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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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 welcomes back Secretary-1 on his return from PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back the Myanmar delegation led by SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10.35 am today.

The delegation was on a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of Member of the Standing Committee of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice-Premier Mr Li Keqiang.

Together with the Senior General at the airport were SPDC Vice-Chairman 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, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, 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 Transport U Thein Swe, heads of department, Charge d' affaires of the Embassy of People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zhongying and officials.

The delegation members Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye



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

Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Revenue U Hla Thein Swe and departmental Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and heads also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

Prime Minister attends opening of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July —Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein graced the opening ceremony of Fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament at presence No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground here this evening.

The kick-off was also presented by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, Chairman of Myanmar Olym-

pic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint and MOC members, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials from Myanmar Football Federation, footballers, staff families and guests.

The athletes took positions at designated places in the sports ground and saluted the MOC chairman.

The game kicked off after MOC Chairman

Sports Minister Thura U Aye Myint had made a speech.

The ceremony came to an end after the sportsmen had recited the four sports oaths.

The Prime Minister and party enjoyed the debut match of the championship between the Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Electric Power No (2).

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar, Laos closer to each other

The diplomatic ties between the Union of Myanmar and the Lao People's Democratic Republic are in their 55th anniversary. During such a long period, the two neighbours have been able to further consolidate the good neighbourly relations, fine traditions and friendship between them.

The exceptional relationship between the two countries was founded upon similar religious, cultural and historical backgrounds that they share between the two peoples. Good traditional relations, close cooperation and mutual trust between the two countries will be further strengthened and deepened.

Goodwill visits of State leaders between the two nations have further cemented bilateral friendship, serving as a driving force behind plans to boost bilateral cooperation based on mutual interests in various sectors including economy and trade.

In the course of the history of the diplomatic ties between the two countries, good neighbourly relations have brought considerable benefits to the two peoples. Friendly relations and the close and trustful cooperation will be continuously strengthened and enhanced for mutual benefit of the two countries, thus contributing to the cause of peace, stability and cooperation for development in the region and the world at large.

Nowadays, bilateral cooperation in the regional and sub-regional frameworks of ASEAN, CLMV, GMS and ACMECS have complemented bilateral relations to bring the two countries even closer. Mutual understanding and reciprocal support between the two countries are as a result of the drive to further bolster the bilateral relations.

During the 55-year diplomatic relations between the two neighbouring countries, bilateral friendship has been improving very gradually. The two nations are therefore believed to be able to fortify the friendship and fine traditional relations between the two peoples and multi-sectoral cooperation.

All this needs to be known

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

Ministry of SWRR honours outstanding students

YANGON, 12 July—A ceremony to grant stipend and honour outstanding students by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement took place at Fire Service Department (Head quarter) in Mayangon Township here today.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and

People's Desire

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

Secretary-1 meets staff of Myanmar Embassy, Military Attaché's Office in PRC



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets staff of Myanmar Embassy and the office of Military Attaché and their families and scholars at Myanmar Embassy in Beijing.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, who was in the People's Republic of China on a goodwill visit, met the staff of Myanmar Embassy and the office of Military Attaché and

their families and scholars at the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar on 5 July evening.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC office and the Myanmar

Ambassador.

In meeting with the embassy staff, the Secretary-1 briefed on strengthening of the friendly relations and economic cooperation between the two countries by exchanging visits of the leaders of both countries, Myanmar's political

developments, the need for the staff to abide by the diplomatic codes of conduct and follow the rules and regulations of the host receiving country, giving priority to seeking mutual interest and further promotion of bilateral friendship and giving assistance to their compatriots.—MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Laotian Ambassador Mr Kouily A Souphakhet at reception to mark 55th Anniversary of Establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Laos on 12 July.—MNA



Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe made a speech. The minister and wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam.

Afterwards, the directors-general of the departments under the ministry presented stipends

through officials and accepted cash assistance donated to Social Welfare Department and Relief and Resettlement Department by wellwishers.

The ministry awarded altogether K 334,000 for outstanding students and K 19,495,250 for stipend.—MNA

Zimbabwe lacks AIDS drugs to expand treatment

HARARE, 12 July—Zimbabwe may not have enough anti-AIDS drugs to comply with World Health Organization recommendations on providing treatment to people with HIV, a top health official said Sunday.

Zimbabwe is currently treating about 200,000 people whose immune systems have been severely weakened by the disease, but the WHO recommends that treatment should start earlier.

"The number of people in need of treatment will double if we follow the World

Health Organization plan," Tsitsi Mutasa Apollo, co-ordinator of HIV treatment in the health ministry, said in the state-run *Sunday Mail*.

"We are likely to experience more drug shortages," said Apollo. The new guidelines would mean about 500,000 people need treatment, the paper said. Zimbabwe's prevention and treatment campaign relies on donor funding, after a near decade of economic crisis also which crippled health services.

The country imposes an AIDS levy on workers

to fund drug procurement for over 1.6 million people living with the virus.

Last year HIV infected 13.7 percent of adults, down from a high of 33 percent in 1999.

The decline has been attributed to donor-backed prevention.—*Internet*



A nurse prepares drugs for patients recently diagnosed with HIV and TB in 2009. Zimbabwe may not have enough anti-AIDS drugs to comply with World Health Organization recommendations on providing treatment to people with HIV, a top health official said Sunday.
INTERNET

India launches 5 satellites into orbit from Srihorikota space station

India's PSLV-C15, carrying a payload of five satellites, heads to space from Sriharikota. India successfully launched five satellites into orbit on Monday, three months after the country's space ambitions suffered a setback when a rocket crashed at lift-off.

XINHUA



NEW DELHI, 12 July—India Monday successfully launched five satellites from its space station of Sriharikota off the coast of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, said officials of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

All the satellites, including a remote sensing Cartosat 28, were put into orbit, said ISRO officials.
Xinhua

Bombs strike World Cup watchers in Uganda, kill 74



People carry a man, injured in an explosion, upon his arrival at the Mulago Hospital in Kampala on 12 July, 2010.
XINHUA

KAMPALA, 12 July—In simultaneous bombings bearing the hallmarks of international terrorists, two explosions ripped through crowds watching the World Cup final in two places in Uganda's capital late Sunday, killing 74 people, police said. One American was killed and several were wounded.

The deadliest attack occurred at a rugby club as people watched the game between Spain and the Netherlands on a large-screen TV outdoors. The second blast took place at an Ethiopian restaurant, where at least three Americans were wounded.

One American was killed in the blasts, said Joann Lockard, a

spokeswoman for the US Embassy in Kampala.

Kampala's police chief said he believed Somalia's most feared militant group, al-Shabab, could be responsible for the attack. Al-Shabab is known to have links with al-Qaeda, and it counts militant veterans from the Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan conflicts among its ranks.

A head and legs were found at the rugby club, suggesting a suicide bomber may have been to blame, an AP reporter at the scene said. At least three Americans part of a church group from Pennsylvania were wounded at the Ethiopian restaurant.

Internet

Two people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 12 July—Two people were killed and five others wounded in bomb and gunfire attacks in Baghdad and in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Sunday, the police said.

Maitham Shqier, an official from foreign relations department in Baghdad's provincial council, was shot dead by gunmen using pistols fitted with silencers when driving in Baghdad's western district of al-Harthiyah on Saturday night, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In another attack, Ahmed Hamad al-Zoubaie, former leader of the local Awakening Council group, was seriously wounded when gunmen

opened fire at his house at dawn in the al-Zaidan neighbourhood in Abu Ghraib area just west of Baghdad, the source said.

