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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Maldivian President

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — On the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives which falls on 26th July 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Nasheed, President of the Republic of Maldives.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing leave for India to pay goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left here by air this morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Her Excellency Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, senior military officers from Ministry of Defence and their wives, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and



Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing being seen off by SPDC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.—MNA

wife, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, heads of departments and the charge d' affaires of Indian Embassy.

Myanmar delegation comprises SPDC Member General Thura

Shwe Mann and wife, Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence and wife, Adjutant-General

Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Sci-

ence and Technology U Thauang, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw

Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Director of Medical Services of Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and heads of department.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 26 July, 2010

Contemplate Buddha's Attributes

Today is Fullmoon Day of Waso, also known as Dhammacakka Day, a day of religious significance for Buddhists.

On Kason Fullmoon Day in 103 Maha Era, the would-be Buddha attained Omniscience after having annihilated the five evils to merits at the foot of Maha Banyan Tree. Eight weeks after the self-enlightenment, He departed for Migadawun Forest.

It was pleasant and serene in and around the whole Migadawun Forest at sunset on Fullmoon Day of Waso in 103 Maha Era. At the time when the full moon just rose in the east and the sun just set in the west, the Buddha delivered His first sermon: Dhammacakka (The Wheel of the Doctrine) to the five Panca Vaggi (the group of the first Five Monks).

In the sermon, the Lord Buddha expounded that anyone cannot escape from the Circle of Birth and Death through the two extremes—Kama Sukkhalikanuyoga which means indulgence in sensual pleasures and Attakilamathanuyoga which means self-mortification.

And only with the Middle Way (Mijjhima Patipada) will it be possible for one to gain insight and attain Nibbana, He preached. The Buddha analyzed the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path, with which those who practise the Dhamma can obtain great benefits in the present life and next existences.

The Noble Eightfold Path comprises right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration, which are noble practices of Dhammacakka Doctrine.

Lord Buddha preached that Dhammacakka Doctrine is the way to Nibbana and cessation of all forms of sufferings. On Fullmoon Day of Waso, Buddhists are, therefore, solemnly exhorted to make donation, preserve precepts and practise meditation, considering the Attributes of the Buddha and following the Noble Eightfold Way more than ever every day.

Tharaphee laminate floors displayed at Housing Complex and Living Style 2010



People's Desire

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

Monsoon tree-planting ceremony held in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended monsoon tree-planting ceremony of Mandalay Division in the compound of University of National Culture and Fine Arts (Mandalay) in Patheingyi Township on 23 July.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, departmental staff, faculties and students from the university and members of social organizations.

The commander planted saplings and so did

Foreign Minister felicitates Maldivian counterpart

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those present. After that, the commander and officials enjoyed collective tree-planting and presented cash awards to entertainment troupes.

At the ceremony, altogether 1,360 saplings were planted.

MNA

Thaminbe Village BEPS gets new school building



New school building of Thaminbe Village Basic Education Primary School.

MNA

YANGON, 25 July—A ceremony to donate a new building to Basic Primary School of Thaminbe Village, Natogyi Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Division was held at the new building on 18 July.

It was attended by the township education officer and officials, the principal and teachers, guests, students and their parents, donor Managing-Director U Tin Aung Soe of Family United Power Co Ltd and family, and personnel from the company.

A responsible person from Family United Power Co Ltd explained purpose of donation and

handed over relevant documents to the township education officer.

The new school building is 90'x 30' one-storey building and cost K 15 million. Family United Power Co Ltd spent K 11.2 million to construct a one-storey building for BEPS in Myekyar Village in Natogyi Township in 2009 and donated K 15 million for construction of new two-storey building for affiliated Basic Education Middle School in No. 12 Ward, Mansu Village, Lashio in 2008.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Tharaphee Korean laminate floors are being displayed at Housing

Booth of Tharaphee Laminate Floor at Housing Complex and Living Style Exhibition 2010.

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Centre on U Wisara Road in Yangon.

The use of laminate floors may save two third of cost than using hard wood floors.

The 8.3 mm and 12 mm laminate floors are being sold with 15-year

guarantee. One may buy the floors at Nos. (3, 4 and 5), Science and Technology Department Shworoom, Thitsar Road, Yankin Township, here, Ph: 09-5115530, 09-5134614 and 73054498.

MNA

Iran says it has 100 vessels for each US warship

TEHERAN, 25 July—The former naval chief for Iran's Revolutionary Guard said the country has set aside 100 military vessels to confront each warship from the US or any other foreign power that might pose a threat, an Iranian newspaper reported on Saturday.

Such a military confrontation in the vital oil lanes of the Persian

Gulf would be of major global concern. The warning builds on earlier threats by Iran to seal off the Gulf's strategic Strait of Hormuz — through which 40 percent of the world's oil passes — in response to any military attack.

"We have set aside 100 military vessels for each (US) warship to

attack at the time of necessity," Gen Morteza Saffari was quoted as saying by the conservative weekly *Panjereh*.

The US has said military force could be used if diplomacy fails to stop what they suspect is an Iranian nuclear weapons programme.

Internet



The remains of a landslide is pictured at a flood-hit area in southwest Pakistan's Sibbi on 24 July, 2010. Tens of people were killed and hundreds of houses damaged as heavy rains wreaked havoc in southwestern Pakistan.—XINHUA

Rescuers work at the scene after a stampede inside a tunnel during the Love Parade techno music festival in Duisburg, western Germany, on 24 July, 2010.—XINHUA

Death toll of German stampede rises to 19, over 300 injured

DUISBURG, 25 July—The death toll of Saturday's stampede at a rave music festival in western German city of

Duisburg has risen to 19, with 342 people injured, police told *Xinhua* on Sunday morning.

A news conference was scheduled at the city hall at noon to give more details of the tragedy, which has shocked German politicians including President Christian Wulff and Chancellor Angela Merkel, said a spokesman from the local police. Most of the 1.4

million people who attended the Love Parade, one of the largest techno music events in Europe, have returned home without further incidents over the night, the spokesman told *Xinhua*.

The downtown area near the festival site looks like a deserted battlefield with papers and empty beer bottles littering all over.

Xinhua



Mine explosion kills two Afghan policemen, wounds two in Taliban hotbed

KABUL, 25 July—A mine blast targeting police van in Taliban hotbed Kandahar Province in southern Afghanistan left two policemen dead and injuring two other police officers including district police chief, Interior Ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

"A mine blast targeted a police van in Sra Khundi area of precinct eight in Kandahar city the capital of Kandahar Province on Friday as a result two policemen were martyred and two other officers including police chief of precinct eight were injured," the statement added.—*Xinhua*

Two policemen killed, 19 people wounded in Iraq's Mosul

MOSUL, 25 July—Two policemen were killed and 19 people wounded in two attacks in Mosul, capital city of Iraq's northern province of Nineveh, on Saturday, a provincial police source said.

Two gunmen armed with pistols fitted with silencers shot dead two policemen at a checkpoint in the al-Risalah neighbourhood in western Mosul, the source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, an armed man threw a hand-grenade on a police patrol while passing through the crowded commercial area of the al-Midan in central Mosul, wounding 19 civilians, the source said.

Two women were among the wounded people, the source added.—*Xinhua*

Taleban says ambush kills one US sailor, one captured

KABUL, 25 July—The Taleban have offered to exchange the body of a US Navy member they said was killed in an ambush two days ago in exchange for militant prisoners, an Afghan official said Sunday.

US and NATO officials confirmed that two American Navy personnel went missing on Friday in the eastern province of Logar, after

an armored sports utility vehicle was seen driving into a Taleban-held area. Afghan officials believe one was killed and the other captured when they apparently took a wrong turn and ended up in a dangerous area of Logar.

Abdul Wali, the head of the provincial governing council, said local authorities responded to the Taleban offer by saying,

"Let's talk about the one that is still alive." The militon said they would have to talk to superiors before making any deal.

Local media in Logar reported the Taleban claimed responsibility for the attack on the two Americans. Officials told *The Associated Press* they have not been directly contacted by the militants.—*Internet*



Abdul Ghafaar comforts his 7 year old nephew at a hospital in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 24 July, 2010.

Ghafaar said he brought seven children to the city's hospital after getting caught in crossfire Friday between NATO and Taleban forces in Sangin, a flash-point town in neighbouring Helmand Province.—*INTERNET*

2,500 killed in US drone, Taleban attacks in Pakistan since 2009

ISLAMABAD, 25 July—At least 2,500 people have been killed as a result of US drone and Taleban attacks in Pakistan since January 2009, a local newspaper *Daily Times* quoted a research report as saying on Saturday.

According to the report, the US drone attacks in the tribal areas of northwest Pakistan, which border Afghanistan, have been

increased by three times under the President Barack Obama administration.

The number of drone attacks rose to 88 times during the 18 months of the President Obama's tenure from January 20, 2009 to the end-June 2010 as compared with the 25 drone strikes between January 2008 and January 2009, said the report, adding over 700 people have been

killed in the US drone strikes in the afore-said period.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 24 July, 2010 shows a burning vehicle on a street in Karachi, southern Pakistan.

XINHUA



Toward a new generation of superplastics

NEW YORK, 25 July — Scientists are reporting an in-depth validation of the discovery of the world's first mass producible, low-cost, organoclays for plastics. The powdered material, made from natural clay, would be a safer, more environmentally friendly replacement for the compound widely used to make plastics nanocomposites.

