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President U Thein Sein felicitates Obama

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Honourable Barack Hussein Obama, President of the United States of America, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America which falls on 4th July, 2011.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to Hillary

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Honourable Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America which falls on 4th July, 2011.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Progress of Nyaungdon-Hsamalauk-Hlinethaya railroad section, Sakkawt-Nyaungdon railroad section inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, together with Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin, today inspected laying rail tracks at the level crossing of motor road and railroad between Shansu and Sakkawt villages in Nyaungdon Township for construction of Nyaungdon-Hsamalauk-Hlinethaya section of Pathein (Begar)-Yangon (Hlinethaya) railroad construction project.

The Union Minister also looked into construction of pier Nos. 4 and 5 and approach structure of 546 feet long Hteikwagyi Lake Bridge and production of 90 feet long reinforced concrete frames for the bridge near Shansu Village.

At the briefing hall, officials reported on progress of Nyaungdon-Hlinethaya railroad section and construction of Hteikwagyi Lake Bridge.

The Union Minister gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage and timely completion of the railroad and bridge meeting set standards.

On arrival at Sakkawt Station on Zalun-Sakkawt-Nyaungdon railroad section of Hinthada-Nyaungdon railroad construction project near Sakkawt Village in Nyaungdon Township, the Union Minister viewed construction of the station and laying rail tracks in the station yard.—MNA



Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects railway workers laying rail tracks.—MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve and promote cultural heritage

Archaeological research results show that diverse national races have been living in Myanmar since they originated in the multiethnic land, passing through many periods such as prehistoric period and Pyu Period.

Myanmar civilization has existed from time immemorial. Artistic works of cultural heritage suggest that the civilization of ancient Myanmar was very high. A wide range of artifacts and archaeological edifices in the homeland may not survive the ravages of time in the long run, so programmes are underway to unearth them for preservation.

Cultural and archaeological museums are repositories of Myanmar handicrafts, thus revealing that Myanmar are a people of high national prestige and integrity and high calibres.

Excavating archaeological sites should not sacrifice original styles, and the sites are under protection against damages due to weather and national disasters. And many of the artifacts are well kept with modern engineering and chemicals.

The nation has been excavating and preserving archaeological sites with a variety of ways as cultural heritage are beyond evaluation. So, it is obligatory for the people to preserve and promote Myanmar cultural heritage with a sense of national spirit.

Kayin State Chief Minister attends ceremonies in Hpa-an

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min addressed concluding ceremony of book keeping course conducted by Kayin State Budget Department at the state government office on 24 June.

On 25 June, the chief minister inspected beautifying tasks in Hpa-an and attended monsoon tree planting in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day.

He showed up at Hpa-an University Football Tournament at Aungthanhwin State Sports Ground in Hpa-an on 28 June.

On 30 June, the chief minister attended ceremony to give loans by Manaung Market Co-operatives

Association in Hpa-an.

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Peoples' Desire

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

Union F & R Minister inculcates a sense of duty in his staff

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun met staff of Customs Department at the department on Strand Road here yesterday.

The Union Minister oversaw the daily functions of the department and left necessary instructions. He then visited Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank on Merchant Street and supervised its daily tasks.

The Union Minister while visiting Internal Revenue Department on Pansodan Street, called for systematic tax



collection management that contributes to economic development of the nation.—MNA

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.—MNA



Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed 57th Myanmar Cycling Federation President's trophy National Cycling Championship (Men's and Women's) at Myanmar International convention Centre on 2 July.—MNA

Association in Hpa-an.

Goodwill efforts necessary in carrying out educational tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Goodwill efforts are necessary in carrying out educational tasks, said Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye in meeting with officials from educational institutions in Bago Region at Toungoo

University.

Next, the Union Minister met the rector, the pro-rector, professors and officials at the multimedia lecture room saying that today, emphasis is placed upon education promotion and plans are being made

to award scholarships and provide stipends. It is necessary to train and nurture brilliant students. Teachers on their part are to work hard with goodwill and to try to become the ones who have the characteristics of a teacher. Later, the Union Minister inspected the paddy plantations grown with SRI system.

MNA

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye meets rector, pro-rector, deans/professors and officials at Toungoo University.—MNA

Explosion kills one, injures four in Spain arms factory

MADRID, 3 July—An explosion in central Spain killed one person and injured four others on Saturday at an arms factory used mainly to dismantle cluster bombs, local officials said.

One of the wounded was in serious condition. Two rescue helicopters were deployed to the factory located outside the town of El Gordo in Castilla-La Mancha, 175 km west of Madrid, a regional Interior Ministry spokesman said.

The wounded were flown to nearby hospitals. The roads to the factory were closed off by local Civil Guard officers, Spanish state television reported. The cause of the explosion

was still under investigation, but investigators suspect it took place in an incinerator furnace used to destroy cluster bombs by the Defence Ministry, the report said. 'The origin of the cluster bombs is not known yet.

Spain stopped manufacturing cluster bombs after it joined an international treaty banning the weapons. The ban took effect in August last year.

Cluster bombs are air-dropped or ground-launched explosive weapons that eject many small bomblets over a wide area. Hereby, they pose risks to civilians both during the explosion and afterwards.—Xinhua



Pakistani security officials and media gather at the site of a suicide bombing in Islamabad, Pakistan, recently. A suicide bomber blew himself up at a busy market in the Pakistani capital, killing at least one person in the first bombing in Islamabad in over a year and a half, police said.

INTERNET



A man looks at burnt out cars, at the parking lot of the police headquarters, following an explosion, in Abuja, Nigeria on 16 June, 2011. A suicide bombing in the parking lot of police headquarters in Nigeria's capital Thursday has killed two people, police said.

INTERNET

17 students injured in hand grenade attack in Afghan Faryab province

KABUL, 3 July—Seventeen students were injured on Sunday in a hand grenade attack on a school in Afghanistan's Faryab province, 425 km north of capital Kabul, interior ministry said in a statement.

"A terrorist on a motor bike hurled a hand grenade in front of entry gate of a

boys' school named Ali Shimawai, in third district of provincial capital Maimana city, at around 12:30 pm (local time) Sunday. As a result 17 students were injured," said the statement.

The statement said the attack occurred when the students were leaving the school building, adding that two students were in critical conditions. "The injured students were taken by Afghan National Police to nearby hospital," the statement said, adding

"police have arrested the gunman who was committed this action."

In two separate incidents, two schools were set ablaze in the country's eastern Nangarhar and Ghanzi province over the past week. The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group announced to launch spring offensive from 1 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

15 reported dead in Mexican firefight

MEXICO CITY, 3 July—At least 15 people were killed and 17 arrested in a lengthy clash between the Mexican military and members of the Zeta drug cartel, the government said.

Notimex, the government news agency, reported the shootout began Friday when alleged members of the drug gang, holed up in a safe house, fired on Mexican marines, CNN said. The fighting occurred in San Jose de Lourdes, a small town in the north-central state of Zatecatas.

Six marines were wounded, officials said.

The US Drug Enforcement Administration describes Los Zetas as exceptionally violent and believed to be responsible for hundreds of deaths in Mexico and as far south as Guatemala. The DEA says the group was founded by deserters from the Mexican army.—Internet



File photo shows an injured child in car bomb exploded in front of the high court building of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province recently, injuring nine people.—INTERNET



File picture shows Taliban fighters during a patrol in Ghazni Province. The Taliban has targeted top government officials in Afghanistan, killing seven people in a suicide car bombing and firing rockets at the vice president and interior minister, who escaped unhurt.

INTERNET

Taleban in northwestern Pakistan kill three police

MINGORA, 3 July—Police say militants attacked a police checkpoint in northwestern Pakistan, killing three police officers and wounding one.

Police officer Jahanzeb Khan says the militants attacked the checkpoint in the Karora area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province around midnight Saturday. Jahanzeb is the police chief of Shangla District, where Karora is located.

Karora is near the Swat Valley, an area that Taliban militants overran several years ago before the army launched a major offensive in the spring of 2009. Violence has dropped in the area, but militants still carry out occasional attacks.

Internet

Policeman killed, kidnapped child freed in western Iraq

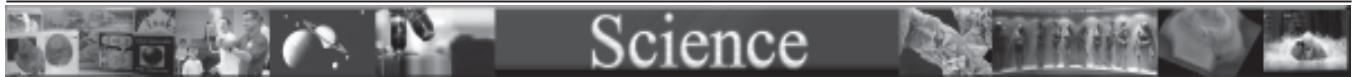
RAMADI, 3 July—Gunmen killed an Iraqi policeman and Iraqi security forces freed a kidnapped child in Iraq's western Province of Anbar on Saturday, a provincial police source told Xinhua.

Gunmen in their car shot dead a policeman in the morning while heading to his work in the Husaiba al-Sharqiya area, northeast of the provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Separately, the Iraqi security forces conducted a search operation in central Ramadi and freed a child who was kidnapped earlier by gunmen, the source said.

The child was left blindfolded and handcuffed at a house in the searched area, the source added.

The troops captured six suspects believed to be involved in kidnapping the child for ransom, he said.—Xinhua



Astronauts enter quarantine for final space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 3 July—After months of intense training, the astronauts set to fly on NASA's final space shuttle flight are raring to go, so it's no surprise they are taking steps to avoid catching a last-minute cold.