In Diyala province, an Awakening Council group member was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in the al-Dayniyah area, some 50 km east of the provincial capital city of Baquba, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi security forces conducted several search operation across the same province, detaining 16 suspects wanted for terrorist and criminal charges, he said.—*Xinhua*



Smoke comes out from the scene of an explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 10 July, 2010. One bystander was killed when the bomb, concealed in a parked motorcycle, exploded in the middle of the afternoon, said the city's security chief.
INTERNET

N Ireland bomb 'designed to kill police'

BELFAST, 12 July—Police in Northern Ireland said Sunday a bomb which severely damaged a bridge on an isolated country road was designed to kill or injure policemen.

The device exploded under the stone bridge around 5:30 pm (1630 GMT) on Saturday in Newtownhamilton, a rural stronghold of republican supporters near the border with the Irish Republic.

No one was hurt in the explosion, but it left a crater in the road and damaged the bridge.

District Commander Chief Superintendent Alisdair Robinson said the bomb was an attempt to lure

officers to the area.

"This was a totally reckless act that could have easily led to loss of life if anyone had been driving past at the time.

"However, I believe at this stage the real target was my officers.

This was an attempt to lure police into the area to injure or kill them," he said.

"At this stage we do not believe this incident poses any further risk to members of the public, but it does pose a significant risk to my officers. That is why we are treating this incident with extreme caution."

Internet

Motorbike bomb wounds 21 civilians in S Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 12 July—Over 20 persons, all civilians sustained injuries as a motorbike bomb ripped through a bazaar in Helmand Province south of Afghanistan, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said Monday.

"Militants planted explosive device in a motorbike and exploded it in the bazaar of Garmsir District Sunday afternoon as a result 21 civilians with majority of them shopkeepers were injured," Ahmadi told *Xinhua*.

He put the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used against Taleban militants but the outfit has yet to make comment.—*Xinhua*

What's killing farmed Salmon? New virus may also pose risk to wild Salmon



Salmon—INTERNET

COLUMBIA, 12 July—Farmed fish are an increasingly important food source, with a global harvest now at 110 million tons and growing at more than 8 percent a year. But epidemics of infectious disease threaten this vital industry, including one of its most

popular products: farmed Atlantic salmon. Perhaps even more worrisome: these infections can spread to wild fish coming in close proximity to marine pens and fish escaping from them.

Heart and skeletal muscle inflammation (HSMI), an often fatal disease, was first detected in salmon on a farm in Norway in 1999, and has now been reported in 417 fish farms in Norway as well as in the United Kingdom. The disease destroys heart and muscle tissue and kills up to 20 percent of infected fish. Although studies have indicated an infectious basis, recent efforts to identify the pathogen causing the disease have been unsuccessful.

Internet

Computing power cracks egg shell problem



Professor Mark Rodger from Department of Chemistry and Centre for Scientific Computing, University of Warwick (left) Dr David Quigley from the Department of Physics and Centre for Scientific Computing, University of Warwick (right).—INTERNET

LONDON, 12 JULY—University of Warwick Researchers at the and the University of

Sheffield have applied computing power to crack a problem in egg shell formation. The work may also give a partial answer to the age old question “what came first the chicken or the egg?”

The answer to the question in this context is “chicken” or—at least a particular chicken protein. There is however a further twist in that this particular chicken protein turns out to come both first and last. That neat trick it performs provides new insights into control of crystal growth which is key to egg shell production.

Researchers had long known that a chicken eggshell protein called ovocleidin-17 (OC-17) must play some role in egg shell formation. The protein is found only in the mineral region of the egg (the hard part of the shell) and lab bench results showed that it appeared to influence the transformation of amorphous calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) into calcite crystals.

Internet

Turning digits into an art form

BEIJING, 12 July—A software engineer in Beijing has revealed a breakthrough in technology that could have a profound effect on museums globally and which puts Beijing firmly on the map of cutting edge development.

Xu Yingqing, 50, a lead researcher with Microsoft Research Asia in Beijing, has created a detailed, interactive and multi-layered digital rendition of the Song Dynasty ink-on-silk painting “Life Along the Bian River at the Pure Brightness Festival”.

The image of the priceless work of art created by Zeduan Zhang and rarely shown in public can now be seen and studied in unique detail in the Hall of Martial Valor at Beijing Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City.

“It provides a virtual three-dimensional walkthrough of the painting with sound,” he said. “The level of detail for a work of art like this has never been created before. The technique can also be applied to other paintings and even vases and the Terracotta Warriors. It will enable artists and art historians to study works at a level never before accomplished.”—Internet



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XINHUA

Science

China, EU strengthen space technology co-op to monitor climate change

SHANGHAI, 12 July—China and the European Union have strengthened their cooperation in space technology to better monitor climate change and improve the ability to prevent and control natural disasters.

At a conference entitled “Let’s Embrace Space”, held by the EU pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo, Reinhard Schulte Braucks, head of Unit Space Research and Development, European Commission, said air pollution is a common problem facing the entire world. He said China and the EU should strengthen cooperation and act to improve air quality monitoring.

Further, China’s Ministry of Science and Technology and the European Space Agency are conducting a cooperation project-Dragoness, which is China’s largest international cooperation project in the field of earth observation.

The project includes joint scientific research, sharing data, technological training and an exchange of scholars. Braucks said China has many resources that the EU doesn’t have. China has sent many satellites into orbit, which can provide a large quantity of important data. Besides that, he said Chinese and European scientists are able to share their complementary knowledge regarding space and technology.—Internet

Nanoparticles shrink tumours in mice

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—The application of nanotechnology in the field of drug delivery has attracted much attention in recent years. In cancer research, nanotechnology holds great promise for the development of targeted, localized delivery of anticancer drugs, in which only cancer cells are affected. Such targeted therapy methods would represent a major advance over current chemotherapy, in which anticancer drugs are distributed throughout the body, attacking healthy cells along with cancer cells and causing

a number of adverse side effects. By carrying out comprehensive studies on mice with human tumors, UCLA scientists have obtained results that move the research one step closer to this goal. In a paper published on 8 July in the journal *Small*, researchers at UCLA’s California NanoSystems Institute and Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Centre demonstrate that mesoporous silica nanoparticles (MSNs), tiny particles with thousands of pores, can store and deliver chemotherapeutic drugs in vivo and effectively suppress tumours in mice.—Internet



A boy views an artwork made of iron spare parts during a creative fair in Nanning, capital of southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 11 July, 2010. More than 100 youths took part in the fair Sunday and displayed all kinds of creative artworks.



Researchers link exercise, vitamin D with Alzheimer's disease

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—Senior people who take exercise and who have adequate levels of vitamin D may be less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease, two new studies suggest.

Findings of the large and long-term studies were presented on Sunday at the International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease in Hawaii.

In one study, a team of US researchers analyzed data from more

than 1,200 people in their 70s. The study, which has followed people in the town of Framingham, Massachusetts since 1948, tracked the participants for cardiovascular health and is now also tracking their cognitive health.

The physical activity levels of the 1,200 participants were assessed in 1986-1987. Over two decades of follow-up, 242 of the participants developed dementia, including 193

cases of Alzheimer's disease.

Those who did moderate to heavy amounts of exercise had about a 40 percent reduced risk of developing any type of dementia. People with the lowest levels of physical activity were 45 percent more likely to develop any type of dementia than those who did the most exercise. These trends were strongest in men.

Xinhua



Visitors try to cool themselves down in the water fountain at the Denmark Pavilion at the World Expo site.

