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Laotian Prime Minister to pay official visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, will pay an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.

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A & I Ministry pledges commitment to boosting agricultural production

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has committed to assist farmers with quality strains of crops and modern good agricultural practice as part of efforts for boosting agricultural production and improvement of socio-economy of rural people.

the ministry to boost the agricultural produce and to develop the socio-economy in rural areas to the delegation who was on study tour here to learn methods for boosting agricultural produce.

To boost the agricultural production, farmers are to effectively apply the five basic

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



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explains high yield paddy strain yielding over-200-basket per acre, to Mon national race study group.—MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing has pledged the ministry's support while meeting with a delegation comprising 46 farmers from Mon State this afternoon. At the meeting with the farmers at the 50-acre integrated farm in Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri Township, the Union minister explained efforts of

practices including using high-yield quality strains, good agriculture practice, effectively use of fertilizer and pesticides, to make efforts for minimizing loss and wastage, to try hard to produce marketable crops, the Union minister said at the meeting. He also urged the farmers to work hard for development of their respective

villages when they arrived back their respective areas.

The delegation visited sugarcane plantation which can produce 60 tons per acre and special high-yield rice field which can yield 200 baskets per acre in Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri Township.

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Care

In carrying out disease prevention and treatment as health care services, the government effectively is broadening horizons of the people with health knowledge about research works, therapies and medical findings.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham on 6 July met departmental heads under the Ministry of Health at the meeting of National Health Committee.

The Vice-President stressed the need to seek better ways and means to supervise all health staff especially doctors and nurses to be able to give patients as good treatment as they can and educate them about healthy lifestyle.

Cost-sharing system popular among the people is to be under assessment and to be exercised in compliance with the health policy of the State, added the Vice-President. As part of efforts to upgrade infrastructures in national health care sector, a total of 929 large and small hospitals are facilities to provide health care to the people.

If necessary, emphasis to be placed on preparations for health plans to contribute much to development of the nation. The Health Ministry needs to make arrangements in order that its health care is on a par with that of other ASEAN countries by 2015, ASEAN Integration Year.

Health staff members abiding by prescribed rules and regulations of the State are to provide health care services to the people with goodwill while striving to achieve success of systematic healthcare in respective regions through modern therapies and techniques.

RUMFCCI President meets Chinese Ambassador



RUMFCCI President U Win Aung and party receive Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.—MNA

YANGON, 7 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, General Secretary Dr Myo Thet and Joint General

Secretary Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe met Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the federation, here,

U Tin Oo appointed concurrently as Ambassador to DPRK

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of China, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—MNA

Coordination meeting of Yangon Region rural development and poverty alleviation held

YANGON, 7 July—Yangon Region government will place emphasis on eight poverty alleviations tasks and poverty reduction of the majority of people in urban, including rural areas, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at coordination meeting (1/2011) of Yangon Region Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee for implementation of eight tasks, at Yangon Region



government office this morning.

Region Ministers discussed eight tasks

being undertaken by subcommittees and works, by departments. The meeting came to an

end by concluding remarks by the Chief Minister.

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Myanmar Libraries Foundation gets cash and kind

YANGON, 7 July — Myanmar Libraries Foundation is trying hard for promotion of public knowledge and sustainable development of self-reliant libraries.

on 4 July.

They discussed promoted cooperation in economic and investment, exchange of economic opportunities and mutual cooperation, promoted cooperation in infrastructures, information and technology, tourism, hotel service

Aiming to accomplish this mission, wellwishers are donating cash and kind to the libraries.

On 4 July, MLF Chairman U Maung

and industries, participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in yearly attending expositions in Kunming and Nanning, establishment of special economic zones and legal affairs for these zones.

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Maung received publications worth K 5.1 million donated by Writer Kaung Thant and K 100,000 each by Daw Khin May Seinn and Daw Sein Sein and presented them certificates of honour.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the foundation may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation, No (228) on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01- 371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756).—MNA

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

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organization shown against each after the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Sein Win	Managing Director Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise Ministry of Energy
(b) U Khaing Aung	Director-General Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Ministry of Religious Affairs

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe makes speech at coordination meeting of Yangon Region Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee for implementation of eight tasks.—MNA

Cargo jet crashes in Afghan east

KABUL, 7 July—A Russian cargo plane crashed into treacherous mountains in eastern Afghanistan overnight and casualties were feared, with reports indicating eight people were on board, senior officials said on Wednesday.

Transport and interior ministry officials said the plane was chartered by NATO's International Security Assistance Force but a spokesman for the military said it was not yet clear who had been running the flight. "A cargo plane crashed in the Siagird area of Ghorband District of Parwan Province last night. The plane was a

Russian IL-76 cargo plane chartered by ISAF," a senior interior ministry official told AFP.

He said initial reports indicated that the plane had eight crew members but investigations were ongoing. Their nationalities were also unclear. Transport ministry spokesman Nangyalai Qalatwal confirmed the crash in the Shakar Dara mountains, around 70 kilometres (40 miles) north of the capital Kabul, and said it was chartered by the military.

An airport official, speaking anonymously, also confirmed it was an IL-76 cargo plane. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear with no adverse weather or reports of fighting in the area overnight. ISAF spokesman Major Tim James said the crash site was at an altitude of 12,500 feet (3,800 metres), which could complicate rescue and recovery attempts. There was no immediate information on casualties.

MNA/AFP/CNA



A suicide bomber targeted a patrol in a crowded marketplace filled with schoolchildren Tuesday, killing at least 17 people, including 12 students, officials said.

INTERNET

24 deminers, four drivers kidnapped in W Afghanistan

HERAT, 7 July—Armed militants abducted 28 people including 24 deminers in Farah Province 695 kilometres west of Afghan Capital Kabul on Wednesday, police said.

"A group of armed Taliban militants kidnapped 24 deminers along with four drivers in Balabok District this morning and have shifted them to unknown locations," provincial police chief

Syed Mohammad Roshandil told Xinhua. The deminers were busy in cleaning mines from the area when armed Taliban attacked and took them to unknown place, the police chief said. All those kidnapped were employees of a mine clearing agency — Demining Agency for Afghanistan (DAFA), Roshandil added. He also noted that police have begun search operation to rescue the deminers.

Afghanistan is one of the most mine-contaminated countries as millions of mines and unexploded ordnances have left over from the past three decades of wars.

MNA/Xinhua



File picture shows Yemen security forces. Suspected Al-Qaeda militants killed 10 soldiers when they ambushed them on a road in southern Yemen, where the jihadist network has a stronghold, a military official said on Thursday.

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Afghan officials stand in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, near the wreckage of the suicide bombing that targeted a Marine convoy recently.

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11 militants killed in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 7 July—At least 11 militants were killed and 45 others injured in a clash with security forces on Wednesday in Pakistan's northwest Upper Dir District bordering Afghanistan, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

Hundreds of militants from Afghanistan launched a simultaneous attack on two villages early Wednesday morning, destroying three schools and 20 shops, sources said.

The Pakistani Frontier Corps soldiers repulsed militants with support of local pro-government militiamen. Six militiamen and several soldiers were injured in the fight.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani called Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday night and expressed his concern over the militants' attack from Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua



Senior officer, ten policemen killed by al-Qaeda in S Yemen

SANAA, 7 July—The Yemeni Interior Ministry said on Wednesday that 11 policemen, including a senior officer, were killed by al-Qaeda militants in the flashpoint southern Province of Abyan.

"Colonel Najm al-Deen al-Haifi, the commander of the Central Security in Abyan, and ten other policemen were killed during an ambush by al-Qaeda militants targeted a military patrol late on Tuesday evening in Zinjibar City, the provincial capital of Abyan," the ministry said. It also said that the al-Qaeda militants fired two rocket-propelled grenades followed by heavy artillery shootings at the commander of the Central Security forces in Abyan, adding that fierce clashes were still going on in different areas of al-Qaeda-seized Zinjibar City.

Earlier the day, local Army officers told Xinhua that warplanes of the Yemeni air forces carried out several airstrikes against al-Qaeda targets in various areas of the southern Province of Abyan, leaving four al-Qaeda fighters killed and seven others injured.—MNA/Xinhua

Afghan security forces stand guard near a burnt fuel tanker in Kunduz, Afghanistan. A NATO jet blasted two fuel tankers hijacked by the Taliban in northern Afghanistan, setting off a huge fireball that killed scores of people.

