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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

Prime Minister U Thein Sein accepts cash donations for Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended the first cash donation ceremony of Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, the central executive committee chairman of the association, responsible persons of State and Division branches and wellwishers.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

Patron of the association Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung reported on the purpose of forming the association.

The Prime Minister accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

The ministers and the deputy ministers also accepted cash donations and gave certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the association Dr Khin Shwe spoke words of thanks.

The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu.

At the first cash donation ceremony, a total of 35 wellwishers donated K 1439.6 million
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Prime Minister U Thein Sein accepts cash donation from a wellwisher for Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association.

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Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road brings national brethren closer together



Article: Kayan Soe Myint:

Photos: Construction & Moe Myint Hlaing

It was a day of the rainy season. I noticed rain showers in July. I saw blue mountain ranges in the east. As the car passed lush and green paddy fields and crops plantations were left behind.

It was 2 July 2010, one day before opening of the asphalt Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kintha-Koegway) road section. The car carrying us, the news crew, left Nay Pyi Taw Airport and turned from Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway at mile post 271/4 and headed to Shan mountain ranges in the east. Under the arrangements of Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw of Road Construction Group
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Part of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Asphalt Road (Kintha-Koegway section).

PERSPECTIVES

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Successful crops production on Myanmar farmlands

Agriculture is a traditional business in Myanmar blessed with favourable weather and fertile soil. By applying modern cultivation methods and using quality strains of crops, we can satisfy domestic demand and export the surplus.

Giving priority to enhancement of agriculture sector, the government has built over 200 dams plus river water pumping stations and provided quality high yield paddy strains to the farmers. Thanks to contributions of the State, sown acreage has increased to over 53 million. Over 1500 million baskets of paddy are produced annually. All-out efforts are being made to produce over 1600 million baskets of paddy this cultivation season.

Likewise, over 10 million acres of farmlands produces over 4.9 million tons of beans and pulses. Therefore, Myanmar secures the top position in exporting beans and pulses. Moreover, cultivation of marketable beans namely green gram, mung bean and pigeon pea are being extended. In addition, the cultivable lands are being covered with rubber, oil palm, sugarcane and long staple cotton, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, mustard and niger plantations.

Agriculture sector secures the larger portion in economic growth of the State. Boosting production of agricultural produce will improve the State's economy and uplift livelihoods of the rural people.

Nowadays, the government is rendering assistance for the farmers with adequate supply of water for agricultural purpose, quality strains of crops for high yield. As a result, the irrigated areas get larger and larger. Due to harmonious efforts of the agricultural entrepreneurs, farmers and agriculturalists, greater progress of growing and producing multiple crops can be seen on the farmlands of Myanmar.

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan delivering a speech.—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

Government, Information Ministry rendering assistance to motion picture and video producers to be able to create better works for public entertainment and broadening their horizons

Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise marks 40th anniversary

YANGON, 17 July—The 40th Anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information took place at the hall of Central Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township here this morning, with an address by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

In his address, the minister praised the officers and staff of the enterprise for their performance in successfully undertaking 11 tasks adopted for 2009-2010. He said that he noticed the earnest efforts and goodwill of members of the motion picture and video censorship boards for their brilliant performance in improving motion picture and video industry and preserving cultural heritage. He noted that the government and the Ministry of Information are rendering necessary assistance to producers to create better works of motion picture and video for public entertainment and broadening their horizons. He stressed the need for the motion picture and video censorship boards and motion picture and video producers to work more closely for development of motion picture and video industry. The minister pointed out that pirate CDs are impediment to improvement of film and video industry. He stressed the need to make concerted efforts for combating the production of pirate CDs under laws, rules and regulations by applying modern technology and those engaged in film and video industry are to harmoniously participate in combating the pirate CDs. In conclusion, the minister urged the staff to efficiently use the modern film equipment provided by the State for promotion of Myanmar motion picture standard and keep in touch with ever-developing technology.

The minister awarded outstanding officers and staff of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of MMPE presented prizes to outstanding personnel.



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan awards a good public service medal for 2009-2010 to staff Daw Mya That Kyu of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise.—MNA

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television gave prizes to Yangon Division Video Industry Supervisory Committee, Mandalay Division Section and Mawlamyine Section.

General Manager U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise presented uniforms to the staff in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of MMPE.

Later, the minister and departmental heads gave gifts to the staff.—MNA



Two blasts kill three, wound six in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 July — Two roadside bombs hit Iraq's capital city of Baghdad Friday morning, killing at least three people and wounding six others, a police source said.

The first blast occurred at 7 am local time (0400 GMT) in Hameed Shihab village in Abu Graib area west of Baghdad, leaving three killed and two wounded, said the source on condition of anonymity.

After half an hour, another explosion rocked the east bank of the Tigris River in Baghdad, close to the Tahrir square, wounding four people, said the source, adding several shops and cars nearby were also damaged. *Xinhua* reporters in central Baghdad clearly heard the second explosion.

Recent spate of bombings and waves of violence are still ravaging Iraqi cities, including the capital, more than four months after the country held its landmark parliamentary elections on 7 March, raising fears of a return to violence.

Xinhua

Militants kill 16 passengers in northwest Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 17 July — Militants armed with assault rifles ambushed a convoy of civilian vehicles killing 16 people Saturday in northwestern Pakistan, the scene of extensive military operations targeting militants.

Several people were also wounded in Saturday's attack in Char Khel village in the troubled tribal region of Kurram.

The travellers were heading to the main northwestern city of Peshawar in vehicles when they were ambushed.



Pakistani rescuers push a stretcher carrying an injured blast victim at a hospital in Peshawar. A bomb blast ripped through a busy car market in Pakistan's infamous tribal District of Khyber, killing ten civilians including children, officials said.—INTERNET

Kurram has witnessed scores of such attacks, robberies and kidnappings for ransom in the past three years.

Internet

Blast kills two NATO troops in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 July — The international force in Afghanistan says a roadside bomb has killed two NATO troops in the volatile south.

One of the service members killed Friday was American. The nationality of the other was not released. The NATO-led force did not give details of the explosion.

Roadside bombs planted by militants are one of the leading killers of both international troops and civilians in Afghanistan.

Last month was the deadliest of the nearly 9-year-old war for international troops, with 103 killed. So far in July, at least 49 international troops have died as coalition forces step up patrols and move into new areas of the Taliban-dominated south.

Internet

Texas mayor who killed self had financial troubles

COPPELL, 17 July — A Dallas area mayor who authorities believe killed herself and her daughter left a note saying the two were still grieving over the 2008 death of their husband and father from cancer, police said Friday.

"My sweet, sweet Corinne had grown completely inconsolable. She had learned to hide her feelings from her friends. But the two of us were lost, alone and afraid. Corinne just kept on asking, 'Why won't God let me die?' We hadn't slept at all and neither one of us could stop crying when we were together,"

read a typed note that police found in the kitchen.

The note, which also gave instructions on how to care for the family's two dogs and four cats, was among four that police found Tuesday when they discovered the bodies of Coppel Mayor Jayne Peters, 55, and her 19-year-old daughter, Corinne.

Both women had been shot in the head. The Dallas County Medical Examiners Office has ruled the elder Peters' death a suicide and the daughter's death a homicide.

Internet



This undated photo provided by the City of Coppell, Texas shows Mayor Jayne Peters. The mayor and her teenage daughter have been found shot to death at their home, city officials said on 14 July, 2010.

INTERNET

A woman reacts as she is taken away to receive medical attention after a parking garage collapse in Hackensack, New Jersey, on 16 July, 2010. The underground garage is located between the two apartment buildings in the background.

INTERNET



NJ parking garage collapses; at least 1 trapped

HACKENSACK, 17 July — Rescuers were working through the night to find at least one person who was trapped after a glass canopy attached to a high-rise condominium building fell onto a parking garage two stories below on Friday, partially collapsing the underground structure.

A car was pulled from the rubble at around 11 pm, but there was no immediate word on whether anyone was inside. Police at the scene declined to comment.