INTERNET

Tea, exercise, vitamin D reduce risk of dementia

BEIJING, 12 July—Certain habit changes including drinking tea regularly, physical exercise, and vitamin D intake, may help prevent dementia, according to new studies published on Sunday.

The studies were presented at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Honolulu.

The first study is on cardiovascular risk and was conducted by researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. It tracked more than 1,200 senior people over 20 years, 242 of whom developed dementia.

Those who had moderate to heavy amounts of physical activity had about a 40% lower risk of developing dementia, while participants engaging in the least amount of activity were 45% more likely to develop dementia, according to the research.

The second study, which lasted for 14 years, targeted more than 4,800 men and women aging 65 and above. Researchers found that those who drank tea one to four times a week had a 37% lower chance of developing dementia than participants who didn't drink tea at all.

Xinhua



Farmers from Lunguletu Village, a well known place for growing potatoes about 40 km northwest of Bucharest, capital of Romania, harvest potatoes on 11 July, 2010. Farmers from the regions which are not hit by floods are harvesting faster to save their farm produce from being possibly watered in face of a new yellow code for rain. —XINHUA



People walk on the road destroyed in heavy rainfall in Daozhen County of Zunyi City, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 11 July, 2010. About 153,900 residents in the county have suffered a lot from the heavy rainfall which lasted for three days from 8 July.

XINHUA

Brain hard-wired to resist romantic rejection, study suggests

New York, 12 July—Being unlucky in love stimulates areas of the brain that play a role in motivation, reward and addiction — something that may help explain why the anguish of romantic rejection can be difficult to control, says a new study.

The findings may improve understanding of the most extreme behaviours associated with rejection, such as stalking, murder and suicide, said the researchers from Rutgers University in NJ, and Yeshiva University, Stony Brook University and the State University of New York in New York.

They used functional MRI to observe brain

activity in 15 heterosexual college-age men and women who had recently been rejected by a romantic partner but said they were still intensely in love with that person.

Internet

Mauritius reports first toll of A/ H1N1 flu in 2010

PORT LOUIS, 12 July—Mauritius has recorded the first victim who succumbed to A/ H1N1 flu in 2010, local medical sources reported over the weekend.

A government official aged 51 died on Saturday night in a private clinic after having been admitted on 4 July for what was believed to be a flu.

After his health status started deteriorating rapidly, he was transferred to the intensive care unit.

Doctors indicated that he died from a viral infection with respiratory distress. Tests that were carried out on this patient early last week confirmed the presence of the A/H1N1 virus.

Xinhua



The Transocean Discoverer Inspiration (foreground) arrives at the site of the Deepwater Horizon to install a "capping stack" on the well in the Gulf of Mexico, in this handout photograph taken on 10 July, 2010 and released on 11 July, 2010.

XINHUA

Health

IMF highlights Asia's role in leading way of global economy

DAEJEON, 12 July—Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), highlighted the role of Asia in the future in global economic policies, vowing to allow stronger voice of the region in the IMF.

"Asia's time has come. No one can doubt that Asia's economic performance will continue to grow in importance," Strauss-Kahn said in his opening address to the Asia 21 high-level conference held in Daejeon.

The two-day conference, titled "Asia

21: Leading the Way Forward," kicked off with opening addresses by South Korean Finance Minister Yoon Jeung-hyun and the IMF head, where the participants will hold discussions over Asia's global role and its new growth drivers.

The IMF officials are also planning to evaluate Asia's economic growth model and its implications of change for the global economy, while showcasing lessons of Asia's resilience during the crisis for other regions, Strauss-Kahn said.—Xinhua

Bank of Korea raises growth forecast to 5.9 pct



Shoppers look at shoes at a street shop in Seoul, South Korea, on 12 July, 2010. South Korea's central bank raised its forecast for the country's economic growth this year to 5.9 percent on solid exports as well as capital and consumer spending amid a stronger global recovery.

INTERNET

SEOUL, 12 July—South Korea's central bank raised its forecast for the country's economic growth this year to 5.9 percent on solid exports as well as capital and consumer spending amid a stronger global recovery.

The Bank of Korea, which had previously expected an expansion of 5.2 percent in 2010, made the revision on Monday in a report on the economic outlook for the second half of the year. "Goods exports and facilities investment are forecast to maintain strong growth owing to stronger recovery of the global economy, favourable IT industry and demand for changes in production facilities," the bank said. Consumer spending, meanwhile, will get a boost from higher household purchasing power, it added.

Internet

Business



Indian workers assemble a mini-truck at the Mahindra and Mahindra plant in Chakan, southeast of Mumbai in March, 2010. India's industrial output rose by a weaker-than-forecast 11.5 percent in May from a year earlier, official data showed Monday.—INTERNET

PetroChina open to closer ties with BP



File photo shows an attendant pumping fuel at a PetroChina gas station in Beijing.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 12 July—Chinese oil giant PetroChina has said it would "welcome" closer ties with BP as the British energy group battles to contain the massive oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico, a report said on Monday.

Mao Zefeng, head of investor relations at PetroChina, told the *Financial Times* that the company's

first reaction to BP's problems in the Gulf of Mexico was to see how it could "help BP to quickly fix the problem".

"We contacted them to see if there is anything we can help with in terms of engineering or technical help," Mao said.

The official declined to discuss possible financial assistance, saying: "We have no comment on market rumours. But if there was some opportunity to work more closely together, we would welcome that."

Mao and other officials at PetroChina were not immediately available to comment on the report.

Chinese energy companies have this year invested billions of dollars on overseas acquisitions, including a deal by China's top refiner Sinopec in April to acquire a stake in a Canadian oil sands project for 4.65 billion dollars.

PetroChina — which is listed in New York, Hong Kong and Shanghai — said in May that it would invest 60 billion dollars abroad over the next decade in order to secure much-needed resources to fuel China's red-hot economy.—Internet

Oil hovers above \$76 ahead of US company earnings

SINGAPORE, 12 July—Oil prices hovered near \$76 a barrel on Monday in Asia as investors look to second quarter company earnings reports this week for clues about the strength of the US economy.

Benchmark crude for August delivery was up 7 cents to \$76.16 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added 65 cents to settle at \$76.09 on Friday. Oil prices rose last week as investor fears eased that the US economy will slip back into recession later this year. Traders will be eyeing second quarter corporate earnings season, beginning this week with reports from Alcoa Inc, Intel Corp, Google Inc, JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp.

Oil investors often look to equities as a barometer of overall investor sentiment, and all major Asian stock markets rose Monday after the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 5.3 percent last week.

In other Nymex trading in August contracts,

heating oil was up 0.35 cents \$2.029 a gallon, gasoline held at \$2.07 a gallon and natural gas rose 1.8 cents to \$4.420 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Brent crude was up 3 cents to \$75.45 a barrel on the ICE futures exchange.—Internet



An oil refinery is seen in Yan'an in western China's Shaanxi province.—INTERNET

India's industrial output jumps 11.5 percent

NEW DELHI, 12 July—India's industrial output rose by a weaker-than-forecast 11.5 percent in May from a year earlier, official data showed on Monday.

The figure, which comes after a revised 16.5 percent jump in April, was dragged down by slower mining and manufacturing activity

and was far below market expectations of a 16-percent rise year-on-year.

