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The 14th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The second-day session of the 14th Plenary Meeting of the 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee took place at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill, here, today.

Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Suradhaja reviewed the Vinicçhaya affairs of the reports of the SSMNC (third branch), Ganhavaçaka

Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandasara religious affairs and Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Munindabhiwamsa education tasks.

Members of SSMNC discussed the reports on Vinicçhaya, religious affairs and education.

The meeting held discussions on Vinicçhaya affairs left from the 13th Plenary Meeting.

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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

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening of 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham watches debut match between Finance and Revenue Ministry and Livestock and Fisheries Ministry in 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the opening of the 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Football Federation, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, departmental heads, the president of Myanmar Football Federation and officials, staff families of ministries in Nay Pyi Taw and guests.

The athletes saluted the Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee.

Chairman of the MNSC Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan delivered an address, saying that in accord with the

government, the Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament was held with the aim of contributing to national fitness, creating unity, amity and happiness among the service personnel of ministries and enabling the staff to discharge their duties actively.

While building a modern and developed nation, the government is giving priority to uplift of sports standard of the nation. In implementing the short-term and long-term plans of uplifting sports standards, the government sets the mottoes “Myanmar sports the world to conquer”, “Uplifting sports is building the nation”, “Victories in sports reflect progress of the nation”, and “High sports standard depicts prestige and integrity of the nation”.

At a time when efforts are being made for upgrading nation’s sports standards as national duty,

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

(9-7-2011)

Launglon	10.16 inches
Mudon	4.92 inches
Dawei	3.89 inches
Paung	3.07 inches
Mawlamyine	2.48 inches
Myeik	1.77 inches
Pyu	1.58 inches
TadaU	1.50 inches

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 10 July, 2011

Show off Myanmar's high prestige and integrity in XXVII SEA Games

XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar are just more than 28 months away. The second meeting of Leading Committee for preparation for organizing XXVII SEA Games took place at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) on 8 July. Patron of the leading committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the meeting.

In his speech, the patron of the leading committee highlighted the importance of timely completion of the buildings with strong structures which will include sport grounds, gymnasiums and the sport village, timely installation of sport equipment of international standard and making preparations to prove that the whole Nay Pyi Taw is the city of high standard.

For achieving success in XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013, necessary measures have to be taken to turn out promising athletes of new generations, training them intensively with local and foreign coaches and modern sport techniques, sending the athletes abroad for joint training and changing techniques if necessary by exposing strong and weak points.

Preparations are to be made for boasting traditional culture and customs of national races, fostering Union Spirit and performing Myanmar traditional dances depicting developments of the State at the opening and closing ceremonies through modern information technologies like at similar ceremonies of other countries.

All in all, in accord with the motto 'Myanmar sports to conquer the world, all are to work together for showing off high prestige and integrity of Myanmar to the sport contingents from various countries in hosting the XXVII SEA Games and to bring the honour to the State through deserved victories in the games.

MCPAA to organize workshop in July

YANGON, 9 July—Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association organizes IFRS for SMEs Training for Trainers Workshop at Park Royal Hotel here from 23 to 25 August.

SME IG and IASB Member Mr Paul Pacter and Technical Training and Support Associate Director of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants Ms Winnie Chan will act as workshop facilitators.

The attendee may obtain certificate approved by International Accounting Standard Board. Those who want to attend the workshop may contact MCPAA Office with K 150,000 fee in person or via phone 214653.—MNA

Peoples' Festival

- * 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

The 14th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State...

14th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continues for second-day session.—MNA



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Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa, Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita and Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vilasa replied to the discussions on Vinicchaya, religious affairs and education submitted by the SSMNC (third

branch) for fourth assignment period.

The Joint Secretary Sayadaw sought the approval from the meeting for the report.

Next, the meeting came to a close.

Today, Daw San San Htay and friends offered meals to the Sayadaws.

MNA

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales-2011 continues



Local and foreign gem merchants view jade lots at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales-2011 continued at Mani Yadana Jade Hall here today.

Local and foreign gem merchants observed jade lots to be on sale through competitive bidding system on 10 July.

Today, a total of 2060 jade lots have been sold through tender system.

Jade Garden near Mani Yadana Jade Hall and food court in Thabyegon brokerage house were packed with gem merchants.

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales-2011 will go on till 13 July.

MNA

Fifth Inter-Ministry Football Tournament kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The first round robin match of the fifth Inter-Ministry Football Tournament jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation took place this evening.

Ministry of Finance and Revenue beat Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries 3-1. Tomorrow, Ministry of Rail Transportation plays against Union Supreme Court Office at Nay Pyi Taw Stadium No. 1 and Ministry of Construction against Ministry of Commerce at Nay Pyi Taw Stadium No. 2 and Ministry of Industry-1 against Ministry of Energy at Nay Pyi Taw Lewu Stadium.

MNA

Kenbo Junior Golf Championship on 20 July

YANGON, 9 July—Kenbo Junior Golf Championship, second match of Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2011, kicks off at Yangon Golf Club on 20 July.

