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Pagodas, monasteries teeming with devotees doing meritorious deeds on Dhammacakka Day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—On Dhammacakka Day Waso-robe offering ceremonies were held on a grand scale in pagodas, monasteries and prayer halls across the nation today.

Nay Pyi Taw District Peace and Development Council and Uppatasanti Pagoda board of trustees co-organized the second Waso-robe offering ceremony to the pagoda, the offering of Waso robes to members of the Sangha, and non-stop recitation of pathhana inside the cave of the pagoda here this morning.

Members of the Sangha recited metta partitas. The congregation offered robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Abbot of Paukmyaing monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Janinda

delivered a sermon. The guests shared the merits gained for the donation.

Religious associations of ministries here, regiments and units, districts and townships recited Dhammacakka religious verses. The pagoda was thronged with pilgrims till at night.

Dhatucaya Datpaungzu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Bawgaethekdi Ward, Phayakoesu, Koekhangyi Pagoda and Loka Marajin Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana were also crowded with visitors doing meritorious deeds: offering dawn meals, lights, flowers and water to the pagodas, observing precepts, and performing meditation.

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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

Information sector opens new chapter

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

On a holiday recently, I watched a TV documentary programme about Pyadalin caves in Myanmar International (MI) Channel. At first, I intended to watch the programme just for a moment. But, I lost myself in the programme featuring a variety of interesting scenes from beginning to end. The pictures on the walls of the caves suggest that people lived in the land of Myanmar in the Stone Age, and the race of Myanmar originated in the land at the beginning of the Earth. The natural stalactites in the cave are so beautiful and various that even professional sculptors may find it very difficult to paint their portrait. The lighting system inside the cave is very good. So, it can be deduced from the facts that the people of the Stone Age in the land of Myanmar, or our long-past ancestors, were intelligent enough to seek their security and harmony with the environment. I am

glad to learn that there has been a TV channel that helps add further reputation to Myanmar with its people's nationalistic fervour, vigour, culture, customs, its impressive geographical features and rich natural resources. That is Myanmar International (MI) Channel presented by the Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information.

Today, anti-government elements at home and abroad are manufacturing fabricated news with the intention of tarnishing the image of Myanmar. Certain foreign radio stations entertain and exaggerate the distorted news stories to further exacerbate the conditions. So, that may somewhat mislead those without much knowledge of Myanmar into misunderstanding the conditions. The MI Channel is designed to inform international view-

ers that Myanmar is a peaceful, pleasant land with long history of cultural heritage; Myanmar people are friendly to others; and that they are hypersensitive to colonialists and invaders, but highly hospitable to their friends and acquaintances.

The MRTV launched its TV broadcasting in 1980. In the first phase, it aired the programmes with a single 10 KW transmitter. In 1984, as the second phase, it put into service nine 10-KW transmitters, one 1-KW transmitter, four 100-W transmitter, and one 20-W transmitter in broadcasting its programmes. In 1988, the nation had only 15 TV retransmitting stations, but now the number has increased to 216 covering 91.72 % of the nation's population.

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The launching of Myanmar International Channel in progress on 31 March 2010.



PERSPECTIVES

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Utilize advanced agricultural methods

With the aim of improving the agricultural sector, the government is taking a wide range of measures such as reclaiming vacant lands, providing advanced agricultural methods, high-yield quality strains of crops and fertilizers, supplying irrigation water, rendering assistance for mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns, and providing effective encouragement for boosting production of the 10 major crops.

In addition, the government is implementing the rural development programmes — smooth transport, supply of adequate irrigation water, high education standard, better health care and rural economic growth — it has laid down for development of rural areas, home to farmers.

In Myanmar, farmlands are of two types: rain-fed and irrigated farmlands. Now, double- and triple-cropping patterns are being launched extensively in all farmlands.

Paddy is the major crop in Myanmar. So, sown acreage of paddy is larger than that of any other crop. Boosting per acre yield of paddy is on target, and other crops are grown on a wider scale. Having easy access to advanced agricultural methods, farmers work hard for boosting production and ensuring quality crops.

With great success in the agricultural sector, the government is boosting production of agricultural machinery and tools to transform the nation from traditional to mechanized farming. Farmers are urged to more effectively utilize advanced agricultural methods for State's economic growth and improving their socio-economic status.

Supercool tyres at Housing and Living 2010

Supercool



Booth of Supercool tyre at Housing and Living Exhibition 2010.

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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

Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander attends monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the monsoon tree-planting ceremony in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District here on 24 July.

The ceremony was also attended by senior military officers, commanding officers, Tatmadawmen and their families, and officials.

The commander and officials presented saplings and planted mango saplings. He later viewed and encouraged



the participation of the Tatmadawmen and their families.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin plants a mango sapling at monsoon tree planting ceremony.—MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Laos



Myanmar delegation led by Director-General U Thaung Htaik seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Laos.—SPED

YANGON, 26 July—At the invitation of Olympic Committee of

Laos, Myanmar delegation led by General Secretary of Myanmar

Olympic Committee (MOC) Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports

and Physical Education Department left here for Vientiane of Laos today.

The director-general was accompanied by member of MOC, vice president of Asian Archery Federation (AAF), Chairman of Myanmar Swimming Federation Dr Khin Shwe, deputy director-general U Naw Taung of Sports and Physical Education Department, director U Tun Myint Oo and Joint Secretary of MOC U Khin Maung Lwin.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials from MOC and Ministry of Sports.

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YANGON, 26 July—As Housing and Living 2010 is going on for the third day, Aureum Palace Hotels-Resorts under Htoo Groups of Companies is selling foods and drinks to visitors at reasonable price.

Supercool tyres

distributed by Kyi Brothers Co Ltd are also on display at the exhibition.

The company repair worn treads of damaged tyres and produce retreated tyres, hiring foreigner supervisors.

The contact

addresses are the factory at No. 170, U Tayokegyi Street, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone (4), here, Ph; 728351, 685144 and 685778, Yangon Showroom at No. Za/19, front of Bayintnaung Market, Bayintnaung Brokerage Street, Ph; 681794,

Mandalay Showroom at No. 16, 36th Street, between 82nd and 83rd Street, Ph: 09-8516016, No. 14 Zaycho Express Terminal in Mawlamyine, Ph: 09-870177, No. 57/B, Thun Pagoda Street, Bago, Ph: 09-5140695.

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Militancy, conflicts claim 270 lives in Afghanistan over past week

KABUL, 26 July—Continued Taliban-led militancy and conflicts in the war-plagued Afghanistan have claimed the lives of 270 people including 205 Taliban militants, 21 civilians and 44 police over the past one week, spokesman for Interior Ministry Zamarai Bashari said on Sunday.

"Some 188 terrorist attacks took place all over the country with

majority of them in the shapes of roadside bombings and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks over the past one week but the number of attacks unfortunately shows 12 percent increase than the previous week," Bashari told a weekly press briefing here.

He said the incidents left 21 innocent civilians dead and injured 95 others, adding 69 more

policemen were injured in the incidents.

Xinhua

File photo shows a victim of a blast is carried away from the site in Kabul in 2009.

XINHUA



Helicopter crashes in Afghan capital Kabul

KABUL, 26 July—A helicopter on Monday morning crashed in eastern part of Afghan capital Kabul, Defence Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi said.

"A helicopter crashed in Pul-e-Charkhi area east of capital city Kabul," Azimi told Xinhua.

However, he added that the chopper belongs to NATO-led troops and there is no casualty.

The incident occurred during landing time, he further said.

NATO-led troops has yet to make comment.

This is the second helicopter crashed in Afghanistan since beginning of July.

In the previous helicopter crash which took place outside Helmand provincial capital Lashkar Gah on last Thursday two NATO soldiers were killed.

Xinhua

26 killed in Afghan bus crash

KANDAHAR, 26 July—A speeding bus flipped over on Monday in southern Afghanistan, killing 26 people who were on board, Afghan police said.

The bus ran off the road in Daman District south of Kandahar city just after dawn and flipped over, said the head of traffic police for the province, Mohammadullah Khan. Along with 26 killed there were two people injured, Khan said. He did not say how many people were in the bus.

The bus was heading toward the capital of Kabul and was driving well over normal speeds, Khan said.

In the east, meanwhile, a unit of Afghan army commandos retook a remote but volatile area of Nuristan Province that has changed between government hands and militants multiple times in recent months, the Defence Ministry said.

The commandos dropped into Barg-e-Matal District from helicopters and recaptured the area. The militants set fire to the district headquarters building before fleeing, the ministry said in a statement. There were no details about casualties but the ministry said it believed the militants had suffered losses.

