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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

Emergence of bridges throughout nation shows genuine goodwill of government, skills and innovations of Myanmar engineers, unity and strength of all national races

Letpanhla Bridge inaugurated on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road in Singu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Letpanhla Bridge, built by Bridge Construction Special Group-14 of Public Works, was inaugurated at mile post No. 49/6 of Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road in Singu Township of Mandalay Division this morning, with an address by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe.

In his speech Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe said that Letpanhla Bridge, one of the above-180-foot-long bridges, was the 228th facility of its kind to be opened across the nation and the 11th

bridge in Mandalay Division. He added that the government upgraded the one-way bailey bridge to the two-way reinforced concrete bridge in a short time. The construction of bridges one after another in the nation reflects the genuine goodwill of

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Letpanhla Bridge on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road in Singu Township of Mandalay Division.—MNA

On my return from Europe

No part of the territory constituted in the Union, such as Regions, States, Union Territories and Self-Administered Areas shall never secede from the Union.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Actively participate in the drive for prevention and control of A (H1N1)

In its drive for prevention and control of A (H1N1), the Ministry of Health is making all-out efforts hand in hand with other related ministries under the leadership of the government.

The Ministry of Health is taking systematic measures in screening those who came from abroad in order to prevent the spread of A (H1N1) into the country at the international entries and exits such as airports and seaports.

Since April when A (H1N1) started to strike the global countries, it has already spread to over 130 nations, claiming over 700 lives, said WHO on 21 July.

WHO has announced that A (H1N1) is spreading the length and breadth of the world at an unprecedented speed, and it can recur in the nations it has already hit.

There is no A (H1N1) case in Myanmar, and those infected with such epidemic are the ones came from abroad. The victims were kept quarantine and were being monitored. Among them, three victims who recovered fully from the disease have been discharged from hospitals.

Meanwhile, monitoring measures are being taken under the close supervision of the health staff under the Ministry of Health in order to effectively prevent and control of the epidemic among the people.

At a time when all-out efforts are being made for prevention and control of A (H1N1) as a national concern, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to actively participate in the drive with health awareness. Only then, will the preventative measures meet with success.

A delegation led by President of Myanmar Hockey Federation Col Htin Zaw Win seen at the airport.—NLM



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

Maintenance of roads, bridges inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye oversaw digging of drains and maintenance of An-Padekyaw-Maei Road on 14 July morning.

The in-charge of Maei-Kyaukpyu Road Project Special Group reported on conditions of Taungup-Maei road section and Maei-Kyaukpyu road section, the in-charge of An-Maei Road Special Group-1 on

maintenance of An-Maei road section and the Rakhine State Superintending Engineer on upgrading of road sections and bridges.

The commander inspected construction of the gravel road between mile posts 55/0 and 55/4 on Maei-Kyaukpyu Road, establishment of the mangrove plantation near Wunphaik Creek Bridge, the mangrove nursery, Peinnedaung Camp and construction of MRTV retransmission station.—MNA

MoU on assistance for human resources development plan signed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Myanmar and Japan signed MoU on assistance for human resources development plan at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this afternoon. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa signed MoU and exchanged the notes.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint,



Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa sign the MoU on assistance for human resources development plan.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, and

Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar, departmental

heads and personnel from Japanese Embassy.

MNA

Myanmar Hockey delegation leaves for Shanghai of China

YANGON, 24 July—A delegation led by President of Myanmar Hockey Federation Commandant of Defence Services Self-defence and Sports Institute Col Htin Zaw Win left here by air yesterday evening to attend

the 52nd Council Meeting of Asian Hockey Federation to be held in Shanghai of the People's Republic of China on 25 July.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports, Vice-Presidents of MHF U

Maung Maung and U Zaw Win, treasurer U Aung Than and executives.

The delegation included Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and Secretary U Khin Maung Latt of the federation. The delegation will watch the Asian Youth (Women's) U-

18 Hockey Tournament in Shanghai. They will hold discussions with the president of International Hockey Federation and the president of AHF on successful organizing of the Asian Youth (Women's) U-18 Hockey Tournament in Yangon in November.—NLM

Malaysian delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 24 July—A delegation from Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College of Malaysia arrived here on 20 July and left for Malaysia by air on 24 July.

The delegation visited the Command and General Staff College in Kalaw on 21 July and viewed the scenic beauty of Mandalay City and

evening views from Mandalay Hill.

On 22 July, the delegation also visited the Defence Services Academy and the Defence

Services Technological Academy in Pyib Oo Lwin Township in Mandalay Division and Bogyoke market here on 23 July.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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



Rising casualties raise doubts abroad on war

BERLIN, 24 July — Rising casualties in Afghanistan are raising doubts among US allies about the conduct of the war, forcing some governments to defend publicly their commitments and foreshadowing possible long-term trouble for the US effort to bring in more resources to defeat the Taliban.

Pressure from the public and opposition politi-

cians is growing as soldiers' bodies return home, and a poll released Thursday shows majorities in Britain, Germany and Canada oppose increasing their own troop levels in Afghanistan.

Europeans and Canadians are growing weary of the war — or at least their involvement in combat operations — even as President Barack Obama

is shifting military resources to Afghanistan away from Iraq.

The United States, which runs the NATO-led force, has about 59,000 troops in Afghanistan — nearly double the number a year ago — and thousands more are on the way. There are about 32,000 other international troops currently in the country.

Internet



Workers dig for victims buried in the mud after a landslide in Kangding, in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 24 July, 2009. The landslide triggered by heavy rain hit a county in southwestern China's Sichuan Province early Thursday, killing at least four people and leaving 50 others missing, state media said.—INTERNET



Iraqis gather at the scene of last night's double blast in the northeastern Baghdad neighbourhood of Husseinayah. Five pilgrims died on Wednesday when their minibuses were ambushed in Iraq.

INTERNET

US trooper killed in attack in Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 July—A US service member was killed Thursday in a militant attack in the country's volatile south, a US military official said, raising to 35 the number of American troops to die in the Afghan war this month.

Also Thursday, two leading candidates in the 20 Aug presidential election faced one another in an unprecedented television debate — which went ahead despite a de-

cision by President Hamid Karzai not to take part.

Former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah and ex-finance minister Ashraf Ghani both cited civilian casualties, searching private homes without permission and arresting people without cause as major reasons for opposition to the presence of US and other international forces.

US military spokeswoman Lt Cmdr Christine Sidenstricker confirmed

the latest US death but released no further details. July has already become the deadliest month for American and international forces since the US-led invasion of 2001 toppled the Taliban from power.

Also in southern Afghanistan, Canadian forces said Thursday that its troops were involved in two shooting incidents, killing a girl and wounding three policemen.

Internet

Belgian convicts flee in daring airborne escape

BRUSSELS, 24 July— Three prisoners, among them one of Belgium's most dangerous criminals, escaped in an audacious jailbreak in broad daylight aboard a hijacked helicopter, the Justice Ministry said.

Two accomplices rented a helicopter, took the pilot hostage, and forced him to land Thursday in the court-yard of the jail, located in the

northern city of Bruges, a ministry spokesperson told *Belga* news agency.

When the helicopter took off with the three convicts one of the accomplices stayed behind, possibly because of limited space aboard the helicopter, the spokesperson said.

"This accomplice is in any case guilty of hostage taking," the spokesperson added.—Internet

Police: 3rd bomb in Jakarta attack malfunctioned

JAKARTA, 24 July— A third bomb on a timer was set to go off before suicide bombers blew themselves up at two hotels in Jakarta last week but malfunctioned, police said on Friday, indicating similar tactics to earlier terrorist attacks in Indonesia.

The device — a laptop filled with explosives and bolts — was found on the 18th floor of the JW Marriott and was supposed to go off first, Ketut Untung Yoga of the national police said. The explosion would likely have sent panicked crowds fleeing to the ground floors, where the two suicide attackers detonated their explosives packs.—Internet

French army rapped over blaze as Europe battles fires

MARSEILLE, 24 July— The French army faced mounting flak Friday after a military exercise sparked a sweeping wildfire on the outskirts of Marseille, as firefighters battled blazes across southern Europe. "This fire was clearly triggered by a professional mistake," Prime Minister Francois Fillon said late Thursday after the blaze ripped through 1,300 hectares (3,211 acres) of brush and damaged homes near France's second city.

"Tracer rounds are outlawed, not only during this period but in principle in all the camps in the south," a region more prone to forest fires, the prime minister said, announcing that a probe was underway.

Defence Minister Herve Morin termed it an "extremely regrettable, deplorable act."—Internet



Firemen work in an Athens suburb. The French army faced mounting flak Friday after a military exercise sparked a sweeping wildfire on the outskirts of Marseille, as firefighters battled blazes across southern Europe.—INTERNET

French navy homes in on Comoros crash black boxes

PARIS, 24 July — A French navy vessel has pinpointed the location of the black boxes of a Yemenia Airways plane that crashed into the Indian Ocean near the Comoros Islands, the ship's captain said on Thursday.

Comoran and French authorities are still investigating the cause of the 30 June crash that left a 12-year-old girl as the only known survivor out of 153 people aboard.

The "Beautemps-Beaupre" hydrographic and oceanographic frigate mapped the sea floor and handed its finding over to Comoran authorities and to the French aviation agency BEA, ship Capt Marc Reina told *The Associated Press*.

