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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing visit Mahabodhi Pagoda, Migadawun in Bodh Gaya

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and delegation members offered gold foils and Shwekyar robes to the Buddha Image at Mahabodhi Pagoda in Bodh Gaya on 26 July morning.

The Senior General and wife, together with SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party pay homage to Dhammekha Pagoda.—MNA

Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the deputy

health minister, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and wife, departmental heads, left the hotel in Gaya for Mahabodhi Pagoda built by King Asoka in Bodh Gaya in a motorcade at 5.10 am.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered meal, fruits, water, flowers, light and joss sticks and paid homage to the Buddha Image at Mahabodhi Pagoda.

Later, the Senior General and wife offered Shwekyar robe to Buddha Image in Mahabodhi Pagoda and donated cash to the Committee for Preservation of Bodh Gaya.

They then offered Shwekyar robe, meal, fruits, water, flowers, light and joss sticks to

bronze Buddha Image in front of Aparajita Golden Throne and Bodhi Tree and recited religious verses.

On arrival at the Aparajita Golden Throne and Bodhi Tree where Gottama Buddha had attained enlightenment, they offer Shwekyar robe and poured water on the Bodhi tree.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid homage the Pagoda and went around it in the clockwise direction.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited Satta Htana in the compound of Mahabodhi Pagoda and fed the fish in the Musalinda Lake.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and party being welcomed by Divisional Commissioner Mr. Ajay Kumar Upadhaya of Varanasi District and officials.—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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 1 August, 2010

Goodwill visits fortify bilateral relations

On the goodwill visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing on 27 July attended the dinner hosted by the Indian President in their honour at the Presidential Palace in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Myanmar and India share a common border and have existed in peace for thousands of years. Traditionally, the two countries are good neighbours. The two peoples have close relations to each other due to the close identity of historical backgrounds, geographical features, cultures and religious customs and traditions of the two countries.

Since regaining independence, Myanmar and India have been maintaining good neighbourly relations based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. The friendly relations between the two countries have been further cemented and they have boosted multipurpose cooperation over the past decade thanks to reciprocal visits of State leaders of the two countries.

Myanmar and India, being neighbours, geographical and cultural relations between the two countries provide further impetus for bilateral friendly relations. Bilateral cooperation has reached a milestone of cooperation and friendship between the two peoples.

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Being aimed at bolstering the friendship between the two governments and the two peoples of Myanmar and India, the recent goodwill visit is believed to scale up the interests of the two nations in future.

Mayor inspects upgrading of roads

YANGON, 31 July — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected upgrading of roads here this afternoon.

The mayor inspected upgrading of roads in Mingaladon Township and upgraded roads in North Okkalapa Township and preparation to upgrade roads in South Okkalapa Township. During his tour of inspection, the mayor fulfilled the requirements for the roadworks.—MNA

Refresher course for judges concludes

YANGON, 31 July — A refresher course for township judges was concluded at the Supreme Court here today.

A total of 39 judges attended the 8-week course conducted by the Supreme Court (Yangon).

The ceremony to conclude the course took place with remarks by Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

MNA

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

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends reception to mark 83rd Anniversary of Chinese PLA

Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn being welcomed by Chinese Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun and wife at reception to mark 83rd Anniversary of People's Liberation Army of China.

MNA

YANGON, 31 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn attended reception to mark 83rd Anniversary of the founding of People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China held at Traders Hotel here yesterday evening.

They were welcomed by Chinese Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun and wife.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, embassy staff, ambassadors, charge'd affaires ai, diplomats and their wives, officials and guests.

After the military show, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife, Military Attaché Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun and wife cut the anniversary cake.

MNA

Inter-Ministry Football Tour continues

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—Round robin matches of the fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament went on at designated venues this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, heads of department, and officials.

Energy Ministry and Culture Ministry held a 2-

2 draw in Group (E) match held in Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds; Sports Ministry trounced Electric Power-1 Ministry 7-0 in Group (F) in Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports

Grounds; and Rail Transportation Ministry beat Information Ministry 1-0 in Group (F) in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Grounds.

MNA



Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan enjoys match between Rail Transportation Ministry and Information Ministry.—MNA

Deadly gas explosion destroys building in Calif



Los Angeles city fire fighters survey damage after a suspected natural gas explosion at a welding shop collapsed part of the building and hurled two workers into the street, killing one and leaving the other in critical condition on 30 July, 2010, in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 31 July — A deadly gas explosion obliterated an industrial building with such violent force Friday that a worker was hurled into the street, car windows were shattered and a survivor had his hair singed in the inferno.

One man died and another was critically injured in the blast that was blamed on a gas line that had been tampered with and rerouted.

Jonathan Apol, 20, a welder at a neighbouring business, was putting on his work overalls when the explosion rocked the South Los Angeles street. He ran outside in his boxer shorts and saw the building engulfed in flames. "It sounded like a plane had crashed in there," Apol said. "It was like a bang, then two seconds later, two more bangs."

Fragments of melting asphalt rooftop were sprayed across the street, and smashed floor tiles were hurled at least 50 feet from the metalworking business.

Internet

Arab Atomic Energy Agency reaffirms countries' right to peaceful use of nuclear energy

TUNIS, 31 July — The Executive Council of the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) reaffirmed here Friday that every country has the inalienable right to use and develop nuclear energy in peaceful ways. Acquiring and developing nuclear technology for peace is the inalienable and unrestricted right of all members of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, the council said in a communique after its 45th plenary session. The council called on Arab countries to draft a plan at an earlier date to facilitate the implementation of relative resolutions adopted by Arab leaders.

The AAEA meeting, held from 27 to 30 July at its headquarters in the Tunisian capital, was attended by government representatives, nuclear scientists and technicians from Arab countries. —Xinhua

US casualties in Afghanistan soar to record highs

KABUL, 31 July — In a summer of suffering, America's military death toll in Afghanistan is rising, with back-to-back record months for US losses in the grinding conflict. All signs point to more bloodshed in the months ahead, straining the already shaky international support for the war.

Six more Americans were reported killed in fighting in the south — three Thursday and three Friday — pushing the US death toll for July to a record 66 and surpassing June as the deadliest month for US forces in the nearly nine-year war.

US officials confirmed the latest American deaths Friday but gave no further details. Five of the latest reported deaths were a result of hidden bombs — the insurgents' weapon of choice — and the sixth to an armed attack, NATO said in statements.

US commanders say American casualties are mounting because more troops are fighting — and the Taliban are stiffening resistance as NATO and Afghan forces challenge the militants in areas they can't afford to give up without a fight.

"Recent months in Afghanistan have seen tough fighting and tough casualties. This was expected," the top US and NATO commander, Gen David Petraeus, said at his Senate confirmation hearing last month. "My sense is that the tough fighting will continue; indeed, it may get more intense in the next few months." —Internet



China's third-generation fighter planes of the Chengdu Military Zone take part in a training with live ammunition over southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region on 6 July, 2010.

XINHUA



A visitor takes a look at Honda Motor's cars at its showroom in Tokyo on 30 July, 2010. Honda Motor Co posted its best quarterly operating profit in two and a half years on Friday on brisk sales in the United States, China, and other Asian markets, and raised its forecasts despite a sharp rise in the yen.