A report on the research appears in *ACS' Macromolecules*, a bi-weekly journal.

Miriam Rafailovich and colleagues focused on a new organoclay developed and patented by a team of scientists headed by David Abecassis.

The scientists explain that so-called quaternary amine-treated organoclays have been pioneering nanoparticles in the field of plastics nanotechnology.—*Internet*



A substance made from natural clay (shown), the material used to make pottery, may be spinning its way toward use as an inexpensive, eco-friendly replacement for a compound widely used to make plastic nanocomposites.

INTERNET

Shortened URLs drive need for new security

NEW YORK, 25 July — Symantec has released the July 2010 MessageLabs Intelligence Report which contains the usual interesting and relevant facts regarding trends in spam and malware. Of particular interest in this report, though, is the fact that attacks exploiting shortened URLs have skyrocketed, and that a new approach is needed to protect against the rising threat. A Symantec spokesperson clarified the shortened URL issue

in an e-mail, stating that the MessageLab report "reveals that the percentage of spam using shortened URLs has increased in the last year, from 9.3 percent to 18 percent of all spam at its peak.

The average volume of spam containing shortened URLs has also increased, with this type of spam appearing in more 0.5 percent of spam on 43 days in the past four months."

Internet



German IT company Neofonie's new "WePad" tablet computer can be seen at a press conference in Berlin on 12 April, 2010.

Technology

Sea lamprey research sheds light on how stress hormones evolved

LANSING, 25 July — Michigan State University researchers are the first to identify a stress hormone in the sea lamprey, using the 500 million-year-old species as a model to understand the evolution of the endocrine system.

Corticosteroid hormones control stress response in animals with backbones, including humans. While scientists have learned quite a bit about these so-called stress hormones in most modern animals, little was known about the hormones' earliest forms in prehistoric creatures such as lamprey.

"By identifying 11-deoxycortisol as a stress hormone in lamprey, it allows us to better understand how the endocrine system in vertebrates evolved into the complex systems we



Two sea lampreys, subjects of research by MSU fisheries and wildlife professor Weiming Li. INTERNET

see in humans today," explained Weiming Li, professor of fisheries and wildlife who helped lead the project. Li also is a member of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. The hormone is the only one the researchers have found so far in the lamprey and Li said the researchers are hypothesizing that it may be the only

corticosteroid hormone in the lamprey. Humans, in contrast, have more than 30 corticosteroid hormones.

The research is published in the 19 July edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Internet

Science

The biggest rat that ever lived

NEW YORK, 25 July — Watch out Heathcliff, there's a rat out there bigger than you. Or at least there was. Just a couple thousand years ago, the world's largest rat, weighing more than the average house cat, scuttled about what is now East Timor of Southeast Asia. The skeletal remains of the robust rodent were found in a cave, researchers announced today. The excavations also turned up 13 other species of rodents, 11 of which are new to science, with eight of the rats estimated to have weighed more than 2 pounds (1 kg).

When alive, the giant of the bunch weighed some 13.2 pounds (6 kilograms). For comparison, a house rat weighs on average 5 ounces (150 grams). Today's steepest rats weigh around 4.4 pounds (2 kg) and live in rain forests in the Philippines and New Guinea.—*Internet*

MacTech conference extends early-bird pricing to 9 August

LOS ANGELES, 25 July — Organizers of the MacTech Conference 2010 are extending early-bird registration through 9 August for the event aimed at IT professionals and Apple developers. Attendees taking advantage of early-bird pricing can save \$200 on attending the conference, which runs from 3-5 November near Los Angeles. The three-day MacTech Conference offers two separate tracks—one focused on IT and the other on programming. Organizers say the sessions will cover both desktop and mobile, with the Mac, iPhone, iPad, and iPod getting "appropriate levels of attention."

Since opening registration, organizers of the event say attendees from Sweden to Japan have booked a place at the conference.

Internet



A girl learns to assemble a simple robot at the science and technology center of Xinjiang in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 24 July, 2010.

XINHUA

Pandora tops 60 million users, mobile growth strong

ASPEN, 25 July — Internet radio star Pandora has topped 60 million users and most new members are joining the service using mobile devices, its founder said Saturday.

"We're definitely on a steep growth curve right now," said Tim Westergren, who founded Pandora in 2000 and now serves as chief strategy officer of the Oakland, California-based company.

"We just passed 60 million users and I've never advertised," Westergren told technology and media executives at the Fortune Brainstorm Tech conference here. "I've been a beneficiary of this incredible viral phenomenon online."

Westergren said Pandora, which creates personalized radio stations for users based upon their favourite artists or songs, was seeing booming growth on mobile devices.

Pandora is available for the iPhone, the BlackBerry, the Palm Pre, and devices running Google's Android and Microsoft's Windows Mobile operating systems but does not currently provide service outside the United States.

"We're growing faster now on mobile than we are on Web and the reason people give us is because that's how they want to listen to it," Westergren said.

"We get about 90,000 new people a day activate Pandora on a mobile device and that number is growing," he said. "Android is a very fast grower."

He said the next step for Pandora would be "getting into cars and into electronic devices at home." "We're experiencing what I think is the beginning of a big shift where Internet radio is about to really start penetrating the entire spectrum of where radios are used," Westergren said.—*Internet*

Each summer, falls top the list of ways kids get hurt

COLUMBUS, 25 July—Motorized vehicle accidents and near-drownings are the leading causes of hospitalization for American children during the summer, experts say.

These types of incidents are both predictable and preventable, according to Dr Kathy Nuss, associate medical director of trauma services at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Ohio, and colleagues.

Falls consistently top the list of causes of summertime injuries suffered by children. While objects such as trampolines are widely recognized as dangerous, children often suffer injuries from things considered much safer by parents, Nuss noted in a news release from the hospital.

"We see a lot of kids falling from playground equipment during the

summer months. If possible, find playgrounds that are spread with mulch or shredded tire; these surfaces add more cushion versus concrete or blacktop," Nuss said in the news release.

Bicycles are another major cause of injury. Nearly 400,000 children younger than 19 are treated at hospital emergency departments each year for bicycle-related injuries, according to the Centre for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's. Injuries to the arms and legs are the most common, but head injuries are the most serious.

Nuss said children should always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, use hand signals, and walk the bicycle across busy streets and intersections.—Internet

Health



Incoming president of International AIDS Society (IAS) 2012 Uganda's Elly Katabira makes a speech in Vienna, during closing Session of the 18th International AIDS Conference. More than 33 million people are living with HIV, which causes the disease, and new infections are occurring at the rate of around two million a year.—INTERNET

Relationship insecurity may undermine your health

WASHINGTON, 25 July—People who feel insecure in their relationships may be at increased risk for cardiovascular disease and other health problems, according to a new Canadian study.

In fact, those who felt insecure in relationships or avoided getting close to others appeared to have a greater risk of developing several chronic diseases,

according to an analysis of data from the US National Comorbidity Survey Replication.

Researchers studied survey data from 5,645 adults, ages 18 to 60, and found an association between "avoidant attachment" — people who feel unable to get close to others or have others depend on them — and chronic pain, such as frequent or severe headaches.

Internet

Duke scientist's cancer research is questioned

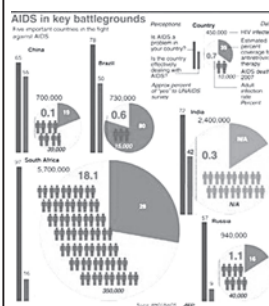
LONDON, 25 July—Concerns are being raised about the validity of research done by a Duke University cancer scientist who recently was placed on leave while the school investigates whether he falsely claimed to be a Rhodes scholar.

The editor of a British journal, *Lancet Oncology*, issued an "expression of concern" Friday, citing a December 2007 study it published from Dr Anil Potti and others. The study described gene patterns that might help predict a breast cancer patient's response to chemotherapy.

The journal said two of Potti's co-authors had contacted them this week on behalf of 15 European scientists involved in the study with "grave concerns about the validity of their report."

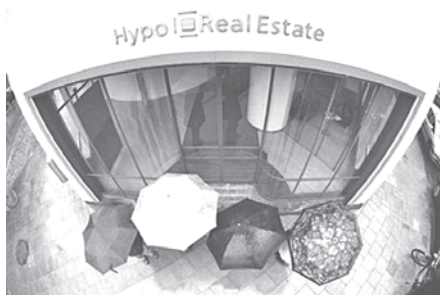
Statisticians at the University of Texas' MD Anderson Cancer Centre had questioned methods used in the study, the co-authors wrote. The co-authors' repeated attempts to reach Potti and other researchers at Duke had been ignored, they claimed.

Internet



Five key countries in the fight against AIDS. China, India and other fast-growing economies should start to contribute to the world's war chest to fight AIDS, the head of the Global Fund said on Friday as the 18th world AIDS conference wound down.—INTERNET

Markets to issue verdict on stress tests



File photo shows people standing outside the headquarters of Hypo Real Estate bank in Munich, Germany. European bank stress tests will themselves be tested on Monday when investors return to markets in Europe and Asia with a verdict on an unprecedented bid to restore confidence in the EU banking sector.