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The photos taken by Maso Notarianni at the Italian-run Emergency Hospital in Lashkar Gah show what happens on the receiving end of the US/NATO precision bombs dropped in the Kajaki Region.

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Flying dinosaurs, birds co-existed

BRISTOL, 7 July—Flying dinosaurs were not driven to extinction by birds as once thought but continued to evolve for millions of years, a British researcher says. Katy Prentice of the University of Bristol says pterosaurs continued to evolve even after true birds appeared, becoming more and more specialized through their 160 million years on Earth.

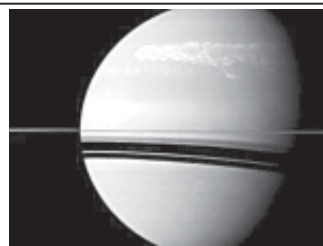
“Usually, when a new group of animals or plants evolves, they quickly try out all the options. When we did this study, we thought pterosaurs would be the same,” Prentice said. “Pterosaurs were the first flying animals — they appeared on Earth 50 million years before Archaeopteryx, the first bird — and they were good at what they did. But the amazing thing is that they didn’t really begin to evolve until after the birds had appeared.” Prentice’s study shows that pterosaurs remained conservative for 70 million years, and then started to experiment with all kinds of new modes of life as birds emerged and became successful.

The airborne dinosaurs were not pushed to extinction, as had been suggested, but responded to the new flyers by becoming larger and trying

out new lifestyles.

“Pterosaurs were at the height of their success about 125 million years ago, just as the birds became really diverse too,” Marcello Ruta, who supervised Prentice’s study, said. “Our new numerical studies of all their physical features show they became three times as diverse in adaptations in the Early Cretaceous than they had been in the Jurassic, before Archaeopteryx and the birds appeared.”

Pterosaurs disappeared 65 million years ago during the mass extinction that killed the dinosaurs but in their day they had been a fair match for the birds, and the two groups divided up aerial ecosystems between them and avoided conflict, the researchers said.—*Internet*



NASA’s Juno spacecraft ready for launch

LOS ANGELES, 7 July— NASA’s Juno spacecraft is 30 days away before its first launch window opens, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced on Tuesday.

“One month from today, our first launch window opens at 11:34 am EDT (8:34 am PDT) and lasts 69 minutes,” said Jan Chodas, Juno project manager from NASA’s JPL in Pasadena, Los Angeles.

“Our primary launch period is 22 days long, and so if weather or other issues come up on 5 Aug, we have 21 more days to get Juno flying. Once we get Juno into space, it’s a five-year cruise to Jupiter.” “The launch window is the length of time allotted every day for an attempt to launch the spacecraft,” said Chodas. “The launch period is the period of time in days when everything is in the right place to get

your mission off to the right start.”

For a mission like Juno, getting everything in the right place includes considering the size of the rocket and spacecraft, where our home planet — and in particular Juno’s launch pad — is pointed at any moment, and its location in space relative to other celestial objects like Juno’s final target, Jupiter. Juno is scheduled to launch aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from pad 41-C at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida.

The solar-powered spacecraft will orbit Jupiter’s poles 33 times to find out more about the gas giant’s origins, structure, atmosphere and magnetosphere and investigate the existence of a solid planetary core.

JPL manages the Juno mission for the principal investigator, Scott Bolton, of Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio.

The Juno mission is part of the New Frontiers Programme managed at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alaska. Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Denver, built the spacecraft.—*Xinhua*

The huge storm churning through the atmosphere in Saturn’s northern hemisphere overtakes itself as it encircles the planet in this true-colour view from NASA’s Cassini spacecraft.—INTERNET



Facebook launches video calls, group chat features

NEW YORK, 7 July— Quick on the heels of Google’s launch of its latest social-networking venture, Facebook said Wednesday that its 750 million users will now be able to make video calls on the site.

The feature will be powered by the Internet phone service Skype. Facebook also redesigned its chat feature, so that the people a user messages the most often show up first.

To make video calls, Facebook users with webcam-equipped computers have to select the friends they want to chat with. In the chat window that pops up, clicking on a small blue video icon brings up the

video chat feature. Currently there is no option to video chat more than one person. That feature is available on Google Plus, a social service that Google began testing last week with a small number of invited users.

Facebook is also adding a group chat option. This works much the same way as the group chat on Google Plus. Once you are chatting with one friend, you can click an icon to add more people to the conversation.

Facebook’s new products come after a relatively quiet period for the world’s largest online social network. Zuckerberg, 27, said the company is embarking on “launching season 2011.” Users can expect “a lot of stuff coming out” from Facebook in the next couple of weeks and months, he said at an event at the company’s Palo Alto, California, headquarters.

Facebook updated its user count — to 750 million users worldwide — for the first time since last summer, when it reached half a billion people. Zuckerberg said that’s because “we don’t think it’s a metric to watch anymore.”

Internet



Skype CEO Tony Bates listens Wednesday as Facebook’s Mark Zuckerberg describes his site’s new video chat feature.

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Phil Schiller, Senior Vice President of worldwide product marketing at Apple Inc, speaks about improvements to OS X Lion during the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco, California, on 6 June, 2011.

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You-Tube’s The Gregory Brothers release Auto-Tune iPhone app

WASHINGTON, 7 July—First rising to fame in 2010 when they auto-tuned Antoine Dodson’s now infamous interview for the Bed Intruder Song, The Gregory Brothers have partner with app developer Khush to release Songify, an iPhone app that transforms ordinary speech into song.

“We had already admired Khush’s work with LaDiDa and they also worked with artists we were already familiar with.” Evan Gregory the oldest of the group’s four members said. “We’re really excited to release this as our next step as music makers online.”

To use the app, users simply Press record and speak into their iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad. Songify will add a melody, generously apply some pitch correction, and break the speech into a few verses and a chorus.

The app takes no talent, but that’s

the point. “The app democratizes music for all the fans. Now if they see a double rainbow they can create a song right then and don’t need to wait for us to make a song about it.” Michael Gregory said. “Everybody has a song in their heart somewhere. It can be about the most mundane things, like what they ate for lunch, or it can be philosophizing. It can be about unrequited love.”

Songify is free to download and comes with three styles, including once based on the Gregory Brother’s Double Rainbow song. Twelve additional styles can be purchased for \$0.99 each. Currently, the app is only available on Apple’s iOS, however Khush does plan to one day expand its app operation onto Google’s Android devices.

Internet



Green tea lowers cholesterol, but only a little

NEW YORK, 7 July—Drinking green tea seems to cut “bad” cholesterol, according to a fresh look at the medical evidence.

The finding may help explain why green tea has been linked to a lower risk of heart disease, the leading killer worldwide, Xin-Xin Zheng and colleagues from Peking Union Medical College in Beijing report.

Because few people in the US drink green tea, encouraging Americans to down more of the brew

could have significant health benefits, the researchers write in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Still, one US expert cautioned the drink shouldn’t be used as medicine for high cholesterol, as the effect found in the Chinese study was small.

The new report pools the results of 14 Previous trials. In each of those studies, researchers randomly divided participants into two groups: one that drank green tea

or took an extract for periods ranging from three weeks to three months, and one that got an inactive preparation.

On average, those who got green tea ended up with total cholesterol levels that were 7.2 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) lower than in the comparison group.

Their LDL, or “bad,” cholesterol dropped 2.2 mg/dL — a decrease of slightly less than two percent.

There was no difference in HDL, or “good,” cholesterol between the two groups.

The cholesterol-lowering effects of green tea may be due to chemicals known as catechins, which decrease the absorption of cholesterol in the gut, according to the researcher.

Reuters



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Students form a red ribbon during an HIV/AIDS awareness rally on World AIDS Day at Marina beach in Chennai.

INTERNET



Satisfaction with life seems good for the heart

NEW YORK, 7 July—Atisfied with your life can be good for your heart. That’s the finding of a new study that included almost 8,000 British civil servants, average age 49, who were asked about their satisfaction in seven areas of their lives: romantic relationships, leisure activities, job, family, sex, standard of living and one’s self.

Over a follow-up period of about six years, higher levels of overall life satisfaction were associated with a statistically significant 13 percent reduced risk of coronary heart disease. Satisfaction in four main areas — job, family, sex and self — was also associated with a 13 percent reduced risk of heart disease.

The reduced risk, however, was not associated with love relationships, leisure activities or standard of living,

the researchers found.

