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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

Senior General Than Shwe sees off SPDC Secretary-1 on his departure for PRC



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe sees off Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo who left Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 2 pm today to pay a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China, at the invitation of Member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice Premier Mr Li Keqiang.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister U Thein Sein, State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, heads of department, Charge d' Affaires at Mr Wang Zhonying of the Chinese Embassy and personnel also saw off the Secretary-1.

The Secretary-1 was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe and departmental heads.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 4 July, 2010

Try to exceed monsoon paddy cultivation target

The southern part of the Ayeyawady Delta has fertile soil for agricultural purposes. Adjacent to the sea, it can produce a lot of marine products such as meat, fish and salt in addition to rice.

Seeking the long-term interest, the State is undertaking a road network development project of the Ayeyawady Delta. The project is constructing 10 new roads. Patheingyi-Thalathwa-Mawtinsun tar road has been opened. As the 96-mile road is serviceable in all seasons, local marine products can be transported to markets in a short period.

The regional road networks have developed with the construction of major roads and over 500 small and large bridges. Due to the better transport, the region is well on its way to the most improved economy.

As it is now in the paddy growing season, monsoon paddy is being cultivated across the country. Ayeyawady Division has grown more than 1 million acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 3.7 million acres. It has to make a continued effort to exceed the target.

It is necessary not only to extend paddy cultivation acreage but also to increase per acre yield. Quality paddy strains are being used to increase per acre yield. Besides, correct cultivation method, combined use of chemical fertilizer and natural fertilizer and extended use of farm equipment are also important.

Blessed with favourable geographical conditions, Ayeyawady Division mass-produces rice, meat and fish. The better transport has contributed to increased distribution of rice, fish, meat and prawn. With the speedy commodity flow alongside the efforts of the local people, regional socio-economy has improved significantly.

International Day of Cooperatives observed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—The ceremony to mark the International Day of Cooperatives was held at the hall of the Ministry of Cooperatives, here, this morning.

Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the International Day of Cooperatives Minister for Cooperatives U Tin Htut delivered an address.

Managing Director U Kyi Tint of Central Cooperatives Society read the message sent by International Cooperatives Alliance.

Later, the minister and officials presented gifts to 11 students who stood first at Cooperatives Degree College and Cooperative Colleges for 2008-2009 academic year and 54 outstanding students of the staff.—MNA

Peoples' 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

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development tasks in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and departmental officials, visited Basic Education High School of Namti Village in Mogaung Township on 30 June.

The headmistress and officials conducted Lt-Gen Tha Aye in viewing students using learning aids at the school building and reading books at the school library.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the preparedness for cultivation of monsoon paddy by Yuzana Integrated Farming Company near Naungmee Village in Phakant Township. The project director gave



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence visits Namti Basic Education High School in Mogaung Township.—MNA

explanation on the project.

He also inspected the conditions of roads and bridges along, preparation for monsoon paddy, thriving plantations and development of villages Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai road section on a motorcade.

On arrival at the

briefing hall of Tanai Bridge, the division head of Water Resources Utilization Department reported Lt-Gen Tha Aye on progress of tasks carried out for durability of the bridge and prevention against erosion.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs and

inspected the condition of bridge.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye called for durability of the road and earlier completion of road after hearing report on concrete paving of Tanai downtown road. He enjoyed the development of road on motorcade.

MNA

Sports Minister holds discussions on promotion of sports in Myanmar



Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint seen with Chairman of 14th Incheon Asian Games Organizing Committee Dr Lee Yun Taek in Incheon of ROK.—SPED

YANGON, 3 July—The delegation of Myanmar Olympic Committee led by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint paid a goodwill visit to the Republic of Korea from 28 June to 2 July at the invitation of Chairman of the 14th

Incheon Asian Games Organizing Committee Dr Lee Yun Taek.

On 29 June, the minister and party met Dr Lee Yun Taek at Munhak World Cup Stadium in Incheon and discussed promotion of cooperation in sports between the two countries.

They viewed training of Korean youths at the stadium.

The minister met the Acting Mayor of Incheon and Myanmar Taekwondo athletes who are undergoing joint training in Incheon. On 30 June, the minister met 20 Myanmar archers who are undergoing joint

training with Korean athletes in Korea.

The minister called on the Minister of Korean Culture, Sports and Tourism in Seoul.

On 1 July, he held discussions with IAGOC Chairman Dr Lee Yun Taek, former Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Kee Jung and the vice-chairman of Daewoo Co Ltd.

The minister and party met responsible persons of Samsung Electronics, the main sponsor of the Olympic Games.

Yesterday, the minister and party arrived back here by air. They were welcomed back by Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and MOC member Dr Khin Shwe.—MNA

Two police officers wounded in shooting near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 2 July—A shooting took place at a Kmart store in Burbank near Los Angeles on Friday, leaving two police officers wounded, authorities said. A shoplifting suspect apparently shot the officers during a struggle, Burbank City spokesman Keith Sterling said. Several shots were fired when the officers were escorting the suspect from the store shortly after noon Friday, said Sterling. The officers suffered minor injuries, with one shot in the hand and the other in the leg, said Sterling. The attacker was jolted with a Taser stun gun, witnesses said. The suspect was taken into custody and it's not immediately clear whether he was injured, said Sterling.

The local TV KCLA9 reported that the suspect was also injured, but the extent of the person's injuries was unknown. The parking lot of the store was cordoned off while police investigated the shooting and searched vehicles to determine which one the suspect may have been driving. *Internet*

Hong Kong police confirm helicopter crash, 13 people slightly injured

HONG KONG, 3 July—A helicopter crashed into the sea area between the Hong Kong Island and

the Kowloon Peninsular on Saturday noon, and all 13 persons onboard have been rescued, sustaining slight injuries, the city's police told *Xinhua*.

Hong Kong police said all the injured have been rushed to nearby Queen Mary Hospital. The 13 persons include 11 passengers and two crew members.

The crash site, the sea area, about 200 metres south of the city's highest building International Commerce Centre on the Kowloon Peninsular, has been identified by local police with yellow bands. A fire-fighting boat has arrived at the site. Hong Kong police said they were investigating the cause of the crash.—*Xinhua*



Water fire services tow a helicopter which crashed into Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong on 3 July. Thirteen people were plucked to safety after the private helicopter plunged into harbour, according to police.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills 2, wounds 4 in south Afghanistan

QALAT, 2 July—A roadside bomb struck a civilian vehicle in southern Zabul Province on Saturday leaving two civilians dead and injuring four others, an official said.

"A bomb planted by militants struck a civilian car as a result two persons were killed and four others including a child and three women were injured," spokesman for provincial administration Mohammad Jan Rasouli told *Xinhua*.

The incident, he added occurred in Shahjoi District in the morning rush hour.

Taliban militants who have speed up their activities have yet to make comment.—*Internet*



Afghan children walk along a street as smoke billows from a building in Kunduz on July 2 after a militant attack in the northern Afghan city. *INTERNET*

Death toll from Alex rises to 7 in northern Mexican state

MEXICO CITY, 2 July—Civil Protection authorities in northern Mexican state Nuevo Leon raised the death toll from Alex to seven on Friday from four a day earlier, Mexican broadcasters reported.

Alex, which hit northeastern Mexico state Tamaulipas as a category two hurricane on Wednesday night, dumped heavy rains to four states including Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Zacatecas and Jalisco. The tropical storm is downgraded to a minor storm.

The total death toll in Mexico is now 13. Some 10 people died due to Alex's destructive journey through Nicaragua, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

On Friday, Mexico's Interior Ministry declared an emergency for 21 municipalities in Nuevo Leon, a move which frees funds from the National Disaster Fund managed by the ministry.

Rodolfo Navarrete, an economist at Vector Casa de Bolsa, told *Xinhua* that the disaster will have a clear economic impact for the nation as a whole.

"The hurricane will have an economic impact



A man sits in what remained of a home after Hurricane Alex hit the area in what is known as Playa Bagdad, about 22 miles (37 km.) east of Matamoros, northeastern Mexico, on the border with Texas, on 1 July, 2010. Hurricane Alex ripped off roofs, caused severe flooding and forced thousands of people to flee coastal fishing villages.—INTERNET

because Monterrey is practically paralysed," Navarrete said. "It is going to reduce industrial production in July."

The hurricane has destroyed bridges, caused oil slick and paralysed traffic in some regions. A group representing Monterrey business owners said that some 25,000 people did not show up for work on Friday.

Monterrey is Mexico's most industrialized city and part of an area dedicated to manufacturing for export that spread across all of Mexico's border states. Alongside central Mexican state Puebla, border states produce large volumes of vehicles for export to the United States, the nation's northern neighbour.

Internet



The "A Whale" skimmer, billed as the world's largest oil skimming vessel, is anchored along the Mississippi River in Boothville, Louisiana 1 July, 2010. The massive ship converted into a "super skimmer" has arrived in the US Gulf of Mexico to assist with cleanup of the BP oil spill, a government spokeswoman said Thursday.—XINHUA

Cambodia's capital flooded by heavy rain hit

PHNOM PENH, 2 July—Heavy rain hit Cambodia's capital city of Phnom Penh on Friday afternoon that has struck the flow of traffics.

Noeu Saroeun, chief of sewage system department of Phnom Penh Municipality said the several hours long heavy rain had caused many parts and major roads and boulevards in the city flooded. He said the level of the flood was measured between 300 to 600 millimetres depending on places and spots.

However, he said, the flood was later released and traffic flow returned to normal despite certain places remained digested with flood as of late afternoon.