Using a remote camera and a robot, rescuers could see one victim in a car on the first level down but couldn't get to the person because they were concerned about the possibility of another collapse at the three-storey garage, Hackensack fire Lt Stephen Lindner said. They could not determine the victim's condition.

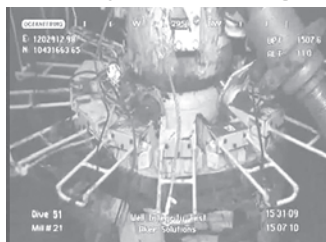
Crews were clearing debris and shoring up the structure before they could attempt to rescue the victim. Lindner said late Friday night that rescuers held out hope that the person was still alive.—*Internet*



Iraqi security forces inspected the scene of a car bomb attack in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, Iraq, on 15 July, 2010. Police officials say bombs have killed eight people in Iraq, including six in Saddam Hussein's hometown. The attacks took place on the day US forces are to transfer control of the last prison they run to Iraqi authorities.

INTERNET

BP says well integrity test goes well so far



The new containment cap is seen during the "well integrity testing" in the image grabbed from the BP's live video feed in the Gulf of Mexico, 15 July, 2010.—INTERNET

HOUSTON, 17 July—British oil company BP's test on the ruptured

oil well in the Gulf of Mexico went so far so good and a company official said Friday pressure within the new well cap was steadily rising.

Since the BP well was shut-in as of 2:25 pm local time Thursday, pressure within the 75-ton capping stack has been rising steadily and now was up to 6,700 pounds per square, BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said Friday.

Higher pressure readings are positive because it means the well is containing the oil, while lower pressure means new leaks may have appeared after BP choked off the flow of oil from the top of the well.

Internet

Alaskan glacier breaks loose from ground

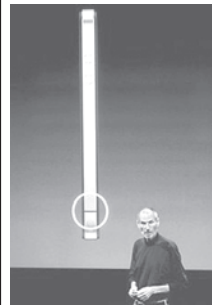
LOS ANGELES, 16 July—An Alaskan glacier has lost its footing with the seafloor and is floating in the ocean, observations show. The study of Columbia Glacier, a tidewater glacier, shows the first detailed observation of a glacier undergoing a transition from grounded to floating, according to researchers at the US Geological Survey (USGS) in Anchorage, Alaska.

"It's like a big conveyor belt pushing the ice out to the sea," glaciologist Shad O'Neel of the USGS said in remarks posted by LiveScience.com on Friday. Tidewater glaciers flow directly into the ocean, ending at a cliff in the sea, where icebergs are formed. Prior to this study, Alaskan tidewater glaciers were believed to be exclusively grounded and unable to float without disintegrating. The

observations have implications for predicting the sea level rise that could accompany global warming and the melting of glaciers around the world, the report noted.—Internet

Steve Jobs gives a press conference in Cupertino, California regarding the reception problems with the new iPhone 4. Jobs said only 1.7 percent of US buyers had returned their iPhone 4 to US carrier AT&T, less than a third of the return rate for the previous model, the iPhone 3GS.

INTERNET



Internet

NASA's WISE mission to complete sky survey

LOS ANGELES, 17 July—NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, will complete its first survey of the entire sky on Saturday, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced on Friday.

The mission has generated more than one million images so far, of everything from asteroids to distant galaxies, according to the JPL in Pasadena near Los Angeles.

"Like a globe-trotting shutterbug, WISE has completed a world tour with 1.3 million slides covering the whole sky," said Edward Wright, the principal investigator of the mission at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Internet

Science team to study data from China's first lunar probe

BEIJING, 17 July—China's space agency has set up a committee of 123 leading scientists to consider how the country might apply the vast amount of data acquired by China's first lunar probe.

The project had

resulted in data about the distribution and content of important elements on the moon, such as uranium, thorium, potassium, aluminum, silicon, iron and titanium, said the State Administration of Science, Technology and

Industry for National Defence Friday.

China launched its first lunar probe *Chang'e-1*, named after China's mythical Moon Goddess, on 24 Oct, 2007 in southwestern Sichuan Province. The probe ended its 16-month mission on March 1, 2009, when it hit the lunar surface.

Science

Apple offers free case to iPhone 4 users



A man tries an iPhone 4 at the 5th Avenue Apple Store in New York, the United States, in this file photo taken on 24 June, 2010.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July—Apple Inc. on Friday said it will give iPhone 4 users free protective cases to address the smartphone's signal problem. Apple CEO

Steve Jobs made the announcement at a press conference held at the company's headquarters in Cupertino, California.

"Every iPhone user is going to get a case. There will be refunds to people that already got a bumper," he said.

The protective case, or so-called bumper, now sells at 29 US dollars on Apple's website.

The free cases will be provided to all iPhone 4 buyers through the end of September.

Internet



Elgato EyeTV app on iPad.—INTERNET

Investors uneasy as Google costs rise



A construction worker walks past a logo next to the main entrance of the Google building in Zurich 25 May, 2010.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July—Google Inc is pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into new businesses, but Wall Street is nervous about the ultimate payoff.

Investors sent Google shares down more than 6 percent on Friday, a day after the Internet search leader reported a surge in expenses during the second quarter that caused it to miss profit estimates.

The miss was a rare stumble for Google, which has a track record of exceeding expectations.

Perhaps more worrisome to some is the sense that Google is losing its position as the pace-setter in the tech industry, just as growth in its Internet search business slows. "There's clearly uncertainty in these other businesses," said Pat Becker Jr, of Becker Capital Management, which does not own Google shares. Google has moved to position itself in the two key parts of the Internet market: Web-connected smartphones and social networking services. But the company is playing catch-up to Apple Inc and Facebook in each area.—Internet

Smartphones boost Sony Ericsson Q2, sees more growth

STOCKHOLM, 17 July—Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson pinned its hopes on further growth in the smartphone segment on Friday as it posted a second consecutive quarterly profit, driven by sales of the more expensive gadgets.

Sony Ericsson, owned jointly by Ericsson and Sony Corp and which is the world's fifth-biggest handset maker, has cut costs and revamped its portfolio with more phones such as the Xperia X10 offering PC-like functions and links to social networking sites.

After a dismal 2009 when consumers cut back on gadgets like new phones, the outlook for the industry has started to improve and Sony Ericsson returned to profit this year after reporting seven straight quarterly losses. Yet further growth will depend on more success in the smartphone segment.

However, competition here — especially from Apple Inc's iPhone — is intense.

Nokia Oyj, the world's biggest handset maker, issued a profit warning in June saying its smartphones were struggling against the iPhone, while BlackBerry maker Research In Motion has reported disappointing quarterly shipments.

"We believe the challenging market conditions will continue in the second half of the year," company president Bert Nordberg said in a conference call.

Internet

Technology

Those to-die-for high heels may alter anatomy

BOSTON, 17 July—High heels may turn heads, but new research shows the long-term cost of wearing them is even steeper than the sky-high price tag of some coveted brands.

Along with aching feet and a variety of foot deformities, years of high-heel wearing can actually alter the anatomy of the calf muscles and tendons, according to a study by researchers in England, published online July 16 in the *Journal of Experimental Biology*.

The incline of high heels causes the calf muscles to contract. Over time, this causes the muscle fibers to shorten and the Achilles tendon to thicken, so much so that some women feel pain when they try to walk in flats or sneakers.

"You put on heels, you are going to deform your body. End of story," said New York City podiatrist Dr. Johanna Youner, a spokeswoman for the American Podiatric Medical Association

who was not involved with the research. "High heels look beautiful, but the body isn't meant to wear them. There is no way around it."

For the study, Marco Narici of Manchester Metropolitan University and colleagues recruited 80 women aged 20 to 50 who had been wearing heels of at least 2 inches almost daily for two years or more.

Internet



Health

Health, money woes may boost bowel cancer deaths in blacks

HOUSTON, 17 July—Being poorer and having co-existing health problems are among the reasons why black colorectal cancer patients have lower survival rates than whites or Asians in the United States, new study findings suggest.