The boxes' beacon signals were first detected earlier this month. The Beautemps-Beaupre picked

up repeated signals during a search mission and confirmed the boxes are located at depths of 1,200 meters (3,900 feet), about 9 miles (15 kilometres) northwest of Grand Comoros island, Reina said.—Internet



Map shows the Indian Ocean archipelago of Comoros, near where black boxes of a Yemenia Airways plane crashed June.—INTERNET

Japan's economy recovering, but risks remain

TOKYO, 24 July—Japan's economy appears to be on the mend after its worst recession in decades but still faces threats from rising unemployment and renewed deflation, the government said Friday.

The world's number two economy has been showing "signs of recovery", helped by government stimulus measures, the Cabinet Office said in an annual report, noting

that the slump had been "extremely deep."

"On the other hand, the economy still faces big downside risks," with firms under pressure to slim their workforce following a dive in factory production, it said.

Japanese companies had about six million more workers than they needed in the three months to March, the largest amount of excess labour since comparable

records began in 1980, according to the report.

Japan's unemployment rate climbed to 5.2 percent in May, approaching a post-World War II high of 5.5 percent, which was last seen in April 2003.

There are fears that the jobless rate will climb further as companies try to recover from heavy financial losses caused by the global economic downturn.

Internet



A customer looks at Sony Corp's Bravia LCD TVs at an electronics store in Tokyo on 24 July, 2009. Sony Corp will likely invest more than 100 billion yen (\$1.1 billion) in a planned liquid crystal display TV panel venture with Sharp Corp, the Nikkei business daily reported on Friday.—INTERNET

China home builder raises \$ 7.3 b in IPO

SHANGHAI, 24 July—China State Construction Engineering Corp said it has raised 50.16 billion yuan (7.3 billion dollars) in the world's biggest IPO this year.

The nation's largest home builder was selling 12 billion yuan-denominated A shares at the top end of an indicated range of 3.96 yuan to 4.18 yuan, according to a statement filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange late on Thursday.

The company said earlier the Shanghai initial public offering (IPO) had drawn heavy demand, attracting 1.86 trillion yuan of subscription funds from retail and institutional investors.

Internet



A camera-phone being displayed. Norwegian doctors are singing the praises of the camera phone, saying the tiny device installed in most mobiles these days can be a useful medical tool.

INTERNET

Soft PC sales send Microsoft profit down 29 pct

SEATTLE, 24 July—There isn't much Microsoft Corp can do to avoid what is shaping up to be a tough rest of 2009.

The same grim conditions that plagued the world's largest software maker in the first six months of the calendar year — weak computer sales, frozen corporate technology budgets — may not get worse from here, but they are not going to dissipate any time soon.

However, the company expects business to brighten in the first half of the next calendar year.

That was one of the messages delivered by Microsoft Chief Financial Officer Chris Liddell in a conference call Thursday, after the company said revenue missed Wall Street's expectations by \$1 billion and earnings slumped 29 percent in the fiscal fourth quarter.

The results capped a fiscal year in which revenue

fell for the first time since the company went public in 1986. For the full year, Microsoft said its profit slid 17 percent to \$14.6 billion, or \$1.62 per share, as sales sank 3 percent to \$58.4 billion.

Investors were displeased, sending Microsoft shares down \$2, or 7.8 percent, to \$23.56 in after-hours trading. Before the earnings report the stock had gained 3.1 percent to close at \$25.56.—Internet

EU youth unemployment doubles average

BRUSSELS, 24 July—Unemployment among young people in the European Union (EU) was more than twice as high as the EU average, according to figures released by the EU's statistics office Eurostat on Thursday.

After three years of decline, the EU unemployment rate started to rise in the first quarter of 2008 in the wake of the economic crisis. Since then the unemployment rate, especially for young people, has increased sharply in the EU.

In the first quarter of 2009, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the EU for those aged 15-24 was 18.3 percent, significantly higher than the total unemployment rate of 8.2 percent, while in the 16-nation euro zone, the youth unemployment rate was 18.4 percent, compared to the total unemployment rate of 8.8 percent.—Internet

Samsung Elec posts biggest profit in 2 1/2 yrs

SEOUL, 24 July —Samsung Electronics (005930.KS), the world's top maker of memory chips and LCD screens, posted its best quarterly profit in 2-1/2 years thanks to a turnaround in its memory chip business but maintained caution for the rest of the year.

Samsung looks poised to make the most of a nascent recovery in the global memory chip sector following a 2-year-old industry slump, as it enjoys a technological edge over rivals such as Elpida (6665.T).

Higher chip prices also helped Hynix Semiconductor (000660.KS), the No 2 maker of memory chips, post a sharply narrowed net loss on Friday. Hynix is expected to swing to an operating profit in the current quarter.—Internet



A Samsung Electronics' watch-shaped mobile phone. The world's leading computer memory chipmaker, said Friday it had achieved "outstanding" second-quarter results due to a recovery in prices and demand.

INTERNET



Nigeria's Q1 oil revenue cut by half

ABUJA, 24 July—Nigeria's oil revenue was slashed by half in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the previous quarter, official statistics released Thursday show, as the industry suffered the impact of militant attacks.

The huge slump in oil income dragged down total external trade by 29 percent over the same period last year.

Gas flares at the Total oil platform at Amenem, 35 kms from Port Harcourt in the Niger Delta.—INTERNET

Sales in the first quarter of 2009 fetched the country 735.4 billion naira (4.9 billion dollars/3.4 billion euros), sharply down on the previous quarter, when oil returned 9.86 billion dollars, the National Bureau of Statistics said in its July publication.

"Crude oil export stood at 735.4 billion naira (4.9 billion dollars/3.4 billion euros), a sharp decrease of 734.2 billion naira or 99.8 percent over that of fourth quarter 2008," the Bureau said.—Internet



Brazilian President says garbage to be sent back to Britain

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 July—Containers with garbage inside imported from Britain into Brazil, which were discovered over the past months, will be sent back, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Thursday.

He referred to the 89 containers, which were imported from February to May and detected in different states of Brazil. The garbage inside weighed over 1,400 tons. "We are going to send

all garbage back. We don't want to import garbage from anyone as we don't want to send our garbage anywhere," Lula said. According to import documents, the containers were supposed to only have plastic scraps for recycling, but they actually contained domestic and hospital garbage, as well as parts of worn-out computers.

Lula said the Brazilian police will investigate the incident and punish those

responsible.

He also said Brazil will inform Britain of the incident, and criticized the fact that even though.

Britain is sending its garbage to Brazil, it still pressures Brazil to preserve its environment.

The British government announced Thursday that three people suspected of playing a role in the garbage exports have been arrested in Swindon of southern England.

Xinhua



People get drenched by a large wave during high tide at Mumbai's seafront on 23 July, 2009. Some of the highest tides of the season, with waves reaching 5 meters, will be experienced in Mumbai, the meteorological department said.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

About 30 people arrested in US corruption, money-laundering probe

WASHINGTON, 24 July—The mayors of two major New Jersey cities were arrested Thursday in connection with a major corruption and international money laundering investigation, authorities said.

The US Attorney's Office said about 30 people, including Hoboken Mayor Peter Cammarano and Secaucus Mayor Dennis Elwell, were arrested in New Jersey and New York as a part of the probe.

Assemblyman Daniel Van Pelt and Jersey City Deputy Mayor Leona Beldini also were arrested in connection with the investigation, federal prosecu-

tors said.

The US attorney's office in Newark, NJ, said the two-track probe involves a "high-volume, international money-laundering conspiracy."

Several rabbis in New York and New Jersey were also arrested in connection with the investigation, federal prosecutors said.

Newark Mayor Cory Booker, who has fought corruption in New Jersey's largest city, said it's "an unbelievable morning so far."

A news conference was scheduled for noon Thursday at the US attorney's office in Newark.—Xinhua

Students practise at the dancing school of Theater Bolshoi in Joinville, south of Brazil, on 22 July, 2009. The dancing school was established in 2000 in Joinville town which has a dancing tradition in history. XINHUA



Mexican capital announces water-saving plan

MEXICO CITY, 24 July—Mexico City will launch a 760-million-peso (58-million-US dollar) water-saving plan to ensure that water shortages seen early this year will not repeat in the first half of next year, the city's mayor Marcelo Ebrard said on Thursday.

Ebrard, asking for help from the 20 million people who live in the city and its conurbation, said the programme seeks to reduce citizens' average daily consumption of water from the present 307 liters to 184.3 liters.

The city suffered a series of water supply cuts during the first half of this year, peaked with the suspension of half of the city's water supply during the second weekend of April.—Xinhua

UNEP chief urges world to invest in green economy

NAIROBI, 24 July—The UN environmental agency has called on governments to strive to invest in "greening" their economy, saying re-focusing the global economy towards investments in clean technologies and "natural" infrastructure has the potential for higher returns.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with Xinhua in Nairobi on Thursday, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Achim Steiner said governments should move rapidly towards a green economy and low carbon projects as part of efforts to revive the world economy from its current slowdown and create millions of jobs.—Xinhua

China to build stronger telescope network in south pole

HAINING, 24 July—Chinese astronomers will set up a stronger telescope network on Dome A, the top of the south pole, after the initial success in January, 2008, an astronomer said at a symposium that concluded here Thursday. Gong Xuefei, an astronomer involved in the telescope project, said at a cross-Straits forum on astronomical instruments that the new telescopes are being tested and the first of them is expected to be installed in the south pole in summers of 2010 and 2011. The new network Antarctic Schmidt Telescopes 3 (AST3) is made up of three Schmidt telescopes with an aperture of 50 cm, said Gong, who is an associate researcher of the Nanjing Institute of Astronomical Optics and Technology (NIAOT).—Xinhua

"Peace Mission-2009" improves anti-terror response

TAONAN, 24 July—A senior Chinese military officer said Friday the Peace Mission-2009 exercise has significantly improved their responsiveness of Chinese and Russian armed forces to terrorist attacks, despite the reduction in troop numbers from previous drills.

