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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend Waso robe-offering ceremony of Defence Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Families of Tatmadaw members (Army, Navy and Air Force) of the Ministry of Defence held the offering of Waso robes at Anawrahta Hall here this morning.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Chairman of the committee Venerable Bhamo Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa and Secretary of the committee Venerable Chauktatkyi Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kemindasami, along with invited venerable monks were present at the ceremony.

It was also attended by Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC Member



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer Waso robes and alms to Venerable Bhamo Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.—MNA

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer day meals to monks at the Waso-robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Defence.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 25 July, 2010

Railroad networks result in rapid development

Fundamental for regional development and high socio-economic status of the people are fertile soil, favourable climate patterns, rich natural resources, smooth transport and swift commodity flow.

In pursuance of smooth transport, the government has been building roads, railroads and bridges to cope natural barriers such as rivers, creeks and mountains. Every region across the Union is easily accessible from any region else, as a result.

As part of the drive, transport facilities are being built on a broad scale in Ayeyawady Division. Besides road projects designed to form transport networks, Ayeyawady Division has been seeing bridges, large and small. Yazudaing Bridge No (1) in Mawlamyinegyun Township, for instance, was commissioned a few days ago.

Transportation of local natural resources and products to markets in a short time is a factor for trade and economic development. The Myanma Railways is building more and more railroads inclusive of those in regions on the western bank of the river Ayeyawady and those stretching between eastern and western parts of the country and passing through Yoma mountain ranges. With a view of smooth transport ahead of schedule, it puts into service the sections it has completed.

Over 16 miles long Hinthada-Zalun section of Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) Railroad Project in Ayeyawady Division was put into commission on 21 July. Eighty-nine miles long Patheingyi-Yangon (Hlinethaya) is also being built. On completion of those projects, local people will be able to travel by train directly to Yangon. In addition, main local products can be transported at cheaper fares by then.

Now, the entire people of the delta have easy access to transport means of sea freight, railway and motorway. Passengers and goods can be transported by train on a large scale in a short time. Therefore, gradual emergence of new railroads will help ensure rapid economic growth and smooth transport of the delta.

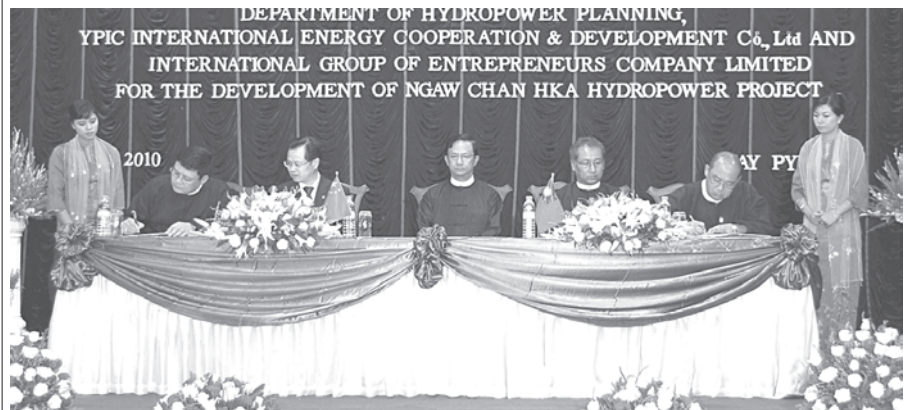
Champion Construction Materials exhibiting in Housing Complex and Living Style 2010



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

EP-1 Ministry and Chinese company ink deal to cooperate in Ngawchanhka Hydropower Project implementation



Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Agreement among Department of Hydropower Planning, YPIC International Energy Cooperation & Development Co Ltd and International Group of Entrepreneurs Company Limited for development of Ngawchanhka hydropower project in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min and Chairman Mr Bao Minghu of Yunnan Provincial Investment Holding Group Co Ltd and party from China discussed matters related to cooperation in implementation of Ngawchanhka Hydropower Project at the ministry here yesterday morning.

In the evening, Memorandum of Agreement on cooperation in the hydropower project implementation among the Hydropower Planning Department, YPIC International Energy Cooperation & Development Co Ltd and International Group of Entrepreneurs Company Limited was inked in MoA signing ceremony held at Yeywa Hall of the ministry.

The ceremony was attended by Electric Power No (1) Minister U Zaw Min, Electric Power No (2) Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun, Deputy Chief Justice Dr Tun Shin, directors-general, managing directors,

Chairman Mr Bao Minghu, President Mr Duan Wenquan and party of YPIC International Energy Cooperation & Development Co Ltd, Chairman U Nay Aung of International Group of Entrepreneurs Co Ltd and officials.

Minister U Zaw Min extended greetings and Chairman Mr Bao Minghu spoke words of thanks for inking MoA at the ceremony.

Director-General U Kyee Soe of Hydropower Planning Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No (1), President Mr Liu Yinong of Yunnan Provincial Investment Holding Group Co Ltd and an official from International Group of Entrepreneurs Co Ltd signed MoA and exchanged the documents. They later had the documentary photo taken.

The Ngawchanhka Hydropower Project, which is estimated to generate 1055 MW, will be implemented in five phases on Ngawchanhka River in Kachin State.—MNA

YANGON, 24 July—As Housing Complex and Living Style Exhibition 2010 is started today at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here, Champion Construction Materials

Booth of Champion Construction Materials at Housing Complex and Living Style Exhibition 2010.—MNA

Co Ltd is opening a booth at the exhibition which will be run up to 27 July.

Champion branded elevators, steel tanks, steel sinks, bathtubs, toilets and basins, hand spray, bathroom accessories, shower rooms, faucets, steel doors and stainless doors, steel wooden doors, solid & wooden doors, PVC & ABS doors, aluminium imported from Singapore

and White House branded tillers are on display.

Yangon Cham-pion Showroom No. 1 is at No.2, Moegaung Street, Sagawa Housing, Yankin Township, Ph: 400562, 400563, 400564, 400565, 098627843, Showroom No. 2 at No. 408, Theinbyu Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph: 200290, Mandalay Showroom at

No. 33, 78 Street,, between 34 and 35 Street, Chan-ayethazan Township, Ph: 02-33488, 91008197, Nay Pyi Taw Showroom at No. 496, Yazahtani Street, Paunglaung-2 Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Ph: 067-25309, 067-21426 and Champion branded building materials are also available at construction materials shop.—MNA

Five US soldiers relieved of duties for unruly behaviour in Philippines

MANILA, 24 July—Five American servicemen were relieved of their duties and removed in Basilan for their display of unruly behaviour during a concert held for the Philippine Marine Brigade early this month, the US Embassy said on Friday.

Wossie Mazengia, embassy deputy spokesperson, said the decision to remove the soldiers was based on an

investigation conducted by the Joint Special Operation Task Force Philippines (JSOTF-P).

"The US troops involved in the incident have been removed from Isabela City. All US service members within JSOTF-P have been reminded of the importance of professionalism and respect as guests in this country," Mazengia said.

However, Mazengia declined to say if the US

soldiers have already left the country.

Reports said the US soldiers became rowdy and uncontrollable as the concert progressed and were said to have allegedly molested a female singer of the band. The female singer, according to eye witness accounts, was taken to the soldiers' quarters, but Filipino soldiers interceded and were able to save her.

Xinhua

Seven children injured in gunbattle in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 24 July—Seven children were injured in a gunbattle between NATO troops and militants in Sangin district of the Afghan southern province of Helmand Saturday, a doctor of Mir Wais hospital said.

Xinhua



Residents gather at the site of Wednesday's bomb attack that occurred in a town near Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 22 July, 2010. A car bomb exploded in a crowded market near the city of Baquba in Iraq's northern Diyala Province on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Four US troops die in bomb blast in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 July—Four American service members were killed Saturday in a bombing in southern Afghanistan, where international forces are stepping up the fight against the Taliban, officials said.

A NATO announcement did not give the nationalities of the victims of Saturday's blast, nor specify where in the south they died.

However, US officials confirmed they were Americans.

The officials spoke on

condition of anonymity under US rules regarding casualty identification.

The latest deaths bring to 69 the number of international service members killed in Afghanistan this month, including 52 Americans.

The US -led force is ramping up operations against the Taliban in their southern strongholds, hoping to enable the Afghan government to expand its control in the volatile region.

Internet

Car bombing seriously wounds senior police officer in Iraq

KIRKUK, 24 July—A car bomb explosion Friday badly wounded the police chief of Iraq's northern oil-rich city of Kirkuk, local police source said.