Cambodia has two seasons: rainy season starts from May through October and dry season starts from November through April. In rainy season, rain sometimes could last whole week.—*Internet*

Solar power could create fuel for cars

ALBUQUERQUE, 3 July—Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could soon be used to create fuel to drive the world's cars and trucks, a US researcher says.

Solar-powered technology could be used to "photo-synthesize" hydro-carbon fuels that present-day vehicles could run on without major modifications, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Friday.

Solar reactors can

take carbon dioxide and turn it into carbon monoxide and can also turn water into hydrogen and oxygen.

The results can react with a catalyst to form hydrocarbon fuels, in a technique known as the Fischer-Tropsch process.

Tests have been conducted with solar reactors in New Mexico and Zurich, Switzerland.

Using solar energy to create usable fuel is a

possible way to satisfy the world's energy demands while minimizing carbon emissions, Ken Caldeira of the Carnegie Institution told *Britain's New Scientist* magazine.

"This area holds out the promise for technologies that can produce large amounts of carbon-neutral power at affordable prices, which can be used where and when that power is need," he said—*Internet*

Driving while blind? Maybe, with new high-tech car



This handout photo, taken in 2009, provided by the National Federation of the Blind shows Addison Hugen, who is blind student participating in the 2009 YouthSlam, a science camp for blind students, in College Park, Md.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Could a blind person drive a car? Researchers are trying to make that far-fetched notion a reality.

The National Federation of the Blind and Virginia Tech plan to demonstrate a prototype vehicle next year equipped with technology that helps a blind person drive a car independently. The technology, called "non-visual interfaces," uses sensors to let a blind driver maneuver a car based on information transmitted to him about his surroundings: whether another car or object is nearby, in front of him or in a neighbouring lane. Advocates for the blind consider it a "moon shot," a goal similar to President John F. Kennedy's pledge to land a man on the moon. For many blind people, driving a car long has been considered impossible. But researchers hope the project could revolutionize mobility and challenge long-held assumptions about limitations.—*Internet*

Russian cargo spaceship fails to dock with ISS



An unmanned Russian Progress cargo ship, seen here on the launch pad at the Baikonour cosmodrome in June, 2010, on Friday failed to dock as planned with the International Space Station (ISS) after missing the facility, mission control said.

INTERNET

MOSCOW, 3 July—The Russian cargo spaceship Progress M-06M, blasted off two days ago from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, has failed to dock with the International Space Station (ISS) on Friday night, said the Mission Control centre outside Moscow.

The Mission Control centre reported "uncontrollable rotation" during the docking attempt.

"Everything was all right at first, and the freighter started to approach the station. Something happened and it passed by," The Mission Control centre's spokesman Valery Lyndin said, adding that details were so far unavailable.

Efforts to correct the situation have failed even after switching to the teleoperator control mode, which is the manual mode operated by astronauts themselves.—*Xinhua*

Study says cellphones affecting beehives

CHANDIGARH, 3 July—Scientists in India say they are examining a possible cause of declines in bee populations around the world — cellphones.

A study looking at "electropollution" of the environment says radiation from the ubiquitous communication devices is having a negative impact on honeybees, the *New York Daily News* reported Thursday.

Researchers at Panjab University in Chandigarh, India, placed cellphones near

a beehive and powered them up twice a day for 15 minutes over a period of three months.

The result, the scientists say, is honey production ceased, the queen laid only half as many eggs and the number of bees in the hive decreased dramatically.

"Increase in the usage of electronic gadgets has led to electropollution of the environment," wrote Ved Prakash Sharma and Neelima Kumar, the authors of the report in the journal *Current*

Science.

"Honeybee behavior and biology has been affected by 'electrosmog' since these insects have magnetite in their bodies, which helps them in navigation," the researchers wrote.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the bee population last year dropped 30 percent.

Scientists call the phenomenon, occurring around the world, "colony collapse disorder."

Internet



Professor Matthew Wood from the University of Oxford unveils the stele of Tianjin-Oxford Joint Laboratory on prospect of genetic therapy research, which is founded on campus of Tianjin Medical University, in Tianjin, north China, on 30 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Science

An owner of the new iPhone4, films television journalists covering the release of the iPhone4 in New York in June. Apple said Friday it was "stunned" that its iPhone 4 used erroneous formulas to calculate signal strength, and promised to issue a free software patch to resolve the issue that has already triggered lawsuits.

INTERNET



Russia to seek to expand arctic rights

ST PETERSBURG, 3 July—Russia is launching an expedition to map the extent of the country's arctic continental shelf as part of an effort to extend its influence, officials say.

In 2001 Russia filed a request to extend its continental shelf border beyond the standard 200-mile limit, a request turned down by the United Nations for lack of evidence to support the claim, *RIA Novosti* reported Friday.

Russia says it will spend \$50 million to explore and define the extent of its continental shelf to support its request.

Seventy-five expedition members will board a ship in the northern Russian city of Arkhangelsk in mid-July for a journey expected to take three months, including about 75 days in the arctic, *RIA Novosti* said.

Vast oil and gas deposits, which could be more accessible as rising global temperatures lead to a reduction in sea ice, have led to geopolitical wrangling among representatives of the United States, Russia, Canada, Norway and Denmark.—*Internet*

Will you live to 100? Scientists say it's in your genes



This file photo taken in 2008 shows elderly people working out with wooden dumb-bells in Tokyo, to celebrate Japan's Respect-for-the-Aged-Day. Explorers the world over have long sought the fountain of youth, but now researchers claim they have hit upon something tangible: genetic sequences that can predict whether you'll live to the ripe age of 100.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Explorers the world over have long sought the fountain of youth, but now researchers claim they have hit upon something tangible: genetic sequences that can predict whether you'll live to the ripe age of 100.

A team of scientists from Boston University studied over 1,000 centenarians to develop a system of genetic analysis by which they can predict — with a 77-percent accuracy rate — whether someone has a strong chance of “exceptional longevity,” according to findings published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

The predictions can be boiled down to the presence of 150 genetic variants, called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), which doctors and researchers found to be common among the elderly who live substantially longer than the average population.

Internet

US researchers create HIV-resistant cells



A researcher at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative laboratory works on samples in May, 2010 in New York. Lab work on mice has opened up a novel way of closing a gateway to the AIDS virus, according to a study published on Friday.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 3 July— US researchers have created HIV-resistant cells that could one day pave the way for controlling the infection without the use of harsh antiretroviral drugs, it was announced on Friday.

Researchers at Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, used mice to test the cells that target one of the two gateway molecules that HIV uses to enter human cells, spokeswoman Meghan

Lewit said.

In the study, the researchers modified blood stem cells to make them resistant to HIV and then transplanted them into mice, enabling the mice to control the infection, according to Lewit.

If the approach can be applied to humans, it could enable a long-term generation of HIV-resistant T cells in the body, providing the potential for the patient's cells to suppress HIV, Lewit said.

“This hybrid gene and stem cell therapy shows that it is possible to create HIV-resistant immune cells that can eventually win the battle against HIV *in vivo*,” principal investigator and associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology Paula Cannon said in a statement. “We’ve done it at the scale of a mouse, and the challenge now is to see if this can be done at the scale of a human patient.” “Cannon’s strategy arose from the observation that people with a mutation in a gene called CCR5 are naturally resistant to infection with the most common strains of HIV and do not develop AIDS,” Lewit said.—*Xinhua*

Low levels of vitamin D may raise risks of metabolic syndrome

LOS ANGELES, 3 July— Elderly people with low vitamin D levels may face greater risk of metabolic syndrome, according to a new study presented at the on-going 92nd annual meeting of The Endocrine Society in San Diego, about 90 miles (144 kilometres) south of Los Angeles.

“Because the metabolic syndrome increases the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease, an adequate vitamin D level in the body might be important in the prevention of these diseases,” said study co-author Marelise Eekhoff, MD, PhD, of VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam.

The new study adds to the mounting evidence that older adults commonly have low vitamin D levels and that vitamin D inadequacy may be a risk factor for the metabolic syndrome, a condition that affects one in four adults.—*Xinhua*

Protein's role in human cells discovered

CHAMPAIGN, 3 July— A protein that puts vast amounts of DNA into human cell nuclei plays a key role in regulating all gene activity, including protein production, researchers say. Most studies of the protein, histone H1, have centered on its role in cell division, but it has found to be vital in many cellular processes, a study published in *The Journal of Cell Biology* says.

The study found that when H1 histones are modified by the addition of a phosphate group, a process called phosphorylation, that modification is associated with changes in gene activity. Suspecting that H1 phosphorylation was important for processes besides cell division, researchers identified the exact sites in H1 that are phosphorylated during various portions of the cell cycle, said Craig Mizzen, a professor of cell and developmental biology at the University of Illinois.—*Internet*



Children play near the Cathedral which was damaged by the January earthquake in Port-au-Prince, 2 July, 2010.—INTERNET

Anti-aging supplement may help fertility

TEL AVIV, 3 July— The vitamin supplement DHEA, used to stave off aging, may help women trying to have a baby, researchers in Israel said.

Adrian Shulman of Tel Aviv University's Sackler Faculty of Medicine and the Meir Medical Centre found women treated for infertility who took the supplement DHEA were three times more likely to conceive than women being not treated with the supplement.

Shulman said he heard anecdotal evidence from his patients and others in the medical community on the benefits of adding DHEA to fertility treatments so he and colleagues put the old wives' tale to a statistical test.