XINHUA

'Black box' found in Pakistan plane crash wreckage

ISLAMABAD, 31 July — Recovery workers found the "black box" flight data recorder Saturday in the wreckage of Pakistan's worst-ever plane crash, and it appeared to be in good condition, officials said.

An analysis of the data on the recorder could provide clues as to why the Airblue flight crashed Wednesday into the hills overlooking the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, killing all 152 people onboard, including two Americans. The recorder's decoding may take weeks, however.

The black box was found during a difficult recovery effort hampered by rain, mud and a lack of proper roads in the heavily forested Margalla Hills. It has been handed to aviation officials, said Ramzan Sajid, a

spokesman for the Capital Development Authority, a government agency. He said the box was found in wreckage of the plane's tail section. Pakistan does not have the proper expertise to decode information stored on the recorder, so it plans to send it to another country that does, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Internet

Pakistani investigators search for evidence in the wreckage of a passenger plane at the Margalla Hills on the outskirts of Islamabad on 31 July.

INTERNET

Roadside bomb in Iraq kills five members of family

BAGHDAD, 31 July — Iraqi police say a roadside bomb north of Baghdad has killed five members of a family, including a 4-year-old girl.

Police spokesman Maj Ghalib al-Karkhi says the family was not the intended target of Friday's bombing, which struck their car near the town of Buhriz. The town is a former stronghold of Saddam Hussein and is about 35 miles (60 kilometres) north of the capital.

While violence has dropped significantly in Iraq, militants continue to attack members of the Iraqi security forces, and civilians are often caught in the middle. —Xinhua

Road accident leaves one dead, 29 injured in S Afghanistan

QALAT, 31 July — One person was killed and 29 others injured as a passenger bus collided with a tractor outside Zabul's provincial capital Qalat on Saturday, spokesman for provincial administration Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar said.

"The passenger bus was heading for Kabul when it collided with a tractor coming from opposite direction in Muskin Abad area outside Qalat this morning, as a result one commuter was killed and 29 others sustained injury," Rasoulyar told Xinhua.

He added that the accident happened at 07:30 am local time and all the injured including some women and children have been taken to Qalat hospital.

On last Monday, a passenger bus heading for Kabul turned turtle in the neighbouring Kandahar Province leaving 22 dead and 25 others wounded.

Xinhua



China to launch fifth orbiter for its own "GPS"

ICHANG, 31 July — China will launch its fifth orbiter into space, as part of its satellite navigation and positioning network known as Beidou, or Compass system, in the next few days.

An official with the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, in southwestern Sichuan Province, who is not identified, said on Friday that the satellite would be launched on the *Long March 31* carrier rocket in the coming days, adding that it would take place "at a proper time".

If launched successfully, the satellite will join four other satellites in orbit to form a network that will eventually consist of 35 satellites.

Internet

Antarctica experiment discovers puzzling space ray pattern

WISCONSIN, 31 July—A puzzling pattern in the cosmic rays bombarding Earth from space has been discovered by an experiment buried deep under the ice of Antarctica. Cosmic rays are highly energetic particles streaming in from space that are thought to originate in the distant remnants of dead stars.

But it turns out these particles are not arriving uniformly from all directions. The new study detected an overabundance of cosmic rays coming from one part of the sky, and a lack of cosmic rays coming from another.

This odd pattern was detected by the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, an experiment still under construction that is actually intended to detect other exotic particles called neutrinos. In fact, scientists have gone out of their way to try to block out all signals from cosmic rays in order to search for the highly elusive neutrinos, which are much harder to find.

Internet



Hackers at the infamous DefCon gathering held in Las Vegas are proving that old-fashioned telephone smooth talk is an effective rival to slick software skills when it comes to pulling off attacks on computer networks.

INTERNET



Microsoft headquarters in Paris. Microsoft plans to argue before Japan's Fair Trade Commission that a tie-up between Yahoo! Japan and Google is anti-competitive, local media said Friday.

INTERNET

Hunt for Life's building blocks in space gets NASA boost

NEW YORK, 31 July—NASA has issued a new grant that bolsters research into the cosmic building blocks of life by funding observations of young solar systems throughout the universe, including our own.

The four-year grant sets aside \$630,000 to expand operations by the New York Centre for Astrobiology located at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in New York. Scientists at the centre study the chemical, geologic and physical conditions on

Earth that allowed life to form. They use this research to steer the hunt for alien life elsewhere, be it on Mars or in another solar system altogether. By studying new planets that have just recently formed, scientists hope to learn more about the different types of environments prevalent in the galaxy, as well as determine the odds that places beyond Earth are habitable.

"We are looking for the conditions of life, rather than life itself," said RPI physicist Douglas

Whittet, director of the centre.

The researchers are also investigating how planets, including Earth, gather the materials they need for life to take hold.

Chemicals critical to the foundation of life first formed from molecules cooked through stellar processes, Whittet said. These chemicals may have formed in clouds of gas surrounding stars and then piggybacked their way to Earth on meteorites that crashed into our planet.

Internet

Science

Smartphones tempting new targets for hackers

LAS VEGAS, 31 July—Software security experts warn that mobile phones are tempting targets for hackers in a world where people eagerly invite strange applications onto handsets packed with personal data.

Briefings on Thursday at a Black Hat computer security conference were devoted to threats to smartphones, mobile personal computers used for anything from banking and shopping to pinpointing people's whereabouts.

"Right now, it is one of the hottest topics there is," said John Hering, founder and chief executive of Lookout Mobile Security.

Smartphone owners are seldom far from their handsets, which they trust with passwords, telephone numbers, Internet browsing, banking, shopping, navigating, and more.—Internet



A shopper looks at a smartphone at a shop in Taipei on 19 July. Software security experts warn that mobile phones are tempting targets for hackers in a world where people eagerly invite strange applications onto handsets packed with personal data.—INTERNET

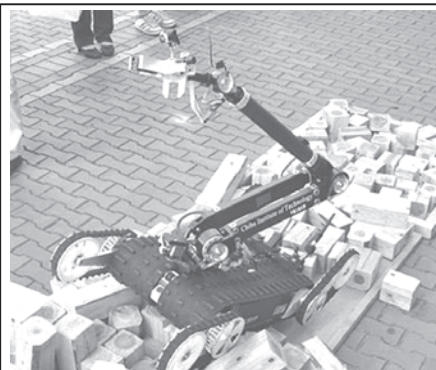
RIM's rumoured 'BlackPad' tablet due in November?

NEW YORK, 31 July—Rumours of a BlackBerry tablet are heating up by the day, with Bloomberg now claiming that the BlackPad — yes, the BlackPad — will arrive in November, complete with an iPad-size screen and the ability to connect to the Internet via either Wi-Fi or your Bluetooth-connected BlackBerry.

Citing a pair of anonymous sources "familiar with the company's plans," Bloomberg says the tablet will indeed be called the BlackPad (which would presumably explain BlackBerry-maker RIM's recent acquisition of "BlackPad.com") and would boast a display that's "roughly" the same size as the iPad's 9.7-inch screen. Rather than having its own, embedded 3G radio, the BlackPad would rely on Wi-Fi or Bluetooth tethering to your BlackBerry to connect to the Internet, Bloomberg's tipsters claim — a nifty trick. I sure wish I could tether the iPad to my iPhone for 3G data.

