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UEC Chairman meets Shan State, Kengtung district/ township subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — The meeting between Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and responsible persons of Shan State subcommission and district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions in Kengtung District was held at the Town Hall in Kengtung on 23 July with an address by the UEC Chairman.

After hearing reports on electoral process presented by member of Shan State subcommission U Soe Paing Myint, Chairman of Kengtung District subcommission U Sai Yi and chairmen of township subcommissions, the UEC chairman made concluding remarks.

It was also attended by UEC members U Tha Htay and Dr Sai Kham Hlaing.— MNA

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



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe delivers a speech at meeting with members of Shan State subcommission and district/ township/ward/ village-tract sub-commissions.

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Communication networks, a driver behind building a new nation

Zaw Win (Kyemon)



Yatanarpon Teleport is designed to improve communication and manufacture communication equipment.

The process of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation calls for better infrastructures in various sectors such as education, health and transport as well as staying in touch with Information Technology to be able to catch up with what is going on in the world in the education field. Now, Myanmar has enjoyed significant development in IT, as a result of national development. There is clear evidence that technological advance-ments provide a further impetus to communication. Technological development reached at its peak around the world

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Machinery, the key to agricultural success

As a sign of industrial development, Myanmar has seen a large number of factories, workshops and import-substitute factories.

Being an agro-based nation, Myanmar turns to boosting per acre yields of crops. In order to boost paddy per acre yield, the government distributes high-yield quality paddy seeds and encourages utilization of advanced agricultural methods, combined use of organic and inorganic fertilizers, and extensive use of farm machinery and tools.

Use of farm machinery costs less but minimizes unnecessary loss and wastage of crops. For example, with a combined harvester, an acre of paddy can be harvested and winnowed in a few hours.

Farm machinery factories in Ingon, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division, Ywathagyi, 9th Mile and Kyaikkalat in Yangon Division manufacture Leya-16 power-tillers, Leya-22 power-tillers, power-tillers for highlands, reapers, 22-blade ploughs, harrowing machines and farm implements.

The government constantly attends to the needs in the agricultural sector. So, farmers on their parts have to choose high-yield strains of crops and effectively use advanced agricultural methods and farm machinery, and apply mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns.

Nation's agricultural outputs of crops are believed to keep going up due to extensive production of farm machinery, supply of agricultural inputs, and broader choice of advanced agricultural methods.

Fuji Xerox to launch sales promotion



NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Concordia Int'l Co., Ltd will organize sales promotions of Fuji Xerox brand colour and laser printer, multipurpose copiers and toner cartridges at Concordia Showrooms in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw from today to 7 August.

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

Central Training School of Construction Ministry conducts capacity-building courses



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint delivering an opening speech at the ceremony.

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YANGON, 27 July — Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint addressed the opening ceremony of training courses at Central Training School of Public Works under the ministry this morning.

The courses opened today are Advanced

Course for Assistant Engineers (Civil), Refresher Course for Junior Engineers (2) (Civil) and Refresher Course for Financial Supervisors (4).

Departmental heads, principal and lecturers of the school, trainees and guest attended the ceremony.—MNA

Course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No. 1/2010 conducted



Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu addresses the opening ceremony of Course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No. 1/2010.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — ASEAN Resource Center for Training of Trainers for Civil Service established at the Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB) opened course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No. 1/2010 at the CSSTB Office, No. 17, here this morning. U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the CSSTB made an opening speech on the occasion.

It was also attended by members of CSSTB, U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi

Tun and U Kyaw Aung, heads of department under the CSSTB, officials, course instructors and the trainees.

A total of 30 trainees from the training centers of ministries, organizations and the two Central Institutes of Civil Service are currently attending the course covering five modules focusing on training matters and methodologies. The course will last four weeks.

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In response to the support of customers, colour and laser printers, A4 multifunction printer, Docu Print C525 A/2090, Docu Print 2428/1618/DP-230A Drum and Toner Cartridge for Mono and Color Printers and accessories will be sold at a discount price ranging from 10 % to 30 % during the promotion period and Fuji Xerox brand items at a special price at computer shops across the country.

For further information, contact Concordia

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52 civilians killed by NATO rocket fire in S Afghanistan: official

KABUL, 27 July—More than 50 non-combatants were killed by NATO troops in the troubled Helmand Province in south Afghanistan on Friday, a spokesman to Presidential Palace said on Monday. “Fifty-two civilians were killed in Sangin District on Friday

as NATO forces fired a rocket,” Siamak Heravi told *Xinhua*.

However, he did not give more details, saying a statement would be released in this regard.

Early on Saturday locals in Sangin District said that more than 50 civilians including women and children were

killed as NATO’s aircraft dropped bomb.

Abdul Ghafar, 60, who took four injured children of his family to Kandahar’s Mir Wais hospital, told *Xinhua* on Saturday that the incident occurred during a battle between NATO-Afghan troops and Taliban militants.—*Xinhua*



An Afghan soldier searches a boy during a patrol near COP Nolen, in the volatile Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 26 July, 2010. INTERNET



Fire fighters work at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 26 July, 2010.—INTERNET

NATO say one missing sailor killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 July—One of two US sailors missing in Afghanistan since last week has been confirmed dead and his body recovered, a NATO spokesman said on Tuesday.

The search continues for the other missing sailor, said Lt Col Todd Breaeseale, a spokesman for NATO and US forces in Afghanistan.

The two Navy sailors went missing Friday in the eastern province of Logar, after an armored sport utility vehicle was seen driving into a Taliban-held area. NATO officials were unable to say what they were doing in such a dangerous part of eastern Afghanistan.

The Taliban have said previously that they killed one of the two men in a firefight and captured the other.—*Xinhua*



An injured Iraqi girl rests in the emergency room of a hospital caught in a suicide car bomb in central Baghdad.—INTERNET

Car bombings kill 21, wound 50 in Karbala

BAGHDAD, 27 July—At least 21 people were killed and 50 others wounded when two booby-trapped car bombs were detonated late Monday near Iraq’s Shiite holy city of Karbala, a local police source said.

“At least 21 pilgrims died in the blasts and more than 50 others wounded,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The explosions occurred this evening

targeting the pilgrims who headed to Karbala to participate a ceremony of Imam Mehdi’s birthday.

Sporadic attacks are still common in Iraq as part of recent deterioration in security which shaped a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country more than four months after the violence-torn country held parliamentary elections on 7 March.

Major Shiite commemorations have often been targeted by various armed groups in Iraq. Despite tight security, attacks still happen.

Xinhua



Iraqi army soldiers stand near a massive crater outside the office of the al-Arabiya television station after a suicide bomber driving a minibus struck in Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 July, 2010.—INTERNET

British soldier killed in Afghan blast

LONDON, 27 July—A British soldier has been killed in a blast in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence announced on Tuesday, bringing the country’s death toll to 325 since operations began there in 2001.

The soldier from 36 Engineer Regiment was working with a team searching for roadside bombs when he was killed in an explosion on Monday in the Sangin area of Helmand Province.

“He was part of a search team that was involved in an operation to provide security in Sangin District when tragically he was killed in an explosion,” said military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel James Carr-Smith.

Britain has around 9,500 troops in Afghanistan as part of an international force fighting the Taliban, most of them in Helmand.—*Internet*

Men injured in a passenger bus accident rest at a hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on July, 2010. The speeding bus flipped over Monday in southern Afghanistan, killing over two dozens of people who were on board, Afghan police said.—INTERNET



Al-Qaeda militants open fire at British embassy to Yemen

SANAA, 27 July—A group of al-Qaeda gunmen opened fire at the British embassy in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa late on Monday, a police official said.

The official told *Xinhua* that the al-Qaeda gunmen opened extensive fire at the main gate of the British embassy while they were onboard a vehicle that moved very fast in the main street in front of the embassy, located

in the eastern edge of Sanaa.

“Back-up security forces were immediately rushed to the scene to help protecting the British embassy and its staff,” the official told *Xinhua*, but declined to give further information if there is any casualty.

The splinters of a projectile fired by rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) were found inside the embassy as

the group of gunmen managed to flee the scene after the attack, according to the official.

The attack on the British embassy rose the deadly assaults by the resurgent al-Qaeda regional arm in the Arabian Peninsula on highly -guarded Western and local targets to five attacks since last month.