In the study, researchers analyzed data from 37,769 Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with stages I to III colorectal cancer between 1992 and 2002. Compared with Asians, who had the lowest risk of death, whites had a 26

percent higher risk of death, while blacks had a 56 percent higher risk, the study authors found.

Although being poorer and having other medical conditions ("comorbidities") partly explained worse survival rates among blacks compared with whites and Asians, a number of racial and ethnic differences in colorectal cancer survival persisted and weren't fully explained by variations in a number of factors looked at by the researchers.

Internet

being held in Grand Forks, ND.

"While it took time for major fast food chains to decrease trans fats in their foods, I'm pleased to see that they have done it," Lisa Harnack, director of the university's Nutrition Coordinating Centre, said in a news release.

"I'm also pleased to see that they haven't raised levels of saturated fats to replace trans fats," she added. "This is good news, as the average American gets about 10 percent of calories from fast food."

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US stocks erase week's gain on disappointing consumer data, revenue



Screens show the stocks index in the New York Stock Exchange in New York, the United States, 16 July, 2010.

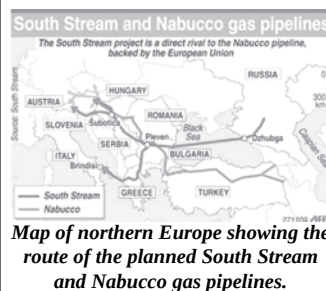
XINHUA

NEW YORK, 17 July—Wall Street fell sharply on Friday, erasing the whole week's gains, after newly released results from big companies and a gauge of consumer sentiment fell short of market

expectation. The University of Michigan's index of consumer sentiment fell to 66.5 in early July from 76, showing consumers were less optimistic about the economic recovery amid high unemployment rate. Meanwhile, results from some major companies cast shadows over the market. Citigroup settled down 6.25 after reporting second-quarter results that showed profits dropped 38 percent to 2.73 billion US dollars, or 9 cents per share. Revenues fell 33 percent, more than analysts' average estimates.

Bank of America, the nation's largest lender by assets, tumbled 9.16 percent to end at 13.98 dollars per share, as it disappointed investors with its lackluster performance across nearly all business lines. —Xinhua

Russia signs key gas agreement with Bulgaria



Map of northern Europe showing the route of the planned South Stream and Nabucco gas pipelines.

INTERNET

SOPIA, 17 July—Russia signed a key agreement Saturday with Bulgaria to speed up work on its South Stream gas pipeline project as Sofia vied to secure lower prices for its gas deliveries, state BTA

news agency reported.

Bulgarian Economy and Energy Minister Traicho Traikov and Russian Energy Minister Sergey Shmatko signed a "road map" for accelerating South Stream in Bulgaria's Black Sea resort of Varna in a ceremony also attended by Bulgarian Premier Boyko Borisov, BTA said, but did not immediately provide any further details.

The document was expected to map out a timetable for preparing the preliminary feasibility study for the project to channel an annual 63 billion cubic metres of Russian gas to Europe under the Black Sea.

Internet

Gold closes at the lowest level in eight weeks

CHICAGO, 17 July—Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange ended much lower on Friday, as US consumer price extended

losses and the consumer sentiment index slumped. Silver and platinum both dropped. The most active gold contract for August delivery plunged 20.1 US dollars, or 1.7 percent, to

finish at 1,188.2 dollars, the lowest settlement price since 21 May. US Labour Department reported on Friday that the consumer prices dropped 0.1 percent in June, the third consecutive monthly drop following a 0.2 percent fall in May and a 0.1 percent drop in April, which dragged down the annual

inflation rate to an eight-month low.

The continued decline in consumer prices worsened investors' fear that the strength in US economic recovery is not strong enough, and deflation may pose a threat for the struggling US economy.

Xinhua



A vendor carries plastic balls to sell in a market in the northern Indian city of Allahabad on 17 July, 2010.

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Business



Prime Minister U Thein Sein...

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including K 360 million each donated by two wellwishers, K 120 million by one

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wellwisher, K 100 million by one wellwisher, K 50 million each by four wellwishers, K 41 million by one wellwisher, K 30 million by one wellwisher, 50 computers worth K 30 million by one wellwisher and cash donations from States and Divisions.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Tin Ngwe accepts cash donations for Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association by wellwishers.—MNA

A wellwisher presents cash donations to the funds of Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association through Prime Minister U Thein Sein.—MNA



Minister U Maung Maung Swe accepts cash donations for Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association by a wellwisher.—MNA



SPDC Office plants trees in 2010 rainy season



Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC Office views active participation of staff in rainy season tree growing ceremony 2010.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council

Office, officers and staff's families participated in the rainy season tree growing

ceremony 2010 at its office, here, this morning.

The Director-General grew a mahogany sapling and looked into participation of those present in the tree planting ceremony.

The SPDC Office grew mahogany, teak, ironwood, gum-kino saplings and vegetables at the ceremony.

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MTMA members leave for Shanghai World Expo

YANGON, 17 July—Chairman of Myanmar Timber Merchants Association U Sein Lwin, General Secretary U Nay Tun Min, executives and officials concerned saw off a 16 member delegation led by CEC member of MTMA U Min Thein on its departure for China to visit Shanghai World Expo at Yangon International Airport this afternoon.—MNA

Bagan publishes Hsinbyugyun Aung Thein, Maung Wunna, Nanda Win



YANGON, 17 July—Bagan Publishing House has published Nga Tungal and brothers and Magazine short novels by Hsinbyugyun Aung Thein, Short Stories about Maung Sein Thaung and Ma Hnin Yi by Maung Wunna, and Hero & Evil's Head and other articles by Nanda

Win (IM-1).

Nga Tungal is Ko Hsay Yoe's brother but the two have nothing in common. It seems that the name Nga Tungal sounds as if it has a stronger sense of tradition of Central Region of Myanmar than the name Ko Hsay Yoe. Readers who were fascinated by stories of Ko Hsay Yoe may embrace traditions and customs of people from Central Region of Myanmar in Nga Tungal and brothers.

The second one is selected shorts stories about Maung Sein Thaung and Ma Hnin Yi described in magazines published between



1980 and 1986 whereas the last one is the collected short stories and articles on the author's social and religious beliefs.

The copies are available at Room A 5, Building 4, Yankin Centre, Saya San Road, Yankin Township, here, Ph: 095110038 and 544321.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Chairman of

Garden, the minister and guests enjoyed the scene and visited the garden.

The recreation centre opened today is located on 60 acres of

Moreover, sweet sounds of birds, streams and wildlife are created for public relaxation.

A 3.8 acres wide lake is installed with 24-

ray LED light spectrum for illumination at the water surface at night. Arrangements have been made for visitors to enjoy boat-rowing at the lake.

A 40 feet high four-storey tower was built on the hill of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre.

Visitors can enjoy the scenic beauty of the whole garden in addition to that of Uppatasanti Pagoda, City Hall, Open Air Theatre, Thabyegon Market, Aungthabye Modern Cinema, Gems Museum, Royal Myanmar Golf Course, Hluttaw, housings and staff housings.

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Goose-shape small boats seen at the lake of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre.—MNA



Four storey-tower of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre.

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Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor U Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre, here, this morning.

Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department, Joint-Secretary of NDC U Win Htay and U Than Win Swe of FCGC Co formally opened the recreation centre.

The minister unveiled the signboard of the recreation centre.

From the tower of the Water Fountain

land next to Water Fountain Garden Part II.

The Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre was constructed with the aim of enabling the holiday-makers to enjoy the natural scenes and mobilizing them to conserve the environments.

Flowery plants and perennial trees such as teak, ironwood, windbreakers and other species of trees are grown in the garden (annex). In addition, the garden is facilitated with small halls, natural stone chairs, statues of wildlife and pavements.



Photo shows lake and scenic beauty of its environs at Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre.—MNA

Information, F&R, Labour win over opponents

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football

Federation, the first round matches of the 4th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football

Tournament continued at the designated places this afternoon.