The article doesn't go into detail about what kind of processor would power the rumoured BlackPad, or whether it would run on the revamped BlackBerry OS 6 (which seems likely). It did note, however, that the BlackPad's pricing would be "in line" with that of the iPad, which starts at \$499 for the 16GB Wi-Fi-only version.

Several details of the Bloomberg story are at odds with what we heard from one wireless analyst earlier this month, who predicted that the BlackBerry tablet would come with built-in Wi-Fi and a smaller, 7-inch display.—Internet



This picture, taken on 18 July and released by Japanese college Chiba Institute of Technology shows the crawler rescue robot "QUINCE" during a demonstration at the college campus of Narashino city in Chiba prefecture, suburban Tokyo.—INTERNET

Twitter offers help in finding accounts to follow

NEW YORK, 31 July—The micro-blogging service began rolling out a new feature Friday called "Suggestions for You" which directs users to other Twitter accounts they may find interesting.

"With more than a hundred million users on Twitter, there are sure to be at least dozens of accounts out there that will reflect your interests," Twitter said on its official blog. "The trouble is finding all of them," it said. "Today we're beginning to roll out a simple, but powerful new feature to help address that." Twitter said the "Suggestions for You" algorithms find other accounts of potential interest using various factors, including "people you follow and the people they follow."

Internet

Technology

Menopause treatment could harm kids, pets, FDA warns

WASHINGTON, 31 July — Evamist, a drug used to reduce menopause-related hot flashes in women, may harm children and pets who have skin contact with the drug, the US Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday.

The product, which is sprayed on the skin between the elbow and wrist and on the inside of the forearm, contains an estrogen hormone called

estradiol. Evamist was approved for use in the United States in 2007.

Since then, the FDA has received eight reports of adverse events in children aged 3 to 5 who were unintentionally exposed to the drug. The adverse events include: premature puberty, nipple swelling and breast development in females; and breast

enlargement in males.

In addition, the FDA's Centre for Veterinary Medicine has received two reports of dogs being exposed to Evamist. This may lead to mammary/nipple enlargement and swelling of the vulvus.

Internet

Health tip: Is your blood sugar high?

WASHINGTON, 31 July — Hyperglycemia, the medical term for high blood sugar, is a prime cause of complications among people with diabetes.

You may have high blood sugar and not even know it. The American Diabetes Association offers this list of common symptoms:

- * Blood or urine tests that reveal high levels of glucose.
- * Feeling a frequent need to urinate.
- * Excessive thirst.

Internet

Merck's 2Q net drops on higher costs, charges

NEW YORK, 31 July — Drugmaker Merck & Co on Friday reported a 52 percent drop in second-quarter net income, weighed down by big restructuring charges from buying Schering-Plough Corp, generic competition and other factors.

Merck, the world's second-biggest drug company by revenue, beat analysts' profit expectations by 3 cents a share, but came up short on revenue and slightly reduced its sales forecast for the year. Given those factors, a 2010 income

forecast now below Wall Street expectations and several pressures that could affect its full-year results, investors drove shares down in morning trading. Leerink Swann analyst Seamus Fernandez termed it a "slightly disappointing quarter."

The maker of allergy medicines Singulair and Nasonex and cholesterol drugs Vytorin and Zetia said its net income was \$752.4 million, or 24 cents per share. That's down from \$1.56 billion, or 74 cents a share, a year earlier. —Internet



In this file photo made 15 April, 2009, the Merck logo is seen in the lobby of Merck & Company, Inc.'s world headquarters in Whitehouse Station, N.J. —INTERNET

Regulators close banks in Fla, Ga, Ore, Wash

WASHINGTON, 31 July — Regulators on Friday shut banks in Florida, Georgia, Oregon and Washington, lifting to 108 the number of US banks to fail this year as the industry has struggled to cope with mounting loan defaults and recession.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over the banks: Bayside Savings Bank and Coastal Community Bank, based in Panama City, Fla, with \$372.9 million in assets; NorthWest Bank and Trust, based in Acworth, Ga, with assets of \$167.7 million; Cowlitz Bank in Longview, Wash, assets of \$529.3 million; and Liberty Bank, based in Eugene, Ore, assets of \$768.2 million.

Centennial Bank, a subsidiary of Home BancShares Inc based in Conway, Ark, agreed to

assume the assets and deposits of Bayside Savings Bank and Coastal Community Bank. State Bank and Trust Co, based in Macon, Ga, is assuming those of NorthWest Bank and Trust.

Florida and Georgia are among the states with the highest concentrations of bank collapses and where the meltdown in the real estate market brought an

avalanche of soured mortgage loans. The failures of Bayside Savings Bank and Coastal Community Bank brought to 20 the number of Florida banks that have fallen this year. Northwest Bank and Trust was the 11th Georgia bank to fail.

Also high on the list of failure-heavy states are California and Illinois.

Internet

Shoppers are seen in a New York store in May 2010. US economic growth slowed dramatically to 2.4 percent in the second quarter of this year, the Commerce Department has said, stoking fears that the recovery is losing steam. —INTERNET



Visitors play transformer-themed video games at the 2010 Cybertron Annual Meeting in the Shanghai East Asia Exhibition Hall in Shanghai, east China, on July 30, 2010.

The meeting, hailed as a festival for global transformer fans, showcases generations of transformer toys. —XINHUA

Health

Black teens may need higher vitamin D supplementation

WASHINGTON, 31 July — Among black teens, vitamin D deficiency is associated with arterial stiffness — a risk factor for heart disease and stroke — but adequate supplementation may resolve the problem, a new study has found.

Sunlight triggers the body to produce vitamin D, but nearly all of the 44 male and female black teens in the study were vitamin D deficient even though they lived in a sun-

soaked region, the researchers reported in article that will be published in the Journal of *Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* in October. According to the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), having dark skin cuts down on the amount of vitamin D the skin can make.

Certain foods also provide vitamin D, such as fortified milk and some types of fish, according to the NIH.

Internet

Dollar sinks to 8-month low vs yen as growth slows

NEW YORK, 31 July — Weakening US economic growth and worried comments from Federal Reserve officials drove the dollar to an 8-month low Friday against the Japanese yen. The dollar dropped to 86.34 yen in late New York trading from 86.98 yen late Thursday, sinking as low as 85.93 yen just after the government said growth in the US gross domestic product fell to its weakest pace in nearly a year.

That's the yen's highest level against the dollar since November 2009. The dollar was mixed in trading against other major currencies after the government said economic growth slowed during the spring.

Internet

Business

Thousands flee Congo clashes, security worsens

KINSHASA, 31 July— Almost 90,000 people have fled fighting in eastern Congo in the past month, aid agencies said, underscoring a worsening security situation despite the official end of Congo's 1998-2003 war. Conflicts between rebel groups, former militias and army troops simmer in Democratic Republic of Congo, and more than 1.9 million people are still displaced, up from 1.6 million in 2009.

"The displaced are in need of protection, food, water, shelters, medicine and non-food items," OCHA, the United Nations aid coordination body, said in a statement on Friday.