INTERNET

PARIS, 25 July—European bank stress tests will themselves be tested on Monday when investors return to markets in Europe and Asia with a verdict on an

unprecedented bid to restore confidence in the EU banking sector.

Market reaction will be crucial to determine whether tests on the health of 91 EU banks,

published on Friday, have dispelled suspicions that hidden problems and incorrectly priced risks lurk in their balance sheets.

The unprecedented decision to publish detailed results of the tests follows the global financial meltdown and the crisis in Europe in the last six months, compounded by doubt about the solvency of some banks. The tests imagine a level of crisis arising from economic downturn, a stock market collapse or a government debt crisis, testing each bank and the system against the given level of distress.

The results found that only seven banks, five in Spain and one each in Germany and Greece, were unprepared to absorb a new financial crisis.

Internet

Toyota to post Q1 operating profit Y100 billion



Toyota Prius hybrid cars are seen at a Toyota dealer in Hollywood, California. Japanese auto giant is expected to report over one billion dollars in operating profit for the April-June period, recovering from the previous year's massive loss, according to a business paper.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 25 July — Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) is likely to have secured a group operating profit of about 100 billion yen (\$1.1 billion) in April-June, thanks to solid sales and a sharp recovery from the previous year's loss, the *Nikkei business daily* said on Sunday.

But the automaker, which had a loss of 194.8 billion yen in the same period last year, is likely to keep its

annual profit forecast unchanged due to uncertainty over the European and US economies, the report also said, without citing sources. Toyota, the world's biggest automaker, has been plagued since last September by a crisis over safety and equipment that has led to the recall of more than 10 million vehicles globally.

Internet

Fitch, S&P place AmeriCredit on rating watch

NEW YORK, 25 July—Ratings companies Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's placed AmeriCredit Corp on rating watches Friday, one day after General Motors said it would acquire the subprime auto lender.

GM said it would spend \$3.5 billion in cash for AmeriCredit, a Fort Worth, Texas, company with 800,000 customers and a \$9 billion portfolio of loans. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter. The buyout will affect about \$532.6 million of AmeriCredit debt. The company currently holds a Fitch long-term issuer default rating of "B+" and a senior debt rating of "BB/RR3."

Fitch said it will now analyze GM's credit profile, saying AmeriCredit's ultimate rating will be affected by the strength or weakness of GM.—Internet

Business



Job hunters wander at a job fair held in Rui'an, a city of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 24 July, 2010. More than 130 enterprises offered more than 3,000 jobs at the fair on Saturday. —XINHUA

Maternal, infant mortality rates remain high in sub-Saharan Africa

KAMPALA, 25 July—The maternal and infant mortality rates remain high in sub-Saharan Africa due to insufficient medical facilities, entrenched harmful traditional practices and management failure despite the concerted efforts of international community over the past decades.

It is estimated that Africa contributes about 47 percent of global maternal mortality with Sub-Saharan African countries having the

highest rates.

A study conducted by the world's leading general medical journal *Lancet* says in 2008, six countries accounted for nearly half of all maternal mortality cases. Three of them, Ethiopia, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are in Africa.

According to the recently released UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Report 2010, the leading causes of maternal mortality in developing regions are

hemorrhage and hypertension, which together account for half of all deaths in expectant or new mothers.

Giving birth is especially risky in sub-Saharan Africa where most women deliver without skilled care. The report shows that in the region, only 46 percent of the deliveries are attended by skilled health personnel in 2008, a stark contrast to the average figures in the world's developing regions and the developed regions that stand at 63 percent and 99 percent respectively.

At present estimates, if no urgent corrective measures are taken, 2.5 million maternal deaths and 49 million maternal disabilities will hit the continent in the next decade.

Xinhua



Visitors look at the cars at the 18th Indonesia International Auto Exhibition in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 23 July, 2010. More than 200 auto companies took part in the auto show, which started on Friday with the theme "Eco-Technology Motoring". —XINHUA

Turkey, Iran, Brazil to discuss nuclear swap deal

ISTANBUL, 25 July—The foreign ministers of Iran, Turkey and Brazil are to meet in Istanbul on Sunday to discuss the nuclear swap deal which they agreed in May, a Turkish foreign ministry official told *Reuters* on Saturday.

Under the deal reached in Teheran, Iran agreed to send some of its uranium abroad, reviving a plan drafted by the United Nations with the aim of keeping its nuclear work in check.

The accord failed to prevent fresh sanctions from the United Nations, European Union and United States. But Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said this month he still saw a chance of Iran doing the swap on the basis of their agreement.

Davutoglu will first meet and hold a joint news conference with his Brazilian counterpart Celso Amorim at 11 am (0800 GMT) on Sunday, the foreign ministry official said.

They will then hold a three-way meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki. It was not clear if they would then hold another news conference.—*Internet*

Inflation-plagued India seen hiking rates again

NEW DELHI, 25 July—India looks set this week to hike borrowing costs for a second time in a month as it battles the highest inflation among the leading Group of 20 economic powers, analysts say.

The central bank is widely expected to increase interest rates to tackle surging prices which began in the food sector but have spilled over into other parts of India's fast-accelerating economy.

"India is facing its worst inflation problem in a decade," said Nikhilesh Bhattacharyya, economist at Moody's Economy.com, who expects 25-basis-point rises in the bank's two leading short-term interest rates.—*Internet*



An Indian farmer ploughs farmland at Birbhum near Kolkata. India looks set this week to hike borrowing costs for a second time in a month as it battles the highest inflation among the leading Group of 20 economic powers, analysts say.—INTERNET

Two killed, five hurt in Russian market shooting

MOSCOW, 25 July—Gunmen opened fire on security guards at a provincial food market in the southern Russian city of Samara on Saturday, killing at least two and wounding at least five other people, investigators said.

At least six attackers arrived at the market in three cars and opened fire before fleeing, Russia's Investigative Committee said in a statement.

Five people were hospitalized, it said.

Even the smallest of Russian enterprises employs security guards, who are often in the line of fire when business disputes turn violent. State television reported the Samara market was changing ownership.—*Internet*

Gene may determine bullying response

LONDON, 25 July—US and British researchers say they discovered a genetic variation that moderates whether victims of bullying will develop emotional problems.

Dr Karen Sugden of King's College London and colleagues report on a study of 2,232 same-sex 5-year-old twins, who were assessed psychologically at age 5 and reassessed at age 12.

In addition, DNA samples were acquired from the children to determine the presence or absence of the genetic variation under investigation.

The researchers observed that genetic differences in the 5-HTTLPR gene, specifically the SS genotype, interact with bullying victimization to exacerbate emotional problems.

Internet



Switzerland's PC-7 flight team roll on a tarmac before performing in their Pilatus NPC-7 aircrafts during the Flugmeeting Emmen 2010 in town of Emmen on 24 July, 2010. Switzerland celebrates 100 years of aviation.

XINHUA

India carmaker Maruti posts surprise quarterly profit fall



Maruti cars at the factory in Gurgaon, Haryana, in 2008. India's biggest carmaker Maruti Suzuki reported Saturday quarterly net profit fell by a surprise 20 percent as the company was pumelled by a surge in raw material costs.

INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 25 July—India's biggest carmaker Maruti Suzuki reported Saturday quarterly net profit fell by a surprise 20 percent as the company was pumelled by a surge in raw material costs.

Maruti, majority-owned by Japan's Suzuki Motor Corp, said net profit during the fiscal first quarter slid to 4.65 billion rupees (99 million dollars) from 5.84 billion rupees a year earlier, despite a 27 percent leap

in sales.

The fall was a shock for financial analysts who had forecast Maruti would report a profit of around 6.6 billion to seven billion rupees for the three months to 30 June. "The drop in net profit is due to higher commodity prices" along with other factors such as a fall in earnings from European exports due to a weaker euro, the company said in a statement. While car sales have soared, the sector has been under pressure from rising prices of raw materials, such as steel, aluminium and rubber, that have been driven by growing demand in emerging market giants such as China and India.

Internet

Petrochemical factory blast kills four in Iran

TEHERAN, 25 July—Iran's official news agency says an explosion at a petrochemical factory on Iran's largest oil terminal has killed four people.

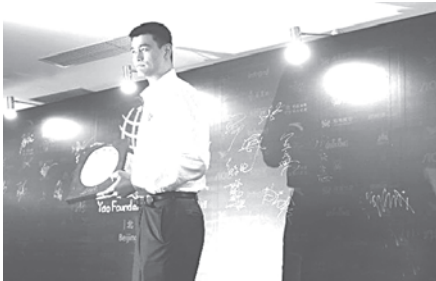
The Sunday report said high pressure in the central boiler of the factory led to an explosion and fire at the facility on Khark island in the Persian Gulf.

So far the bodies of three of the victims have been found and the blaze is under control. Several other workers were injured.

Khark Island, some 750 miles (1200 kilometres) south of Teheran, hosts Iran's biggest oil terminal in the Persian Gulf.

Iran is OPEC's second largest oil exporter, producing around 4.2 million barrels of oil per day.

Internet



Chinese basketball star and Houston Rockets centre Yao Ming displays his handprint prior to the charity gala for Yao Foundation Charity Tour in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 July, 2010. The Yao Foundation charity fund-raising tour was initiated by Yao Ming with the purpose of helping Chinese children. The Yao Ming Foundation was established in 2008 in the aftermath of the earthquake in southwest China's Sichuan Province.—XINHUA

Province.—XINHUA

Protein could battle Alzheimer's disease

NEW YORK, 25 July—US researchers say they are looking at a new approach to treating Alzheimer's disease with a protein thought to extend lifespan in laboratory animals.

Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said that in mice prone to developing Alzheimer's, activating a protein called sirtuin suppressed the disease and destroying the protein made the disease much worse, *The New York Times* reported.

The finding raises the hope that Alzheimer's, and possibly other neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's and Huntington's, could be treated with drugs that activate sirtuin,

researchers say.

"We think it is a scientifically compelling story that ties the sirtuins to the biology of Alzheimer's disease," said Dr. Dennis J. Selkoe, an Alzheimer's expert at Harvard Medical School who was not a part of the study.

Drugs that activate sirtuin already exist, including resveratrol, a minor ingredient of red wine and other foods.

One drug company, Sirtris, is in preclinical trials with sirtuin-activating drugs.

Internet

Kids watch the puppet show held in Montevideo, Uruguay, 24 July, 2010. A puppet show was held in Montevideo to introduce the influence of cultural heritage candombe and tango dances in Uruguay.—XINHUA



Two Conn firefighters killed at scene of house fire

BRIDGEPORT, 25 July—Officials say two firefighters died while battling a house fire in Connecticut.

Bridgeport Deputy Fire Chief Robert Petrucelli says the two men were found unconscious Saturday on the top floor of the three-storey house after they sent out mayday calls. Steven Velazquez and Michael Baik were pronounced dead at the hospital.

Officials say Velazquez and Baik were searching for people in need of

rescue and ventilating the house.

No residents were injured. Officials say three or four other firefighters were treated at hospitals for their injuries and released.

The state fire marshal's office will investigate the cause of the fire and examine the equipment used by Velazquez and Baik.

Mayor Bill Finch says Baik had been a firefighter for two years and Velazquez became lieutenant in February.—Internet

Eastern US cooks in summer heat, temps reach 100s

TOMS RIVER, 25 July—Another wave of oppressive heat clamped down on a broad swath of Eastern states on Saturday, with temperatures in the high 90s and 100s and residents scrambling for shade or just staying indoors.

In the Mid-Atlantic, already the locus for brutal temperatures several times in July, weather experts warned of the dangerous conditions and residents resigned themselves to coping with the discomfort.

"Oh, it's disgusting. It's already really hot," meteorologist Heather Sheffield of the National Weather Service said of morning temperatures in Washington, DC.

One possible weather-related death was reported in Maryland, where paramedics said the high temperatures and humidity likely played a role in the death of a 20-year-old man who was biking, went into cardiac arrest and hit his head on a tree as he fell.

Internet

Boys cool off at a fountain before the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, the United States, 24 July, 2010. Temperature in the US capital on Saturday soared to record-high 39 degrees Celsius, while the heat index reached close to 43 degrees Celsius in the afternoon.

XINHUA



The Wheel of the Law

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

The Pali word Dhammacakka is actually a combination of two words; dhamma (law) and cakka (wheel). So the literal meaning is "the wheel of the law". The law is the teachings of Lord Buddha, while the wheel symbolizes the vehicle through which these teachings are spread.

Gotama Buddha attained enlightenment on the Full Moon Day of the lunar month of Kason (may) in year 103 of the Myanmar Buddhist calendar. Later that same year, on the Full Moon Day of Waso (July), he entered a forest called Migada Wanna (Deer Park), where he met five ascetic monks who had been searching for truth; Kondanna, Wappa, Bhaddiya, Mahanama and Assaji.

Gotama Buddha, after six years of practicing austerities, had finally discovered the right path to attain nibbana, the ultimate peace. This was Mizzima Padibada, or the Middle Path, which avoids the two extremes of hedonism on one hand and self-mortification on the other. Gotama Buddha taught the Middle Path to the five ascetic monks. It was his first sermon and the Middle path was the Dhamma.

The gist of Dhammacakka is that there are Four Noble Truths:

- (1) Birth is suffering, aging is suffering, sickness is suffering, death is suffering, union with what is displeasing is suffering, separation from what is pleasing is suffering, not to get what one wants is suffering;

- (2) The origin of suffering is craving;
- (3) Suffering can be ended and nibbana can be attained;
- (4) The way to stop craving and end suffering is to follow the Eightfold Path.

The Eightfold Path (Magga), Gotama Buddha taught, is as follow:

- (1) Right view;
- (2) Right intention;
- (3) Right speech;
- (4) Right action;
- (5) Right livelihood;
- (6) Right effort;
- (7) Right mindfulness; and
- (8) Right concentration.

Having heard and thoroughly understood the Dhammacakka sermon, the five ascetic monks became arahat (saints) one after another, on the Full Moon Day of Waso and on the following four consecutive days.

The first of the monks to become an arahat, Kondanna, had been the youngest Brahmin priest at the court of King Sudhodana, who was the father of Prince Siddhartha. When the prince was born, Kondanna foretold that the child would become Gotama Buddha. Kondanna's forecast included the exact date of Prince Siddhartha's renunciation of his mundane life, the date of his attainment of Buddhahood, the exact period of his preaching (45 years), and the date of his demise.

The scene of the Dhammacakka sermon has been widely depicted in the visual arts in Myanmar. Gotama Buddha is seated in a preaching posture, with his two hands up and his fingers counting of the Four Noble Truths or the Eightfold Path. He is surrounded by the five ascetic monks, who are sitting and listening intently to the sermon, while one or two deer stand nearby. The Dhammacakka scene is also represented symbolically with a wheel on a lotus blossom, sometimes accompanied by two of the animals.

The Full Moon Day of Waso is blessed not only because it was the day on which Gotama Buddha preached his first sermon but also because it was on this same day of the year that he had been conceived in the womb of Queen Maha Maya and later in life, that Prince Siddhartha renounced his mundane life and left his father's palace to become a recluse in the forest.

On the Full Moon Day of Waso, also called Dhammacakka Day, Buddhists throughout Myanmar hold religious functions at temples and pagodas to commemorate Gotama Buddha's first sermon. Monks preach and explain the Dhammacakka Sutta (discourse of the sermon), while organized groups also recite the text. Laity provide dana (charity) to monasteries in the form of food and gifts, and also observe the Buddhist Sabbath.

5th Anniversary of INAX tiles and bathroom accessories held



Ceremony to observe 5th Anniversary of INAX brand products distributed by TMW Enterprise Ltd in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 25 July—TMW Enterprise Ltd held a ceremony to mark the fifth birthday of INAX and honour sales agents at Traders Hotel here on 23 July.

In the ceremony, the four sale agents that hit highest sales figures for 2009 were presented with a vacation to Bali Island of Indonesia and other sale agents were presented consumer electronics according to their sales volumes. The guests looked round new

designs of INAX branded tiles and bathroom accessories.

INAX branded bath accessories provides a variety of choices for consumers and the latest one is ecocar: a kind of tile that can absorb vapour in case of high humidity in the room, keeping suitable humidity for health.

Those wishing to purchase INAX branded tiles and bathroom accessories may contact No. 56, Kaba Aye PGODA

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MNA

Four wild elephants visit pagodas and towns in Bago and Ayeyawady divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—In a rare incidence, a group of four wild elephants from Bago Yoma forest visited Zalun Township and Myothugyi Pagoda in Hinthada township on the west bank of Ayeyawady after crossing the river to and fro.

The four—an eleven-foot tall female elephant, two nine-foot tall elephants, one male and another female, and a four-foot tall calf—strayed into Thayawady, Letadan and Minhla townships in Bago Division beginning 4 July, and on 9 July late evening they swam across Ayeyawady River. At

about 6 am the next day, they went to Hsandan Ward in Zalun, Ayeyawady Division, from the river bank. Three hours later, they were heading to Hinthada. They were seen near Myothugyi Pagoda in Hinthada for about one and a half hour from 4 am till 5.30 am on 11 July. Afterwards, they crossed the river again to visit Tharawaw in Bago Division. They wound up their visit after touring Letpadan and Minhla townships. The four mammals arrived back home in the Bago Yoma forest safe and sound the next morning.

These giants of the

wild went to Hsandan Ward in Zalun where they visited Manaungmyin Pyidawpyan Buddha Image. They never showed any sign of violent behavior while traveling in and near the towns.

They were sometimes only 20 feet from people of the towns they visited. The four elephants visited Myothugyi Pagoda in Hinthada for one and a half hour. "They were not rampaging wild animals. They never harmed any one. They just made a happy and peaceful trip to us", local hosts said.

MNA

Insurgents set fire to three bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Subversive elements, turning a blind eye to the Government's strenuous efforts for ensuring smooth transportation across the nation, have been committing destructive acts one after another. On

21 July, insurgents set fire to three wooden bridges between Kengtung Township and Lweai Village on Kengtawng-Mongnai-Namhsam Road in Mongnai Township, Southern Shan State.

It is learnt that

Tatmadawmen from local station and engineers are preparing to repair these bridges and locals are disgusted with subversive acts of terrorists harming the stability and development of the region.

MNA

Health Minister attends 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting, 4th ASEAN+3 Health Ministers Meeting and 3rd ASEAN+ China Health Ministers Meeting, which were held in Singapore from 21 July to 23 July.