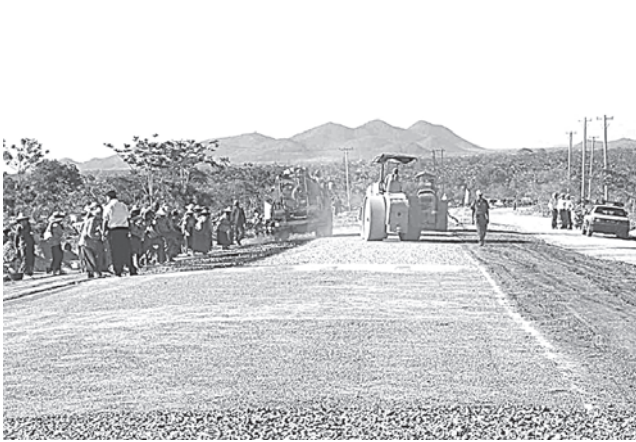
India's economy has been showing signs of slowing slightly, with output growth easing and the rate of hiring cooling among manufacturing firms as new order flows begin to slacken.

Manufacturing outp-

ut growth declined to 12.3 percent year-on-year in May from 19.4 percent the previous month. Amid double-digit inflation, India's central bank has been raising interest rates in a bid to check price rises, which it said were becoming "generalised."

Internet

Prime Minister inspects projects in Sagaing Division, Yangon-Mandalay Expressway



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views upgrading progress of Patheingyi Road (Sagaing Division).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Prime Minister U Thein Sein, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, ministers and departmental heads, inspected

and gave instructions and attended to the needs.

The upper structure of the 1280 feet long bridge is of Bailey type, with a 10-foot-wide motorway on it. It can withstand 13 tons of loads.

Upon arrival at Nyaungbingyi River Wa-

tary report. Prime Minister observed Leya (22) Brand tractors, transplanters, reapers, and agricultural boats displayed by the Agriculture Mechanization Department, and samples of paddy seeds, pesticides, fertilizers and anti-fungus.

He inspected the sup-

ply of water from the main canal and secondary canal to farmlands, and the monsoon paddy cultivation process in the fields in the irrigated areas. At Pyawtywa River Water Pumping Project near Pyawt Village in Myinmu Township which is being undertaken with the use of water from the river Mu by the Water Resources Utilization Department, Director-General U Kyi Htut Win reported on the project, supply of water to the irrigated areas, and processes of growing crops.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on supply of water to the farmlands as necessary, and regular maintenance of canals.

Next, he inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon). Minister U Khin Maung Myint reported on construction of

the approach bridge to the bridge on Mandalay side.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Pyinsi briefing hall at mile post No 325/1 of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, the Prime Minister heard a report by Project Engineer U Tint Hsan on laying concrete on the 48 miles and five furlongs long Kukwe-Pyinsay-Zaga-in Roundabout section. Minister U Khin Maung Myint gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister inspected Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of the expressway. At Yinkhatkon briefing hall of the Directorate of Military Engineering near mile post 242/4, project engineers Lt-Col Soe Si and Lt-Col Myint Oo reported on 83-mile

Pantin-Pepinlay-Kukwe concrete section being built by the Directorate of Military Engineering.

He also inspected Nay Pyi Taw Mango Zone of the Myanmar Agriculture Service near mile post No 225 of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Minister U Htay Oo reported on the area for Seintalon mango zone, findings of feasibility study to grow Seintalon species mango, potential water sources, surrounding areas, agricultural methods, and nurturing process.

The Prime Minister instructed officials concerned to supply quality strains, and groundwork methods and nurturing methods to farmers.

The Prime Minister and entourage arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.—MNA



Myaukyamachaung Bridge Project on Patheingyi Road between Salingyi Township and Yinmabin Township.—MNA

Patheingyi Road near Monywa yesterday morning.

The Prime Minister viewed the upgrading of the 26-mile section of Patheingyi Road (Sagaing Division) from Mile Post Nos 424/5 to 450/5, which is being undertaken by Public Works. Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint gave an account of work progress.

The Prime Minister inspected Myaukyamachaung Bridge Project on Patheingyi Road linking Salingyi Township and Yinmabin Township,

ter Pumping Project near Kyaukmyet Village in Salingyi Township which is being implemented by the Water Resources Utilization Department using water from the river Chindwin for supply of adequate potable water and irrigation water and regional greening, the Prime Minister heard a report by Director-General U Kyi Htut Win of the department on the project and plantations of crops grown in the irrigated areas in respective years. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo gave a supplement-



Nyaungbingyi River Water Pumping Project near Kyaukmyet Village in Salingyi Township.—MNA

Prime Minister attends...

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A total of 35 teams will play round robin matches in eight groups at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman Paunglaung Sports

Ground and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground until 7 August.

The teams which advanced the first group stage will meet in second stage from 11 to 26 August. Quarterfinals are due to be played from 30 August to 2 September, semifinals on 6 and 7 September and the final at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground on 10

September.

The Industry-1 Ministry held a narrow win over the Electric Power No (2) Ministry 3-2 in today match.

Civil Service Selection and Training Board plays against Ministry of Cooperatives at No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground at 4 pm tomorrow.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein enjoys Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament.—MNA

SPDC Secretary-1 visits Beijing



Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo being briefed on design of Beijing Railway Station by officials of Railway Station in Beijing.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July —The visiting goodwill Myanmar delegation led by General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development

Council, accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and officials, visited the Great Hall of the People in Beijing at 1.15 pm on 5 July. On

arrival at the Great Hall, the Secretary-1 and delegation members were welcomed by officials. Next, they studied the hall of Hunan Province, the native place of leader Mao

Zedong and the halls in the Great Hall.

At the meeting hall, Vice-Chairman of the Great Hall Research Department Mr Guo Zhu Yin briefed the Myanmar delegation on functions of the People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The Secretary-1 asked him what he wanted to know. Next, the Secretary-1 and party

left the Great Hall at 4 pm.

The Secretary-1 and delegation members then visited the Railway Station in Beijing and went to Tianjin in a high-speed train. On arrival at the Railway Station to the south of Beijing at 5.45 pm on 6 July, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Minister of Rail

Transportation Mr Liu Zhi Jun and officials.

The minister and Beijing Station blueprint designer Mr Zhen Jian explained the designs of the Beijing Station. Later, the Secretary-1 and party went to Beijing and Tianjin in a high-speed train. They then visited Tianjin Station and arrived back in Beijing.

MNA



Photo shows a high-speed train at the Railway Station in Beijing.—MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party at the Great Hall in Beijing.—MNA



SPDC Secretary-1 meets personnel of Chinese Companies

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo who was on a visit in Beijing of the People's Republic of China received Chinese companies in cooperation with Myanmar at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House on 5 July.

On 5 July morning, the Secretary-1 received Vice-Governor Mr Gao



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Vice-Governor Mr Gao Xiging and party of China Development Bank at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.—MNA



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives President Mr Ma Zhibin of China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corp (CATIC) and party at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.—MNA

On 6 July, the Secretary-1 received Governor Mr Li Ruo Gu of The Export-Import Bank of China (EXIM) and party. The Chinese side was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador and the Secretary-1 by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint, U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-

Xiging and party of China Development Bank and discussed matters related to bilateral economic cooperation of the two countries.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Vice-Governor U Nay Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo

and officials.

Next, President Mr Ma Zhibin of China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corp (CATIC) and party paid a call on the Secretary-1 and the two sides discussed matters relating to air transportation.

The Secretary-1 then received President Mr Lu Qizhou of China Power Investment Co Ltd (CPI) and party. The two parties hold discussions about ongoing hydro-power projects jointly implemented by the two countries.