The four *Atlantis* shuttle astronauts entered a standard preflight quarantine on 1 July to prevent illness and limit exposure to any harmful germs. *Atlantis* is scheduled to launch on 8 July at 11:26 a.m. EDT (1526 GMT) from the seaside Launch Pad 39A at Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Atlantis' 12-day mission, called STS-135, will deliver huge spare parts to the International Space Station, along with other supplies, in order to prepare the orbiting laboratory for its life without visiting space shuttle missions. It will be NASA's 135th, and last, flight for the space shuttles as NASA shuts down the fleet to make way for a new programme aimed at deep space exploration.

Ferguson, pilot Doug Hurley, and mission specialists Sandra Magnus and Rex Walheim will travel to Kennedy Space Centre on 4 July and will remain in medial quarantine in the days leading up to their launch next Friday.

The astronauts will fly to the Florida spaceport from NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston in the agency's white T-38 supersonic jets on Monday



In this 23 June, 2011 file picture, the crew of space shuttle Atlantis, from left, mission specialist Sandy Magnus, pilot Doug Hurley, mission specialist Rex Walheim and commander Chris Ferguson, leave the Operations and Checkout Building on their way to board the shuttle.—INTERNET

afternoon.

Amidst all the attention the astronauts have already received, they have been able to reflect on the gravity of the moment and the historic mission that they are about to fly.

"We are as enormously proud of this vehicle," Ferguson said. "We tend to treat these vehicles as if they're a little part of us. To see them go away is like mourning a friend. They've been wonderful to us. There's an enormous amount of history to look back on."—Internet

Haunting moon photo: shadows loom over huge lunar crater

NEW YORK, 3 July—A new photo of the moon's huge Tycho crater taken at sunrise shows haunting dark shadows spreading out across the lunar surface.

The pitch-black patches loom behind the Tycho crater's central peak complex, which is about 9.3 miles (15 km) wide from southeast to northwest.

The photo was taken on 10 June by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter in orbit around the moon.

By angling its orbit 65 degrees to the west, the spacecraft was able to capture this dramatic sunrise view.

NASA launched the LRO mission in June 2009 to photograph the moon in unprecedented detail, mapping its surface for scientific study, as well as to scout potential landing sites for future manned missions.

Tycho crater is named after the 16th century Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601). One of the most prominent features on the near side of the moon, the impact basin is a favorite observing target for amateur astronomers.

The crater stretches about 51 miles (82 km) in diameter, with the summit of its central peak 1.24 miles (2 km) above the crater floor.

The rim of the crater is about 2.92 miles (4.7 km) above its floor.

Internet



A Research In Motion (RIM) staff reads a document on her BlackBerry PlayBook tablet during the CommunicAsia expo in Singapore 21 June, 2011.
XINHUA

Path social network arrives on Android

NEW YORK, 3 July—Android users, rejoice: Path, the social network previously available only to iPhone owners, is now available for you to download.

I say rejoice because Path has become my go-to social network for connecting with my family and closest friends, even above Facebook. (Incidentally, co-founder Dave Morrin was an early employee of Facebook.)

It's dead-simple to use: Snap a photo or 10-second video on your mobile device; tag your location, activity and who you're with; and share it instantly with your friends — or up to 50 of them, anyway. All of

your friends' updates, or "moments," will appear in a newsfeed on the home screen where you can respond using emoticons and comments.

Unlike just about every other social network you know, Path limits the reach of your network to 50 people (although you can adjust your share settings to cross-post updates to Facebook, as well), altering the way you interact with the network. What I would normally refrain from sharing with my 845 "friends" on Facebook, I'm often quite eager to share with my inner network on Path.—Internet

ZTelco offers free VOIP hosting and hosted IP PBX for developers

WASHINGTON, 3 July—ZTelco Technologies, a leading innovator in Hosted IP PBX and VOIP hosting, partnered with Entera-cloud Solutions to unveil a free sandbox hosting programme for VOIP application developers. The sandbox programme is designed to allow developers to get early experience with and provide feedback on next-generation voip technologies and hosted ivr scenarios. Today, ZTelco Technologies announces extending the free Hosted VOIP sandbox programme until 31 August, 2010 with the latest version of Linux and VOIP Technologies.

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Internet



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer speaks at the launch of the company's Microsoft 365 cloud service in New York.—INTERNET



Copper kills 97 percent of hospital ICU bacteria

NEW YORK, 3 July—Antimicrobial copper surfaces in intensive care units (ICU) kill 97 percent of bacteria that can cause hospital-acquired infections, according to preliminary results of a multisite clinical trial in the United States. The results also showed a 40 percent reduction in the risk of acquiring an infection.

The study, presented at the World Health Organization's 1st International Conference on

Prevention and Infection Control (ICPIC) in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday, backed what research teams at three US hospitals suggested four years ago: replacing the most heavily contaminated touch surfaces in ICUs with antimicrobial copper will control bacteria growth and cut down on infection rates.

Hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States

behind heart disease, strokes and cancer. According to estimates provided by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one in every 20 hospitalized US patients acquires an HAI, resulting in 100,000 lives lost each year. The 97-percent reduction rate in bacteria on antimicrobial copper surfaces is the same as that achieved by "terminal" cleaning — a process that is done after a patient leaves a room.

Dr Michael Schmidt, professor and vice chairman of microbiology and immunology at the Medical University of South Carolina, who presented the results, said, "Bacteria present on ICU room surfaces are probably responsible for up to 80 percent of patient infections, demonstrating how critical it is to keep hospitals clean."—Reuters



A copper bedside table is seen at the Copper Hospital in Calama city.—INTERNET

Simple haircuts like this can be a horrible experience for someone with autism.

INTERNET



Health Tip: Lather kids with sunscreen

Kids love to play outside during the hot summer months, so parents must not forget to protect them from sunburn. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions:

- * Apply sunscreen all over the child's face and body, and remember to reapply every two hours, or after the child gets wet.
- * Make sure sunscreen is at least SPF 15 and offers protection against both UVA and UVB rays. Apply it even on cloudy days.
- * Dress your child in lightweight cotton clothing that covers the legs and arms, a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that offer UVA and UVB protection.
- * Encourage your child to play and rest in the shade when the sun's rays are strongest—between 10 am and 4 pm.
- * Be aware that spending time in or near the water usually increases the risk of sunburn from the water's reflection.—Internet

Lazanda approved for cancer pain

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Lazanda (fentanyl) nasal spray has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to treat breakthrough pain in adults with cancer who are already receiving opioid therapy, drug maker Archimedes Pharma said.

Breakthrough pain occurs as an intense, unpredictable burst among people who are already receiving therapy for chronic pain. Lazanda is the first nasal spray containing the commonly prescribed opioid painkiller fentanyl, the company said in a news release. Lazanda is available in five European countries under the brand name PecFent.—Internet



Business



GM's June sales show stronger retail and commercial demand

NEW YORK, 3 July—General Motors released its June sales numbers, capping off the first half of 2010 for the large Detroit automaker which gained market share and seems to have recovered from its bankruptcy and successive bailout. The company's strong year-over-year and sequential performance could indicate a pick-up in consumer demand and in the economy as a whole.

GM dealers sold 215,000 units in June, an 11% gain from a year ago. This takes GM's total sales in the first half of the year to 1.26 million, 192,000 more than a year ago, and giving it a larger piece of the pie, as it gained market share, according to the release.

Retail sales rose 16% year-over-year and \$5 sequentially, indicating a relatively healthy consumer that is buying cars. Full-size pick-up, like the Chevrolet Silverado, saw sales rise 15% from May.

"With continued strong consumer demand for GM's fuel-efficient vehicles, June was another solid month for us," said Don Johnson, vice president, US Sales Operations. "The month caps a successful first half of 2011 for us in the US market — our sales are

up and we've gained share profitably."

Fleet sales, which account for 27% of monthly sales, fell one percent on weaker rental accounts, while sales to commercial accounts rose for a 15 consecutive month, up 31%. The strength in retail and commercial sales could indicate a pick-up in the economic recovery, amid talk of a "soft patch." ISM numbers released on Friday's fed the thesis companies, sitting on lots of cash, are investing and could help fuel a further expansion in output.

Internet



GM's June Sales Show Stronger Retail And Commercial Demand.
INTERNET



A Borders store sign is seen in Washington on 17 February, 2011. Direct Brands may be purchasing the bankrupt chain.—INTERNET

Borders says it has an opening bid

ANN ARBOR, 3 July—Bookstore chain Borders said it had a purchase agreement with Direct Brands, which would put in the starting bankruptcy auction bid for the US retailer. The Detroit Free Press reported Friday Direct Brands, owned by equity firm Najafi Companies, was preparing a bid of \$215 million and had agreed to take on \$220 million in liabilities.

Direct Brands operates Book-of-the-Month Club, Doubleday Book Clubs and Columbia House. Jim McTevia, a company turnaround expert with McTevia & Associates, said a pared down Borders could still be "a viable operating company." However, a new business would not be "anywhere what it is today," he said. The new owner would "cherry-pick" Borders locations, he said, keeping only a select group.—Internet

Nortel patents raise \$4.5 billion

OTTAWA, 3 July—Bankrupt Canadian telecommunications giant Nortel Network said its bankruptcy auction of technology patents raised \$4.5 billion.

