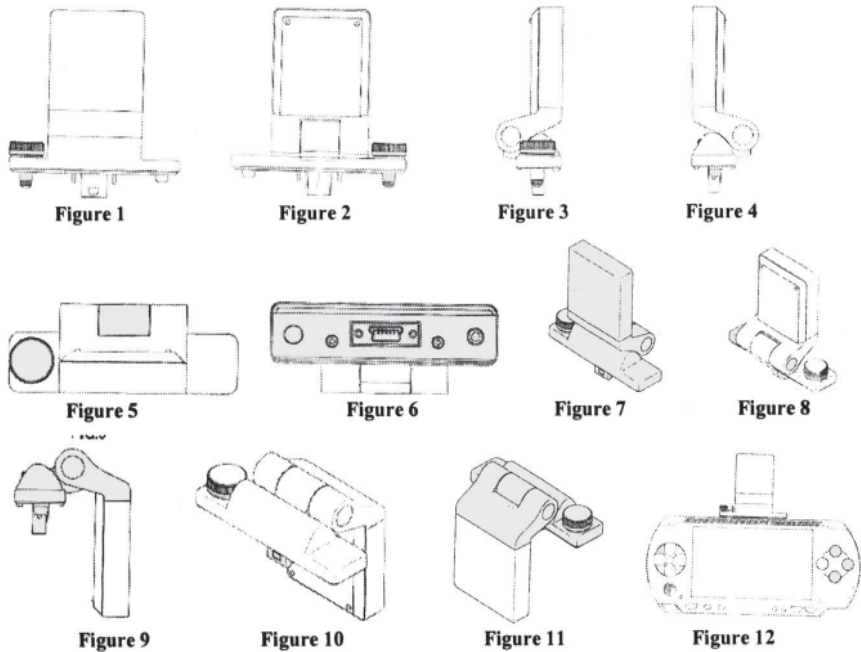
The Yamaguchi prefectural government had asked the SDF to dispatch a rescue unit to the nursing home housing around 90 elderly people. The first floor of

the facility was buried under mud, and rescue workers were trying to reach people at the home from its roof by helicopter. In addition, a woman died after her home near a national road was also hit by a mudslide, and a man was found dead after being carried away by a swollen river. Another man was also confirmed dead after being swept away by a swollen river in Kofu, Tottori Prefecture.

Aside from the four people missing at the nursing home, four others are missing in Hofu and Mine in Yamaguchi Prefecture. Around 15 to 40 people were stranded in each of at least three communities in the cities of Hofu and Yamaguchi due to the heavy rain, *Kyodo* said.—MNA/Xinhua

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Japan's spectators cherish chance of observing 1st solar eclipse in 46 years

TOKYO, 22 July—Japan's spectators jumped at the chance of observing the first solar eclipse in 46 years thought clouds covered most of Japan's territory Wednesday and prevented them from witnessing the spectacular astronomical event.

On southwestern islands, scientists and other spectators were mostly disappointed Wednesday as dense clouds blocked the total eclipse of the sun, according to reports from local media.

On Iwojima Island, however, people were lucky enough to observe

the first total solar eclipse visible on Japanese soil in 46 years from the island about 1,200 km south of Tokyo.

On Akuseki Island in the southern Japanese island chain of Tokara, the sun was hidden by clouds at 9:35 am when it was to start darkening for a total eclipse of 6 minutes and 25 seconds—a span which would have been the longest visible from a residential area in Japan.

On Amami Island, spectators visiting the island squealed with delight when the sun was seen waning occasionally

through the rifts in the clouds.

According to the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, the total solar eclipse was observed from Iwojima Island shortly past 11:25 am.

The observatory had said the longest total solar eclipse of the century lasting 6 minutes, 44 seconds, would be able to be seen from a location near the island. The total solar eclipse that was last observed from Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido occurred on 21 July, 1963.—Internet

Israeli company develops bee vaccine

JERUSALEM, 22 July—An Israeli company says it has developed a vaccine that protects honey bees from a virus associated with the widespread collapse of bee colonies worldwide.