The aid agency said nearly 90,000 people have fled their homes in Beni territory in the north of Congo's North Kivu province in the past month as a result of the army launching an attack on Ugandan rebels.—Internet



Bob Burnquist of Brazil seems to float over palm trees during the Skateboard Big Air Final on 29 July, 2010 at the X Games, held at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

Favourable business climate, good return push Indonesian shares to all-time high

JAKARTA, 31 July— Favourable domestic business climate and good return resulting from public listed-companies pushed Indonesian shares to an all-time high in the last two days, an executive told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview on Friday. Anton Gunawan, executive vice president and chief economist in Bank Danamon International, one of Indonesia's prominent banks, said that the condition has been triggering foreign capital inflow.

"We don't have many countries with favourable business climate currently as they have not yet fully recovered from the crisis. Besides, we still have concerns about the crisis in Europe and the United States performance is declining again," said Gunawan.

That is why, he said, foreign investors keep looking for Asian emerging markets with good performance.

Xinhua



Fireworks are seen as people celebrate the opening of the 12th China International Beer Festival in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 29 July 2010.

XINHUA

Construction of nuclear power plant kicks off in south China

NANNING, 31 July— Construction on the first phase of a nuclear power plant started in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Friday.

The project in Guangpo Township, Fangchenggang City, will have six one-million-kilowatt generators once complete.

It will be the first such facility in an ethnic minority area.

The first phase of the project involves investment of 26 billion yuan (3.87 billion US dollars) and construction of two CPR1000 pressurized water reactors, according to Shu Guogang, general manager of the project's contractor.

Upon completion in 2015 and 2016, the two generators will produce up to 15 billion kwh of electricity annually, easing power shortages in the Beibu Gulf region of Guangxi.

The project will also reduce coal consumption by 6 million tonnes per year and cut greenhouse gas emissions by 14.82 million tonnes per year, compared with coal-fueled power plants of similar capacity.

The project's main funders are Guangxi Fangchenggang Nuclear Power Co Ltd, which is jointly run by China Guangdong Nuclear Power Holding Corp, and Guangxi Investment Group Co Ltd.

The first phase of the project will create 965,000 jobs and increase production at related sectors, especially equipment manufacturing and construction, by 92 billion yuan, according to Shu.

"The project will improve energy supply and security and promote economic development in Guangxi," Guo Shengkun, Party chief of Guangxi, said at the project's ground-breaking ceremony.

Xinhua

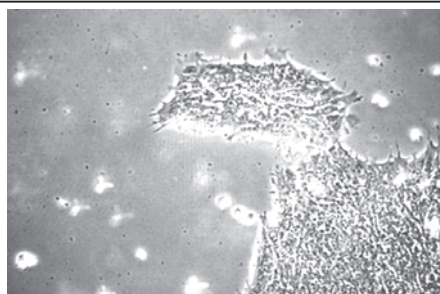
US oil company fined 35 m dollars for oil spillage off Ghana coast

ACCRA, 31 July— A ministerial committee set up to probe into the spillage of toxic substances into Ghana's oil fields by Kosmos energy has decided to impose a fine of 35 million US dollar on an American oil drilling company.

Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology, Edward Omani-Boamah, told *Xinhua* on Friday that the decision to impose the fine on Kosmos Energy was made after the conclusion of investigations by the committee.

The committee found that Kosmos Energy was responsible for the spillages, occurred in December 2009 and in March and May this year.

Kosmos discovered the Jubilee Oil Field at the Gulf of Guinea's Tano Basin, about 12 km from the Ghanaian coastline and 95 km southwest of the port city of Takoradi, in 2007 and has been expecting an area of over 1,760 square kilometres ever since.—Internet



A colony of human embryonic stem cells. Scientists have shown for the first time that it may be possible to replace a human hip or knee with a joint grown naturally inside the body using the patient's stem cells.

INTERNET

Wildfires sweeping Russia kill at least 25

MASLOVKA, 31 July— Wildfires sweeping across European Russia killed at least 25 people on Friday and forced the evacuation of thousands in the hottest weather since records began 130 years ago. Fanned by strong winds, fires ripped through woods and fields that have been scorched for weeks by a heatwave, incinerating hundreds of wooden houses.

"We don't know where to go," said Galina Shibanova, 52, standing outside her burning home in the town of Maslovka in the Voronezh region, about 500 km (300 miles) south of Moscow.

"We called the emergency services, and not one person answered the phone," said Shibanova, a gold crucifix around her neck reflecting the nearby flames. Igor Vlasnev, head of the Voronezh region fire services, told *Reuters* the situation was expected to worsen on Saturday because of rising temperatures.

"Everyone is waiting, and wishing, for rain," he said. "The forecast for tomorrow is that the situation will worsen both in terms of temperature and wind conditions, which are expected to change (on Saturday) after 7:00 pm

(1500 GMT)."

Russia has been sweltering since June in a heatwave that has destroyed crops and pushed thousands of farmers to the verge of bankruptcy.

Internet



A firefighter works to extinguish fire at a building outside the town of Vyksa, some 150 km (93 miles) southwest of the Volga city of Nizhny Novgorod, 29 July, 2010.

INTERNET

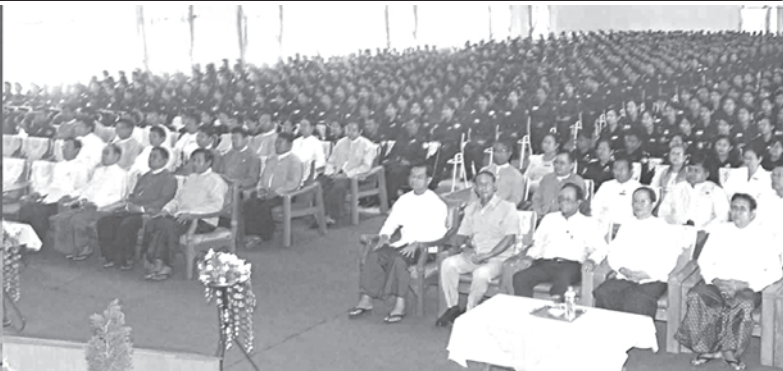
Conclusion of Special Refresher Course (71) for Basic Education Teachers

YANGON, 31 July—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) held the closing of Special Refresher Course (71) for Basic Education Teachers at Yadana Theinkha Hall in its compound in Hlegu Township, here, this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein made a speech, saying that the education sector is at the heart of nurturing the youth into human resources capable of ensuring national development and safeguarding



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein addresses the concluding of Special Refresher Course No. 71 for basic education teachers on behalf of the SPDC Secretary-1.—MNA



the nation.

In the process, basic and higher education sectors are being promoted in combination for improving the nation's education into international level, "education for all" programme, and continuous

generation of highly-educated people.

Only when education projects also cover far-flung areas will it be possible to narrow then close down the development gap between one region and another.

He urged the teacher trainees to regard education promotion plans as a national duty in their charge of duties.

The minister awarded outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates

to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Auditor-General U Lun Maung, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon

City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, CSSTB members U Hla Myint and U Win Aung, heads of department, the rector, pro-rectors, deans, instructors and trainees.

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Forestry Minister inspects greening project



NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung toured two townships in Sagaing Division on 27 July to assist in the greening project in the arid region.