The winning bid was submitted by a business consortium that included Research in Motion, which contributed \$770 million and Ericsson, which was in for \$340 million, Postmedia News reported Friday.

The opening bid was presented by Google, a \$900 million offer for Nortel's more than 6,000 patents that were recently called one of Canada's national treasures. Several firms were bidding to guard against future patent violation lawsuits.

Internet

One dead, one injured in meat-processing plant fire in NE China

HARBIN, 3 July—One person was killed and another was slightly injured in a fire that occurred on Saturday in a meat-processing plant in Harbin, the capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

The fire started at 8:20 am in a meat-processing plant owned by Shuanghui Beidahuang Food Co, Ltd, according to an official with the Harbin Economic-Technological Development Zone, where the plant is located.

There were about 300 employees working in the plant at the time of the fire, which was extinguished by noon.

Rescue workers said the fire was likely caused by overheated machinery. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 2 July, 2011 shows the scene of a fire in Shuanghui Beidahuang Food Co, Ltd in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. A fire took place at a workshop of Shuanghui Beidahuang Food Co, Ltd on Saturday morning, causing one dead and more than 400 workers evacuated. The fire was put out and the cause is under investigation.

XINHUA

Chinese navy sends escort fleet to Gulf of Aden

BEIJING, 3 July—The ninth group of Chinese navy escort ships left the Zhanjiang Port in southern China's Guangdong Province on Saturday for the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia on an escort mission, the Ministry of Transport said.

The new fleet, comprising the destroyer Wuhan, and the frigate Yulin, as well as the supply ship Qinghaihu, will replace a flotilla sent earlier to guard against

pirates, according to a statement on the ministry's website.

The fleet is armed with two helicopters and carries a total of 878 seamen and officers on board, including dozens of Marine Corps.

The destroyer Wuhan and the frigate Yulin will arrive in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somali after they participate in an international defence exhibition in Brunei, according to the statement.

To date, the Chinese navy fleets have escorted 3,968 ships from countries all over the world and rescued 40 ships attacked by pirates.—Xinhua



A cable car makes its way past the Tadich Grill on California Street in San Francisco, on 27 June, 2011. The popular San Francisco cable car line is back in business Monday following a six-month rehabilitation project.—INTERNET

France confirms first death of E coli infection

PARIS, 3 July—A 78-year-old patient died from E coli strain infection in Bordeaux, southeast of France, before Saturday dawn, the first such death in France since its outbreak.

According to regional health agency, the woman was under intensive care at the Bordeaux University

Hospital since 24 June, but the strain detected on her is different from that caused scores of death in Germany.

Seven people remained in hospital in Bordeaux after suffering from hemolytic uremic syndrome. They started to feel bad after eating contaminated vegetable sprout at a leisure

centre, local daily *Le Figaro* said. Judging from the complete analysis for six of them, they were confirmed being infected by the "O104" E Coli strain, the same that killed the female patient.

Their conditions are now "stable," local health agency was quoted by *Le Figaro*.

The E coli outbreak have killed over 50 people in Europe since its was first reported in early June.

Internet

Children frolic in a street of Beigeng Township of Xingcheng County, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 July, 2011. The traffic here has been almost resumed thanks to water recession after being submerged by flood for two days.

XINHUA

Malaria claims 84 lives in Nigeria's Gombe State in 2010

GOMBE, 3 July—A total of 84 deaths were recorded from the 26,494 cases of malaria in Nigeria's Gombe State in 2010, health officials have disclosed.

State officer in charge of malaria control in the area Adama Muazu disclosed this on Friday at a ceremony to mark the World Malaria Day.

She said out of the figure, 3,308 were pregnant women, 10,427 were children under ages 0-5, while 12,759 were children above five years.

Chairman of Akko local government area, Baba Fulani, said malaria was a deadly disease that killed young and old, rich and poor, stressing

the need for collective efforts in fighting it.

He said the council had not relented in providing drugs for the treatment of malaria and clearing of drainages, among other measures adopted as part of its contribution to the roll back malaria programme.

Fulani appealed to the state government to reintroduce the monthly environmental sanitation exercise to check indiscriminate dumping of refuse in some communities.

He also urged traditional and religious leaders to help in creating awareness on the need to maintain a healthy environment.—Xinhua



Journalists test ride Jerusalem's Light Train in Jerusalem, on 30 June, 2011. The controversial light rail system, initiated in 2002, has been riddled with delays following political, structural and economic setbacks.

XINHUA



Boy of three is Britain's youngest vandal

LONDON, 3 July —A boy of a mere three years has turned Britain's youngest vandal after police nabbed him damaging cars in a street close to his home.

The toddler, who is an astonishing seven years below the age of criminal responsibility, was noticed attacking a string of vehicles. But because of his age, a child only becomes responsible for their

actions at the age of 10 - the police were powerless to take any action, the *Daily Mail* reported. Details of this kid's crime spree in Kiveton Park, near Rotherham town, emerged after a Freedom of Information request was submitted to South Yorkshire police.

They revealed that other youngsters aged four, five and six had also been caught vandalising vehicles in

separate incidents in the last six months. And a further three 10-year-old boys were involved in a robbery at a snooker club in January. In most cases, officers cannot even interview or detain suspects, unless they obtain an emergency order for their safety. And in cases children below ten are responsible, crimes are not recorded.

Internet

Wrong thoughts beget wrong acts

Ko Ko Aung

Now, Myanmar is on the correct path to genuine discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy in line with the State Constitution.

State's legislative power is being exercised by MPs elected in accordance with the constitution by the people; executive power, by respective governing organs elected by Hluttaws; and judicial power, by Union Supreme Court and respective courts formed with the approval of Hluttaws. In addition, the Constitutional Tribunal has been formed in consistence with the constitution to translate the provisions of the State Constitution and address constitutional disputes. And with Hluttaw approval, the Union Election Commission has been set up to monitor the processes in which citizens enjoy the rights to elect and to stand for election in conformity with the law, to form political parties to which genuine discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy is acceptable, and to organize elections.

In other words, the bodies responsible for practising the State's three sovereign powers have emerged according to the provisions of the constitution.

To my dismay, certain persons are wrongly convinced of and are making wrong comments on the provisions of the constitution. I wonder if it is because they have not read the constitution well or if they definite provisions wrongly out of personal concepts.

I was taken aback when I read an Internet news story about the letter dated 29-6-2011 under the signature of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the Union Minister for Home Affairs. It says that the National League for Democracy is a political party that registered at the Multiparty Democracy General Election Commission in accordance with Ordinance 4/88 (Political Parties Registration Law) and that has been standing legally to date; that Section 409 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar approved on 29 May 2008 says "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning political parties", so the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has exclusive right to enact Political Parties Registration Law; that Law (2/2010) Political Parties Registration Law enacted on 8 March 2010 has been null and void since then as it was not enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and that accordingly it is not true that NLD has been automatically defunct since then for it failed to apply to the commission to renew its registration within 60 days according to Section 25 of the Law, and actually, the party is not defunct.

I was with a heavy heart while reading it and thought that it was whether even the ABC of the constitution is beyond her understanding or the wrong statement is based on her wrongly understanding the provisions.

It seems to me she is convinced that State laws are in force from the date they are promulgated. It is true that laws are in force from the date they are enacted if there is no date on which a law comes into force. However, some laws do not carry dates on which they come into force, but some laws come into force when other notifications or announcements are issued to designate the dates to bring them into force.

It was declared that the State Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was approved with the support of the great majority of the people on 29 May 2008. However, **Section 441 of the constitution says "A nationwide referendum held for adoption of this Constitution where more than half of the eligible voters voted, of which majority of these voters adopted this Constitution, shall come into operation throughout the Union from the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is**

convened". So, the people know that the day on which the State Constitution comes into force is the 31st of January 2011 on which the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was convened.

Those who wrote the State Constitution (draft) transitory provisions in Chapter (XIV) of the constitution to avert unnecessary interruption in the transitional period between the Tatmadaw government and the government to be formed according to the constitution. **Section 442 of the constitution says "The State Peace and Development Council shall continue to exercise State sovereignty before this Constitution comes into operation".**

Section 443 says **"The preparatory work done by the State Peace and Development Council, before this Constitution comes into operation, to bring the Constitution into operation, shall be deemed to have been carried in accord with this Constitution".**

According to those provisions, **the constitution bestows upon the State Peace and Development Council the right to exercise three sovereign powers: legislative, executive and judicial powers on 31 January 2011 on which the State Constitution was brought into force.**

They are constitutional provisions, so no one could deny that at that time the State Peace and Development Council practised the legislative power in accordance with the constitution.

Exercising the rights bestowed on it according to the constitution, the State Peace and Development Council enacted some necessary laws on 8 March 2010 to bring the constitution into operation. One of them is Law (2/2010) Political Parties Registration Law.

Over the period in which it had power to exercise the legislative power in accordance with the constitution, the State Peace and Development Council promulgated Law (2/2010) Political Parties Registration Law and prorogued SLORC Law 4/88 in accordance with Article 27 of this law. Can anyone say it does not meet the law? And can anyone say that the State Peace and Development Council did not have any rights to promulgate those laws because they were not enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had not come into existence then? If someone says so, he or she must not understand the constitution.