Beelogsics says its Rembee drug has proven effective in helping bees overcome Israel acute paralysis virus, Haaretz reported Tuesday. The virus is named for the country where it was first identified.

The drug has completed successful clinical trials on millions of bees in North America, the company said. The drug also helps the bees live longer and produce more honey, the company said. "It's really a tug of war between the virus and the host," said Nitzan Paldi of Beelogsics. "We are helping the bee tug the rope more strongly and beat the virus. We take advantage of an immune system that the bees elicit for viral disease. But we are really using naturally occurring phenomenon. It's not a pesticide and it's not toxic."—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (122)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (122) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.7.2009 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.

Damage 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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Invitation To Sealed Tender

Ale-hman glass sand are required from Bokpyin Township to transport to Pathein Sheet glass Factory and Thanlyin Bottle glass Factory.

Sealed Tenders are invited on the Closing date of (3.8.2009). Tender Forms and documents are available at the Industrial Raw Material Planning Department, Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No.41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender document officially. (For further details, Contact telephone number 067-408361)

Myanma Ceramic Industries

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

MYANMA MOTION PICTURE ENTERPRISE INVITATION TO TENDER

1. Sealed tenders are invited to the Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise for supply of the following unexposed film (raw stock)-

Sr. No	Description	Quantity
(a)	Colour Negative Film (400) Ft	250 boxes
(b)	Colour Positive Film (2000) Ft	160 boxes

2. Tender closing date will be on 7-8-2009 at 16.30 hrs.
3. Tender documents are available at procurement committee at No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township.
4. Please contact Phone No. 534574, 536029.

**Ministry of Information
Procurement Committee
Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise
No.28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township**

**Machinery stands idle in a huge production hall
at Hungarian steel mill DAM in the northeast-
ern city of Miskolc on 25 June, 2009.**

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Dated: 23 July 2009

Over 200 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 22 July—A European health agency said on Tuesday that 212 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 86 were confirmed in Germany, 38 in Denmark, 21 in Switzerland, 12 in Portugal, 11 in Ireland, 8 each in Norway, Romania and Slovenia, seven in Austria, four each in Iceland and Bulgaria, two in Malta, and one each in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Latvia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 17,181, with 1,309 cases in Spain and 10,649 in Britain, 628 in France and 1,555 in Germany, the ECDC said.

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

Internet



A customer at an Apple Store in San Francisco, California. The computer giant reported 1.23 billion dollars in profit in its latest fiscal quarter on strong sales of iPhones and computers.—INTERNET

Brain uses eyes first to identify a face

BARCELONA, 22 July—The brain looks at eyes first to identify a face, then the shape of the mouth and nose, University of Barcelona researchers have determined.

The study, published in the journal *PLoS Computational Biology*, found the brain adapts in order to obtain the maximum amount of information possible from each face.

Matthias S Keil ascertained which specific features the brain focuses on to identify a face. It has been known for years that the brain primarily uses

low spatial frequencies to recognize faces. “Spatial frequencies” are, in a manner of speaking, the elements that make up any given image. Keil said. “Low frequencies pertain to low resolution, that is, small changes of intensity in an image,” Keil said in a statement.

Internet

Fish have lost half their average body mass and smaller species are making up a larger proportion of European fish stocks as a result of global warming, a study published on Monday has found.—INTERNET



Edible coating may make fish healthier

CORVALLIS, 22 July—An edible coating that extends the freshness of fish may also increase health benefits, US researchers said.

The study, published in

Food Chemistry, found fish oil added to an invisible “food wrap” made from citosan — a substance found in crustacean shells that keeps out bacteria and fungi — not only

kept lingcod fillets fresh in the refrigerator for three weeks and in the freezer three months but also tripled the amount the omega-3 fatty acids normally found in lingcod.