Internet

Three killed, 15 wounded in Arabiyah TV bombing in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 26 July—Three people were killed and 15 others wounded in the suicide car bomb explosion outside the office of Dubai-based al-Arabiya TV in western Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Our latest reports said that three people were killed and 15 others wounded," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The attack took place at about local time 9:20 am (0620 GMT) when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden vehicle outside the office of al-Arabiya in al-Harthyah District, said the source.

The blast left a crater of two to three metres outside the office which was almost totally damaged by the powerful blast, added the source.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene while ambulances were evacuating the victims who were some employees inside the office and some guards at the entrance, the source said without giving further details.

Violence and some high-profile attacks are still common in Iraqi cities more than four months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.—Xinhua



Smoke billows after a suicide car bomb exploded near the Al-Arabiya TV channel's office in central Baghdad on 26 July, 2010.

INTERNET

Afghan rocket attack kills 40-45 civilians



An Afghan man stands near his wounded child at a hospital in Kandahar city. A rocket attack on a village in southern Afghanistan killed up to 45 civilians, a spokesman for Afghan President Hamid Karzai said on Monday.

INTERNET

KABUL, 26 July—A rocket attack on an Afghan village killed up to 45 civilians, a spokesman for President Hamid Karzai said on Monday, as leaked documents laid bare the civilian toll of the US-led war.

Women and children were among the dead. An investigation is underway to determine who was responsible for the strike. "A rocket was launched. It hit a civilian house where many people sought refuge (and) 40 to 45 people were killed," Waheed Omar said, referring to a reported attack in the Sangin district of Helmand Province on Friday.

Asked if the attack was carried out by NATO forces, Omar said: "We will have to wait for the final report."

Karzai ordered the National Security Council to investigate the incident, Sediq Sediqqi, head of media relations at the presidency, said earlier.

The dead included women and children, he said.—Internet

Over 100 shops catch fire following two blasts in Quetta, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 July—Over 100 shops caught fire following two gas cylinder explosions late Sunday night in Pakistan's southwest city of Quetta, sources told Xinhua.

One explosion took place at a market while the other was close to a gas station.

About ten fire engines rushed to the scene to quench the flame caused by the blasts, said the sources.

So far no casualties have been reported, and police have ruled out the possibility of terrorist attack.—Xinhua



People gather around the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 25 July, 2010. Over 100 shops caught fire following two gas cylinder explosions which occurred late Sunday night in Quetta.

XINHUA



A firefighter douses a fire in the Jerusalem forest. Thousands of Jerusalem homes were evacuated on Sunday as a massive blaze tore through a forest near a hospital on the outskirts of the Holy City, Israeli police said.—INTERNET

BP chief likely to resign as oil firm looks to rebuild

LONDON, 26 July — BP will sacrifice embattled chief executive Tony Hayward within days as it tries to rebuild its image in the aftermath of the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster, reports said.

The BBC said Hayward was negotiating his exit and an announcement was likely by Monday when the BP board meets ahead of second quarter results expected to reveal a 30-billion-dollar provision for paying for the disaster.

In the Gulf, US oil spill chief Thad Allen said BP's long-awaited operation to permanently plug the leaking Gulf of Mexico well had been delayed until the week beginning 2 August.

Originally expected as early as Tuesday, Allen said nothing major had happened to force the delay, it was just a "refined and revised" timeline from BP as it redeploys vessels and personnel following a recent storm.—Internet

Seacom says repairs successfully completed

NAIROBI, 26 July — Seacom announced on Saturday that it has successfully restored and tested their submarine cable which has been down since 5 July.

In a statement, Seacom said with the entire network now fully operational, its technical teams will continue to work closely with customers to reinstate their Seacom traffic to pre-outage configurations whilst an extensive investigation will take place to determine the exact cause of the outage. "Seacom is pleased to confirm that all repairs to the submarine cable have been successfully completed," the company said in the statement. The fault had mostly affected home users, as many businesses in the region have no back-up plans

for such faults. It was the second major outage the cable has experienced since it went live last year.

The outage had not affected traffic within Africa, with most local websites still accessible. The cable, finished in 2009, connects South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Mozambique to Europe and Asia.

"With the entire network now fully operational, our technical teams will continue to work closely with customers to reinstate their Seacom traffic to pre-outage configurations whilst an extensive investigation will take place to determine the exact cause of the outage," the firm said.

Xinhua

Technology

New planet-hunting method could find earth-like alien worlds

BERLIN, 26 July—A new planet-hunting technique that was used to detect an exotic alien world may be sensitive enough to help astronomers search for Earth-sized planets that orbit other stars, according to a new study.

The new approach, called Transit Timing Variation, was developed by a team of European astronomers led by Gracjan Maciejewski of Jena University in Germany.

The technique was used to pinpoint a planet that is 15 times the mass of Earth, located in the star system WASP-3, which is 700 light-years away from the sun in the constellation Lyra.

The method's high degree of sensitivity, however, could also make it a valuable tool for

locating small planets with similar masses to Earth, the researchers said.

The results of the study have been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the journal *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*. What is Transit Timing Variation?

The Transit Timing Variation (TTV) technique was suggested

as a viable approach for discovering alien planets — or exoplanets — a few years ago. It built on the existing transiting method, which has been employed for years to detect a number of exoplanets, and is widely used by the Kepler and CoRoT space missions that scour the cosmos for Earth-like planets.

Internet



File photo of bricks of coal stacked on a flatbed bicycle awaiting delivery to be used for cooking and heating in traditional hutong neighborhood homes as cyclists ride past in Beijing. China is looking at various new sources to produce its own gas, including shale gas and producing gas from coal, said the Financial Times.—INTERNET

Science

Nokia to retrieve old cell phones in Ghana

ACCRA, 26 July — Communications equipment manufacturers, Nokia, launched a campaign on Friday in association with Ghana's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) aimed at helping to control conditions the precipitated climate change and environmental degradation.

The company hoped to retrieve all crashed mobile handsets of all brands for recycling through the programme.

As part of the world-wide Nokia's Leadership in environmental sustainability, the programme further aimed for a recycling society, which has been running in 85 countries already.

DanWatch, a Danish non-governmental organization, reported recently that Ghana was suffering from e-waste dumping through the importation of obsolete used electronic goods including mobile phones and computers which could have been recycled in their homes of origin.

Osagie Ogumbor, West Africa Communications Manager of Nokia, told media here on Friday that metal recycling made sense so Nokia had been using it instead of wholly new materials in their production.

Xinhua



Michael McCarty tries to connect to the internet via his BlackBerry, bottom, at his home in East Montpelier, Vt, Wednesday, on 21 July, 2010. Despite promises for years by state officials, phone and cable companies that they would have broadband by 2010, they're still waiting.

INTERNET

Giant Pandas: Landscape has big effect on movement of genes within population

BEIJING, 26 July — Genetic analysis of giant pandas has shown that features of their landscape have a profound effect on the movement of genes within their population.

Researchers writing in the open access journal BMC Genetics found that physical barriers, such as areas lacking bamboo plants and other forest foliage, can separate giant pandas into isolated genetic groups.

Fuwen Wei, from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, worked with a team of researchers to study giant pandas in the Xiaoxiangling and Daxiangling mountains. He said, "These results suggest that gene flow will be enhanced if the connectivity between the currently fragmented bamboo forests is increased.—Internet



Jimmy Pitaro, vice president of media at Yahoo, with David Eun, president of AOL media and studios, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on 7 June. Pitaro told a conference in Colorado he thinks online news will remain free to read. INTERNET

Top bioethics meeting held in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 26 July — Singapore held a conference on Monday to discuss guidelines set out by the World Health Organization (WHO) on controversial issues such as human organ trading, assisted suicide and research ethics.

According to local newspaper the *Straits Times*, delegates from over 30 countries and regions will descend for the Eighth Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies, which will bring together officials from international bodies such as the United Nations and the European Union.

The summit is the first bioethics conference to be held on this scale in Singapore. It was last held in Paris, France in 2008. Over the last decade, Singapore along with many other countries has had to grapple with debates on the ethics off issues such as providing compensation for organ donors or the legitimacy of physician-assisted suicide, which have polarized public opinion.

Xinhua



Belgian troops pack away tents at N'Dolo Airbase, in Kinshasa in 2006. Belgium is launching a war on chubby soldiers with a diet plan to literally slim down an army in which a majority of troops are overweight, Belgian media reported on Thursday.—INTERNET

Back pain? Alternative therapies may help

NEW YORK, 26 July—Trent Northcutt, 42, a corporate executive in New York City, had been suffering from lower back pain and leg pain for about three years, to the point that he was “cautious about picking up the simplest thing,” he remembers.