“Taken together, this research indicates that being satisfied with specific life domains — in particular, one’s job, family, sex life and self — is a positive health asset associated with a reduction in incident coronary heart disease independently of traditional risk factors,” the researchers wrote in a news release from the European Society of Cardiology. The study was published online 4 July in the *European Heart Journal*.

The findings suggest that people at high risk for heart disease may benefit from programmes to boost a Positive state of mind, study author Dr Julia Boehm, of Harvard School of Public Health, noted in the news release.

Internet



Business



Visa sees lower revenue growth after debit crackdown

NEW YORK, 7 July—Visa Inc., the world’s largest card processing network, said revenue growth will slow next year as a result of a US regulatory crackdown on debit card processing fees.

The San Francisco based-company said on Wednesday it now expects annual net revenue growth “in the high single-digit to low double-digits range” for the next fiscal year ending 30 September, 2012.

Visa still expects annual net revenue growth of 11 percent to 15 percent for fiscal 2011.

The Federal Reserve finalized last week rules slashing the “swipe” fees merchants pay banks and networks such as Visa

and MasterCard Inc every time a customer buys something with a debit card.

“The impact is manageable,” Chief Executive Joseph Saunders told analysts during a conference call on Wednesday.

He added that the rules “affect, but far from eliminate,” a portion of the US debit revenues that make up about 20 percent of Visa’s global net revenue.

Banks pay card networks such as Visa and MasterCard for processing debit transactions and investors had worried that a cut in the fees that banks earn from retailers would translate into a cut in the fees they were willing to pay to the networks.

Visa said in a conference call with analysts on Wednesday that its new guidance “contemplates” some pricing concessions to banks, but executives would not be more specific. Saunders said during the call he expects the 2012 fiscal year to “bear the weight” of the debit fee crackdown, and that revenue growth would “regain momentum” in fiscal 2013.

The company also expects lower profits next year.

It sees earnings per share growth “in the

middle to high teens” in fiscal 2012, compared with the “greater than 20 percent” earnings-per-share growth it expects for the current year.

Last week, the Fed softened its initial restrictions, which were required by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law. But the final rules are still expected to cost the banking industry some \$9.4 billion out of an estimated \$23 billion in annual debit card processing fee revenue, according to the website, CardHub.com.

Reuters



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INTERNET

Samsung says 2nd-quarter operating profit fell

SEOUL, 7 July—Samsung Electronics’ profitability slumped in the second quarter as strong performance in fast-growing smartphones could not overcome weakness in liquid crystal displays.

Operating profit for the three months that ended 30 June will fall to between 3.5 trillion won and 3.9 trillion won (\$3.7 billion) from 5.01 trillion won a year earlier, Samsung said in a statement.

Consolidated revenue for the period is expected at between 38 trillion won and 40 trillion won. The company recorded sales of 37.89 trillion won in the same period last year.

Samsung Electronics Co will release a full earnings report including net profit on 29 July when it will provide reasons for the performance, spokesman Nam Ki-yung said.

Suwon, South Korea-based Samsung is a major force in the global electronics industry and the world’s largest manufacturer of memory chips, liquid crystal displays and flat-screen televisions. It ranks No 2 in mobile phones behind Nokia Corp of Finland.

Lee Min-hee, an analyst at Dongbu Securities in Seoul, said that the company again suffered from weakness in its display division, which he expects to record a net loss during the quarter on the back of similar red ink in the first three months of the year. The bright spot for the company, however, was clearly smartphones.—Internet

Rural people to do their bit in poverty alleviation tasks

Kyaw Myo Naung

Economic growth is the driving force behind national development. Boosting rural productivity is large part in development of a country. With increase in productivity, rural folks can enjoy higher incomes, which helps alleviate poverty and improve their socioeconomic status. Better socioeconomic life of rural people ensures equitable development of all parts of a country. That is interrelation between poverty alleviation and national economic development.

In Myanmar, about 70% of the population lives in rural areas, and the majority of them live below the poverty line. The National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was organized from 20 to 22 May to improve the socioeconomic life of rural residents and alleviate poverty to an extent.

In the time of the previous government, the five programmes for rural development were implemented and sound foundations have been laid to a certain degree in the fields of education, health, transport, clean water supply and irrigation water supply. The workshop is designed to implement work programmes making good use of those sound foundations.

Today, times and systems are changing. Administrative systems are also changing in accordance with times. Therefore, building an economically strong nation must be at the centre of attention in the transitional period. Only with economic growth will it be possible to transform the nation into a modern and developed one. At the workshop, economists, agriculturists and representatives from government departments and private organizations held talks about programmes for rural development and alleviation of poverty. The workshop adopted eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation. They are (a) development of agricultural productivity, (b) development of livestock breeding and fisheries, (c) development of rural small-scale productivity, (d) development of micro saving and credit associations, (e) development of cooperative tasks, (f) development of rural energy, and (g) environmental conservation.

Concerning the situations of the global economy, world countries and peoples have come daunting challenges of global financial crisis, climate changes, food security and energy supply. Myanmar is still an agro-based country, so top priority is to be given to development of agriculture and meat and fish sectors in rural areas and increasing incomes of rural populace. It is welcoming news for farmers that programmes will get underway to provide crop seeds of high-yields strains for them, to educate them about suitable advanced agricultural methods, to set up research farms, to transform their regions from conventional into mechanized farming, to provide farm subsidies, and to establish lucrative businesses and small- and medium-scale agro-based enterprises. The higher per acre yield of a crop, the more profitable it will be. To boost agricultural production, farmers should choose high-yield strains of crops

and scientific methods. If so, agricultural productivity will get higher and higher and rural people can get better incomes.

Rural areas have favourable conditions for livestock breeding such as vacant lands for breeding farm animals, pastures, supplementary feedstuff and water. These advantages should be used most effectively for domestic food security and boosting production and export of meat and fish. Transport is already smooth in all regions. So, the programmes will go well. The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries will render all types of assistance including technical support for development of the livestock and fishery sector. In addition, commercial-scale production of meat and fish will run in suitable rural areas of Regions and States. That will create large numbers of jobs and local people get better incomes. It is therefore to step up implementation of the tasks gradually village- and syndicate-wise.

Rural people can be divided into two groups: farmers and farm workers. Farmers are producers, and farm workers are their employees. Farm workers live on daily wages, so they need work continuously. In summer in which crops are not grown in general, there should be other types of productivity jobs for them. On average, it takes three to five months for a crop to be at harvest. So, they need regular incomes in the intervals. It is therefore to ensure development of production enterprises and cottage industries in rural areas apart from agricultural farming. The government will take responsibilities to fulfill the requirements such as encouraging locals to produce marketable handicrafts and household utensils, to provide technical support on small- and medium-scale industries, and to set up manageable-scale agricultural and livestock farms.

Some urban people are among those who are living at poverty line. They are the minority of the poor, but they should be taken into account. The poor need to get daily incomes to earn their living. That calls for encouragement of other production enterprises in addition to agricultural farming. However, they lack capitals. So, it is to encourage emergence and development of private credit societies. If need be, farmers, cottage industry owners and shopkeepers can get small loans. Now, there have been some entrepreneurs and NGOs who run on their own. The government has to designate criteria for such entrepreneurs and NGOs and an organization should take responsibility supervise tasks so that they can stand as legal ones. Those organizations can not only provide loans for capitals but also fulfill fundamental requirements such as medical treatment to sick people and educating children at schools.

Rural products come not only from agricultural farms but also from small-scale agricultural and livestock farms. That is secondary source of income for rural people. Small-scale farming and production of goods are also parts of the secondary incomes. All the rural products should be delivered to consumers as soon as possible. In that regard, crops should be transported in a systematic way to avert devaluation

and loss of transported crops. Therefore, goods should be transported and marketed group-wise rather than individually to avoid waste and devaluation of crops. When they win trust and reliance, the organizations should be reconstituted as village cooperative syndicates. Then, additional benefits will go to rural people.

Improvement of socioeconomic life of rural people covers the five spheres: education, health, development of human resources, transport and communications. Development of human resources rests on that of the education and health sectors. And smooth transport ensures improvement in the education and health sectors and swift flow of rural goods. Therefore, transport is necessary for development of the other four sectors. Tasks for improving the socioeconomic status of rural people will be carried with contributions from ten sources—the government, banks, credit cooperative societies, foundations, entrepreneurs, NGOs, international organizations including UN, INGOs, well-wishers, social organizations and local people. So, it is fair to say that better socioeconomic status of rural people is within the touching distance.