The coating, which does not affect the colour of the fish, also reduced rancidity both refrigerated and frozen samples when compared with the uncoated fillets and also kept the frozen fish moister. It delayed the growth of microorganisms in the fresh fillets, and it prevented their growth in the frozen ones.—*Internet*

A boat passes along the Pengxi River, a tributary of the giant Yangtze River in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

INTERNET

Yahoo to spend more after cost cuts lift 2Q profit

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 July—Carol Bartz has already shown off her cost-cutting skills in her first six months as Yahoo Inc.'s chief executive.

Now, she will try to prove she isn't making a bad bet by spending more money while the Internet company's advertising sales are still sagging. The risky strategy caused investors to fret more about what might happen in Yahoo's third quarter than to celebrate the 8 percent increase in second-quarter

profit reported late Tuesday. It marked Yahoo's first quarterly earnings improvement since the start of 2008, but Yahoo shares nevertheless slid 45 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$16.30 in Tuesday's extended trading. The Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company wouldn't have boosted its second-quarter profit if not for layoffs and other cost cutting that pared Yahoo's operating expenses by nearly \$150 million, or 15 percent, from last year.

Internet

Global A/H1N1 flu death toll exceeds 700, says WHO

GENEVA, 22 July—The A/H1N1 flu death toll has exceeded 700 worldwide since the outbreak of the disease in April, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

The WHO, which declared the flu as a pandemic on 11 June, said it was up to national health authorities to decide what kind of measures they should take to mitigate the effect of the pandemic.

“Different countries would be facing the pandemic at different levels at different times. So it is really up to countries to consider what mitigation measures suit them in regard to the situation in individual countries,” WHO spokeswoman Alphasluck Bhatiasavi told a news briefing.

The WHO said last week that the A/H1N1 flu has been spreading at unprecedented speed, and further spread within countries being affected and to new countries is considered inevitable.

So far, more than 130 countries and regions have been affected by the pandemic, with many of them experiencing sustainable community transmission.

The WHO has recommended countries with large-scale outbreaks to stop confirming all cases through laboratory tests, as “this strategy is absorbing most national laboratory and response capacity, leaving little capacity for the monitoring and investigation of severe cases and other exceptional events.”—*Internet*

Scientists study manure on tiled fields

WEST LAFAYETTE, 22 July—Amounts of carbon discharged from manure spread on tiled fields is about the same as other sources of fertilizer, Purdue University scientists in Indiana said.

Tiles set beneath farm fields direct excess water from the soil into streams. It was traditionally believed tiles flush manure into water systems more quickly, increasing the growth of bacteria, such as

E. coli, which consume the dissolved carbon found in effluent, Purdue agronomists Ron Turco and Sylvie Brouder said.

Six years of drainage studies, however, showed amounts of carbon discharged into streams was the same in tiled fields fertilized with manure as in tiled fields using other sources of fertilizer, Brouder and Turco wrote in the *Journal of Environmental Quality*.—*Internet*

Asteroid leaves “incredible” new scar on Jupiter

LOS ANGELES, 22 July —An asteroid or comet plunged into Jupiter and left a mark on the solar system's largest planet, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) has announced. For only the second time in recent history, scientists have observed the results of an object plunging into the solar system's largest planet, JPL astronomers said in remarks published by the *Los Angeles Times* on its website on Tuesday.

The object, thought to be an asteroid or comet, left a large dark bruise that can still be seen spreading over Jupiter's southern hemisphere, according to Leigh Fletcher, a planetary scientist at the JPL in Pasadena, Los Angeles. “This is an incredible event,” Fletcher told the paper.—*Internet*



SPORTS

Roddick tweets he will make his ATP return at Washington

WASHINGTON, 22 July—Andy Roddick will play his first tennis tournament since a heart-breaking loss to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final at next month's ATP event in Washington, the US star indicated on Tuesday.