The study involved a control group of women who received treatment for poor ovulation and another group who received the same treatment and 75 milligrams of DHEA — 40 days before starting fertility treatments and continuing for up to five months.—*Internet*

Child malnutrition hurts brain later

EAST LANSING, 3 July— A US researcher has linked malnutrition early in life to diminished brain function in adulthood.

Zhenmei Zhang of Michigan State University in East Lansing suggests fighting childhood hunger not only helps children grow normally but may also prevent lessened brain function later in life.

The study, published in *Social Science & Medicine*, found women who had suffered from childhood hunger were 35 percent more likely than others to have cognitive impairment at age 65 or older. Men who suffered from childhood hunger had a 29 percent higher chance.

“It’s important for policymakers to know that investing in children really has long-term benefits, not only for those individuals but for society as a whole,” Zhang says in a statement.

Internet

Medics and hospital staff wear face masks during their shift at the al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City in 2009. The head of a World Health Organization probe into the international handling of the swine flu pandemic said Friday that it was proving to be difficult to get a coherent view of what happened.

INTERNET



Health

Newspapers look for ways to profit in Internet age



A man reads the online version of the Times newspaper in London. Rupert Murdoch's Times and Sunday Times finally went ahead from Friday with their long-promised plan to start charging readers for online access to their journalism, the first non-specialist papers to do so.—INTERNET

LONDON, 3 July—Newspapers worldwide are being forced to reinvent themselves for the Internet age — and will be watching closely the success of two experiments launched in London, analysts say.

Suffering a long-term fall in sales and a collapse in advertising revenue as the world goes online for its news,

the press has for years been scrambling to decide how to respond.

In Britain, Rupert Murdoch's *Times* and *Sunday Times* finally went ahead from Friday with their long-promised plan to start charging readers for online access to their journalism, the first non-specialist papers to do so here.

The move comes after the less expected news last week that London's city-wide daily, the *Evening Standard*, hopes to break even after turning itself into a freesheet for commuters, ditching its 50 pence cover price.

That decision cut the paper's distribution costs from 30 to four pence per copy, and sent readership soaring from just over half a million to 1.3 million, its new Russian owners said last week.

"The industry is still at a very early stage of this rapid evolution forced on it by digital technology," Karin von Abrams, a senior analyst at eMarketer, said.

Internet

Bharti to invest \$100 million in Niger by 2012

NIAMEY, 3 July—India's Bharti Airtel Ltd will invest about \$100 million in Niger to improve the reach and quality of its network in the West African nation by the end of 2012, the mobile phone company said on Friday.

Bharti took over mobile operations in 15 African nations when it completed the acquisition of the African assets of Kuwait's Zain last month. The deal made it the world's No 5 mobile phone operator by subscribers.

"We are going to start our activities in Niger in October and, by 2012, we will invest \$100 million, or about 50 billion CFA francs, in

expanding the network, improving quality and (improving) the coverage in the rural areas," said Manoj Kohli, chief executive of the group's international business.

"We will ensure that telecommunications becomes more accessible in terms of price and the quality of the service improves," he told reporters, on the latest leg of an African tour, during which there have been promises of investments

elsewhere, such as in Zambia. The company, which is facing tough competition in a crowded home market, is betting on opportunities in Africa where mobile phone is 32 percent, less than India's 50 percent, and there are fewer competitors.

Internet

Portugal government to cut deficit to 3 percent of GDP by 2012

LISBON, 3 July—The Portuguese government plans to bring down its public deficit to three percent of GDP by 2012, bringing it into line with EU rules on budgetary discipline a year early, according to projections issued by the finance ministry late Friday.

In a budgetary policy report sent to parliament, the socialist government said it now expected a three percent deficit in 2012 and two percent in 2013, compared to projections of 3.8 and 2.3 percent in a March stability and growth programme.

The report maintained downward revisions already announced in May with

a series of austerity measures bringing a deficit of 7.3 percent of gross domestic product for 2010 and 4.6 percent for next year.

Last year, Portugal registered a deficit of 9.3 percent of GDP, according to the figures that took into account a "new methodological basis" recently adopted by the national statistics institute.—Internet

Eurozone jobless rate remains at 10.0% in May

BRUSSELS, 3 July—The jobless rate of the eurozone remained at 10.0 percent in May, unchanged compared with the previous two months, the European Union's (EU) statistical bureau Eurostat said on Friday.

For the 27-member EU, the jobless rate stood at 9.6 percent in May, stable since February. However, the unemployment rate for people under 25 in the eurozone increased from 19.4 percent in April to 19.9 percent in May, while that in the EU increased from 19.5 percent to 20.5 percent.

Eurostat estimated that the total number of people out of job in May in the EU was 23.127 million, of whom 15.789 million were in the eurozone.—Xinhua

Apple, AT&T sued over iPhone 4 reception and design challenges

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 July—Less than a week after the launch of the iPhone 4, both the device's maker, Apple, and its exclusive network carrier in the United States, AT&T, are facing multiple class action lawsuits accusing the companies of knowingly selling faulty products.

Since Tuesday, at least four separate suits focused primarily on the poor connection resulting from the phone's antenna design have been brought against the

companies. The various counts the plaintiffs have charged Apple and AT&T with include negligence and intentional misrepresentation, claiming that Apple had knowledge of the antenna's defects before the phone's release.

According to a public statement made by Kershaw, Cutter, and Ratnoff (KCR), one of multiple law firms involved, more than 1,500 iPhone 4 owners experiencing poor

reception quality had contacted the firm since it first released an inquiry investigating the issue on 28 June. The Sacramento-based law firm filed an official complaint on Tuesday in the Northern District of California.

The suits hope to seek some kind of retribution for iPhone 4 customers, whom the class action lawyers argue have not been given a fair level of customer support.

Xinhua



Indian people inspect the newly-built terminal of the India Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on 23 June. India inaugurated a multi-billion-dollar airport terminal in New Delhi on Saturday — a shiny glass and steel symbol of the country's aspirations as an emerging global power.—INTERNET

A traffic policeman directs traffic under an advisement of Bharti Airtel at a booth in Ahmedabad 31 July, 2009.

INTERNET



Business

A mother and her child paddle their self-made boat through flood water at Shali Village of Yao ethnic group in Lingyun County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 July, 2010.

XINHUA



Formation of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation based on seven lofty objectives designed for life security and development of women

Myanmar Women's Day (2010) marked



about 5.1 million in over six years.

Regarding the tasks for prevention of women against violence, prevention of trafficking in persons, and rehabilitation and resettlement, the federation works in cooperation with the government and related ministries, covering the fields of holding educative talks, opening of educative centres, consolation, conducting courses for prevention

sions to help alleviate poverty.

Under the directives of the federation, state/division, district and township WAOs participate in the tasks for uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit, national unity, preservation of cultural heritage, and environmental conservation.

In conclusion, she recognized brilliant performances of women in the course of the nation's his-

named outstanding sports woman for 2009; Ma Aye Aye Mu who was named outstanding disabled sports woman for 2009; Sergeant Maw Li Swe of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Station who was named for outstanding woman fire service member for 2009; and Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Yu Yu Wai of No (5) BEHS in Botahtaung Township of No (3) Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education who donated blood more times than any other woman in 2009.

MNAF Patron Daw Mya Theingi presented

MNAF President Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin presented gifts to first prize winner Professor Dr Daw Su Su Khaing of the Myanmar Department, Myitkyina University, Kachin State, in the commemorative article contest, second prize winner U Tin Tun (Cherry Myay Maung Tin Tun), and third prize winner Daw Aye Myat Myat (Aye Myat Myat-University of Foreign Languages).

After the ceremony, MNAF patrons, the president and secretariat members, officials and guests viewed documentary photos

MNAF President Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin addresses Myanmar Women's Day (2010) ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the Myanmar Women's Day (2010) commemorative ceremony at its headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhina thiri Township here this morning.

It was attended by MNAF Patrons Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Khin Mi Mi and Daw Mya Theingi, President Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin, secretariat members, CEC members, and members, President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nilar Thaw and CEC members, chairpersons of state and division Women's Affairs Organizations, members of district and township WAOs, heads of department, wives of ambassadors and military attaches of foreign embassies in Yangon, representatives and officials of UN agencies, representatives from social organizations, prize-winners and guests.

In her address, the MNAF president said that Myanmar women preserve their fine traditions of doing their bit with a strong sense of mothering spirit and loving-kindness in the interest of others, while sharing family and national duties with their spouses. Another fine tradition is that they show perseverance, self-confidence, and strong determination in the face of real hard times.

With the aim of scaling up the abilities and improving the living conditions for women, the government set up the Myanmar National Committee for



Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996, which was then designated the Myanmar Women's Day. So, the commemorative ceremony is held with all seriousness.

In standing as a national mechanism, MNCWA established the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on 20 December 2003 with the objectives of forming a force and carrying out operations effectively under the leadership of women for life security and development of women; working hand-in-hand with congenial international NGOs; sharing nation-building tasks in harmony; and taking a broader part in movements of the Myanmar women sector. The formation of the federation was based on the seven lofty objectives designed for life security and development of women.

In order to put the objectives into reality, women's affairs organizations were formed at state/division, district, township, ward and village levels. Due to its noble work programmes, the number of the membership has touched

of trafficking in persons in states and divisions, nurturing trafficked young women to get on well again with others in their societies, giving vocational education and seeking jobs for them.

In the programmes for raising the education standard of women, the federation yearly provides cash assistance and pedagogical aids in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. In addition, it takes part in the arenas of non-formal education, literary campaigns, and continuing education.