Today, rural people still rely on natural sources for energy. For instance, they use firewood and charcoal for energy, and home-made products, wooden equipment and cattle for agriculture and transportation. The programmes the State will implement for energy supply including solar energy, hydropower, wind mill, bio-gas power, and engine power. Better energy supply to rural areas can bring benefits including cost effectiveness, swift flow of goods, and contribution towards environmental conservation along with improvement of living conditions.

Environmental conservation is largely interrelated to life of rural people. Natural forests, mountains, rivers and creeks are sources of their food. They can easily get abundant vegetables, meat and fish from those natural sources. Searching things for food from natural sources costs less, but is somewhat entertaining. However, there is a notable point that it is hard to conserve the environment individually with a sense of obligation, so there must be necessary restrictions. For example, rural energy supply must be encouraged to avoid cutting down trees indiscriminately for firewood and producing charcoal. Local people must be restricted from cutting down trees for agricultural farming, and they should be encouraged to use terrace cultivation instead of slash and burn system. Moreover, it is needed to mobilize participation of rural people in growing trees to make forests, conserving biodiversity, soil and water sources, ensuring safe water, preventing air pollution, reducing effects on climate change and production of bio-gas energy. Only then will it be possible for conservation of the environment and improving the living conditions for countrymen.

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Korean media group calls on Dy Information Minister, departmental heads of MOFA, MOC, MNPED



Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win receives Korean media group.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win received a media group of the Republic of Korea who arrived here to pay a visit under the Exchange Visit of ASEAN-Korea Media People 2011 Programme, at the ministry, here, at 4 pm today.

They discussed cooperation in media tasks of information sector.

Also present at the call were heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

The Korean media group met the Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1 pm, the Director-General of Directorate of Trade the Director-General of Border Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce at 2 pm and the Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development at 3 pm.

They focused on ASEAN trade, border trade and foreign economic relations.

MNA

MMCWA(headoffice) holds monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Monsoon tree-growing ceremony of the Head office of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at MMCWA (Headoffice) on

Yanaungmyin pagoda road in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township yesterday. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, wife of Union

Minister for Health Dr Mon Mon Aung, member of the patrons of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Ni Ni Win, President of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Dr Thet Thet

Zin, President of Myanmar Women Affairs Organization Dr Nilar Thaw, Vice-President Dr Wai Wai Tha and CEC members grew plants at the designated places, and enjoyed the tree growing.

A total of 118 saplings was grown at the monsoon tree-planting ceremony.—MNA

Talk “IFRS for SMEs” on 13 August

YANGON, 6 July—Under the aegis of the Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association, Mr Reza Ali, Head of Emerging markets-Asia, ACCA, will give a talk “IFRS for SMEs” at the Traders Hotel here from 2 pm to 4 pm on 13 August.

Whoever interested may listen to the talk. Certified public accountants will be

certified for CPE hours if they attend it. Interested persons are to sign up with the registration fee of K 12,000 at MCPAA at 1/19 on Thakin Mya Park Street in Yangon.

Those form countryside may sign up on phone (214653) before designated date. For more, contact the association in person or dial 214653.

MNA

New school building handed over

NYAUNGLEBIN, 7 July—A new primary school building was handed over with a ceremony at the primary in Bawdigon Village, Nyaunglebin Township on 2 July morning.

Township Administrator U Thi Han Soe, Assistant Region Education Officer Daw Myint Myint Than, TEO U Ye Lwin and wellwisher U Khin Win

formally opened the ceremony.

After that, the wellwisher and Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Aye made speeches and member of the School Board Trustees U Win Aung handed over the related document to TEO U Ye Lwin. The new school building was constructed with the contributing of K 20.4 million by he State and

the wellwishers. The 90 feet long and 30 feet

wider building is of semi-brick type with CI sheet roofing.

Myanma Alin



A ceremony to hand over new building of Basic Education Primary School was held in Bawdigon Village of Nyaunglebin Township in progress. MYANMA ALIN

Rural people to do their bit in poverty...

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Programmes in various sectors for increasing incomes of the needy contribute to poverty alleviation and boost purchasing power. Local people face many fundamental requirements but they buy the most necessary things in proportion to their incomes. So, their purchasing power will be high only if they get higher incomes.

Today, the government is paying serious attention to tasks for rural people's poverty alleviation. It has laid down many approaches to achieve the goal. The National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held in Nay Pyi Taw from 20 to 22 May passed eight tasks for

rural development and poverty alleviation. At the Meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held on 20 June, work committees, subcommittees and Region and State and Nay Pyi Taw work committees were formed to expedite the tasks. The meeting of the Central Committee adopted the frame of the Action Plan. The term of the plan is 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2015. The Work Committee is in talk with subcommittees and State and Region committees to enable State and Region committees to lay down suitable plans.

With temperate climate patterns and fertile soil, Myanmar stood as an agricultural power in the past. It used to be the world's leading rice exporting country. Nevertheless, farmers, ordinary class, remained poor and could not rise from the nightmare of poverty.

Now, the government is providing rural farmers with technical support and setting up enterprises systematically for boosting production of agricultural produce, meat and fish, and medium- and small-scale enterprises in rural areas to ensure regular incomes. Therefore, rural farmers will soon become affluent, leaving poverty behind. Rural people on their part should take part with heart and soul in the programmes the government is implementing for rural development. Rural development and national development go together. Therefore, I would like to urge rural people to do their bit in the tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation for improving the socioeconomic status of farmers and workers who form ordinary class of the nation.

Translation: MS

A & I Ministry pledges commitment...

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They also went to the Agricultural Research Farm in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and visited the 5-acre sugarcane plantation which can produce 60 tons per acre in Zayarthiri Township and sunflower plantation which can produce 50 baskets of sunflower seeds, green gram

plantation and hybrid-corn plantation which can produce 120 baskets per acre.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held a monsoon season tree planting ceremony in the compound of the ministry here today and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing planted a mango sapling. Employees of

the ministry volunteered to plant 450 saplings during the ceremony, reaching over 4000 trees planted by the ministry as from 2006.—MNA

Mon National study group observing maize plantation in integrated farm in Agricultural Research Farm in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA



Outstanding students honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—The Ministry of Sports held a ceremony to honour the students who passed the matriculation examination for 2010-2011 academic year with flying colours at the ministry, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presented prizes to outstanding students.

Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and Director-General U Thauing Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department awarded the outstanding students.—MNA

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presents prize to six-distinction winner Ma Theint Lé Yi Ko.—MNA

President of MMCWA meets UNFPA officials

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nilar Thaw, Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and CEC members met Asia and Pacific Regional Director Ms Nabuko Horibe of UNFPA and Resident Representative Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad at the hall of the association in Dekkhinathiri Township on 5 July afternoon.

The President of MMCWA gave an introductory speech. Dr Min Ko Ko explained progress of the project being jointly implemented by MMCWA and UNFPA. The guests and the CEC members held discussions.

Later, the guests viewed documentary photos on activities of the association.

MNA

Logo and mascot contest for XVII SEA Games on 7 July-7 September

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—The Ministry of Sports will hold logo and mascot contest from 7 July to 7 September to be used in XVII SEA Games which will be held in December 2013 in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Points to be included in logo are to represent

- Nay Pyi Taw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- numbers of times and 11 South-east Asian countries
- symbolism of five Olympic Rings—blue, yellow, black, green and red
- friendly relations among South-east Asian countries
- culture of the country (or) prominent symbol and buildings
- clarification of theme and meaning of colour used in painting or graphic design

Rules for mascot are as follows:-

- mascot must be suitable to bring good luck to the country and the

people

- three kinds of mascots for at least five sports
- clarification of possession of mascot

The selected logo and mascot will be awarded K 2 million each. Interested persons may get application forms at Mass Sports and Educative Branches of Ministry of Sports in Nay Pyi Taw and in Kyaikkasan sportsground of Yangon in person at K 1000 per form not later than 7 August.

For further information, dial 067-406026 or 067-406027 in Nay Pyi Taw and 01-400892 or 01-400431 in Yangon. Application form is to send to Mass Sports and Educative Branches of Ministry of Sports in Nay Pyi Taw not later than 7 September. The selected persons will be announced in newspapers and prize presentation ceremony will be held.