Myanmar delegation also attended East Asia Health Care Policy Dialogue held at Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on 21 July.

On 22 July, they attended informal meeting of ASEAN Health Ministers and high-ranking officials at Shangri-La Hotel. At the meeting, all ASEAN countries have reached an agreement to designate the 15 July as ASEAN Dengue Day.

The minister discussed "Healthy People, Healthy ASEAN" in 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting held at Shangri-La Hotel on 22 July. At the meeting, joint declaration of 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting was approved. They agreed to hold the 11th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in Thailand.

On 23 July, Myanmar delegation attended 4th ASEAN+3 Health Ministers Meeting and 3rd ASEAN+ China Health Ministers Meetings. At the meeting, the minister discussed potential for development of traditional medicines in ASEAN+3 health care cooperation.



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and counterparts pose for documentary photo at ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting.—HEALTH

Joint declaration on ASEAN+3 Health care services was announced. They all decided to hold 5th ASEAN+3 Health Ministers Meeting and 4th ASEAN+ China Health Ministers Meeting in Thailand.

After that, the health ministers had documentary photos taken. Myanmar delegation arrived back here yesterday.—MNA

Dy Energy Minister inspects test run of No.4 Fertilizer Factory (Myaungdagar)

YANGON, 25 July—Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay inspected the test run of No.4 Fertilizer Factory (Myaungdagar) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise in Hmawby Township here this afternoon.

At the meeting hall

of the factory, the deputy minister heard the report presented by the factory manager and officials on findings of trial run, and coordinated essentials. After that, he inspected the test running of machine parts.

Then, he proceeded

to No.1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) and inspected arrival of fuel of entrepreneurs, storage and loading and uploading. He urged the officials not to have difficulties in distributing fuel and to facilitate import and distribution of fuel by entrepreneurs.—MNA

Shine Group of Companies takes part in Housing Complex and Living Style 2010

YANGON, 25 July—Shine Group of Companies—Shine Construction and home decoration, Hyundai elevator and Kaung Myat Zaw International Co (construction materials) is taking part in Housing Complex and Living Style 2010

being held till 27 July at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U-Wisara Road here.

Shine Group of Companies is carrying out selling buildings with installment system, show

room, construction of new buildings and distribution of Hyundai (Korea) brand. For more information, contact No. 29 on ground floor of Gyophyu Condo, Gyophyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township.—MNA



Winners of Basketball Championship presented prizes

YANGON, 25 July—The final matches of Basketball Championship organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation took place along with prize-presenting ceremony at Aung San Indoor Stadium here yesterday morning.

In U-18 men's event, U-no team won first prize, K.K.S team second and A team third. Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry was the trophy winner of women's event (open), Ministry of Industry-1 (A) stood second and Home Affairs Ministry third. In men's event (open), D.G.H (Two Golden Horses Battery) won first prize, Lion secured second and Fire Wolf (A) third.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented shields and replicas to winning teams.—MNA



Director-General U Thaung Htaik presents shield to champions D.G.H basketball team in men's event.—MNA

Booth of Shine Group of Companies at Housing Complex and Living Style Exhibition 2010.

MNA

2010 Farnborough Int'l Airshow reaps \$47 bln in new orders



The RAF Blades aerobatic team, flying Extra 300 LP aircraft, perform during an air display at the Farnborough Airshow in Farnborough on 23 July, 2010.

XINHUA

LONDON, 25 July — The 2010 Farnborough International Airshow, which is held every two years in Farnborough near London, reaped 47 billion dollars in new orders, Farnborough International Limited (FIL) said on Friday.

"Orders for the show so far total 47 billion dollars (31 billion pounds) and the Airshow has welcomed 120,461 people," the company said in a news release.

Analysts said that the better-than-expected figure is a sign that the global civil aviation industry is recovering as the world economy is recovering from the worst economic crisis since the 1930s.

However, the new orders at the 2010 Farnborough International Airshow, one of the three biggest airshows in the world, didn't come close to the record-breaking 88.7 billion dollars of deals announced at Farnborough in 2008 before the global recession hit demand for both business and leisure air travel. —Xinhua



Photo taken on 22 July, 2010 shows barrels of crude oil collected during the oil spill cleanup operation off the coast of Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province. Over 1,000 fishing boats were mobilized recently to join the oil spill cleanup operation after the oil pipe explosion at Dalian Xingang Harbour. Meanwhile a lot of fishermen and volunteers also came to the shore on their own to clear up crude oil in an attempt to retrieve the beautiful beachscape of former days.—XINHUA

A forest keeper tries to extinguish a fire in Lyskovo of Nizhnij Novgorod, Russia, on 22 July, 2010. Many areas of Russia are facing forest fire alert due to high temperature and drought.

XINHUA



African leaders urged to end annual 4.5 mln child deaths

NAIROBI, 25 July—Britain-based charity group Save the Children on Friday urged African leaders to take clear actions to end the majority of the continent's annual 4.5 million child deaths and 265,000 maternal deaths.

African heads of state are due to meet in the Ugandan capital, Kampala, from Sunday to next Tuesday for the 15th African Union Summit themed

"Maternal, Infant, and Child Health and Development in Africa." "This is a critical moment for African leaders to show they will put in place the dedicated resources and health policies that will save the lives of millions of their own people," said Chikezie Anyanwu, Save the Children's Africa Advocacy Advisor.

A recent study published in the *Public Library of Science* medical journal estimated that in Africa 85 percent of maternal, newborn, and under-age-five deaths could be prevented if all mothers and their children received a full package of essential health care that includes the ability to plan and space pregnancies, skilled birth attendance, the access to emergency obstetric care, early and effective postnatal care, immunizations and treatment for pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria.

Xinhua

Two killed, two hurt when train strikes car in US

CHICAGO, 24 July—Two people were killed and two others — a mother and her 18-month-old daughter — were injured Friday morning when a Chicago-bound passenger train struck a car that went around gates at a crossing in Gary in northwest Indiana State of the United States, officials said.

The South Shore train hit the car near County Line Road and Dunes Highway in northwest Indiana at about 9:15 am, police said. The car went around the crossing gates and in front of the train. —Xinhua

Swiss rail crash kills Japanese tourist, 42 injured



A derailed carriage of the Glacier Express tourist train lies on its side near Fiesch in the southern part of Switzerland in this on 23 July, 2010 police handout picture.

XINHUA

GENEVA, 24 July—A popular Swiss tourist train carrying mainly Japanese holidaymakers derailed in the Alps on Friday, killing one and injuring 42 others, local police said.

Police would not confirm the nationality of the deceased, but Japanese news agency *Kyodo* reported that the fatality was a 64-year-old Japanese woman.

She was among 14 tourists and a guide on a eight-day tour to Switzerland organized by ANA Sales Co, said the news agency, quoting All Nippon Airways.

The group was due to return to Japan next Tuesday, said the airline. —Xinhua

Floods kill three, leave two missing in Borneo, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 25 July—Floods in Eastern Kalimantan or Borneo in eastern parts of Indonesia have killed three people and left two others missing, a rescuer said on Sunday.

The rescuer in the scene named only Wasino told *Xinhua* over a phone that the rescuers found two dead bodies on Saturday and another on Sunday after floods hit Tanah Lao District. "Now we search two others who went to missing," he said, adding rain has hampered the rescue of the victims. "We will take a break for a while and will continue searching after the rain stop," said Wasino.

Consecutive heavy rains are the main reason for the floods, which has started since Saturday, he said.

Xinhua

Quake strikes off Tonga, Samoa; no damage reported

CANBERRA, 25 July—The US Geological Survey says an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6 has struck the South Pacific off the coasts of Tonga, Samoa and American Samoa.

There have been no reports of damage and no tsunami was triggered. The quake struck Sunday afternoon and was centered at sea 147 miles (237 kilometers) southwest of Apia in Samoa and 252 miles (405 kilometers) north of Neiafu in Tonga. It was at a depth of 25 miles (41 kilometers).

Residents of Apia and Neiafu told *The Associated Press* that they didn't notice it. A magnitude 8 earthquake close to Samoa on 29 Sept killed 34 people in American Samoa, 183 in Samoa and nine in Tonga, when tsunami waves up to 46 feet (14 metres) high crashed ashore.

Internet



Passengers wait in Xi'an railway station in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 24 July, 2010.

Railway services in the Shaanxi section of Longhai Railway resumed on Saturday morning after being disrupted by rain-triggered landslide on Friday evening. —XINHUA

Heavy rain kill at least six in India

NEW DELHI, 25 July—Heavy rain Saturday wreaked havoc in various parts of India, particularly the northern part, killing at least six people, said local officials.

The southwest monsoon was active in Bihar, northern India, where three children drowned in flash flood.

Also it showed fury in Gujarat, Orissa, Haryana, Konkan, Goa and central Maharashtra across the country. The highway between Bijnor, Delhi and Meerut is submerged under two-and-a-half feet of water, bringing traffic to a halt.

Many rivers across the country breached their banks, including the Malan river which changed its course and flooded the highway.

Incessant rain particularly wreaked havoc in Uttar Pradesh where three more people lost their lives in rain-related incidents.

Xinhua

Peru seizes drugs worth 15 mln USD

LIMA, 25 July— The Peruvian National Police said Friday it has seized 250,000 ecstasy pills and 100 kg of cocaine here, with a street value of 15 million US dollars.