With respect to health care, the federation works together with international organizations inclusive of local social organizations and UN agencies in birth-spacing and health education, prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, home care, and consolation.

Income generation programme is ongoing apart from running vocational education courses and seeking jobs to improve the socio-economic status of women. In particular, small loans and paid-up capitals are provided for needy women in states and divi-

tory in the tasks for flourishing of nationalistic spirit, patriotic fervour and Union Spirit, improving the Myanmar society, nurturing younger generations to bring about reliable State leaders in the future, and doing their bit in building the nation.

MNAF Patron Daw Ni Ni Win presented honorary gifts awarded by MNAF to writer Daw Kyu Kyu Thin (2008 national literary prize winner); Ma Myat Hsu San of No. (1) Basic Education High School in Dagon Township, Yangon Division, who won the highest marks the whole Myanmar in 2009 matriculation exam; sub-inspector Myint Myint Tin of Insein Criminal Investigation Department of the Myanmar Police Force who was named outstanding woman police member for 2009, and Daw Ni Ni Moe of Pyay, Bago Division (West) who was named outstanding Red Cross member for 2009.

MNAF Patron Daw Khin Mi Mi presented honorary gifts awarded by MNAF to Ma Kyu Kyu Thin of Thuwunna Gymnasium in Yangon Division who was

gifts to A.K.Moe (Zoology) who won first prize in the photo contest to mark the Myanmar Women's Day, second prize winner U Ko Ko Khaing (IPRD) and third prize winner Hlaing Than Tin (Shwe Bachi-Yamethin), and consolation prize winners Tun Tun Aye and Saw Aung Min (New Asia Photo Studio).

of 2009 Myanmar Women's Day commemorative activities, documentary photos of MNAF activities, documentary photos of activities of outstanding women, documentary photos of activities to mark Myanmar Women's Day, prize-winning photos, and documentary photos of Myanmar women's organizations.—MNA



MNAF Patron Daw Khin Mi Mi presents outstanding woman fire service member award for 2009 to Sergeant Maw Li Swe of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Station.—MNA

Roads and bridges built as networks in States and Divisions for smooth and speedy flow of trade

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section) commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—A ceremony to inaugurate 20 miles and three furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section), built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, was held the mile post 0/1 in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of Public Works and local people totaling over 3000.

In his address, the commander quoted the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, saying that the transport sector plays a key role in uplifting the livelihoods of the people; and only when there is better transport, will economic and social sectors develop.

He said that many bridges have been built across main rivers of the nation—eight across Ayeyawady, two across Chindwin, three across Thanlwin and two across Sittoung. A total of 21 bridges of over 180 feet long including Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan), Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga) are under construction. It can be seen that the roads and bridges have been built as networks in States and Divisions contributing to smooth and speedy flow of trade.

He noted that Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section) was upgraded from the 12 feet wide gravel road to the 18 feet wide asphalt one. Thanks to upgrading the road, buses, private cars, trucks and motorbikes can easily travel between Pinlaung of Shan State and Nay Pyi Taw. The inaugurated No. 2 Inter-District Road links Mandalay Division, Bago Division and Mon State and then connects with Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section). Hence, he said that the road network creates better transport among Mandalay and Bago Divisions, Mon and Shan States. As a result, passenger traveling and domestic products transport become smoother.

The commander continued that it takes five hours for the route from Pinlaung to Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana by car saving three hours than the past. The upgraded asphalt facility will contribute to develop-



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and ministers stroll along Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section) in Tatkon Township.—MNA

ment of the region and unity and amity of the national brethren, he said.

He added that the government has spent a large sum of money on construction of roads and bridges on political, economic and nationalistic outlooks. He stressed the need to grow export item crops to earn more income. The government adopted and is implementing the plans for development of human resources to be able to hand down the fine legacy to new generations.

He thanked the Ministry of Construction to strive for upgrading the roads and bridges and building new roads and bridges for ensuring better transport. In conclusion, the commander said that the government constructed the Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section) by practising thrifty method of spending its income. The government has spent a large sum of money on construction tasks for equitable development of all regions and for forging the Union Spirit by upholding Our Three Main National Causes. Therefore, he urged the people to maintain the road section and thanked the Minister for Construction, engineers and staff for their contribution to successful construction of the road section.

In his speech, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that Ministry of Construction

built roads and bridges in accordance with guidance of the Head of State; that before 1988, there were only 13,635 miles of roads in states and divisions and now the total length had reached 21,631 miles and 2 furlongs; that the ministry had inaugurated 125 miles 1 furlong long Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo on tarred road in March as well as 96 miles long Patheingyi-Thalathkha-Mawtinsun tarred road, the ninth road of 10-road-network in Ayeyawady Delta in May.

Kintha-Koegway road section of Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road, he said, was 20 miles three furlongs long and 18 feet wide tarred road; that the road was just 12-feet wide gravel road in the past; that in accord with guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, Ministry of Construction started to upgrade the road in August last year so as to run passenger buses on the route; that ministry had also replaced wooden bridges on the road with RC Type ones; that the road was the main road linking Nay Pyi Taw and Shan State (South); that Pyinmana-Pinlaung road was 70 miles 2 furlongs long and the ministry was trying to put the rest section into commission as soon as possible.

Some of the roads being constructed by the ministry were, the minister said, Patheingyi-Monywa Road (450 miles five furlongs), Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road (42 miles seven furlongs), Minhla-Seinkanlant-Myochaung-Phado-Peinzalok-Banbwagon-Penwagon Road (143 miles six furlongs), Koebin-Thagara Road (96 miles three furlongs), Magway-Kanbya-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road (108 miles four furlongs), Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road (91 miles four furlongs), PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road (97 miles), Katha-Sinkhan Road (65 miles), Myitkyina-Sumprabun-Putao Road (218 miles), Thetkelkyin-Phaungbyin-Khamti Road (330 miles), Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road (70 miles two furlongs), Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road (22 miles six furlongs), Myaybon-Minbya Road (24 miles seven furlongs), Pauktaw-Minbya Road (20 miles six furlongs), Kyauktaw-Paletwa Road (33 miles five furlongs), all of which would be upgraded into tarred roads.

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Photo shows newly opened Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway section) in Tatkon Township.—MNA

Roads and bridges built as networks...

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The minister continued to say that the ministry, from 1988 till now, had constructed 2,915 units of 100-to-180 feet long bridge, 240 units of above-180 feet bridge, and was building 20 units of above-180 feet bridge; that the ministry was building five bridges spanning over Ayeyawady River, namely 11,431 feet long Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), 7,402 feet long Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), 3,215 feet long Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), 4,695 feet long Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) and 2480- feet long Ayeyawady Bridge (YadanaTheinga); that Leinli Bridge, the highest bridge in Myanmar, on Pinyinmana Pinlaung Road would be inaugurated soon.

The minister added that the Government was constructing bridges and roads one after another at

great cost, with a view to enabling Union of Myanmar stand shoulder to shoulder with global nations and bringing about harmonious development in all regions; that without economic growth, there would be no improved socio-economic life; that the Government had been working on its own in shaping goodwill of the Head of State to bridge development gap among states and divisions.

The minister then urged the locals to give a hand in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation based on already achieved positive results and to maintain the bridge for long-term use and expressed his gratitude to personnel concerned from civil and military fields, ministries, organizations, and local people.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers cordially greeted the local people.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint,

Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein and a local formally opened the road.

The commander unveiled the stone inscription of the asphalt road and sprinkled scented water on it together with the ministers and the deputy ministers. They then strolled along the road.

Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana-Kintha-Koegway-Yinhmi-Pinlaung Road is 68 miles and seven furlongs long, and Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana-Pinlaung Road (Kintha-Koegway section) is 20 miles and 3 furlongs long and 18 feet wide.

The newly opened road will contribute to better transport of domestic products to all the States and Divisions through the road networks from the east to the west and from the north to the south across the nation. In addition, the newly inaugurated facility will help develop health, economic, social, management and education sectors of the region.—MNA

UEC member oversees tasks for holding elections in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July
— Member of the Union Election Commission Daw Khin Hla Myint toured Ayeyawady Division from 24 June to yesterday to oversee works of the township sub-commissions for the elections and inspected buildings to be used as polling stations, locations and demonstration of casting votes at temporary polling stations in the townships in Ayeyawady Division.

She also held meetings with members of district/township, ward and village election sub-commissions and discussed works of the election sub-commissions and laid down tasks the sub-commissions.

The member of the UEC, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Election Commission U Myo Tun, reached out Sarmalauk, Nyaungdon, Pantanaw and Kyaunggon townships on

24 June, Patheingyi on 25 June, Thabaung, Einme, Myaungmya, Wakema, Labutta and Mawla-myneigyun townships on 26 and 27 June, Myaungmya, Yekyi and Kyonpyaw on 28 June, Hinthada, Laymyethna, Inga, Myanaung, Kyangin on 29 June, Zalun, Danubyu and Maubin on 30 June, Kyeiklat and Bogale on 1 July and Bogale, Pyapon and Dedaye yesterday.—MNA



Selected Philippine youth Basketball team seen at the Yangon International Airport to compete in Seventh South East Asia U-18 Men's Basketball Tournament to be held at National Stadium-1 in Yangon on 3 July.—MNA

Khabaung Diversion Weir in Bago...

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from the hydropower plant along Khabaung Creek is been stored at the diversion weir in order to irrigate the farmlands through the left and right canals. We saw thriving summer paddy plantations and cultivation of monsoon paddy with the use of the irrigation water.