Among the

spectators were Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, officials of

ministries and staff.

Information Ministry routed Electric Power No. 1 Ministry 5-1 in the group F; Finance

and Revenue Ministry trounced Religious Affairs Ministry 5-0 in the group G; and Labour Ministry edged out Supreme Court 5-2 in the group G.

The matches on 20 July are: Defence Ministry vs Immigration and Population Ministry in the group H, Health Ministry vs Foreign Affairs Ministry in the group G and Industry-1 Ministry vs Cooperatives Ministry in the group A.

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Players of Information Ministry and Electric Power No. 1 Ministry vying for the ball in Group F match.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road brings national brethren closer together

Article: Kayan Soe Myint: Photos: Construction & Moe Myint Hlaing



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint speaking at inauguration of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kinta-Koegway) section asphalt road and local people attending the opening ceremony.

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(13), we arrived in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the inauguration of 20 miles and three furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kinta-Koegway) section asphalt road. We were in the car driven by Junior Engineer-I (Civil) U Than Aye. We started the trip from Kinta and passed Shan villages namely Lonehto, Letswe and Zadin. We were welcomed at Koegway by Senior Engineer U Myint Oo and introduced us to

Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Shein of Shan State (South) Public Works. At the invitation of the superintending engineer, we proceeded to Pinlaung from Koegway.

It was a magnificent scene. Being a journalist, I had made many trips to various regions. I had never seen the magnificent scene of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung hilly road before. As the road was constructed along the hilly areas, we can see

the natural scenes of the area from the car. As it was early rainy season, we felt fresh due to sounds of the streams and sweet smell of forest flowers.

After passing Taungkya Village, we stopped over at a hot spring under supervision of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. We left the hot spring and continued the trip. After passing Moeton and

Lonke, we arrived in Leinli. We saw construction of a suspension bridge which can withstand 75-ton loads of single vehicle. The bridge will be the highest facility throughout the nation. At present, the bridge is under construction of Public Works.

We came back from Leinli suspension bridge after observing the Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung road because we had to attend

the inauguration ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kinta-Koegway) section the next day.

We waved goodbye to Shan villages namely Nanpan, Kinsi, Zaka and Yinmi from Leinli Suspension Bridge.

On 3 July 2010, a ceremony to inaugurate Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kinta-Koegway) section asphalt road took place at Mingala pavilion at the mile post 0/0 of the road.

I was among the local people attending the ceremony.

Before cutting the ribbon to open the road, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an address. He quoted the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe saying that the transport sector plays a pivotal role in building a modern nation and promoting the livelihoods of the people; and only when there is better transport, will economic and social sectors develop. The commander continued to say that extended construction of roads and bridges creates a transport network among States and Divisions thereby contributing much toward smooth flow of commodities and convenient transport of passengers.

Therefore, he said the government has spent a large sum of money on construction of roads and bridges. He urged the local people to extend cultivation of export item crops to increase their income. Nowadays, the government has adopted plans and is implementing them to hand down fine legacy to the new generations and to develop human resources, he added.

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Kinta-Koegway road section has been upgraded for development of regions and ensuring better transport by overcoming natural barriers of mountain ranges.

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road brings national brethren closer together

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Construction & Moe Myint Hlaing*

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As Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kantha-Koegway) section is a good foundation for regional development, he urged those present to help maintain and safeguard the facility for its durability.

In his address, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained facts about the asphalt road and its characteristics. He said that in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction is undertaking construction of roads and bridges. So far, the Ministry of Construction has built additional 7726 miles and two furlongs totaling 21361 miles and two furlongs long roads compared with 13635 miles long roads before 1988. Moreover, the ministry accepted 1147 miles and one furlong long road transferred by Directorate of Military Engineers of the

Ministry of Defence and other ministries in 2009-2010 financial year. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, 125 miles and one furlong long Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo asphalt road was successfully commissioned into service on 24 March 2010. Likewise, 96 miles long Patheingyi-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsun road, the 9th facility of 10 main roads network in the Ayeyawady Delta, was successfully opened on 14 May 2010. The road was constructed within five months and 14 days, he said.

He noted that Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kantha-Koegway) section is 20 miles and three furlongs long and 18 feet wide. The road area is 34 feet wide and some areas, 40 feet wide. In the past, the road was a 12 feet wide gravel facility and some parts of it were steep. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the Ministry of Construction



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and ministers stroll along Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kantha-Koegway) section asphalt road.

started upgrading the road to the asphalt facility from 12 feet wide one to 18 feet wide facility on 8 August 2009 for running of passenger buses.

In some sections, rocky grounds were exploded to construct the road. The uphill and downhill roads and bends of the road were

changed into improved ones. Along the road, wooden bridges were upgraded to reinforced concrete facilities. It was a major road to link Nay Pyi Taw and Shan State (South). The already-opened 20 miles and three furlongs long road section is part of 70 miles and two furlongs long Nay Pyi

Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road. Concerted efforts are being made for the remaining section (Koegway-Pinlaung) soonest, he concluded.

The already-inaugurated Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kantha-Koegway) section asphalt road is 20 miles and three

furlongs long and 18 feet wide. The project started on 20 August 2009. It was supervised by Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw of Road Construction Group (13) of Public Works and assisted by senior engineers, assistant engineers and workers of Nay Pyi Taw District Public Works, Airport Construction Special Group (2), Building Construction Special Groups (3) and (5).

It was learnt that the remaining section of the road to Pinlaung will be upgraded to the 18 feet wide asphalt facility. On completion, the national people from various regions can travel to Taunggyi of Shan State (South) and Loikaw of Kayah State along the upgraded road facility via Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Tatkon so as to promote trading of domestic goods. Indeed, the better facilities of transport network will enhance friendly relationship among the national brethren.

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Photo shows a part of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung (Kantha-Koegway) section asphalt road.



Venezuelan folk artists perform during the international folk dance festival in Mexico City, on 16 July, 2010. —XINHUA

High-fat diet is linked to prostate ills

CLEVELAND, 17 July —US researchers say they are uncovering the mechanism linking a high-fat diet and prostate illnesses.

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland say they are learning why diet is considered one of the most controllable risk factors for prostate diseases such as benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis and prostate cancer. The study, published in *The Prostate*, explains how high fat in the diet causes increases in a protein complex that controls DNA transcription active in promoting tumour progression.—*Internet*

Strong Mercedes sales power Daimler profits

FRANKFURT, 17 July —German automotive giant Daimler posted strong quarterly figures Friday on the back of soaring demand for its Mercedes cars and trucks, a weaker euro boosting exports and cost cutting measures.

Daimler reported a second quarter operating profit of 2.1 billion euros (2.7 billion dollars), reversing a year-earlier loss of one billion euros and exceeding market expectations. The group said its sales in the three months to June jumped to 25.1 billion euros from 19.6 billion euros a year earlier. The results were led by Mercedes-Benz Cars, Daimler's auto division, a statement said.

The unit posted sales of 14 billion euros and earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of 1.38 billion euros, owing to stronger demand, "especially in China and the United States," it said. Other factors given were "an advantageous product mix as well as better price penetration and positive exchange effects" as the euro declined in value against other major currencies.

Internet

Regulators shut banks in Fla, Mich, SC

WASHINGTON, 17 July —Regulators on Friday shut down three banks in Florida, two in South Carolina and one in Michigan, bringing to 96 the number of US banks to succumb this year to the recession and mounting loan defaults.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp on Friday took over the banks: Woodlands Bank, based in Bluffton, SC, with \$376.2 million in assets; First National Bank

of the South, based in Spartanburg, SC, with \$682 million in assets; and Mainstreet Savings Bank of Hastings, Mich, with \$97.4 million in assets.

The FDIC also seized Miami-based Metro Bank of Dade County, with assets of \$442.3 million; Turnberry Bank of Aventura, Fla, assets of \$263.9 million; and Olde Cypress Community Bank of Clewiston, Fla, assets of \$168.7 million.