General Manager Mr Zhang Zhi Ming of China National Petroleum Corp



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives President Mr Lu Qizhou of China Power Investment Co Ltd (CPI) and party at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.—MNA

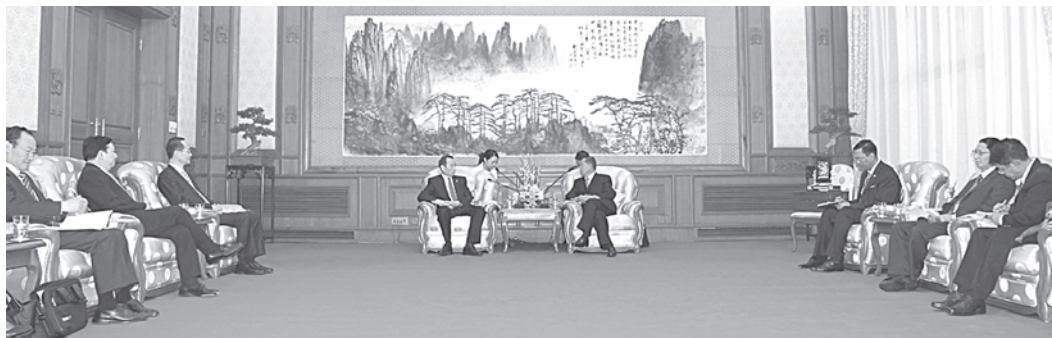
(CNPC) and party called on the Secretary-1 in the afternoon and discussed matters relating to energy sector with the Secretary-1.

Also present at the

calls together with the Secretary-1 were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar U Thein Lwin, Director-

General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the Peace and Development Council Office and officials. The Chinese side was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador.

General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Vice-Governor U Nay Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials.—MNA



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives General Manager Mr Zhang Zhi Ming of China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) and party at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.

MNA

SPDC Secretary-1 meets Member of Standing Committee of Politburo of CPC Central Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo on 5 July evening met Member of of Standing Committee of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central

Committee Mr Li Changchun at Diaoyu Tai State Guest House in Beijing, China.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint,

Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and officials. Mr Li Changchun was accompanied by Vice Foreign Minister Mr Li Jinzhang, Chinese

Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and high-ranking officials. The Secretary-1 and Mr Li Changchun cordially exchanged views on visits and efforts of Heads of the two nations to foster "phauk-phaw" relationship with far-sightedness, strategic cooperation in energy, transport, hydropower, trade and agriculture sectors and development of friendly ties in sixty years of establishment of diplomatic relation between the two nations.

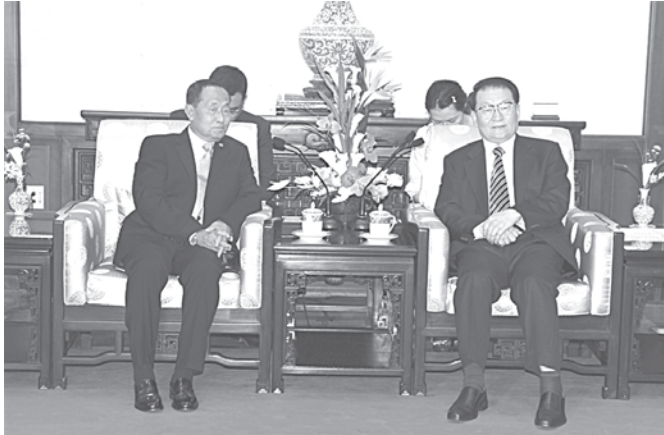
After the discussion, they posed for documentary photos and

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Member of the Standing Committee of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Mr Li Changchun.—MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Li Keqiang.—MNA
(News on page 16)

Mr Li Changchun hosted dinner in honour of the Secretary-1 and delegation members.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chinese Ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo who was on a goodwill visit in the People's Republic of China received the Minister of Railways, the Minister of Commerce and the Minister of Transport of the PRC on

4 and 6 July.

On 4 July evening, Minister of Railways Mr. Liu Zhi Jun paid a call on the Secretary-1 at Diaoyu Tai State Guest House in Beijing. Also present at the call were Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and high-ranking officials. The two sides cordially

discussed on development of rail transportation service in Myanmar and potentials for cooperation in rail transportation sector.

The Secretary-1 also discussed bilateral economic cooperation with Chinese Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Deming in a working breakfast on 6 July

morning. The Chinese Ambassador also attended the working breakfast.

In the afternoon, Chinese Minister of Transport Mr Li Shenglin and party called on the Secretary-1 who held discussion about bilateral cooperation in transport sector with the former.

The Secretary-1 was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeting Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Deming of the People's Republic of China.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Minister of Railways Mr Liu Zhi Jun of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Minister of Transport Mr Li Shenglin of the People's Republic of China and party.—MNA



Secretary-1 visits Ling Guang Si Buddhist Temple in Beijing



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party paying homage to Buddha Tooth Relic at the chamber in Buddhist Temple in Ba Da Chu Park in Beijing.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, during his goodwill visit in China, visited Ling Guang Si Buddhist Temple in Ba Da Chu Park in Beijing on 6 July morning.

The Secretary-1, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo, was welcomed by Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and responsible persons of the Buddhist Association of China.

Members of the BAC greeted him with Dhamma songs.

The Secretary-1 and party paid respects to monks and presented donations to the abbot of the temple.

The abbot presented Dhamma gifts to the Secretary-1 and party.

The Secretary-1 and party paid homage to Buddha Tooth Relic at the chamber and Jade Buddha Image donated by Myanmar.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offers donations to the abbot.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pay respects to monks of temple.—MNA



Secretary-1 arrives in PRC on goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — At the invitation of Member of the Standing Committee of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice- Premier of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Keqiang, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo left Yangon on 4 July for the PRC to pay a goodwill visit.

He was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint, U Maung Myint

and U Hla Thein Swe and departmental officials. The Myanmar goodwill delegation arrived at Beijing International Airport at 5.50 pm.

Myanmar goodwill delegation were welcomed at the airport by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Thein Lwin, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and staff from Myanmar Embassy and the office of Military Attaché and their families.

The secretary-1 and party arrived at Diao Yu Tai State Guest house where they were going to put up.

MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives President Li Ruo Gu of the Export-Import Bank of China (EXIM).

(News on page 9)—MNA

Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament-2010 held

YANGON, 12 July — As a token of gratitude owed to the readers of Golf Masters Magazine published by HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament-2010 was held Yetagun Mountain golf club in Mandalay yesterday.

After the tournament, prizes were awarded to the winners. The tournament was co-sponsored by Srixon, Cleveland, Cross creek, GP Watch, Dagon Brewery Ltd, Lucky Drinking Water, Mr Big Man Wears and Nivea Man Products.

MNA

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Earth younger than previously thought, say scientists

LONDON, 12 July—A new geological study has set a more accurate age for planet Earth, according to scientists.

Researchers say their investigation shows the Earth is 70 million years younger than the 4.537 billion-year-old planet "we had previously imagined".

To confirm Earth's age, the team compared elements in its mantle to those in meteorites that are the same age as the



Earth could be 70 million years younger than previously thought.—INTERNET

Solar System.

The group reports its findings in the journal *Nature Geosciences*.

Internet

Kenya's Olympic 800m champion names new world record holder

NAIROBI, 12 July—Kenya's Olympic 800m champion Wilfred Bungei on Sunday has tipped David Rudisha to set a new world record soon. He was speaking after Rudisha ran an astonishing 800m at the KBC Night of Athletics in Heusden-Zolder, Belgium on Saturday.

The Kenyan became the second fastest man in history at the 800m when he crossed the line in a phenomenal 1:41.51, an African record and the fastest time in the world since Wilson Kipketer broke the world record (1:41.11) at two occasions in 1997.

"Rudisha is enjoying the best time in his career and he is young. I think he is capable of breaking the world record soon," said Bungei.