The car bomb targeted the convoy of Brigadier-General Burhan Taeb, the police chief of Kirkuk which locates 250 km north of Baghdad, when he passed Dumez area south of the city, said the source on condition of anonymity.



Smoke billows from a burning car in the Iraqi city of Kirkuk. A car bomb in Kirkuk has seriously wounded its police chief and killed his son.

XINHUA

Taeb was badly injured in the explosion and was taken to a hospital for treatment. One of his sons who was a lieutenant in the police forces was killed, and three of Taeb's bodyguards were also wounded, the source added.

A number of civilian cars and buildings nearby were damaged. The security forces closed the area of the blast and prevented full movement there in fear of further attacks, the source said.

Recent spate of bombings and waves of violence are still ravaging the 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

Iraqis inspected damages in Baquba, north of Baghdad. Three security contractors working for the US government were killed in a rocket attack on Baghdad's heavily-fortified Green Zone on Thursday, the American embassy said.

INTERNET



A M-ATV armored vehicle burns after it struck an improvised explosive device (IED) near Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar on 23 July, 2010.

INTERNET

Would-be suicide bomber detained in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 24 July—Afghan security forces arrested a would-be suicide bomber and eliminated three Taliban militants elsewhere in the troubled southern region, officials said on Saturday.

"Police in Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar Province, arrested a suicide bomber in 9th precinct on Friday night and thus foiled a terrorist attack," a senior police officer in Kandahar city Ahmad Shah Farooqi told Xinhua.

A suicide vest and explosive device were recovered from his possession, Farooqi said.

Furthermore, spokesman for Helmand's provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said that three Taliban militants were killed on Friday elsewhere in the restive province.—Xinhua

16 killed in US drone strikes in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 July—At least 16 people were killed and many others injured in a Saturday morning US drone strike in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of South Waziristan, local media Geo News reported.

According to the report, the US drone fired five missiles on a compound in Angora Adda locality in South Waziristan, which is reportedly a hideout of the defunct Tehreek-e-Taliban outfit, resulting in killing of 16 persons and injuring of many others.

One local media Express reported that at least suspected militants were killed in the Saturday morning drone strikes.

Xinhua



Solar drone lands after record 14 days aloft

LOS ANGELES, 24 July—An ultra-light unmanned aircraft powered by solar energy and designed for military surveillance landed after two weeks aloft and setting a record for the longest unmanned flight, its manufacturer said.

The British-based defence technology firm QinetiQ said its 22.5-metre (74-foot) long Zephyr, weighing just 50 kilos (110 pounds), finally touched down in the Arizona desert 14 days and 21 minutes after it took off from the US Army's Yuma Proving Ground. "It was airborne for 14 days and 21 minutes," company spokeswoman Claire Scotter said from London.

"We await the FAI (World Air Sports Federation) official confirmation of the world records," she said.

Internet



Technicians clean a QinetiQ Aerostar Tactical UAV unmanned drone at the Farnborough International Airshow in Hampshire, southern England, on 22 July, 2010. The company has tested a solar-powered drone, keeping it in the air for two weeks before landing it on Saturday. It set the record for the longest unmanned flight.

XINHUA

Black hole 'evicted' star from Milky Way

CAMBRIDGE, 24 July—A "hypervelocity" star speeding out of our galaxy was sent on its way by a violent encounter with a black hole at the heart of the Milky Way, scientists say. The hypervelocity star is one of the fastest ever detected, heading out of our galaxy at a speed of 1.6 million mph, a Space Telescope Science Institute release said Thursday.

The star was the lone survivor of a trio of stars that wandered too close to the black hole, which captured one and threw the other two out of the Milky Way with such violence they coalesced into a single super-hot blue star, scientists say.

About 16 hypervelocity stars have been discovered since 2005 and most are thought to be exiles from the heart of our galaxy. But scientists used the Hubble space telescope for the first direct observation linking a fast-flying star to a galactic center origin, the release said.

"Using Hubble, we can for the first time trace back to where the star comes from by measuring the star's direction of motion on the sky."

Internet



A boy draws with computer in the Hong Kong Book Fair 2010 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in south China's Hong Kong, on 24 July, 2010. The 7-day Hong Kong Book Fair kicked off here on Wednesday with 510 exhibitors from 22 countries and regions in attendance.—XINHUA

NASA telescope finds elusive buckyballs in space for first time

WASHINGTON, 24 July—Astronomers using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope have discovered carbon molecules, known as "buckyballs," in space for the first time, NASA said Friday.

Buckyballs are soccer-ball-shaped molecules that were first observed in a laboratory 25 years ago. They are named for their resemblance to architect Buckminster Fuller's geodesic domes, which have interlocking circles on the surface of a partial sphere. Buckyballs were thought to float around in space, but had escaped detection until now. "We found what are now the largest molecules known to exist in space," said astronomer Jan Cami of the University of Western Ontario, Canada, and the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif. "We are particularly excited because they have unique properties that make them important players for all sorts of physical and chemical processes going on in space." Cami authored a paper about the discovery that appeared Friday in the journal *Science*.

Xinhua

Science

"TRON: Legacy" movie brings video game world to life

SAN DIEGO, 24 July—Back in 1982, first-time director Steven Lisberger brought mainstream audiences into the world of videogames with the sci-fi thriller "TRON", using early computer-generated imagery that paved the way for today's 3D movie blockbusters.

Now the long-awaited sequel "TRON: Legacy", out in December from Walt Disney Pictures, is poised to push 3D technology and digital performance capture a step further.

"TRON: Legacy" finds the son of

videogame developer Kevin Flynn being pulled into the digital world that has trapped his father for 20 years.

Director Joe Kasinski took the technology that was introduced in the backward aging 2008 movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" to create a completely virtual human character, Clu, played by Jeff Bridges who was also the star of the original "TRON".

"One of the big technological leaps we're trying to take with this film is in our villain, Clu, who is played by Jeff Bridges, but he

looks like Jeff Bridges did in 1982," Kasinski said.

"Jeff is driving his performance, but he is a digital character," Kasinski told thousands of fans at the annual Comic Con convention this week.

Bridges said one of the things that had always bothered him as an actor was that, before now, a different actor would be cast to play a younger version of a character in the same film.

Internet

Technology

Andretti Autosport drivers Ryan Hunter-Reay (R) and Danica Patrick race during the first day of practice for the Indy Car Series race at the Edmonton Indy in Edmonton on 23 July, 2010.

INTERNET



Customers try out Apple's new iPad in a shop in Barcelona on 28 May, 2010.

Tablet computers such as Apple's iPad may allow the news industry a "re-set" and to start charging for content after years of giving it away for free, a senior News Corp executive said.

INTERNET

AOL goes mobile with portal and two Android Apps

WASHINGTON, 24 July—AOL is working to leverage the trends of the times with a new smartphone portal and two Android apps it hopes will capture consumer attention in an increasingly competitive mobile marketplace. The new portal, m.aol.com, optimizes AOL for smartphones. Meanwhile, an AOL app for Android aims to make it easy for Android-powered smartphone users to access AOL's most popular properties quickly. AOL credits the new mobile-focused direction to David Temkin, the company's new vice president of mobile.

"AOL is making a renewed commitment to mobile, recognizing its importance as a distribution platform for the company's content and publications," said Greg Sterling, principal analyst at Sterling Market Intelligence. "AOL's choice to do a couple of apps on Android before the iPhone is partly a reflection of Android's increasing market share—and a calculated PR move that the company knew would get it attention."—Internet

Apple takes top spot in software insecurity report

NEW YORK, 24 July—Is Apple the most insecure software company in the world?

That's the startling claim from security company Secunia, which claims that in the first half of 2010, more flaws were reported for Apple products than for any other computer software vendor.

In this race to the bottom, Oracle was No 2 and Microsoft was No 3. Apple had held the No 2 slot since 2007, finally overtaking Oracle this year for the first time.

The report considers not just operating systems but all programmes that run on that vendor's platform—so in the case of Apple, not just MacOS is studied but also QuickTime and iTunes, as well as third-party applications like Flash and Java that run on that OS.—Internet

Zambia warns against advertising breast milk substitutes

LUSAKA, 24 July — The Zambian government has warned manufacturers and traders against advertising breast feeding substitutes, saying this was against the law, the *Times of Zambia* reported on Friday.

The Ministry of Health has since warned that it will deploy a team of officers to inspect shops and other selling points where breast feeding substitutes were being marketed and advertised because this was against the law, according to *Times*. Ministry of Health Spokesperson, Dr Reuben Mbewe said during a press briefing on Thursday that there was need for the manufacturers to stop marketing of breast-feeding substitutes because it discouraged mothers from breast-feeding which was the recommended source of nutrition for infants.