"Peace Mission-2009 is not a simple repetition of the two previous exercises," Senior Colonel Lu

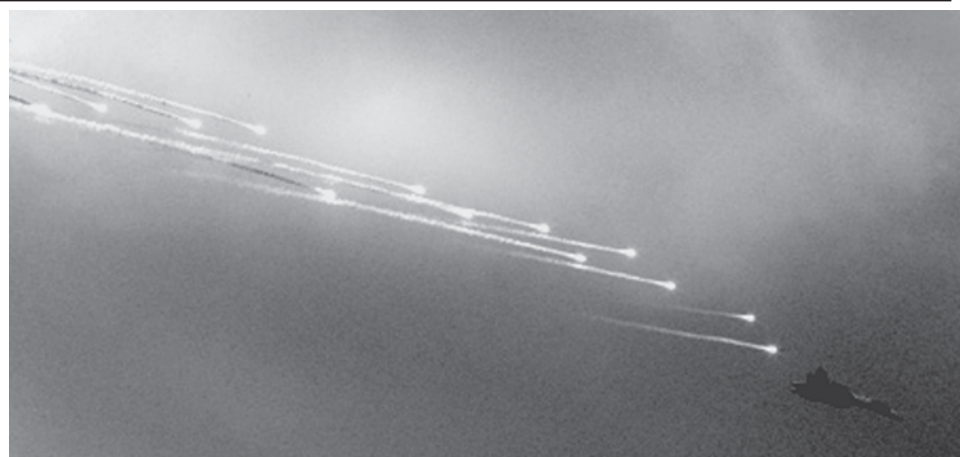
Chuangang, chief of the PLA's coordination team for the exercise, told Xinhua Friday. Under the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), China, Russia and other member states of the SCO held two similar anti-terrorism exercises under the name of "Peace Mission" in 2005 and 2007.

"The preparation time for the joint exercise has been shortened from 10

months in the previous exercises to four months this year, which show how.

Chinese and Russian armed forces can mobilize and deploy to a location within a very short time," said Lu, who participated in "Peace Mission-2007."

The two previous exercises each involved more than 10,000 troops, but just 1,300 troops from each side are participating this year.—Xinhua



A Russian Su-27 fighter plane attends the joint military drill, dubbed "Peace Mission-2009," in the Taonan tactical training base of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in northeast China's Jilin Province, on 23 July, 2009.—XINHUA



The new Porsche Cayenne diesel is displayed during the 79th Geneva Car Show in March 2009. After years of industrial and family battles, Europe's biggest car maker Volkswagen (VW) appeared close Thursday to taking over fellow German sports car maker Porsche.—INTERNET

Train collides with van in New Zealand's South Island

WELLINGTON, 24 July—A train collided with a van in New Zealand South Island's resort town of Kaikoura on Friday afternoon, Newstalk ZB radio reported.

The incident happened at a road intersection in Kaikoura just before 1:00 pm local time (0100 GMT). Only one person in the van suffered minor injuries, police said.

Emergency services remained at the scene and police were investigating the cause of the crash, the radio said.

Internet

Heat wave may have caused Fla fish kill

MIAMI, 24 July—Thousands of dead fish were found in Florida Bay this week, possible victims of the summer heat, Everglades National Park officials say.

A fish kill normally happens nearly every year in the Everglades, *The Miami Herald* reports, with floating redfish, snook and other species covering about 20 acres between Buoy Key and the coast.

But, not this big, said Dave Hallac, the park's chief of biological resources. "It's just the size of it that was concerning," he said.

An investigation is under way.

Because much of the bay between the southern end of the Florida mainland and the Florida Keys is shallow, water conditions can change rapidly with the weather.

Cold snaps and heat waves take their toll on fish.

Internet

DC Metro circuit failure dates to 2007

WASHINGTON, 24 July—A track circuit blamed for last month's deadly Washington Metro crash had been intermittently malfunctioning for more than 18 months, investigators say.

Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board said on Thursday they had identified problems at other Metro circuits, which are designed to detect the presence of a train and

force it to stop if it gets too close to another.

Nine people were killed and 80 injured when one train rear-ended another 22 June between the Fort Totten and Takoma stations on the Red line.

The trouble with the track circuit where the crash happened can be traced to replacement of equipment called "imped-

ance bonds," which communicate information like speed and the distance between tracks and trains to the operations control centre.

Impedance bonds had been replaced twice — once in December 2007, when circuit malfunctions began, and again five days before the crash, the NTSB said.

Internet

US man dies on Japan's Mt Fuji, second body found

TOKYO, 24 July—A US man has been found dead on the slopes of Japan's Mount Fuji, police said on Friday, and a second body has been recovered in the area where he went missing with a climbing companion last week. American Jerry Yu, 30, was found near the summit of Japan's tallest mountain on Thursday, a police official said from Gotemba city at the base of the volcano about 100 kilometres (60 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

"He was not breathing and his heart was not beating," said the police official, adding that Yu was found at about 3,600 metres (11,800 feet) above sea level, and roughly 100 metres off the trail.

Tokyo-based Yu and a work colleague, 27-year old Takeshi Nakamura, went missing near the summit Sunday after starting the climb overnight.

Police said on Friday they found a second man, his heart stopped and his face to the ground, several hundred metres downhill from Yu, but they could not immediately confirm his identity.—*Internet*

Love letter brings couple together after 16 years

A British man and his Spanish former love have finally married 16 years after they drifted apart, reunited by a love letter lost behind a fireplace for over a decade, media reported.

Steve Smith and Carmen Ruiz-Perez, both now 42, fell in love 17 years ago when she was a foreign exchange student in Brixham, southwest England, and got engaged after only a year together.

But their relationship ended after she moved France to run a shop in Paris.

A few years later, in a bid to rekindle their love, Smith sent a letter to her mother's home in Spain. It was placed on the mantelpiece, but slipped down behind the fireplace and was lost for over a decade.



Staff at Knowsley Safari Park demonstrate why visitors should not enter the baboon enclosure with roof boxes as the cheeky primates have learned to open them and run away with the goods.

The missing letter was only found when builders removed the fireplace during renovation work.

"When I got the letter I knew I had to make the call," Ruiz-Perez said.

"When we met again it was like a film. We met up and fell in love all over again."

Oscar Mayer Wiernmobile crashes into Wis home

One southern Wisconsin homeowner is probably not in love with the Oscar Mayer wiener. The famed hot dog's Wiernmobile crashed into the deck and garage of a home in Mount Pleasant, about 35 miles south of Milwaukee.

Police said the driver was trying to turn the Wiernmobile around in the driveway and thought she was moving in reverse. But she instead went forward and hit the home. It sat in the driveway as if it were stuck in the garage.

No one was home and no one was injured. No citations were immediately issued.

A newly born giant panda cub is seen at the giant panda base in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province.

NEWS ALBUM

Aussie escapes wrong turn into croc-filled river

An Australian woman had a lucky escape after making a wrong turn into a crocodile-infested river in the country's remote north, according to police.

The woman mistook a boat ramp for a road crossing the East Alligator River, about 300 kilometres (185 miles) east of Darwin, police said.

Officers who retrieved the vehicle after the accident found it surrounded by deadly saltwater crocodiles.

Police said the woman, from New South Wales state, had to scramble through the water as her four-wheel drive sank into the river near the world heritage-listed Kakadu National Park. "She managed to get out of the car once she realised she had gone the wrong way and her car was going to sink," a police spokeswoman told national news agency.



Joel Waul, 27, poses for a photograph with the 8,200 pound rubber band ball that he created in the driveway of his home on 14 August, 2008 in Lauderhill, Florida. Once he is finished, Mr Waul plans on submitting the ball to the Guinness World Records to try and break the record of the current largest rubber band ball in the record book. Waul's ball already is made up of more than 300,000 bands of different sizes and he plans on adding 2,000 more pounds once the material is delivered to his home.



Emergence of bridges throughout nation...