Rudisha, a son of former Olympic silver medallist Daniel Rudisha, had become the fastest 800m runner in the world last season when he set a personal best of 1:42.01 in Rieti 2009. And his 1:42.04 run in Oslo in June was already the world leading mark of 2010.—Xinhua

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**Conservationists say
tiger numbers need to
double to save the
species.—INTERNET**

Tiger conservation discussed in Bali, Indonesia

LONDON, 12 July—Officials from 13 countries are meeting in Bali, Indonesia, to agree on ways to try to double the number of tigers in the world.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) conservation group has warned that a lack of global action could kill off the endangered species.

Hunting and a loss of habitat had cut numbers to about 3,200 tigers - the lowest ever.

The Bali Tiger Forum is a precursor to a planned global summit in December.

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There is a particular focus on China, where a huge demand for tiger parts for consumption has fuelled a drop in numbers.

Conservationists are concerned about the proliferation of Chinese tiger farms, where 5,000 tigers are kept in captivity - they say this spurs the trade in tiger parts, and demand for illegally caught wild tigers.

Internet

Taleban militants killed in S Afghanistan

QALAT, 12 July—Afghan and NATO-led troops eliminated 13 Taleban fighters including their commander Mullah Shahabudin in southern Zabul Province, spokesman for provincial administration Mohammad Jan Rasouli said Sunday. "Afghan and international troops raided Taleban hideout in Shahbaz village of Shahjoi District early today as a result 13 rebels including their commander Mullah Shahabudin were killed," Rasouli told Xinhua.

However, he did not say if there were any casualties on the troops. Mullah Shahabudin was the second-in-command of Taleban militants in Shahjoi and adjoining areas, he added.—Xinhua

INVITATION TO TENDER**TENDER NO. 3 T (C)/PASA/PW/2010-2011**

1. Sealed Tender is invited by the Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Ministry of Construction for the supply of Straight Asphalt 80/100 Grade Metric Tons (10000) in Drum.
2. Tender Closing Date is (13-8-2010 at 16:00 hr).
3. Tender Documents and detail specification are available at the Public Works, Procurement section Stores Division, No (40) Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw (14.7.2010) on Payment of (FEC-1000). To enquiry contact Phone No-067 407577, 067-407581.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
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Lloyds unit to sell A\$598 million auto-loan backed debt

SYDNEY, 12 July—A unit of British group Lloyd's (LLOYD.L) plans to sell A\$598 million (\$524 million) of debt backed by auto-loans, a joint lead manager said on Monday. Pricing is expected by Friday with settlement on July 23. The issue, called Bella Trust Series 2010-1, is jointly led by Bank of Scotland, JPMorgan and National Australia Bank, the joint lead said. JPMorgan and NAB are joint book runners. The offer will consist of six tranches backed by car-loans originated by Capital Finance, an Australian unit of Lloyds.

Only the top-rated tranche will be sold to investors with the balance retained by the issuer. Bank of Scotland's offer would be its second issue backed by auto-loans. The loan pool is exclusively made up of motor vehicle loans, predominantly cars.

The loans have a seasoning, or time since issued, of 15 months. Final maturity of the offer is February 2017 while the expected maturity is in February 2014. Asset-backed bond issuance in Australia, including mortgage-backed notes, has been hit hard in the wake of the US subprime mortgage crisis, but the market is slowing coming back to life. This is the fifth offer backed by Australian auto-loans this year. It follows Macquarie Bank (MQG.AX) which sold on Friday US\$500 million of debt backed by car loans in the United States.—Internet

More than 15,000 UK fraud cases reported in six months

LONDON, 12 July—More than 15,000 people reported being victims of fraud during the first half of 2010, a report has said. Action Fraud, the national fraud reporting centre, said it received the reports from people who said they had been victims of scams.

The amount of money people had been tricked out of ranged from just £6 to more than £1m, it said.

Most common were online shopping and auction frauds and advance fee frauds - where services were not delivered. They involve people being asked to pay an upfront fee for services like a psychic reading or loan arrangement.

Internet

Light shed on "Zhao's Orphan"



A still from Chen Kaige's new film "Orphan of Zhao."—XINHUA

BEIJING, 12 July—Chen Kaige's upcoming costume drama "Orphan of Zhao" has released some still-shots to show what the earliest Chinese play known to Europe

will look like on the silver screen.

"Orphan of Zhao" is adapted from a Yuan Dynasty play of the same name, which was translated into French

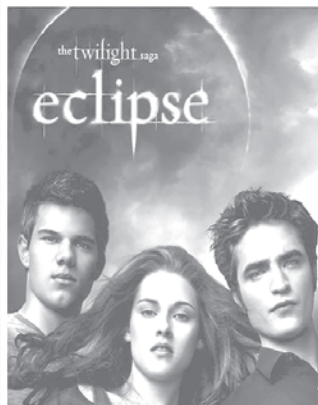
by a missionary named Joseph Henri Marie de Prémare in 1731.

Bankable actor Ge You plays the lead character Cheng Ying, a doctor living in the countryside in 6th century BC who sacrifices his own son to save an orphan, and then raises him and helps him get his revenge.

The film also stars Fan Bingbing, Huang Xiaoming, Zhang Fengyi and Wang Xueqi. The release date has been set for 18 December.

Xinhua

Super Villain eclipses "Twilight" in fierce box office derby in N America



LOS ANGELES, 12 July—Universal Pictures has regained some respects from the movie theaters in the United

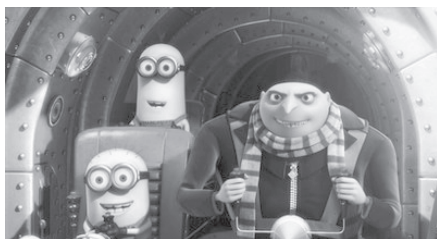
States and Canada with its latest 3-D animated release "Despicable Me," outshone vampire romance "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" with a big fanfare while the weekend's another releases opened to third place.

Following the trail of "Shrek Forever After" and "Toy Story 3" as the third major 3-D computer-animated movie of the summer,

"Despicable Me" which represents the inaugural entry into the genre by Universal, opened at 3,475 theaters and is expected to gross 60 million US dollars in sales receipts, beat "Eclipse" to stay on top of the summer derby, the North America box office authority said according to projected weekend statistics.

Xinhua

'Despicable Me' tops weekend box office at \$60.1M



In this film publicity file image released by Universal Pictures, Gru, voiced by Steve Carell, is shown with two of his minions in a scene from the 3-D CGI feature, 'Despicable Me', about a villain who meets his match in three little girls.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—"Despicable Me" wasn't such a bad guy after all, it seems, opening at the top of the box office with an estimated \$60.1 million.

The first 3-D animated movie from Universal Pictures stars Steve Carell as the voice of Gru, a bumbling villain with plans to steal the moon—until three adorable orphan girls enter his life. Jason Segel, Russell Brand and Julie Andrews are among the star-studded voice cast. Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, said Sunday that "Despicable Me" far exceeded the studio's expectations for opening weekend. "Thirty (million) would have been a win for the studio—because it's a new creative idea, we really didn't know what we had, so we backed in saying \$30 (million)," said Rocco.

Internet

LeBron's 'Decision' watched by nearly 10M people

NEW YORK, 12 July—The Nielsen Co estimates that 9.95 million people watched LeBron James announce on ESPN that he's leaving Cleveland to play for the Miami Heat, making it the third-most-watched programme on cable television this year.

"The Decision" that aired Thursday night ranks behind the 12.3 million who watched the NFL Pro Bowl and 11.2 million who watched an episode of "iCarly" on Nickelodeon in January.