When he finally sought help, his doctor recommended acupuncture right off the bat. Northcutt ended up having six treatments over about eight months. Now, he says, “I don’t have any back pain at all. I’m 100 percent good.”

More than 26 million Americans ages 20 to 64 suffer from ongoing back pain, according to the

American Pain Foundation, and it’s one of the top reasons people visit a doctor. But many of those millions also discover the painful secret about back pain: This common condition can be surprisingly difficult to treat. The lower back is a complex spot, with many potential sources of pain. Although surgery would seem to be a quick fix, in reality about 85 percent of people don’t need — and won’t benefit from — back surgery, says Dr Anders Cohen, MD, chief of neurosurgery at the Brooklyn Hospital Centre, in New York City.

That leaves plenty of

room for alternative and complementary therapies, such as vitamins, acupuncture, and chiropractic therapy, that may help soothe the pain. “If I don’t see something unstable, something wrong with a disk or a bone, I use alternative therapies on a regular basis. It’s a central crux of my practice,” adds Cohen. “There are some types of back pain that seem to be in the covering of the muscles or in the tissue connecting the muscle that are really difficult to treat,” adds Dr James Bray, MD, a sports medicine physician with Scott & White Healthcare, in Georgetown, Texas.—INTERNET

As Temperature rises, so does seniors’ risk of hyperthermia

WASHINGTON, 26 July—Extreme summer heat can place older people at increased risk for developing the dangerous high body temperature condition known as hyperthermia, experts at the US National Institute on Aging (NIA) warn.

As a result of the body’s inability to regulate body temperature following exposure to very hot weather, the elderly may

face a number of related health problems, including heat fatigue and exhaustion, sudden dizziness (known as “heat syncope”), heat cramps, and heat stroke (when body temperature rises above 104 degrees Fahrenheit), the agency cautions.

That said, the NIA is highlighting certain steps that can be taken to reduce the risk for those most vulnerable.

Internet



Chicago Cubs’ Kosuke Fukudome reacts after striking out swinging during the 11th inning of a baseball game against the St Louis Cardinals on 25 July, 2010, in Chicago. The Cardinals won 4-3

Malaria-like disease appearing in New York

VALHALLA, 26 July—Babesiosis, a rare malaria-like disease commonly transmitted by infected deer ticks, is on the rise in the Lower Hudson Valley in New York, doctors say.

Dr Gary Wormser, chief of infectious diseases at Westchester Medical Centre, says microscopic parasites known as Babesia infect red blood cells and cause anemia. The New York Health Department reports cases have been reported in Westchester, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan and Rockland.

The parasites are transmitted via infected deer ticks or blood transfusions.

Internet

Health



Workers hold flags before the opening ceremony at a refinery in Samaneppe in Turkmenistan last year, which provides gas along a pipeline to China. China is aggressively developing its own massive gas reserves, which will lead to imported gas requirements falling dramatically, the Financial Times reported on Monday.—INTERNET

Number of mortgages in Spain falls in May

MADRID, 26 July—The number of mortgages given to prospective home owners in Spain fell in May, according to figures published Monday.

The National Institute of Statistics (INE) publishes that in May the number of mortgages granted for homes that have already been built was 55,755. That represents a fall of 2.9 percent when compared with May 2009. It is the first fall that has been registered in the last four months.

There are slightly conflicting figures regarding the size of the loans that were granted in May. The average mortgage was 114,990 euros (148,400 US dollars): that is a 4.4 percent decline when compared with April this year, but is a 0.8 percent increase when compared with May 2009.—Xinhua

Wal-Mart to roll out smart tags on men’s basics

NEW YORK, 26 July—Wal-Mart Stores Inc is putting electronic identification tags on men’s clothing like jeans starting 1 Aug as the world’s largest retailer tries to gain more control of its inventory. But the move is raising eyebrows among privacy experts. The individual garments, which also includes underwear and socks, will have removable smart tags that can be read from a distance by Wal-Mart workers with scanners. In seconds, the worker will be able to know what sizes are missing and will also be able to tell what it has on hand in the stock room. Such instant knowledge will allow store clerks to have the right sizes on hand when shoppers need them.—INTERNET

US facing record budget deficit

BEIJING, 26 July—New estimates from the White House predict the United States budget deficit will reach a record US\$1.47 trillion this year. The government is borrowing 41 cents of every dollar it spends.

The new estimates paint a grim unemployment picture as the economy experiences a relatively jobless recovery.

The Office of Management and Budget report has ominous news for President Barack Obama should he seek re-election in 2012, a still-high unemployment rate of 8.1 percent. That would be well above normal, which is closer to a rate of 5.5 percent to 6 percent. Private economists don’t think the unemployment rate will drop to those levels until well into this decade.

Xinhua

China key for trade growth

BEIJING, 26 July—The World Trade Organization (WTO) on Friday lauded China for the significant role it has played in reviving global trade growth and said the nation has more than fulfilled its commitment to the organization.

The WTO said in its

annual report released on Friday that it expects global trade to grow by 10 percent this year.

WTO chief Pascal Lamy told reporters in Shanghai that “trade growth is coming back fast after a terrible 2009, thanks in no small measure to the continuing dynamism of China and the other nations.”

Xinhua

Business



South Korean children play on a field of large plastic coins and cash deposit bags in a park in Seoul in May. South Korea’s economy expanded by a faster than expected 1.5 percent in April-June from three months earlier, and the central bank said on Monday that growth had returned to the pre-crisis level.—INTERNET

Pagodas, monasteries...

(from page 1)

Dwellers of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana offered alms to exam-candidate monks and Waso robes to members of the Sangha.

The offering of alms food to mark Dhammacakka Day took place at the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon this dawn. Visitors offered oil lights, joss sticks, alms food, flowers and fruits and observed Nine Precepts.

In the afternoon, religious associations collectively recited Dhammacakka religious verses.

The Sule Pagoda board of trustees organized Dham-

macakka Day ceremony at the pagoda. Waso robes were offered to the five Buddha images, and Dhammacakka suttas were recited.

Buddhist Lent sermon was delivered under the arrangements of the pagoda board of trustees in the Botahtaung Pagoda this afternoon. Precept offering ceremony and sermon delivering ceremonies are held in port handlers' prayer hall on the pagoda platform every Sabbath Day.

The 13th Waso robe-offering ceremony of the Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) was held at the pagoda this morning.

**Uppatasanti Pagoda
being packed with
pilgrims on the
fullmoon day
of Waso.**

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**Waso-robe offering
ceremonies and non-
stop recitation of
Pathana being held
at Uppatasanti
Pagoda.**

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Waso robes and day meals were offered to Ovadacariya monks of the pagoda. Laypersons recited Dhammacakka sutta and Anatta Lakhana sutta at the

afternoon. The Shwephonepwin Pagoda board of trustees held the 53rd Waso robe-offering ceremony on the pagoda platform.

Similarly, Dhamma-

Kyaikkasan, Kyaikkalat, Kyaikkale, Ngahatkyi, Chaukhtatkyi, Kohtatkyi, Mogaung and Okkalapa pagodas in Yangon,



Massimo Luxury Leather Sofas displayed at Housing & Living (2010)



Massimo Luxury Leather Sofas displayed at Housing & Living (2010).

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YANGON, 24 July — Housing & Living (2010) started today at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road and will be run

till 27 July.

Aureum Palace Hotel Resorts of Htoo Group of Companies is selling foods and snacks at reasonable price to observers at the exhibition.

Nat Ray Co Ltd introduces Massimo Luxury Leather couches at the fair. The company is also selling Dunlopillo mattresses and Aussino bedroom accessories. The products can also be bought off the exhibition at Bed Talk Furniture at No (146), Bo Myat Htun Road, Botahtaung Township, here (Ph: 297585 and 200620).

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Religious associations reciting Dhammacakka religious verses inside the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Dhammacakka Day ceremony organized by the pagoda board of trustees at Kaba Aye Pagoda in Mayangon Township this

cakka Day commemorative ceremonies were held on a grand scale in Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image,

Kyaikhmawwun Pagoda in Kyauktan, Kyaikhauk Pagoda in Thanlyin, and Thun Pagoda in Kayan.

MNA

Mandalay Mayor attends monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han on 23 July attended monsoon tree-planting ceremony of

Myanmar War Veterans Organization in Channayathazi Township.