Andy Roddick.

Roddick posted an internet message on his Twitter site saying he will take part in the hardcourt event that runs from August 2-9.

"I keep getting asked when my next tourney will be.... I will see all of u in Washington in two weeks," Roddick wrote in a posting, known as a tweet.—*Internet*

Tentative Tursunov triumphs at Indy tennis

INDIAN APOLIS, 22 July—Fragile Russian top seed Dmitry Tursunov received an unexpected confidence boost as Michael Berrer made 16 double faults in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-0 loss at the ATP Indianapolis Championships.



Dmitry Tursunov.

Tursunov, who won the Eastbourne grass title but lost in the Wimbledon first round a few days later, was hardly the picture of confidence, but he was not complaining at the end of the opening-round victory over his German opponent.

"I'm not serving that great now, as I haven't played since Wimbledon," said Tursunov. "I can hit two or three good shots and then a bad one. But today he served terrible and that helped me.

"I'm not playing that well myself right now - but I have to be patient."—*Internet*

Malouda pens new Chelsea contract

LONDON, 22 July—Chelsea midfielder Florent Malouda on Tuesday signed his new three-year deal with the London club.

And the French international warned that his best is yet to come as he hopes to improve his game under new manager Carlo Ancelotti.

"This is just the beginning of the story," said Malouda, who had one year remaining on his current contract.

"I was really happy when I heard it was Carlo Ancelotti because I have a lot of respect for him. At my former club Lyon I played many times against

Milan. For me it is a really good choice and I believe in him," said Malouda.

Malouda played on the left side of a midfield diamond during Chelsea's recent pre-season friendly against Seattle.—*Internet*



France forward Florent Malouda (left) vies with Turkish midfielder Nuri Sahim during a friendly at the Gerland stadium in Lyon, southern France, on 5 June.

Inter and Eto'o close in on agreement

ROME, 22 July—Inter Milan are close to agreeing personal terms with Samuel Eto'o over a possible move from Barcelona, the Cameroon striker's agent said on Tuesday.

Inter representatives met with Josep Maria Mesalles for four hours in Milan before the agent left to return to Spain.

But before leaving he told reporters: "The discussions are going well but now we're trying to iron out the little details.

"There will be no more meetings today, I'm going back to Spain but maybe I'll come back again tomorrow."—*Internet*

Arsenal's Nasri sidelined with broken leg

VIENNA, 22 July—Arsenal and French international midfielder Samir Nasri has been ruled out of action for two to three months after breaking his leg in training on Tuesday, the English club announced.

"Samir Nasri has sustained a fractured fibula during this morning's training session at the club's pre-season training camp in Austria," Arsenal said in a statement published on its website.

"The midfielder will be out of action for two to three months," it added.

Nasri, 22, was taken to hospital in Hartberg, near the club's training camp in Bad Waltersdorf, in southeastern Austria, for tests.

The Frenchman, who has 15 international caps, is now set to miss France's next World Cup qualifying match against the Faroe Islands on 12 August.—*Internet*



Arsenal and France midfielder Samir Nasri pictured during an FA Cup fourth round replay against Cardiff City at The Emirates Stadium in London on February.—*INTERNET*

Real's Benzema likened to Brazilian great Ronaldo

MAYNOOTH, 22 July—Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has what it takes to become a new Ronaldo, the Spanish club's former Brazilian World Cup winner who is the 21-year-old's inspiration, Real's Brazilian left-back Marcelo said on Tuesday.

Real won their opening pre-season friendly 1-0 against Irish champions Shamrock Rovers on Monday thanks to a goal from Benzema, who joined Real from French side Lyon for 35 million euros (50 million dollars) earlier this month.

"That did not surprise me because Benzema is a great player.



Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema

He is very young and we can't yet compare him to Ronaldo but he could become like him," said Marcelo in Maynooth near Dublin where Real will wrap up a pre-season training camp on Wednesday.