Political Parties Registration Law was promulgated on 8 March 2010 in accordance with the constitution by an authorized body, so it is legal. Therefore, the party is to abide by Article 25 of the law that says that political parties shall apply to the commission within 60 days from the day the law was brought into force for renewing their registration, and if they fail to do so they shall be deemed to have been automatically defunct. And they are to accept that they will be automatically null and void. The commission issued Announcement 97/2010 according to Section 20 to abrogate the five old parties including NLD that failed to apply so as political parties. Therefore, it must be accepted as it did so according to the law.

Section 446 of the constitution says "Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw". I do not hear that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has annulled or amended Law (2/2010) Political Parties Registration Law which is one of the existing laws promulgated by the State Peace and Development Council. And it does not promulgate any other laws in connection with political parties according to Section 409. Therefore, the Law remains in force up to date, and according to this law, the proceedings of the

Union Election Commission are all legal.

Wrongly understanding the law, NLD is claiming repeatedly that according to SLORC Law (4/88) Political Parties Registration Law (that has been repealed and is defunct), it registered as a political party at the previous commission (it existed according to the repealed law), it is still legal, and that the Pyidaungsu Election Commission does not have any power to revoke its registration. In fact, it is sticking to the self-righteous fervour.

The letter to the Union Minister for Home Affairs under the signature of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi stating herself as General Secretary of National League for Democracy says that the party is in favour of the rule of law and it keeps on standing as a party according to the law; that therefore, the evocation of the party is not legal; that it complained to the Supreme Court according to Section 5(a) and (h) of 2010 Judicial Law, but Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) turned down its complaint; and that it was unacceptable to the party as it did not conform with the law. In reality, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been removed as an NLD member according to the resolution dated 11-12-1991 passed by the Central Executive Committee of the party they are claiming as NLD. That fact is profound evidence according to the documents signed by NLD Chairman U Aung Shwe. Therefore, she is not authorized to put her signature as General Secretary of NLD.

The letter also criticizes that State's legislative power is not legal, and State's judicial power is not constituent with the law. Is she intransigent about her motto "Oppose all government orders"? But she also said that she is in favour of the rule of order. It is really confusing.

Supreme Court (now Union Supreme Court) is the court with the highest power in the country. It is the highest body to exercise the State's judicial power. Any failure to accept the judgments passed by the body with the highest judicial power by her or the people will drag the nation into anarchy again. And if so, there will not be the rule of order, which is alarming.

To be frank, if they consider that Law (2/2010) Political Parties Registration Law is not in conformity with the constitution, they should seek a resolution at hluttaws that have exclusive powers to enact, repeal and revoke a law according to the constitution.

Anyhow, our country is the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and the people of us are the citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. **According to Section 347, the Union guarantees any person to enjoy equal rights before the law and legal protection. No man is above the law.** So, the people can enjoy the rights and are to abide by the law regardless of class and position. **Section 384 says "Every citizen has duty to abide by the provisions of this Constitution".**

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Internet statement says that the State Peace and Development Council's exercising legislative power in line with the constitution is not legal and does not have any power to promulgate laws; that according to existing Law (2/2010), what the Union Election Commission has carried out are beyond the power bestowed by the constitution; and the announcements of Supreme Court are unacceptable. So, stating these points may be in breach of the law.

Any organization or any person may come under delusion if they are too conceited. Such people cannot think things as they really are due to ignorance. And if a person is under silly thoughts, he is likely to misunderstand things.

Translation: MS

Myanmar women have accomplished highly in areas such as commerce, education, health and technology and are participating actively in forefront in nation building tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—A ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3rd July was held at the hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw today.

Present on the occasion were Patrons of the federation Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Kyin Khaing and Daw Mya Theingi, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, President of the federation Dr Thet Thet Zin, secretaries, CEC members and members, the president of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and CEC members, departmental heads, chairpersons of social organizations and officials, prize winners, chairpersons and members of WAOs.

First, President of the federation Dr Thet Thet Zin delivered an address, saying that apart from being known to be gentle and refined in manner by tradition, we Myanmar women also possess the unique exemplary trait of maintaining and upholding our national culture. Moreover, Myanmar women not only are capable of fulfilling their duties whether for family or for the sake of others, they are also known to have the valour and perseverance and capability equally with men in overcoming difficulties.

According to Myanmar historical records, there had often emerged women who had been documented for their achievement in drivers spheres such as in education, health, commerce and also in social and administrative sectors. In current times also, there are Myanmar women who have accomplished highly in areas such as commerce, education, health and technology and who are participating actively in the forefront in nation building tasks.

In line with the Beijing Declaration of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Government of the Union of Myanmar formed the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3rd July 1996 to act as the leading body in initiatives for the empowerment and enhanced development of Myanmar women. And that specific day, the 3rd July, was eventually designated as Myanmar Women's Day. Thus, the ceremony being held today to celebrate Myanmar Women's Day is very significant and meaningful as it signifies the much valued attributes of our womenfolk and highlights their exemplary traits.

Today is also looked upon as an auspicious day as it is on Myanmar Women's Day that Myanmar women who have achieved in fields such as education, health, sports, literature and arts, who have displayed extraordinary valour as members of the Red Cross and the fire brigade, and those who have outstandingly carried out duties as public servants as well as women who have most frequently donated blood, are being honoured and recognized.

From the time of its establishment on 3rd July, 1996, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Committee has served as a National Mechanism for the development of Myanmar women. And then, to be able to carry out initiatives for the security and development of Myanmar women more extensively with a force led by women themselves, and to enhance the role of women in the national

development schemes, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed with lofty aims on 20th December 2003.

The MWAFF is formed with seven noble aims.

To implement these noble aims MWAFF organizations from the State and Region level down to the village and ward levels are formed and the women mass mobilized to endeavour for the enhancement of the role of Myanmar women and have stood firmly as an organization which strikes for the benefit of the country and the people. Because of these endeavours, the membership of MWAFF has grown to over 5.3 million in the course of over seven years of its existence.

For continual advancement of the role of Myanmar women, MWAFF has sent delegates and trainees to other countries to attend meetings, conferences, workshops and training courses dealing in women's affairs. In addition, implementation programmes carried out by MWAFF are not only in line with international conventions and declarations such as the Beijing Platform for Action, UN conventions protecting women such as CEDAW and the Millennium Development Goals but are also in conformity with the practical life of Myanmar women. The programmes and tasks to promote the welfare and development of Myanmar women are implemented by members of MWAFF in collaboration with Government Ministries concerned as well as with local NGOs and INGOs.

Regarding the protection of women, activities concerned with violence against women, prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons and reintegration and rehabilitation of trafficked victims were respectively carried out in collaboration with the Government bodies concerned. As such educative talks, training and counseling programmes and income generation programmes are organized. In addition, training sessions and workshops on prevention of all forms of trafficking, health-care programmes and rehabilitation programmes including provision of vocational training and assisted job search for trafficking victims are being carried out at all States and Regions.

As part of the health care programmes for women, MWAFF has collaborated with the Ministry of Health, local NGOs, UN agencies and INGOs to disseminate knowledge to women and girls on means of prevention of contagious and communicable diseases such as TB and HIV and on reproductive health education right down to the grassroots level. Access to counseling, treatment and care is also given to HIV patients. In addition, MWAFF has also taken part in TB campaign and blindness prevention campaign.

Activities to maintain and preserve Myanmar traditions and culture were continuously carried out by MWAFF.

To promote the socio-economic status of women, income generation programmes are implemented. To support poverty reduction, micro-credit and micro-finance are being provided to women in need in all States and Regions. Educative talks and distribution of pamphlets concerning the provision relating to the rights of women in the Constitution and the existing laws on protecting the promoting the rights of women are also carried out.



MWAFF Patron Daw Mya Theingi presents first prize to Saw Aung Min AMPS (New Asia Photo) in Polite and Beautiful Life of Myanmar Women Photo Contest.—MNA

In conclusion, I would like to state that, in keeping with the tradition of our history, Myanmar women have played each of their roles to the best of their ability in striving for the benefit of the nation and the people, in effecting the development and advancement of the Myanmar society and in nurturing the new generation to have a high standard of morality and patriotic spirit. Thus, it is indeed an honour for every Myanmar woman that Myanmar Women's Day has been designated in recognition of the distinctive attributes of the Myanmar womenfolk who are performing their duties to the best of their ability in every field.

Next, Patron Daw Ni Ni Win presented prizes to 2009 National Literary Award winner writer Daw Kyan, Ma Khaing Khaing Lwin Kyaw who stood first in the 2010 matriculation examination in the entire nation, 2010 outstanding police member police Sgt Kyay Hmon Tun, 2010 World Health Staff award winner midwife Daw Nan Than Than Oo and 2010 outstanding Red Cross member Dr Khin Hsan Nwe, who is adviser to Myanmar Red Cross Society, in-charge of school RC and commander of women's corps of MWCS.

Patron Daw Kyin Khaing awarded outstanding athlete Ma Aye Thitsa Myint, outstanding disabled athlete Ma Thin Thin Khaing, outstanding woman Red Cross member L/Cpl Khin Saw Moe and woman blood donor Daw Yu Yu Wai.