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the government, the innovative measures of Myanmar engineers and the concerted efforts of the national races, he said. Thanks to construction of Letpanhla Bridge, the commander noted that people from Myitkyina and Bhamo have easy

enjoy the fruits of better transport and development of social, education, health and economic sectors. He urged the local people to use the bridge systematically and maintain the bridge for its durability.
Next, Minister for

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. The bridge was successfully opened due to the concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.
After 1988, altogether 2913 bridges under 180 feet and 228 bridges with the length of 180 feet and above have been constructed across the nation. Letpanhla

central and upper Myanmar.
The ministersaid that emergence of bridges throughout the nation showed genuine goodwill of the government, skills and innovations of Myanmar engineers and unity and strength of all national races.
The government is implementing the long term plans for equitable development in all sectors,

he added.
Next, a local spoke words of thanks.
The minister and officials formally opened the bridge and the commander unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge. The commander, the minister and officials sprinkled scented water on it.
The reinforced concrete type Letpanhla bridge is 240 feet long and

the two-lane motorway is 24 feet wide flanked by three feet wide pedestrians. It can withstand 60 tons of load.
The newly-opened bridge was the 228th facility of its kind and one of the above-180-foot-long bridges built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and the 11th bridge in Mandalay Division.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe addresses the opening ceremony of Letpanhla Bridge.—CONSTRUCTION

access to Mandalay through Tagaung-Katha Road all the year round. Therefore, he said that the local people in Singu, Thabeikkyin, Mogok, Momeik and Mabein townships are going to

Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint spoke on the occasion. He said that work on construction of Letpanhla Bridge started on 15 February 2007 in accordance with the guidance given by

Bridge is on Mandalay-M a d a y a - M o g o k - Momeik-Mabein-SiU-Mansi-Bhamo Road, one of 36 Union Highways, he added. The bridge can contribute to smooth flow of commodity between

Thanks to construction of Letpanhla Bridge, people from Myitkyina and Bhamo have easy access to Mandalay through Tagaung-Katha Road all the year round.



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint addresses the opening ceremony of Letpanhla Bridge.

CONSTRUCTION

Premier Coffee holds Music and Beauty contest in Mandalay

YANGON, 24 July—Premier Coffee Music and Ginsetin Beauty Contest organized by Premier Coffee Co Ltd was held in Mandalay on 23 July.
Vocalist J Nyi Nyi, Khine Shwe Wah and Ko Ko Maung of Melody World acted as judges at the contest. Actor Wai Lu Kyaw, vocalist L Lunn Wah and Jenny entertained the audience with performance show and songs.
Responsible personnel of Premier Coffee Co Ltd and Gensetin expressed thanks for departmental officials, townselders, contestants, Premier Coffee Lovers and township agents of Mandalay. The final contest will be held for those who stood first in contests held in above-mentioned towns at Capital Hyper Mart in Yangon.—MNA

Gifts for Outstanding students

YANGON, 24 July—The Customs Department of Ministry of Finance and Revenue held stipends and prize presentation ceremony for the 2009-2010 at its training school, here, this afternoon.
Director General U San Thaung of Customs Department and officials presented stipends to 12 outstanding students. Also present on the occasion were officers, staff and family members.—MNA

Vocalist
L Lunn
Wah
entertains
the
audience
with songs.
MNA



On my return from Europe

Wai Hmu

In my youth, I once studied geopolitics, and held Sir Halford Mackinder and Alfred Thayer Mahan in great esteem for their beliefs including heartland theories. Later, I also disrespected them simultaneously due to the world wars and Cold War along with the colonial wars that were under their beliefs. Their convictions are, in fact, the nucleus of colonialism. Anyhow, I had interest in Europe, home to those whose convictions conceived colonialism and who introduced colonialism to the world. By good fortune, I was given an opportunity to stay in Brussels, also known as the heart of the Europe, for a few years. Only then could I come to know a lot about Europeans, aggressive and mean peoples, their beliefs, their some habits worthy of emulation, excessive selfishness, and covetousness. In my opinion, these points led to the world wars, and negative attitude towards Myanmar. To write this article, I was inspired by a strong desire to share my knowledge and experiences, which I gained from my stay there, with those Myanmar people who have not been to European countries and those who have not got much knowledge of the continent.

Brussels is Belgium's capital city, a famous city in the world's political stage, as well as the city, in which European Union (EU), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and World Customs Organization have their headquarters. Belgians boast that their capital Brussels is more well-known than their country Belgium. During my stay in Brussels, my family and I happened to visit some surrounding countries such as Germany, France, Luxemburg and the Netherlands. I had read the book "History of World War II" by Winston Churchill. On our way to Luxemburg, I enjoyed the natural beauty of Arden forest and happened to recall my memories of the battles that took place in the forest. During my stay in Brussels, I not only worked but also studied a lot such as EU, especially EU-Myanmar relations; NATO, WCO, political systems of European countries, and liberal democracy and debated many subjects with my European and Asian friends there. And there the more I knew that many were misunderstanding, writing wrong facts and leveling baseless accusations against Myanmar, the more frustrated I felt.

I came to know well about European Union (EU)'s attitude towards Myanmar because during my stay there I read a lot, broadened the scope of my friends and acquaintances and often used the Internet. I would like to present some facts about European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO)

first. I had a conversation with an official from ECHO. I had learnt that ECHO set up a branch in Myanmar. So, I asked what ECHO was doing in Myanmar. He replied that ECHO provided over 10 million Euros for the fund of its branch in Myanmar; and that about 6 million Euros of it went to refugee camps in Thai border areas. I said that those refugee camps were merely nominal ones, therefore ECHO should not have provided cash assistance because if it kept on doing so, the insurgents could well survive and trouble the nation. He did not respond to my words, but he was looking at me in a faintly bemused manner. I also learnt that **in many cases when budgets for humanitarian aid European Commission supported the developing countries were passed, some Europeans went down to the branches of their offices in these countries and competed against each other for projects to skim off the funds.**

The second point is that it was in the early 2007. If my memory serves me right it was the time when Chairman Major General Htein Maung of KNLA Peace Council and party returned to the legal fold. According to the news I got, about 10 million Euros were provided to KNU refugee camps in order that the remnant insurgents would not return to the legal fold. So, I felt embittered a lot. I am in doubt they want to see national race armed groups return to the legal fold.

The third point is that Euro-Burma Office is in Brussels. The director of it is Harn Yawng hwe (son of Sao Shwe Thaik). According to his Website, the office has been opened since 1995. Harn Yawng hwe seems to be popular among the anti-government groups. All the politicians, young and old, call him "U (Mr) Harn" to show their high esteem to him. He has been opposing Myanmar government to earn his living since the previous government. His mother founded SSA armed insurgent group. His elder brother was a battalion commander in SSA. In Shan Thandawsint newspaper, Harn Yawng hwe was branded as patron of drug trafficking terrorist group SSA (South) Ywet Sit. I came to know that he has been trying for generations for Shan State to secede from the Union to found Shan nation. I believe all who have ever dealt with him know well about his plot. He always claims democracy, praising himself to be the spokesman of Daw Suu Kyi, as if he is a real pro-democracy activist among European politicians. He is CEO of DVB broadcasting station as well as a secessionist. Without any doubt he is believed to keep on attempting till his final days to break up the Union. So, he is a sort of person, whose acts the people should remain constantly aware of. His Website also says that Euro-Burma Office was established with the

joint annual funds by European Commission and European Parliament; that Friedrich-Elbert-Stiftung (FES), a German foundation, provided funds for it; and that Norway government, dialogue partner of Tamil Tigers, also provided funds for it. Surely, EU has aided and abetted a dangerous secessionist thug for over a decade. What is their motive?

The European Commission held a forum on Myanmar in 2006. All those who consider themselves to be pro-democracy Myanmar activists, attended it, and held discussions. At that time I was busy, so I requested a French friend of mine to attend the forum. He is a writer and he has read a book by Robert Taylor. So, he volunteered to attend it. However, he was not allowed to attend the closed door meeting that evening. And he was dissatisfied with that and commented the closed door meeting to be a meeting to seek funds secretly. No one knew how much who aided and how much who got, but I was sure it was a huge fund. Europeans I previously thought did things openly, publicly and decisively, and I wondered why they did not do so that time. A European commissioner once said to me that he did not want to exercise double standard in Myanmar affairs unlike those from other EU member countries.

In September, 2007 an undisciplined protest dubbed "golden revolution" broke out. But the EU seemed to be happy with that. It issued a statement demanding that the Myanmar government was to tolerate. They felt satisfied and happy thinking those who would serve the long-term interests of the western bloc would come into power in Myanmar like colour revolutions they had created in Belarus, Ukraine and Georgia. When the State took control of the situation for the sake of the security of the people and their property, the EU got infuriated and imposed more sanctions against Myanmar. Visa ban was imposed even on grocery owners from far-away areas. Then economic sanctions were imposed. Ignoring the fact that sanctions affected only the poor, they, in a dishonest way, continued to apply their sanction strategy thinking that more unrest and violence would occur when the poor got poorer and poorer. When the UN appointed Mr Gambari as special envoy, the EU appointed Mr Fascino, an Italian socialist, as special envoy. I think there are about eight special envoys the EU has appointed. The special envoy sent to Serbia for Kosovo crisis was able to show his excellent performance. It was said that even the UN had to refer to his report. Soon, a small new Kosovo seceded from Serbia as the sixth one to do so. About 15 EU member countries hastily declared their recognition. Some member countries with internal secession problems kept silent. Thanks to the EU special envoy, Serbia became weaker and weaker. For what purpose was the EU special envoy appointed for Myanmar? It is not easy to know their motive only by reading their statement. It would be better for us to try to know their habit, interest, character, means and history. The Myanmar government did not recognize the EU special envoy. If he was recognized, it would yield no benefits.

Being a powerful organization, the EU got dissatisfied with the issue of Myanmar since it failed to fulfil its wishes. The European parliament awarded Daw Suu Kyi Sakharov award that is said to be the same level as Nobel Prize.