Internet

BP invests \$98.3 in biofuels company

CAMBRIDGE, 17 July —BP Biofuels North America, a unit of oil giant BP, acquired the cellulosic biofuels business of Verenium Corp for \$98.3 million, the two companies announced on Thursday.

The agreement gives BP control of Verenium's research and development facilities in San Diego and a pilot plant and demonstration-scale facility in Jennings, La. Cambridge, Mass.-based Verenium will retain control of its commercial enzyme operations as well as select research and development capabilities.

Cellulosic biofuels are usually made from grass, wood chips or agricultural waste and are seen as an alternative to more prevalent alternative fuels made from corn and other food crops.

"This acquisition demonstrates BP's intent to be a leader in the cellulosic biofuels industry in the US and positions us as one of the few global companies with an integrated end-to-end capability, from R&D through commercialization to distribution and blending," said Philip New, chief executive of BP Biofuels in a statement.—*Internet*

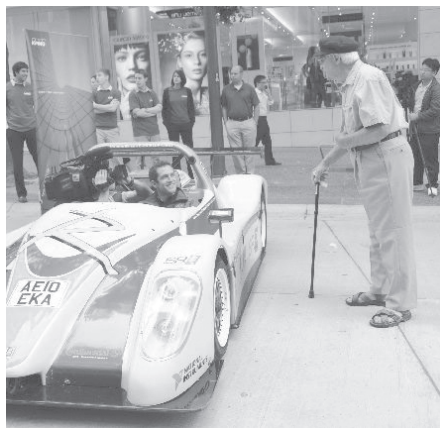


Workers spray blue paint on the ground of the Times Square in New York, the US, on 15 July, 2010. Titled "Cool Water, Hot Island," the public art project focuses on the urban heat-island effect, where cities tend to experience warmer temperatures than rural settings. The proposed design's colour paint of striking blues and light hues reflects more sunlight and absorbs less heat, improving the look of these popular pedestrian plazas while making them more comfortable places to sit. The colours and patterns evoke water, suggesting a river flowing through the centre of Times Square, "cooling" pedestrians here in hot weather. —XINHUA

An old man view the Racing Green Endurance (RGE), one of the world's fastest electric cars, in downtown Vancouver, Canada, on 16 July, 2010.

The car arrived in Vancouver on Friday on the full Pan-American Highway journey from Alaska, the United States to Argentina. It was converted from a gas powered race car by students from the Imperial College London. Using batteries made by China Thunder Sky Battery Limited, it's one of the world's fastest electric cars with top speeds of up to 200 km per hour. The designers hope the 84-day and 26,000-km journey will add excitement and interest in electric vehicles while promoting innovation in green technologies.

XINHUA



5.0-magnitude earthquake hits Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 17 July —An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted eastern New Guinea, Papua New Guinea at 0103 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 69.8 km, was initially determined to be at 5.736 degrees south latitude and 147.134 degrees east longitude, 114 km north of Lae, Papua New Guinea. —*Xinhua*

Magnitude-5.1 earthquake recorded in Aegean Sea, Greece

ATHENS, 17 July —An earthquake measuring 5.1 degrees on Richter scale was recorded on Friday evening in the Aegean Sea, northeastern of Greek capital Athens. It follows another tremor which shook southeastern Aegean Sea earlier in the day. According to the Euro-Mediterranean Geodynamic Institute, Friday evening's earthquake occurred at 9:53 pm local time (1853 GMT) and was recorded near the islands of Skopelos and Alonissos at a depth of 10 kilometers.

The tremor was felt in a major part of central Greece, including Athens and according to information from Greek media there were no injuries or damage caused.

The earthquake which was felt in Kos island earlier on Friday noon measured 5.3 on the Richter scale at a depth of 180 kilometers and also did not cause any damage or injuries.—*Xinhua*



Two killed, four injured in metro blast in Turkey

ANKARA, 17 July — Two people were killed and four others injured on Friday when an air tank exploded at the metro construction site in western Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The explosion took place in Izmir city of Izmir Province, said *Anatolia*, adding reporters are not being allowed to enter the site of the explosion.

Adnan Oguz Akyarli, a senior official of Izmir city, said Izmir mayor Aziz Kocaoglu had went to the explosion site immediately.

Walls of surrounding buildings cracked and glasses were broken due to the explosion. — *Xinhua*



The metro construction site is seen after an explosion in Izmir, western Turkey, on 16 July, 2010. Two people were killed and four others injured on Friday when an air tank exploded at the metro construction site in Izmir.

XINHUA



A navy cutter is seen patrolling the shores of a fishing village in the southern Philippine Province of Sulu. The Sulu archipelago is regarded as one of the Abu Sayyaf's strongholds and is extremely dangerous for foreigners.

INTERNET

Small plane crash kills four, hurts two in Canada's Quebec

OTTAWA, 17 July — A small plane crashed in Canada's Quebec Province on Friday, killing four people on board and injured the rest two.

At the time the pilot was trying to land near a lake in the region of Maria-Chapdelaine, north of Lac Saint-Jean, due to bad weather, according to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

A Griffon helicopter

from a Canadian Forces Base (CFB) in Bagotville, Quebec, rushed to the scene and transported the injured to a hospital in Chicoutimi, CBC quoted local police as saying.

Earlier, a C-130 Hercules sent from a CFB in Trenton, Ontario Province, dropped two medics by parachutes to prepare to have casualties transported away by other helicopters. — *Xinhua*



Residents stand on a partially destroyed wharf near a capsized ship after Typhoon Conson hit Mariveles, Bataan, north of Manila on 15 July, 2010.

INTERNET

18 injured in two traffic accidents in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 17 July — A second serious crash has left up to six people injured in New Zealand North Island's Bay of Plenty on Saturday afternoon, police said.

It came after a van crash early Saturday left 12 teenagers injured, some seriously, south of North Island tourist resort city of Rotorua.

The second crash happened on State Highway 2 at Pukehina, about 20 km east of Te Puke. The vehicle went out of control near Otamarakau Marae, left the road and ended up in a paddock. — *Xinhua*

Japanese man feared kidnapped in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, 17 July — A Japanese man who went missing on a remote southern Philippine island may have been kidnapped, authorities said Saturday.

Amer Katayama Mamaito was last seen on Pangutaran island in the Sulu archipelago early Friday, said Chief Inspector Amil Banaan, Sulu's deputy police chief.

The area is a stronghold of Abu Sayyaf militants who have kidnapped foreign tourists and missionaries in the past. Police are investigating unverified reports that he left the island with about ten gunmen.

"Our forces are still out and searching for the foreigner. We still have no reports about his whereabouts," Banaan told reporters by telephone on Saturday afternoon, more than 30 hours after the man's reported disappearance.

It was unclear why the foreigner was in the area. The Sulu group is regarded as one of the Abu Sayyaf's strongholds and is extremely dangerous for foreigners.

Regional military commander Lieutenant-General Ben Dolorfino said there were suggestions the missing man is a treasure hunter.

Internet

Death toll rises to 23 from Yemen floods, heavy rains

SANAA, 17 July — Eight more people were killed by torrential rains and ensuing flash floods in several Yemeni provinces on Friday, raising the death toll of the disaster to 23, the flood control authority said.

Four people, including a 27-year-old woman, were drowned as heavy floods swept the streets and trapped drivers in their vehicles in Hajja Province, northwest of the capital Sanaa, said the flood control authority of the Interior Ministry.

Xinhua



Sound bombs go off in Istanbul municipal buildings

ISTANBUL, 17 July — Simultaneous sound bombs were exploded last night in front of two municipal buildings in Istanbul's Esenyurt District on the European side, a report said here Friday.

Local Turkish channel CNN Turk reported that unidentified assailants left sound bombs in front of the Esenyurt Post Office and the health centre, injuring none but causing some slight property damage and panic in the surrounding neighbourhoods. Many police arrived on the scene and analysis of the bombs showed that they were sound bombs, according to the report.