Patron Daw Mya Theingi awarded winners in the 'Polite and Beautiful life of Myanmar Women' colour photo contest.

President Dr Thet Thet Zin presented the first, second and third prizes to Saw Einda Thet Maung, U Tin Tun (Cherry May Maung Tin Tun) and Daw Khin Wut Yi (Wutyi Khin-Bago) in the article contest.

Later, those present viewed documentary photos of the MWAFF and women's affairs activities displayed at the hall.—MNA

Buddhist Culture Teachership Course 1/2011 opened



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung addresses opening of Buddhist Culture Teachership Course 1/2011.

MNA

YANGON, 3 July—The opening of Buddhist Culture Teachership Course 1/2011 took place at the International Theravada Buddhist Research Dhamma Thabin Zabuthiri Beikmandaw Building in Mayangon Township,

Yangon Region, yesterday.

It was organized by the Myanmar Border and Hilly Areas Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association. Patron of the association Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung

Subcommittee for rural...

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developing the domestic market and mobilizing cooperation of the local people in seeking cooperation with companies and entrepreneurs so as to have links with the global market.

Next, Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye discussed matters related to rural development and poverty alleviation. Then, those present also took part in the round of discussion. The meeting continued on 30 June.

MNA

Maung Htay and chairman course instructor Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Siha Sudhamma Manijotadhara U Kyaw Khin Myint explained the purpose of the course.

Patron of the association Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung delivered a speech.

Altogether 200 trainees are attending the one-month course.

MNA

288 lots of pearls sold out at Pearl Sale

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Organized by Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium, Special Sale of

Jade, Gems and Pearls continued at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here this morning.

In the morning 80 pearl lots were sold through tender system and in the afternoon 37 pearl lots were sold



Local and foreign gems merchants viewing jade lots at Special Sale of Jade, Gems and Pearls 2011.

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Local and foreign gems merchants at Special Sale of Jade, Gems and Pearls 2011.—MNA

through competitive bidding system.

The special sale of pearl concluded this evening, with sales figure of 288 lots of pearls. General manager U Sein

Lwin of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise presented gift and certificate of honour to Mr Javeri Parful Shantichand of Paras Pearls Co from Japan.

MNA

Myanmar Women's Day celebrated in Dawei

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Myanmar Women's Day 2011 was observed in Dawei of Taninthayi Region this morning, with an address by member of Region Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Hla.

Outstanding females from the region were awarded, some of whom stood top in 42nd Region/State sports events, some matriculated with flying colours and some won prizes in essay contests held in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day.

Next, those present viewed documentary photos, wall papers, prize-winning essays, paintings and cartoons on display.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region observes Myanmar Women's Day

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Ayeyawady Region Women's Affairs Organization observed the Myanmar Women's Day at the city hall in Patheingyi this morning.

Secretary of the organization Daw Nwe Nwe Oo read the honorary paper.

Daw Khin Htay Myint, wife of the Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region, awarded 2011 Thudhamma Theingi title winners, and Daw Tin Tin Hlaing, wife of the deputy speaker of Region Hluttaw, and wives of region ministers and responsible persons of the WAO presented prizes to 49 outstanding persons.

The wife of the Chief Minister and party viewed wall magazine and documentary photos.—MNA

PaO Self-Administered Zone holds tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July —A tree-planting ceremony took place in Hopong in PaO Self-Administered Zone in Shan State, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

At the ceremony, a total of 1500 saplings of various kinds such as teak and cherry were planted. Then, the chief minister attended a township level collective transplanting ceremony in 100-acre model paddy field and viewed natural fertilizers and pesticides displayed by Shan Mawmyay Co and farm machinery displayed by State Agricultural Mechanization Department.—MNA

Bangladesh landslide toll rises to 17

CHITTAGONG, 3 July—The death toll from a rain-triggered landslide in the Bangladesh port city of Chittagong has risen to 17, according to police, as five more bodies were pulled from the mud.

The victims were buried while sleeping in their tin-roofed shanty houses in the southeastern city's Lalkhan Bazaar slum, which lies at the bottom of a hill, local police chief Abu Zafar Mohammad Omar Faruq said.

Twelve bodies — mostly women and children — were dug out on Friday after three days of heavy rains triggered the landslide, with the mud burying at least seven houses, he said.

"Army and fire brigade officers recovered five more bodies from the same spot Saturday morning, raising the death toll in the landslide to 17," he added.

Chittagong mayor Manzur Alam said the search operation had been called off as nobody else was missing.



Bangladeshi firefighters retrieve a dead body in Chittagong, on 1 July.

INTERNET

In recent years monsoon rains have caused deadly landslides in Chittagong, home to five million people, killing hundreds and prompting the government to tighten rules on where development could take place. In June 2007, landslides triggered by the heavy rain in Chittagong killed at least 130 people.

Internet

Float plane crashes in northern Canada

LA ROMGE, 3 July—An investigation began Friday into the crash of a DeHavilland Beaver float plane in a lake in northern Canada.

The plane sent distress signals Thursday that were picked up by Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario, *Postmedia News* reported. Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers found the plane underwater in Buss Lake in northwestern Saskatchewan.

Investigators said at least three of the five people on board were killed in the crash, including the pilot. They were trying to identify the victims Friday.

A dive team was also dispatched to the lake, which is about 4 hours north of La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

The Transportation Safety Board and RCMP are cooperating in the investigation.

Internet



The photo taken on 28 June, 2011 shows the interior view of the newly integrated terminal building of Raja Bhoj international airport in Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh state of India. This is the 18th international airport terminal of the country.

XINHUA

One killed, 9 injured in overnight violence in Chicago

CHICAGO, 3 July—A man was killed and nine other people were wounded in incidents overnight around Chicago, local media reported Saturday.

The fatality occurred in a shooting in Friday's night in the University Village neighbourhood, where two males were shot and one fatally, *Chicago*

Tribune Saturday quoted local police as saying.

Nine other people were injured in 8 violence incidents overnight.

However, no one was in custody for any of the shootings so far and area detectives were investigating the details.

Xinhua



The rescue helicopters of Austrian Air Force perform during the AirPower11 airshow in Zeltweg in central Austria on 1 July, 2011. 200 aircrafts from more than 20 countries took part in the event.

XINHUA

FBI warns of terror threat against US company

LOS ANGELES, 3 July—FBI officials have warned of terror threats against a US company which builds unmanned surveillance aircraft, a local newspaper reported on Friday.

Terror group al-Qaeda had threatened to attack 11 senior executives at the AeroVironment Inc, based in Monrovia near Los Angeles, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reported.

A 23 June on-line blog post on Homeland Security Today, a New York-based website that follows Homeland Security issues, said top US military leaders and AeroVironment CEO Timothy Conner and other AV executives have been identified as targets on several jihadist websites, *the Tribune* reported.

Monrovia city officials said security at the facility would be beefed up over the 4th of July weekend after the threats surfaced on a jihadist website, the report said.

"We are working with AeroVironment and other agencies to

enhance security at the facility this weekend," City Manager Scott Ochoa told the newspaper.

FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said she hadn't heard of a specific threat to AV but added that the FBI takes such threats seriously.

An AV employee who asked to remain anonymous told *the Tribune* that company executives led by Mike Bissonette, senior vice president and general manager, held a meeting Thursday afternoon with employees regarding the threat.—*Xinhua*

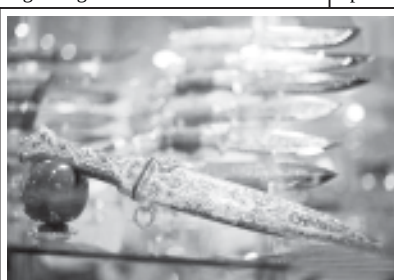


Photo taken on 28 June, 2011 shows knives at Russia's exhibition booth during an exhibition which marks the 20th anniversary of CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) in Moscow, Russia.

XINHUA

Turtles crossing runway cause New York flight delays

NEW YORK, 3 July—Why did the turtles cross the runway and tie up flights at John F Kennedy International Airport?

To get to the other side to lay eggs on the sandy shores of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, which borders the airport in New York City's borough of Queens, authorities said.

Ron Marsico, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees operation of the region's airports, said about 150 diamondback terrapin turtles were spotted on Wednesday morning

crossing Runway 4L.

Pilots from Jet Blue and other airlines halted their big birds and let the expectant reptiles pass, said Marsico. "Flight delays attributed to turtles were minor, about 15 minutes or so," said Marsico.

Port Authority staff rushed out to the tarmac where, between takeoffs and landings, they scooped up the turtles and helped them on their way, he said. Naturalists said the 185-acre Jamaica Bay may be the diamondback's most popular breeding ground in North America.

"It happens every year at about this time. It's the great migration, and this is the peak of the season," he said.

Flights were rerouted to another runway, as waves of turtles pressed on with their march to the bay.

"At one point, we decided to heed Mother Nature and use other runways. This is not impacting flights," Marsico said.

Reuters



An attendant prepares entertainments for festival goers at the festival garden in Istanbul, Turkey, on 2 July, 2011. The two-day open-air Efes Pilsen One Love Festival started on Saturday in Istanbul.

XINHUA

Russian plane with 116 on board makes emergency landing

Moscow, 3 July—A Russian Tu-154 passenger jetliner with 116 passengers on board made an emergency landing Saturday following a technical snag in its engines.