Assistant Director U Tin Aung of Construction 5 of Irrigation Department explained, "Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project was launched on 23 March 2008 to benefit cultivation of 100,000 acres of farmlands in Toungoo and Ottwin townships through the double cropping pattern, to generate 30 megawatts and prevent floods in Sittoung Basin annually. Now, 920 feet long main embankment and 800 feet long saddle dike and

200 feet high dam is under construction inclusive of the spillway, the water diversion tunnel and power intake tunnel. At present, the hydropower is being generated."

Staff Officer U Aung Htet Myint said, "Toungoo and Ottwin townships of Bago Division have 90 inches of rainfalls on average annually. Sometimes, the region faced difficulty to get adequate rainwater for cultivation of paddy in the late monsoon. In the past, the region could not be put under summer paddy. At present, the local farmers can overcome the above difficulties in growing paddy thanks to irrigation water of Khabaung Dam. Since 2009-2010, the farmers have cultivated summer paddy."

Khabaung Diversion

Weir built near Shwelaung Village of Ottwin Township stores a large volume of water and supplies water to the farmlands along 29 miles long canal through five sluice gates. We witnessed lush and green crop plantations due to adequate irrigation water.

In an interview, farmer U Myint Than of Kyettat Nyaungbin Village in Ottwin Township said, "I have six acres of farmlands. I grew summer paddy with the use of irrigation water last year. I could produce 65 baskets of monsoon paddy per acre and 80 baskets of summer paddy. Due to earning more income, I thanked the government for construction of the dam."

Ko Soe Lin of Padaukkhin Village told Myanmar Alin, "I cultivated 10 acres of

monsoon paddy and eight acres of summer one. I have one Leyar-16 power-tiller and a paddy thresher. I have a plan to extend my work.

Thanks to construction of the dam, our region has roads for motorbikes and other vehicles. Construction of the dam contributes to improvement of health care for the local people."

Farmer U Than Pe of 59 years old said, "I put

nine acres of land under both monsoon and summer paddy. Beans and pulses are grown as the mix-cropping. As we get adequate irrigation water for agricultural purpose, we can earn more income."

Khabaung Dam and Diversion Weir will benefit 100,000 acres of farmlands for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in Toungoo and Ottwin townships.

In addition, these facilities will prevent floods at Sittoung Basin.

Khabaung Dam is a source in generating hydropower there. Moreover, Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project helps create lush and green environment and boosting production of crops of the region.

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Paddy saplings are being transplanted at the farmlands of Khabaung Dam irrigated region in Ottwin Township.

BP to start Libya deepwater oil drilling soon

LONDON, 3 July—BP Plc for the Libyan well and says it has prepared extensively for the operation.

"Just like with any deepwater exploration activity, we have undertaken extensive, rigorous and detailed preparations with our contractors and by ourselves for this drilling," Nicholas said.

"The investigation is

still ongoing into exactly what happened in the Deepwater Horizon tragedy. But any of the lessons coming out of those investigations will be applied to all of our operations worldwide."

BP signed the exploration and production agreement with Libya's National Oil Corp in 2007, after the lifting of international sanctions on Libya

removed legal barriers to doing business in the North African country.

Libya has said it is happy for the drilling to go ahead.

"If you have an air crash you don't stop air travel in the whole world," said Shokri Ghanem, NOC chairman, last month. He said the spill in the Gulf was "exaggerated somewhat."—Internet



Little egrets are seen in the wood at the Wan'an Town of Xiuning County, east China's Anhui Province, on 1 July, 2010.—XINHUA



Photo taken on 1 July, 2010 shows the Apple flagship store in east China's Shanghai Municipality. The first Apple flagship store in Shanghai, selling Apple products and providing related services, will be opened at Lujiazui region on 10 July.—XINHUA

Italy to help fix Cambodian ancient artifacts

PHNOM PENH, 3 July—Italian ambassador told the Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An on Thursday that Italy is to build a laboratory centre in Siem Reap Province and send professors to train Cambodian students to fix broken artifacts.

Ambassador Michelangelo Pipan told Sok An that Italy has been pleased with helping the Kingdom to restore the Pre Rup Temple over the last four years. Pre Rup was the second temple mountain, after East Mebon which it resembles, constructed in the Angkor region by Rajendravarman II (944-968). In recent years Pre Rup Temple has been undergoing restoration financed through the Italy funds-in-Trust Project. Italy has also expanded its project in Siem Reap Province, the home of Angkor, to fix the staircase of more than 300 metres of Angkor Temple. The well-known Italian professors, of the University of Palermo, are expected to arrive in October this year in Siem Reap, where they will train 20 Cambodian students from the Royal University of Fine Arts to learn about the artistic works and how to fix over 4,000 Khmer artifacts, which have been collected and stored in the province.—Xinhua

17 Somalis die in battle between gov't, militants

MOGADISHU, 3 July—An artillery shell struck a building where families had sought shelter, killing 11 people, part of a day of violent battle in the Somali capital that saw a total of 17 people killed Thursday, an emergency official said.

The shell that struck the building also wounded 22 others. Five children and three women were killed in the blast, said Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu's ambulance service.

"It was a grisly scene. I haven't seen such a massacre in recent



A woman lies on a stretcher at a hospital after she was wounded in a battle between Somalia government soldiers and Islamist fighters north of Mogadishu on 1 July, 2010.—INTERNET

days," Muse said.

The fighting between Somali troops and rebels killed six civilians earlier in the

day, Muse said. Twenty-one civilians were wounded in the earlier fighting.

Internet

Egypt fights smoking with new tobacco tax

CAIRO, 3 July—Egyptian smokers saw prices surge Thursday by as much as 100 percent as the government slapped new taxes on tobacco products in a bid to curb smoking and raise money for public health programmes in the Arab world's most populous nation.

As part of a new law passed in May but only being implemented now, the taxes raise the price of cigarettes by as much as 40 percent, while the tobacco used in Egypt's ubiquitous water pipes, known locally as Shisha, now costs twice as much. The law is part of government efforts to curb smoking, which many Egyptians

maintain is one of the few remaining affordable pleasures in a country where rising prices have sparked protests over the past few months. Government officials say that the move is needed to help convince Egypt's millions of smokers to kick their habit. World Health Organization figures show the number of smokers in the country has grown over twice as fast as the population over the past 30 years.

WHO figures show that around 40 percent of men in Egypt over the age of 15 use some form of tobacco, while 82 percent of daily cigarette smokers consume

cigarettes per day.

"Some people will be angry for some time, but I think it will decrease the consumption of tobacco," said Sahar Labib, the director of the Ministry of Health's tobacco department, adding that the increase in cigarette taxes was likely to elicit a stronger reaction because the tobacco used in the water pipes is still quite cheap.

Internet



Doctor says to avoid golf pain get swing coach

CHARLOTTE, 3 July—A US physician suggests core strengthening exercise and a swing coach to help prevent pain from playing golf.

Dr Jon-David Hoppenfeld of Southeast Pain Care in Charlotte, NC, says as a golfer begins the take-away, the stomach muscles need to provide core strength to protect the back. When the golfer gets to the top of the take-away, stress is felt in the joints on the side of the back and shoulder joint rotation at this point is primarily controlled by the rotator cuff.

"Back pain occurs when golfers come out of position at this point of the swing by standing up," Hoppenfeld says in a statement. "This straightening motion also leads to inconsistent ball striking."

Internet

An Egyptian smokes traditional water pipe 'Shisha' at a coffee shop in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 July, 2010.

INTERNET



Japan donates 10 million dollars for Galapagos solar energy

QUITO, 3 July—Japan has donated 10 million dollars to Ecuador to help fund a solar energy project in the Galapagos Islands, a UN-designated World Heritage site, Ecuador's Electricity Ministry said Friday.

An agreement between Quito and the Japan International Cooperation System Company will help start a plan to introduce "clean energy with solar generation systems to be located on Baltra Island," one of 13 islands that form the archipelago, the ministry said in a statement.

The project, part of a larger push

for cooperation between the governments of Japan and Ecuador, aims to "mitigate the effects of global warming, reducing the emission of greenhouse gases," the statement added.

According to the ministry, the money will be used to buy equipment, facilities and "a photovoltaic system."

The Galapagos were declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO some three decades ago in acknowledgement of the area's rich flora and fauna both on land and in the surrounding sea.—Internet

Climber missing near Mount Rainier summit

ASHFORD, 3 July—A day of searching for a 57-year-old climber who unclipped his rope and vanished near Mount Rainier's summit has ended without locating the man, a National Park Service spokeswoman said Friday night.

The search for Eric Lewis of Duvall, Wash., involved teams of Park Service climbing rangers and commercial mountain guides combing the upper reaches of the 14,410-foot peak, Mount Rainier National Park spokeswoman Lee Taylor said. The search will resume on Saturday, she said.

Internet

This May, 2010 file photo shows a turtle crawling before the US space shuttle Atlantis at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. In an ambitious and unprecedented plan to save wildlife, volunteers in coming weeks will move tens of thousands of turtle eggs from oil-soaked Gulf of Mexico beaches to safety on Florida's Atlantic coast.

INTERNET



Firefighters extinguish fire in the Greater Hinggan Mountains of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 2 July, 2010. More than 21,000 firemen, 10 helicopters and hundreds of bulldozers and fire engines have been put out the lighting-triggered forest fires in northeast China.—XINHUA

Turtle eggs to be rescued from Gulf of Mexico spill

MIAMI, 3 July—In an ambitious and unprecedented plan to save wildlife, volunteers

in coming weeks will move tens of thousands of turtle eggs from oil-soaked Gulf of Mexico beaches to safety on Florida's Atlantic coast.