He said the government in 2006 banned manufacturers, traders and other dealers from advertising breast milk substitutes, adding that the marketing of breast milk substitutes should not interfere with breast-feeding by portraying a wrong picture that healthy children were those who fed on breast milk substitutes.

"In May 2006, Zambia through the Ministry of Health promulgated regulations to monitor the negative practices in the marketing, sale and distribution of breast milk substitutes. These regulations aim to support, promote and protect breast-feeding by regulating the practices in the marketing of infant and young child feeding products," Dr Mbewe was quoted as saying by the paper.

Xinhua

Funding falling short in preventing mother-to-child infection of HIV

VIENNA, 24 July — Funding shortages are still a major challenge in preventing HIV infection among newborns despite progress made in some parts of the world there are still 30 or 40 percent of newborns who are getting infected if they are borne by HIV-positive mothers,"



A woman puts her hand on the head of her son, both living with HIV/AIDS, while attending a protest in New Delhi on 4 May, 2010.
XINHUA

countries, an AIDS expert says.

Jimmy Kolker, chief of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund's HIV/AIDS section, told *Xinhua* in a recent interview that mother-to-child transmissions have been low in western countries.

"But in many other

Kolker said.

"What's happened is also that because of economic difficulties and because AIDS has been around for a long time that those resources seem to stop increasing," Kolker said.

Xinhua

Health

China's health ministry announces project to increase vaccination rates

BEIJING, 24 July — China will launch a national project to increase vaccinations against infectious diseases, the Ministry of Health said on Friday.

The central government has allocated 1.827 billion yuan (about 269 million US dollars) to buy vaccines and injectors, the ministry said in a statement on its website.

Local governments will also fund the project.

The project will boost vaccinations against diseases including Hepatitis B, tuberculosis and polio. Separately, the ministry Friday also announced a project to help ease the trauma of the survivors of the devastating 2008 Wenchuan earthquake.

The project will provide psychological counseling and conduct publicity campaigns about mental health.

Xinhua



Picture shows new HIV protection gel for women on 21 July during the 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna.—INTERNET

Ford reaping solid profits after turnaround



Group leaders work on a pre-production 2012 Ford Focus at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich, on 22 July, 2010.
INTERNET

DEARBORN, 24 July — Four years ago, Ford mortgaged everything down to the blue oval logo to save itself. Now, even as Americans remain skittish about the economy, it's reaping big rewards and stealing business from stumbling rivals. Ford said Friday that it made \$2.6 billion from April through June, its fifth straight quarterly profit. The company, which reported record losses in 2008, now

predicts it will end 2011 with more cash than debt.

With its two longtime Detroit rivals still finding their way after spending time in bankruptcy last year, Ford, which never took government bailout money, extended its success story.

President and CEO Alan Mulally said the

company is ahead of where he thought it would be in its turnaround. It now sells the most popular pickup truck in the US, the F-Series, and the most popular crossover SUV, the Escape.—Internet

Business

US bank failures reach 103 so far this year

WASHINGTON, 24 July — US bank failures reached 103 so far in 2010 on Friday as regulators seized seven small banks, a faster pace of closures than last year when the century mark was not reached until October.

Bank failures are expected to peak this quarter, with the industry slowly recovering from large portfolios of bad loans, many tied to commercial real estate. The banks seized on Friday were Sterling Bank of Lantana, Florida; Crescent Bank and Trust Company of Jasper, Georgia; Williamsburg First National Bank of Kingstree, South Carolina; Thunder Bank of Sylvan Grove, Kansas; Community Security Bank of New Prague, Minnesota; SouthwestUSA Bank of Las Vegas, Nevada and Home Valley Bank of Cave Junction, Oregon, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The largest of the seven banks was Crescent Bank and Trust with 11 branches and about \$1.01 billion in total assets and \$965.7 million in total deposits. The smallest was Thunder Bank with just two branches and \$32.6 million in total assets and \$28.5 million in deposits.—Internet



Greece's ATEBank said on Friday it had fallen short of an EU-wide health checkup to determine lenders' chances of survival in another financial crisis.

INTERNET

Goldman coughs up counterparties on AIG hedge

WASHINGTON, 24 July — Morgan Stanley (MS.N), Citigroup (C.N) and JPMorgan Chase (JPM.N) were among banks that sold Goldman Sachs (GS.N) protection against the risk of a collapse of giant insurer American International Group (AIG.N), a source familiar with the matter said on Friday.

Goldman Sachs has turned over a list of the counterparties, which also includes Deutsche Bank (DBKGn.DE) and Credit Suisse (CSGN.VX), to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission (FCIC) following a recent hearing exploring the links between Goldman and AIG, the source said.

The source spoke anonymously because the list has not been made public.

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend...

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Civil Service Selection and Training Board and their wives, and family members of servicemen. Staff Officer of the Religious Affairs Department Saddhamma Jotikadhaja U Thura acted as MC.

The SSMNC chairman invested the congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing with Nine Precepts.

After the recitation of *parittas* (religious verses) by the monks,

Senior General Than Shwe and wife offered Waso robes and alms to Ven. Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife offered Waso robes and alms to Ven. Sayadaw



Member of State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer Waso robes and alms to a monk.—MNA



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin offer Waso robes and alms to a monk.—MNA



C-in-C (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, C-in-C (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and senior military officers offer Waso robes and alms to monks.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kemindasami.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer Waso robes and alms to a monk.—MNA



Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye offers Waso robes and alms to a monk.—MNA

Bhaddanta Kemindasami.

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife offered Waso robes and alms to the Ven. Sayadaw, and so did the Prime Minister and wife, the Secretary-1

and wife, and Lt-Gen Tin Aye.

Next, the

Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers, the commander, the ministers, the chief justice, the auditor-general and the chairman of the CSSTB offered Waso robes and alms to the other monks.

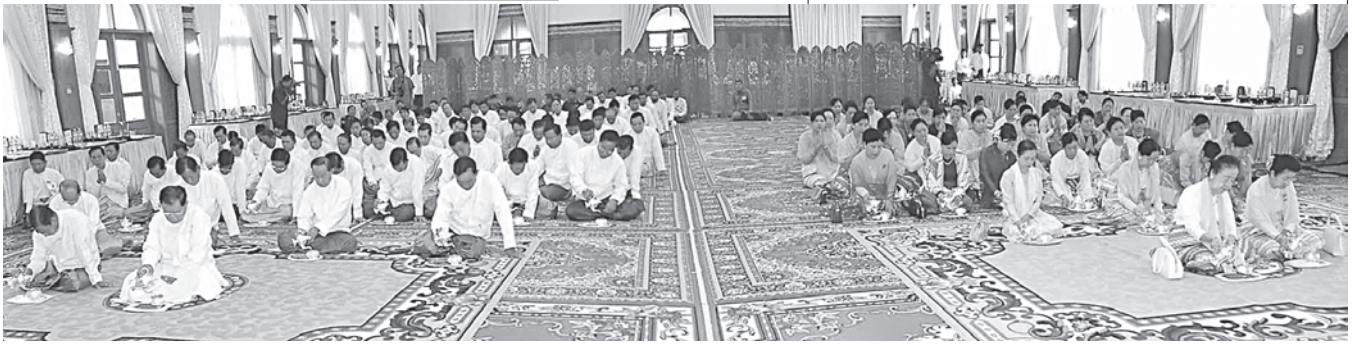
Venerable Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Kemindasami delivered a sermon. The Senior General and wife and the congregation shared the merits gained for the donation.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offered day meals to the monks.—MNA



*Congregation led by Chairman of State
Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw
Kyaing Kyaing sharing merits gained at the
Waso robes offering ceremony of the
Ministry of Defence. (News on Page-1)—MNA*



Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs and leader of the Myanmar delegation arrived back here via Bangkok by air yesterday morning after attending the 43rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and related meetings held in Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 19 to yesterday.

On 19 July, Minister U Nyan Win together with the other Foreign Ministers of ASEAN member countries attended the Meeting of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Commission and the Fourth Meeting of ASEAN Political and Security Community Council at the National Convention Centre (NCC) in Hanoi.

In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win attended the Informal Working Dinner of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers hosted by Mr Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam at the Intercontinental Hotel. At the Informal Working Dinner, the Foreign

Ministers exchanged views on regional and international issues including Korean Peninsula and G-20 Summit. Minister U Nyan Win briefed his counterparts on recent political developments in Myanmar including the progress of preparations for the forthcoming general elections at the Informal Working Dinner.