Xinhua

Spanish airport to use automatic air control system

MADRID, 27 July—For the first time in history, Spanish La Gomera airport will apply an automatic air control system to guide aircraft landings from Thursday, airport authorities said Tuesday.

The airport authorities said the AFIS system was no less safe than the current system of human air-traffic controllers, adding that it would help save 600,000 euros (779,000 US dollars) a year in wages. The first aircraft to land using the system will be an ATR 72-500 owned by Binter Canarias airline, on a 40-minute flight from the Canary Island of Tenerife. There are currently five air-traffic controllers working at La Gomera airport and all of them will be replaced by the AFIS technicians. La Gomera is the first Spanish airport to implement the system and others are expected to follow suit in the near future.

The island of El Hierro will begin to use the AFIS on Sept. 3 and the Spanish airport authority, AENA, also expects to install it in the airports of Burgos, Logrono, Huesca and Cordoba.—Xinhua



Russian astronauts start spacewalk

Moscow, 27 July — Two Russian astronauts on Tuesday morning walked out of the International Space Station (ISS), starting a spacewalk preparing for the initiation of the small scientific module Rassvet, said the mission control center outside Moscow.

This is the second spacewalk of Russian astronauts this year. According to mission control spokesman Valery Lyndin, Fyodor Yurchikhin and Mikhail Kornienko opened the hatch gate of the Pirs docking module at 08:11 a.m. Moscow time (0411 GMT), and started a six-hour walk wearing new Russian Orlan-MK spacesuits.

The main task for the two astronauts was to lay wireless antenna outside the Rassvet module, place a camera for docking system at its exterior, and pave cables between Rassvet, Russia Zvezda service module and Zarya functional module. They will also replace a camera at the exterior of the Zvezda module.

Internet

This undated photo provided by Margaret McGrath, an associate professor of plant pathology at Cornell, shows the lower surface of basil, taken from her home garden, showing signs of the fungus called basil downy mildew that first surfaced in the U.S. in 2007 and has since begun to spread across the country.

INTERNET

SpaceShipTwo may make 1st glide test this year

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—Virgin Galactic's space tourism rocket SpaceShipTwo may fly free in its first glide test later this year, a company official said Friday.

The six-passenger spaceship has been carried aloft three times attached to the wing of its special jet-powered mothership,

all systems and functions in the air, said Stephen Attenborough, an executive with Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic in London. "Scaled are now evaluating the data from this recent captive-carry flight before we know when the first SS2 independent glide flight will be but there's a reasonable possibility that we could see



This image provided by Mark Greenberg/Virgin Galactic shows WhiteKnight2 with SpaceShip2 attached, over Mojave, Calif., 15 July, 2010.

INTERNET

including a July 15 flight with two pilots aboard for the first time.

That flight, conducted by spaceship-builder Scaled Composites LLC over California's Mojave Desert, allowed the crew to evaluate

it happen in the Fall," Attenborough said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Internet

Science

Yahoo Japan says to adopt Google's search engine

Tokyo, 27 July—Yahoo Japan, Japan's biggest Internet portal operator, said on Tuesday it will adopt US rival Google Inc's search engine and advertisement delivery system and provide Google with its data.

In contrast, partner Yahoo Inc has teamed up with Microsoft Corp in search technology.

The deal will not affect the position of Yahoo Inc as the Japanese firm's strategic partner or Yahoo Inc's stake in Yahoo Japan, Yahoo Japan said in a statement.

Yahoo Inc is Yahoo Japan's second-biggest shareholder after Softbank Corp.

Internet

Technology

Big bang investigators want new atom smasher

PARIS, 27 July—Scientists behind the European particle collider aimed at uncovering the secrets of the universe pushed Monday to build an even bigger machine — with money and partners from around the world.

Instead of whirling atoms in giant rings, as existing colliders in Switzerland and the United States do, scientists want a new-generation machine that will shoot them straight.

Depending on who wants to host it — and how much they are willing to pay — the next-generation collider could potentially be built anywhere in the world. Japan, Russia, the US and Switzerland are all potential hosts, although scientists from China, India, Canada and elsewhere also will be associated with it, said Barry Barish, director of one of the proposed new collider projects.—Internet



Yahoo! Japan president Masahiro Inoue answers questions at a press conference in Tokyo in April 2009. The country's leading Internet portal Yahoo! Japan may create a search alliance with Google, in a deal that would dominate the Japanese market and be a possible blow to Microsoft, according to a report.—INTERNET



A man walks past the logo of IBM at the world's biggest high-tech fair in the northern German city of Hanover in March 2010.—INTERNET

Ask.com augments search engine with people

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 July—Ask.com, the Internet search engine owned by IAC/InterActive Corp, is seeking some human help answering web surfers' questions.

The company has begun testing a new service that lets users of its search engine submit questions to other Ask.com visitors, tapping into the powerful social networking trends that are increasingly gaining popularity on the Web.

The new service

represents a striking shift for the company, which like most Internet search engines has long sought to distinguish itself based on the brawn of its computer algorithms.

But with only 3.6 percent share of the US search market in June according to analytics firm comScore, Ask.com is looking for ways to differentiate itself from rivals Google Inc, Yahoo Inc and Microsoft Corp.

Google had a 62.6 percent share of the US search market in June,

while Yahoo and Microsoft had market shares of 18.9 percent and 12.7 percent respectively.

The new "Ask the Community" feature means the company will be able to provide specific answers to a greater portion of the search queries it receives, instead of simply displaying links to relevant web pages, explained Doug Leeds, President of Ask.com US, while demonstrating the new service to Reuters last week.

Internet

Health Tip: Help Manage Unwanted Hair

NEW YORK, 27 July—In women, excess hair growth on the face or body is called hirsutism. It may be caused by abnormally high levels of male hormones.

The American Academy of Family Physicians suggests how to manage unwanted hair:

- Shave places where excess hair is growing.
- Apply a depilatory, a cream designed to remove hair.
- Use a bleaching paste designed for lightening dark hair. But these products can irritate skin, so be sure to follow the directions carefully.
- Pluck or wax smaller areas of hair.
- Consider electrolysis or laser hair removal as permanent ways to remove hair.

Internet

Study explores links between obesity and chronic pain

WASHINGTON, July 27—Obesity and chronic pain are both linked with family history and mood disorders, a new study suggests.

Previous research has shown that overweight people are at greater risk for chronic pain, mainly due to excessive weight placed on the joints. The most common pain disorders related to overweight and obesity are low back pain and osteoarthritis.

In this new study, Lisa Johnson Wright, of the University of California, San Diego, along with colleagues there and at the University of Washington in Seattle and the Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, examined data from 3,471 people in the University of Washington Twin Registry in order to determine how family history and psychological factors influence the relationship between obesity and chronic pain.

Internet



A nurse attending to newborn infants in a maternity ward of a hospital. Babies lavished with motherly affection are less likely to become anxious and stressed adults, according to an unusual study released Tuesday.
INTERNET



A box of collected breast milk is seen in April 2010 in Belgrade. Dragana Socanin of the Serbian Parents Network said that a lack of information and support for breastfeeding mothers contributes to the low rate.—INTERNET

Link between depression, cholesterol may differ by gender

PARIS, 27 July—Gender-specific regulation of cholesterol levels may help prevent depression in the elderly, suggests a new study.

French researchers followed a large group of men and women aged 65 and older for seven years. They found that depression in women was associated with low levels of “good” high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), which puts them at higher risk for cardiovascular

disease, including stroke. Previous research has shown that certain types of stroke increase the risk of depression. In contrast, depression in men was linked with low levels of “bad” low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C). This association was strongest in men with a genetic vulnerability to depression related to a serotonin transporter gene.

The study appears in the 15 July issue of the journal *Biological*

Psychiatry. “Our results suggest that clinical management of abnormal lipid levels may reduce depression in the elderly, but different treatment will be required according to sex,” corresponding author Dr Marie-Laure Ancelin, of INSERM, Montpellier, France, said in a journal news release.

Internet

Health

Renault to sell electric Zoe less than 15,000 euros

PARIS, 27 July — Renault-Nissan alliance will fix the price of its new electric car Zoe, expected to be sold in mid-2012, less than 15,000 euros (19,482 US dollars), but the match battery will be separately charged, French daily newspaper *Le Figaro* reported on Monday.

Zoe will be sold at a price “less than 15,000 euros,” given the government subsidy of 5,000 euros (6,494 dollars) is deducted, *Le Figaro* quoted an anonymous source with the French manufacturer on its website.