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Research papers on Myanmar Traditional National Characters read

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Research papers reading session on Myanmar traditional national characters was held at the Ministry of Culture this morning, with an address by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

It was also participated by member of Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Khin

Maung Nyunt, member of Myanmar Language Commission U Myint Kyi, directors-general of departments under the ministry, rectors from National Culture and Fine Arts Universities (Yangon & Mandalay), resource persons, guests from ministries, researchers, and those interested.

In his speech, Vice-Chairman of National

Culture Committee, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint said that every Myanmar citizen needs to know status of his own nation and race, high standard of culture and history well. Only with the spirit to value, safeguard and take pride in own cultural history, will there be the spirit to safeguard independence and sovereignty of the nation.

And research papers reading sessions like that organized by the ministry contributes to Myanmar citizens in retaining the firm

spirit to safeguard the nation for perpetuity in their hearts.

Next, Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of the Fine Arts Department explained facts about the reading session. Member of the Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Khin Maung Nyunt and member of the Myanmar Language Commission presided over the reading session.

Writer Chit San Win read paper on “Study of Twelve Myanmar Traditional Blessing Ceremonies”. Writer Chit Oo Nyo on “Study of Songs about Myanmar Traditional Nat Spirits”. Staff Officer Daw Mu Mu

Khin of Production Unit (Yangon) of the Fine Arts Department on “Study of Myanmar Traditional Duet Dances”. Assistant instructor (Dramatic Art) of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Daw Win Pa Pa on “Study of Natural Law learnt from Myanmar Jataka”.

Scholars, guests and research scholars discussed the papers read and resource persons answered queries raised by them. Next, the minister made suggestions to the papers and the reading session came to an end in the evening.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint addresses research papers reading session on Myanmar traditional national characters.—MNA

On my return from Europe

Wai Hmu

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Harn Yawng hwe was invited to the European parliament and he was asked to hold a photo show on displaced persons. The large photo of Daw Suu Kyi was stuck to the wall of the European parliament in Brussels for a year to attract the sympathetic attention of Europeans. The moment Daw Suu Kyi was released, the parliament's meeting stopped for a while and a phone call was made to give words of encouragement that it would always stand by her. Although it was attempting to get the Myanmar people into trouble by use of sanctions, it wanted to exploit Myanmar's gas very cheaply. It was secretly trying how to do so. As the Myanmar government is formed with Tatmadaw members, it is simple, straightforward and honest. For the EU with ulterior motive, it seems to have difficulties. For those with the open and honest policy, Myanmar government is easy to deal with and has been famous for it.

I would like to say that many statements the EU has issued are typical statements. They always include the following points such as:

- the release of political prisoners including Daw Suu Kyi
- the seeking of all-inclusive dialogue including the leaders of minority groups
- the promotion of genuine democracy with standardized human rights

Here, the leaders of minority groups the EU says about do not mean our national race leaders taking part in nation-building tasks after making peace with the government and returning to the legal fold. It is necessary to clearly know that they are their naturalized followers with different ethnic accents, who have been

living in exile in foreign countries for long. Anti-government politicians have been shouting that they will try to disrupt every step of the seven-step Road Map. It is also clear that their masters will always criticize and disturb every step of the Road Map. The master and followers will have to go together.

Recently, the President of Sri Lanka paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar. It was the time when a 25-year-old civil war just ended there. I don't believe that the insurgency of Tamil Tigers would stop if the Sri Lankan government did what the EU had demanded. In its history, lots of blood and sweat might have been lost at the instigation of Europeans. Now Sri Lanka has enjoyed fruits of peace as it has chosen its own way turning down the EU demands. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement regarding the EU in the Myanmar Alin Daily on 14-6-2009. The alternate chairman of the EU that has raised the KNU for years on 11 June issued a statement exaggerating the influx of its people into the refugee camps of Thailand. It intentionally harmed the dignity of the government by manufacturing fabricated news. The last paragraph of the statement clearly shows what they mean. As a matter of fact, they want to assist the KNU to prolong its existence. We have already known that. Does the EU really want to see peace and stability in Myanmar? As an ordinary public member, I would like to say: please keep away from our country.

But I felt happy with one good point against the bad points included in the EU statement. I had never heard that the EU said like this while I was in Brussels. The point is that the EU reiterates its commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Burma/Myanmar. I want to know whether the commitment of the EU

alternate chairman is the consensus of all the 27 member countries. Kissinger once made a critical remark that he did not know who he had to phone if he wanted to talk to some decision-makers of the EU. I do not want that EU alternate chairman to say later that what he said in his chairmanship was his own responsibility. As I have ever lived many parts of the Union of Myanmar, I really support the genuine Union. Don't talk about federal principles. I had taken lesson while I was in Belgium which was about to split into northern and southern parts due to the weakness of the federal system. Therefore, my family members and I earnestly supported the 2008 constitution which says Myanmar will exercise the Union system; and that no part of the territory constituted in the Union, such as Regions, States, Union Territories and Self-Administered Areas shall never secede from the Union.

We, the national people, will have to continue to strive for the Union of Myanmar to become a more developed, discipline flourishing nation. We have to continue to march towards a glamorous new nation by thwarting the danger of breaking up the nation that has overshadowed since the pre-independence period. We will have to continue to build a society with constitutionalism that follows and respect the sound provisions included in the unanimously-approved constitution. We will have to continue to ensure good governance with honest and loyal service personnel at various levels for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The national duties ahead of us are wide and enormous.

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Developing Indaw Township of Sagaing Division

Article & Photos: Reporter Ko Min (Indaw)

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Moreover, seasonal crops are being grown as the mixed crops. Therefore, the local farmers have high socio-economic status.

A total of 64,125 acres of lands have been reclaimed in the township. A total of 48,023 acres of monsoon paddy and 1410 acres of summer paddy were grown in 2008-2009 cultivation season. The township yielded 84.54 baskets of paddy per acre and produced 4,179,139 baskets of paddy. As a result, the township achieved 193 per cent of food sufficiency. With regard to edible oil crop production, a total of 19,446 acres of land were put under groundnut, 8511 acres under sesame, 8002 acres under sunflower, 1503 acres under niger and 204 acres under mustard. Therefore, the township produced 3,150,870 viss of edible oil.

Due to selling surplus rice and edible oil,

the local farmers could enjoy higher living standard.

The government opened schools for enabling all the children to pursue basic education in the education sector. In Indaw Township, two Basic Education High Schools, two BEHS branches, two affiliated BEHSs, four BEMSs, seven BEMS branches, 23 affiliated BEMSs, 23 post-primary schools, 94 BEPSs, seven affiliated BEPSs and five monastic education schools are teaching the students.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, a total of 599 teachers taught 23,468 basic education students at different levels. Out of 1139 candidates, a total of 522 students passed the matriculation examination, accounting for 45 per cent. Of them, many distinction winners brought honour to the township in the education sector.

Moreover, a total of 32 new two-storey school buildings with CI sheets were built with K 125.4



Photo shows Hseywa-Manle gravel road in Indaw Township.

million contributions of the Ministry of Education and K 241.223 million by the local people.

In the health sector, one 16-bed township hospital, one 16-bed station hospital and 16 rural health centres are providing health care service to the local people. The govern-

ment and the local people shared the cost for construction of 10 buildings by spending K 27.073 million.

The government spent a large sum of money on construction of 18-mile Indaw-Katha road, 28-mile Indaw-Banmauk road and 42-

mile Indaw-Htigyaing road for ensuring better transportation of the local people.

In the 2008-2009 financial year, the road from Manle Village to Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road was constructed with K 28 million contribution of the department concerned and K 42 million of the local people. Moreover, the local people spent K 19.9 million on construction of six furlongs long tarred road linking Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road and Nantthe Village.

Due to concerted efforts of the government and the local people, the self-reliant earth roads, gravel roads, tarred roads, wooden and concrete bridges were constructed for enabling the local people to enjoy the fruits of better transport.

Township Development Affairs Committee sank 19 tube-wells, 86 artisan wells, one spring well and other 34 wells by spending K 51.055 million in addition to K 26.26 million contributions of

the local people.

Irrigation Department implemented the irrigation projects for supply of water to 3233 acres of farmlands by spending K 16.115 million together with K 2.090 million contributions of the local people. Moreover, General Administration Department spent K 1.85 million and the people K 0.33 million on carrying out of water supply task for 1857 acres of farmlands.

In the communication sector, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications opened Digital Auto-exchange (Indaw) on 4 March 2007 and another digital auto-exchange in Mawlu Model Village on 27 June 2009.

Progress in economic, education, health and social sectors can be seen in Indaw similar to that of other major cities throughout the Union in the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

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A microwave tower seen at the station of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Indaw Township.



Actors take part in a training for a military parade to mark Navy Day in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok, on 24 July, 2009. Russian Navy marks its professional holiday on Sunday.—INTERNET

Overnight storms in Poland kill eight

WARSAW, 24 July—Overnight storms in western and central Poland killed eight people and injured nearly 50, TVN24 news channel reported early on Friday.

Thunderstorms which started on Thursday evening destroyed homes and cars while broken trees blocked streets. Western Poland's Poznan railway station was flooded as a result of the storms.

"Over 12,000 firefighters were taking part in the various rescue missions overnight," fire brigade official Dariusz Marczyński told TVN24.

Poland's weather forecast service IMGW warned of further thunderstorms in north eastern Poland.