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President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nilar Thaw, Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and CEC members meet Asia and Pacific Regional Director Ms Nabuko Horibe of UNFPA and Resident Representative Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad.—MNA

MFF executive leaves for Maldives

YANGON, 6 June—CEC member Dr Toe Nanda Tin of Myanmar Fishery Federation left here for Maldives on 4 July, to attend conserva-

tion of species of sharks working committee of Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLEME) Project from 5 to 7 July. She was seen off

by Vice-President U Hnin Oo and General Secretary U Win Kyaing of the Federation at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Energy Ministry to promote energy sector with Total

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received a delegation led by Senior Vice-President Mr Jean-Marie Guillelmou of Asia and Far East of Total Exploration and Production from France, conducting joint venture with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy, at the ministry

here today. They discussed promotion of investment and co-operation in energy sector in a cordial manner.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, the acting director-general of Energy Planning Department, managing directors and officials.

MNA

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives Senior Vice-President Mr Jean-Marie Guillelmou of Asia and Far East of Total Exploration and Production from France and party.—MNA



Mon State Hluttaw meets



First-day special session (1/2011) of First Mon State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — The first-day special session (1/2011) of First Mon State Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw this morning, attended by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Mon State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe, the deputy speaker, ministers and representatives.

First, the Speaker submitted the President's proposal to reconstitute the ministries in the state to the Hluttaw. The proposal was sought for the approval of representatives and approved unanimously.

The reconstituted ministries are the Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, the Ministry of Forestry and Mines, the Ministry of Planning and Economics, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Electric Power and Industry, the Ministry of Development Affairs and the Ministry of Social Affairs.

The first-day session ended in 10.10 am.

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Under the joint programme between Myanmar Correctional Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs and ICRC, the ICRC study group made a field trip of Hpa-an prison on 2 July. The departmental officials explained sewage system of the prison to Swiss national Mr Eric Weissen, water and habitat engineer of ICRC, and officials.

On 3 July, the ICRC study group observed water storage system, land preparation and preparation for water-filtering tank

and held discussion with officials about water and sewage systems.

The study group on 5 July made their observation at Myaungmya prison about water pump, Nos. 2 and 3 hostels, women's hostel, water tanks in Nos. 1, 2 and 3 buildings, septic tanks, and kitchen. Director U Tin Tun and officials of Ayeyawady Region Correctional Department explained accessibility of water and sewage system to the study group.

ICRC is scheduled to carry out water and sewage systems and solar-

powered water pumping system in Myaungmya, Hpa-an and Mawlamyine prisons in coming September. If convenient, it is scheduled to carry out further plans in other prisons that need water and sewage systems on the basis of mutual agreement.—MNA

Mr Eric Weissen, water and habitat engineer of ICRC, and officials observe water tank in Myaungmya prison.—MNA

ICRC study group observes Hpa-an, Myaungmya prisons



MCPAA's talk on 31 July

YANGON, 7 July—The Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association will hold talks on "Effective Working Capital Management" at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at 29 on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township here at 8 am on 31 July (Sunday).

Anyone has access to the talks. Certified public accountants will be certified for CPE hours if they attend it. Interested persons are to sign up with registration fee at MCPAA at 1/19 on Thakin Mya Park Street in Yangon. CPA trainees (Part-II), if interested, may sign up before designated date. Those from countryside may sign on phone (214653) before designated date.—MNA

AGM of Thiri Yadana Myoma Market Co-op Society Ltd held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Cooperative Society Limited of Thiri Yadana Myoma Market in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe held its annual general meeting at the market on 1 July.

First, the head of township Cooperative Department, the Executive Officer of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee and chairmen of the

Market Committee and the association spoke on the occasion.

Next, the secretary of the association read out annual report and financial reports and sought the approval of those present. Then the prize presentation ceremony followed. Afterwards, the association was reconstituted with new executive members.—MNA

Mortar bomb used as school bell in Uganda

KAMPALA, 7 July—Anti-landmine activists in western Uganda were stunned to discover a primary school using an unexploded mortar bomb as a bell, the group's coordinator told AFP on Monday.

"It was a big shock. When we arrived at the school we even found one of the students striking it," Wilson Bwambale, coordinator of Anti-Mines Network Rwenzori, said.

Bwambale said his team visited the 350-pupil Ikobero Model

primary school, one kilometre from Uganda's border with Democratic Republic of Congo, last week after being tipped off by a curious community leader.

"The bottom was hollow, that is why they used it as a bell, but the fuse at the top was still live," Bwambale said. "Fortunately no one hit it with enough (force) to explode the bomb."

Following the discovery, Bwambale said he called the shocked teachers to a meeting, where he was told that

the school had been using the bomb as a bell for three years.

"We recovered it and put it in a safer place and recommended that the



school look for something else that could be used as

A file photo shows Somali government soldiers looking at an unexploded mortar shell in Mogadishu.
INTERNET

a gong," Bwambale said.—Internet

Mexican woman arrested for 'trying to sneak hubby out of prison in suitcase'

LONDON, 7 July—Mexican police have arrested a woman, who was trying to sneak her common-law-husband out of a prison in a suitcase, following a conjugal visit.

A police spokesman said staff at the prison in Chetumal in the Caribbean state of Quintana Roo noticed that Maria del Mar Arjona, 19, seemed nervous as she pulled a black, wheeled suitcase that looked bulky, reports *the Telegraph*.

Prison guards checked her bag and found inmate Juan Ramirez Tijerina curled up inside in the fetal position, the spokesman added.

Tijerina is serving a 20-year sentence for a 2007 conviction for illegal weapons possession.

The woman was arrested and charges are pending.—Internet

Bombardier to cut 1,400 jobs in Britain

LONDON, 7 July—Canadian train maker Bombardier is cutting more than 1,400 jobs at its plant in Derby, central England, after losing out to German group Siemens in a competition to upgrade rolling stock on the Thameslink cross-London railway.

Bombardier said it would cut 446 permanent jobs and 983 temporary jobs from its 3,000-strong Derby workforce having missed out on the Thameslink contract and completed

much of its current workload, which includes supplying London Underground.

"The culmination and successful delivery of these projects and the loss of the Thameslink contract, which would have secured workload at this site, means it is inevitable that we must adjust capacity in line with economic reality," Francis Paonessa, president of the passenger division for the UK, said in a statement on Tuesday.—Reuters



A worker stands in the doorway of a train at the Bombardier plant in Derby.—INTERNET

Yacht carrying 1.1 tons of cocaine seized

BERLIN, 7 July—German police say authorities have intercepted a yacht carrying 1.1 tons of cocaine worth some euro42 million (\$60 million) from the Caribbean to Europe.

Police said Tuesday that the bust was part of an investigation begun in 2009 with French and Spanish authorities. Two Germans sailing from the island of Grenada were stopped last week by French customs authorities. The cocaine was found hidden in the 43-foot (13-metre) yacht, and the suspects were arrested.

In searches in Germany, police say they found euro400,000 (\$580,000) cash and euro900,000 (\$1.3 million) in other assets.

Police say a South African man who was supposed to skipper the boat across the Atlantic was arrested Tuesday in the Caribbean. A Dutch man was arrested Tuesday in Spain.—Internet

Picasso drawing stolen from SF gallery

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 July—Police are on the hunt for a man who walked into a San Francisco art gallery, grabbed a valuable pencil drawing by Pablo Picasso off the wall and then fled in a waiting taxicab.

Police on Tuesday said the drawing, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, was taken from the Weinstein Gallery near Union Square.

The gallery says Picasso created the one-of-a-kind drawing titled "Tete de Femme" in 1965. Officer Albie Esparza told *the San Francisco Chronicle* that police hope a member of the public might recognize the piece if someone attempts to sell it. Other

artists whose works are still on display at the gallery include Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali and Joan Miro. Police described the suspect as a man in his 30s wearing loafers and dark glasses.

Internet



This undated photo provided by the Weinstein Gallery in San Francisco shows Pablo Picasso's "Tete de Femme."
INTERNET

Cuba, UK sign agreement to boost cooperation

HAVANA, 7 July—Cuba and Britain signed an agreement in Tuesday to boost cooperation and the flow of trade and investments between the two countries, according to a joint statement.

The agreement, which Cuba said was "a step forward" in the bilateral relations, was signed by Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Dagoberto Rodriguez and British Ambassador to Cuba Dianna Melrose.

It included such topics as climate change, human rights, trade, responses to natural disasters and investments in key sectors in Cuba like tourism.