Renault group refused to give comment on the report but confirmed that Zoe’s



price will be close to similar models running on the road.

As the Zoe, a 21-inch-wheeled mini electric car with four seats, is developed on renovations of diesel-engined supermini car Clio, one of the French carmaker’s best-seller, French media deduced that Clio’s price of 15,000 was likely to be the baseline. However, the monthly rental of the battery would be charged for a separate price at “approximately 100 euros (130 US dollars),” the newspaper said.—*Xinhua*

Gold extends losses as risk appetite returns

CHICAGO, 27 July — Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange inched down on Monday, as the diminishing safe-haven demand and rising market optimism weighed on the precious metal. Silver and platinum both advanced.

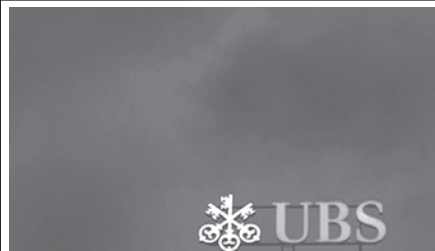
The most active gold contract for August delivery dropped 4.7 US dollars, or 0.4 percent, to finish at 1,183.1 dollars.

The US Commerce Department said on Monday that sales of US new homes jumped in June more than forecast after it touched a record low in the prior month. The surprising rise in sales of US new homes showed signs of stabilization in the US housing markets after the federal tax credit expiry, increased investors’ confidence on US economy, and sparked less demand for gold as a safe-haven.

Meanwhile, euro climbed against dollar for the third straight session, as investors satisfied with the fact that the vast majority of European banks passed their stress tests, proving their ability to withstand a financial crisis.

Gold traded higher earlier in the session and plummeted during the mid session, pressured by investors’ rising economic optimism and lack of solid buying interest.

September silver was up 9.9 cents, or 0.5 percent, to settle at 18.2 dollars per ounce, October platinum rose 13.0 dollars, or 0.8 percent, to settle at 1,555.8 dollars per ounce.—*Xinhua*



Swiss banking giant UBS on Tuesday posted a net profit of 2.0 billion francs (1.5 billion euros, 1.9 billion dollars) for the second quarter, beating analysts’ expectations.
INTERNET

China’s central SOEs donate 1.42 bln yuan in first half

BEIJING, 27 July—China’s centrally administered state-owned enterprises (SOEs) jointly donated over 1.42 billion yuan (212.53 million US dollars) for charitable work during the first half of 2010, the state assets watchdog said Monday.

The money came from 107 of the 125 central SOEs which are overseen by China’s State Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC), according to a statement posted on the SASAC’s website.

Xinhua

Business

Crash victims in identification mix-up

PHOENIX, 27 July—Two women involved in an Arizona car crash, one dead and one hospitalized in critical condition, were misidentified, authorities said. Abby Guerra, 19, was thought to have died at the scene 50 miles west of Glendale, Ariz., when a sport utility vehicle carrying five friends back from a trip to Disneyland blew a tire and crashed, *The Arizona Republic* reported on Thursday.

A woman thought to be Marlena Cantu, 21, was in critical condition

in St Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix with a brain injury, broken back and a collapsed lung, the newspaper said.

After nearly a week, it was determined it was Cantu who died in the crash and Guerra who remained in critical condition in the hospital.

Another passenger, Tyler Parker, 20, died a day after the accident and the remaining two passengers were also taken to a hospital with severe head injuries.

Friends of Cantu

kept vigil outside the hospital room unaware the woman laying there was Guerra.

"You're not looking for differences," Colleen Donovan said. "It didn't look like anyone I'd ever seen."

The mistake was traumatic for Cantu's parents, Donovan said.

"Every day they went (to the hospital) having hope that she's living one more day, then to find out it's not her," she said. "And Abby's parents, too.—*Internet*



View of the Kongsbreen glacier taken off the coast of Ny-Alesund in Norway on 5 June, 2010. The icy Arctic waters around Norway's archipelago of Svalbard may seem pristine and clear, but like the rest of the world's oceans they are facing the threat of growing acidity.

INTERNET



Labourers at a wholesale fruit market unload fresh watermelons from a truck. Police in Switzerland were less than impressed on Saturday when motorists helped themselves to melons that fell out back of a Spanish truck and prompted a traffic jam.

INTERNET

Mass grave chalked up to Mexico drug war

JUAREZ, 27 July—Mexican authorities say they will use DNA and tattoos for clues to the identities of 51 bodies found in a mass grave in the state of Nuevo Leon.

Officials suspect the dead were victims of Mexico's ongoing drug wars who had met their fate in the recent past.

The Los Angeles Times said on Sunday that some of the victims

bore signs of torture or execution. Since many of them also had tattoos on their bodies, investigators say they can learn more about the victims.

"They could have been people linked to organized crime, (killed in) a clash, in the war that the cartels are fighting among themselves," Nuevo Leon Gov Rodrigo Medina told reporters. "It undoubtedly shows the level of violence with which they confront each other.—*Internet*

In forest of horsehead monsters

BEIJING, 27 July—An alternative photographer and a painter with extraordinary visions conjure up provocative worlds of their own that challenge conventional assumptions. Feng Hai is an internationally known fashion photographer, but he also calls himself "an alternative photographer" who shoots a very different kind of surreal world of the mind.

"I am a dreaming person, so I always try to realize my dream every time I shoot," he says.

He chooses to inhabit a mysterious realm, "a little planet of his own where he moves at his own pace in his own orbit."

The overwhelming, meticulously staged photo titled "Searching for Divinity" is a spectacular scene: a forest of horse-head monsters wearing ancient Chinese costumes. Before them two young saints are praying. Despite the sensational content, the photograph is subtle in light and composition.

Xinhua

Chavez threatens to cut off US oil in Colombia dispute

CARACAS, 27 July—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez threatened on Sunday to cut off oil supplies to the United States if his country is attacked by US-backed Colombia in a dispute over allegations that

Venezuela provides a haven for Colombian guerrillas.

"If there is any armed aggression against Venezuela from Colombian territory or anywhere else supported by the Yankee empire, we

would suspend shipments of oil to the United States," Chavez told thousands of supporters in an outdoor speech. "We would not send another drop of oil to its refineries, not a single drop more," he added. If actually carried out, such a threat would be a big blow for the Venezuela economy. More than 90 percent of its export earnings are from oil. The United States is the top buyer of oil from Venezuela, which is one of the US main oil suppliers. Venezuela ruptured its diplomatic ties with Colombia on Thursday after Bogota presented to the Organization of American States (OAS) accusations about the alleged presence of Colombian guerilla chiefs in Venezuela's territory.—*Xinhua*



A two-month old African lion cub is weighed by a zoo keeper after being vaccinated at the Ramat Gan Safari near Tel Aviv on 25 July, 2010.

INTERNET

Iowa river cresting after dam break

DELHI, 27 July—Iowa's rain-swollen Maquoketa River continued to rise Sunday, a day after it breached a section of a dam and inundated farmland downstream, forecasters said.

The National Weather Service said the river would top out late Sunday at 11 feet over flood stage, breaking a record for the river set in 2002.

The cresting comes too late for residents downstream from the Lake Delhi dam, which crumbled on Saturday and unleashed a torrent of

water that wrecked several homes, flooded fields and caused about 1,200 people to evacuate the area.

Officials told the Des Moines Register that five homes in a resort community at the base of the lake were destroyed, but the sparsely populated nature of the area helped dissipate the flood quickly.

"I think the rest of the town's going to be fine," Hopkinton Fire Chief Craig Wilson told the newspaper. "We've got so much farmland that spreads the river out."

Internet



Bystanders watch the water rise after the Maquoketa River flooded downtown Manchester, Iowa, heavy rainfall spanning the past 48 hours on 24 July, 2010.—INTERNET

Mon State Red Cross Supervisory Committee opens new building

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — New building of Mon State Red Cross Supervisory Committee Office was opened in Mawlamyine on 18 July.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, departmental officials, members of social organizations and guests attended the opening ceremony.

The commander unveiled the inscription of building after an official

had formally opened the building.

The commander extended greetings, an official elaborated on the purposes of opening the new facility and chairman of the committee expressed gratitude.

The commander and officials presented certificates of honour to donors of the building.

He later cordially greeted those present at the ceremony and inspected the newly-opened building.