The eggs, which could number some 70,000, will be carefully hand-picked, placed in special containers, and driven in temperature-controlled FedEx trucks starting in mid-July, according to the company and rescue officials.

"There are about 700 nests in Florida and the affected area, and the number of eggs in each it can be anywhere to a 100 to a 128 per nest," said Patricia Behnke, with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The eggs "will be incubated in a storage unit, a private facility close to Cape Canaveral," on Florida's Atlantic coast, she said.

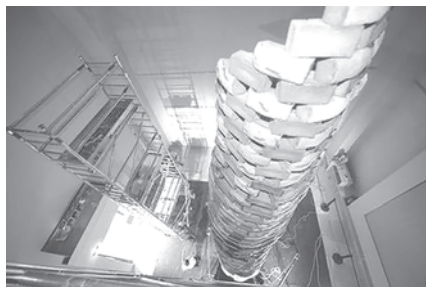
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News Album



Brave dog fully equipped to dive: A dog is fully equipped to dive with people in Russia.



A towering cake vying to be the world's biggest, seen here on 1 July, lasted one day outdoors in Paris, brought down not by ravenous sweets lovers but a sweltering heatwave in the French capital, organizers said on Friday.

Teens fall seven stories in dumbwaiter shaft

Police in Canada said two 18-year-olds who fell seven stories down a dumbwaiter shaft owe their lives to bags of recycling.

Investigators said the teenagers leaned against a shaft on the rooftop of a Vancouver, British Columbia, apartment building Thursday night and the cover gave way, CBC News reported on Friday.

"Fortunate for them is there's some bags of recycling ... at the bottom on the cement floor, and those provided some cushioning. So fortunately, what we just have is some minor injuries," Vancouver police Inspector John de Haas said.

Police said the teenagers were taken to a hospital to receive treatment for injuries including cuts, scrapes and likely broken bones.

Accused burglar: I thought I was home

A Florida man charged with breaking into a neighbour's house says he simply got

disoriented during a walk and thought he was in his own home.

Sheriff's deputies in

Legendary Japanese eater Takeru Kobayashi is seen at the CP Biggest Eater competition along side local competitors in Singapore on May 9, 2010. Kobayashi retains the records for eating 57 cow brains in 15 minutes and 41 lobster rolls in 10 minutes.



A worker prepares the world's largest ball pool, which will contain 15,000 footballs, outside City Hall in London, UK, on 1 July, 2010.

Write list of things to do before sleeping

People write down their things-to-do list before going to sleep

carry out their intentions better, US researchers said. Michael Scullin, a doctoral candidate in psychology, and his adviser, Mark McDaniel, a professor of psychology at the Washington University in St Louis, said people's ability to carry out intentions is not so much a function of how firmly that intention has been embedded in our memories. Instead, the trigger that helps carry out intentions is often a place, situation or circumstance — some context encountered the next day — that triggers the recall of an intended event.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. Service-related items and office equipment will be purchased for Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information.

(a) Six Service-related Items

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| (1) Nikon Flash SB-600 Speed Light | - 2 Nos |
| (2) Nikon D-300s Digital Camera (Body Only) | - 2 Nos |
| - Nikon AF-SDX 18-200mm F3.5-5.6G EDVR II Lens | - 1 No |
| - Nikon Type Sigma Lens 18-200mm F3.5-6.3 DCOS Lens | - 1 No |

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| (3) Digital Camera 12 Megapixel Resolution (SD With Memory Card) | -100 Nos |
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| (4) Mini DV Camcorder (With Video Camera Box) | - 5 Nos |
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| (5) EVD Digital Video Disc Player (Hight Quality) | - 30 Nos |
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| (6) Generator 20KVA 1P (Sound Proof) | - 1 No |
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(b) Five Office Equipment

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| (1) Computer | - 15 Nos |
| (2) Fax Machine (FT.937) | - 25 Nos |
| (3) Book Scanner | - 1 No |
| (4) Laser Printer (A4) Canon LBP-2900 | - 15 Nos |
| (5) Digital Multi Function Copier (A3) | - 2 Nos |

2. The tender closing day will be at 15:00 hours on 16-7-2010.

3. The tender application and detail information are available at the following address.

Procurement Committee

Ministry of Information

Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise

No.28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township,

Yangon

Tel: 536029, 534574

Solar lamp wins award for helping developing countries

LONDON, 3 July—The developers of a solar lamp that aims to replace kerosene-burning lights in developing countries have won a prestigious environmental award.



Indoor air pollution by Kerosene fumes kills 1.5m people per year.

INTERNET

D Light Design says its lanterns, which sell for around \$10 (£7), contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions.

One of the runners-up for the Ashden Award for Sustainable Energy was the Rural Energy Foundation (REF) for promoting solar energy in Africa.

More than 70% of sub-Saharan Africa has no access to electricity.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (035)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (035) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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High unemployment is a major restriction on the US recovery.—INTERNET

US sees 125,000 jobs lost in June

LONDON, 3 July—There were about 125,000 US jobs lost in June, the Labour Department has said, the first time jobs were shed on a month-on-month basis since October.

The overall decline was driven by the departure of 225,000 temporary employees who had been working on the US census in May.

The private sector created 83,000 jobs, data which investors will look to for signs of recovery. That was an improvement on May but below March and April's totals.

It was also less than analysts had hoped for and less than is needed to keep pace with a growing population. The US unemployment rate fell to 9.5% in June from 9.7% in May.

However, that was due to people no longer looking for work and therefore not officially counted as unemployed.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (066)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (066) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Google enters travel market with flight data purchase

LONDON, 3 July—

Search engine giant Google has entered the travel market after acquiring flight information firm ITA Software.

ITA provides software that organizes fares, flight and journey times that are used by airlines, travel agents and flight comparison sites such as Orbitz.

Google said it may well expand the scope, enabling users to search directly for flight destinations.

Google paid \$700m in cash for the US-based company, founded in 1996 by a team of MIT computer scientists.



Google is competing for a slice of the lucrative travel market.

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“What we're going to do is build new flight search tools that focus on end users,” said Google chief executive Eric Schmidt.

However, he said that the firm would not be selling airline tickets to consumers and that it would honour “all existing agreements that ITA has with its partners”.

Those partners include some of Google's direct competitors - such as Microsoft's own flight comparison website, Bing Travel. Other firms which had been bidding for ITA included Travelport, Expedia and Kayak, many of which are also dependent on ITA for their flight data.

A spokesman for Kayak told that, for now, they were not concerned.

“In the short term, it's not an issue, because Google said it's honouring existing agreements,” he said.—Internet

Mobile phone ads “poor” says Three chief Kevin Russell

LONDON, 3 July—The head of mobile network Three has criticised the way in which phone tariffs are advertised.

Kevin Russell's comments follow a ruling from the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) against rival network Orange.

Orange had claimed in a press advert that its 3G network “covers more people in the UK than any other operator”.

“As an industry our marketing standards are poor and it has led to cynicism,” he said.

Orange's claim was challenged by Hutchison 3G which runs the combined Three/T-mobile network. ASA ruled in favour of Hutchison and said the advert

was misleading because it was not clear whether the claim referred to coverage in terms of population numbers or geographical area, in which Hutchison 3G is larger.—Internet



New devices such as the iPhone have resulted in soaring 3G network use.—INTERNET

Guatemala needs \$1 bln to rebuilt after Agatha, volcano, says UN team

MEXICO CITY, 3 July—Guatemala needs 980 million dollars to rebuilt after being hit by Tropical Storm Agatha and the Pacaya Volcano eruption in May, said news reaching here on Friday, quoting UN-led research team.

Ricardo Zapata, an official at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the

Caribbean (ECLAC), published the estimate alongside Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom. He had led a 17-strong team which included representatives from the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the World Bank and the UN.

The same report said that the gross domestic product (GDP) of the

nation could lose between 0.5 and 2 points due to the hurricane. The deficit would rise between 3.1 and 3.3 points of GDP.

Zapata specifically called for a mix of long- and short-term plans to be put in place to deal with natural disasters.

“A reactive vision of events must be avoided,” Zapata said.—Xinhua

Paris Hilton marijuana charges dropped in S Africa

PORT ELIZABETH, 3 July— A court in South Africa has dropped the marijuana-smoking case against Paris Hilton.

The socialite appeared late Friday in a FIFA World Cup courtroom after being arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana at a quarterfinal between Brazil and the Netherlands.

"Paris Hilton was questioned today by police in South Africa on allegations of smoking marijuana," a publicist for Hilton,



Paris Hilton.
INTERNET

Dawn Miller, said in a statement.

"However I can

confirm that the incident was a complete misunderstanding and it was actually another person in the group who did it," the statement said. "The case has been dropped against Paris and no charges will be made."

When told the case had been dropped, Hilton said "thank you" and left the courtroom.

Hilton wrote on Twitter later: "Everything is fine guys. I had nothing to do with it."

Internet

Mexican musicians wary after latest murder

MIAMI/ LOS ANGELES, 3 July— Mexican quintet Los Pikadientes de Caborca was booked to play a show in Mexico's Jalisco state last year when the band's manager, Jose Juan Segura, ran into an acquaintance. "He said, 'If I were you, I wouldn't go'" because of threats of violence at the event, Segura recalls.