Some windows were broken in both the post office and the health centre.

Police are investigating to find those who planted the bombs. — *Xinhua*

Firefighters work at the scene where a blast took place in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 July, 2010. Flames that engulfed a port in Dalian were basically extinguished Saturday morning, 15 hours after blasts hit two oil pipelines.

XINHUA

Germany, China sign billions of dollars in deals



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, second from left, inspects Chinese Guard of Honour with Chinese Premier.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 17 July—Chinese and German companies signed deals worth billions of dollars to make trucks and power equipment on Friday as the prime ministers declared their countries' economies had recovered from last year's global recession.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel brought the heads of major German corporations with her on a four-day visit to China, underscoring the robust business ties between the two export powerhouses.

Merkel and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao have met frequently in recent years and agreed to work together to guide a recovery from the global economic crisis.

"China and Germany have passed a testing period of crisis and turbulence," Wen announced after he and Merkel reviewed an honour guard at a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People.

Internet

Congress acts, but bank bill has work ahead

WASHINGTON, 17 July—In the end, it's only a beginning. The far-reaching new banking and consumer protection bill awaiting President Barack Obama's signature now shifts from the politicians to the technocrats. The legislation gives regulators latitude and time to come up with new rules, requires scores of studies and, in some instances, depends on international agreements falling into place.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., centre, reaches out to Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., left, Sen. Christopher.—INTERNET

For Wall Street, the next phase represents continuing uncertainty. It also offers banks and other financial institutions yet another opportunity to influence and shape the rules that govern their businesses.

In hailing the bill's passage in the Senate on Thursday, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner acknowledged that implementing the new law will take time.

"But we are determined to move as quickly as we can to provide clarity and certainty," he said.—Internet

Minor earthquake rattles the DC area

WASHINGTON, 17 July—A minor earthquake shook residents awake in the DC area early Friday.

The quake hit at 5:04 am EDT and had a magnitude of 3.6.

The quake was centered in the Rockville, Md., area said Randy Baldwin, a physicist with US Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center.

Police in Washington and in nearby Montgomery County, Md., said there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

On the US Geological Survey's website, people as far away as Pennsylvania and West Virginia reported feeling the quake.

Lucille Baur, public information officer for the Montgomery County Police Department, said the department received a lot of calls from people wondering what had happened.

Internet



Goldman to pay \$550M to settle fraud charges.—INTERNET

Elderly couple dies while trapped in home elevator

ST SIMONS ISLAND, 17 July—When the elevator in their home got stuck between floors, Sherwood and Caroline Wadsworth found themselves trapped with no way to call for help as temperatures rose into the 90s in the closet-sized lift until they finally died from heat exhaustion.

Autopsies on the elderly couple — he was 90, she was 89 — on Thursday pointed to a tragic end to lives they shared for more than 60 years. Police estimated they had been dead at least four days before a newspaper carrier called 911 out of concern that papers had piled up by their garage.



In this undated photo provided by the Wadsworth family shows Sherwood and Caroline Wadsworth.—INTERNET

Investigators were trying to determine what turned an elevator into a death trap inside the Wadsworths' three-storey home overlooking Georgia's coastal marshes. Stunned family members, meanwhile, looked for a shred of solace.

"We always said we hoped they would go together because if one went, the other wouldn't survive long," the couple's son, Wesley Wadsworth of Blue Bell, Penn., said on Thursday. "They were so dependent on each other."

The newspaper carrier called police on Wednesday after noticing the unopened editions going back to July 9, as well as an untouched watermelon a neighbour had left at the couple's door the day before.—Internet

Goldman paying \$550M to settle civil fraud charges

WASHINGTON, 17 July—Resolving a high-profile government case linked to the mortgage meltdown, Goldman Sachs & Co. has agreed to pay a record \$550 million to settle civil fraud charges that it misled buyers of complex investments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced the settlement on Thursday with the Wall Street titan, just hours after Congress gave final approval to legislation imposing the stiffest restrictions on banks and Wall Street firms since the Great Depression.

For Goldman, it was a chance to put behind it a case that had tarnished its reputation after it emerged relatively unscathed from the financial crisis. For the SEC, emerging from the embarrassment of a series of lapses, the charges and the settlement were a high-stakes opportunity to prove it could be tough on Wall Street.

And the agency's sweeping investigation of the conduct of financial firms in the run-up to the mortgage market collapse could bring more cases.

The deal calls for Goldman to pay a \$535 million fine and \$15 million in restitution of fees it collected. Of the total \$550 million, \$300 million will go to the government and \$250 million goes to compensate two European banks that lost money on their investments.

Internet

European stocks up as euro heads to \$1.30

LONDON, 17 July—European stock markets rose on Friday, helped by a late rally on Wall Street overnight, while the euro headed towards \$1.30 for the first time in over three months amid mounting concerns about the pace of the US economic recovery.

In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was up 44.98 points, or 0.9 percent, at 5,256.27 while Germany's DAX rose 26.95 points, or 0.4 percent, to 6,176.31. The CAC-40 in France was 18.34 points, or 0.5 percent, higher at 3,600.16.

Wall Street was poised for a subdued opening despite Thursday's late rally, which limited the damage from a pair of extremely disappointing US manufacturing surveys — Dow futures were down 21 points, or 0.2 percent, at 10,271 while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 futures fell 0.9 point, or 0.1 percent, to 1,089.50.

Mitul Kotecha, an analyst at Credit Agricole, said stock markets around the world have been saved "from too

much of a beating" by the release of better than expected earnings from JP Morgan Chase & Co. as well as the \$550 million agreement between Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and regulators to settle civil fraud charges and news from BP PLC that it has temporarily stemmed the flow of oil from the leak from its Gulf well.

Internet



Women watch the electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo.—INTERNET



Museum offers \$10,000 to stay 30 days

Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry is accepting applications from people willing to spend a month living at the facility for a \$10,000 paycheck.

The Museum of Science and Industry said it is accepting applications on the Web site monthatthemuseum.org from people interested in spending 30 full days and nights at the facility and posting about the experience on YouTube, Twitter and a blog, the *Chicago Tribune* reported on Friday.

The museum said the chosen applicant will use a furnished 16-foot-by-16-foot glass exhibit an office, where museum officials will post a to-do list for the day. "You don't have to be Einstein to take part in Month at the Museum," said Rob Gallas, vice president and chief marketing officer for the museum. "Lacking basic science knowledge is not a deal-breaker." "It's our version of a reality show," he said. "But it's not 'Survivor.'"



Singers perform on a giant floating stage at Lake Constance during a dress rehearsal of Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida" in Bregenz on 16 July, 2010. The opera, directed by British director Graham Vick, will have its premiere on 22 July at the annual Bregenz festival.

News Album

Ship junked 200 years ago uncovered at WTC site

The ship was buried as junk two centuries ago — landfill little island of commerce called Manhattan. When it re-emerged this week, surrounded by skyscrapers, it was an instant treasure that popped up from the mud near ground zero.

A 32-foot piece of the vessel was found in soil 20 feet under street level, amid noisy bulldozers excavating a parking garage for the future World Trade Centre. Near the site of so many grim finds — 11 Sept. victims' remains, twisted steel — this discovery was as unexpected as it was thrilling.

Historians say the ship, believed to date to the 1700s, was defunct by the time it was used around 1810 to extend



Archaeologists examine the remnants of a centuries old wooden ship at the World Trade Center site in lower Manhattan in New York on 15 July, 2010. The decayed hull of the ship was unearthed at the World Trade Centre construction site, providing a glimpse into the history of Manhattan, archeologists said. The ship likely dated back at least 200 years when part of the river was filled in with trash, debris and wooden beams in order to expand a fast-growing Manhattan.

the shores of lower Manhattan.

"A ship is the summit of what you might find under the World Trade Centre — it's exciting!" said Molly McDonald, an

archaeologist who first spotted two pieces of hewn, curved timber — part of the frame of the ship — peeking out of the muddy soil at dawn on Tuesday.