The safe landing was made in the Ural city of Yekaterinburg, a spokesman of the Russian air transport regulator Rosaviatsiya said.

The plane departed

Yekaterinburg at 4.15 pm local time Saturday for the southern city of Mineralnye Vody. But it returned to Yekaterinburg due to technical problems in one of its engines, an airport spokesman in Yekaterinburg said.

"The captain reported to air traffic controllers that there were problems with the engine and decided to return to the airport of departure," the

Rosaviatsiya spokesman said.

He said the Uralskie Airlines plane lost power in one of its three engines and the pilot had to burn off fuel near Yekaterinburg before making an emergency landing.

"The aircraft landed at 4.31 pm. Moscow time and no one was injured during the landing," he said.

Xinhua

Yemen seizes 43,075 drug pills in Sanaa airport

SANNA, 3 July—

Yemeni Customs ferreted out 43,075 drug pills in luggage of a passenger in Sanaa airport upon his arrival from an Arab country, the Defence Ministry's website said on Saturday.

"The drug was discovered during a routine inspection on passengers and their suitcases in Sanaa International Airport, although it was hidden in a new and professional way," the Customs director Abdul Karim Rasie was quoted by the ministry.

The Yemeni passenger was under investigation, the official added, without providing the date of the arrest or naming the Arab state where the accused came from.

Xinhua

Da Vinci's 'Salvator Mundi' that once sold for GBP 45 could be worth GBP 120m!

LONDON, 3 July—A painting by Leonardo da Vinci that had once been sold for 45 pounds, has now been estimated to be worth a whopping 120 million pounds.

The oil on wood panel painting, named 'Salvator Mundi', or 'Saviour of the World', shows Christ with a

raised right hand as if in blessing and his left hand holding a globe.

It had been attributed to a pupil of da Vinci, but now an international group of experts has established that it was by the master himself.

Experts, who are authenticating the work, as well as the National

Gallery in London - where the painting is due to be displayed later this year - have kept a mum over the new 26" by 18.5" revelation.

"We are not in a position to call, as the painting is not in our collection," the *Daily Mail* quoted a spokesperson of the Gallery as saying.—Internet

Lost masterpiece of Leonardo da Vinci to be displayed for first time



painting's history, da Vinci's hand was confirmed after the removal of layers of discoloured varnish and overpaint applied by earlier restoration attempts.

This person said that the idea of finding a lost Leonardo was "not something a rational person would really believe". The composition was known from a 1650s engraving by Wenceslaus Hollar.

ARTnews magazine, which reported the discovery earlier this week, has suggested a figure of 200 million dollars for the value of the painting.

The National Gallery exhibition, which would run from 9 November until 5 February, 2012, concentrates on paintings Leonardo produced for Duke Lodovico Sforza in Milan.

Internet

WASHINGTON, 3 July—A lost masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci, which was discovered in a private American collection, is set to be unveiled publicly for the first time.

The National Gallery in London will unveil the 'Salvator Mundi', a depiction of Christ with his right hand raised in blessing

later this year.

Experts have authenticated the painting that had disappeared after being owned by Charles I and Charles II of England.

The painting is of oil on wood panel, which measures 26 inches by 18.5 inches, reports the *Wall Street Journal*.

According to a person familiar with the



Photo taken on 1 July, 2011 shows a blossom-shaped sofa at a furniture exhibition in Beijing, capital of China. The exhibition will last until 10 July, showcasing all the designs exhibited during the Milan Furniture Fair held this April in Italy.—XINHUA

Robotic suit that boosts strength tenfold can help you carry men over mountains

LONDON, 3 July—A Japanese man paralysed from the waist down is looking forward to climbing a mountain with the help of a man in a cutting-edge robotic suit, which boosts the wearer's strength tenfold.

Father-of-two Seiji Uchida, 49, has plans of climbing up Mont Saint Michel, a World Heritage site in Normandy, with the help of a companion clad in the suit.

Uchida lost the ability to walk 28 years ago after a car accident, and the only way he can reach the picturesque abbey at the top of the mountain on the French coast is by his helper who will carry him using the Hybrid Assisted Limb (HAL) robo-suit.

The HAL suit works by detecting faint bioelectrical signals using pads placed on specific areas of the body that move the suit accordingly.

"When a person attempts to move, nerve signals are sent from the brain to the muscles via motoneuron, moving the musculoskeletal system as a consequence," the *Daily Mail* quoted the Cyberdyne website as explaining.

"At this moment, very weak biosignals can be detected on the surface of the skin.

"HAL catches these signals through a sensor attached on the skin of the wearer. Based on the signals obtained, the power unit is controlled to wearers' daily activities," it added.—Xinhua



Snowbird Jets of the Canadian Air Force fly overhead during the 144th Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, on 1 July, 2011. XINHUA

Rare Charlie Chaplin film fails to sell

LONDON, 3 July — A rare Charlie Chaplin film bought for £3.20 on eBay has failed to sell at auction despite being expected to fetch "a significant six-figure sum". Charlie Chaplin in Zeppel, thought to be a propaganda film made in Britain during World War I, is the only known surviving copy. But the seven-minute 35mm nitrate film reel only attracted one bid, a Bonham's spokesperson said. It has not yet been decided if the film will be put up for sale again.

"Obviously we're disappointed the film didn't sell, but it's an unusual item and the nature of auctions means these things are always un-

predictable," a spokeswoman told the BBC. Collector Morace Park bought the reel in 2009 because he liked the look of the tin, and then discovered the film inside it. The footage, recorded in 1916, features a Zeppelin raid over London and is thought to feature some of the earliest-known animation.

German Zeppelin airships attacked Britain during World War I and Bonham's said Zeppel was probably designed to defuse the unease caused by the raids. — *Internet*

Bird fossils reveal life's colourful chemistry

MANCHESTER, 2 July — The pigments preserved in fossils, including a 120 million-year-old bird, have been revealed using X-rays. A team, led by scientists from the University of Manchester, UK, scanned the beautifully preserved fossils. Their study, published in the journal *Science*, revealed the chemical fingerprint of pigments that once tinted the ancient bird's feathers. Manchester palaeontologist Phil Manning described the discovery as an insight into "the chemistry of life itself". As well as the colour patterns of ancient creatures, pigments reveal fundamental clues about the chemical reactions that took place in their bodies, and the food the creatures ate that fuelled those reactions.

Internet



Cartoon characters are seen during a parade to celebrate "Tanabata" or the Star Festival at the Tokyo Disneyland in Urayasu city, suburban Tokyo on 1 July, 2011. In oriental mythologies, the two lovers, Altair and Vega, who are separated by the Milky Way on most days of the year, meet once a year on 7 July. — *XINHUA*

Baboon 'on the loose' in Jackson, New Jersey

JACKSON, 3 July — A baboon has been reported roaming the streets and gardens of a town in the US state of New Jersey. Police have received more than a dozen reported sightings and warned Jackson residents who see it to stay inside. "It's moving quickly and we are trying to keep up with the animal," a police spokesman told local media. They suspect the animal may have escaped from a wildlife reserve at Six Flags Great Escape, a New Jersey theme park.

Park spokeswoman Kristin Siebeneicher said the park could not say for certain that the baboon had escaped from its Monkey Jungle because its 150 animals are not regularly counted. But she said they



Baboons are said to be social creatures and not aggressive toward humans. — *INTERNET*

were "probably certain" it was one of theirs. A search team consisting of a veterinarian, a safari manager and security officials had seen the baboon dashing across a golf course on Friday afternoon but were unable to tranquilise it, Ms Siebeneicher told the *Asbury Park Press*. — *Xinhua*



Young people in traditional clothes perform during the Youth Dance and Song Festival in suburb of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, on 1 July, 2011. The triennial festival, one of the country's biggest traditional cultural celebrations, kicked off on Friday, attracting tens of thousands of young performers and visitors from all over the country. — *XINHUA*

Coffee and cats, a purrfect combination

BEIJING, 3 July — When a 5-year-old girl swung a cat toy, a small yellow Bengal cat with large black spots suddenly jumped, caught the toy and rolled over. The girl giggled, touched its paw and said "how cute". This is a common scene at the Ningjing Cat Cafe in Shanghai's Baoshan district, where cat lovers can play with purebred cats while sipping their coffee.

"My daughter fell in love with cats when she



A girl plays with a cat at the Ningjing Cat Cafe in Shanghai. — *XINHUA*

first came here. But she is too young to raise a cat, so my wife and I bring her here to play," said the girl's father Zhu Hui. The first floor of the cafe is a small store selling cat food and products. On the second floor, seven cats rest on carpets, sofas, cat climbing frames, or customers' laps.

The 40-square-meter cafe consists of two rooms, which are decorated with paintings of cats, cat dolls and books about cats. On the wall are about 80 photos of various kinds of cats with customers. "There are no more than four cat cafes in Shanghai.