But just as he was about to call the show's promoter to cancel, the promoter's wife called Segura to say her husband had been kidnapped by a drug-trafficking gang after he refused to pay them for the right to put on the show. Shortly thereafter, the promoter was killed. "It makes me sad that there's no control," Segura says. Mexico's unrelenting wave of violence struck the music business again 26 June, when Mexican star Sergio "El Shaka" Vega was gunned down as he drove to a concert in the western state of Sinaloa. Vega's murder was followed by the 28 June assassination of Rodolfo Torre Cantu, the leading candidate for governor in the border state of Tamaulipas, which sent shockwaves through the Mexican political establishment.—Internet



A model presents a creation of South African fashion designer Marianne Fassler during Africa Fashion week in Johannesburg, on 1 July, 2010.
XINHUA

Richard Avedon photos headed to Paris auction

NEW YORK, 3 July— One of Richard Avedon's most defining photographs is of a willowy model adorned in a Dior evening gown,

a silk sash cascading down her slender leg, striking a dramatic pose against a row of circus elephants. It is signature Avedon. Dramatic but playful, an image shot on a hot summer day in 1955 at the Cirque d'Hiver in Paris.

An exhibition-size print of the famous picture, "Dovima with elephants," will be sold this fall in Paris, together with more than 60 other photographs, Christie's auction house said Friday. It is estimated to sell for \$500,000 to \$700,000 (euro 400,000 to 600,000). The total Avedon collection is expected to bring \$3.7 million to \$6 million (euro 3 million to 5 million).—Internet



In this late 1960's photo by Richard Avedon released by Christie's Auction House in New York, on 2 July, 2010, one of nine editions of the Beatles 'Portfolio' by the artist is shown.
INTERNET



Actor Andrew Garfield poses in Cancun on 1 July, 2010, Garfield has been cast as "Peter Parker" in the next Spider-Man movie that will be screened in 3D on July 2012.—XINHUA

Kem embraces "Intimacy" on first album in five years

LOS ANGELES, 3 July— In keeping with the theme of his forthcoming album, "Intimacy — Album III," R&B singer-songwriter Kem opened himself up to something he'd never tried before: collaborating with another producer. "One

of the things intimacy means is being able to share and make yourself vulnerable," Kem says of working with producer Rex Rideout (Ledisi, Luther Vandross). "I never set out to be a producer and didn't go to producer school; I was just making my records. But working with a bona fide producer validated what I'd done over the years and added another dimension to the project I wouldn't have gotten to on my own." That dimension is showcased on lead single "Why Would You Stay?" The ballad about infidelity and remorse is accentuated by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 16-piece string section, arranged by Motown legend David J Van De Pitte,

who died in August and whose credits include Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On." "This is a risky single for him, more pop-leaning," Rideout says.

"There's still a lot of vintage Kem on the album, but he and I also wanted to show how his sound has progressed."

Kem rose to prominence in 2003 with "Kemistry" and the top 30 single "Love Calls." After the album peaked at No. 14 on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums and No. 90 on the Billboard 200, Kem cemented his fan base with 2005's gold-certified "Album II" — which debuted at No. 1 on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums and No 5 on the Billboard 200 — and its hit single, "I Can't Stop Loving You."

Internet

Art show examines India's World Cup absence

MUMBAI, 3 July— A crumbling concrete wall topped with goalposts divides an Indian art gallery. On one side are 126 iron footballs in glass cases. On the other, the low-pitched drone of vuvuzelas and a cheering crowd.

Getting from one side to the other of the sparse warehouse gallery in Mumbai is a challenge. Visitors have to squeeze through a low, narrow opening in the wall to see the best footballers perform in the World Cup on a big screen.

But that is the point of installation artist Riyas Komu's work "Subrato to Cesar", a reference to Pune FC and India goalkeeper Subrato Paul and the Brazil number one Julio Cesar, who plays club football with Inter Milan. "One is completely obscure, the other completely famous," said Abhay Maskara, curatorial director of Gallery Maskara and a friend of the artist, who is currently in South Africa documenting the tournament.

"It shows the distance, the divide between the two. What will it take for things to come closer together? Right now, the distance is so great," he said.

The month-long festival of football has prompted passionate fans like Komu and Maskara to wonder why India, with a population of 1.1 billion people, has never made it to the World Cup finals.

Matches from the English Premier League are shown live on television in India, with top clubs like Manchester United, Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool attracting a loyal following. World Cup matches are also being broadcast.—Internet



Indian artist Riyas Komu poses with one of his art installations at The Warehouse Maskara Gallery in Mumbai.
INTERNET



Spectators wearing the 3-dimensional spectacles watch the 3-dimensional TV series Wu Cheng'en and his masterpiece of Journey to the West, to get a phantastic stereoscopic video effect in reenacting this popular Chinese myth novel on its nationwide premiere ceremony, inside the studio of the Qi Lu TV Station, at Ji'nan, east China's Shandong Province, on 1 July, 2010.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Uruguay end brave Ghana's bid on penalties

JOHANNESBURG, 3 July—Uruguay claimed their first World Cup semi-final appearance in 40 years after a pulsating 4-2 penalty shootout win over heartbroken Ghana at Soccer City on Friday.

Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera saved skipper John Mensah and Dominic Adiyah's attempts after the quarter-final had been locked at 1-1 after extra time.

Two-time World Cup winners Uruguay will now play the Netherlands in the semi-finals in Cape Town on Tuesday.

Ghana could have won the match in the last minute of extra-time but leading scorer Asamoah Gyan sent a penalty crashing off the crossbar after Luis Suarez had



Uruguay's goalkeeper Fernando Muslera blocks Ghana's defender John Mensah's kick in the penalty.

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been sent off for deliberate handball on the goal-line. "I am very emotional. We didn't play well, but we have gone through," said Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez.—Internet

Germany beats Argentina, 4-0



Germany's Miroslav Klose, back, scores a goal past Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero during the World Cup quarter-final soccer match between Argentina and Germany.—INTERNET

Paraguay look to emulate Dutch

JOHANNESBURG, 3 July—Paraguay coach Gerardo Martino believes his team can follow in the footsteps of the Netherlands, who stunned mighty Brazil, by shocking Spain in Saturday's World Cup quarter-



Paraguay's coach Gerardo Martino gives an official press conference at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg.—INTERNET

finals. Paraguay, playing in their first last-eight match, will start the Ellis Park clash against the European champions as the underdogs as they pit their rock-solid dependability against Spain's stylish, intricate passing game.

"We expected Brazil to go to the final, but the Dutch played really well and Brazil helped them in their task by making some huge mistakes," said Martino.

"Spain have been playing well, so too Germany, but for me Argentina is the best team

in the quarter-finals.

"We will go out against Spain aiming to win. In the World Cup, it's not always the team who plays well who wins, but the one which shows the most courage, the most heart and the best fighting spirit."

Paraguay have made the quarter-finals despite scoring just three goals in four games and they needed a penalty shootout to defeat Japan in the last 16.

Martino will be hoping his team's defence can smother Spain's passing style.—Internet

Classy Nadal ends Murray dream in Wimbledon semis

LONDON, 3 July—Spanish world number one Rafael Nadal made it back to the Wimbledon final by beating British home favourite Andy Murray 6-4, 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 in Friday's semi-final.

The match was punctuated by some thrilling rallies, impressive lobs and duels at the net, and while Murray gave Nadal a tough test, the Mallorcan was in imperious form and won all the crucial points.

Fourth seed Murray was roared on by a home crowd on Centre Court,

but Nadal overcame them both in two hours and 22 minutes.

The French Open champion faces Czech 12th seed Tomas Berdych in Sunday's final.

Nadal, who is chasing his eighth Grand Slam final, remains on course for his second French Open-Wimbledon double.

The Spaniard is undefeated here since the 2007 final.

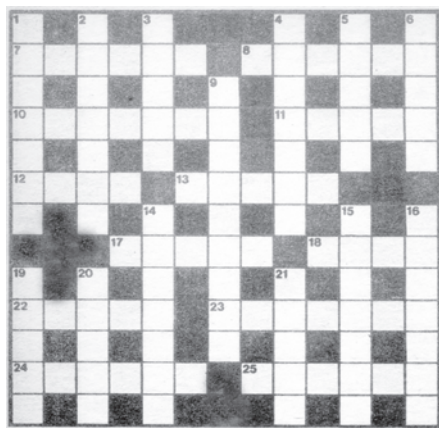
He beat Roger Federer in the 2008 final but could not defend his title last year due to a knee injury.—Internet

CAPE TOWN, 3 July—Thomas Mueller scored on an early header and Miroslav Klose added two goals as Germany routed Argentina 4-0 for a semifinal spot in the World Cup, sending star striker Lionel Messi and coach Diego Maradona home.

After Mueller's third-minute goal Saturday, Miroslav Klose celebrated his 100th international game with a tap-in from short range in the 68th minute. He then scored the 14th goal of his World Cup career in the 89th minute, somersaulting in celebration.

Arne Friedrich scored Germany's other goal.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Ship's holding device
- 8 PG Wodehouse character
- 10 Help forward
- 11 Article of bric-a-brac
- 12 Surfeit
- 13 Ardent
- 17 Plait
- 18 Nothing
- 22 Inundate
- 23 Miser
- 24 Wandering
- 25 Acrimonious

DOWN

- 1 Rush about wildly
- 2 Tentacled seacreature
- 3 Punctuation mark
- 4 Planet
- 5 Turn aside
- 6 University in Birmingham
- 9 Less than complete
- 14 Three-pronged spear
- 15 Meals
- 16 Miracles
- 19 Frequently
- 20 French river
- 21 Once more

Choi up by 2 after second round of Farr



Na Yeon Choi, of South Korea tees off on the 15th hole during the second round of the LPGA Jamie Farr.