The seizure was made Thursday in a house in the San Martin de Porres District of Lima. The ecstasy pills, valued at 5 million dollars, were hidden in plastic bags inside five suitcases, and the high-purity cocaine, worth 10 million dollars, was stored inside plastic bottles.

Six people were also arrested. They were members of an international drug-dealing network. The house was the centre for their drug collection, according to a preliminary report of the police.

Peru has more than 56,000 hectares of coca leaves, the main material for producing cocaine. It is estimated some 300 tons of cocaine are processed in Peru each year, but police confiscate only an average of 10 percent. —Xinhua

Dutch court fines firm over Ivory Coast toxic waste



French experts in treating toxic waste inspect the dump in Akouedo, Ivory Coast.

INTERNET

AMSTERDAM, 25 July —A Dutch court Friday slapped a one million euro fine on multinational shipping company Trafigura for illegally exporting toxic waste to Ivory Coast that the West African nation says killed 17 people. "The court sentences Trafigura to a fine of one million euros", equivalent to 1.3 million dollars, presiding judge Frans Bauduin said as he found the company guilty

of breaking European waste export laws. Switzerland-based Trafigura said it was disappointed by the ruling in the Amsterdam district court, its first court sanction for the events in Ivory Coast, and would consider an appeal.

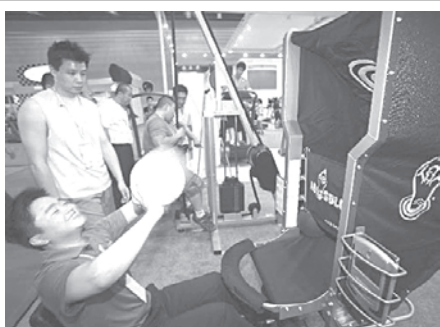
It was also found guilty of concealing what the charge sheet referred to as the "harmful nature" of the waste on board the Probo Koala ship that arrived at the port of Amsterdam in July 2006 but was redirected to the Ivory Coast.

Trafigura "exported the waste to the state (Ivory Coast) without having done a thorough analysis of the port city of Abidjan's capacity to process the waste in a responsible way," said the judge.

Internet

A visitor experiences a basketball shoot equipment during the 2010 China Fitness at the National Convention Centre in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 July, 2010. The 3-day China Fitness, with the exhibition area of 12,000 square metres, kicked off in Beijing on Friday.

XINHUA



Indian air force Mig-27 fighter crash kills one, injures 25

JALPAIGURI, 25 July—A Mig-27 fighter jet of the Indian Air Force crashed in a field on Saturday, killing one person on the ground and injuring 25 others, police said.

B Rai, a farmer who was cultivating his field at that time, was killed when the Mig fighter crashed.

The incident took place at Bhotputti village in Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal state in east India.

Xinhua

Canadian Forces F-18 Hornet fighter jet crashes in Alberta



Pilot Capt Brian Bews parachutes to safety as his a CF-18 fighter jet crashes and explodes during a practice flight at the Lethbridge County Airport on 23 July, 2010 for the weekend airshow in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

XINHUA

VANCOUVER, 25 July— A Canadian Forces F-18 Hornet fighter jet crashed Friday afternoon during a practice session for an air show in the western province of Alberta. A spokeswoman for the Canadian Forces said the pilot "successfully ejected" before the crash which took place at about 12:15 pm local time at the Lethbridge county airport in the southwest part of the Province. "At this point, as far as we know, there are no other injuries," said Captain Kendrah Allison of the Canadian Forces in Ottawa. "It was during a practice session for the Alberta International Airshow."

Xinhua

Chopper crashes in Japan's Saitama Prefecture, 5 survives

TOKYO, 25 July—Five people were found alive after a rescue helicopter with seven people aboard crashed into a mountain Sunday in the central Japanese prefecture of Saitama, Kyodo News reported.

The chopper was on the way to rescue a member of a nine-climber party on the mountain when it crashed into the mountain some 3 km southwest of the Karisaka tunnel on the national highway Route 140 around 11:10 am (0210 GMT), said the report.

The helicopter did not burst into flame and is still smoldering, it said, citing the land ministry.

The seven people on board the helicopter include a pilot, a co-pilot, three aviation security officers of the prefectural government and two rescue operators from the local fire department, according to the local government.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO(525)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO (525) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 26.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Swiss boy dies in Spain sand tunnel collapse

BARCELONA, 25 July—A 12-year-old Swiss boy died after a tunnel he dug with his two brothers in sand dunes at a Spanish beach collapsed around him. Paramedics tried but failed to resuscitate the boy after he was pulled out of the sand at the beach at Castello d'Empuries on Friday afternoon, Mayor Salvi Guell told *Catalunya Radio*.

"Sometimes children do not notice the limit between fun and risk, and it is adults who should be on the lookout," he said. The boy, whose identity was not revealed, was on holiday with his family at the beach, 125 kilometres north of Barcelona, near the border with France.

His two brothers, aged eight and 13, did not immediately notice that the tunnel collapsed and it was a lifeguard on duty at the beach who first sounded the alarm, police said. The Castello d'Empuries beach, popular with windsurfers, has huge dunes which are created by strong winds that regularly blow in the area.—*Internet*

Egypt confirms new human case of bird flu

CAIRO, 25 July—Egyptian authorities confirmed on Saturday new H5N1 case bringing to 110 the total number of infections by the avian flu among humans in the most-populated Arab nation. Abdel Rahman Shaheen, spokesman for the Egyptian Ministry of Health, said in a press statement released by state-run *MENA* news agency that the new case is for a 20-year-old woman.

The young woman was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday. Her health condition is critical, the spokesman said without elaboration. Egypt is the most affected country by the virus outside Asia.

Xinhua

18 killed in landslide in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 25 July—A Landslide happened in eastern Pulau Buru (Buru island) of Maluku Province in eastern parts of Indonesia has killed 18 people, spokesman of the Disaster Management Agency Priyadi Kardono said here on Sunday.

Heavy rains triggered soil in a hill fell down and hit scores of houses in the island on Friday, the spokesman said. "All the bodies of the 18 has been evacuated," he told *Xinhua* over phone.

Landslide occurred frequently in Indonesia during the wet season from April to December.

Lacking of forest-covered areas is the main reason for the landslide in the archipelago country.

Xinhua



Cyclists prepare to depart for Just Giver for Parkinson's event in Vancouver's Stanley Park, Canada, on 24 July, 2010.—XINHUA



Anglian Water thinks a thief may be stealing the water supply of a Suffolk village.—INTERNET

Floods close Chicago interstate, damage Iowa dam

CHICAGO, 25 July—Standing water on Chicago-area expressways turned what should have been an easy Saturday morning drive into a soggy, snarled mess after heavy rains across the Midwest closed roads, stranded residents and punched a hole through an Iowa dam.

In Chicago, officials say more than 7 inches of rain fell early Saturday, inundating the sewer system and overwhelming water-

ways. Water covered portions of several Chicago interstates and the commuter train tracks that run along them, leading crews to divert traffic and call in bus shuttles.

Internet



Maquoketa River water gushes out of the Delhi Dam as areas surrounding the Maquoketa River continue to flood on 24 July, 2010 in Delhi, Iowa.

INTERNET

Cyclists climb mountains in Parkinson's fight

VANCOUVER, 25 July — A group of British Columbia-based cyclists embarked Saturday from Vancouver on the first leg of a 10-day journey aimed at raising awareness and funding to battle Parkinson's disease. In sort of a mini Tour de France with a course that covers 10 stages and 1,300 kilometres around the western province, the 12 riders, each clad in the "Just Giver for Parkinson's 2010" team kit, are undertaking the first stage, a 135-kilometre ride to Whistler.

In the severely mountainous province bordered by the Pacific Coast range in the west and the Rocky Mountains to the east, Kelly Jablonski, the event's co-founder, likened the tour's difficulty to riding through Europe's famed Alps on a daily basis. Overall, the cyclists will climb about 15,000 meters over the 10 stages — the longest covering 188 kilometres. "Most of us ride at a pretty elite level. We want to challenge ourselves and raised funds and awareness along the way. British Columbia's kind of the perfect scenic route for really elite cycling," said the five year veteran of the event.—*Xinhua*

Village may have a water thief

INGHAM, 25 July — The mysterious disappearance of gallons of water from a village's supply is being investigated by Anglian Water. Residents of Ingham, in Suffolk, have complained that showers and taps suddenly run dry and they have no water for up to 45 minutes at a time without any warning.

The water company said it believes a thief is tapping into the supply and has launched an investigation. Keith Boswell, the vice chairman of Ingham Parish Council, said the problem has been going on for several weeks. Some residents have called out plumbers after the sudden drop then rise in pressure affected their combi boilers, he said, while others have complained about dirty water when the sup-

ply returns.

"I was watering my tomato plants and halfway through it just stopped," Mr Boswell said. Mr Boswell said many people in the village had contacted Anglian Water and were disappointed that nobody from the company had attended a parish council meeting last week to discuss the problem although the company is due to meet some residents next week. "We have only 150 houses in a small village and really we are not big enough to be annoying," he said.