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"Myanmar Women's manner is Myanma Culture" held

YANGON, 27 July—Cultural Works Sub Group of Social and Culture Work Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized a talk whose topic was "Myanmar women's manner is Myanma Culture" held at Education College in Thingangyun Township here on 21 July.

Head of Cultural Works Sub Group Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winner Writer Shwegu Daw Nan Nwe Nwe gave talks on social lives of women in successive periods and members of the sub-group vocalists Daw Tin Tin

Mya, Daw Htar and Daw Yi Yi Thant entertained with songs and performances. Principal Daw Khin Wai Myint of the college spoke words of thanks.

The talk was attended by heads and members of sub groups under the federation, members of Yangon Division Myanmar Women's Affairs Committee, chairpersons and members of Yangon East District and Thingangyun Township MWAA's and instructors and students of Thingangyun Education College.—MNA



Members of the sub-group vocalists Daw Tin Tin Mya, Daw Htar and Daw Yi Yi Thant singing a song in unison on the stage.—MNA

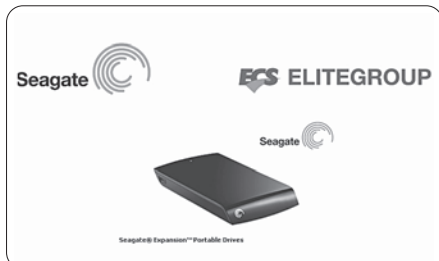
Article contest (open) to be held to mark International Literacy Day

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—Departmental concerned announced today that an article

contest (open) will be held in commemoration of International Literacy Day which falls on 8

September 2010.

Those interested may participate in the contest entitled "Emergence of continuous learning society". The article's words ranges between 3000 and 4000. They may compete manuscripts made with computer, type writer and handwriting. And it must be A4 size paper written on one side.



Work coordination meeting of Taninthayi Division Police Force held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—A work coordination meeting of Taninthayi Division Police Force took place at the meeting hall of Division Peace and Development Council on 22 July.

It was attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo,

members of Division/District/Township PDC, departmental officials and police members.

Head of Division Police Force reported on implementation of reducing crime by Division Police Force.

After that, the commander fulfilled the needs and made a concluding speech.—MNA

Deputy A-G meets law officers in Yangon Division

YANGON, 27 July — Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin met directors, deputy directors and assistant directors of Attorney-General Office (Yangon branch) at the meeting hall of the Attorney-General Office (Yangon branch) here and law officers of Yangon Division

at the meeting hall of Yangon Division Law Office today separately.

The deputy attorney-general visited Attorney-General Office (Yangon branch), Yangon Division Law Office and district/township Law Offices in Office Complex.

MNA

Segate Hard drives and ECS motherboards on sale

YANGON, 27 July—Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd is an authorized distributor and marketer of Segate hard drives and ECS motherboards in Myanmar.

Segate, which has long been the No.1 computer hard drive in the market, distributes internal desktop/Laptop hard drives, external USB hard drives, network storages, home entertainment devices as well as server and enterprise storage products with two to five years of guarantee.

Products of ECS (Elitegroup Computer System), which has been

manufacturing motherboards since the invention of personal computers, are lost-priced and efficient ones that ECS is now accepted as a world-wide brand. The latest ECS motherboards are equipped with eight-second quick boot to internet, chatting and photo viewing.

In July and August, MTZ Co Ltd is presenting purchasers of Segate external hard drives at the showroom with gifts and lucky draw coupons.

The showroom is at No. 125/B, Shwe Gondaing Street, Bahan Township, here, Ph: 542569, 723009.—MNA

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Remote Sensing (RS) Courses on 3 August

YANGON, 27 July—Myanmar Credent

Two copies of manuscript along with admission own creation, CV form and three colour photos (1.5 inches X 2 inches) are to be sent to Director U Khin Maung Lu of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, Office No.52, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 20 August.

For more information, dial 067-430164.—MNA

Technology will open Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Remote Sensing (RS) Certificate Course No. 1/2010 at e-Learning centre, Room. 4, Building NO. 1, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, here.

Only 20 trainees will be admitted to the ten-week course whose classes are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 pm to

6pm. The course will be started on 3 August and concluded on 7 October. The fee for the course inclusive of documents is K 10,000. Government staff, students, members of MCPA and MES can enjoy 10 % discount.

Those interested are to enroll at Room. 1, Building 7, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, here, Ph: 652285, 652286.

MNA

Communication networks, a driver behind building a new nation

Zaw Win (Kyemon)



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspects mobile communication equipment produced by companies in Yatanarpon Teleport in PyinOoLwin Township.

(from page 1)
during the period between late 20th century and early 21st century.

The social changes the Myanmar society has been experiencing from 1988 onwards include significant

progress in the IT sector.

Progress of the post and telecommunication is remarkable if compared with that in 1988. For instance, the number of post offices throughout the nation has increased to 1375 from only 1114,

suggesting that the nation has seen 261 more facilities.

In 1988, Myanmar had 310 telegraph offices only, and the establishment of more telegraph offices has brought the total to 513, accounting for

emergence of 203 more facilities. The number of fax machines is now 5385, compared with only 10 in 1988. Myanmar did not have

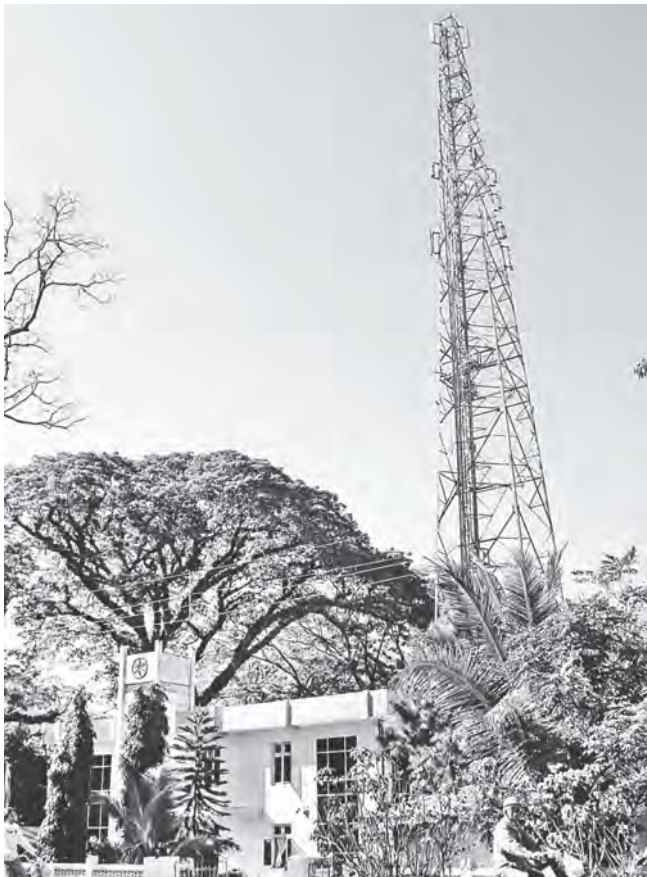
any computer telegraph office till 1988. Now, it has 140 computer telegraph offices.

Telecommunication of the Myanmar Posts and

Telecommunications is listed top among the progresses in the communication sector. As a result of extending (See page 9)

Progress of communication sector from 1988 onwards

Subject	1988	2010	Progress
Post office	1114	1375	261
Telegraph office	310	513	203
Fax	10	5385	5375
Computer telegraph	-	140	140
Telephone office			
Digital auto exchange	52	375	363
Manual exchange	211	306	95
Rural telephone exchange	-	233	233
Phone line			
Auto telephone line	74855	2172434	2097579
ARTS radio telephone	-	866084	791229
DECT radio telephone	-	3856	3856
CDMA (Fixed) telephone	-	1949	1949
CDMA (Mobile) telephone	-	20038	20038
CDMA 800	-	1306350	1306350
D-AMPS telephone	-	545650	545650
GSM telephone	-	150000	15000
WCDMA telephone	-	38400	38400
Mc WLL telephone	-	494300	494300
Telephone (every 1000 people)	1.92	28000	28000
e-Mail/Internet	-	50000	50000
Satellite communication station	-	37.78	35.86
Local satellite channel	-	8485	8485
Oversea satellite channel	-	1773	1773
Oversea communication channel	-	7092	7092
Ground satellite station	26	3816	3790
Satellite channel	1	2	1
Underwater cable channel	26	804	778
Fibre optics	-	1815	1815
Cross-border fibre optics	-	8470	8470
Digital microwave optics	-	1197	1197
Analogue microwave optics	-	312	312
Carrier	71	-	Digital
	124	-	Digital