The mayor and officials planted shade-giving star flower plants and viewed the collective

tree-planting.

The mayor inspected the road works in Aungmyethazan and Chanayethazan townships and attended to the needs.

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Buddhist devotees from different parts of the country visiting Shwedagon Pagoda to perform meritorious deeds on the Fullmoon Day of Waso, the Dhammacakka Day in Yangon. (News on page 1)

MNA

Public Works and private companies sign B.O.T contracts for road construction

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint attended the signing ceremony of B.O.T contracts between Public Works under the ministry and private entrepreneurs at the ministry here yesterday evening.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister of Electric Power No (2) Dr Win Myint, Managing Director of the Public Works U Kyaw Lin, Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win, departmental personnel, responsible persons from six private companies and guests.

The minister gave opening speech at the ceremony.

Director U Maung Kyae of Asia World Company, on behalf of

the six private companies, spoke words of thanks.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin and responsible persons of the six private companies — Asia World, Shwe Thanlwin, Firm Destination Construction, Hilly Regions Construction, Shwetaung, Myatnoethu — inked deals and exchanged the documents.

The minister, deputy ministers, departmental officials and entrepreneurs posed later had documentary taken.

According to the contracts, Shwe Thanlwin Highway Company will implement 78 miles and 6 furlongs long Kyaikto-Thaton-Mawlamyine section of Yangon-Myeik Union Road and 26 miles and

2 furlong long Thaton-Hpa-an Road; Asia World Company 113 miles long Yangon-Pathein Road, 29 miles and 5 furlongs long Patheingyi-Ngwehsaung Road and 9 miles and 3 furlongs long Myintnge-Htonebo-PyinOoLwin Road; Shwetaung Company 73 miles and 3 furlongs long Sagaing-Monywa section of Mandalay-Sagaing-Monywa-YeU Road and

43 miles long Ohntaw-Shwebo section of Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo Road; Myatnoethu Company 93 miles and 6 furlongs long Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-NyaungU-Bagan Road and 40 miles and 2 furlongs long NyaungU-Myingyan Road; Hilly Regions Construction Company 140 miles and 5 furlongs long Meiktila-Taunggyi

section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachelek Road; and Firm Destination Company 60 miles long Pahote-Kamine-Lawa-Lonekhin section of Mogaung-Kamine-Phakant Road and 89 miles long Nantsiaung-Namtee section of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road. The total number of miles counted to 790.

MNA



Minister U Khin Maung Myint delivers speech during the signing ceremony at B.O.T contracts between Public Works and private entrepreneurs. — CONSTRUCTION

Inter-University/Degree College Men's Sepak Takraw tournament continues

MANDALAY, 26 July—The quarter final matches of Inter-University/Degree College (Upper Myanmar) Men's Sepak Takraw tournament continued at Open Shed of Mandalay University

yesterday morning. At the matches, Meiktila won over Taunggyi, Yadanarbon University over Monywa, Kyaukse over Kalay and Lashio over Shwebo Degree College.

In semi-final,

Yadanarbon University defeated Meiktila and Lashio beat Kyaukse. On 27 July, Yadanarbon will play against Lashio for the first place. And prize-presentation and closing ceremony will also take place on a grand scale.— MNA



Employees of Shwe Taung Energy Co. Ltd participated in fire drills outside STOLL Refilling Station in Sagaing on 12 July, 2010. Firemen from Sagaing Township Fire Services Department demonstrated fire extinguishing skills during the drill. —SAGAING DISTRICT IPRD

Information sector opens new chapter

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

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And in August 2001, the MRTV launched MRTV-3 Channel (English version) to enable viewers from around the world to come to know well about Myanmar, long history of Myanmar culture, customs and fine traditions, and prevailing conditions of the nation as they really are. It also launched Internet Website to achieve the goal.

Now, MRTV-3 has been upgraded to Myanmar International Channel to improve its programmes in form and quality and to extend broadcasting hours. The soft launch commenced on 11 February 2010, attracting attention from viewers. It launched regular broadcasting on 31 March 2010 and accorded rapturous welcome from viewers inside and outside the coun-

unreliable sources.

MRTV-4 Channel was launched in May 2004, airing programmes from the dawn to the bed time, including news, music, movie and interview. Apart from its original programmes, MRTV-4 carries such channels as 5 Cartoon, 5 Movies, 5 series, ESPN, Star Sports, CNN, NGC Wild, 5 Movies II, 5 Series II, Cartoon Network, Discovery, Discovery T&L, Euro Sports, MTV, Channel-V, Star Movies, Star World, NGC, Animal Planet, and Adventure One.

In order to improve the quality of the programmes, it replaced old system with DVB-T system in February 2005. Again it launched Free to Air programme covering Yangon and surrounding areas in December 2006, and Mandalay (Sagaing) and surrounding areas in April 2009. The pro-

grammes were introduced to the people on 15 February 1946. Up to 1988, Myanmar programmes were aired 10 hours a day, and programmes in eight national race languages, four hours a day. Now, the hours for Myanmar programmes have been extended to 11 and a half hours, and programmes in 14 national race languages, 12 hours a day. Previously, FM radio programmes were available only in Yangon and its surrounding areas. Now, they can be received the entire nation. Programmes broadcast in medium waves can be received by 82.83 per cent, and programmes broadcast in short waves, by 53.02 per cent of the nation's population. Now, the number of radio programmes has climbed to 75 from 40. MRTV programmes have been posted on Internet since January 2003.

Myanmar has seen



Broadcasting studio of MRTV-4.



Staff members of Mandalay FM broadcasting programmes.

try. The logo of MI is the royal white elephant on its side, which is artistic as well as auspicious for Myanmar people and enhances the good reputation of MI. The Myanmar International Channel is proud to present programmes on Myanmar endowed with cultural heritage, natural beauty and picturesque sites to foreign viewers who can guess what conditions of Myanmar are like based on the news stories that come from

grammes are aired for 20 hours a day, and can be received without digital receiver. Now, MRTV-4 programmes are broadcast through 29 TV retransmitting stations. When DVB-T system is completed cent per cent, its programmes can be received through digital system the whole nation.

Brilliant performance of the Ministry of Information also covers the broadcasting of radio programmes. Radio programmes were introduced

private-owned FM radio stations such as Padamya FM covering Kachin State and Sagaing Division in the northern part; Shwe FM covering Mon State, Kayin State, Taninthayi Division and Bago Division in the southern part; Pyinsawady FM covering Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division in the western part; Cherry FM covering Shan State and Kayah State in the eastern part; Mandalay FM covering the central part of the nation; and FM

Bagan covering Chin State and Magway Division. So far, FM programmes are aired by 27 transmitting stations. Eleven stations are being built, and building of 22 more stations is on target. When all those stations are established, FM programmes will be available the whole nation.

In addition to radio and TV programmes for development of the media of the nation, the ministry is now in pursuance of its goal of ensuring that every

village in rural areas has a library. So far, the ministry has established 55,755 village libraries in rural areas where the majority of the people live with the aim of broadening the horizons of rural folks. Moreover, it is working hard to enable every village library to possess the five standards of a model library. Up to now, 29,185 of the 55,755 libraries have possessed five standards. Thanks to the lofty aim, nearly every village

across the nation has a library. In the near future, Myanmar will become the first country in which every village has a library.

To expedite the tasks to improve the public media, the Myanmar Rural Library Foundation was inaugurated on a grand scale on 15 May 2010 with the aim of ensuring that all the libraries throughout the nation meet the five standards of (See page 9)



The broadcasting studio of Cherry FM.



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a model library with sustainable development. In the fundamental policy, the foundation is designed to contribute towards the national cause and serve the interest of the nation. In future, it will open its branches at state/division and township levels, which is good news for all libraries. The foundation is pursuing its goal of accomplishing two of the five rural development programmes initiated by the Head of State, when all libraries enjoy sustainable progress: to improve the

oment of the libraries and encourage the people to cultivate a habit of reading.

Now, the number of students in basic education schools is over eight million, up from only over five million in 1988. The Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information prints and distributes school textbooks and exercise books at low prices for the convenience of the students. Up to 1988, the nation had only five government printing presses. The printing press (Mandalay) in upper Myanmar was

bringing the total to seven. The printing presses also print Shwethway journals for children and Thutapadetha (general knowledge) journal. In order to stay in touch with the media that is advancing, computerized system will be launched in operating printing presses and scrutinizing manuscripts. The number of private-run journals was 12, and that of private-run magazines, 23 in 1988. Now, the nation sees 835 private-run publications including 158 journals and 177 magazines. With a view to improving the Myanmar's

literary award, Sarpaybeikman literary award and Pakokku U Ohn Pe award have been launched and Myanmar encyclopaedia is published annually with the participation of literati.