Xinhua

US team identifies new class of antiangiogenesis drugs

WASHINGTON, 3 July — Massachusetts General Hospital researchers have discovered an entirely new class of antiangiogenesis drugs — agents that interfere with the development of blood vessels. In a report published online Friday in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences/Early Edition*, the investigators describe how a compound derived from a South American tree was able, through a novel mechanism, to interfere with blood vessel formation in animal models of normal development, wound healing and tumor growth. — *Xinhua*

Watching nighttime TV hurts kids' sleep

BEIJING, 3 July — If your preschooler can't sleep — turn off the violence and nighttime TV. That's the message in a new study that found sleep problems are more common in 3- to 5-year-olds who watch television after 7pm. Watching shows with violence — including kids' cartoons — also was tied to sleeping difficulties. Watching nonviolent shows during the day didn't seem to be linked with sleep problems in the 617 youngsters studied. The study builds on previous research linking media use with kids' sleep problems, and bolsters arguments for limiting screen time.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no screen time for children up to age 2, and no more than two hours daily for older children. It urges doctors to ask parents at each checkup how much their children watch TV and whether kids have bedroom TVs, which the academy discourages. Previous studies have found that at least one in four US preschoolers have TVs in their bedrooms, and many families mistakenly believe that watching TV will help their kids sleep, says Dr Michelle Garrison, lead author and a scientist at Seattle Children's Hospital Research Institute. — *Xinhua*



Actors perform on the first day of the 2nd International Istanbul Opera Festival in Istanbul, Turkey, on 1 July, 2011. The festival will last until July 21, hosting 19 opera shows at open air theaters and historic venues. — *XINHUA*

Apple and Microsoft group buys Nortel patents

NEW YORK, 3 July — Bankrupt telecoms firm Nortel has sold its remaining patent portfolio for \$4.5bn (£2.8bn) to a consortium of six firms including Apple and Microsoft. The other consortium members are Sony, Research In Motion, Ericsson, and EMC. The auction of Nortel's assets had been hotly contested, with Google and Intel losing out.

The sale included more than 6,000 patents and patent applications including areas such as data network

ing and semiconductors. "The size and dollar value for this transaction is unprecedented, as was the significant interest in the portfolio among major companies around the world," said George Riedel, chief strategy officer at Nortel. Google had opened the bidding in April at \$900m.

Canada's Nortel filed for bankruptcy protection in January 2009 and has been selling assets since then, raising about \$3.2bn in the process.

Earlier on Thursday, Nortel had obtained a court order to extend its bankruptcy protection to 14 December "to provide stability to the Nortel companies to continue with their divestiture and other restructuring efforts".

Internet



The auction drew interest from major tech companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft and Intel. — *INTERNET*

Five white tigers born in China

A rare litter of five healthy white tiger cubs were born in northeastern China, officials say.

The quintuplets, one male and four female, were born Friday at the Siberian Tiger Park in Harbin, China, *Xinhua* reported.

"Usually, white tigers will give birth to two to four cubs at one time. It is rare to see healthy quintuplets," said Liu Dan, the

park's chief specialist. The cubs weighed in at about 2.6 to 3.08 pounds.

The newborns join the more than 1,000 Siberian tigers living at the park, founded in 1986.

White Siberian tigers are a subspecies of endangered Bengal tigers, the state-run news agency says. Two hundred to 300 white tigers live in captivity in China.



People dress as Smurfs pose for pictures in Brussels, Belgium on 25 June, 2011. A total of 4617 people from 12 countries took part in the simultaneous Smurf gatherings in Brussels attempt to break a world record.

Pole climbing rapper stops NYC traffic

New York police said several Times Square streets were closed for nearly 2 hours when a rapper climbed a light pole in a stunt designed to promote his CDs.

Police said Raymond "CI Joe" Velasquez, 34, climbed the 20-foot pole to a flat platform and danced and rapped for the gathering crowd while officers tried to convince him to come down, the *New York Post* reported Wednesday.

Officers said Velasquez demanded officers take his self-made CDs to the nearby MTV office and arrange a meeting with singer Alicia Keys before he would agree to come down.

Police said Velasquez eventually agreed to descend a ladder and was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, obstruction, trespassing, obstructing governmental administration and reckless endangerment.

He was taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

Handmade Italian accordions still coveted

Italy's elite accordion makers say it is common for aficionados to travel thousands of miles to Castelfidardo to buy one of their custom-made instruments.

Castelfidardo has been turning out handcrafted instruments for decades and has held on despite a shift of manufacturing to Asia due in large part to its high quality.

"They're the best," Salomon Salcedo of Chile told *The New York Times* during a recent pilgrimage to Castelfidardo. "You won't find them in stores;

they have to be made to order and this is the place to come."

The Times said the town's 40 skilled craftsmen make about 1,500 accordions annually, which is down from the tens of thousands produced in the 1950s before rock-and-roll made the electric guitar a more popular instrument.

The growth in manufacturing in Asia also presented a challenge. *The Times* noted Saturday that the accordion ironically had its origins thousands of years ago in China.

News Album



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, reacts during a cooking workshop at the Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec in Montreal 2 July, 2011. Prince William and his wife Catherine are on a royal tour of Canada from 30 June to 8 July.
XINHUA

Beyonce to play lead in 'A Star Is Born'

LONDON, 3 July—Pop star Beyonce has confirmed she will lead the cast in Clint Eastwood's "A Star Is Born" remake.

The "Halo" hitmaker, who has previously starred in "Dreamgirls" and "Austin Powers: Gold Member", has been linked to the leading lady role for months and now she has ended the speculation by revealing she'll follow in the footsteps of Janet Gaynor, Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand for the fourth remake of the classic movie, reports *express.co.uk*.

"Clint Eastwood? Can you believe that? I can't believe it still. When I met with him I was just in awe. I'm so, so



Beyonce

honoured that he believes in me. And I can't wait to do this film," she said.

"I represent this generation's talent and for me to be the chosen person, as an African American woman, is incredible," she added.

Internet

US singer Lady Gaga meets the press after her performance at the MTV Video Music Aid Japan at Chiba City in suburban Tokyo on 25 June, 2011.—XINHUA



Ryan Reynolds says 'competitive actors make movie sets toxic'

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Actor Ryan Reynolds has blasted competitive actors for ruining the atmosphere on sets while shooting.

The "Green Lantern" star said that he does not like working with competitive actors because they make movie sets "toxic". Reynolds doesn't believe a movie set can work well if the cast can't get along and spend too much time trying to do better than one another.

"It's toxic on a set when you're competitive with other actors. Whenever I've worked with another actor who's been competitive, usually nine times out of ten it's backfired on them - they've had a really unsatisfying experience. A film is so collaborative. It's the sum of its parts," *Contactmusic* quoted him as saying.—*Internet*



Rachel Weisz

Rachel Weisz is new face of Bulgari perfume

LONDON, 3 July—Actress Rachel Weisz is set to be the new face of Bulgari's Jasmin Noir fragrance.

The British beauty - who married James Bond star Daniel Craig last week - will represent the brand for a new campaign shot by Mert

Atlas and Marcus Piggott, starting in August, reports *contactmusic.com*.

Weisz has previously admitted she has little knowledge about how to make herself look good.

"I'm a bit of a wash-and-go kind of girl. I don't know how to blow-

dry my hair, so I never do. I have naturally big, frizzy hair, so I normally have at least two or three hairbands on my wrist."

"I don't mind not having the blow-dried look - I like a little frizz - and it's back in fashion, thanks God," she added.

Internet



Ryan Reynolds

Colombia move top of Group A

LA PLATA, 3 July—With Argentina only managing an opening draw, Colombia's victory over Costa Rica puts them top of Copa America group.



Colombian Gustavo Bolivar (L) and Costa Rica forward Joel Campbell (R) compete in a tight match.
INTERNET

Colombia defeated 10-man Costa Rica 1-0 on Saturday in the second match of the Copa America.

Adrian Ramos scored in the 45th minute, finally breaking through after Costa Rica's Randall Brenes was sent off in the 28th on a straight red card.

Watson misses cut, blames distracting French fans

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, 3 July—American golfer Bubba Watson missed the cut Friday at the French Open, suggesting fan behavior and poor security contributed to his disappointing performance. Watson shot a 3-over 74 in the second round for a 6-over 148 total on the Albatross course. "It's not a normal tournament," Watson said. "There's cameras, there's phones, there's everything. There's no security. I don't know which holes to walk through. There's no

ropes."

Watson has won two titles this year but rarely plays in Europe. He was apparently affected by the permissive culture in France that allows spectators to snap photos and record videos during play. "I'm not used to that," Watson said.—Xinhua



Bubba Watson of the US

From "Sick Man of Asia" to world sporting giant

BEIJING, 3 July—From "Sick Man of Asia" to the winner on the 2008 Olympic gold medal count, China stunned the world with the progress it has made in grooming athletic talent since the founding of the People's Republic of China in

1949.

With 100 medals including 51 gold, China for the first time won more Olympic gold medals than any other delegations. The hosts dominated the Beijing Games to such an extent that their victory on the

Colombia lead Group A from Bolivia and Argentina following their 1-1 draw on Friday in the tournament opener.

Costa Rica, playing as a guest team in the South American championship, are without a point and fielding a youth team, as are Mexico.

Colombia star forward Falcao Garcia seldom had the ball in position to strike and went off in the 77th.

Colombia coach Hernan Dario Gomez said this week he would resign if the team failed to reach the quarter-finals.