The special was of particular interest in Cleveland, where an estimated one in four homes with televisions tuned in.

James' future can't yet compare to Kobe Bryant's present, however. More than 28 million people watched Bryant win his fifth championship last month in the seventh game of the NBA Finals between the LA Lakers and Boston Celtics.

Internet



Lebron James stretches as he exits his car outside the W Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla, 9 July, 2010.

INTERNET

Free Buffett beach show draws crowd on oil coast



Jimmy Buffett performs on 11 July, 2010 in Gulf Shores, Ala. The free concert attended by tens of thousands of people was meant to help the Gulf Coast through the oil spill crisis.—

INTERNET

GULF SHORES, 12 July—Tens of thousands of people dressed in Hawaiian shirts and parrot hats sang and danced on a broad beach on Sunday at a free Jimmy Buffett concert meant to show not all the tourists are covered in oil on the Gulf Coast.

The show, which was telecast live on the CMT cable channel, came on a particularly good day: The skies were mostly clear and only a little oil was washing in on the white sand about 100 miles north of the Deepwater Horizon site. A sand-filled barrier erected by the Alabama National Guard kept members of the audience from getting near the surf just in case.

Buffett, who grew up on the Alabama coast, came on stage to a huge cheer.

"It's a little like Jazz Fest with an ocean," said Buffett, referring to the huge music festival in New Orleans.

"It is a pleasure to be here on a beautiful Gulf Coast day."

Internet

Award-winning gospel singer Walter Hawkins dies

RIPON, 12 July—Walter Hawkins, a Grammy Award-winning gospel singer, composer and pastor from Oakland, died on Sunday. He was 61.

Hawkins, who was battling pancreatic cancer, passed away at his home in Ripon, Calif., his older brother Edwin Hawkins said. "Today, I lost my brother, my pastor, and my best friend," said Edwin Hawkins. "Bishop Hawkins suffered bravely but now he will suffer no more and he will be greatly missed." Born in Oakland, Hawkins studied for his divinity degree at the University of California, Berkeley.

Internet

"Good Luck Charlie" gets renewed

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—Disney Channel freshman sitcom "Good Luck Charlie" is getting a second season—and an original movie.

Since premiering three months ago, "Charlie" has become the top-rated series on TV among kids 6-11 and tweens 9-14. The comedy, about three teens (Bridgit Mendler, Jason Dolley, Bradley Steven Perry) caring for their new baby sister, averages 4.1 million viewers each week.

The second season will likely debut next year, and in the meantime the network is developing an original movie that will feature the show's cast.

Internet



Chinese singer Wan Shanhong performs during the symphony suite of China's four famous classic novels in Sydney, Australia, on 11 July, 2010.

XINHUA

Woods to play with Justin Rose at St. Andrews

ST ANDREWS, 12 July—Tiger Woods will play the first two rounds of the British Open with Justin Rose of England, one of the hottest players in golf with two PGA Tour victories in his last three starts.

It will be the first time Woods and Rose have been drawn together in the Open since 2002 at Muirfield, although



Tiger Woods tees off on the 7th hole at the Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland, on 12 July, 2010. The Open golf championship starts here on upcoming Thursday.—INTERNET

Man tries to grab World Cup trophy before final

JOHANNESBURG, 12 July—A spectator ran onto the field and tried to grab the World Cup trophy on Sunday, moments before the Spain and Netherlands players were due to walk out at Soccer City for the tournament's final match.

A man ran in from a corner of the stadium and raced across the field toward the halfway line, where the trophy had been placed on a pedestal for the players to parade past. The man was tackled just before he could get his hands on the trophy and was carried away by seven security guards, taken up the tunnel and past the waiting players as the crowd cheered.—INTERNET

An unidentified man, right, is restrained by security staff after trying to place a hat on the World Cup.
INTERNET



Creamer wins US Women's Open by 4 shots

OAKMONT, 12 July—Paula Creamer wondered a few months ago if she would ever play golf again the way her badly injured left thumb was hurting.

What she couldn't have possibly guessed is she would play like this.

Creamer shed the title of being the best women's golfer to not win a major, never wavering during a four-shot victory on Sunday at the US Women's Open in which she steadily put away a field that couldn't match her confidence or consistency.

INTERNET

the circumstances were far different eight years ago.

Rose had just won his first tournament as a professional and was starting to turn his career around. Woods was going for the third leg of the calendar Grand Slam.

Woods has not won this year since returning from a five-month hiatus to cope with the chaos in his personal life. Rose, meanwhile, won for the first time in America at the Memorial, had the 54-hole lead in his next tournament, then won two weeks ago at Aronimink in the AT&T National outside Philadelphia.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Dutch agony after World Cup defeat

THE HAGUE, 12 July—Dutch fans reacted with disbelief to Sunday's 1-0 World Cup final loss to Spain, as silence fell on an Amsterdam square where about 180,000 football fans saw the defeat on big TV screens.

As the final whistle blew, some supporters on the capital's Museumplein (Museum Square) rested their heads in their hands in defeat as the earlier festive atmosphere turned somber and a cacophony of vuvuzelas suddenly died down.

Some cried, others sank down to the ground; many started leaving the square in grim silence directly after the 1-0 extra time defeat, abandoning their beers and throwing their orange supporters' T-shirts to the ground.—INTERNET

Dutch fans react in Amsterdam after the Netherlands football team lost the final match in the 2010 South Africa.
INTERNET



Holders Spain crash as Djokovic leads Serbs into Davis Cup semis

PARIS, 12 July—Defending champions Spain slumped to a 5-0 whitewash by France as world number two Novak Djokovic lead Serbia into the Davis Cup semi-finals for the first time after a 4-1 win over Croatia on Sunday.

Djokovic earned the decisive point by beating Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 in the first singles match of the day in the coastal town of Split.

"Moments in life that can be compared with this one are rare, very rare. I

believe that we are writing Serbia's tennis history," the 23-year-old Djokovic said. "This is one of the greatest days in my career."—INTERNET



Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates winning 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 against Marin Cilic of Croatia.—INTERNET

Paula Creamer reacts to saving par on the eighth green during the final round of the US Women's Open.
INTERNET



Extra-time Iniesta secures World Cup for Spain



Spain's defender Carles Puyol holds the trophy as he celebrates with teammates following the 2010.
INTERNET

JOHANNESBURG, 12 July—Andres Iniesta secured the World Cup for Spain for the first time in their history by scor-

ing the only goal of an enthralling final against the Netherlands four minutes from the end of extra-time on Sunday.

Just as it seemed a third World Cup final was destined to be settled by a penalty shoot-out, the Barcelona midfielder found himself in space in the Dutch box and hammered an unstoppable shot past goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

It was a cruel blow for a Dutch side that had hoped to eradicate memories of the country's defeats in the 1974 and 1978 finals.

But the ultimate outcome of a contest both sides might easily have won inside 90 minutes will trigger few complaints from neutrals.—INTERNET

Uruguay striker Forlan gets shock best player nod



Uruguay striker Diego Forlan, pictured on 10 July, was on Sunday surprisingly awarded the Golden Ball.—INTERNET

JOHANNESBURG, 12 July—Uruguay striker Diego Forlan was surprisingly awarded the Golden Ball as the best player of the 2010 World Cup.

Atletico Madrid striker Forlan grabbed five goals at the tournament as his country finished in fourth place after losing Saturday's third-place play-off

to Germany.