Internet

Eriksson 'in talks with Notts County'

NOTTINGHAM, 22 July—Former England and Manchester City boss Sven-Goran Eriksson is in talks with English Division Two club Notts County about becoming director of football, according to reports here Tuesday.



Swedish football coach Sven-Goran Eriksson.

The world's oldest football club, who were recently taken over by a Middle Eastern consortium, and Eriksson's agent Athole Still, are however refusing to comment on his involvement.

The Swede was sacked from his role as coach of the Mexico national side in March, following an unsuccessful 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign.

County only narrowly avoided relegation from League Two (fourth division) last season, but Middle East investors Munto Finance Ltd have made it clear they have ambitious plans for the Nottingham club which was founded in 1862.—*Internet*

Ireland goal gives City first win in South Africa

DURBAN, 22 July—Stand-in skipper Stephen Ireland scored at the end of the first half to give Manchester City a 1-0 victory over Kaizer Chiefs on Tuesday in the Vodacom Challenge.—*Internet*



Manchester City's Stephen Ireland (C) beats Kaizer Chiefs' goalkeeper Thela Ngobeni (L) as defender Punch Masenamela looks on during their friendly football match in Durban. Manchester won 1-0 with a goal by Ireland.

INTERNET

Lille snap up Gervinho

PARIS, 22 July—Le Mans attacking midfielder Gervinho has moved to Lille, the north France club said on Tuesday.

The Ivory Coast international's transfer is said to have cost Lille about 6 million euros (8.5 million dollars).

The 22-year-old spent two years at Le Mans, scoring nine goals in 59 appearances.

Lille said Gervinho, whose full name is Gervais Yao Kouassi, had accepted a three-year contract.

The move by Lille manager Rudi Garcia



Le Mans attacking midfielder Gervinho.

INTERNET

helps fill the gap left by the 18-million euro sale earlier this month of Brazilian playmaker Michel Bastos to Lyon.

Internet



This artists rendering made available by the TMT Observatory Corporation shows the proposed Thirty Meter Observatory. A consortium of US and Canadian universities on 21 July, 2009 announced it has decided to build the world's largest telescope in Hawaii. Mauna Kea volcano was picked by Thirty Meter Telescope Observatory Corp.—INTERNET

World's largest telescope to be built in Hawaii

HONOLULU, 22 July—Hawaii was chosen Tuesday as the site for the world's biggest telescope, a device so powerful that it will allow scientists to see some 13 billion light years away and get a glimpse into the early years of the universe.

The telescope's mirror—stretching almost 100 feet in diameter, or nearly the length of a Boeing 737's wingspan—will be so large that it should be able to gather light that will have spent 13 billion years traveling to earth. This means astronomers looking into the telescope will be able to see images of the first stars and galaxies forming—some 400 million years after the Big Bang.

“It will sort of give us the history of the universe,” Thirty Meter Telescope Observatory Corp. spokesman Charles Blue said.

The telescope, expected to be completed by 2018, will be located atop a dormant volcano that is popular with astronomers because its summit sits well above the clouds at 13,796 feet, offering a clear view of the sky above for 300 days a year.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-7-2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