"It opens the way to strengthen bilateral relations and the relations of friendship and

cooperation on issues of mutual importance," said Melrose.

Melrose praised the initiative taken by Cuban leader Raul Castro to start an ambitious reform agenda that seeks to "upgrade" the Cuban economy.

"We admire the fact that President Raul Castro is very focused on updating Cuba in terms of economic changes and we would like to see more exchanges between our countries," she said.

Trade between Cuba and Britain in 2009 was worth 39.2 million US dollars. In 2010, 174,000 British tourists visited Cuba and the number is expected to increase.—MNA/Xinhua

A piece of cloth hand-knitted by people of ethnic minorities in southwest China's Yunnan Province is on show in an exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 July, 2011. The Yunnan Menglian Hand-knitting Cloth Exhibition opened in Beijing on Tuesday, aiming to protect the traditional knitting skills and culture of ethnic minorities in Yunnan Province.
XINHUA



Photo taken on 1 July, 2011 shows a Tibetan-style house by a mountain in Zhaxigang village of Linzhi, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. A total of over 2.6 billion RMB Yuan (394 million US dollars) has been invested in providing 24,628 affordable homes for local people in Linzhi by the end of 2010, making locals' per capita living space increase from 12.3 square metres to 37 square metres. —XINHUA

Trinidad and Tobago opens trade office in Cuban city

HAVANA, 7 July—Caribbean island country Trinidad and Tobago opened a Trade Facilitation Office in Cuba's eastern City of Santiago Tuesday to boost bilateral trade.

Office Director Marisa Nicholas said the office would promote products and services from both countries to ramp up bilateral trade and investment.

Trinidad and Tobago had a relatively prosperous economy due to large exports of methanol, ammonia and liquefied natural gas and its over-100-year experience in oil production, Nicholas said.

The office is the country's second in Cuba. The first opened in Havana in 2007.—Xinhua



Palestinian young girls choose books at a mobile library in Gaza City, on 5 July, 2011. The mobile library project is funded by the German-French Cultural Centre which contains more than 1500 books and aiming to allow the children access to books and improve their reading skills.—XINHUA

One dead, 13 injured in Dutch stadium roof collapse

ENSCHDEDE, (Netherlands) 7 July—The roof of a Dutch sports stadium partially collapsed during off-season construction work Thursday, killing one person and leaving 10 others hospitalized, some with severe injuries, a local mayor said.

In all, 14 people were injured when the roof at the southern end of the FC Twente stadium collapsed around midday, said Peter den Oudsten, mayor of the Dutch town of Enschede where the stadium is located. Three people were treated at the scene, he said.

Two of hospitalized workers had serious injuries, Den Oudsten said, without elaborating. News video showed at least one construction worker, apparently bleeding from a head wound, being taken away by paramedics. Den Oudsten said sniffer dogs and cameras were being used to search for anybody else still trapped under the tangle of girders and red roof panels — the colour of FC Twente's shirts — behind the goal at the southern end of the Grolsch Veste stadium.

The cause of the collapse was not immediately known. The construction work aimed to increase the stadium's capacity to 30,000 from 24,000 by adding a new tier above existing seating.

FC Twente director Jan van Halst said the club "is terribly upset. Our sympathy goes to the victims."

He appealed to supporters of the soccer team not to visit the stadium while emergency services were still at work.

The FC Twente team, which was the Dutch national champion in 2010 and runner-up last season, was training in the southern Province of Zeeland at the time of the collapse.—Internet

At least 31 killed in train-bus collision in N India

NEWDELHI, 7 July—At least 31 people were killed and over 30 others injured when a fast speeding train crashed a bus in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh Thursday morning, local media reported.

The train, Chhapra Mathura express, reduced a fully packed bus with about 80 passengers to wreckage as the latter was carrying members of a marriage party near Kanshiram Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, said the report.

The accident took place at around 02:00 a.m. local time at an unmanned railway crossing in Thanagaon, some 250 km from Lucknow, the state capital, the *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted government railway police inspector Dalveer Singh as saying.

All the injured have been admitted to hospitals and community health centers of Kanshiram Nagar and Etah Districts.

The majority of those injured are out of danger, according to the report.—Xinhua

Driver in bus crash fell asleep

SAN MARCOS, 7 July—A bus driver fell asleep shortly before a crash in Texas that injured 19 passengers, including a young girl who lost a leg, police said Wednesday.

The report by San Marcos, Texas, police said the driver, identified as Jesus Basio-Ramirez, nodded off behind the wheel as the bus headed north on Interstate 35 at around 4 am 1 July, the

Austin American-Statesman reported. The bus left the road and hit a sign, and the driver then overcorrected, causing the bus to roll over.

The bus was operated by Mares Transportation and was headed from Laredo to Dallas, where Basio-Ramirez was based, police said.

It stopped in New Braunfels just before the crash.

Passengers were treated at hospitals in San Marcos, Austin and San Antonio for injuries that ranged from broken bones to cuts. The most seriously hurt was a 4-year-old girl whose leg was amputated above the knee.

Police said their report on the crash will be given to the Hays County District Attorney.

Internet



Girls marching during the annual Fourth of July parade show off their playful hairdos in Magnolia Springs, Alabama, on 4 July, 2011.

XINHUA

China to float 30 bln yuan of seven-year book-entry T-bonds

BEIJING, 7 July—The Ministry of Finance said Wednesday that it will sell 30 billion yuan (4.64 billion US dollars) worth of book-entry treasury bonds this week. The 30-year bonds have a fixed annual interest rate of 3.7 percent, the ministry said in a statement on its website.

The bonds will be sold from Thursday to next Monday and become tradable on exchange markets starting 13 July, the statement said. Interest on the bonds will be paid annually while the principal will be returned upon maturity on 7 July, 2018, it added. According to the statement, the bonds will be the ministry's 17th issue of book-entry treasury bonds this year.—Xinhua



Tens of thousands of people packed Pamplona's main square in Pamplona, Spain on 6 July, 2011 to celebrate the start of Spain's most famous bull-running festival with the annual launch of the "chupinazo" rocket. Perhaps best glorified by Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises," the San Fermin festival is known around the world for the daily running of the bulls.—XINHUA



ASEAN+3 MACROECONOMIC RESEARCH OFFICE ECONOMIST

ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), located in Singapore, was established in April 2011 by ASEAN+3 (China, Japan and Korea) Finance Ministries and Central Banks and HKMA.

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Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORINOCO RIVER VOY NO (155) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING CORPORATION BERHAD (MISC)
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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In this 1 April, 2010 file photo, llamas graze during the reopening of the citadel of Machu Picchu after flooding forced its closure in Cuzco, Peru.
INTERNET



Peru celebrates Machu Picchu amid tourism worries

LIMA, 7 July—Tourists love the enigmatic Inca citadel of Machu Picchu high in Peru's Andes. They may love it too much.

As the country prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the rediscovery of the "Lost City of the Incas" on Thursday, archaeologists are warning that a heavy flow of visitors and poor administration are threatening one of the wonders of the world.

The Incas built Machu Picchu atop an Andean peak 7,970 feet (2,430 metres) high, with a breathtaking view across the inhospitable abysses that surround it. Some experts believe it was a refuge for one or more Inca rulers, others that it was a religious sanctuary.

Internet



A woman carries a child as they look at a sand sculpture creation by Liga Zarina at the Magic Sand Riga festival in Riga on 5 July, 2011.

Museum claims to have Lincoln's hair

The Motts Military Museum in Ohio said it has a lock of hair believed to be from Abraham Lincoln on display alongside a piece of the president's casket.

Warren Motts, founder of the museum in Groveport, said the lock of hair was donated in 1995 by Prudy McNeer of Baltimore, Ohio, who said the artifact was formerly in the possession of her late mother. *The Columbus Dispatch* reported Wednesday.

"It wasn't uncommon in those days for people to clip a lock of someone's hair," Motts said. "It was a piece of the person they could hang on to."

He said the lock of hair is on display alongside



A wax figure of President Abraham Lincoln is seen at the opening of Madame Tussauds US Presidents Gallery.

a piece of the bunting from the 16th president's casket.

Lucy the Elephant survives lightning

Lucy the Elephant, a building that has stood on the Jersey Shore for almost 130 years, survived her second lightning strike in four years almost unscathed.

Richard Helfant, head of Save Lucy, said air conditioning, computers and other electrical systems were damaged by the hit early Sunday, *The Press of Atlantic City* reported. But the structure of the building in Margate appeared unharmed.