During the tour, the minister visited three villages where every household has planted three teak trees and 20 hard wood trees under the ar-

rangement of the Forest Department as part of the greening project.

Meanwhile, hard wood trees are planted on one acre in every village as part of the rural housing project and 3480 hard wood trees and 522 teak trees have been planted in ChaungU Township.

Before his tour of inspection, Minister U

Thein Aung met with employees of the Myanma Timber Enterprise and the Forest Department in Monywa and called for making efforts for achieving targets of the ministry.

The minister also inspected plywood factories and saw mills in Monywa and Sagaing during the tour.

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Minister U Thein Aung inspects loading of logs in Sagaing.

FORESTRY



Work Proficiency Course No. 38 for staff officers of township Internal Revenue Department concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—Work Proficiency Course No. 38 for heads of township Internal Revenue Department under Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded at the department here yesterday morning, with an address by Minister U Hla Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental personnel and trainees. The minister delivered an address and awarded outstanding trainees. The four-week course covered policies, rules, regulations and procedures on finance and taxation and international taxation procedures.

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Head of Pyin OoLwin District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Than Than Wai and Chairman of Mankyigaing Village Peace and Development Council U Than Lin Naing formally opened Shwe Padauk-1 Library at the village in Amarapura Township, Mandalay, on 18 July, 2010.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

Talks on traffic rules to be conducted in Chaungzon Tsp

YANGON, 31 July—As part of raising awareness of danger on roads, educative talks on traffic rules will be held at schools and wards in

Chaungon Township, Mon State.

Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee and Chaungzon Township Police Force have

organized the campaign which will start in the first week of August in three wards, 42 villages and at schools.

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

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Secretary and members of the Committee for Preservation of Bodh Gaya presented replica of the pagoda, books published by the committee and a bronze Buddha Statuette to the Senior General as Dhamma gifts at the committee office.

Later, the Senior General signed the visitors' book of the committee.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party paid homage to the Buddha Image in the Mahabodhi Pagoda.

Next, Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Suddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Naninda of Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery administered Nine Precepts to the congregation, and members of the Sangha recited partitas.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered robe, requisites and cash donation to the Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery Sayadaw.

SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung

the congregation led by the Senior General and wife.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family donated cash for construction of new building for Bodh Gaya Monastery, Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association and 22 Myanmar monasteries in India at the ceremony.

Likewise, entrepreneurs who were members of the goodwill visit of the Head of State presented cash donations for construction of new building for Bodh Gaya



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family donate cash for construction of new building for Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery, Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association and 22 Myanmar monasteries in India.—MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party pay homage at the site where Buddha delivered Dhammacakka to the five Panca Vaggi in Migadawun.—MNA

They visited Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery in Gaya and donated robes, eight essential requisites and cash to 22 monasteries in the Republic of India including Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery.

The donation ceremony was opened with the recitation of three times of Namo Tassa by Sayadaw, members of the Sangha and congregation.

Myint Oo and ministers presented robes, requisites and cash donations to the members of the Sangha.

Next, the congregation led by the Senior General and wife received the sermon delivered by the Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

The ceremony came to an end with the recitation of Buddha Sasanan Siram Titathu by

Monastery and for Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association.

After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered day meal to members of the Sangha led by the Sayadaw.

In the afternoon, Myanmar delegation members led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left Gaya by special flight

of Air India and arrived in Varanasi.

They were welcomed by Divisional Commissioner Mr. Ajay Kumar Upadhaya of Varanasi District and officials.

Next, the Senior General and wife and party went to Migadawun and paid homage to the site where Buddha delivered Dhammacakka to the five Panca Vaggi.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family pay homage to Bronze Buddha Image in front of Aparajita Golden Throne and Bodhi Tree.—MNA





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

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Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Suddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Wunnadhaja of Migadawun Myanmar Monastery in Varanasi explained past existence of a pagoda at the site where Buddha delivered Dhammacakka.

The Senior General, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offered Shwekyar robe to Dhammekha Pagoda and paid homage to the pagoda.

Afterwards, they

offered robes and provisions to members of the Sangha led by the Sayadaw.

In the evening, the Senior General and party left Varanasi by special flight of Air India and arrived at Palam Airbase in New Delhi where Minister of State Mrs. Prenut Kaur of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and officials welcomed them.

Then they proceeded to ITC Maurya Hotel in a motorcade.

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Photo shows first Sattaha Bodhi Tree and Golden Throne in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.—MNA

Photo shows second Sattaha Animisa Pagoda in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

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Photo shows third Sattaha Ratanacar Krama in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

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Photo shows fourth Sattaha Ratana Gara in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

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Photo shows fifth Sattaha Ajapala Banyan Tree in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.

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Photo Shows sixth Sattaha Musalinda Lake in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.
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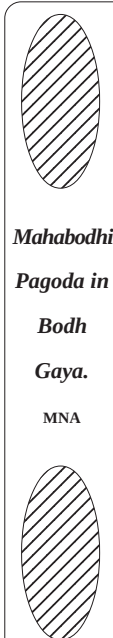
Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present cash donation to Committee for Preservation of Bodh Gaya.—MNA



Well-wishers donate cash for building new Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery and to Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association.—MNA



Photo Shows seventh Sattaha Rajaratana Linlon Tree in Mahabodhi Pagoda compound.—MNA



*Mahabodhi
Pagoda in
Bodh
Gaya.*
MNA



Images reflecting pagodas and sites of religious significance where Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited during their goodwill visit to the Republic of India.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive...

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When the special flight arrived at Gaya Airport, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and In-charge Shri Anil K. Sharma of Protocol Department of the Ministry of External Affairs of India welcomed Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and delegation members were welcomed by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, Superintendent of Police Mr. Daljeet Singh and District Magistrate Mr. Udai Kumar at the boarding bridge.

Then two Myanmar children presented Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing with a bouquet.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and delegation members were welcomed by wife of Myanmar Ambassador to India Daw Mar Mar Shein, Consul-General U Sein Oo of Consulate General of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India in Kolkata and wife Daw Sandar Hlaing, staff of Myanmar Embassy and Consulate

General and their families.

The Senior General and wife and party left the Gaya Airport for the Royal Residency Hotel in a motorcade.

In the afternoon, Myanmar delegation members led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing together with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and wife and the In-charge of Protocol De-

The Senior General and wife and party proceeded to Mahaparinibana Pagoda.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family offered Shwekyar robe to Mahaparinibana Reclining Buddha Image.

Next, they offered gold foils and paid homage to the Buddha Image.

Then they paid



The night scene of Mahabodhi Pagoda at Bodh Gaya .—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paying homage to the Buddha Image in Mahabodhi Pagoda at Bodh Gaya.—MNA



partment of the Ministry of External Affairs flew over to Kusinayon where they were welcomed by District Commissioner Mr. SBSL Ramdarao and officials.

homage to the pagoda and arrived in Kusinayon Monastery where they were welcomed by local school children.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw

Kyaing Kyaing and family paid respects to Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Suddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Nannisara of Kusinayon

Monastery and presented robes, eight requisites and cash donations to members of Sangha.

Next, members of the Sangha led by the

Sayadaw recited parittas.