In the morning of 20 July, Minister U Nyan Win together with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers paid a joint courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at National Convention Centre.

Then, Minister U Nyan Win attended the opening ceremony of the 43rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. It was also attended by Prime Minister of Vietnam, Foreign Ministers of ASEAN member and observer countries, Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea, ASEAN Secretary-General, delegates and guests. Prime Minister of Vietnam delivered an opening address.

Then, Minister U Nyan Win attended the 43rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (Retreat), ASEAN Foreign Ministers Working Lunch and Plenary Session of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. He participated in those meetings and held discussion on matters of Regional Architecture, ASEAN Connectivity, Implementation of ASEAN Charter, Work Plan of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), Accession of Canada and Turkey to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation. At the Plenary Session of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, the Minister made a statement responding to the report presented by ASEAN Secretary-General on the completion of the post-Nargis coordination in Myanmar led by the Tripartite Core Group.

In the afternoon of 21 July, Minister U Nyan Win attended the ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers' Meeting held at the NCC together with the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and plus three Countries (People's

Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea). The Minister exchanged views on the matters of the ASEAN+3 cooperation as well as regional and international issues at the meeting.

In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win attended the East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Informal Consultations together with the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN member countries and six East Asian countries (People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India) and exchanged views on the future goal of the East Asian Summit as well as regional and

international issues.

Then, the Third Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held at the NCC and it was attended by Japan Foreign Minister Mr Katsuya Okada and Foreign Ministers of Mekong countries — Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Minister U Nyan Win participated in the discussions on the progress of Mekong-Japan Cooperation as well as regional and international issues at the meeting.

On 22 July, Post Ministerial Conference (PMC)+1 was held in separate session between ASEAN and its 10

dialogue partners — Australia, Japan, People's Republic of China, New Zealand, Canada, Republic of Korea, EU, Russian Federation, India and the USA. Minister U Nyan Win attended PMC+1 Meeting with Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA.

In the afternoon, Minister U Nyan Win as the coordinator of ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Relations, co-chaired the ASEAN-Russia Meeting together with Foreign Minister of Russian Federation Mr Sergey V Lavrov.

During the 43rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and related (See page 10)



Minister U Nyan Win poses for a documentary photo together with attendees of ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.—MNA

Industrial development, major stride towards modern, developed nation

Article: Maung Tway Htet, Photos: Kyemon

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Agricultural development is given first priority for food sufficiency as well as emphasis is being placed on industrial development which plays an important role in transforming the nation into a modern and developed one.

Human resources are required for building modern, developed and industrialized nation. A nation would not be an industrialized one without having human resources—technocrats and labours.

Before 1988, Myanmar had only a Technical

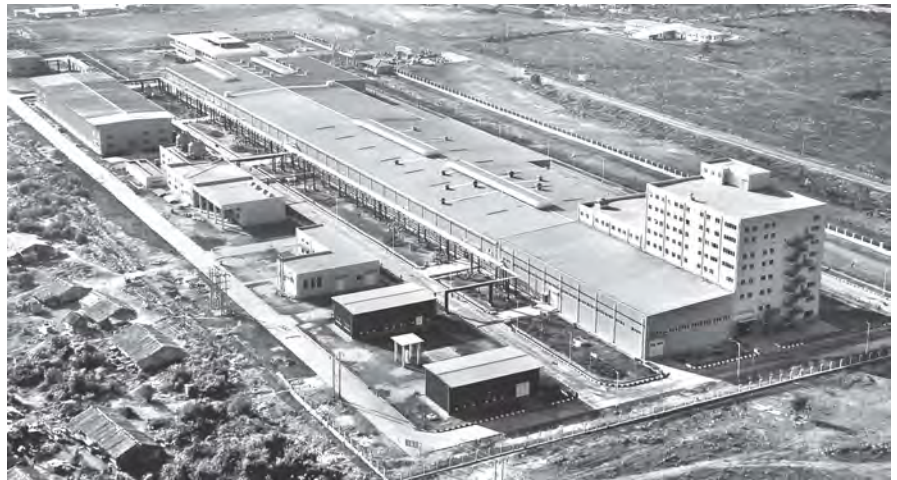


An excavator manufactured in Thagara Industrial Region.

Training School (Hsinte) set up with the contribution of the Federal Republic of Germany. After 1988, more three schools were opened.

Technical Training School (Mandalay) was opened in 2008 with the assistance of the People's Republic of China, Technical Training School (Thagara) in 2009 with the assistance of the Republic of Korea and Technical Training School (Pakokku) in 2010 with the assistance of the Republic of India. Technical Training School (Magway) where subjects on automobile will be lectured with the assistance of the Republic of Korea is under construction in Magway Industrial Region in Magway Division.

Various kinds of training course are being



No (2) Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin) in Bilin Township, Mon State.

opened at four Technical Training Schools where skillful technicians are being turned out yearly. Although there were nine factories under the Ministry of Industry-2 before 1988, more 13 factories have been built and there were 22 factories in the country to date.

Factories and Plants under the Ministry of Industry-2 after 1988 are No (1) Automobile Maker, Electrical and Electronics Factory, Electric Meter Factory, LED Bulb Factory, Oxygen Factory and Acetylene Factory in Yangon Division, No (2) Automobile Maker (Htonbo), Bulldozer and Excavator Factory (Hsinte), Coppering Casting & Ralling Factory, Enamelled Copper Wire Factory, Hydro Turbine & Generator Factory (Thagara), multipurpose-use Diesel Engine Factory (Thagara), Power Cable Factory, Battery Factory and No (1) Machine and Machine Tool Factory (Nyaungchayhtauk) in Bago Division, No (2) Farm Machinery Factory (Malun) and Machine and Machine

Tool Factory (Myaing) in Magway, No (1) Tyre and Rubber Product Factory and No (2) Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin) in Mon State. No (3) Automobile Maker (Magway) is under construction.

No (1) Automobile Maker (Yangon), No (2) Automobile Maker (Htonebo), No (3) Automobile Maker (Magway), multipurpose-use Diesel Engine Factory (Thagara) and Bulldozer and Excavator Factory (Thagara) are under the supervision of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries.

No.1 Tyre and Rubber Products Factory (Thaton), No.2 Tyre and Rubber Products Factory (Bilin) and Rubber Department are run under the supervision of Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries.

No.1 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Sinte), and No.2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) (See page 9)



Tyres with high quality manufactured by No (2) Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin).



Technical Training School (Magway) of Ministry of Industry-2.

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Import-substitute Hydro Turbine and Generator Factory.

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are run under the supervision of Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries.

No.1 Machine and Machine Tool Factory (Nyaung-chay-htauk), No. 2 Electric and Electronics Factory (Dagon), Machine and Machine Tool Factory (Myaing) and Turbine and Hydropower Plant are run under the supervision of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries.

Automobile Makers under Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries have just started to produce Myanmar Single Cab (MSC), Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), Myanmar Double cab (MDC), Estate Wagon Jeep (EW-1), Pathfinder (EW-2), Myanmar Electric Vehicle (MEV), TE-21 (Truck), Myanmar Station Wagon (MSW), and heavy machinery such as

3-ton Forklift, Bulldozer, Excavator, mini Excavator, Vibratory Soil Compactor, 3-wheel Road Roller. Before 1988, only Mazda Jeep and TE-21 (truck) could be manufactured and after 1988, up to 14 kinds of vehicles can be produced.

Tyre and Rubber Products Plants under Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries are manufacturing automobile tyre, light truck tyre, heavy truck tyre, tractor tyre, and Crumb Rubber and Ribbed Smoked Sheed Rubber.

Agricultural Machinery Factories under Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries are producing battery-powered harvester, Ayeyya-1 power tiller, threshers, 4-inch water pump, 4-inch high-pressure water pump, Zwe branded tractor, such farm implements as mattock, chopping hoe, pickaxe, axe, tractor, 4-

ton trailer, 3-tooth harrow, 16-tooth harrow, mini tractor, and 3-wheel road roller.

Factories under the supervision of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries are producing 21 kinds of machine tools, and such copper cables as PVC cable, Bare Copper Wire, Enamelled Rod and Power cable, and electric and electronics such as solar-powered LED bulb, battery, oxygen, acetylene, electric meter box, transformer, turbine and generator.

Before 1988, only battery, oxygen and acetylene gas could be produced and after 1988, up to 35 items of machine tools and electronics can be produced.

It goes without saying that a nation will never become modern and developed one without industrial development. A nation can be prosperous only when

its industrial sector develops.