Idaho tree decorated with shoes since 1940s burns

US Forest Service officials in northern Idaho say the rubber-soled decorations that made the "shoe tree" a beloved Priest River landmark also helped fuel its demise. Tourists and locals since the 1940s have dressed the tree with hundreds of pairs of shoes, nailing sneakers to its trunk and hanging work boots from its branches.



The 'shoe tree,' a beloved Priest River landmark, stands in Boise, Idaho before it had caught on fire.

Andy Lau, Gong Li to collaborate for 1st time

BEIJING, 17 July— Andy Lau and Gong Li, both highly popular among Chinese movie-goers, will collaborate for the first time on a romantic comedy that is a Chinese remake of the American film "What Women Want", Sohu.com reports.

Lau and Gong appeared together on Wednesday in Beijing to introduce the film to local media.

In the movie, Lau will play a manager at an advertising firm who can read women's minds. He uses the ability to tackle his boss, played by Gong Li, but ends up falling in love with her. Previous reports suggested that Mel Gibson, who starred in the original version of the movie, was likely to make a guest appearance in the Chinese remake.

Filming is underway.—Xinhua



Andy Lau and Gong Li
XINHUA

Tunisian group wins Arab music award

TUNIS, 17 July—The Centre of Arab and Mediterranean Music in Tunis has won the Arab Academy of Music (AAM) award for the year 2009.

Perched on the hills of Sidi Bou Said, north of Tunis, the Centre which is also known as "Ennejma Ezzahra" has been a source of inspiration for generations of Tunisian musicians and musical historians. It is the third time Tunisia is honored, after two Tunisia musical scholars Saleh El Mahdi and Mahmoud Qtat received the prize in 1999 and 2002 respectively.

The AAM, which is placed under the aegis of the Arab League and headquartered in Cairo, distinguishes each year scholars, composers, singers and musical institutions that have contributed to promote Arab traditional music.

Xinhua

Gibson, girlfriend continue fight over child custody

BEIJING, 17 July— Oscar winning actor Mel Gibson and former girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva continued fighting over custody of their nine-month-old baby daughter, media reported on Thursday.

The two now shares custody of the child. Lawyers for both parties attended a hearing in a courtroom in Los Angeles. Presented were also detectives and police officers. Some of them were from units investigating child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Steve Whitmore, spokesman for LA sheriff, told People Magazine that tapes of the leaked phone conversations in which the actor allegedly threatened and cursed his former girlfriend were handed over to the detectives.

"The tapes will be analyzed by our detectives. But they are not the central focus of the investigation, they're just part and parcel of it," he said. He also assured that the reliability of the tapes will be verified.—Xinhua



Actor Mel Gibson (R) and Oksana Grigorieva pose during the Spanish premiere of the film "Edge of Darkness" in Madrid on 1 February, 2010.

XINHUA

Pink hospitalized after stage fall



Pink appears backstage at the 52nd annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on 31 January, 2010.
INTERNET

NUREMBERG, 17 July—US pop star Pink apologized via Twitter to the audience of Thursday's concert in Germany after an onstage stunt went awry and sent her to the hospital.

The BBC said the singer fell out of a harness and was dragged into a barricade at the concert in Nuremberg.

Internet

Barcelona set aside 50m euros for new players



Spanish champions Barcelona, who secured a bank loan of 155 million euros this week to solve cash-flow.—INTERNET

MADRID, 17 July—Spanish champions Barcelona, who secured a bank loan of 155 million euros this week to solve cash-flow problems, have set aside 50m euros to

spend on new players, the club said on Thursday. "The club has approximately 50m euros net to spend on new players each season," Barcelona said in a statement, after vice-president for finance Javier Faus gave a news conference to provide details about the loan. Barcelona signed striker David Villa for 40 million euros in May but have parted ways since the end of the season with Ivory Coast defender Yaya Toure, French striker Thierry Henry and Ukrainian defender Dmitry Chygrynskiy.

Internet

Premier League foreign legion ruining England

LONDON, 17 July—Former Manchester United star Eric Cantona claims the vast numbers of foreign players in the Premier League could lead to England failing to qualify for the World Cup in future.

Cantona was a trail-

blazer for foreign stars in England as he spent five hugely successful seasons with United and Leeds.

The French forward won the title with Leeds before moving to Old Trafford in 1992, where he proved the inspiration behind United's first

championship for 26 years and the club's subsequent run of success.

But Cantona was one of only 12 overseas players in the Premier League at the start of the 1992-93 season, whereas now homegrown stars are easily outnumbered by foreigners.—Internet

Kids sell lemonade to back Cavs owner after fine

OHIO, 17 July—Some young fans in Ohio are making lemonade out of the \$100,000 fine slapped on Cleveland Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert over his criticism of LeBron James.

Children in suburban Rocky River sold lemonade on Thursday to raise money for Gilbert's cause. They charged 50 cents a cup.

Ten-year-old Molly Sponseller says she and her friends wanted to show support for the Cavs and Gilbert. She says he's "not a bad man."

After James announced last week that he would leave Cleveland for the Miami Heat, Gilbert wrote a searing letter calling the MVP "narcissistic" and "self-promotional." The NBA fined Gilbert.

Internet

Ferguson signs Birmingham contract extension

BIRMINGHAM, 17 July—Birmingham midfielder Barry Ferguson signed a one-year contract extension on Friday that will keep him at the Premier League club until 2012. Ferguson has been rewarded for his impressive form last term which led to the former Rangers star being named Birmingham's player of the season by his teammates.

Ferguson, who is currently on the club's pre-season tour of Hong Kong and China, said: "Before I left on the tour it was all agreed and I signed on the dotted line. I can now concentrate on another two years at Birmingham.

"They came to me and had a chat, and I was always interested.

"I loved my first season down there. I've never hidden that. I was more than happy to extend the contract by another season."—Internet



Birmingham midfielder Barry Ferguson signs a one-year contract extension.—INTERNET

Japan defender Tulio back from brink of retirement

TOKYO, 17 July—Gutsy Brazilian-born defender Marcus Tulio Tanaka, who helped Japan reach the World Cup last-16 round, says he has come back from the brink of retirement thanks to advice from his ailing father.

The 29-year-old rejoined his J-League club Nagoya Grampus on Thursday after spending some two weeks in Brazil to see his father Paulo Ryuji, 57, recover from a heart problem he suffered at home during the big tournament.



Gutsy Brazilian-born defender Marcus Tulio Tanaka, seen here in June 2010, who helped Japan reach the last 16 of World Cup.—INTERNET

Tulio learned about his father's condition right after Japan beat Denmark 3-1 to reach the World Cup knockout stage for the first time on foreign soil.—Internet

(Left to centre) England's Wayne Rooney, Steven Gerrard and John Terry react among German players.—INTERNET



A group of Chinese girls pose wearing various World Cup teams' jerseys in Beijing.

INTERNET



China boss says 'best time' for 2026 World Cup bid

BEIJING, 17 July—China's football chief has said now is the "best time" for the country — still trying to bounce back from a graft scandal that rocked the sport — to launch a bid for the World Cup in 2026.

"It really moved us to

see all the social benefits South Africa got from hosting the World Cup," Wei Di, head of the Chinese Football Association (CFA), told the nation's leading sports newspaper *Titan Sports*.

"The CFA is preparing to ask the General Administration of Sport to bid for the 2026 World Cup," he was quoted as saying.

"Everyone has been debating whether China should bid for the World Cup or when to bid, but seeing how successfully South Africa hosted it, I have to say that China has no reason not to bid and now is the best time," Wei said.

China's hosting of the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008 had given the nation more confidence, he said. The southern city of Guangzhou will host the Asian Games in November.

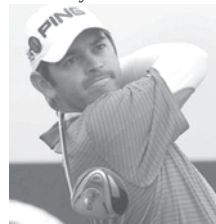
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Oosthuizen surges to 3-shot lead at British Open

ST ANDREWS, 17 July—South Africa's on quite a roll. Coming off the rousing success of being the first African nation to host soccer's World Cup, the country made another splash in the British Open when Louis Oosthuizen surged to a three-stroke lead in the second round Friday.