In May 2007, lightning hit the howdah, the carriage on Lucy's back. It had to be lowered to the ground for repairs and then hoisted back up at a total cost of \$162,000.

"They say lightning doesn't strike twice," Helfant said. "They lied."

Lightning rods installed after that strike may have saved Lucy from more damage this time, Helfant said.

Lucy was built by James Lafferty, a specialist in "zoomorphic" architecture who went on to build elephant-shaped buildings at Coney Island in New York and Cape May, NJ, that no longer survive. The building was originally named the Elephantine Bazaar and renamed in 1900, although the tusks and body shape suggest she is a male Asian elephant.

Entenmann's sorry for 'not guilty' tweet

The Pennsylvania makers of Entenmann's cakes apologized for an "insensitive, albeit completely unintentional" Twitter post appearing to evoke Casey Anthony.

Bimbo Bakeries, based in Horsham, apologized Tuesday for a Twitter posting under the Entenmann's name appearing to evoke the not guilty verdict in the trial

of Anthony, who was accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter, Philly.com reported Wednesday.

"Who's not guilty about eating all the tasty treats they want?" the offending post read.

The company quickly removed the posting and posted an apology to the Twitter account saying the person in charge of

the account did not realize the connection could be made between the post and the Anthony verdict.

"Our not guilty tweet was insensitive, albeit completely unintentional. We are sincerely sorry," the apology post read.

News Album

Bret Michaels suit over Tonys accident moved to NY



In this 22 May, 2011 file photo, singer and musician Bret Michaels arrives at the 2011 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—Bret Michaels' lawsuit over an accident at the 2009 Tony Awards that the singer claims nearly killed him should be heard in New York where the accident happened, a federal judge in Los Angeles has ruled.

It makes more sense for the case — which stems from Michaels being hit in the head by a set piece after performing at Radio City Music Hall — to be handled by a federal court in Manhattan, US District Judge Dolly

Geer wrote in a ruling Tuesday.

The Poison frontman sued CBS Broadcasting and Tony organizers in March in Los Angeles, claiming the accident contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him. His attorneys argued the case should be heard on the West Coast since Michaels lives in Los Angeles and Arizona, as do some witnesses, including his manager and other workers.

Internet



Sharon Osbourne arrives for the Tribeca Film Festival Premiere of "God Bless Ozzy Osbourne" at the BMCC Tribeca PAC in New York on 24 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Bronchitis-hit Taylor Swift cancels three more shows

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—Country-pop singer Taylor Swift on Wednesday canceled three more of her US concerts due to bronchitis but said she hoped to be better for a 14 July date in Montreal.

Swift, 21, said she was advised by doctors not to perform at all this week. She postponed dates in Charlotte and Atlanta on 8 July, 9 and 10 for October and November, after pulling out of a show in Louisville on 2 July.

It's the first time that the popular "Speak Now" singer has had to postpone or cancel a show because of illness.

"It breaks my heart to miss out on



Singer Taylor Swift arrives at the 2011 Billboard Music Awards show in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

this weekend's shows with my friends in Charlotte and Atlanta," Swift said in a statement.

"I would never cancel if I thought I was physically able to perform these shows. I am so sorry to the fans, but I look forward to seeing you when we come back through your towns, which we will do," she added.—Internet

'Talk' cast heads to 'Big Brother' house

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—The co-hosts of the US chat show "The Talk" have spent a night in the house featured on the reality competition series "Big Brother," CBS said.

Julie Chen is co-host and moderator of "The Talk" and host of "Big Brother."

Chen and her "Talk" co-hosts — Sara Gilbert, Sharon Osbourne, Holly Robinson Peete and Leah Remini — moved into the "Big Brother" house to compete against each

other for a special themed segment to be broadcast on "Talk" Thursday.

The segment was taped before the competition show's contestants arrived for the season, which premieres Thursday night.

"Inside the house, the ['Talk'] hosts spent an evening partaking in the full 'Big Brother' experience by playing an abbreviated version of the game," CBS said in a synopsis. "Together,

they compete in a 'Head of Household' competition dressed as frogs, where one woman is crowned HOH; three ladies are then relegated to eat the infamous slop, two are nominated for eviction, and one is voted out. The ladies will reveal the host that was evicted on Thursday's 'The Talk,' which will also feature guest visits by past 'Big Brother' winners Dr. Will Kirby and Mike 'Boogie' Malin."—Internet

Dahlkvist, Fischer lead Sweden to 2-1 win over

WOLFSBURG, 7 July—The Americans can't do things the easy way.

Needing only a tie to avoid Brazil in the quarterfinals, the US fell 2-1 to Sweden on Wednesday night, the team's fourth loss since November and first ever in group play at the World Cup.

"After, what I said to the team is, my glass is half-full," US coach Pia Sundhage said. "Even though we lost, we can come out as a winner if we take a different path. ... We really want to play in the final. But we have to play some great games, play some great teams. I really want us to embrace this process. I think the team will get stronger. That's the plan."

"It's a little bit different for me to talk about



United States' Abby Wambach and Sweden's Lisa Dahlkvist, left, challenge for the ball during the group C match between Sweden and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, German.

INTERNET

the final," she added. "That's what it takes when we take a different road."—INTERNET

SPORTS

Robinho fighting for starting place for Paraguay game

SAN JUAN, 7 July—Brazil's Robinho appears to be fighting for a starting place as coach Mano Menezes ponders his options for Saturday's Copa America showdown with Paraguay.

Robinho flopped - though so did his teammates - in Sunday's opening draw with modest Venezuela, but Paraguay and Ecuador also parted goalless to leave everything to play for in Group B. Menezes tried out a few variations during training Wednesday at Campana, north of Buenos Aires, and although the first team



Brazil's Robinho (pictured in June) appears to be fighting for a starting place as coach Mano Menezes ponders his options for Saturday's Copa America showdown with Paraguay. Robinho flopped in Sunday.—INTERNET

practice match line-up was the same as for the Venezuelans he later sent Lucas and Elano into the fray in place of Ramires and Robinho.

Both Lucas and Elana came on for the final quarter hour against Venezuela at La Plata and striker Fred also had a run out - indeed it was he who replaced Robinho with Lucas later replacing Pato, who did at least carve out a number of chances.—INTERNET

Motor racing-Valencia dip was just a blip, say McLaren

LONDON, 7 July—McLaren's poor performance in Valencia was just a blip and this weekend's British Grand Prix should see Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button back up to speed, managing director Jonathan Neale said on Wednesday.

"We underperformed at Valencia, we didn't really get the car dialled in properly," he told reporters at a conference call when asked about the 26 June European Grand Prix.

"I don't think we delivered to our full potential there, and therefore I'm certainly regarding it as a blip. "We understand the reasons why, and we've done something about it," he added.

Hamilton and Button, both past world champions, were fourth and sixth respectively in Valencia while Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel ran untroubled to his sixth win in eight races. —INTERNET

Boston's Wakefield keeps Blue Jays off

BOSTON, 7 July—Red Sox knuckleballer Tim Wakefield kept the Blue Jays batters off balance as Boston scored a 6-4 win over Toronto at Fenway Park on Wednesday.

Jacoby Ellsbury's two-run double in the fourth was the Red Sox fifth consecutive hit in the inning and capped a four-run rally with two outs that gave Boston a 6-3 lead.

"The biggest thing there was no giving at-bats away, knowing we can continue an inning with two outs," Ellsbury said.—INTERNET

Red Sox's Wakefield throws out Blue Jays' Hill at first base during the fourth inning of their MLB American League baseball game in Boston.—INTERNET



N Korea, Colombia draw 0-0 at Women's World Cup

BOCHUM, 7 July—North Korea and Colombia drew 0-0 on Wednesday at the Women's World Cup, ensuring neither team scored a goal at the tournament. Both teams were already eliminated after having lost their opening

games to the United States and Sweden.

Colombia made the better start in an entertaining game, but North Korea came closest to scoring when Jo Yun Mi's shot flew narrowly wide of the corner of the net in the 6th minute.