In the media world, newspaper is still necessary. The News and Periodicals Enterprise sees to publishing newspapers. Up to 1988, the newspaper industry had weak points in technology, machines, raw materials, and printing and distributing system. Unlike in the past, it has improved both in quantity and in quality due to modern printing presses.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, sub-printing houses have been established in Mandalay, Taunggyi, Magway, Kengtung, Kalay, Myitkyina, Sittway, Lashio and Myeik, instead of printing all circulation



TV retransmitting station of Falam in Chin State.

at a single place. Electronic files are sent to the sub-printing houses through communication

satellite. As a result, the entire people can read right-day issues of (See page 10)



Staff members of Shwe FM broadcasting programmes.

education standard and the health standard of rural areas. So, the image the foundation is projecting to the nation through the media in the interest of rural areas is very heartening. Donations to the foundation at the first phase totaled over 720 million kyats, an indicator to the strong support of the people to the foundation. The paid-up funds will not be spent, and only the interests will be used in carrying out the tasks. Surely, the donors will be pleased with that. The foundation uses the community-based method in raising funds. Many people will contribute volunteering services towards the foundation. So, the foundation will help ensure sustainable devel-

established in 2003, and Nay Pyi Taw printing press (Tatkon), in 2006,

literary world and the standing of Myanmar language, the national

FM stations and coverage area

Sr	Station	Coverage area
1.	Padamya FM	Kachin State, Sagaing Division
2.	Shwe FM	Kayin State, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Mon State
3.	Pyinsawady FM	Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Division
4.	Cherry FM	Kayah State, Shan State
5.	Mandalay FM	Sagaing Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division
6.	FM Bagan	Chin State, Magway Division



Aung Thabye 3-D cinema near Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden.

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newspapers. Newspapers at fair prices featuring a wide variety of fields keep informing, entertaining and educating the people.

According to the plan that every village has easy access to newspapers, the Information and Public Relations Department is donating copies of newspapers to village libraries. To provide further impetus for the lofty aim, the News and Periodicals Enterprise distributes daily newspapers at reasonable prices. In the process, the enterprise delivers right down to the villages in eight townships in Rakhine State and six storm Nargis-hit townships in Ayeyawady Division. It also has a plan to keep on distributing newspapers at low prices to villages in rural areas in order to widen the horizons of local people. In its bid to achieve the goal of distributing newspapers to all regions including far-flung areas, the News and Periodicals Enterprise mobilizes the participation of donors and volunteers, and organizes villages to get newspapers through collective purchase system. So, it is fair to say that the NPE is worthy of high praise.

Adhering to the guidance of the Head of State on publication of



Nay Pyi Taw printing press (Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon) of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information.

colour newspapers to improve the nation's newspaper industry, colour printing presses have been installed in the printing houses. Now, it is in a pilot stage.

Movies and TV series play an effective role in directly rousing the patriotism of the people. Today, every country applies this approach to uplift the dynamism of patriotic spirit of their peoples. The Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise is working in harmony with the Motion Picture Association to achieve this goal. Long ago, the MMPE lagged behind for 30 years in terms of machine and technology. From 1988 onwards, the MMPE purchased modern machines and replacing old with new parts under the arrangements of the government in order to catch up with international film indus-

try. The programme has proved successful to an extent. Today, the world sees rapid changes in the movie industry. Necessary machines are being provided to improve the Myanmar's film industry according to the guidance of the Head of State.

In so doing, the government is nurturing and

encouraging film professionals to deal with international film professionals, apart from making arrangements in 2007 to purchase necessary machines. In 2008, it also arranged for the MMPE to get HD professional camera and accessories. Besides, it encouraged the enterprise to set up three digital cin-

emas. So, Myanmar has opened a new page of the film industry. Before long, there will be a surge in the number of high-class cinema halls across the nation. Now, there is an ongoing plan to work together with international film enterprises in producing quality films. Moreover, Myanmar films are

is a hopeful sign that Myanmar film industry will make gradual process with quality films.

I woke from my deep thought to the loud tune of a TV commercial that interrupted the news programme that was on TV. All in all, I am proud of the rapid development the nation



DTH satellite dish antenna is installed in Ingyingon Village, Inlay, Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South).



Thanks to sub-printing houses, local people can read right-day issues of newspapers.

emas in Nay Pyi Taw. Of them, Zeyathiri cinema and Aung Thabye cinema halls can show 3-D mov-

staged and Myanmar delegations are sent to the film festivals in foreign countries. Therefore, there

is enjoying in the media sector.

Translation: MS

Development in information sector from 1988 onwards

Sr	Facility	1988	2010	Progress
1.	TV transmitting station	1	2	1
2.	TV retransmitting station	15	216	201
3.	MRTV-4 retransmitting station	-	29	29
4.	FM radio	-	6	6
5.	FM radio retransmitting station	-	27	27
6.	IPRD office	-	398	398
7.	IPRD library	111	398	287
8.	Departmental library	-	821	821
9.	Rural library	-	55755	55755
10.	e-Library	-	126	126
11.	Government printing press	5	7	2
12.	Sub-printing house	-	9	9

Syria, Libya discuss ways to increase mutual investment

DAMASCUS, 26 July—The coordination committee of the Syrian-Libyan Strategic Cooperation Council discussed ways to utilize the investment opportunities in both countries and necessary steps for forming a final working formula for the council's first meeting scheduled before the end of the year, the Syrian official SANA news agency reported on Sunday. The Syrian Finance Minister Mohammad al-Hussein said in a meeting held by the committee on

Saturday that it is necessary for Syria and Libya to increase trade exchange and investment and speed up the process of goods flow in the coming period.

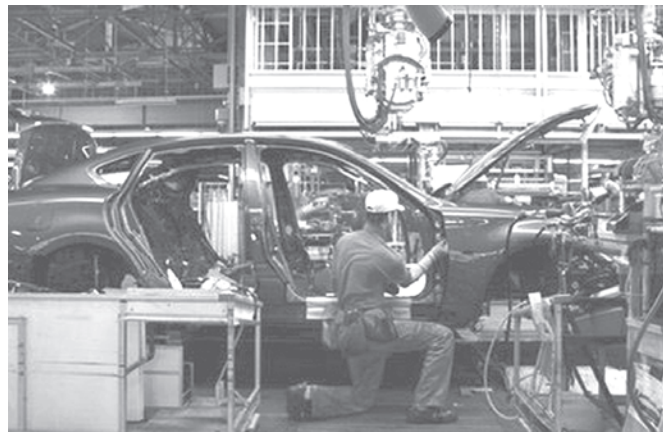
Al-Hussein said his government is ready to lift fees imposed on Libyan goods and products to facilitate bilateral trade.

He called on businessmen of both countries to utilize the investment advantages available in Syria, and help to increase the mutual investment

volume by launching common investment projects, according to the report.

Secretary of Libyan General People's Committee for Planning and Finance Abdul Hafeez Al-Zulaity, who is also present at Saturday's meeting pledged to step up bilateral cooperation in the fields of economy, development, trade, customs, taxation, finance, food industries and air and maritime transport, SANA said.

Xinhua



Nissan Motor Company workers are seen on a production line at the company's Tochigi Plant in Kaminokawacho, in Tochigi prefecture, north of Tokyo. Strong demand for automobiles, high tech products and factory parts have helped offset a weaker domestic picture, enabling Japan's biggest companies to return to profit and bring about a tentative economic recovery.—INTERNET



An issue of The Wall Street Journal is viewed in a vending machine in New York City on 26 April. The Journal is currently the only major US newspaper to charge readers for full access to its website and one of the few to buck the trend of eroding circulation.—INTERNET

Japan's exports rise for seventh straight month

TOKYO, 26 July—Japan's exports rose for the seventh straight month in June, driven by machinery and steel products, indicating that overseas demand continues to underpin recovery in the world's No 2 economy even amid a stronger yen.

Exports climbed 27.7 percent from a year earlier to 5.87 trillion yen (\$67.2 billion), the Finance Ministry said on Monday. With demand lackluster at home, Japan has depended on Asia, and China in particular, to fuel its recovery.

The sustained growth in shipments comes despite a rising yen, which can make Japan's exports of cars, electronic gadgets and other goods less competitive in overseas markets.—Internet



File photo of Fumie Kagaya, an employee of Japan's electronics giant Sony displaying the 20th anniversary model of a Walkman cassette player.—INTERNET

Fees for online news yet to succeed

ASPEN, 26 July—Top technology and media executives wrapped up a three-day conference in Aspen, Colorado, during which they grappled with and left unresolved the question of whether readers will pay for news online.