The events will be organized in particular age groups between 8 and 21, where St Andrew and regional rules are eligible.

Golfers willing to join the game may contact Myanmar Golf Training Course (Ph: 09-5177956, 09-2037671, 651374) and the event venue not later than 18 July.

Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd and Aung Kan Bo Trading Co Ltd mainly sponsored the tournament which was co-sponsored by Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, the official drinking water of the championship and Yangon Golf Club.—MNA

One killed, four wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 9 July—A civilian was killed and four were injured in separate attacks in western and eastern Iraq on Saturday, the police said.

A roadside bomb went off on a main road in central Rutba city, some 375 km west of Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding two others, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Insurgent attacks continue in the once volatile Sunni Arab area in west of Baghdad that stretches through

Anbar province to Iraq's western borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. In eastern Iraq, a sticky bomb attached to a car detonated and wounded the driver in western Baquba city, the capital of Diyala province, a provincial police source said on condition of anonymity.

Separately, a civilian was wounded when gunmen opened fire on his home in a village in southwest of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.—*Xinhua*



Troops of the Pakistan army and other security forces, gather in Nusrat Dara in Upper Dir, Pakistan, on 6 July, 2011. Hundreds of militants crossed into Pakistan from Afghanistan Wednesday, and attacked several border villages, triggering shootouts with local militias in which at least two people were killed, police said.—INTERNET



Smoke billows from a burning car as people rush to the site of an attack on a French embassy convoy in the Iraqi capital Baghdad recently. A suicide bomber attacked a police station in a separate incident north of Baghdad on Sunday, killing nine people and wounding 17, officials said less.

INTERNET

Explosion hits Afghan's Zabul Province, nine injured

QATAL, 9 July—An explosion rocked Zabul's provincial capital Qalat, 340 km south of Kabul on Saturday, injuring at least nine people, a police official said but declined to give more details.

Meantime, deputy to the provincial administration Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar confirmed the incident and said all those who received injuries are civilians, in talks with

Xinhua. "The blast happened at 09:45 am local time when provincial police chief Mohammad Nabi Ilham was on the way to his office. The police chief escaped unhurt but nine innocent passers-by sustained injuries," Rasoulyar told *Xinhua*.

However, he did not say if it was a suicide attack or roadside bombing, adding full details will be made public after completion of investigation.

Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed by Afghan citizen

KABUL, 9 July—Two NATO soldiers were killed and another was injured when an Afghan citizen opened fire at them in Panjshir Province, northern Afghanistan on Saturday, deputy to provincial governor said.

Xinhua

Blast hits Helmand Province in S Afghanistan, no casualties

LASHKAR GAH, 9 July—A blast rocked Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital of southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province on Saturday morning, causing no loss of life.

"An explosive device was placed near the police checkpoint in front of provincial police department in Lashkar Gah city and was detonated at around 07:15 am (local time) but caused no casualties," spokesman for provincial administration, Daud Ahmadi told *Xinhua*.

According to Ahmadi, no policeman or civilian were injured in the blast since the explosion took place before morning rush hour.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far.—*Xinhua*



An Afghan youth covers his nose, as he walks in the old part of the city in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 6 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Karachi bloodbath death toll rises to 102

KARACHI, 9 July—The death toll in the current wave of Karachi killings has risen to 102 as the bloodbath continued for the fifth consecutive day in Pakistan's port City.

At least 13 people were killed in incidents of firing overnight, the *Dawn* reports.

Earlier on Friday, the Sindh Government authorised the Rangers to exercise the powers of police officers to 'sue necessary force to prevent terrorist acts' as steps promised and taken hitherto failed to stop

killings in Karachi.

A Sindh Rangers spokesman said that personnel of the paramilitary force had helped evacuate hundreds of people trapped in strife-torn areas.

"We are moving the families to safe places and the exercise continues. Rangers troops helped mainly people in Qasba Colony and adjoining areas," he said.

Citing intelligence sources, Pakistan Interior Minister Rehman Malik claimed

that the Taliban were at least partially responsible for the Karachi violence.

"The Taliban had evacuated some places during the security forces' operation against them, but police and law enforcement agencies are pursuing them," *The Express Tribune* quoted Malik, as saying.

He stated that there was a network of the Taliban that was active in the northern part of Karachi and involved in acts of militancy across the country's largest city.

Internet

Afghan police officers guard the site of a bomb explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan recently. Three Afghan police officers were wounded in a bomb explosion in Kabul, police official said.

INTERNET



Gunmen kill at least 20 in Mexican bar

MEXICO CITY, 9 July—Gunmen burst into a bar in the Mexican City of Monterrey and shot dead at least 20 people Friday, the latest massacre in the city battered by drug-gang violence, *El Universal* newspaper reported.