Mr Boswell said he was curious about Anglian Water's claim that someone was stealing large quantities of water. "The fire brigade takes water from the same main and it has no effect," he said.—*Internet*

Phone a friend saves cliff fall man

HAYLE, 25 July — Phoning a friend proved to be a lifeline for a man who fell down a cliff. The injured man did not know his exact location near Hayle, Cornwall, but his quick-thinking friend called 999. Two lifeboats spotted him on a ledge at Black Cliff and alerted coastguard teams on land.

They prevented him from falling any further until a helicopter from nearby Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose could airlift him safely. He was taken to the Royal Cornwall Hospital, in Truro. A spokesman for Falmouth Coastguard said the man had fallen about 15ft (4.6m).—*Internet*

Professor returns from vacation, gets 'foiled'

A science professor at Gustavus Adolphus College left for a week's vacation this summer and returned to a shiny office. Very shiny Professor Scott Bur's students had covered his office in aluminum foil. Computer screen, chairs, the ceiling, the floor—all covered in foil. Books and pens were individually wrapped, so was the phone, a ball cap, a bottle and the coffee maker.

Bur said it's a sort of tradition among his research group. He goes on vacation and when he comes back there's something.

That last time it happened, his office was decorated for a fairy princess. Pink fabric and bows covered everything. The pink glow from the office could be seen across campus.



In this 22 July, 2010 photo, Gustavus Adolphus professor Scott Bur works in his aluminized office in St. Peter, Minn. Students slipped into the chemistry professor's office while he was on vacation and as a prank, covered everything right down to pens and even his coffee pot cord with aluminum foil.

Colo bear toots horn, takes car on short joyride



This photo provided by Ben Story shows a bear inside Story's car early morning on 23 July, 2010, in Larkspur, Colo.

A bear got into an empty car, honked the horn and then sent it rolling 125 feet into a thicket, with the bear still inside, a Colorado family said.

Seventeen-year-old Ben Story said he and his family were asleep in their Larkspur home, 30 miles south of Denver, when the bear managed to open the unlocked door of his 2008 Toyota Corolla early Friday and climbed inside.

A peanut butter sandwich left on the back seat is probably what attracted the bear, Story said.

It's not unusual for bears to open unlocked doors to cars and houses in search of food, said Tyler Baskfield, a spokesman for the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

"It happens all the time," he said. "They're very smart."

Gaza children bounce balls in Guinness record bid

The top UN aid official in Gaza says more than 7,000 children in the Palestinian territory have simultaneously dribbled basketballs for five minutes in an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records.

The event took place on a bombed-out airport runway near the southern Gaza town of Rafah.

Local UN chief John Ging says he expects to know in a few days if the children set the record. To do so, they must beat a 2007 record set in Indiana. The event was part of the UN's summer camps for about 250,000 Gaza children.



Thousands of Palestinian children throw basketballs to the air to celebrate their attempt to break the world record for the number of basketballs bounced simultaneously, Gaza Strip, on 22 July, 2010.



A model wearing a creation by Bolivian fashion designer Marion Macedo poses for a photograph in La Paz on 23 July, 2010. Macedo's designs are made out of paper and recycled materials.

**News
Album**

One arrested in scuffle at Comic-Con in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, 25 July— Authorities say a man was arrested at Comic-Con in San Diego for injuring another man with a pen amid a crowd of thousands awaiting a film preview.

Police Officer David Stafford says the two men got into an argument over sitting too close to each other. He says one man was struck with a pen and hospitalized with a minor cut around his eyelid, the other was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Convention-goers were awaiting previews and panel discussions for the films "Paul" and "Cowboys and Aliens."

The disturbance delayed the presentations for about 45 minutes. The men's names and ages have not been released.

Stafford says such incidents have been very rare at Comic-Con, San Diego's annual sci-fi and comic book convention.—Internet

Harry Potter preview draws big crowd at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO, 25 July— Beloved boy wizard Harry Potter comes face to face with Voldemort in the first cinematic installment of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Actor Tom Felton shared an exclusive clip of the forthcoming film Saturday with about 6,000 convention-goers at Comic-Con. Many of them camped out



Actor Tom Felton arrives at sneak peek of a trailer for his feature film 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1' at Comic Con in San Diego.—INTERNET

overnight for a chance to see the footage.

The clip showed Potter and his pals navigating a dark world after Voldemort and his minions overtake the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts. It introduced Bill Nighy in his role as Rufus Scrimgeour and hinted at a confrontation between Harry and Ron Weasley.

Internet



Photographers line up to get photos of a group of fans dressed as super heroes at Comic-Con International on 24 July, 2010 in San Diego.

INTERNET

Chinese film "Kill Paul Octopus" set for August release

BEIJING, 25 July— The Chinese comic suspense film "Kill Paul Octopus," about the well-known German psychic octopus known for his precognitive abilities will open in China in August, ifeng.com reports.

The film was shot simultaneously with the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. The cast has returned to Beijing to shoot the domestic scenes.

The film was originally named as "Ran Qing Shi Jie Bei" (The Legend

of World Cup), but director Xiao Jiang changed the name when an octopus in Germany named Paul predicted the results of several football matches.

"We planned several topics to shoot about, like black horses, prediction results, gambling, misjudges, terrorism and football hooligans. And we chose to shoot the prediction results when the amazing prophet Paul appeared," said Xiao Jiang.—Xinhua

Mano Menezes named as new Brazil's coach



Mano Menezes, pictured in Sao Paulo, was on Saturday named as Brazil's new coach.

INTERNET

BRASILIA, 25 July—Mano Menezes was on Saturday named as Brazil's new coach, succeeding Dunga, who was axed after the team were knocked out of the World Cup at the quarter-final stage.

The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) had said earlier on Saturday that they had offered Corinthians coach Menezes the chance to lead Brazil to the 2014 World Cup, which is being playing on home soil.

"I have the honour to inform you that I was approached by the Brazilian Football Confederation to take over the post of national team coach," 48-year-old Menezes told a news conference at the Sao Paulo headquarters of Corinthians.

"I have come here to officially confirm that I have accepted the offer."

Internet

Big-spending City sign Kolarov from Lazio

MANCHESTER, 25 July—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini continued his pre-season spending spree by signing Serbia defender Aleksandar Kolarov from Lazio on Saturday.

Mancini had been keen on Kolarov for several months and completed a deal for the highly-rated left-back after Lazio accepted an offer of around 19 million pounds.

Kolarov, 24, had already been granted a work permit and put pen to paper on a five-year contract after passing a medical.

"I'm very excited to be at a great club like Manchester City. Even the training ground is fantastic, better than Lazio's," the Serbian told the club's official website.

Internet



Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini continued his pre-season spending spree by signing Serbia defender.—INTERNET

Jovanovic loses on Liverpool debut

LONDON, 25 July—Serbian forward Milan Jovanovic made his Liverpool debut on Saturday, as a young Reds team fell to a 1-0 defeat in a pre-season friendly at Kaiserslautern.

Jovanovic, who joined on a free transfer from Standard Liege and represented his country at the World Cup, played the first 45 minutes before being withdrawn by new coach Roy Hodgson.

Ilian Micanski's close-range tap-in was enough

to secure victory for the newly promoted Bundesliga side.

Meanwhile, Liverpool's city rivals Everton enjoyed a 3-0 win at Championship team Preston North End.

New signing Jermain Beckford scored twice after coming off the bench, while French striker Louis Saha was also on target with a fine low drive.

Elsewhere, Aston Villa lost 2-1 at Irish side Bohemians, Bolton drew 1-1 at local rivals

Rochdale and Turkey international Tuncay claimed a hat-trick as Stoke thrashed non-league Newcastle Town 6-0.—Internet



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INTERNET

Manchester City's new signing Yaya Toure claims he rejected an offer from Manchester United.—INTERNET

Toure snubbed United to play with his brother

LONDON, 25 July—Manchester City's new signing Yaya Toure claims he rejected an offer from Manchester United because he wanted to hold out for the chance to play alongside his brother Kolo. Toure ignored United's attempt to sign him last year and opted to spend one more year at Barcelona in the hope that City would make a bid to take him to Eastlands, where Kolo Toure had just moved from Arsenal.

The Ivory Coast midfielder got his wish earlier this month as City agreed a 25 million pounds deal with Barca that will see Toure earn around 185,000 pounds a week - making him the highest paid player in the Premier League.—Internet



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Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Fish hooks Roddick at Atlanta tennis championship



Mardy Fish returns a backhand to Andy Roddick during the semifinals of the Atlanta Tennis Championships.—INTERNET

ATLANTA, 25 July—Mardy Fish shocked top seed and good friend Andy Roddick 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 at the ATP Atlanta Championship to reach his third final in his past four starts.

Over the past six weeks dating to Queen's, the revitalized Fish - who lost 15 kilograms last autumn and streamlined his game as he recovered from knee surgery - has contested the Queen's final and won this month on Newport grass.

Internet

Sunderland sign Argentine defender Angeleri

SUNDERLAND, 25 July—English Premier League side Sunderland on Saturday signed Argentinian international full-back Marcos Angeleri from Estudiantes on a three-year deal.

The 27-year-old is manager Steve Bruce's fifth summer capture following the acquisitions of Titus Bramble, Simon Mignolet, Cristian Riveros and Ahmed Al-Muhammadi.

"Marcos is a strong, powerful defender and will add depth to the squad," said Bruce.