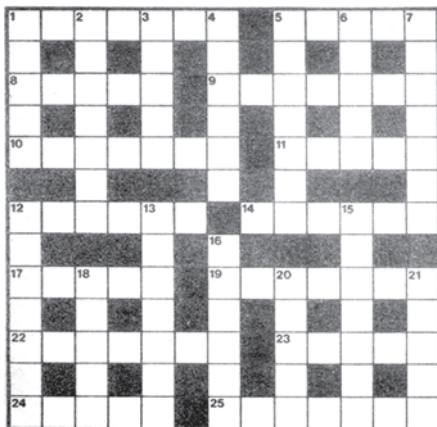
The 27-year-old from Mossel Bay — whose given name is Lodewicus Theodorus Oosthuizen — shot a 5-under 67 for a 12-under 132 at the midway point of the tournament. He pulled ahead of Rory

McIlroy, the 21-year-old Northern Irishman who tied the major-championship record with a 63 on Thursday.—Internet



South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen plays a shot from the 14th tee during the second round of the British.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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- 1 Make out
- 5 Intended
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- 3 Praise
- 4 Table linen
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- 13 Frugal
- 15 Vent
- 16 Honest
- 18 Alloy
- 20 Alpine province
- 21 Rate



A dolphin from China performs at the dolphinarium in Constanta, Romania, 16 July, 2010. Three dolphins from China gave their first public show on Friday after they arrived on 29 May.—XINHUA

Third Finn books spaceflight from Virgin Galactic

HELSINKI, 17 July—A 30-year-old Finnish man who works in the theater industry has booked a flight into outer space, making him the third Finn to sign up for the 200,000-US-dollar trip with Virgin Galactic, Finnish media reported on Friday. The company is currently testing flights and has not announced how long the test phase will last. Earlier, Virgin Galactic said it would begin commercial flights next year. The trip requires three days of training at a space center in the United States. Upon boarding the aircraft, passengers will voyage 100 to 115 kilometers into space.

Xinhua

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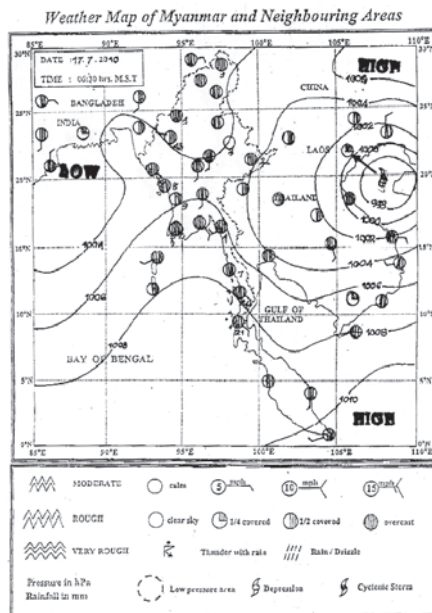
Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
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Local Transmission

- * Opening
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- * Music Gallery
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- * Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (I)
- * Sightseeing Around Taunggyi Inlay
- * Myanmar Movie "Loud Speaker"



WEATHER

Saturday, 17th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bilin (2.95) inches, Kyeikkhame (2.52) inches, Paung (2.36) inches, Myeik (2.16) inches, Kalaywa (1.69) inches and Kalay (1.45) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-7-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 17-7-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-7-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 16-7-2010 was (4.7) hours.

Rainfall on 17-7-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (34.53) inches at Mingaladon, (40.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (48.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 16-7-2010.

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

Special Features: According to the observation at the (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's the severe tropical storm "Conson" over South China Sea has arrive Gulf of Tonkin (South China Sea) and it is centred at about (140) miles southeast of Hanoi (Vietnam). It moves northwest wards and forecast to cross North Coast Of Vietnam within next 12 hours.

Forecast valid until evening of the 18th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-7-2010: One or Two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for second weekend of July 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon Division and are likely to be isolated in Mandalay Division.



Sunday, 18 July View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အပွင့်လှယ် (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့် တေးရေး-ဝိတဗျာဠာအဖွဲ့အစည်း)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးမှု (၃၈) ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. "သုံးပင်နှစ်ဆယ်"

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. နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ

"မြေယံသောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မနွမ်းသောမေတ္တာ"

(အပိုင်း-၂၆)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ဒီဇိုလိုလက်လမ်း

"အမြူရောင်ဘဝများ"

(ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ မေသန်းနု၊

ခွန်းဆင့်နေခြင်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဦးကျော်ဆန်း)

2:35 pm

7. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

2:50 pm

8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. Dance Of National Races

4:35 pm

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm

5. အထေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်သွားရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ဒုတိယနှစ်

(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု)

(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs For Uphold

National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. Weather Report

6:20 pm

10. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

"BUGS' ADVENTURES"

(အပိုင်း-၂၀)

6:35 pm

11. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ

"လက်ဆောင်" (ရဲဘော်တို့)

ဇေယျထက်နိုင်ငံ၊ ချမ်းမိမိတို့)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင်

(MMG))

6:50 pm

12. Musical Programme

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွှတ်ပါ"

(အပိုင်း-၂၂)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. သွေး (အောင်မိုးမြင့်အဖွဲ့၊

တေးရေး- ကိုညွန့်ဝေ၊

မောင်ထွန်းမင်း)

18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

တောကောင်ငယ်

သိုင်းညိုနောင်လေးများ

(အပိုင်း-၄၃)

19. "နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ"

"ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး" (အပိုင်း-၄)



- ★ 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

UEC Chairman meets members of subcommissions in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe met members of Mon State Election Subcommission and township, ward and village-tract election subcommissions of Mawlamyine District at Yamana Hall of Mon State Peace and Development Council Office in

Mawlamyine at 9 am on 14 July.

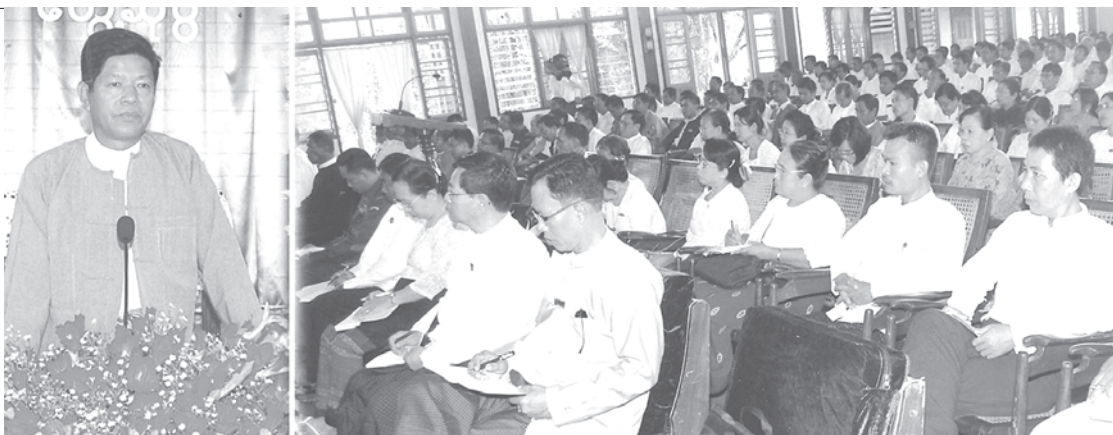
The Chairman made an opening speech. Chairman of Mon State Election Subcommission U Thein Tun Aye and Chairman of Mawlamyine District Election Subcommission U Khin Tun reported on electoral works.

Likewise, the chairmen of Township Election Subcommissions and those present also submitted reports on electoral process.

After reviewing the reports of those present, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe made concluding remarks.—MNA

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe meets members of Mawlamyine District, Township, Ward and Village-tract Election Subcommissions.

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Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden (Annex) Recreation Centre inaugurated

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