MNA/Reuters



Photo taken on 22 July, 2009 shows a 2-meter-high wild lily blossoming out 56 flowers in the Wangjiaqiao Village of Sankou Town in Huangshan City.

INTERNET

Mumbai gears up for highest tide of the season

MUMBAI, 24 July—As rains lashed this western city of India, the metropolis is all set to face the highest tide of the season which will hit its shores on Thursday.

The city is expected to experience a high tide of 5.1 metres at approximately 1323 hours which would last till about 1925 hours, officials said.

The meteorological department had allayed fears of large scale flooding due to rains and said that it was unlikely very heavy rains would be experienced during the high tide period.



A wave hits the slums along the sea shore during high tide in Mumbai, India, on Friday, 24 July, 2009. INTERNET

Disaster Management Cell of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, however, has geared up to handle any situation like 26/7 deluge. Moderate rains were experienced

across the city with the Colaba station recording 20.4 millimetres of rainfall and 35.9 millimetres at the Santacruz station.

MNA/PTI

Iran locates 46 oil fields in Caspian Sea

TEHERAN, 24 July—Iran's Oil Minister Gholam Hossein Nozari said that his country located 46 oil fields in the Caspian Sea, the satellite Press TV reported on Thursday. "Eight of the fields (out of 46) are presently ready for exploitation," Nozari was quoted as saying. On Thursday, Iran launched its domestically-built semi-submersible drilling rig in the Caspian Sea for the exploration of oil and gas reserves. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad participated in the inaugural ceremony of the semi-submersible rig called Iran-Alborz, the largest in the Middle East, according to another report by Press TV.

Reportedly, the semi-floating rig weighs 14,000 tons and will facilitate oil exploration in the southern part of the Caspian Sea. It can operate at water depths up to 1,030 metres and can drill down to 6,000 metres under the seabed. After winning the international tender offered by the National Iranian Oil Company for the construction of the Iran-Alborz platform in 2002, the (Iranian) Sadra Group, with a 95 percent of share, kicked off the project in a joint venture with the Swedish company GVA, which held another 5 percent of share, Press TV said.

MNA/Xinhua

Dutch NATO official recalled from US for security reasons

BRUSSELS, 24 July — The Dutch secret service, the AIVD, has confirmed that it has withdrawn the security clearance of a Dutch NATO employee based in the United States, Radio Netherlands reported on Thursday.

An investigation by the AIVD revealed that the senior official was "vulnerable" and possibly open to blackmail, said Radio Netherlands. The official worked at NATO's Allied Command Trans-

formation in Norfolk, Virginia. The command is in charge of the modernization of the 28-nation alliance.

The official has appealed against the AIVD's decision. Radio Netherlands did not reveal the name of the official.—MNA/Xinhua

Higher insulin levels may increase risk for breast cancer

LOS ANGELES, 24 July—Postmenopausal women with elevated insulin levels may face greater risk of developing breast cancer, a new study has found. US researchers drew the conclusion after examining data on 5,450 women who took part in the Women's Health Initiative, a large study that looked at how various factors influence women's health, according to the study published online on Thursday in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

The study was conducted by researchers at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York City. The researchers found a strong association between elevated insulin levels in the blood and increased risk of breast cancer.

Women with insulin levels in the highest third were twice as likely to develop breast cancer as women in the bottom third, according to the study. The team also discovered that the link

between elevated insulin levels and breast cancer was stronger for thin women than for obese women, who tend to have higher insulin levels.

"Up to now, only a few studies have directly investigated whether insulin levels are associated with breast cancer risk," said Geoffrey Kabat, the lead author and senior epidemiologist in the department of epidemiology and population health at Einstein.—MNA/Xinhua

Thai, Israeli firms to build Bangkok's tallest tower

BANGKOK, 24 July—Thailand's Pace Development Co and Israel's Industrial Buildings Corp Ltd (IBC) unveiled a 410-million-US-dollar joint venture on Thursday to build a 77-storey, multi-purpose high-rise in central Bangkok.

The 310 metre Mananakhon project, which will be the tallest building in the Thai capital, housing 200 luxury residential units, a 150-room five-star hotel and a shopping mall, is due for completion in late 2012, the companies said.

According to IBC's chief executive, Dalit Braun, the investment is the biggest in Asia for her company, Israel's biggest property and infrastructure developer.

Pace and IBC respectively hold 50.1 percent and 49.9 percent in the venture, the largest property project in Bangkok in more than a decade, Pace's chief executive, Surapoj Techakraisri, told reporters.

MNA/Reuters



A B-747 Supertanker drops water during a demonstration at the Frankfurt Hahn airport, 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Frankfurt on 24 July, 2009. The B-747 fire-fighting aircraft is capable of dispersing 20,500 gallons of retardant.—INTERNET

UK "Daily Mail" says ad decline slows, visibility low

LONDON, 24 July—British newspaper publisher *Daily Mail & General Trust* said the decline in advertising revenue at its national and regional titles slowed during the June quarter but forward visibility remained low.

National newspaper ad revenues fell 12 per cent in the quarter to end-June, compared with a 23-per-cent decline the previous quarter. British regional newspaper ad revenues fell 33 per cent, compared with 36 per cent a quarter earlier.

MNA/Reuters

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SONG SHAN VOY NO (86) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 25.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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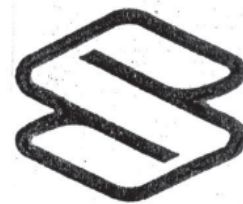
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Congo rebel attack kills at least 24

KINSHASA, 24 July—At least 24 people, most of them civilians, were killed when rebels attacked an army base in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo earlier this week, United Nations peace-keeping force MONUC said Thursday.

Quoting information from the Congolese army, known as FARDC, MONUC military spokesman Lt Col Jean-Paul Dietrich said the FARDC base in Mandje was attacked at 2300 local time

(2200 GMT) Monday and the gun battle lasted until 0600 the next day.

Members of Rwandan Hutu militia the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) carried out the attack, he said.

"An early toll indicates that three members of FARDC were killed and four of them wounded. Sixteen civilians were killed, including a wife and two children of FARDC soldiers. Five members of FDLR were

killed," Dietrich said.

Mandje lies in a remote area of North Kivu, 5 kilometres north of Hombo near the provincial border with South Kivu. "Only helicopters can reach the area, and they cannot always land easily," Dietrich said. Earlier this year Congolese and Rwandan forces mounted joint operations against Rwandan, Ugandan and local gunmen in Congo's eastern provinces, often provoking reprisal attacks against civilians.—*Internet*



Job seekers use computers to look for jobs at the Richmond Works One Stop Career Center On 17 July, 2009 in Richmond, California.
INTERNET

15 killed in Mogadishu clashes

MOGADISHU, 24 July—Renewed fighting between Somalia's radical Shebab militia and African Union-backed government forces has killed at least 15 civilians in the capital, officials and medical sources said Thursday.

More than 50 civilians were also wounded in the late Wednesday firefight sparked by an militant attack on AU peacekeepers and government forces in southern Mogadishu.

"At least 15 civilians died and many others were injured in the shelling," police officer Dahir Mohamed said.

Witnesses said mortars hit their homes as they were preparing to go to bed.

Ali Muse, who heads Mogadishu's ambulance rescue service, said they took 55 wounded people from various districts to hospitals in the war-ravaged capital.

"One of our ambulances was also damaged during the operations but the staff are fortunately safe," he said.

The Shebab and Hizb al-Islam militant groups have been battling government and AU forces since launching an unprecedented offensive in early May.

Internet



Supercomputer called fastest of its kind

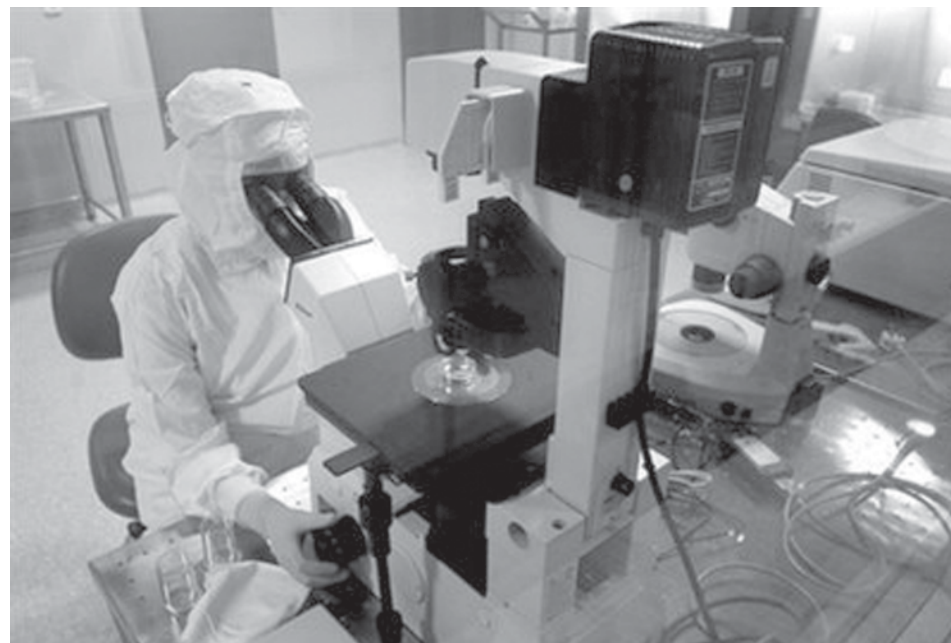
GAINESVILLE, 24 July—A supercomputer that just started operating at the University of Florida is likely the fastest of its kind, its designer says.