However, the Government alone is impossible to do and joint-efforts of private sector can not be lacked. So, a total of 18

hibition in which newly-produced automobiles and electronics of the industry were exhibited. At the exhibition, Myanmar Double Cab, Myanmar Single Cab,

istry of Industry-2 is preparing to produce solar panels ranging from 21 watt to 185 watt at Machine Tool and Electronics Factory (South Dagon) in coming Sep-



Automobiles manufactured in Mandalay Industrial Region.

industrial zones have been set up in states and divisions, namely, Mandalay Industrial Zone, Myin-gyan Industrial Zone, Yangon (East) Industrial Zone, Yangon (West) Industrial Zone, Yangon (South) Industrial Zone, Yangon (North) Industrial Zone, Meiktila Industrial Zone, Myaungmya Industrial Zone, Hinthada Industrial Zone, Mawlamyine Industrial Zone, Monywa Industrial Zone, Taunggyi Industrial Zone, Yanangyaung Industrial Zone, Patheingyi Industrial Zone, Myeik Industrial Zone, Pyaw Industrial Zone, Pakokku Industrial Zone and Kale Industrial Zone.

On 23 June in Nay Pyi Taw, Ministry of Industry-2 organized an ex-

Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), Myanmar Station Wagon, (MSW), Myanmar Micro Bus (15-Seater), Myanmar Mini Bus (29-Seater), Pathfinder Estate Wagon Jeep, solar power-technology dry battery, long life-span battery, different kinds of LED bulb, controller and inverter manufactured by Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries were exhibited. Products of Ministry of Industry-2 are low-priced but quality products. Industry-2 Ministry-produced vehicles can be purchased at Sales Department of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw and No.1 Automobile Maker (Yangon).

Apart from solar-powered equipment, Min-

tember. LED Bulb Factory in Hline Township, Yangon Division has been manufacturing about 24 million units of bulb a year since 2008.

Myanmar Industrial Development Committee, with a view to developing agro-based industries, improving quality and increasing quantity of industrial products, producing more kinds of machines, and helping the nation transforming into industrialized one, established Myanmar Industrial Development Bank on 15 February 1996. MIDB is making loans to different businesses, contributing not only to industrial development but sector-wise economic growth.

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Motorbikes manufactured in Yanangyoung Industrial Zone.

Industrial development, major stride ...

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Research and Development (R&D) works are pivotal in establishment of modern, developed, industrialized nation. So, Research and Development Centre has been set up to do researches on products of industries under the ministry.

Now, with peace and stability prevailing in the nation, establishment of modern and developed nation has become the national goal. Our nation is blessed with inexhaustible natural resources and thus intellectuals, intelligentsias and technocrats are needed to utilize these resources.



Solar-powered equipment of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries under Ministry of Industry-2.

Major Factories and Production Departments under Ministry of Industry-2

Sr.	Name of Factory	Location
1	Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries (1) No. 1 Automobile Maker (Yangon) (2) No. 2 Automobile Ma (Htonebo) (3) No. 3 Automobile Maker Project (Magway) (4) Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory (Thagara) (5) Bulldozer, Excavator Factory	Mayangon Township, Yangon Division Padaung Township, Bago Division Magway Township, Magway Division Yedashae Township, Bago Division Yedashae Township, Bago Division
2.	Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Product Industries (1) No. 1 Tyre and Rubber Products Factory (Thaton) (2) No. 2 Tyre and Rubber Products Factory (Bilin) (3) Rubber Department (Mayangon)	Thaton Township, Mon State Bilin Township, Mon State Kyaikhto Township, Mon State
3.	Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries (1) No. 1 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Sinte) (2) No. 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun)	Padaung Township, Bago Division Minhla Township, Magway Division
4.	Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries (1) No. 1 Machine and Machine Tool Factory (Nyaungkyetauk) (2) Electric and Electronics Factory (Dagon) (3) Machine and Machine Tool Factory (Myaing) (4) Turbine and Hydropower Plant (Thagara)	Padaung Township, Bago Division South Dagon Township, Yangon Division Myaing Township, Magway Division Yedashae Township, Bago Division



Automobiles of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries.

The Government has set up Technical Schools and Technological Universities in states and divisions with the aim of turning out technicians and technocrats. The Government has worked day in day out over 20 years for future generations to be able to possess modern, developed nation that can stand shoulder in shoulder with global nations.

Nowadays, all-out

efforts are being made to transform the nation in to modern, developed, industrialized one. The Government has adopted the correct policy and implementing with profound good-

will for industrial development of the nation.

Onus is thus on future generations to maintain and promote as well as utilizing the sound foundations in industrial sector which is

the tangible result of earnest efforts of the Government.

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No. 2 Steel Plant (Myaungdaga) is doing its bit for development of industrial sector.

Technical Training Schools in Myanmar

Sr.	Name of Schools	Remark
1.	Technical Training School (Sinte)	set up before 1988
2.	Technical Training School (Mandalay)	opened in 2008
3.	Technical Training School (Thagara)	opened in 2009
4.	Technical Training School (Pakokku)	opened in 2010
5.	Technical Training School (Magway)	under construction

Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Vietnam

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meetings, Foreign Minister of ASEAN Member Countries signed the Instruments of Extension of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia and Foreign Ministers of Canada and Turkey signed the Instruments of Accession to TAC by Canada and Turkey

respectively.

On the side-lines of the meetings in Hanoi, Minister U Nyan Win held separate bilateral discussions with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Timor Leste' Dr Zacarias Albano da Costa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Dr Marty Natalegawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Mr Katsuya Okada and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Ms Depu Moni and exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and on issues of mutual interests.

Minister U Nyan Win visited Myanmar Embassy in Hanoi on 21 July and met with Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and staff of the Embassy and families for giving necessary guidance.

MNA

Beijing's population surges near 20 million

BEIJING, 24 July—Beijing municipal people's congress revealed this week that the Chinese capital now has 19.72 million inhabitants, growing by over 3% in the past 2 years.

Previous estimates had predicted that the city's population would swell to that level a decade later than it has. According to the guidelines regarding Beijing's development between 2004 and 2020 set by the State Council, the number of permanent residents living in capital should have been capped below 18 million until the end of 2020.

However, a recently released report from the population investigation and research team within the people's congress shows that by the end of 2009, approximately 12.46 million people in the capital held a Beijing "hukou" (permanent residence).

An additional 7.26 million inhabitants were migrant workers who had been living in the city for more than half a year and who are therefore also classified as permanent residents.

Xinhua

Deforestation in Brazil to be record-low this year, says Minister

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 July—Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon rainforest region would be a record-low this year, Environment Minister Izabella Teixeira said on Thursday.

According to figures released by the National Institute of

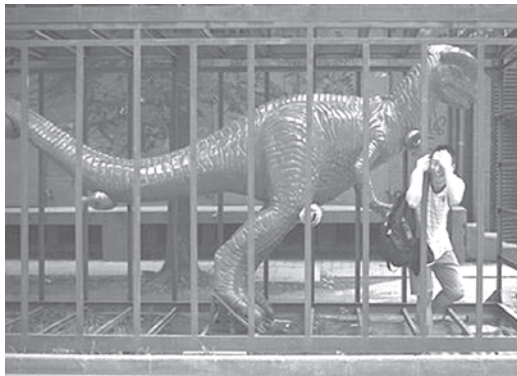
Space Research (Inpe), deforestation in the Amazon rainforest in May fell to 109.6 square kilometres, a year-on-year decrease of 12 percent.

The figures indicate deforestation this year will be lower than the 7,400 square kilometres

registered in 2009, which was the lowest in the past 20 years.

The state of Mato Grosso reported the highest deforestation figures in May: a loss of 51.9 square kilometres of rainforest, according to Inpe.

Xinhua



A tourist laughs while being asked by his fellow tourist to pose for photos inside a cage with a dinosaur sculpture at Beijing's 798 Art District, China, 23 July, 2010.

INTERNET

Singapore's parking rates relatively cheap

SINGAPORE, 24 July —A global poll puts Singapore at No. 50 on a list of global cities according to their daily parking rates, local newspaper the *Straits Times* reported on Friday.

United Arab Emirates Abu Dhabi tops the list, with drivers paying 55 US dollars a day on average to park in the city.

In comparison, Singapore's average is less than half that amount at 21.53 US dollars, and this rate has remained stable since the last survey a year ago. The information was collated from more than 20 carparks in core business districts in Singapore.

Colliers International, a real estate consultancy, released the survey comparing the parking charges of 145 cities around the world.