Microwave station and its tower in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

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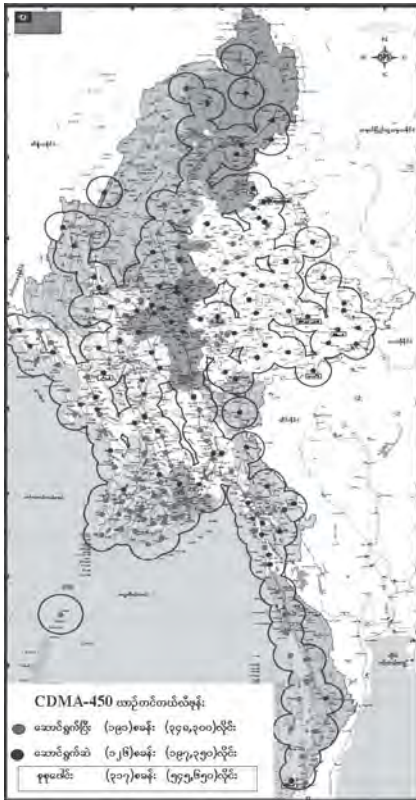
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auto and mobile telephone, the ratio of the people and telephones has improved from 1000 : 1.92 in 1988 to 1000 : 37.78 in 2010.

In addition, the government is doing more and more to

mobile phone

-Stations
42 (100,000 lines)
MPT Satellite Terminal Project was launched in cooperation with Thailand in 2004 for the comfort and convenience of local people of far-flung areas, and the regions



The map showing CDMA-450 stations across the nation.

improve the communication sector. Ongoing projects in communication are as follows:—

- digital microwave stations 81

Auto telephone

-Auto exchange
80 (35,966 lines)

Mobile phone system

-GSM radio stations 3 0
(61,400 lines)

CDMA-450 mobile phone

-Stations
151 (281,000 lines)

CDMA-800 WLL



Nay Pyi Taw auto exchange and technology building.

with poor communication in states and divisions.

Thanks to the prudent project, local people of those regions have easy access to telephone, fax and Internet through MPT satellite terminals.

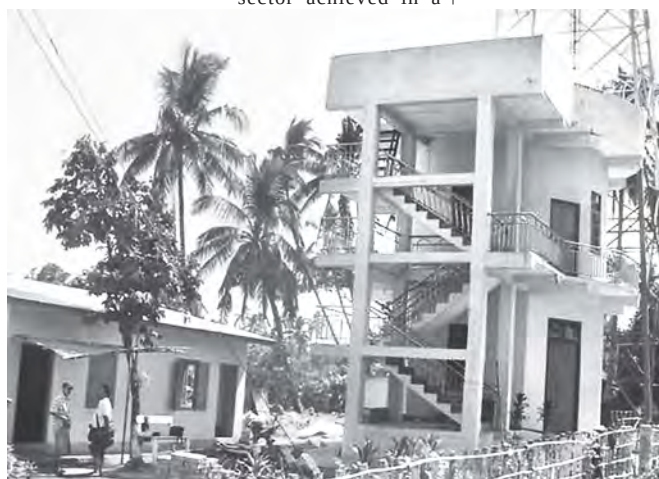
G.S.M mobile system was launched on 16 July 2004.

Now, with new mobile phones, people can communicate people at home and abroad and use Internet.

The development in the communication sector achieved in a



Auto exchange station in Kungyangon, Yangon Division.



CDMA-450 radio station in Amar, Ayeyawady Division.

couple of decades has considerably improved the socio-economic status of the people, especially in the social, education, economic and health sectors.

The project (2009-2010) designed for accelerating progress in the communication sector resulted in emergence of seven post offices, upgrading of 19 facilities to post offices, emergence of three telegraph offices, upgrading of four offices to telegraph

offices, installation of 45,620 auto telephone lines, 91,540 mobile phone lines, 46 auto exchange offices, and 14 satellite microwave optics.

Moreover, satellite communication system, fibre optics system, underwater cable communication system and cross-border communication system have been launched to improve the overseas communication. So far, (See page 10)

Communication networks, a driver behind building a new nation

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Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office.

(from page 9)
the nation has got 3369 international channels, and 12 others on the way.

Now, a plan is ongoing to replace cross-border cable lines with Fibre Optics to improve Internet connection and

Now, electronic system and communication system can be used in combination, resulting in e-Banking System, e-Passport, e-Credit, e-Library and e-Learning Centre. So, it has improved communication

goes together with national development.

Communication is one of the sectors the government has been carrying out to improve infrastructures for national development. In its bid to build a modern, developed nation, the government has to cope with a variety of challenges and make sustained efforts in the long-term interest of the nation and the people.

After restoring stability and community peace around the nation, the government hammered out the 24-region Development Project that covers the whole nation in order to bridge the development gap between one state or division and another. As a result, the nation has witnessed expressways, ASEAN highways, railways, river-crossing bridges, hydropower plants,



CDMA station in Taungdwingyi, Magway Division, indicates regional communication progress.

national grids, and prestigious universities.

At the same time, the government is implementing the five rural development programmes: smooth transport, supply of adequate safe water, high education standard, better health care, and economic growth of rural areas.

Due to the programmes, now there has

not been much development gap between urban and rural areas. Besides, the plans to supply electric power to all rural areas and establish libraries in all villages and long-term policies have proved successful.

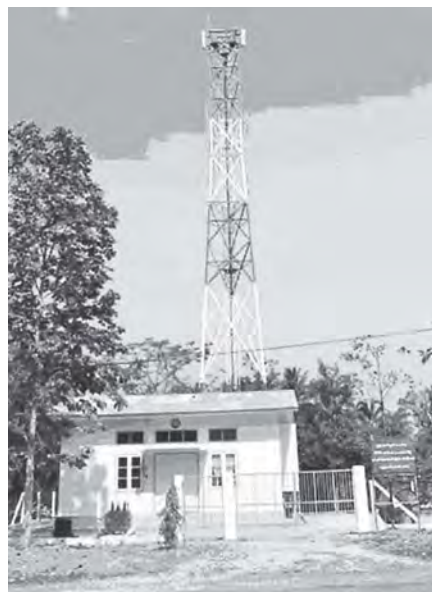
They are a hopeful sign that every village across the nation will soon enjoy the development in the

communication sector.

Now, the entire brethren are reaping the reward of hard work the government has been exerting to establish communication networks covering the whole Union.

As a tangible result of the communication projects that has been implemented in about 20 years, the nation has enjoyed significant development in administrative and management sectors, in addition to national economic growth, higher education standard, better health care and higher socio-economic status of the public. In other words, emergence of communication networks is a driver behind the process of building a new nation.

Translation: MS



GSM station in 7th Mile, Kawthoung, Taninthayi Division.

ensure easy access to Internet in many towns in border areas.

In addition, e-Government system is being implemented with a view to expediting office management with the use of electronic communication system. The e-Government system covers civil servant database system used among ministries.

both locally and internationally. Yatanarpon Teleport Project is being implemented with the aim of domestically manufacturing communication-related accessories and establishing an electronic town.

Internet cafes, faxes and e-Mail centres across the nation are a testament to the development in the communication sector that



Auto exchange station in Muse, Shan State (North).



Mass power outages hit DC metro area after storms

WASHINGTON, 27 July—Massive power outages hit the nation's capital and surrounding areas on Sunday night after powerful storms barreled through and downed power lines and countless trees, including one that fell on a minivan and killed a woman. The storms cooled things off but left widespread damage, authorities said. Pepco spokesman Clay Anderson said more than 293,000 customers in Montgomery County, Prince George's County and DC were without power late Sunday. Because of such widespread damage, there was no timetable for most places to be back on line, he said. Not only were power

lines down but electric poles are broken and numerous transformers are damaged, he said.

Prince George's County fire spokesman Mark Brady said two women were in the minivan in Beltsville when it was crushed by a tree. A woman in her 40s was killed and a woman in her 60s was injured.

Internet



A tree fallen by Sunday's storm, blocks a street in Silver Spring, Md, near Washington, on 26 July, 2010. It could take days to restore power to hundreds of thousands of people in and around Washington after a storm downed power lines and trees and left four people dead, officials said on Monday.