The former Manchester United player polled 23.4 percent of the votes awarded by media covering the tournament with Wesley Sneijder, of runners-up Holland, on 21.8 percent, and David Villa, of newly-crowned champions Spain, taking 16.9 percent.

"This is an award which I won thanks to my teammates," wrote Forlan on his Twitter account, a post accompanied by a photograph where the striker is standing with other players.

"It was taken before they threw me in the swimming pool," he explained.

INTERNET

Mueller celebrates double World Cup award

JOHANNESBURG, 12 July—Thomas Mueller was given two reasons to celebrate on Sunday after the German starlet was named Young Player of the World Cup and picked up the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer.

The 20-year-old Bayern Munich forward finished the tournament with five goals, the same number as Uruguay's Diego Forlan, Wesley Sneijder of the Netherlands and Spain's David Villa.

He was awarded the Golden Boot because he had supplied three assists, which was more than any of his rivals.



Thomas Mueller, pictured on 10 July, was given two reasons to celebrate on Sunday after the German starlet.—INTERNET

Mueller was elected the tournament's outstanding young player by FIFA's Technical Study Group, beating off competition from Ghana winger Andre Ayew and Mexican forward Giovanni dos Santos.

INTERNET



An artist paints on the face of a girl during a Bastille Day event in Manhattan of New York, the United States, on 11 July, 2010.
XINHUA

World Diamond Congress opens in Moscow

Moscow, 12 July —The 34th World Diamond Congress, one of the main events of the international diamond society, opened here Sunday. It was the first time for Russia to host the forum ever since its inauguration in 1947.

The three-day forum aimed to settle world diamond business issues and determine priority development guidelines for the coming years, against the backdrop of global financial crisis and economic downturn.

The biannual congress is held by the World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) and the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA).—Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (13-7-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
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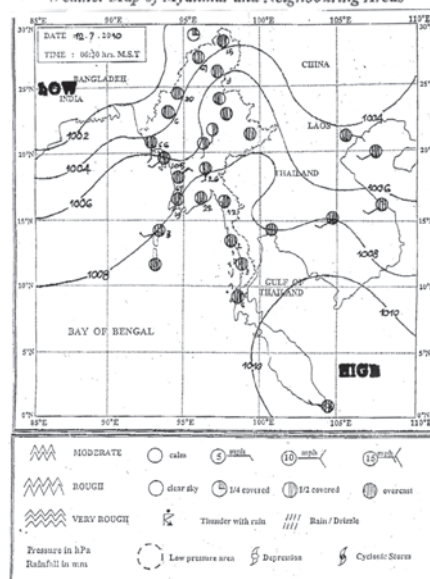
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- * News
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- * Songs for you
- * News
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- * Myanmar Orchestra; A Blend of Arts
- * News
- * Trip of Myanmar (Trip to Mungun)
- * Myanmar Movie "New Bosom"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 12th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (2.80) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (2.76) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.57) inches, Manungtaung (6.21) inches, MraukU (5.04) inches, Thandwe (4.60) inches, Kyauktaw (4.57) inches, Taungup (4.37) inches and Kyaukpyu (4.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-7-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 12-7-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-7-2010 was 85%. Total sun shine hours on 11-7-2010 was (6.6) hours.

Rainfall on 12-7-2010 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.87) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (32.56) inches at Mingaladon, (38.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (43.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 11-7-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 13th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 13 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်ကဏ္ဍာတော်

7:15 am

2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ ခိုင်မင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Dance Of National Races

8:00 am

7. Songs Of Yester Years

8:10 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

9. Musical Programme

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Local Talent

8:50 am

12. "အိမ်တွင်းပုန်းများမကြည့်ရ"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:40 pm

4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကော့လက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:50 pm

5. အရေးသင်တန်းသို့ ပညာရေးရရှိသည့်ကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား အထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:05 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

5:30 pm

8. "ကလေးများအတွက် အကောင်းဆုံး"

5:45 pm

9. ရန်ကုန်တော်တော် အလှူသံစဉ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခွန်သံ

6:35 pm

13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြွေ

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တို့အတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. အဝီမခံရွှေခိုင်

(တေးရေး / ဆို-ပေါက်စ (Drum))

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်"

(ဒုတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၉)

20. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပဟေဠိ"



- ★ 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

SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo calls on Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Li Keqiang

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo who was in Beijing of the People's Republic of China on 6 July held discussions with Member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice-Premier Mr Li Keqiang at Zhong Nanhai Guest House of the Chinese Government Office.

The Chinese Vice-Premier greeted the Secretary-1 and entourage at Zhong Nanhai Hall.

Also present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint, U Maung Myint and U Hla Thein Swe,

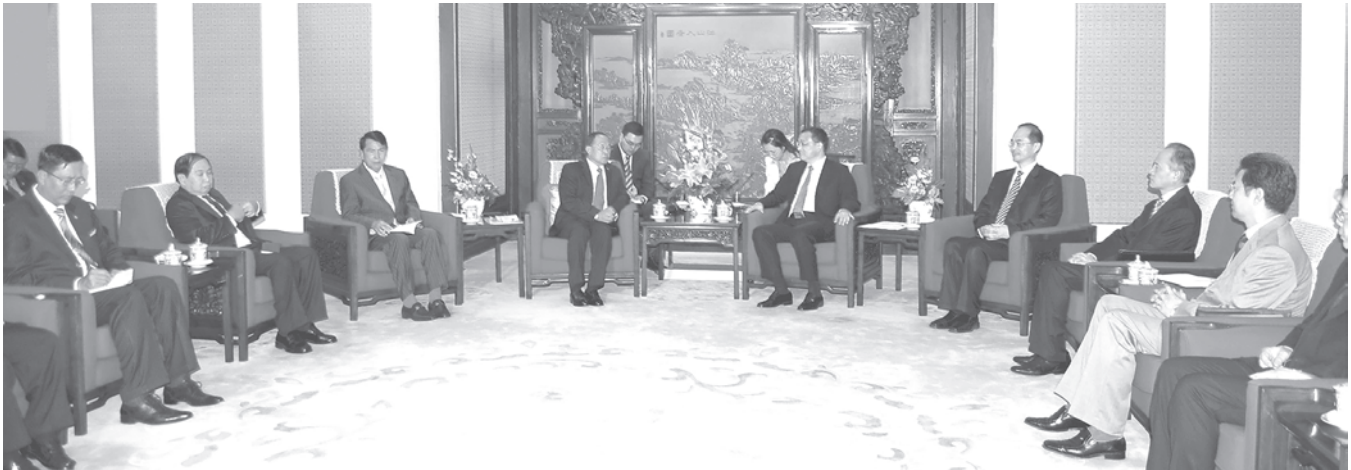
Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and officials. The Chinese Vice-Premier was accompanied by Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Cui Tiankai, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and high-ranking officials.

The Secretary-1 and the Chinese Vice-Premier exchanged greetings and conveyed the good wishes extended between the leaders of the two countries. The two sides discussed progress in implementing the agreements signed during the visits of Heads of State of the two nations, implementation of the remaining tasks, further cooperation in economic sector, mutual friendship be-

tween Heads of State of the two nations and results of bilateral cooperation since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries over past sixty years, reaching of multi-sectoral cooperation into the stage of strategic cooperation between the two nations.

The Secretary-1 and the Vice-Premier then exchanged views on cooperation in energy sector, hydropower projects, and trade and commerce. They also held discussion about mutual support in international sphere, and promotion of multilateral cooperation for mutual benefit of the two nations in the future. The meeting came to an end at 5.15 pm.

The Secretary-1 and party then left there for Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.—MNA



SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Li Keqiang at the Chinese Government Office.—MNA