Faring more costly than Singapore were Asian cities Tokyo (54.50 US dollars) and China's Hong Kong (28.25 US dollars), coming in third and 29th respectively.

Xinhua

Two killed in Okla medical helicopter crash

OKLAHOMA CITY, 24 July —A medical helicopter on its way to pick up a patient crashed in a secluded field in central Oklahoma late Thursday, killing two of three people on board, authorities said.

The helicopter was en route from Integris Baptist Medical Centre in Oklahoma City to a hospital about 90 miles away in Okeene when it went down about 8 pm near Kingfisher, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford. King-

fisher is about 50 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

"Three people were on board, but one of them survived and is in the process of being airlifted back to Oklahoma City," Lunsford said late Thursday.

Kingfisher Mayor Jack Stuteville, who owns property near the crash site, was among the first on the scene. He said a man working on the land called him and told him he'd just seen a helicopter spin, then hit the ground.

Internet



A woman pushes her drum filled with water to her house on 23 July, 2010 in Manila, Philippines. Many in Manila have been left with limited supplies or no water at all this week after water levels at the Angat Dam, the main source for the capital, fell to a critically low point following a prolonged drought.

INTERNET



Foreign visitors learn to draw rural paintings in Fengjing Township in east China's Shanghai, on 22 July, 2010. Around 100 representatives of working staff of international participants of World Expo 2010, visited the town, famous for rural paintings to experience the Chinese rural culture on Thursday.

XINHUA

Argentine bank robbers release hostages

PILAR, 24 July —After a seven-hour standoff, two robbers who took over 30 hostages at a bank in the northern suburbs of Buenos Aires on Thursday released the hostages and surrendered to the police.

The criminal suspects turned themselves in after one of them, believed to be the leader, talked to his wife as he had requested. The hostage situation emerged after a failed robbery attempt on the Banco de la Nacion Argentina, or the Argentina Nation Bank.

The release of the hostages was done without violence. The bank robbery involved a total of five suspects, and three of them managed to escape during a shootout with local police.

The remaining two held the bank staff and clients as hostages, and once threatened to detonate a bomb in the bank if the police would storm in.

Xinhua



The robber (2nd R) surrenders to police after taking 30 hostages for 5 hours at a branch of the Bank of the Nation in Pilar in Buenos Aires Province, Argentina, on 22 July, 2010. All the hostages were released unharmed.

XINHUA

Japan set to hold world No 2 largest economy

BEIJING, 24 July—Japan looks set to hold onto its ranking as the world's second largest economy. China staged a dramatic recovery from the global financial crisis, and has since been breathing down Japan's neck. China's nominal GDP of 4.9 trillion US dollars in 2009, was just behind Japan's 5.1 trillion. But China announced last week that second quarter growth has slowed to 10.3 percent. Industrial production is much weaker, and the property market has come to a standstill. By contrast, the yen is currently trading at just under 88 to the US dollar, six percent stronger than its average rate during 2009.

Xinhua

ENGAGEMENT

U Min Zan Oo & Daw Khin Ohn Myint,
140 St, Tamwe Tsp, Yangon, announce the
Engagement of their eldest daughter

Le Mon Oo

M.B.A, B.A. (English), E.G.T.I (Civil)
To

Soe Myint Lwin

B.Sc (Computer Science UCST)
Son of

Al Haj U Aye Ko & Daw Baby Than
163 St, Tamwe Tsp, Yangon.

On 27th June 2010, at Central Hotel,
in the presence of both parents and elders.

Both parents &

Le Mon Oo-Soe Myint Lwin

Workers bury a coffin at the San Rafael cemetery on the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez on 21 July, 2010. The bodies of 19 men, killed in drug-related incidents, were buried on Wednesday after being held in the city morgue without being claimed by relatives.

INTERNET



38 bodies found at northern Mexico dumping ground

MEXICO CITY, 24 July — Authorities found the remains of at least 38 people in a series of pits and scattered on the ground at a suspected drug-gang dumping site near the industrial hub of Monterrey in northern Mexico, an official said on Friday. Investigators were using heavy equip-

ment to search for more bodies at the rural site outside Mexico's third-largest city, local media said. Photographs showed charred spots on the soil suggesting some bodies may have been partially burned. Nuevo Leon state Attorney General Alejandro Garza said officials still had to inspect three more pits for bodies. He said 36 of the victims found so far are

men and two are women.

The state attorney general's office in Nuevo Leon state, where Monterrey is located, said more heavy equipment was being brought in to search the ground and pits where the remains were found.

The bodies were too badly decomposed for immediate identification, the office said.

Internet

Ukraine to double trade turnover with Russia

KIEV, 24 July — Ukraine plans to increase the trade turnover with neighbouring Russia to more than 50 billion US dollars by the end of 2010 from 25.8 billion dollars in 2009, Ukraine's Deputy Economy Minister Valery Muntian said on Friday.

"In the first half of 2010 the trade turnover between

Ukraine and Russia has grown 68.2 percent compared with the same period of last year. Therefore, we believe that we are able to fulfill the task of increasing the volume of trade twice," Muntian told a press briefing in Kiev. "Twelve joint commissions are working actively on different economic areas to expand Ukrainian-Russian trade activities, including the sectors of energy, transportation, communications, engineering, ship-building and aircraft manufacturing," he noted.

Xinhua

One in six UK teens pregnant by age 18

LONDON, 24 July — One in six teenage girls in Britain has been pregnant by the age of 18, figures suggest. Forty-six per cent of the pregnant teens decided to keep their baby, while 36 per cent had abortions, according to a study of 8500 teenagers for the Department of Education. More than eight out of ten said they were sexually active and almost one in five of those teens admitted they had been pregnant at least once by the age of 18.

Almost eight in 10 had been expecting a baby on one occasion, 18 per cent had been pregnant twice, and three per cent had been pregnant at least three times.

Internet

Peru purchases Russian helicopters to counter terrorism, drug trafficking

LIMA, 24 July — Peruvian Defence Minister Rafael Rey said his country had purchased eight Russian-made Mi series helicopters for the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking, a local newspaper reported on Friday. The helicopters, worth 250 million US dollars, will be used by the armed forces in the Valley of Apurimac and Ene Rivers (VRAE) in the southeastern Andes, which is difficult to access due to adverse climates, the "La Republica" daily quoted Rey as saying. —Xinhua

Seven banks fail Europe test, credibility questioned

LONDON, 24 July — Just seven European banks failed a health check and were ordered to raise their capital by 3.5 billion euros (\$4.5 billion), much less than expected, confirming fears the continent's long-awaited stress test was too soft. Results of the test of how 91 banks in 20 countries would cope with another recession was released on Friday in a bid to restore investor confidence after the Greek debt crisis spooked markets earlier this year. But it fell on deaf ears. "There is little evidence that the tests have been applied consistently and there is a distinct lack of credibility, making this a wasted opportunity," said Richard Cranfield at international law firm

Allen & Overy.

While the modest findings cast doubt on the credibility of the bank tests, some analysts said that may not matter because the European economy is improving fast. —Internet



Corns which are unusually short because of the drought are pictured in Lyskovo of Nizhnij Novgorod, Russia, on 22 July, 2010. Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov assured on Friday that there will be no food shortage due to the ongoing drought that destroyed one-fifth of Russia's crops. —XINHUA

Methane blast at Russian mine kills one

MOSCOW, 24 July — A methane explosion at a coal mine in western Siberia early Saturday killed one miner and left two hospitalized with burns, officials said. A sudden buildup of the gas at the Krasnogorskaya mine ignited as 66 miners were at work, and 65 were evacuated, said Valery Korchagin, an Emergencies Ministry spokesman. The extent of the burns injuries was unclear.

State television reported the Krasnogorskaya mine is one of the region's oldest, built in the 1940s, but that new safety equipment had recently been installed. In Saturday's blast the methane accumulated so quickly it wasn't picked up by detectors in time, the Rossiya-24 news channel reported.

The mine is one of dozens in and around Kemerovo, an industrial city atop one of the world's largest coal basins. Fatal accidents are common there, with workers often ignoring — or forced to ignore — dangerous levels of volatile gases to raise production figures.

Internet

File photo shows newly crowned Miss World Hungary Agnes Dobo (C) poses with runner-up and Miss Universe Hungary Timea Babinyecz (L) and Miss Earth Hungary Jennifer Kalo(R) after winning a joint beauty contest in Budapest 13 May, 2010. —XINHUA





Man decked out in Darth Vader mask robs NY bank

A bank robber dressed as "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader made off with an undetermined amount of cash after pointing a handgun at startled tellers inside a Chase bank branch on Long Island.