INTERNET



Cyclists ride in the tunnel reopened one day after the stampede accident in the western German city of Duisburg on 25 July, 2010.

XINHUA

Wild fire in South France burns forest, arson deemed as likely cause

PARIS, 27 July—About 900 hectares of forest and plants were licked by fire which started on Saturday night in Bouches-du-Rhone, south of France.

Preliminary investigations said on Sunday that arson is likely to be the cause, according to local media.

Although the local firefighters said the blaze has done little damage to the nearby neighbourhood and has been under control, some 2,000 holidaymakers in the region were temporarily evacuated. Water bombing resumed on Sunday morning before strong mistral is expected to build on Monday and Tuesday.

According to a local report, a burned-out car was found in the fire path, which is deemed as criminal traces causing the wild fire.

"Everything is moving towards a criminal trail," Patimo Colonel Gerard, a local official, was quoted by AFP as saying. "The fire is no longer in progress," he added.

Xinhua



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire in a pine forest in Sausset les pins, near Marseille in southern France, July 25, 2010.

XINHUA

London to kick off bicycle project for "greenest" Olympics

SHANGHAI, 27 July—The city of London is going to start a project next week to encourage people ride bicycle as the main transportation so as to make the greenest Olympics ever, said Peter Bishop, Deputy Chief Executive of London Development Agency here on Monday at the Shanghai Expo.

Bishop said at the press conference marking the beginning of "London Week", that the project includes providing citizens more bicycles for rent and creating a new network of fast cycle routes across London. He added, one of the key programmes of the Mayor of London is to develop new forms of transport, particularly electric vehicles and hydrogen technologies.

"There are very ambitious plans in the London transport authority called Transport for London to convert its transportation into electric and hybrid vehicles," he said.

Bishop said all of these are driven by London mayor's desire to reduce the carbon foot print by 60 percent by 2025. As one of the highlights of the "London Week", which will take place from 26 to 30 July, London will also hold a grand reception to celebrate the two-year countdown to the 2012 Games at the UK Pavilion on Tuesday night.

Xinhua

Six soldiers wounded in Turkey's mine blast

ANKARA, 27 July—Six soldiers of the Turkish security forces were wounded in a land-mine blast in southeastern Turkey on Monday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The road-side mine which was planted by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) detonated while a military vehicle passed by in Lice town of Diyarbakir Province, said the report.

The wounded soldiers were rushed to a military hospital for medical treatment, said the report.

Earlier on Saturday, another mine exploded in Agri Province bordering Iran, injuring four Turkish soldiers.

The PKK, labeled as a terrorist group by the Turkish government, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Some 40,000 people have been killed in the conflicts since then.

Xinhua

11 missing in China landslides

BEIJING, 27 July—Eleven people were missing after rain triggered landslides in southwest China on Monday, the latest victims of widespread flooding that has left 1,100 dead or missing, state media said.

The landslides occurred in a remote part of Yunnan, one of many provinces hit in recent months by heavy rains that have caused the country's worst flooding in a decade.



Chinese rescuers search for survivors after a landslide in Yunnan Province earlier this month. Eleven people were missing after rain triggered landslides in southwest China on Monday, the latest victims of widespread flooding that has left 1,100 dead or missing, state media said.

INTERNET

Another 11 people were injured in the landslides which struck early Monday morning in the province's Gongshan county, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Interent

Two killed in New Zealand light plane crash

WELLINGTON, 27 July—Two people were dead after two light planes collided mid-air in New Zealand's lower North Island on Monday afternoon, the Civil Aviation Authority said.

The Civil Aviation Authority spokesman Bill Sommer said two Cessna 152 planes were involved in the crash near Feilding at 3.30 pm (03:30 GMT). It is believed the two dead were from the same plane. One of the planes managed to land at an airstrip near Feilding while the second aircraft crashed into a paddock.

Emergency services were at the scene and the police had cordoned off nearby road.

The cause of the crash were under investigation.

Xinhua

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Father, two children die in Canada fire

CANADA, 27 July—Fire engulfed a home in northern Labrador, killing a Canadian father and his two young sons, police said. The names of the 50-year-old man and his children, ages 2 and 4, had not been released. The man's wife escaped the blazing structure and was treated for smoke inhalation, *Postmedia News* reported.

Cpl Steve Conohan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the house was fully involved by the time police and firefighters arrived on Saturday night. The fire also destroyed a vacant home next door to the one where the three family members died.

Internet

Two-year-old boy killed running after ice cream vendor in Florida

ORLANDO, 27 July—A two-year-old boy was killed after running into traffic towards an ice cream vendor in Florida. Isaac Parker was walking with his mother along State Road 11 in DeLand, 75km north of Orlando, on Friday night when he ran across the street, CBS said.

The boy had spotted an ice cream vendor pushing his cart, Florida Highway Patrol troopers said, but was hit by a van as he crossed the road. He was transported to Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, but died yesterday. The highway patrol were continuing to investigate.—*Internet*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (039) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.7.2010 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.

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Ex-Birmingham man Benitez makes scoring return

MEXICO CITY, 27 July—Ecuadorian striker Christian Benitez made a scoring return to the Mexican league on Sunday, netting a brace in a 4-1 win for Santos Laguna over Atlante in the opening game of the Apertura season.

'Chucho' Benitez, 24, had a spell on loan to Birmingham City in the English Premier League last season but only sporadically impressed before heading back to Santos.



Ecuadorian striker Christian Benitez, seen here in May 2010, made a scoring return to the Mexican league.

INTERNET

He opened the scoring on the half hour before rounding off the win in the final minute.—*Internet*

Menezes vows to achieve 'dreams' in start as Brazil coach

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 July—Brazil's new coach, Mano Menezes, said on Monday he intended to build a side capable of achieving his nation's football "dreams," as he was officially presented in his new job.

The successor to Dunga, who was axed after Brazil was knocked out of this year's World Cup in the quarter-finals, is to forge the new team ahead of the 2014 World Cup, which is to be held in Brazil. In a sign of how completely he planned to overhaul the "selecao," he said a friendly Brazil is to play against the USA on 10 August would count only four players from the South African World Cup line-up.—*Internet*

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Diplomats say EU eyes trade talks with Malaysia

BRUSSELS, 27 July—The European Union has started informal talks with Malaysia on a free trade pact that could open markets in spirits, cars and services to Europe and bring more investment to the Southeast Asian country, diplomats said.

The move highlights the EU's resolve to tap Asian consumer and financial markets. EU trade experts expressed their interest in securing a deal with Malaysia at a meeting in Brussels on Friday, diplomats said.

One envoy said informal talks had also been held between EU and Malaysian officials in Kuala Lumpur several weeks ago. "Initial talks are moving along rather quickly, and the question is whether Malaysia is ready to get involved in a very comprehensive agreement," said one source.

Malaysian officials in Brussels confirmed

that formal trade talks could start but gave no details.

If they do start, Malaysia would be the third South-East Asian nation after Singapore and Vietnam to hold talks with the EU this year.

The EU had hoped to secure an agreement with the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which comprises 10 countries including Malaysia, but talks with the group were frozen last year.

MNA/ Reuters

Hodgson ponders early Gerrard call

LIVERPOOL, 27 July—Roy Hodgson says he could turn to Steven Gerrard earlier than expected for the first leg of Liverpool's Europa League qualifier against Rabotnicki on Thursday.

New coach Hodgson had planned to give more recovery time to Liverpool captain Gerrard and his England team-mates Jamie Carragher, Glen Johnson and Joe Cole after their efforts at the World Cup.



Liverpool's new manager Roy Hodgson pictured during an interview prior to a friendly match.

INTERNET

Liverpool's medical team have advised Hodgson it is too soon to use the international players, who have been back in pre-season training for just over a week.

Internet

Brazil's football team new coach Mano Menezes, seen here during his presentation to the press.

INTERNET



NZ teenager survives fall from 16th storey balcony

A 15-year-old New Zealand boy has survived with minor injuries after falling 16-storeys from the balcony of his family's apartment onto a concrete floor, New Zealand media reported on Monday.

The *New Zealand Herald* said the teenager fell about 50 metres off the balcony, dropping through a carpark roof that may have broken his fall before he hit the concrete. Another tenant raised the alarm after seeing the boy fall past his window.