The Kusinayon Monastery Sayadaw presented Buddha Image, Buddha's relics and relics casket to Senior General Than Shwe as a Dhamma gift.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party left Kusinayon by helicopter and arrived back in Gaya in the evening.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited Mahabodhi Pagoda in Bodh Gaya and offered flowers, water, light and joss sticks to the Buddha Image of the pagoda.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party arrived back at the hotel at 9.30 p.m.

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family offer Shwekyar robe and gold foils to Mahaparinibana Reclining Buddha Image.—MNA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1040 W)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1040 W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1-8-2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Photo taken on 17 July, 2010 shows unique blue-throated bee-eaters in Hong'an County of central China's Hubei Province.—XINHUA

Pregnancy-related diabetes likely to recur

NEW YORK, 31 July — Pregnant women with a history of pregnancy-related diabetes, also called gestational diabetes, have a good chance of developing the condition again, suggests a large new study. Researchers found that the risk of having gestational diabetes during a future pregnancy increases with each previously affected one — from 41 percent

after the first to 57 percent after two pregnancies complicated by gestational diabetes.

Gestational diabetes typically strikes during late pregnancy and is characterized by high blood sugar that results from the body's impaired use of insulin. While it rarely causes birth defects, complications can arise that threaten the

health of both mom and baby. "Because of the silent nature of gestational diabetes, it is important to identify early those who are at risk and watch them closely during their prenatal care," lead researcher Dr Darios Getahun of Kaiser Permanente Southern California Medical Group, in Pasadena, told *Reuters Health* in an email.—Internet

School offers different path to medicine

NEW YORK, 31 July—A number of students are pursuing medical school through a programme that bypasses "hard science" prerequisites and rigorous entrance tests, educators say.

The Humanities and Medicine Programme at the Mount Sinai medical school in Manhattan offers places to about 35 undergraduates a year if they study humanities or social sciences instead of the traditional pre-medical school curriculum, and maintain a 3.5 grade-point average, *The New York Times* reported on Friday. For generations of pre-med students, the traditional path has always been organic chemistry, physics and the Medical College Admission Test, known by its dread-inducing acronym, the MCAT, the *Times* said.

Internet



Paris Rosen hits the ground after failing to land a jump at the Moto X Best Trick final on 30 July, 2010 at X Games 16 in Los Angeles.—INTERNET



Sun Yanling introduces her embroidery made with human hair in Mudanjiang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 30 July, 2010. Sun, citizen of Mudanjiang, processes human hair into threads that she uses for embroidery.—XINHUA

Calif wildfire jumps aqueduct, approaches homes

PALMDALE, 31 July—A huge wildfire in the high desert wilderness north of Los Angeles jumped an aqueduct on Friday, rushing toward hundreds of houses as firefighters also tried to keep flames from damaging power lines that bring electricity to Southern California. Some 2,000 structures were threatened and 300 homes were evacuated, Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger said.

Destiny Brown, 19,

stood beside her family's tan Ford Taurus waiting for her mother and sisters to finish packing so they could leave their home in a smoke-clogged Delta Ridge subdivision on the outskirts of Palmdale. "I never thought it would happen. I only thought it's on TV. It's really

scary," the 19-year-old said of the flames that burned just out of sight. When their home filled with smoke, the family decided it was time to go. Brown said she was especially concerned about her 10-month-old brother who has asthma.

Internet



Firefighters spray water on burning plants as flames race across the desert floor in Palmdale, Calif, on 30 July, 2010.—INTERNET

12-year-old girl injured on Wis 'free fall' ride

MADISON, 31 July—A 12-year-old girl at an amusement park plunged more than 40 feet to the ground on Friday, seriously injuring herself when a safety net under a "free fall" attraction failed to catch her.

Police declined to identify the girl or to elaborate on her injuries, but said she was from out of state and was visiting the Wisconsin Dells with her family. The area is a popular Midwest tourist destination known for its amusement parks.—Internet

Internet

Luxury goods can't buy happiness

BEIJING, 31 July—China's National Bureau of Statistics has announced that the country's economic output rose by over 10 percent in each of the past two quarters even as much of the world economy remains mired in slow growth. Another indicator of China's rapid rebound from the global

economic crisis is the sale of luxury goods, with the total amount rising to \$9.4 billion by the end of last year. China now accounts for more than a quarter of the world's purchases of luxury goods. At this pace, it will soon bypass the US to become the top market for such products after Japan, even though

its per capita income is still much lower than in America. Indeed, according to Du Junfei, a professor of Nanjing University, while purchases of luxury goods amount to 4 percent of consumer's assets worldwide, the figure in China is as much as 40 percent or higher.

Xinhua

The pill equally effective in obese, thin women

NEW YORK, 31 July—Despite studies suggesting that birth control pills might not work as well in obese women, a new study suggests that they prevent pregnancy the same no matter what a woman weighs.

As long as a woman-heavy or thin—took the pill consistently, Dr Carolyn L Westhoff of

Columbia University Medical Centre in New York City and her colleagues found, it prevented her ovaries from producing eggs. Westhoff and her team report their findings in the August issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. Studies have found that obese women are 30 to 40 percent more likely to get pregnant while taking the pill than were normal-weight women taking it, perhaps because excess weight might blunt its effectiveness. Overall contraception failure rates are estimated between 2 and 8 percent per year.

Internet

Damp house linked to kids' risk of nasal allergies

NEW YORK, 31 July — Children who live in damp, water-damaged homes may be more likely than other kids to develop nasal allergies, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that of nearly 1,900 Finnish children they followed for six years, those who lived in homes with dampness or mold problems were more likely to develop allergic rhinitis during the study period.

Allergic rhinitis refers to symptoms of congestion, sneezing and runny nose caused by allergens such as pollen, dust, animal dander or mold.

Internet

Nick Afanasiev has world's second longest tongue



Nick Afanasiev.

Nick Afanasiev, native of Moscow and now lived in California, has become

an Internet hit—scoring more than a million YouTube views by showing off tricks like licking nose, elbow, twisting and even writing messages with his “longest tongue in the US”.

Nick Afanasiev gained massive attention from San Diego's FOX 5 television station. Afanasiev's tongue measures just 3.5 inches, just 0.36 inches shorter than Stephan Taylor, the

man who claims bragging rights to the world record for the world's longest tongue.

He's hoping the attention will help further his acting career. He says that most guys tell him that he'll be a hit with the ladies, but most girls are scared of it.

News Album

Ohio driver in chase stopped at red lights

Cincinnati police say a speeding driver tried to flee arrest while obeying red lights. Police said a 26-year-old woman was going 78 mph in a 55 mph zone early Friday on Interstate 75 when an officer tried to pull her over. Police said she exited the highway to drive home.

Police say that when the woman reached local streets, she drove the speed limit and stopped at red lights. They used sticks that punctured her tires, just yards from her home.

She told police she feared having her car impounded, which they did.

Police said she resisted, and they used a stun gun before charging her with resisting arrest, failing to comply with police, speeding and driving under suspension.