Detectives say the man walked into the bank shortly before noon Thursday wearing a full head mask and a blue cape. The only part of the uniform that was out of place were his camouflage pants. And that handgun — no light saber. Suffolk County police detective Sgt. William Lamb told reporters that at least one customer at the time didn't think the theft was legit.

The customer, whose identity was not released, can be seen cowering on the floor in a surveillance camera photo, moments after the robber shoved him

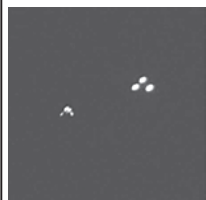


In this photo released on 22 July, 2010 by the Suffolk County Police Department, a person wearing a Darth Vader mask and cape is captured on surveillance camera robbing a Chase bank in Setauket, NY, on 22 July.

away.

"The customer thought it might have been a joke and not a serious attempt at a robbery," Lamb told the *Daily News*.

"UFOs" mystify Chongqing citizens



Pictured are four UFOs that mystified onlookers in the sky when they appeared in the sky

over Pingsha Park, Chongqing on 12 July for about an hour before they disappeared.

A witness surnamed 'Liang' said she received a message from an online community QQ group that the UFOs appeared in the sky at about 8:40 pm. She lived on the 32nd floor, and came to the balcony quickly

and saw the lights - three white round ones that formed a triangle and a single yellow one with a "tail" that was separated from the others. Initially, all were motionless, she said.

News Album

Corrie cat's ashes sell for over £800

The cremated remains of a cat that appeared in the opening credits of ITV's *Coronation Street* have sold for more than Â£800 (1,200 dollars, 1,000 euros), an auction house said on Thursday.

For over a decade, viewers tuning in to Britain's longest-running television soap were greeted with a clip of Frisky the cat crouching on a pigeon house.

The tabby beat 5,000 other cats to get the part in 1990, and he featured in more than 1,000 episodes of the show before he died ten years ago.

His ashes, sealed in a wooden box with a brass plaque, were put up for auction by the cat's owner and sold for more than four times the initial estimate.

After some frenzied bidding, the item went under the hammer for Â£700, and with buyer's premium the total came to Â£844, Dominic Winter Auctioneers said.



A tribute to former Coronation Street cat, Frisky. The cremated remains of a cat that appeared in the opening credits of Britain's longest running television soap sold for £700 (1,000 dollars, 830 euros), an auction house said.



Beer bottles sold by the Scottish Brewery BrewDog are seen inside the bodies of stuffed animals. The strongest and most expensive beer ever created sold out within hours Friday, BrewDog said as they courted controversy by packaging the bottles inside animal receptacles.

'Black Swan' named Venice fest opener



Natalie Portman arrives for the 2009 Gotham Independent Film Awards at Cipriani Wall Street in New York on 30 November, 2009.
INTERNET

VENICE, 24 July— "Black Swan," a psychological thriller starring Natalie Portman and Winona Ryder, has been selected to open the Venice film festival,

organizers said. Directed by Darren Aronofsky, the movie is about the rivalry between two dancers at a competitive ballet company in New York.

"The cast and crew of 'Black Swan' are both excited and humbled by the selection committee's

invitation," the BBC quoted Aronofsky as saying in a statement. "It is an honour to walk the great red carpet on the Lido, and we are excited to premiere our film to the wonderful audiences in Venice." The festival is to run from 1-11 Sept.

Internet

National Gallery planning Da Vinci show

LONDON, 24 July— London's National Gallery says it is borrowing paintings from all over the world for its exhibition "Leonardo Da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan." The show, which is to run from November 2011 through February 2012 will feature paintings never seen before in the United Kingdom. It is expected to be the most complete display of the Renaissance artist's paintings ever held, the BBC said.

The museum will borrow "La Belle Ferroniere" from the Louvre museum in Paris; the "Madonna Litta" from the Hermitage in Saint Petersburg, Russia; "Saint Jerome" from Pinacoteca Vaticana in Rome; and a full-scale copy of "Last Supper" from the Royal Academy, the British broadcaster said.

Internet



Cast members Tom Cruise (R) and Cameron Diaz joke during a news conference for the premiere of the film "Night & Day" in Martillac, southwestern France, on 23 July, 2010.
XINHUA

Disney gives sneak peek of new Hawaii resort

KAPOLEI, 24 July—More than 80 years after Mickey Mouse piloted "Steamboat Willie" and whistled his way into the hearts of children across the world, he has finally reached the shores of Hawaii.

The Walt Disney Co on Friday gave a peek of its sprawling, beachside Hawaiian resort that is under construction and scheduled to open next year.

"Aulani" is Disney's first major standalone resort away from a theme park and could serve as a model for future projects as the company diversifies and expands its vacation offerings.

Internet



This undated photo provided by Disney Enterprises, Inc shows Construction on Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa in Ko Olina, Hawaii. The resort is scheduled to open on 29 Aug, 2011 and features two 15-storey room towers, an expansive pool and garden area, spa, restaurants and access to a 9-acre lagoon and Ted Robinson designed 18-hole championship golf course.

INTERNET

United ready to offer Rooney new deal

LONDON, 24 July—Manchester United are set to begin negotiations with Wayne Rooney on a lucrative new contract, even though the England striker still has two years to run on his current agreement.



Striker Wayne Rooney kicks the ball during the 2010 World Cup on June 2010.

INTERNET

John Isner returns a forehand to Michael Russell on Day 5 of the Atlanta Tennis Championships.

INTERNET

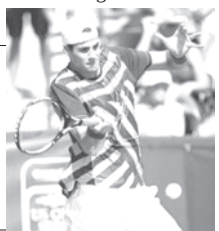
United chief executive David Gill announced his plans after confirming Serbian defender Nemanja Vidic had agreed a new "long-term" contract of his own.

"The current intention is to meet with Wayne and his advisors when we're back from tour (in the USA) and he's back from holiday with a view to sorting out a new deal for him," Gill told www.mutv.com.

Internet

Isner beats the heat with quick Atlanta win

ATLANTA, 24 July—Wimbledon marathon man John Isner kept it short and sweet in 48 Celsius on-court heat Friday, dismissing Michael



Russell 6-1, 6-2 to reach the ATP Atlanta Championship semi-finals.

Isner's win in 58 minutes was around 10 hours less than his Wimbledon epic of a month ago, when he won the longest match ever played in the sport.

The second seed, who admitted he was glad to get off court in a hurry, will play in the Saturday semi-final against former university tennis opponent Kevin Anderson after the South African crushed Lukas Lacko 6-3, 6-4 following the Slovak's upset of Lleyton Hewitt.

Internet

Riera signs record four-year Olympiakos deal

PIRAEUS, 24 July—Liverpool's Spanish winger Albert Riera completed his Greek record move to Olympiakos on Friday when he signed a four-year contract.

It is the biggest transaction ever in the Greek Super League with Olympiakos paying Liverpool five million euros.

"I will work hard to write history with Olympiakos," said 28-year-old Riera.

The former Espanyol and Bordeaux winger will receive a total of seven million euros for the duration of his contract, a figure which does not include bonuses.

"It was an easy choice for me to make and I am happy to be here. I did not expect such a big turnout at the airport. It was a pleasant surprise," Riera said about the welcome from some 3,000 Olympiakos supporters at the airport on Thursday.—Internet



Liverpool's Spanish winger Albert Riera completed his Greek record move to Olympiakos on Friday.—INTERNET

Juventus forward Vincenzo Iaquinta (right) is hugged by teammates as they celebrate after scoring.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Duchaussoy appointed new French football chief

PARIS, 24 July—French football welcomed a new chief Friday after Fernand Duchaussoy was unveiled as successor to Jean-Pierre Escalletes, who resigned in the wake of the country's woeful World Cup display.

Duchaussoy was elected president of the French Football Federation on a caretaker basis with the mandate of restoring the country's footballing fortunes after a year marked by cheating, scandal, player revolt, and mediocrity.

The 67-year-old steps



French football welcomed a new chief Friday after Fernand Duchaussoy.—INTERNET

Internet

New coach wants young Juve with 'winning mentality'

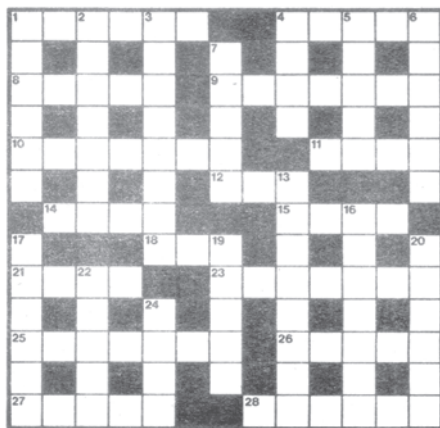
ROME, 24 July—Coach Luigi Delneri wants to build a new Juventus team based on young players with a winning mentality ahead of the upcoming Italian season.