The newspaper said medical experts were amazed that the boy survived as few people managed to live if they plunged from more than five storeys.

The teenager was described as in a stable condition in an Auckland hospital with a broken wrist, broken rib, gashed leg and internal injuries, the *New Zealand Herald* reported.

"God must have been with him. He's got an angel looking after him, that's for sure," housekeeper Kaa Wehi, who was working in the building at the time, told the newspaper.



Levi Sherwood from New Zealand performs during the first training of the fourth stage of the Red Bull X-Fighters World Tour in Madrid on 22 July, 2010.



Charles Bicht (C) of Vero Beach is congratulated by previous winners of the annual "Papa" Hemingway Look-Alike Contest at Sloppy Joe's Bar in Key West, Florida on 24 July, 2010

Surf statue enveloped by 'Jaws'

Pranksters have defaced an infamous bronze surfer statue in Encinitas, Calif., enclosing it inside the mouth of a papier-mache great white shark, observers say.

The statue named "Magic Carpet Ride," which is often the subject of derision by locals who allege its depiction of a male surfer in an effeminate and unrealistic pose, was abused early Saturday morning by an unknown person or group of persons, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reported.

Campers at nearby San Elijo State Beach say they heard noises around 4 am but didn't see anything, the newspaper said on Saturday.

The papier-mache artwork reportedly had been seen on the opposite side of Highway 101 where the statue stands earlier in the week and it had been moved closer to the highway over the past two days.

San Diego County Sheriff's Lt Tony Ray said there was no need for a crime report because there was no damage to the statue.

"It wasn't considered vandalism because there wasn't any permanent defacing," Ray said.

News Album

Painting hides marijuana worth thousands

Getting ready to resell a painting he bought five years ago at auction, an 80-year-old Georgia man says he discovered more than \$4,000 worth of pot. Gordon Clement of Cherokee County bought the painting at a post office auction and was coming back from a failed attempt to resell the artwork for \$25 at another auction when a family member felt something moving inside the frame, *WSB-TV*, Atlanta, reported. "Four pounds of marijuana inside the picture frame. I didn't know what to do," Clement said.

He decided to take it home and then call his lawyer for advice but said he was a nervous wreck on the drive back knowing he had so much of an illegal substance in tow, *WSB-TV*, Atlanta, said on Saturday.

Vatican reverses itself, painting not a Caravaggio



'The Martyrdom of St Lawrence' painting.—INTERNET

VATICAN CITY, 27 July—The Vatican's top art historian has shot down a report in its own newspaper that suggested a recently discovered painting

was a Caravaggio.

The head of the Vatican Museums, Antonio Paolucci, wrote on Monday in the *Vatican* newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* that the work, discovered in the sacristy of a Jesuit church in Rome, was most likely a copy of an original painted by a Caravaggio student.

It was *L'Osservatore Romano* itself which last week set the art world aflutter with a front-page article "A New Caravaggio," detailing the artistry behind the "Martyrdom of St Lawrence."—*Internet*

Chinese action film to open Venice Film Festival



A still of "Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen". XINHUA

BEIJING, 27 July—Chinese kung-fu film "Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen", directed by Andrew Lau and starring Donnie Yen and Shu Qi, will be one of

the two opening films of the 67th Venice International Film Festival this September, *Chinafilm.com* reports.

With an investment of 120 million yuan (17.7 million US dollars), "The Return of Chen Zhen" follows the story from the 1994 film "Fist of Legend" starring Jet Li. The hero, Chen Zhen, kills the Japanese martial-arts master and the general who murders his master, Huo Yuanjia. That is also the premise for "Fist of Fury" (1972) starring Bruce Lee as Chen Zhen. American film "Black Swan" starring Natalie Portman is the other opening film.

Australian songwriters achieve world's longest song

CANBERRA, 27 July—Lisa Mitchell and Josh Pyke are among the Australian songwriters who have combined to set a world record for the longest ever song, local media reported on Monday.

The landmark project attracted 168 co-writers after budding artists were invited to contribute snippets of lyrics to the world first.

Xinhua



Singer Sheryl Crow performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" in New York, on 23 July, 2010.—XINHUA

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

XINHUA

"Mad Men" hardly a hit on Madison Avenue

NEW YORK, 27 July—Two-time drama series Emmy winner "Mad Men" returned to AMC on Sunday night after a whirlwind of previews and promotions in print, broadcast and online.

Despite all the attention and the show's affluent viewership, "Mad Men" has averaged far fewer viewers than other summer cable dramas like USA's "Burn Notice," and ad rates also are lower. An average 30-second spot on first-run episodes of "Mad Men" fetches about \$20,000-\$25,000, according to a recent trade media report — not much, but it is a multiple of AMC's primetime movies.

Internet

Milner holds talks with O'Neill on Villa return

BIRMINGHAM, 27 July—Aston Villa midfielder James Milner held peace talks on Monday with the club's manager Martin O'Neill,



Aston Villa midfielder James Milner held peace talks on Monday.—INTERNET

in an attempt to defuse the row over his potential move to Manchester City.

Milner was reported to be angry that O'Neill went public with his belief the England star wants to quit Villa in favour of a switch to big-spending City.

City have already had a 20 million pounds (23.9 million euros) offer for Milner rejected by Villa, but O'Neill claimed last week that he was willing to give in to the player's wish to leave if his asking price was met.

Internet

Carl Pettersson rallies to win Canadian Open

TORONTO, 27 July—Carl Pettersson's family left Sweden when he was 10, spent five years in England, then settled in Greensboro, N.C.

"I call myself a mutt," Pettersson said Sunday after rallying to win the Canadian Open for his fourth PGA Tour victory. "I'm not your typical Swede, as you know. I don't have a 28-inch waist and I don't eat bananas at the turn, stuff like that."

In fact, he considers his ample gut a necessity, something he learned after a successful fitness kick backfired following the 2008 season.—Internet



Carl Pettersson, of Sweden, holds the trophy after winning the Canadian Open golf tournament at St Georges. INTERNET

SPORTS

Zanetti wins exemplary player award



Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti has been awarded the Premio Scirea.—INTERNET

ROME, 27 July—Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti has been awarded the Premio Scirea by Italian journalists, it was announced on Monday.

The award has been running yearly since 1992

and is given to players over 30 who have had an "exemplary career".

For the first time this season it was also open to foreign players who have been playing their trade in Serie A for at least 10 years and Argentine Zanetti thus became the first foreign winner.

The honour is named after Gaetano Scirea, the legendary former Juventus sweeper, who spent 14 years at the Italian giants after beginning his career at Atalanta.—Internet

NASCAR gets tougher to protect its brand

CHARLOTTE, 27 July—Concerns about a half-empty race track dogged NASCAR long before Sunday's race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where the sanctioning body's top officials didn't want to

discuss attendance or any other ailments plaguing the nation's No. 1 racing series.

The conversation was instead steered to all the things NASCAR is doing right, a theme that became evident before the season

started, when competitors spread a message of hope and unity.

Turns out that the racing series was serious about keeping everybody on point.—Internet



The file photo shows the field passing a half-full stand.—INTERNET

Maradona states terms for extending Argentina deal

BUENOS AIRES, 27 July—Argentina coach Diego Maradona has announced that he hopes to continue in his role but only if he does not have to change his backroom staff from the World Cup in South Africa.

"I've got a meeting with (Argentina Football Association president Julio) Grondona this week and this week I'll decide whether to continue or not," Maradona told America TV in a programme broadcast on Sunday night.

"It depends on what



Argentina's coach Diego Maradona

Grondona says and on whether he accepts what I ask him. I want to (continue) because I've spoken with the boys (the Argentina players) and I have their support."

Grondona confirmed last week that he was due to meet Maradona on Monday.—Internet

Ernest returns to beat Lacko at ATP Farmers Classic

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—Latvia's Ernests Gulbis, who is seeking his second win on the ATP Tour, returned from an injury layoff Monday to defeat Lukas Lacko 7-5, 7-5 in the opening round of the Farmers Classic event.

Gulbis, who turns 22 next month, was playing his first match in two months after injuring his right hamstring at the French Open.

Gulbis had to shake off the rust in the early going but scratched and clawed his way to victory with the help of 11 aces.—Internet



Ernests Gulbis of Latvia checks his leg during the French Open in May. Gulbis, who is seeking his second win on the ATP Tour, returned from an injury layoff Monday to defeat Lukas Lacko 7-5, 7-5 in the opening round of the Farmers Classic event.—INTERNET

French World Cup report due on 6 August

PARIS, 27 July—The French Football Federation (FFF) announced on Monday that the findings of an independent report into France's disastrous World Cup campaign will be published on August 6.