Angeleri began his career at Estudiantes in 2002 and has played 175 times for the 2009 Copa Libertadores champions.—Internet



English Premier League side Sunderland on Saturday signed Argentinian international full-back Marcos Angeleri.—INTERNET

Kyle Busch rolls to 8th Nationwide win of season

CLERMONT, 25 July—Carl Edwards and Brad Keselowski kept it clean.

Kyle Busch kept on winning. Busch held off Edwards on a late restart to win the NASCAR Nationwide race at O'Reilly Raceway Park on Saturday night, collecting his eighth victory of the season while sending a friendly reminder about who drives the dominant car in NASCAR's No. 2 series.

Busch led 144 laps and had just enough at the end to fend off Edwards, who wasn't about to send Busch into the wall a week after punting Keselowski on the final lap in St Louis, a move that forced NASCAR officials to dock him 60 points and fine him \$25,000.—Internet

Dean Wilson leads Canadian Open

TORONTO, 25 July—Dean Wilson is taking full advantage of a sponsor exemption — and his long friendship with Canadian star Mike Weir.

Relying on his past champion status to get into tournaments after finishing 152nd last year on the PGA Tour money list, the 40-year-old Wilson — Weir's teammate at BYU — received a sponsor exemption into the Canadian Open.

"I really appreciate that," Wilson said Saturday after shooting his third straight 5-under 65 to take a four-stroke lead



Dean Wilson pumps his fist after making birdie on the 18th hole during third round action at the 2010.—INTERNET

over record-setting Carl Pettersson, Tim Clark and Bob Estes at rainy St George's.

Internet



Participants compete in a hand wrestling competition held in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 25 July, 2010.

XINHUA

Amazon dolphins being killed off

BRASILIA, 25 July—The pink dolphins of the Amazon are threatened with extinction from Brazilian fisherman killing them to use their flesh as bait, scientists say.

Researchers estimate 1,500 dolphins are being killed every year in the western Amazon to drive a lucrative trade in catfish, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Saturday.

Using the flesh from just one killed dolphin as bait, fishermen can catch up to 1,000 pounds of catfish worth almost \$500, nearly double Brazil's monthly minimum wage.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (26-7-2010) (Monday)

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Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (26-7-10 09:30 am ~ 27-7-10 09:30 am) MST

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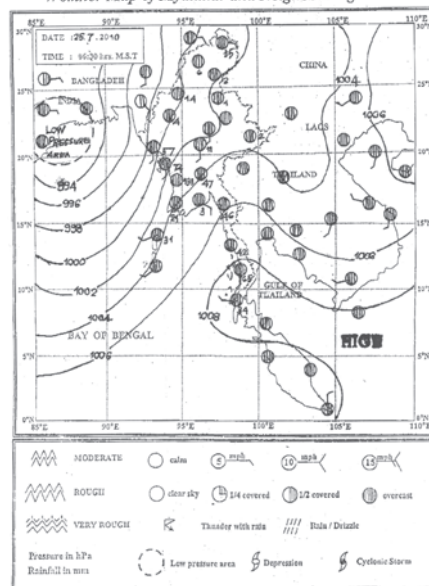
Local Transmission

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- * Music Gallery
- * News
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- * News
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- * Buddha's Day in Rural Way
- * Myanmar Movie "A Monk's Single Meal"
- * Daily Code and Conduct

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 25th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division and isolated heavy falls in Kayin State and Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (5.94) inches, Launglon (5.63) inches, Manaung (4.37) inches, Taungup (3.98) inches, Maungtaw (3.78) inches, Ye (3.74) inches, Kyaukpau (3.62) inches, Paung (3.54) inches, Kyeikmaraw (3.51) inches and Dawei and Kyeikkhame (3.31) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 24-7-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 25-7-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-7-2010 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 24-7-2010 was (3.7) hours.

Rainfall on 25-7-2010 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (38.38) inches at Mingaladon, (44.21) inches at Kaba-Aye and (52.56) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 24-7-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observation at (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway 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 Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 26 July View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိသတ် တရားတော် -ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါဒ်သန္တိပဋိတော်
- 7:30 am
2. Morning News
- 7:40 am
3. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
- 7:45 am
4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့(အဖွဲ့ဝင်) ပဲခူးတိုင်း

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8:15 am

5. Religious Song
- 8:40 am
6. International News
- 8:45 am
7. Islands Of Dhamma
- 8:50 am

8. ခေါက်တာဘဒ္ဒန္တကုမာရာဘိဝံသ (အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကအဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) ဥက္ကဋ္ဌဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့ဝင်မင်းကျောင်းတိုက် မဟာအောင်မြေမြို့နယ်၊ မန္တလေးတိုင်းတံခွန်ဝင်ဥပေါသထသီလခံလှ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာနဆွေမ

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4:40 pm

3. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်ခြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

4:50 pm

4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

5. ဝါဆိုလတွဲတေးများ
- 5:05 pm
6. ဝါဆိုမိုးဆန်းကန်တော့ပန်း (တိပိဋကနိကာယပညာကော အနုပညာအဖွဲ့)

5:15 pm

7. စစ်ကိုင်းဂုဏ်တင် ဆွမ်းဦးပူဇော်

5:30 pm

8. မြန်မာတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. မြေကမ္ဘာမှတ်တမ်း

6:30 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မဟာဆန်သွေး... ကိုယ်ချစ်သူ"

(အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. တို့လက်တွေတွဲတေး

(Mဆိုင်း၊

တေးရေး-စိုးသီလ

(ရောင်စဉ်လွှင့်))

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်"

(ဒုတိယတွဲ)(အပိုင်း-၁၂)

19. သုခုမရင်ပြင်

20. သီတဂူဆရာတော်

ခေါက်တာဉာဏိသရဇ်

ဓမ္မစကြာတရားတော်

21. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်

ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်

မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘဝနာ

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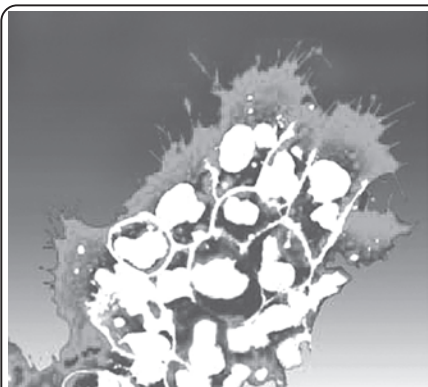
- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ 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



Cells' grouping tactic points to new cancer treatments

SCIENCE DAILY, 25 July — The mechanism that cells use to group together and move around the body has been discovered by scientists at UCL — a finding that has implications for the development of new cancer treatments.

The study, which used embryonic cells, points to a new way of treating cancer where therapy is targeted at the process of cancer cells grouping together. The aim is to stop cancer cells from spreading and causing secondary tumours.—Internet

This is a cluster of neural crest cells, where the protrusions can be seen at the border of the cluster.

Can chaos theory help predict heart attacks?

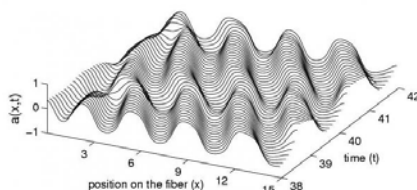
SCIENCE DAILY, 23 July — Chaos models may someday help model cardiac arrhythmias — abnormal electrical rhythms of the heart, say researchers in the journal Chaos, published by the American Institute of Physics.

In recent years, medical research has drawn more attention to chaos in cardiac dynamics. Although chaos marks the disorder of a dynamical system, locating the origin of chaos and watching it develop might allow researchers to predict, and maybe even counteract, certain outcomes.

An important example is the chaotic behavior of ventricular fibrillation, a severely abnormal heart rhythm that is often life-threatening. One study found chaos in two and three dimensions in the breakup of spiral and scroll waves, thought to be precursors of cardiac fibrillation. Another study found that one type of heartbeat irregularity, a sudden response of the heart to rapid beating called "spatially discordant

alternans," leads to chaotic behavior and thus is a possible predictor of a fatal heart attack.

Mathematicians Shu Dai at Ohio State University and David Schaeffer at Duke University have built on this work to find another chaotic solution to an equation for alternans along a one-dimensional fiber of cardiac tissue with stimuli applied at one end. Assigning extreme parameter values to the model, the team was able to find chaotic behavior in space over time. The resulting chaos may have a unique origin, which has not yet been identified.—Internet



A space-time plot of the alternans along a cardiac fiber is a solution to the Echebarría-Karma equation.—INTERNET

Moderate earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — A moderate earthquake of intensity (4.2) Richter Scale, with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 30 miles south-west of Patheingyi) about 100 miles south-west of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (29) min (28) sec M.S.T today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Ayeyek Library in Bilin Township opens new building

BILIN, 25 July — The new building of Ayeyek Library in Win Pyan Village in Bilin Township of Thaton District was opened along with the publication and cash donation ceremony.

Chairman of Bilin Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Oo, Staff Officer Daw Nan Kyi Sein, District Information and Public Relations Department and Chairman of Library Committee U Saw Nyunt Shwe formally opened the new library building.

Assistant Director U Chit Maung of Administration Division of IPRD (Headquarters) presented books donated by Rural Library Foundation and well-wishers donated books and cash through officials.

Township IPRD