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SYLVANIA, 3 July—A confident Na Yeon Choi (NAH YUHN CHOY) followed her opening 64 with a 4-under 67 to build a two-stroke lead through Friday's second round of the Jamie Farr Owens Coming Classic.

Second on the LPGA Tour in birdies, Choi had four of them without a bogey. The first-round leader by a stroke, she is

motivated by missing a cut for the first time as a pro last week at the LPGA Championship.

Fellow South Korean Inbee Park shot a 66, Christina Kim had a 67 and Alena Sharp a 68 to share second place at 9-under 133.

Kristy McPherson holed a 60-degree wedge from 75 yards on the 18th hole for an eagle to lead a pack of six players at 136.

Defending champ Eunjung Yi (YOON JUNG EE) had a 68 and was eight shots back, while 2008 winner Paula Creamer missed the cut.—Internet



Spain's Rafael Nadal plays against Scotland's Andy Murray in a semi-final match at the Wimbledon

INTERNET

Bosh sits down with Knicks

CHICAGO, 3 July—Chris Bosh met for more than two hours on Friday with the New York Knicks, the latest suitor hoping to land the coveted free agent forward.

Bosh showed up at the same hotel where Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade met with the Knicks earlier on Friday. In a tweet, Bosh called the Knicks' presentation during a meeting that lasted 2 hours and 40

minutes "another impressive one."

He told reporters he felt "like a kid at Christmas."

"You've got to enjoy this," he said. Asked if there were any offers, he said "No, not yet. Everything is still pending."

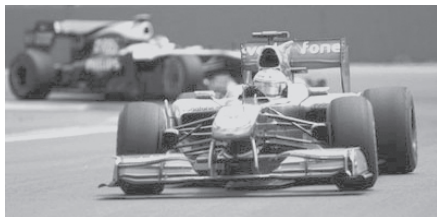
Knicks officials were not immediately available.

After seven seasons in Toronto, Bosh has been one of the busiest players in the free agency bonanza. He met with Rockets in his hometown of Dallas early on Thursday, then flew to Chicago for sessions with the Heat and New Jersey Nets.

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The file photo shows LeBron James, centre, of the United States joking.

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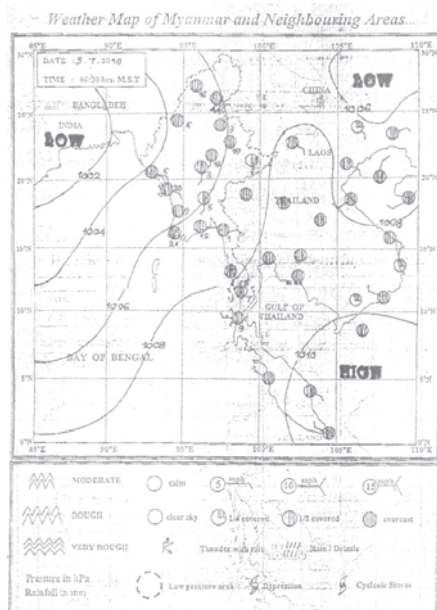
McLaren's Jenson Button during the Grand Prix of Europe on 27 June . McLaren boss Martin Whitmarsh believes the British Grand Prix on July 11 will be a vital test for his team to gauge their chances of winning the world championship title.—INTERNET

Silverstone vital for F1 title win, says McLaren boss

LONDON, 3 July—McLaren boss Martin Whitmarsh believes the British Grand Prix on 11 July will be a vital test for his team to gauge their chances of winning the world championship title.

Despite leading both the drivers' and constructors' standings, the British-based outfit have only started on pole position once this season while Red Bull have qualified quickest at every other race.

Internet



WEATHER

Saturday, 3rd July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (1.22) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (1.10) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.28) inches, Loilem and Nyaungdon (2.05) inches each, Coco Island (1.85) inches, Myitkyina (1.81) inches, Machanbaw (1.65) inches, Putao (1.34) inches, Theinzayat (1.30) inches and Yamethin (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-7-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 3-7-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-7-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 2-7-2010 was (1.5) hours .

Rainfall on 3-7-2010 was (0.47) inch at and Mingaladon, at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (30.00) inches at Mingaladon, (34.80) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 2-7-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Delta, Gulf of Mottma, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (4-7-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (4-7-10 09:30 am ~ 5-7-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

OverseaTransmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Creating Cozy Places
- * News
- * Dignified Myanma Theatrical Performance (Tin Maung san Min Win)
- * Tapestry; A Genuine Myanmar Handicraft
- * News
- * Olympic Day Movement
- * News
- * AGE Transformer Industry
- * News
- * Myanmar Handicrafted Instruments made in Leather
- * Hiking Mount Phone Yin Northern Tip of Myanmar
- * News
- * Inside Myanmar's Music World
- * VCD Centre
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
- * News
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
- * Myanmar Movie "Story of a flower"

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Creating Cozy Places
- * News
- * Dignified Myanma Theatrical Performance (Tin Maung San Min Win)
- * Tapestry; A Genuine Myanmar Handicraft
- * News
- * Olympic Day Movement
- * News
- * AGE Transformer Industry



Sunday, 4 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ နိုင်ငံ့ဦးဆုံး၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်တလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(ဥပဇာ)ဗြာဟ္မဗဟိ

8:15 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. ဘိလပ်မြေစက်ရုံ (နေပြည်တော်)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:30 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားအတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြည်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မနှမ်းသောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုတတ်လမ်း "မင်္ဂလာသို့သောနေ့ရက်များ" (ရဲအောင်ကျော်ကျော်ဗိုလ်၊ မိုးမြိုင်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကုသိုလ်)

2:30 pm

7. Musical Programme

2:40 pm

8. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားပွဲရိုက်များ (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

2:50 pm

10. International News

3:15 pm

1. မြန်မာ-စင်ကာပူချစ်ကြည်ရေး ခြေစမ်းဘေးလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက် ချိတ်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မြန်မာလက်ရွေးစင်အသင်းနှင့် စင်ကာပူ Asian Games Team အသင်း)

5:15 pm

2. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် BUGS ADVENTURES (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

6:40 pm

6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "သူရဲကောင်းတို့နှလုံးအိမ်ဝယ်" (ပထမပိုင်း) (ခင်မိုး၊ မိုးအေး၊ ခင်မိုးပိုင်၊ ဝါဝါအောင်၊ သုလင်း၊ ရန်နီရီ၊ ချစ်ရဲရတနာကျော်ဦး၊ ခင်မိမိကို) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))

7:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွှတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

8. News

9:00 pm

9. International News

10:00 pm

10. Weather Report

11:00 pm

11. ဓမ္မ (အစမ်းစဉ်ပြန်နှင့်အဖွဲ့၊ တေးရေး-တို့ညွန့်၊ ဓမ္မ မောင်ထွန်းမင်း)

12:00 pm

12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ် သိုင်းဥဒေါင်းလေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၃၉)
13. နိုင်ငံခြားတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရွယ်လွန်ချစ်အိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
14. ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ
15. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ချုပ်၏ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမျိုးသမီးရေး ရာအဖွဲ့မှ စီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သော ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်ရလုပ်ငံလ (၃)ရက်မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ အထိမ်းအမှတ် "တိုင်းရင်းရပ်ညိုမျိုးဗီတီတွင် ဆင်သရုပ်ရာအလှူ" ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)
16. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်များရှာဖွေကြွား ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်



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

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

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

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Khabaung Diversion Weir in Bago Division helps improve agricultural sector

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Recently, we the news crew of Myanma Alin daily headed for Toungoo of Bago Division to observe progress of Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project of Construction 5 of Irrigation Department. Indeed, Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project is one of the projects for development of Sittoung basin.

Bago Division is reliable for the nation in the agriculture sector and it is the second granary of the State. Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project is being implemented in Ottwin Township to irrigate 40,000 acres of farmlands in Toungoo Township

and 60,000 acres of cultivable lands in Ottwin Township for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy.

The dam is located 1.5 miles downstream of the confluence of Khabaung Creek and Paraing Creek in Ottwin Township. Khabaung Diversion Weir is also built five miles downstream of the dam near Shwelaung Village. The dam will store water from the middle mountain range in the rainy season and then supply it to 30-megawatt hydropower plant. After that, the water that flows

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Photo taken on 25 June shows storage of water at Khabaung Diversion Weir located near Shwelaung Village of Ottwin Township.

What does Kin's fate say for windows phone 7?



PC WORLD, 3 July—Microsoft dropped a stunner on the tech world this week by terminating Kin, its social media-centered phone for teenagers.

Just a mere six weeks after its long-gestating birth in May, Kins will no longer be sold in the U.S. and plans for a fall European release have been scrapped. Internally, the Kin team will be rolled into the Windows Phone 7 team, according to Microsoft.—Internet

Noteworthy amount of rainfall 3-7-2010

Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe)	(1.22) inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)	(1.10) inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	(0.28) inch
Loilem and Nyaungdon	(2.05) inches each
Coco Island	(1.85) inches
Myitkyina	(1.81) inches
Machanbaw	(1.65) inches
Putao	(1.34) inches
Theinzayat	(1.30) inches
Yamethin	(1.14) inches