Firmly in the paid camp in the "paid vs free"

debate was News Corp's head of digital operations Jon Miller who said charging online readers is a notion that has been "accepted at a variety of levels."

"It's more about how it gets done," Miller told participants in the Fortune Brainstorm Tech event which ended on Saturday in this Colorado

ski resort.

With newspapers and magazines facing competition from free content on the Web and declining circulation and print advertising revenue, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp has been leading the charge to get newspaper readers to pay online.

Internet

Oil rises above \$79 as stocks extend rally

SINGAPORE, 26 July—Oil prices rose above \$79 a barrel Monday in Asia as regional stock markets extended a rally from last week amid improving investor optimism.

Benchmark crude for September delivery was up 30 cents at \$79.28 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 32 cents to settle at \$78.98 on Friday.

Internet



In this March 29, 2010 file photo, Japanese vehicles for export park at a Yokohama port, near Tokyo, Japan. Japan says its exports in June rose 27.7 percent from a year earlier. The Finance Ministry said Monday that Japanese exports climbed to 5.87 trillion yen (\$67.2 billion), marking the seven straight month of year-on-year increase.

INTERNET

Sony to return to operating profit in Q1

TOKYO, 26 July—Sony Corp (6758.T)(SNE.N) will likely return to profitability in the April-June quarter, beating market expectations for an operating loss, on solid sales and cost cuts, the Nikkei business daily reported on Monday.

Sony is expected to post a quarterly operating profit of 10 billion to 30 billion yen (\$114 million-\$343 million), bouncing back from an operating loss of 25.7 billion yen in the same quarter last year, the Nikkei said. That would beat the consensus of a loss of 18.8 billion yen from the average estimate of four analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. A spokesman for Sony declined to comment on the report. Shares in the company were up 0.4 percent at 2,522 yen, lagging the benchmark Nikkei index (.N225), which was up 1.3 percent.—Internet

South Korean workers of Ssangyong Motor work on the factory line at the Ssangyong plant in Pyeongtaek. South Korea's economy expanded by a faster than expected 1.5 percent in April-June from three months earlier, and the central bank said on Monday that growth had returned to the pre-crisis level.—INTERNET



A construction worker prepares steel reinforcing rods at a building site in Shanghai in 2008.

China's direct investment in Brazil has soared this year to a projected 12 billion dollars, catapulting it to the top of the South American giant's foreign investment heap, Globo news reported on Sunday.

INTERNET



INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NO (1) (E S) A.M.D (2010-2011)

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores (in Myanmar Kyats.)

LOT:No	Description	Quantity
1.	Tractor Tyre & Tube	8 Items
2.	Assorted Ball Bearing	53 Items
3.	Implement Discs	4 Items
4.	12V Battery	2 Items
5.	Paints	9 Items
6.	Plunger & Barrel, Delivery Valve, Nozzle Tip Tractors Spares	15 Items
7~13	ZWE,6711/7011/JD-2300,SH-50,SH-654, TN-800,8011,JD-2800 Tractor Spares	436 Items
2.	Tender Closing date:	20-8-2010, 12:00hrs
3.	Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD Office No.50 Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (1-8-2010). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.	
4.	For more details, Contact; 067-431216, 067-431243	
	Director General	
	Agricultural Mechanization Department	



Seven killed in 3rd US drone attack Sunday in Pakistan

ISTANBUL, 26 July—At least 7 militants were killed and three others injured in a third US drone attack late Sunday night, bringing the death toll to at least 14 in three US drone attacks in Pakistan's northwest tribal areas bordering Afghanistan on Sunday. The latest attack took place at about 9:15 pm (local time) when a US drone fired two missiles in Miranshah in North Waziristan. In the first such assault, at about 11:30 am (local time) Sunday, a US drone fired four missiles at a suspected militants hideout in Shaktol of South Waziristan, killing at least four militants. Shortly afterwards, the US drone launched a second strike in South Waziristan, killing three more people, sources said. On early Saturday morning, US drone fired five missiles at a suspected militants hideout in South Waziristan, killing at least 16 people.—Xinhua

Containers stacked up at a terminal in the southeastern port city of Busan in March 2010. South Korea's economy grew 1.5 percent in the second quarter from three months earlier and 7.2 percent year-on-year, the central bank said Monday, in new signs of a solid recovery.
INTERNET

US still has a problem with HIV

WASHINGTON, 26 July—The United States still has a problem with HIV and the US government faces a challenge in combating HIV/AIDS, Dr Anthony Fauci, director of US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) told Xinhua in an exclusive interview. Fauci just came back from the 18th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2010), which he described as "one of the better conference we had over the last several years."

AIDS 2010, held in Vienna, Austria, is the platform for those work-

ing in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic to exchange their views on the current situation of global HIV prevention and treatment, new research in this field and recent scientific developments.

"We have now about 575,000 death already since the beginning (of AIDS). There are 1.1 million people infected with HIV and unfortunately 21 percent of them do not know they are infected."

Internet

Mexican authorities disagree on whether man is suspect in car bombing

MEXICO CITY, 26 July—A man who local police believe was responsible for a fatal car bombing in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is in custody, a municipal police spokesman told CNN on Sunday.

But federal police, while confirming that the man is in custody after a shootout with the Mexican military, said they had nothing linking him to the bombing.

The 15 July car bombing claimed the lives of two police officers and a paramedic. Six people were injured in the blast.—Internet

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An Iranian woman looks at the puppets during the Great Exhibition of Iranian Puppets in Tehran, capital of Iran, on 25 July, 2010. — XINHUA

'Super-sized' picnic dwarfs boy

LONDON, 26 July—Five-year-old Alfie Powell was dwarfed by his picnic lunch when he sat down to a super-sized sandwich. His giant feast, laid out on the grass in London's Kensington Gardens, included a cocktail sausage the length of a cricket bat and a scotch egg bigger than a football.

It took 10 chefs a week to prepare the picnic using 100kg of sausage meat, 50kg of flour, 15kg of cheese and 75 eggs. The delighted youngster, from Sidcup, south-east London, said: "I wish I could eat all the food but I think it would take too long." The picnic was organised by Man v Food, a programme on the Good Food Channel.— Internet

Five-year-old Alfie Powell with a giant picnic in London's Kensington Gardens.
INTERNET



Six Yemeni soldiers guarding southern Austrian oil company killed by al-Qaida

SANAA, 26 July—At least six Yemeni soldiers guarding an Austrian oil company were killed on Sunday when a group of al-Qaida gunmen attempted to raid the oil company in the Yemeni southern province of Shabwa, a provincial security official told

Xinhua.

The security official in Ataq, the capital city of Shabwa, told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that a group of al-Qaida gunmen raided Sunday evening the Yemeni security guards of an Austrian oil company located at al-Akla area in the southeast province of Shabwa.

"Nearly ten terrorists wearing Afghani-style clothes who were equipped with heavy machine guns on a vehicle approached the wall of the Austrian oil company, killing at least six security soldiers and wounding dozens of others," the official said.

Xinhua



Workers repair the flood-destroyed Fuzhou-Yinchuan expressway in the section of Shanyang County, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 25 July, 2010. — XINHUA

Boat made of plastic bottles arrives in Sydney



Skipper Jo Royle waves as the 'Plastiki', a boat made from 12,500 plastic bottles, completes her 8,000-nautical mile trans-Pacific voyage from San Francisco by entering Sydney Harbour on 26 July, 2010.

A sailboat largely constructed from 12,500 recycled plastic bottles docked in Sydney Harbour on Monday, after four difficult months crossing the Pacific Ocean on a journey meant to raise awareness about the perils of plastic waste.

The crew of the Plastiki, a 60-foot (18-metre) catamaran that weathered fierce ocean storms during its 8,000 nautical miles at sea, left San Francisco on 20 March, stopping along the way at various South Pacific island nations including Kiribati and Samoa.

"This is the hardest part of the journey so far — getting it in!"

expedition leader David de Rothschild yelled from the boat as the crew struggled to maneuver the notoriously tough-to-steer vessel into port outside the Australian National Maritime Museum.

A crowd of about 100 erupted into cheers after the Plastiki finally docked. De Rothschild — a descendant of the well-known British banking family — exchanged high fives and hugs with his crew, pumping his fists into the air in victory.

"It has been an extraordinary adventure," he said.