The Novo-G is a “reconfigurable” computer, meaning it can rearrange its internal circuitry to suit the task at hand. Traditional computers

use so-called “fixed-logic devices” to perform tasks.

The Novo-G can be used in applications from space satellites to research supercomputers, said Alan George, director of the UF National Science Foundation Center for High-Performance Reconfigurable Computing.

The Novo-G can be 10 times to 100 times faster than other computers its size while using up to 10 times less energy, George said.—Internet



A scientist conducts research on stem cells at a laboratory. A middle-aged leukemia patient has become Chile's first patient to receive stem cells from an umbilical cord in a radical procedure that could cure the disease, health officials here said on Thursday.—INTERNET

Survey indicates workers don't want to be the boss

ATLANTA, 24 July — Some 52 percent of US workers say their company has too few skilled managers and 45 percent say the problem will get worse, a survey indicated.

The results suggest that finding and preparing the next generation of managers is emerging as a critical issue facing companies, the Randstad staffing survey said Thursday.

The survey explores the causes of the potential managerial deficit and finds that 49 percent of people with experience to become managers say they don't want any part of it. When asked, 50 percent of men and women ages 45-63, and almost seven in 10 age 64 and older, say “no” to the prospect of becoming a manager, said Atlanta's Randstad, part of staffing giant Randstad Holding NV of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Increased stress is the No 1 reason 82 percent of employees say they don't want to become managers, the survey found.

The online survey of 2,199 adult employees and 833 adult managers was conducted for Randstad by Harris Interactive 23 March to 15 April. Randstad did not report the survey's margin of error and a United Press International call to Randstad Thursday was not immediately returned.—Internet



An employee at a chocolate manufacturer lining up chocolates in Halle, eastern Germany. Scientists in Britain are looking for women willing to eat chocolate every day for a year — all in the name of medical science.—INTERNET

Death toll of A/H1N1 flu in Canada rises to 55

OTTAWA, 24 July — The death toll of the A/H1N1 flu in Canada rose to 55 Thursday, the Public Health Agency of Canada announced.

That was five more than the number released on Tuesday. Deaths have now occurred in seven provinces or territories.

The French-speaking Quebec has the most deaths at 19, followed by Ontario province at 18. The total confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu in the country have now surpassed 10,000.

Internet

Florida A/H1N1 death toll rises to 22, cases near 3,000

HOUSTON, 24 July — The Florida health department on Thursday reported that the death toll of the A/H1N1 flu in the southeast US State had jumped to 22, almost doubling the previous record of 12 a week ago.

The state health officials also reported that 727 new cases of the A/H1N1 flu had been confirmed in the past week, increasing from 2,188 to 2,915, or one-third in a week.

Local health officials expect more cases after public schools open next month.

The rapid increase of fatalities from the A/H1N1 virus seems unpredicted by the health officials and local citizens in the state.—Internet

Over 1,600 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 24 July — A European health agency said on Thursday that 1,671 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 637 were confirmed in Germany, 510 in Britain, 197 in Greece, 64 in Sweden, 62 in Italy, 46 in Norway, 40 in Spain, 29 in Switzerland, 19 in Portugal, 15 in Slovenia, 12 in Hungary, eight in Austria, five each in Denmark and Ireland, four in Bulgaria, three each in the Czech Republic, Iceland, Slovakia and Lithuania, two each in Romania and Malta, and one each in Estonia and Poland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

Internet

Heavy rain damages houses, school in El

MEXICO CITY, 24 July — Heavy rain damaged 26 houses and at least one school in a town near the Salvadorian capital San Salvador on Wednesday, news reports reaching here said Thursday.

The strongest rain was in Palma, a town in Chalatenango that borders San Salvador province to the south and Honduras to the north.

The local meteorological service said there would be moderate to heavy rainfall on Thursday in the central and western part of the country, which was caused by a nearby tropical wave on the move.—Internet

End of river blindness feasible

GENEVA, 24 July — A study in Mali and Senegal where river blindness was endemic has provided evidence of the feasibility of the disease's elimination, researchers said.

Previously, it was

thought that elimination of river blindness, also known as onchocerciasis, was only possible in the limited, isolated areas in the Americas where the disease is endemic, officials at the World Health Organization in Switzerland.

“This evidence is an historic milestone — it has far-reaching implications for the fight against this disease,” Uche Amazigo, the director of the African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control. “Prior to this study we did not know if we would ever be able to stop treatment.”

Onchocerciasis is transmitted by blackfly, which breeds in rivers, and often blinds people, as well as causing debilitating skin disease.

Internet



Tourists are seen beside the Qinghai Lake in northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 21 July, 2009. As the boom season for tourism began, more and more tourists arrived here to enjoy the natural scenery.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Torres itching to get back into soccer action

SINGAPORE, 24 July— Fernando Torres has had barely three weeks away from football but that is enough for the Spanish striker who is itching to get back into action.



Fernando Torres *SET*

After Liverpool finished second in the Premier League Torres jetted to South Africa to play for his country at the Confederations Cup, where he scored the fastest hat-trick by a Spanish player.

It meant he had less time off-duty than others, but the 25-year-old is now focused on his pre-season preparations and wants to get more time on the clock after appearing for only 10 minutes against Thailand on Wednesday.—*Internet*

FC Seoul agree Lee move to Bolton

SEOUL, 24 July—Star South Korean midfielder Lee Chung-Yong is heading to English Premier League club Bolton for about three million dollars, his team said Friday.

The 21-year-old has reached a verbal agreement with the northern English side to sign a three-year contract for a transfer fee of about two million pounds (three million dollars), FC Seoul said.—*Internet*



Star South Korean midfielder Lee Chung-Yong.

Na shoots 63 to take Canadian Open lead

OKAVILLE, 24 July—Kevin Na birdied the final five holes and nine of his last 12 for a 9-under 63 and a two-stroke lead over Retief Goosen, Scott Verplank and Joe Durant on Thursday during the suspended first round of the 100th Canadian Open.

After playing one hole in the morning, Na waited out a 7 1/2-hour rain delay in the tournament plagued by wet conditions for the second straight year. Ninety-eight players were unable to finish the round, and 39 of them didn't even begin play.

Jimmy Walker was 6 under with four holes to play when play was suspended for the day because of darkness. Mike Weir, trying to become the first Canadian to win the national championship since Pat Fletcher in 1954, opened with a 70.

Na closed his first nine, the back nine at Glen Abbey, with birdies on the par-5 16th and 18th, added birdies on Nos. 1 and 2 and birdied the final five for a front-nine 28, matching the tournament record set by Vijay Singh on the same nine in the second round of his 2004 victory.

"The greens are holding, so you can get aggressive with the irons," Na said. "But off the tee you must put yourself in the fairway. The rough is very thick."

Internet

Football star Eto'o signs Inter Milan deal-agent

ROME, 24 July—Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o has agreed terms on his transfer from Barcelona to Inter Milan, the Cameroon international star's agent Jose Maria Mesalles said on Thursday.



Striker Samuel Eto'o

Mesalles emerged from two hours of talks with Inter representatives to tell the waiting press that a deal had been agreed, which was later confirmed by Inter's transfer specialist Marco Branca.—*Internet*

Maradona eyes Portsmouth role-report

DUBAI, 24 July—Diego Maradona is ready to quit his job as Argentina manager and join English Premier League side Portsmouth, a report citing the footballing legend's lawyer claimed here on Thursday.



Diego Maradona

Maradona, according to an article in Arabian Business, has already lined up four international stars to help new owner Sulaiman Al Fahim's Fratton Park revolution.

Al Fahim, who is close friends with Maradona's cousin Remigio, is said to want to appoint the 48-year-old as the club's global ambassador.

Maradona's lawyer, Angel Oscar Moyano, in a confidential e-mail published in the magazine, claimed: "He (Maradona) has got top players ready and he is even ready to leave the Argentine national team."

Internet

Ochoa makes big save to send Mexico to finals

CHICAGO, 24 July—No way Mexico was squandering this chance.

Guillermo Ochoa came up with the big save on the third penalty kick, giving El Tri a victory over Costa Rica on Thursday night and setting up a rematch in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final with its archrival, the United States. Mexico won 5-3 on penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie.

After Carlos Vela buried the fifth and final penalty into the corner of the net to seal the victory, he sprinted over and tackled Ochoa as the rest of their teammates rushed forward to join the dogpile.—*Internet*



Mexico's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa (1), left, celebrates with teammates after defeating Costa Rica during a CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal soccer game in Chicago on 23 July, 2009.—*INTERNET*

Russian Tursunov into quarters at Indianapolis tennis



Dmitry Tursunov, pictured in earlier competition, of Russia smoothly advanced into the last eight at the Indianapolis Tennis Championships at the Indianapolis Tennis Center in United States, Indian, beating Brazilian Marcos Daniel 6-3, 6-3.

INTERNET

INDIANAPOLIS, 24 July—Russian Dmitry Tursunov will find a familiar face waiting for him in the quarter-finals at the ATP Indianapolis Championships when he plays Frank Dancevic for the second time in six weeks.