Juventus were due to play Lyon in a friendly on

Saturday before beginning the serious business against Shamrock Rovers in the Europa League third qualifying round next on Thursday. And Delneri will be under the spotlight to see how he has turned around a team that last season crashed to their worst ever showing in Serie A, losing a club record number of games and conceding a record number of goals in a seventh-placed finish.—Internet



CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 An alternative to "Mary"
- 4 Hurry
- 8 Military decoration
- 9 Loan
- 10 Priest's residence
- 11 Hill, mountain
- 12 Slender stick
- 14 Rim
- 15 Shoal or bank
- 18 Deprive
- 21 Host
- 23 Madman
- 25 Remark
- 26 Make void
- 27 Kingly
- 28 Prepared for publication

DOWN

- 1 Recollection
- 2 Lost weight
- 3 Observer
- 4 English south coast resort
- 5 Scorch
- 6 Vigour
- 7 Greek wood-god
- 13 Haitian drinker
- 16 Dead
- 17 Maller
- 19 Outspoken
- 20 Climbed
- 22 Coin
- 24 Grinding machine

Japan's Miyazato leads Evian Masters by one stroke



Mika Miyazato of Japan plays on the fourteenth hole during the second round of the Evian Masters women's.—INTERNET

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, 24 July—Mika Miyazato of Japan shot a 5-under 67 for the second-round lead at the Evian Masters on Friday.

Michelle Wie started the day tied for sixth at 4 under, but slipped down the leaderboard at 1 over after a sluggish round (77) that included a quintuple bogey on the 10th hole.

Defending champion Ai Miyazato of Japan managed a 72 to stay 3

under overall and six shots off the lead.

Miyazato was 9 under and had a one-stroke lead over Gwladys Nocera of France. Miyazato had six birdies. Nocera had an eagle and five birdies in her round.—Internet

Youthful Chelsea undone by Ajax, keeper error

AMSTERDAM, 24 July—Premier League champions Chelsea slumped to a 3-1 defeat to Martin Jol's



Chelsea's goalkeeper Ross Turnbull.

INTERNET

Athletics sign C Kurt Suzuki to 4-year contract

OAKLAND, 24 July—Kurt Suzuki and the Oakland Athletics agreed to a four-year contract Friday that locks up the catcher through his arbitration years.

The deal replaces Suzuki's previous 2010

contract and includes a club option for the 2014 season. The option year is the first year Suzuki would be eligible for free agency.

"Since the day Kurt got here, beyond being an outstanding player, he's been an outstanding leader and a quality guy off the field as well," A's general manager Billy Beane said.

Internet



Oakland Athletics' Kurt Suzuki (8) beats the tag by Kansas City Royals catcher Jason Kendall to score.—INTERNET



Tourists visit the Xiamen branch of the Guanfu Museum in Gulangyu Island in Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province, on 23 July, 2010.

XINHUA

Five top South African police, two pilots killed in helicopter crash

JOHANNESBURG, 24 July—Five South African police officers, believed to be members of the specialized National Intervention Unit, and two pilots died in a helicopter crash in Witbank, east of Johannesburg on Friday morning.

By mid-morning Talk Radio 702 in Johannesburg said details were still sketchy and it is not known what led to the aircraft going down.

The radio said it is understood South African police minister Nathi Mthethwa and National Police Commissioner Bheki Cele were on their way to the scene. —Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-7-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions

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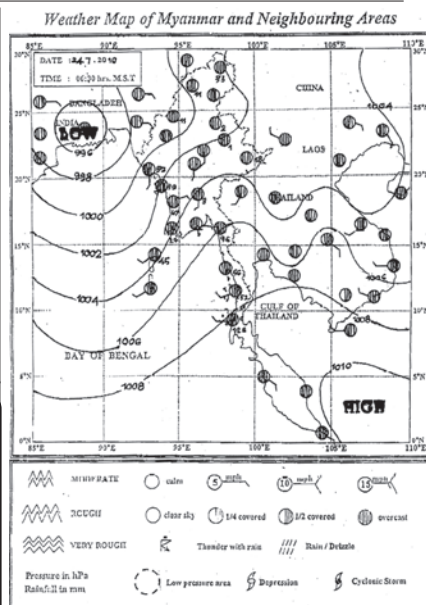
Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (25-7-10 09:30 am ~ 26-7-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
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- * News
- * Fashionable and Beautiful Silk Fabric
- * A Study Tour to Bagan (Sulamuni Temple)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
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- * Travelogue in Popa
- * Myanmar Movie "As her real son"



WEATHER

Saturday, 24th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division and isolated heavy falls in Kayin State and Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Head Office) (1.53)inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.35)inches, Hpa-an (6.89)inches, Kawthoung (5.67)inches, Launglon (5.28)inches, Kyeikkhame (5.00)inches, Chaungzon (4.92) inches, Gwa (4.88)inches, Mawlamyine (3.86) inches, Thandwe (3.70)inches, Kyeikmaraw (3.44)inches, Mudon (3.15)inches, Ye (3.03) inches, Kalay and Pakokku (2.05)inches each.

Maximum temperature on 23-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 24-7-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-7-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 23-7-2010 was (2.4) hours.

Rainfall on 24-7-2010 was (0.19) inch at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (38.14) inches at Mingaladon, (44.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (52.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 23-7-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-7-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 25 July View on today

7:00

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ(စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုးညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:55 am

5. မဟာသမ္ဗုဒ္ဓ(ရတီယုဂ်) (တရားဦးရတနာဓမ္မစကြာ နှင့်ဓမ္မဗုဒ္ဓတိန်ခွန်းတော်) (ဣန္ဒာဆွေစဉ်ရေးဖွဲ့ ပူဇော်သည်)

8:25 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:40 am

7. International News

8:45 am

8. Religious Song

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. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မမြသောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မနှမ်းသောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "ခုတော့သိပြီ မင်းကိုယ်ချစ်သည်"(ဦးသူ၊ မေဆွိမြတ်ကောသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - ကြီးမြင့်)

2:35 pm

7. စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းမြင်းမူမြို့နယ် ထီးဆောင်ကျေးရွာ ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်အသင်း၏ ဓမ္မစကြာဒေသနာတော် (အမေး၊ အဖြေ)

2:50 pm

8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဌမအကြိမ်ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ရတီယုဆု) (အထက(၃)၁၄) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:40 pm

4. အမေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

4:55 pm

5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

6. ဝါဆိုလွှဲတေးများ

5:10 pm

7. "ကျောင်းကန်ဘုရားကုသိုလ်ပွား ကောင်းမှုထိုက်လဲလဲဆို"

5:20 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

6:40 pm

12. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ အမေဟာကတော့သမီးပါ (အကယ်ဒမီခင်မိုးမိုးအေး၊ အကယ်ဒမီခင်မိုးမိုးမိုး၊ ဝါဝါအောင်ချစ်စရာကလေး၊ နီနီကော) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မေတင် (MMG))

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွှတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. မနေ့ကသည့်နေ့နဲ့မနက်ဖြန် (အယ်လ်ဒိုင်း၊ သရုပ်ဆောင် နန်းဆုရတီဦးနှင့်အဖွဲ့၊ တေးရေး- ဒီနေ့ပူဇော်က)

18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်လယ် သိုင်းညိုနောင်လေးမို့" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)

19. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး" (အပိုင်း-၆)



- ★ 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

Industrial development, major stride towards modern, developed nation

Article: Maung Tway Htet, Photos: Kyemon

Establishment of industries on a large scale is a main driver behind the development of the industrialized countries. It is widely said that today is Information and Communication Technology Age. Needless to say we cannot reach ICT Age without industrial revolution. Only with industrial development have we passed better ages one after another.

Although Myanmar is rich in land and water resources, she could not exploit and utilize them effectively due to lack of technology. During the rule of colonialists, Myanmar lagged far behind other global partners in terms of technology.

During the post-independence days, the country lagged behind in industrial sector compared with

other countries due to lack of peace and stability and good policies. The country encountered unemployment and relied on neighbouring countries for household goods due to lack of industrial development.

After 1988, the government promoted industrial sector while implementing 12 objectives.

(See page 8)



Multipurpose-use Diesel Engine Factory (Thagara).