Edible artworks: Delicately artistic cakes.

World's largest, smelliest plant blooms in Houston



Visitors line up at the Houston Museum of Natural Science to catch a glimpse, and a whiff, of the rare Corpse Flower, which emits a carrion-like stench when it blooms to attract pollinating insects on 15 July, 2010.

The world's largest and smelliest plant, Lois the corpse flower, came in bloom on Saturday in the US fourth largest city, attracting thousands of curious Houstonians a day.

Now nearly six feet (1.8288 metres) tall, the flower, technically known as the *Amorphophallus titanum* plant, was the second corpse flower that ever bloomed in Texas and the 29th corpse flower that did so in the United States, said the Houston Museum of Natural Science, owner of the plant.

The flower, nicknamed Lois after a staffer's mother, has been in the museum for six years, since the museum paid 75 dollars for a tuber from a US nursery, said Nancy Greig, director of Cockrell Butterfly Centre of the Museum.

Nepali man holds world record for 4th time by shaking hands

Third time world record holder Rohit Timilsina from Nepal has again registered his name in the Guinness Book of World Record for the fourth time as he shook hands for 19 hours and 35 minutes on Saturday, according to the official website of GBWR.

Timilsina shook hands with his brother Santosh Timilsina to keep his name in the Record Book. Timilsina brothers had started to shake hands from 3:25 pm on 23 July. By shaking hand, Timilsina wanted to spread the message of lasting peace and brotherhood through this record.

News Album

"Inception" stays on top of US box office for 2nd weekend

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Warner Bros' contemporary sci-fi actioner "Inception" has succeeded in staying on top of the domestic box office for the second weekend, taking in 43.5 million US dollars in movie ticket receipts, the North America box office authority said on Sunday.

The mind-bending sci-fi spectacular which stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Ken Watanabe and others was helped by its word-of-mouth reviews and the massive appeal of acclaimed filmmaker Christopher Nolan. It is projected to have accumulated 143.7 million dollars in sales in Canada and the United States for eight days. That's the smallest such decline for any movie that's opened this year and one of the best ever for a film that didn't play



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio.

its second weekend over a holiday, analysts said.

Sony/Columbia's action thriller "Salt" opened in second place, with 36.5 million dollars in projected sales. Universal's computer-animated 3-D feature film "Despicable Me" has managed to keep its money-earning streak, staying in third place of the box office with 24.1 million dollars. It has garnered a total of 161.7 million dollars in ticket sales over three weeks.

Xinhua

Autopsy tools used on Elvis removed from auction

NEW YORK, 26 July—A grisly collection of autopsy tools used to prepare Elvis Presley's body has been removed from auction after doubts were raised about their provenance and authenticity.

Chicago-based Leslie Hindman Auctioneers last week said rubber gloves, forceps, lip brushes, a comb, eye liner, needle injectors, and a toe tag, all of which were used on Presley ahead of his funeral in 1977, would go on sale on 12 August.

The instruments were said to have been saved for years by an anonymous, retired embalmer at the Memphis Funeral Home. The auctioneer estimated a sale price of up to \$14,000.—Internet



A spectator wears a T-shirt displaying a portrait of Elvis Presley during a concert at Bangkok's Chalerkrung theatre on 18 January, 2009 to mark the late Presley's birthday which was on 8 January.

INTERNET

Salzburg Festival kicks off month of operas, concerts

VIENNA, 26 July—The Salzburg Festival, the annual high-brow culture fest celebrating this year its 90th anniversary, kicked off on Sunday a month of operas, concerts and plays. "Where God and Man Collide" is the grand theme of this year's event, where the cream of European high-society comes together and where tickets cost anything up to 370 euros (470 dollars).

Salzburg traditionally opens with the play "Everyman" by the festival's co-founder, Austrian poet and dramatist Hugo von Hofmannsthal.—Internet



Chong So-ra, winner of the 2010 Miss Korea Pageant, waves after she was crowned in Seoul on 25 July, 2010. Chong, 19, a university student of UC Riverside, California, beat 55 participants for the first prize. Chong can speak four languages; English, Chinese, Japanese and Korean. She aspires to be a diplomat.

XINHUA

Peter Simonischek, as Everyman (L) and Sophie von Kessel as Paramour perform Hugo von Hofmannsthal's Everyman during the Salzburg Festival 2009.

INTERNET



Adam Johnson (C) of Manchester City fights his way through Tony Tchani (L) and Sinisa Ubiparipovic (R).

INTERNET

Richards lifts Red Bulls past Man City

HARRISON, 26 July—Dane Richards scored from 25 metres in the 70th minute to give the New York Red Bulls a 2-1 victory over big-spending Manchester City of the English Premiership in a friendly Sunday.

Macoumba Kandji scored in the seventh minute off a pass from Richards to give the hosts the lead.

"Dane can run, and when I saw him I took off and found the blind spot in the defense," Kandji said.

But Jo equalized for City in the 55th minute, setting the stage for the long-range winner from Richards.

It was the first victory for New York since the arrival of Frenchman Thierry Henry, who scored in his debut Thursday, a 2-1 loss to Tottenham Hotspur.—*Internet*

Obika lifts Spurs into draw with Sporting in New Jersey friendly

HARRISON, 26 July—Substitute Jonathan Obika's goal in the 70th minute lifted Tottenham Hotspur to a 2-2 draw with Sporting Lisbon in an international football friendly here on Sunday.

Robbie Keane opened the scoring for Spurs in the 24th minute only to have Matias answer for the Portuguese side in the next minute on a header.

Jaime Valdes put Sporting ahead 2-1 in the third minute of the second half, his first goal for the club, only to have Obika



Robbie Keane of Tottenham Hotspurs celebrates his goal at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey.—INTERNET

pull Tottenham level before the finish.

INTERNET

Chelsea says Ashley Cole staying put

LONDON, 26 July—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti has reiterated the club have no intention of selling England left-back Ashley Cole, linked with a move to Real Madrid, now coached by former Blues boss Jose Mourinho.

"Ashley is a Chelsea player and nobody wants to sell him. We want to keep him in our squad. I am 100 percent sure he will be at Chelsea this season," media reports Sunday quoted Ancelotti as saying.

"I consider him to be

the best player in his position in the world.

"I don't need to talk to him. He is happy to stay at Chelsea. He never said he wanted to go. There is no chance he will go. No way."—*Internet*



England defender Ashley Cole (left) fights for the ball with German midfielder Piotr Trochowski.—INTERNET

Fish wins second title in a row with Atlanta tennis win

ATLANTA, 26 July—Mardy Fish won his second straight title as he outlasted fellow American John Isner in brutal heat, claiming the trophy 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) at the ATP Atlanta Championships.

The 49th-ranked Fish followed up title success at his prior event, the grass tournament this month at Newport the week after Wimbledon.

INTERNET



Mardy Fish returns a backhand to John Isner during the finals of the Atlanta Tennis Championships.—INTERNET

Corner kick gives Wizards edge over Manchester United

KANSAS CITY, 26 July—Kei Kamara scored

one goal and set up another to give the Kansas City Wizards a 2-1 victory over Manchester United in an international football friendly on Sunday.

Kamara's through ball set up Davy Arnaud in the 11th minute to give the Wizards the lead.

United's Dimitar Berbatov equalized on a penalty kick in the 41st minute after Wizards defender Jimmy Conrad was given a red card after a sliding tackle on Berbatov.

INTERNET



Kei Kamara of the Kansas City Wizards heads the ball over Tom Cleverley of Manchester United.—INTERNET

Real Madrid prepare Monday adios for Raul

MADRID, 26 July—Real Madrid have confirmed that captain and record-breaking striker Raul Gonzalez will leave the club on Monday after 16 years in the first team and with German side Schalke his destination.

Raul, who has played

for Real since 1994, won six La Liga championships and three Champions League titles during his time with the Spanish giants.—*Internet*



Real Madrid have confirmed that captain and record-breaking striker Raul Gonzalez.—INTERNET

McMurray wins Brickyard after Montoya falters

INDIANAPOLIS, 26 July—Jamie McMurray followed teammate Juan Pablo Montoya around and around historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway, almost resigned to settling for a second-place finish.

McMurray had already won one big race this year and as a firm believer in fate, he figured Sunday's Brickyard 400 was Montoya's chance to celebrate.

Only it didn't play out that way.