Yulieht Dominguez tried her luck from distance for Colombia minutes later, requiring goalkeeper Hong Myong Hui to make a save. Inaccurate passing meant both teams resorted to long-range efforts in a bid to break the deadlock. A shot from North Korea's Jon Myong Hwa landed atop the net in the 29th.—INTERNET



North Korea's Paek Sol Hui, front, and Colombia's Diana Ospina jump for the ball during the group C match between North Korea and Colombia at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Bochum, Germany.—INTERNET

Ex-NHLer Barnaby gets 500 hours community service

BUFFALO, 7 July—ESPN analyst and former NHL forward Matthew Barnaby was ordered Wednesday to complete 500 hours of community service to have charges dropped stemming from an argument he had with his estranged wife in May.

Barnaby, 38, was accused of causing an estimated \$300 in damage by kicking the garage door on 13 May in an attempt to enter the suburban Buffalo home where his wife and two children live, Erie County district attorney Frank Sedita's office said. He had pleaded not guilty to five charges.

As part of her ruling,

German media disappointed for Munich losing 2018 Winter Olympics

BERLIN, 7 July—German media expressed their disappointment after South Korea's Pyeongchang beat Germany's Munich in hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics on Wednesday.

Hoping to become the world's first city to host both Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics, Germany have formed a strong public team for Munich this time, led by German President Christian Wulff and gold medal figure skater Katharina Witt.

"The party under the good weather has been over and tears left on people's faces," said Munch

Daily on its website, as International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the honor to Pyeongchang just after the first ballot.

The Spiegel said on its website that Munich lost its bid to host 2018 Winter Olympics even it has made a convincing lecture and won supports from several celebrities.

"This is a defeat for Germany, in this contest there is only one gold medal," IOC Vice President and German Olympic Association (DOSB) President Thomas Bach was quoted by the Spiegel.

INTERNET

Woods to skip British Open as leg recovers

JACKSONVILLE, 7 July—Those "minor" injuries to his left leg now have kept Tiger Woods from playing in two majors.

In an announcement on his website Tuesday that came as no surprise, Woods said he would skip the British Open next week because his injuries have not fully healed.

"Unfortunately, I've been advised that I should not play in the British Open," Woods said. "As I stated at the AT&T National, I am only going to

come back when I'm 100 percent ready. I do not want to risk further injury. That's different for me, but I'm being smarter this time."

"I'm very disappointed and want to express my regrets to the British Open fans."

It will be the second time in the last four years that Woods has missed two majors in one season.

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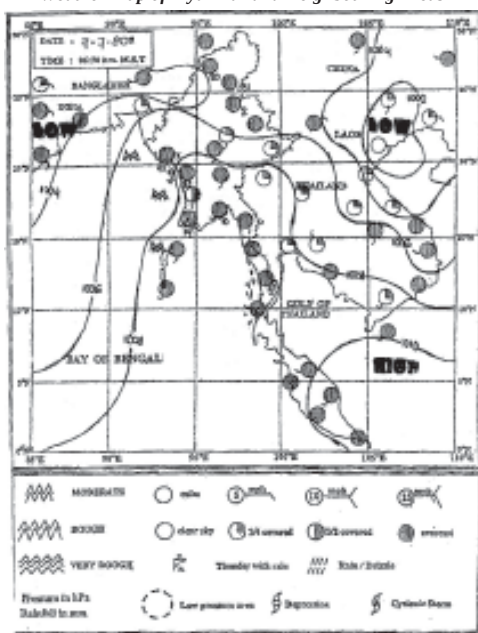
Tiger Woods walks at the AT&T National golf tournament at the Aronimink Golf Club in this on 28 June, 2011 file photo, in Newtown Square.—INTERNET

This 15 Feb, 2005, file photo shows Chicago Blackhawks' Matthew Barnaby talking to the media after a pickup hockey game with other NHL players, in Amherst, NY.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 8th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions / States	Temperatures (C / F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Symbol
1	Kachin	33/98	23/75	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
2	Kayah	30/86	23/72	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
3	Kapin	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
4	Chin	25/77	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
5	Upper Sagaing	33/91	26/79	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
6	Lower Sagaing	33/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
7	Thantagay	33/91	24/79	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
8	Bagu	30/88	23/72	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
9	Mingun	30/85	23/61	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	28/82	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
11	Maw	30/91	25/71	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
12	Yangon	32/99	24/79	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
13	Bahine	30/86	25/73	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
14	Southern Shan	29/76	18/64	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
16	Kanaw Shan	33/98	26/75	Scattered rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
17	Ayeyarwady	33/98	26/75	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
18	Neighboring Nepal/Tibet	34/93	25/77	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
19	Neighboring Yangon	33/98	24/75	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)
20	Neighboring Mandalay	36/97	28/82	Isolated rain or thunderstorm	☁🌧 (50%)

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin State, rain or thunder storm has been noticed in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan and Chin States, scattered in Thantagay Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Bagu and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Bahine and Maw States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpakun (18.0 inches), Kyaukpada (13.0 inches), Thantagay (3.0 inches), Bagu (2.0 inches), Sittou (2.0 inches) and Mandalay (2.0 inches).

Key Information: Attention to work in the Ayeyarwady and Bagu of the day.

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent 10 days: Watch movement.

Six forest fires remain active in Russia's Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, 7 July—Firefighters and rescuers have extinguished three forest fires in Russia's Far East in the past 24 hours and are still battling another six blazes, the regional emergencies ministry said Thursday.

"As of 8:00 local time on Thursday (2100 GMT Wednesday) six forest fires continue raging in the Far East covering an area of 4.09 hectares," a spokesman said.

Four of the remaining fires are burning in Chukotka, one in the Republic of Sakha and another in Amurskaya Oblast.

Forest fires are common in Russia during the dry and hot summers.

The Russian government has fought wild fires for months this year to prevent a repeat of last year's tragedy of massive casualties and a halt to grain exports.

Xinhua



A man looks at a phone in front of a News International building in London, Wednesday, on 6 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Report: tabloid's hacker targeted dead soldiers

LONDON, 7 July—A published report says that the telephone numbers of relatives of dead military personnel have been found in files amassed by a detective employed by a Sunday tabloid newspaper. The Daily Telegraph's report in Thursday's edition could not be independently verified, and the newspaper did not identify the source of its information.

There was no indication whether any of those telephones had been hacked. The BBC reported that relatives of some soldiers say they have not been contacted by police, but that a newspaper had asked them about possible hacking.

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Friday,
8 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

8:15 am

7. The Mirror Images Of
The Musical Oldies

8:30 am

8. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Dance Of National
Races

4:25 pm

4. Songs Of Yester Years

4:35 pm

5. University of Distance
Education
(TV Lectures)
-Third Year
(Economic)

4:50 pm

6. Songs for Upholding
National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:15 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

9. Images of Innocent Child

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. Just For Laughs (Gags
Asia)

18. TV Drama Series

19. Song Lover

20. Metta Bhavana By Mingun
Sayadaw

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Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission - (8-7-11 09:30 am ~
9-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar Horoscope with Advanced IT
- * News

- * Flying into the Sky....Living in a Palace
- * News
- * Nay Pyi Taw Travel Mart & Food Show
- * Record Album
- * News
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- * Myanmar Noble College
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- * A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-2)
- * News
- * The Third Anniversary of the Shwe Min Thar Foundation
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods "Pyay Daw Oo" (Rice Salad)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * On the LEDO Road (Part-1)
- * Myanmar Movies "Dancer and Drummer"

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales continues

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—The Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee continued the Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011 at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum, here, this morning.

Gem merchants viewed jade lots and put tender proposals into the tender boxes.

Today, 2570 lots of jade were sold through

tender.

The information, communication, health and other subcommittees are carrying out their respective sectors systematically.

The subcommittees are providing necessary assistance to the local and foreign gem merchants for their convenience at the special sales.

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Local and foreign Gem merchants observe jade lots on sale at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.—MNA



A woman walks past icons for Apple applications at the company's retail store in San Francisco.—INTERNET

Colon cancer deaths down except in Mississippi

ATLANTA, 7 July—Colon cancer deaths continue to drop across America — except in Mississippi, health officials said Tuesday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a report that echoes earlier findings of a national decline in colon cancer deaths. Rates fell by as much as 5 and 6 percent in a few states — Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Mississippi was the only state that saw no real decline, according to the CDC report.

"The big picture is screenings are up, death rates are down, and even more progress is possible," said the CDC's director, Dr. Thomas Frieden.

From 2003 to 2007, the colon and rectal cancer death rate in the U.S. fell from 19 to 17 per 100,000 people. That represents nearly 32,000 fewer deaths, the CDC found.—Internet