Top seed Tursunov smoothly advanced into the last eight beating Brazilian Marcos Daniel 6-3, 6-3 while Dancevic put out German fifth seed Benjamin Becker 6-2, 7-5.

Tursunov and Dancevic are long-time rivals, with the Russian beating the Canadian for the Indy title two years ago as well as the grass-court Eastbourne final in June two days prior to the start of Wimbledon.

Internet

Woodgate injury adds to Tottenham's defensive woes

LONDON, 24 July—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp revealed on Thursday that England defender Jonathan Woodgate will miss the start of the season after flying to America for treatment on a groin injury.



England defender Jonathan Woodgate

Woodgate's latest injury is a major headache for Redknapp as centre-back Ledley King has not been able to take part in pre-season training due to his recurring knee injury, while fellow defender Michael Dawson has a damaged Achilles.

"All three central defenders are struggling for the start of the season in all honesty so it is not an ideal situation," Redknapp told Tottenham's website.—*Internet*

Alguersuari set to become youngest F1 driver

BUDAPEST, 24 July— Jaime Alguersuari will become the youngest driver to race in Formula One this weekend, and is drawing criticism from fellow drivers about his inexperience even before the start of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The 19-year-old Spaniard spoke to reporters Thursday for the first time since taking over for 30-year-old Frenchman Sebastien Bourdais. Alguersuari said his objective this season is to simply figure out what being an F1 driver is all about.

"I know I'm not really experienced, I know I don't have mileage with the car, but that's what we're here for," said Alguersuari, who joins from Renault's World Series. "It's a new car for me, a new championship for me, but I have to learn."

Alguersuari will set the age record Sunday at 19 years, 126 days, breaking New Zealand driver Mike Thackwell's mark by 57 days. Among the drivers critical of the move was Mark Webber, who drives for sister team Red Bull.—*Internet*

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Rev. Mother Pierina Rosa Chiarina
(a) Rev. Mother Rose Clare
98 Years

Sister of reparation profession 72 years, residing at the aged poor home, 539, Theinbu Road, Yangon, beloved sister of (cypriano), Raphael Peter Thaung, Donesia, Lah Fide, (Paulina), and Great Aunt of Angela B. Thaung (UNICEF), Rosina (Shinparu clinic), Assumpta, Martin, Paulu, fell asleep in Jesus on 23rd July in Toungoo.

Funeral will take place at the Catholic Cemetery of St. Lazarus, Toungoo on 25th July Saturday.

Bereaved Family

HK students win five maths medals

HONG KONG, 24 July—Five high school students have won a gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) in Germany, scoring the best results for the Hong Kong team since 2006.

The competitors were selected to represent Hong Kong for their outstanding performance in the IMO Preliminary Selection Contest held last year.

Gold medallist Ching Tak-wing, a Secondary Five student of Queen's College won a silver medal in the China Mathematical Olympiad 2009 in January.

The two silver medallists are Kenneth Hung of Diocesan Boys' School and Lam Cho-ho of STFA Lee Shau Kee College. The bronze medallists are La Salle College's Chung Ping-ngai and STFA Leung Kau Kui College's Ng Ngai-fung.

The Olympiad was held during July 10 to 22 in Bremen.—MNA/Xinhua

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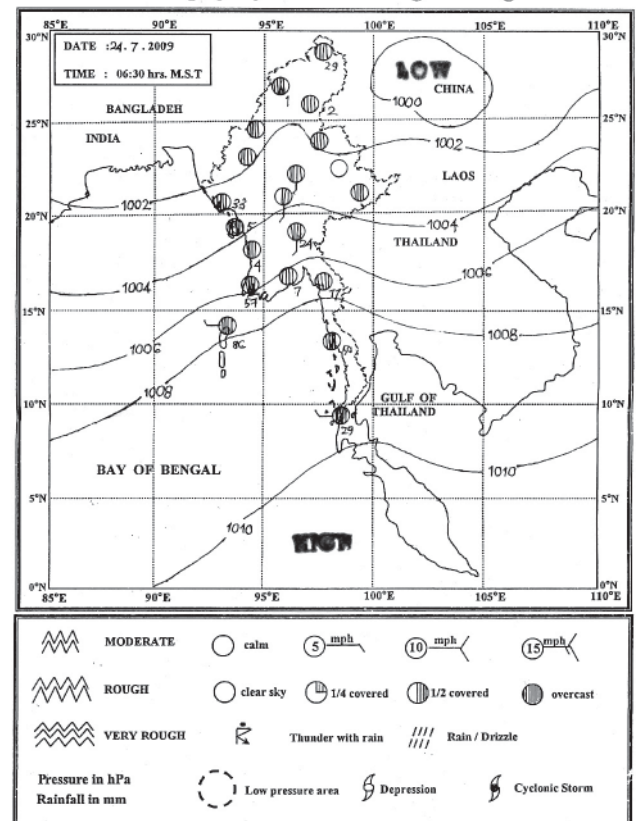
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 24th 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 lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfall in Kachin State and Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (5.16) inches, Coco Island (4.21) inches, Kyaikmaraw (4.07) inches, Mawlamyine (3.78) inches, Mudon (2.95) inches, Patheingyi (2.87) inches and Myingyan (0.19) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-7-2009 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 24-7-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-7-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 23-7-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 24-7-2009 was (0.28) inch at Mingaladon, (0.28) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (60.04) inches at Mingaladon, (64.49) inches at Kaba-Aye and (67.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 23-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the North Bay and strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 25th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Mon State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. 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: Decrease of rain in the Rakhine State.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of July 2009: During the coming weekend, rain will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division, widespread in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 25 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:20 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး) (တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Nice & Sweet Song

8:30 am

8. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်

11:50 am

4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News

12:00 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

12:20 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

1:20 pm

7. "ဂုဏ်ယူဝင့်ကြွားထင်ရှားပေါ်လွင်မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများဂုဏ်အင်" (အပိုင်း-၁)

1:35 pm

8. သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်

1:50 pm

9. Dance of National Races

2:00 pm

10. "သယံဇာတပြည်တို့နေပြည်" (မြို့ငွေစိုး၊ အောင်ရဲလင်း၊ ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ မေခွတ်၊ ဗေလုဝ၊ ရှက်တယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

2:45 pm

11. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အထေးသင်တန်းသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာမှုပညာ၊ အရှေ့တိုင်း ပညာအထူးပြုများ) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. "ဆုံဆည်းခွင့်"

5:25 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:35 pm

9. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:30 pm

11. Weather Report

6:35 pm

12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:55 pm

13. ပုဇွန်လက်ကျောင်းတော်

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ခိုင်ခိုင်ဆိုင်ဆိုင်သားစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနာလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၆)

20. ဝိတတ်ခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး



- ★ 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

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter about 900 miles north-west of Mandalay Seismological Observatory outside Myanmar (China) was recorded at (09) hrs, (44) min, (14) sec Myanmar Standard Time on 24 July 2009.

MNA

Developing Indaw Township of Sagaing Division

Article & Photos: Reporter Ko Min (Indaw)

Nowadays, remarkable progress can be witnessed in economic, education, health, transport and social sectors of Indaw Township.

Indaw is one of the townships in Katha District, Sagaing Division. Indaw, 206 miles from Mandalay, is located on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad and Union Highway. The township is sharing border

with Katha Township in the southeast, Wuntho Township in the west, Banmauk Township in the northwest, Htigyaing Township in the south and Mohnyin Township in the north.

The township has 733.021 square miles and Indaw is situated on 187 acres of land. A large lake, four miles long and two miles wide, is located one mile

northwest of Indaw. That is why the town is called Indaw.

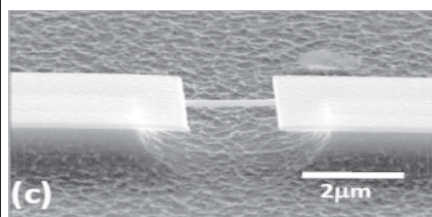
Most of the local people are engaged in agricultural farming. The township mainly produces paddy, groundnut, sunflower, sesame, green gram, maize and sugarcane by exceeding the target.

(See page 10)



Laytan Creek Bridge linking Mahton and Mignon villages of Indaw Township.

Physicists Create First Nanoscale Mass Spectrometer



Scanning electron micrographs showing one of the doubly-clamped beam NEMS devices used in these experiments.

SCIENCE DAILY, 24 July—Using devices millionths of a meter in size, physicists at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) have developed a technique to determine the mass of a single molecule, in real time.

The mass of molecules is traditionally measured using mass spectrometry, in which samples consisting of tens of thousands of molecules are ionized, to produce charged versions of the molecules, or ions. Those ions are then directed into an electric field, where their motion, which is choreographed by both their mass and their charge, allows the determination of their so-called mass-to-charge ratio. From this, their mass can ultimately be ascertained.

The new technique, developed over 10 years of effort by Michael L. Roukes, a professor of physics, applied physics, and bioengineering at the Caltech and codirector of Caltech's Kavli Nanoscience Institute, and his colleagues, simplifies and miniaturizes the process through the use of very tiny nanoelectromechanical system (NEMS) resonators. —Internet

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Machanbaw	5.16 inches
Coco Island	4.21 inches
Kyaikmaraw	4.07 inches
Mawlamyine	3.78 inches
Mudon	2.95 inches
Pathein	2.87 inches
Myingyan	0.19 inch