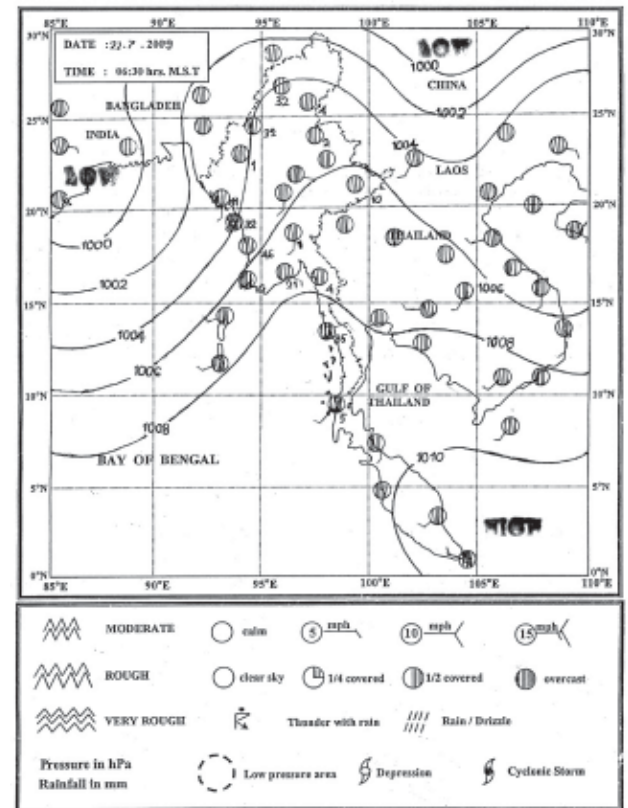
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Mandalay, A Close distance
- * A day in a farmer's life
- * Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- * Traditional Matrimony of Khamti Shans
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Journey to Mogok (The Ruby Land)
- * Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- * The Elephant Camp...Where I've been to
- * Let's Talk about Lahu Nationals
- * Better Homes, Better Decorations
- * A Day in Yangon (People's Square)
- * Chin Cultural Museum (New)
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Mandalay, A Close distance
- * A day in a farmer's life
- * Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- * Traditional Matrimony of Khamti Shans
- * The Art of Silk-screen Painting
- * View Point Amusement Park
- * Hta Pwe (or) Mogok Gems Market
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-2)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 22nd July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (6.42) inches, Thaton (3.26) inches, Sittway (3.19) inches, Paletwa (3.15) inches and Aunglan (0.28) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-7-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 22-7-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 21-7-2009 was (0.1) hour approx.

Rainfall on 22-7-2009 was (0.87) inch at Mingaladon, (0.83) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (58.15) inches at Mingaladon, (62.99) inches at Kaba-Aye and (64.37) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (12:00) hours MST on 21-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and Taninthayi. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 23 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dance Variety

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. ကြွင်းတိလပ်မြေစက်ရုံ

8:20 am

8. Musical Programme

8:30 am

9. “ဟွန်းသံ”

8:40 pm

10. International News

8:45 pm

11. Dance of National Races

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:25 pm

3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား

ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:40 pm

5. Musical Programme

4:55 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ၊

ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

7. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

8. အလှူတွင်အယဉ်ဆင့်နေသည့်

နေပြည်တော်ရေပန်းဥယျာဉ်

5:25 pm

9. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုတက္က

5:45 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ

“ပဟေဠိဝှက်နည်း”

(အပိုင်း-၂)

(စိုးရန်အောင်၊ ညီထက်၊ ပိုးအိ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:55 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို

သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း”

(အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၄၂)

20. လွင်ဦးခရီးသွားနေသည့်

“မြတ်ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့”

(အပိုင်း-၃)



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

People's Desire

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

Educative talks on traffic rules held

YANGON, 22 July—Police Captain Win Myaing of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force met with teachers and students and gave educative talks on traffic rules at No 1 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township on 20 July.

Similarly, Police Captain Maung Maung Thet gave educative talks on traffic rules to teachers and students at No 2 BEHS of Lanmadaw Township.

MNA

Dawei-Myeik Railroad to improve transport in Taninthayi Division

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Than Oo (MNA)



Two excavators at work in Thamok-Bokchan railroad section of Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project.

(Byline on page 10)

Wipe out anti-public desire elements (1)

The entire people are in support of the programmes ongoing in line with the constitution for democratization they aspire to. The ruling government has asserted that it will see to the seven-step Road Map in compliance with the mandate.

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Noteworthy amount of rainfall

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