The report was commissioned in response to events in South Africa, where the France players boycotted an open training session in protest after striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home for insulting coach Raymond Domenech.

France, finalists in 2006, were elimi-

nated at the group stage after drawing 0-0 with Uruguay and losing to Mexico and hosts South Africa.—Internet



The French Football Federation. INTERNET

Matt Garza pitches 1st no-hitter in Rays history

ST PETERSBURG, 27 July—The Tampa Bay Rays finally wound up on the right side of a memorable pitching performance. Matt Garza threw the first no-



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Garza, center without hat, celebrates his no-hitter in the Rays'.—INTERNET

hitter in franchise history and the fifth in the major leagues this season, beating the Detroit Tigers 5-0 Monday night.

The right-hander faced the minimum 27 batters, allowing only a second-inning walk to Brennan Boesch, for a team that's often been on the wrong end of no-hitters lately. The Rays have been held hitless three times since last July, including a pair of perfect games.

"It was one of those days where everything lined up," Garza said. "The defense made great plays. I really can't say enough about them."—Internet

Guti agrees two-year deal with Besiktas



Former Real Madrid midfielder Jose Maria Guti has agreed a two-year contract with Besiktas.—INTERNET

ISTANBUL, 27 July—Spanish midfielder Jose Maria Guti has agreed a two-year contract with Besiktas, the Turkish first division club announced

on Monday.

"Under the agreement, the player will be paid 2.7 million euros per year," Besiktas said in a statement to the Istanbul stock exchange.

The 33-year-old, who left Real Madrid on Sunday after a 15-year career with the Spanish giants, was expected to arrive in Istanbul late on Monday and was due to undergo his medical on Tuesday morning before signing the deal.

Internet



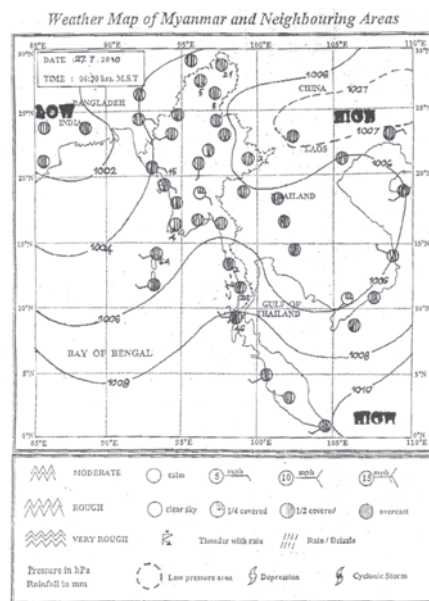
Donald Tsang Yam-Kuen (L), Chief Executive of China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and his wife tend baby giant pandas at Bifeng Gorge Base of China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, located in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 25 July, 2010.—XINHUA

Danish company recalls drugs on Chinese market

BEIJING, 27 July —Danish pharmaceutical group LEO Pharma is recalling all remaining stock of its Sodium Fusidate for intravenous injection from the Chinese market because glass particles have been identified in some vials, said China's drug watchdog on Tuesday.

The move was part of LEO Pharma's global recall of Sodium Fusidate, which is mainly used for bacterial infections, the State Food and Drug Administration said in a report on its website.

The company was recalling the products as a precautionary measure because glass particles have been identified in some vials of the powder, the report said. The recall in China involved 12 batches of the product, it said. There was so far no reports of any health problems caused by the mishap, the administration said.—Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 27th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Mon State, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.12)inch, Cocogyun (2.60)inches, Kawthoung (1.97) inches, Gangaw (1.49) inches, Shwegyin (1.02)inches, Mindat and Myeik (0.91)inch each.

Maximum temperature on 26-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 27-7-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-7-2010 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 26-7-2010 was (8.2) hours.

Rainfall on 27-7-2010 was (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (40.00) inches at Mingaladon, (45.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (54.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 26-7-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 28th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (28-7-2010) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (28-7-10 09:30 am ~ 29-7-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Pyadalin Cave, A Hidden Treasure House
- * News
- * Fad and Fashion of Myanmar Cotton Ware
- * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
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- * (Being Young) Youth and Sport
- * News
- * Artist Myeik Win Htain & Heroes of Myanmar
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Tapestry; A Genuine Myanmar Handicraft
- * News
- * Ngapali, Unique Spot To Relax
- * Myanmar Movie "He sows when he reaps"
- * Symbols of Dramatic Myanmar



Wednesday, 28 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
- မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 - ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
- To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- Morning News
- 7:40 am
- အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိုလ်ကလေးတင်အောင်)
- 7:50 am
- Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- မြန်မာ့ပြည်သူ့ကျေးဇူးအား
- 8:15 am
- အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
- အကျိုးပြုအားမာန်ဆည် ရေလျှော်တံတစ် (ရင်းရှည်)
- 8:40 am
- International News
- 8:45 am
- Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
- Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- Song Of National Races
- 4:20 pm
- Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
- အဝသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

- 6:35 pm
- ထက်မြတ်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
- ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်မြင်
- 7:35 pm
- အလင်္ကာကျော်စွာ မြို့မမြင်းနှစ်တစ်ရာပြည့် တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ် (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
- News
18. News
19. International News
20. Weather Report
21. နိုင်ငံတော်အတွက် ထာဝရသစ္စာ (တေးဆို-စောမင်းနောင်နှင့် အဖွဲ့၊ တေးရေး-စန္ဒရာကုန်းဇော်)
22. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၃)
23. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊ အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ကွက်စိပ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ) (တေးမီယာတို) (ဒုတိယဆု) (အဝမ်းမင်းဇော်) (မန္တလေးတိုင်း)
- 4:45 pm
- Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
- Classical Songs
- 5:05 pm
- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:15 pm
- Musical Programme
- 5:25 pm
- "ကျွန်ရစ်ခဲ့သော ခြင်တောင်လေးတစ်လုံး"
- 5:35 pm
- ရွှေယဉ်လင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:45 pm
- နေပြည်တော်တောင်စခန်း ခြင်လန်းဖွယ်နားနီမယ် (Mount Pleasant Hotel)
- 6:00 pm
- Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- မြန်မာ့ရေလေ့ရှိရာလင်ဂေ့



- ★ 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

Application for formation of political party submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting the applications describing the names of their parties to the Union Election Commission. The All National Races Unity and Development Party (Kayah State) submitted the application to form as a political party to the commission today.

Up to date, there are 46 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-nine of 40 parties that submitted application for registration as political parties have been granted permission to register and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

MNA

Monsoon paddy cultivation in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — So far, Ayeyawady Division has put 3,145,498 acres of farmlands under monsoon paddy.—MNA

Green pea plantations in Yesagyo Township in good condition

YESAGYO, 26 July—Green pea plantations in Yesagyo Township, Magway Division are now successful.

A total of 20,515 acres was put under monsoon green pea this year. Green pea hit record on high demand than the previous year.

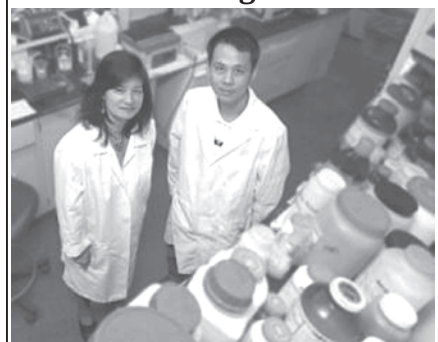
So, farmers are now enjoying higher income than before.

MNA



Abundance of Green pea plantation keeps Yesagyo Township alive.—MNA

Protein identified that can result in fragile bones



SCIENCE DAILY, 27 July — Too little of a protein called neogenin results in a smaller skeleton during development and sets the stage for a more fragile bone framework lifelong, Medical College of Georgia researchers report.

A developing mouse with neogenin deficits has poorly defined digits and is generally smaller, including having small growth plates, an indicator of future development, said Dr. Wen-Cheng Xiong, developmental neurobiologist in the MCG Schools of Medicine and Graduate Studies and corresponding author of the study published in Developmental Cell. Dr. Zheng Zhou, MCG assistant research scientist, is first author.—Internet