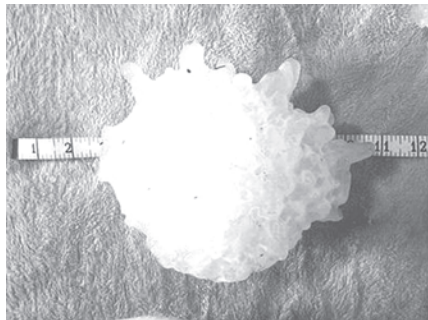
Country's oldest mail carrier retires at 91

At 91 years old, the country's oldest mail carrier is finally hanging up his keys after driving more than 1.1 million miles delivering mail in Tennessee. According to the US Postal Service, rural carrier Mancel Prince will make one more lap of his nearly 100-mile route before he retires on Friday in Decherd.

Prince was born in Tennessee and served in World War II, the Korean War and in Vietnam before retiring as a command sergeant major after 34 years. He returned home after his military career and began working as a mail carrier.

He earned a Million-Mile Safe Driving award for 35 years of accident-free driving.

Giant South Dakota hailstone breaks US records



This photo provided by the NOAA National Weather Service shows a hailstone that was found by a ranch hand in Vivian, SD, on 23 July, 2010.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says a giant hailstone that fell in central South Dakota has broken US records, even though the man who found it says it melted somewhat while waiting to be evaluated.

The NOAA's National Climate Extremes Committee says the hailstone found in the town of Vivian on 23 July measures 8 inches in diameter and weighs 1 pound, 15 ounces. The committee says the South Dakota ice chunk breaks records set by hailstones discovered in Nebraska and Kansas.

Ranch hand Leslie Scott says the hailstone was about 3 inches larger when he found it. Scott says he put it in the freezer but that he couldn't prevent some melting because of an hours-long power outage that followed the storm.

Chinese film “Detective Dee” among Golden Lions candidates

BEIJING, 31 July — Tsui Hark's martial-arts thriller “Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame” will be the only Chinese-language film to compete for the top honour at this year's Venice International Film Festival, organizers have announced.

“Detective Dee” is a fictional account of Di

Renjie, a legendary detective and official living in the Tang Dynasty of ancient China who was sometimes compared to Sherlock Holmes.

Andy Lau plays the detective, supported by Carina Lau, Li Bingbing, Tony Leung Ka-Fai and Deng Chao.

The film will compete for the Golden



Andy Lau as detective Di Renjie in the film “Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame.”

XINHUA

Lion with 21 other features that include Ascanio Celestini's “La Pecora Nera”, Antony Cordier's “Happy Few” and Darren Aronofsky's “Black Swan”.

Xinhua

Singer Carrie Underwood performs on NBC's Today Show in New York on 30 July, 2010.

XINHUA



Jennifer Steele says her Beijing catwalk experience will help her enter the International fashion industry.

XINHUA

The Black Eyed Peas perform at the “Good Morning America” Summer Concert Series in the Central Park of New York, the United States on 30 July, 2010.

XINHUA



Snooki of ‘Jersey Shore’ arrested in NJ beach town

SEASIDE HEIGHTS, 31 July—“Jersey Shore” cast member Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi has been arrested in the New Jersey beach town where the MTV show is based.

Seaside Heights Police Chief Thomas Boyd says Polizzi was arrested at around 3:25 pm Friday and charged with disorderly conduct after other beachgoers reported she was bothering them.

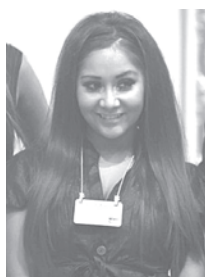
Polizzi was processed at police headquarters and

released on a summons.

MTV spokeswoman Emily Yeomans declined comment on the arrest, which came one day after the premiere of the show's second season.

Telephone messages left for SallyAnn Salsano, executive producer at “Jersey Shore” production company 495 Productions, and Pam LaLima, co-executive producer, were not immediately returned.

Internet



Nicole ‘Snooki’ Polizzi, a cast member of MTV’s ‘Jersey Shore’ reality series is shown at the New York Stock Exchange.

INTERNET

U19 restore France's faith in football

PARIS, 31 July—A dramatic late goal from substitute Alexandre Lacazette earned hosts France a 2-1 victory over Spain in the final of the Under-19 European Championship in Caen, northern France on Friday.

The 19-year-old Lyon forward headed home bravely from close range in the 85th minute to complete a stirring comeback that restored some gloss to French football after the embarrassment of the senior side's World Cup fiasco.

"It's magic, it's magnificent!" said France striker Cedric Bakambu,

who finished the tournament with three goals.

"For the second half, we told ourselves that we had nothing more to lose. We're at home, we'll give everything. Most of all, the fans were with us, and it was fantastic."—*Internet*



French forward Alexandre Lacazette celebrates after scoring France's victory goal against Spain.

INTERNET

Wenger tells Fabregas to stay and win title

LONDON, 31 July — Arsene Wenger has told unsettled captain Cesc Fabregas to forget about a dream move to Barcelona



Arsene Wenger has told unsettled captain Cesc Fabregas.—INTERNET

and focus on helping Arsenal win the Premier League.

Wenger is determined to keep Fabregas even though the Spain midfielder has made it clear he would love to return to the club he left to join Arsenal as a teenager.

Barca have gone public with their interest in Fabregas and are willing to pay around 30 million pounds (36 million euros)

SPORTS

England 'keeper James joins Bristol City

BRISTOL, 31 July—England goalkeeper David James completed a surprise switch to second tier side Bristol City on Friday.

James agreed a one-year contract with an option for a further year's extension after rejecting interest from Scottish giants Celtic because he preferred to join a team near his Devon home.

The 39-year-old, who was available on a free transfer after leaving Portsmouth, passed a medical

with Steve Coppell's side and will watch their pre-season friendly against Blackpool at Ashton Gate on Saturday.

Former Liverpool, Aston Villa and Manchester City star James, who has 53 caps for his country, played three times for England at the World Cup, including their 4-1 last 16 defeat against Germany.

INTERNET



England goalkeeper David James.

INTERNET

Real Madrid seal five-year deal for Khedira

MADRID, 31 July—Real Madrid announced on Friday that they had



Real Madrid announced on Friday that they had reached a deal with Stuttgart to sign their German international midfielder Sami Khedira.—INTERNET

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reached a deal with Stuttgart to sign their German international midfielder Sami Khedira, who shone during the World Cup, on a five-year contract.

The club released no financial details concerning the deal.

Khedira was under contract with Stuttgart until 2011. The defensive midfielder played seven matches during the World Cup in South Africa and scored the winning goal in the third-place play-off against Uruguay.

INTERNET

Langer shoots 68, takes early second-round lead

SAMMAMISH, 31 July—Bernhard Langer overcame a shaky front nine with an eagle and birdie on the back nine Friday to take the clubhouse lead at 3 under in the second round of the US Senior Open.

After a fog delay of more than two hours brought play to a halt just before 8 am local time, Langer shot a 2-under 68 making a number of key putts on the back nine when his round easily could have slipped away.

"You never quite know. It's the type of golf course that any hole can get to you," Langer said. "You just got to be careful and hit good shots."

Langer trailed first-round leader Bruce Vaughan by a shot. Vaughan had a late tee time on Friday.

INTERNET

UEFA uphold Europa League ban on Real Mallorca



Real Mallorca's bid to keep their place in this year's Europa League appeared to have ended on Friday.—INTERNET

MADRID, 31 July—Real Mallorca's bid to keep their place in this year's Europa League appeared to have ended on Friday when UEFA, football's governing body in Europe, rejected their appeal against a ban.