Despite a poor game, the victory was a big step for Colombia to reach the second round.—Internet

S P O R T S

Thailand signs Schaefer as coach

BANGKOK, 3 July — Thailand on Friday officially signed Germany's Winfried Schaefer as coach for its national football team on a three-year contract, a top official said. "He started work today," Worawi Makudi, president of the Football Association of Thailand, told AFP. "I have high hopes for him because he used to work with Cameroon and other teams."

Schaefer, 61, led Cameroon to victory in the 2002 African Nations Cup. He has also coached



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United Arab Emirates side Al Ain and FK Baku of Azerbaijan. Thailand's previous coach Bryan Robson, a former England and Manchester United captain, quit last month after less than two years in the job, citing health and family reasons. Robson underwent surgery for throat cancer in March and has previously said doctors were optimistic he would make a full recovery. He won 90 international caps during a glittering career, including 65 as captain, despite a string of major injuries.

Internet



United States' Heather O'Reilly, and Colombia's Fatima Montano challenge for the ball during the group C match at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Sinsheim, Germany, on 2 July, 2011.
INTERNET



United States' Megan Rapinoe, left, is celebrated by teammates after she scored her side's 2nd goal during the group C match.
INTERNET

Aguero rescues Argentina in Copa America

LA PLATA, 3 July—Sergio Aguero scored on a soaring volley in the 76th minute to help Argentina salvage a 1-1 draw with Bolivia on Friday night in the first game of the Copa America.

Bolivia's Edvaldo Rojas stunned Argentine fans with a goal in the 48th in the Group A match played in freezing winter temperatures. "This makes us sad because we did not achieve our objective, which was to win," Argentine and Barcelona star Lionel Messi said. "We did thing well, but we have to improve."

Aguero scored 6 minutes after coming



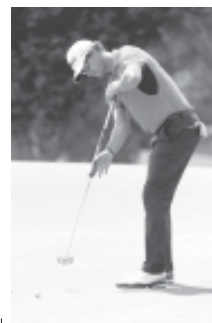
off the bench, ripping a shot into the far corner. "We played well at times, but other times we did not," Argentine defender Javier Zanetti said. The opening draw is unlikely to hurt Argentina. Argentina will face Colombia on Wednesday, while Bolivia will take on Costa Rica the following day.—Internet

Adam Scott making all the right moves at Aronimink

NEWTOWN SQUARE, 3 July — When it comes to picking a PGA Tour schedule, Adam Scott will never be mistaken for Tiger Woods. Few other players have been as predictable as Woods, at least when he's healthy. He sticks to the same schedule, and whatever minor changes he makes mostly result in something being dropped rather than added. Scott, on the hand, has been all over the map.

A year ago, his West Coast Swing included Riviera and Pebble Beach. This year, Scott started at Kapalua and Honolulu, skipped all of California and didn't show up again until the end of February. One year he plays Tampa,

the next year he plays West Palm Beach. He played in Connecticut one year and Texas the other. So what was he doing at Aronimink, a golf course he has not played since he was 17 in the US Junior Amateur? "Sometimes, you just have to listen to your body," Scott said.—Internet



Adam Scott

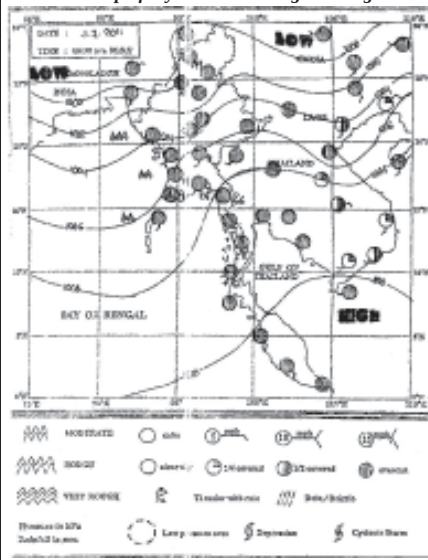
US sweeps Colombia 3-0 at Women's World Cup

BERLIN, 3 July—The United States wrapped a deserved 3-0 win over challenged Colombia to seal quarterfinal spot in Group C of the women's World Cup, owing three successful long range efforts in front of 25,475 spectators at Rhein Neckar Arena on Saturday. The US needed 13 minutes to open the scoring against Colombia through midfielder Heather O'Reilly who exploited a clearance attempt to hammer the ball into top right from 20 meters.

The US remained active and dominant but unable to exploit their golden chances whilst Colombia focused on defence work. After the break, the US started where they left off to double the lead with five minutes into second half thanks to the long-range goal by midfielder Megan Rapinoe who was fielded four minutes earlier. The US broke Colombia's will to mark the final goal at the 58th minute as midfielder Carli Lloyd netted a long shot in cooperation with Colombian goalie Sandra Sepulveda who was incapable to save the long range attempt. The US sits atop the standings in Group C with 6 points followed by Sweden with 6 points but with a weaker goal difference.—Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



WEATHER**Sunday, 3rd July, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas***Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.**

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Chaungzon (3.86) inches, Kyeikkhame (3.50) inches, Thaton (3.42) inches, Hkamti (3.31) inches, Gwa (2.91) inches, Kyeikmaraw (2.83) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.79) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 2-7-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 3-7-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-7-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 3-7-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 2-7-2011 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 3-7-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-7-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 3-7-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 3-7-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (2.79) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was

(22.91) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (55.55) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (16.14) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (8) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 3-7-2011.

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 4th July 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Chin and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase rain in Rakhine Coast.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4th July 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4th July 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4th July 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Novak Djokovic beats Nadal to win Wimbledon title

Serbian player Novak Djokovic poses with the trophy after beating Spanish player Rafael in the men's single final at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

WIMBLEDON, 3 July—Novak Djokovic has won his first Wimbledon title, and he beat defending champion Rafael Nadal to do it. Djokovic was already guaranteed to take over the No. 1 ranking from the Spaniard on Monday. He extended his mastery over Nadal this season with a fifth straight head-to-head victory Sunday, winning 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

Djokovic assured himself of the top ranking just by reaching the final. He opened the season

with 41 straight wins, including the Australian Open title, but his 43-match winning streak came to an end against Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals. The victory over Nadal

improved Djokovic's record in 2011 to 48-1, with five of the wins coming against the Spaniard in finals — two on hard courts, two on clay and now one on grass.—MNA/Reuters

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****Programme Schedule (4-7-2011) (Monday)****Transmissions****Times**

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (4-7-11 09:30 am ~ 5-7-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * My Native Town Meiktila
- * News
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- * A Green Haven of Yarmanya Land
- * News
- * Myanmar Martial Art (Bando)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Jolly Guy"
- * News
- * Arhat's foot print on sacred Kyauk-Tha Lin hill
- * Myanmar Movies "Great Goodwill"

Myanmar**TV****Monday, 4 July****View on today****7:00 am**

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. Dance of National Races

8:20 am

8. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:25 am

9. Cute Little Dancer

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:20 pm

3. Dance Variety

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:40 pm

5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (History)

4:55 pm

6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:30 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. World's Stars

18. TV Drama Series

19. Fashion show in honour of Myanmar Women's Day (2011)

- ★ 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

Subcommittee for rural development, poverty alleviation and development of livestock and fish and meat production sector meets

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—A work coordination meeting of the subcommittee for rural development and poverty alleviation and development of the livestock and fish and meat production sector took place at the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries here on 29 June morning. Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries and for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein took part in the round of discussion.

In his discussion, the Union Minister highlighted

the importance of adopting integrated farming in order to gain benefits from both agriculture and livestock breeding as most of the rural people engage in agriculture as well as in manageable-scale livestock breeding, manufacturing one product in one village, especially in those with fresh and sea water fish breeding business and those with poultry and cattle breeding business, providing technology and capital by forming groups,

(See page 9)

Padaukchon village's arch and library opened

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — The opening ceremony of arch of Padaukchon village in Wetlet Township in Shwebo District of Sagaing Region was held at the arch on 22 July, in conjunction with the ceremony to donate note books, sport gears and publications to its Basic Education Primary School.

Wetlet Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Thura U Aye Myint donated K 130,000 to build fence of the village and note books, sport gears and publications to the headmistress of the school.

He also attended the opening ceremony of Shwe Padauk Library, spoke words of thanks to wellwishers and donated periodicals to the library.

MNA

Myanmar advance 2nd round of 2014 WC qualifiers after beating Mongolia 2-1 on aggregate

YANGON, 3 July— Myanmar overcame a first-leg deficit to defeat a resilient Mongolia 2-1 on aggregate and advance to the second round of qualifiers for the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

The Mongolians went into Sunday's crucial second-leg at the Thuwanna Youth Training Centre with a slender one-goal

advantage courtesy of Tsend-Ayush Khurelbaatar's 48th minute strike in Ulaanbaatar and they defended their lead until just after the hour mark.

Pai Soe levelled the encounter on aggregate and it was looking as though the Yadanarbon forward's 61st minute effort would force extra-time, Mai Aih Naing netted the second as Myanmar avoided a

shock early exit at the hands of the lower-ranked Mongolians.

Myanmar's reward for seeing-off the brave Mongol challenge is a second round meeting against Oman, with the first-leg taking place in the Gulf sultanate on 23 July before the action shifts to South East Asia five days later.

Internet



Mai Aih Naing nets the second winner for the hosts as Myanmar avoided a shock early exit at the hands of Mongolians.

INTERNET