Not even close. Montoya suffered a heartbreaking defeat for the second consecutive year at Indy, opening the door for McMurray to become just the third driver in NASCAR history to win the Brickyard 400 and Daytona 500 in the same year.—*Internet*



Jamie McMurray drives through the first turn in front of Greg Biffle during the NASCAR Brickyard 400.—INTERNET

Pettersson rallies to win Canadian Open

TORONTO, 26 July—Carl Pettersson thought he had missed the weekend cut moments after finishing the second round of the Canadian Open at 1 under. Two days later, he was celebrating his fourth PGA Tour title.

"I walked in the locker room and (fellow player) Jay Williamson had all the scenarios written out, and he's like, 'Grab a beer.'" Pettersson said. "Before you know it, I'd had seven beers. Made the cut. And my caddy had to drive me home. I wasn't in that bad of shape, but I didn't want to drive. I can usually handle seven beers."—*Internet*



Carl Pettersson putts during the final round of the 2010 Canadian Open golf tournament at St Georges.—INTERNET

SPORTS

West Ham 'mulls role for Beckham'

LONDON, 26 July—West Ham co-owner David Gold is tempted to

hand David Beckham a key role as the East London club seeks to obtain residency at London's Olympic Stadium after the 2012 Games, media reports said on Sunday.

Gold views the former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder as the ideal ambassador to secure a deal to move the English Premier League club to the new ground and is also mulling the possibility of handing the former England skipper a short-term playing role.

INTERNET



David Beckham looks dejected on 27 June after England lost to Germany in Blomfontein.

INTERNET

Rio Ferdinand 'may be out until September'

MANCHESTER, 26 July—Rio Ferdinand could be out of action until early September, after Manchester United coach Sir Alex Ferguson revealed on Sunday that the England defender is still six weeks away from full fitness.

Ferdinand injured knee ligaments in pre-World Cup training with England on 4 June, but in early July United suggested he might be fit to face Newcastle in the club's opening Premier League game on 16 August.—*Internet*

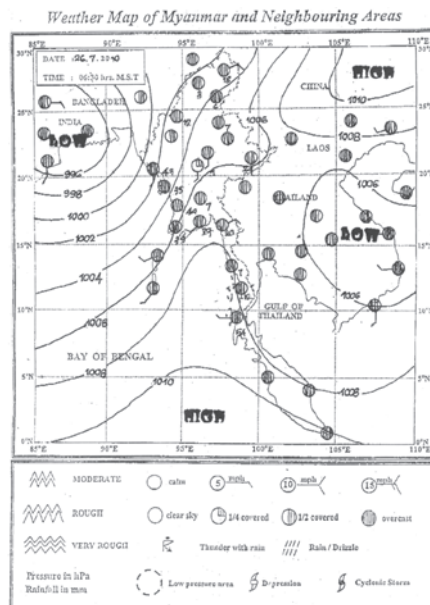


A Russian soldier performs during Navy Day celebrations in St. Petersburg on 26 July, 2010.—XINHUA

Nepali gov't to introduce free-visa regime in 2011 to attract more tourists

KATHMANDU, 26 July—If a proposal forwarded by the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoTCA) is endorsed by Nepali government, foreigners coming to the country will not need to pay visa fee.

According to Monday's Republica report, in a bid to attract more foreign tourists to the country and make Nepal Tourism Year 2011 campaign a grand success, MoTCA has proposed the government to waive visa fee at least for the campaign period.—Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 26th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewu) (0.63) inch, Maungdaw (4.53) inches, Pyapon (3.97) inches, Kawthoung (3.07) inches, Putao (2.83) inches, Machanbaw (2.56) inches, Pyaw and Khayan (2.40) inches each and Yangon (Central) (2.20) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 26-7-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-7-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 25-7-2010 was (3.5) hours.

Rainfall on 26-7-2010 was (1.19) inches at Mingaladon, (1.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.20) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (39.57) inches at Mingaladon, (45.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (54.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 25-7-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 27th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. 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 27-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (27-7-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission -	(27-7-10 09:30 am ~ 28-7-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Let's fly over Silver Mountain
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace
- * MI People's Celebrities "Soe Myat Nandar"
- * Golden Land
- * News
- * Treasure Trove for Knowledge Seekers
- * News
- * City Mart

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Let's fly over Silver Mountain
- * News
- * Suprising Myanmar (Longyi)
- * Feel Pretty....in a Rawan Outfit
- * News
- * Dignified Myanma Theatrical Performance (Tin Maung San Min Win)
- * News
- * City Mart
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace
- * MI People's Celebrities "Soe Myat Nandar"
- * News
- * Golden Land
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Treasure Trove for Knowledge Seekers
- * News
- * Secret Beauty Spot
- * Myanmar Movie "The Great Expectation"



Tuesday, 27 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် -ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပိတသန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
- To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- Morning News

- 7:40 am
- အဂ္ဂိလမင်္ဂလ် (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:50 am
- Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- အတိမ်မြင့်
- 8:15 am
- Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:20 am
- ဧရာဝတီအတွက်နောက်ထပ် တံတားတစ်စင်း (ညောင်ချောင်းတံတား)
- 8:25 am
- Dance Of National Races
- 8:30 am
- "အမှန်ထင်နေသောအများ"
- 8:40 am
- International News
- 8:45 am
- Local Talent
- 4:00 pm
- Martial Song

- 4:10 pm
- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
- Musical Programme
- 4:35 pm
- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား ချစ်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:50 pm
- Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 4:55 pm
- The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 5:05 pm
- "ရတနာစုံညီနေပြည်တော်ဆီ"
- 5:25 pm
- "ပျော်ရွှင်ဆင်နွှဲဝါဆိုပန်းခွေပွဲ"
- 5:45 pm
- ရင်မှာစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်
- 6:00 pm
- Evening News

- 6:15 pm
- Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
- ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့
- 7:00 pm
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မဟာဆန်သူ... ကိုယ်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm
- News
- International News
- Weather Report
- အထိမခံရွှေနိုင်ငံ (တေးရေးဆွဲ-ပေါက်စ (Drum))
- "ရယ်စရာဟာသများ"
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (ဒုတိယတွဲ)(အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- "ရုပ်ရှင်ပဟေဠိ"



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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Internet warriors hone skills at Black Hat-DefCon

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 July—Internet warriors are gathering this week to explore chinks in the armors of computers, bank teller machines, mobile phones, power grids, and other “smart” devices intrinsic to modern life. Black Hat USA kicks off in Las Vegas on Wednesday with briefings at which security professionals from technology firms including Microsoft and Cisco will dissect ways to safeguard or foil computers. Black Hat segues on Friday into DefCon, an infamous annual assembly of hackers that pride themselves on finding ways around computer defenses. Attendance at the events overlaps, with security professionals and software rogues sharing insights in an irreverent setting that has become a recruiting ground for US law enforcement agencies. “Black Hat is a place where security

researchers go to show off their work and get peer feedback,” said Jeff Moss, who founded and runs both gatherings. “DefCon is the fun stuff they don’t have time to do in their day jobs.” The packed roster of topics at Black Hat will include hacks that make automated teller machines spew cash and the vulnerability of nuclear power plants, chemical factories and other online systems.

Internet



Full face transplant Spaniard displays new look

MADRID, 26 July— A Spanish man who underwent the world’s first full face transplant appeared before TV cameras Monday for the first time since his surgery, thanking his doctors and the family of the donor.

Identified only as Oscar, the 31-year-old spoke with considerable difficulty at a news conference at Barcelona’s Vall d’Hebron hospital, where he was operated on in late March.

During the 24-hour surgery, doctors lifted an entire face, including jaw, nose, cheekbones, muscles, teeth and eyelids, and placed it masklike onto the man. He has been described as a farmer who was unable to breathe or eat on his own after accidentally shooting himself in the face five years ago.

The head of the surgical team, Dr. Joan Pere Barret, said Monday that Oscar will need between a year and 18 months of physical therapy and is expected to regain up to 90 percent of his facial functions..—Internet

Low pressure area at Bay of Bengal disappears

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—According to observations at 12.30 pm this afternoon, low pressure area occurred at the north-west of Bay of Bengal had become weak and vanished, Hydrology and Meteorology Department announced.

MNA

Kanpyae Village in Minbu Township gets school branch

PWINTBYU, 26 July — A basic education middle school branch was opened in Kanpyae Village in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, on 22 June.

Chairman of Minbu District Peace and Development Council U Hla Htay, Minbu Township Education Officer U Chit Swe and Headmistress Daw Khin Htay formally

opened the school branch.

The headmistress presented the commemorative pennants to officials concerned.

Afterwards, officials concerned handed over the documents related to the school building to Minbu Township Education Officer U Chit Swe.

Township IPRD