"The UEFA appeals

body has today dismissed the appeal lodged by Spanish club RCD Mallorca and upheld the UEFA control and disciplinary body's decision not to admit the Spanish club to the UEFA club competitions for the 2010/11 season," UEFA said in a statement.

Mallorca, who were excluded from the competition last week on the grounds that they have failed to meet the financial criteria set down by UEFA for clubs wishing to enter European competitions, indicated that they would appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).—*Internet*

City defender Garrido joins Lazio

MANCHESTER, 31 July —Spanish defender Javier Garrido has joined Italian club Lazio from Manchester City, the Premier League club announced on Friday.

Garrido moved to City for 1.5 million pounds from Real Sociedad in 2007 but struggled to establish himself as a first-team regular at Eastlands.

The arrival of defenders Jerome Boateng and Alexander Kolarov during pre-season meant Garrido was pushed even further out of City's plans and boss Roberto Mancini has allowed him to leave.

A statement on Manchester City's website



Spanish defender Javier Garrido has joined Italian club Lazio from Manchester City.

INTERNET

confirmed: "Javier Garrido has joined Serie A club Lazio after three years with City. He leaves for Italy with the best wishes of everyone at the club."—*Internet*

Brazilian goalkeeper charged with murdering ex girlfriend

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 July —Bruno Souza, a Brazilian star goalkeeper suspected of having his ex-girlfriend killed, was on Friday formally charged with her murder, officials said.



Brazilian footballer Bruno Fernandes de Souza(C).

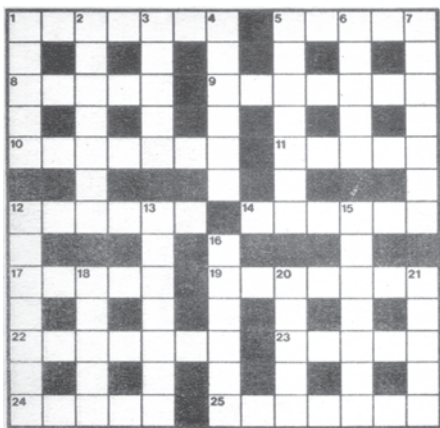
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The footballer, who played for Rio de Janeiro's Flamengo team, was also charged with kidnapping, hiding a body, forming a criminal gang and corrupting minors, police in the state of Minas Gerais told a media conference.

Even though the body of the alleged victim, 25-year-old Eliza Samudio, has not been found, police wrapping up an initial phase of their probe on Thursday determined that Souza masterminded her death.

INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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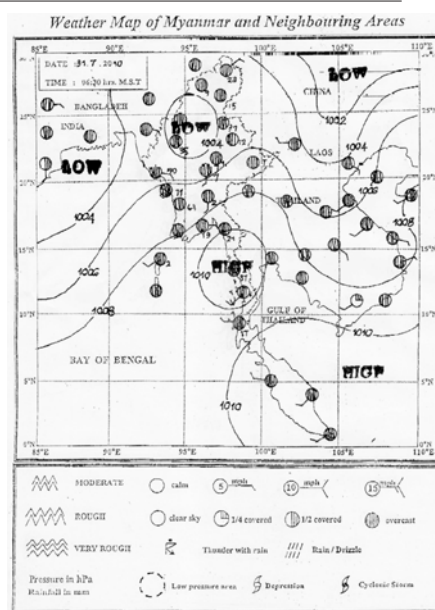


Customers wait in line to buy the new iPhone 4 in Madrid on 30 July, 2010.—XINHUA

Moderate earthquake hits western Nicaragua

MANSUA, 31 July— A magnitude-5.0 earthquake hit the western coast of Nicaragua on Friday, with no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the quake occurred on Friday morning, at about 8:41 local time (1441 GMT). The epicentre was located some 75 kilometres southwest of the country's capital city Managua, at a depth of 96.2 kilometres. The tremor was strongly felt in Managua. In 1972, a strong earthquake devastated the Nicaraguan capital, killing at least 10,000 people according to official estimates. —Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 31st July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.18) inches, MraukU (3.62) inches, Kyaukpadaung (2.95) inches, Pyawon (2.91) inches, Sittway, Thandwe and Launglon (2.76) inches each, Falam (2.13) inches and Magway (1.50) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-7-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 31-7-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-7-2010 was 85%. Total sun shine hours on 30-7-2010 was (2.7) hours.

Rainfall on 31-7-2010 was (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.75) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.48) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (41.81) inches at Mingaladon, (47.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (56.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (11:30) hours MST on 30-7-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-8-2010: One or Two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-8-2010: One or Two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-8-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (1-8-10 09:30 am ~ 2-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar's Customs & 7 Days Born
- * News
- * Aureum Palace Resort
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Pottery
- * News
- * A Traditional Dish of Myanmar Lads
- * A DAY IN ZALUN

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- * News
- * Origin of the Smart Persons (MHR) (Part-I)
- * News
- * Origin of the Smart Persons (MHR) (Part-II)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Paper Toys
- * News
- * Pleasant Taunggyi
- * Myanmar Movie "Mystery of Snow"



Sunday, 1 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် တောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တီပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)မြောက်လွှာ

8:15 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. "ပြင်ဦးလွင်ခရိုင်အတွက် အခွင့်အရေးကောင်းတစ်ခု ကျောက်အိုးတံတားက သက်သေပြပါ"

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week International News

11:30 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မနှမ်းသောမေတ္တာ"

(အပိုင်း-၃၀)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "မရိုမဖြစ်မိုး" (ရဲအောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)

2:40 pm

7. "နေပြည်တော်တောင်စခန်း"

ရှင်လန်းဖွယ်နားခိုမယ်
Mount Pleasant Hotel

- 2:50 pm
8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အလေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

ပညာရေးရုပ်ရှင်သံကြား

သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ်

(သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

8. "မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ"

5:15 pm

9. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

"BUGS"

(အပိုင်း-၂၂)

Adventures"

(အပိုင်း-၂၂)

6:35 pm

13. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ

"မေတ္တာလမ်းမှလွတ်လေး"

(တေး၊ မိုးထက်ပိုင်း)

ခိုင်ငြိမ်းငြိမ်းမကြည်နိုးနိုင်

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်

(MMG))

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"အတိတ်ရဲ့ပုံရိပ်"

(အပိုင်း-၂)

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. စည်းလုံးတဲ့မြေ

စန္ဒာရားမောင်လှအေးနှင့်

အဖွဲ့တေးရေး-မောင်သဲကြည်

(မအူပင်))

19. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

"တောကောင်လယ်"

သိုင်းညိုနောင်လေးများ"

(အပိုင်း-၄၇)

20. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ"

"ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး" (အပိုင်း-၈)

21. ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ



- ★ 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

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive in Gaya, India



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing being welcomed by Indian Ambassador Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, Superintendent of Police Mr Daljeet Singh, District Magistrate Mr Udai Kumar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing accompanied by delegation members left here for India by special flight of MAI at 9 a.m. on 25 July to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and entourage: Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thauang, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and departmental heads arrived in Gaya of the Republic of India at 10 a.m. local standard time.

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