At least five people were injured, the paper reported, citing local police. The gunmen fired AK-47 assault rifles throughout the bar in downtown Monterrey, *Milenio* newspaper reported. Several other Mexican media outlets, including *Reforma* newspaper, reported the same tally of dead and injured.

Over the last four years, industrial and relatively prosperous Monterrey has gone from being a model for developing economies to a symbol of Mexico's drug war chaos as rival gangs fight one another in the city's streets.—*Reuters*



Science

Birds may use smell to select mates

TOULOUSE, 9 July—Male and female gulls smell different from each other, and the birds may use body odour to single out genetically compatible mates, French researchers say.

The study published in the journal *Naturwissenschaften* — *The Science of Nature*, looked at how the gulls, known as kittiwakes, protect their feathers by preening them with the secretions of the preen gland, secretions that also carry odours.



Pelicans and sea gulls settle on rocks at sunrise over Queen Bess Island near Grand Isle, Louisiana, on 9 June, 2010.

INTERNET

Scents tend to vary widely depending on the species, season and/or sex of the bird, the researchers said.

Samples of preen oil from 21 females and 20 males were tested to see if the birds' body odour carried individual and/or sexual signatures that could signal individual genetic makeup.

Kittiwakes tend to choose to mate with genetically dissimilar partners to maintain genetic diversity in the species, but the cues used to assess genetic characteristics are unknown.

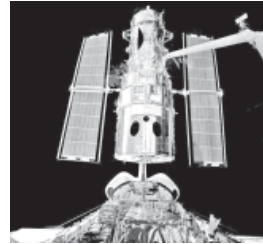
The researchers confirmed evidence of individual-specific secretions.

"Our study suggests the existence of two odour signatures in kittiwakes: a sex and an individual signature," Sarah Leclaire from the Universite Paul Sabatier in France said.

"These results point to body odour as a signal associated with individual recognition and mate choice.

Kittiwakes may be using body odour to assess the genetic compatibility of potential mates."

Internet



In this, on 18 May, 2009 image made from video Provided by NASA, astronaut John Grunsfeld is reflected on the surface of the Hubble Space Telescope as he works to upgrade the orbiting observatory during a spacewalk on the fifth and final repair mission for the then 19-year-old telescope.

INTERNET

DNA identifies 'hidden' species

TALLAHASSEE, 9 July—DNA evidence has confirmed seven new species of forest mice living undiscovered by science in a remote Philippine mountain range, researchers say.

Florida State University biologist Scott J Steppan says the DNA tells an unusual evolutionary story of the separate species of mice, all of the genus *Apomys*, living separately but in close proximity in a small area on Luzon, the largest Philippine island.

"The *Apomys* genus is the product of millions

of years of evolution in the Philippine archipelago," Steppan said, "but it also shows how very fast the process of evolution has been operating there, in terms of creating new species. Such cases of rapid diversification are useful examples to help us understand the origin of biodiversity in general."

While the new *Apomys* species may have been elusive until now, they aren't rare, Steppan said, but were hard to find primarily because of their extremely limited geo-

graphic ranges, an FSU release said Thursday.

"It is extraordinary, really almost unprecedented, to have so many closely related mammal species from such a small area that forms just one-half of one island — let alone to have discovered so many so quickly," Steppan said.

Unfortunately, their limited ranges make them vulnerable to extinction from deforestation, which concerns scientists who say the animals are a key part of the Philippines' rich biodiversity.—Internet



Technology

NY times kindle, nook readers get web access too

NEW YORK, 9 July—People who subscribe to *The New York Times* on the Kindle and Nook electronic readers are now getting unlimited access to the newspaper's website at no extra cost.

The additional option became available Thursday, slightly more

than three months after *The New York Times* began charging \$15 every four weeks, or nearly \$200 per year, to read more than 20 articles a month on its website. When those fees were introduced in late March, Kindle maker Amazon.com Inc promised that the e-

reader's subscribers to *The New York Times* would eventually get the unrestricted website access as part of the package.

Subscriptions to *The New York Times* on both the Kindle and the Nook, which is sold by book store chain Barnes & Noble Inc, cost \$20 per month.

That's the same price that the Times charges for a package that includes the website and electronic delivery of the newspaper to Apple Inc's hot-selling computer tablet, the iPad, which also competes against the Kindle and Nook.

The New York Times is hoping its website fees will generate more revenue without leaving a serious dent in its online traffic.—Internet



In this on 1 Sept, 2011 file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs with an iPhone, left, iPad and iPod Touch, right, are displayed at an Apple announcement in San Francisco. iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch users have downloaded more than 15 billion apps for their gadgets, Apple Inc said on 7 July, 2011.—INTERNET



In this video game image released by Microsoft, a giant mech battles electronic monsters in a scene from "Trenched."

INTERNET

AutoTrader iPhone app scans cars you like, finds similar cars for sale

WASHINGTON, 9 July—If you're tired of being tied to your desk while shopping for your next car, AutoTrader just made the process a whole lot easier. On Thursday, the largest car classified site in the US launched an iPhone app so you can do your car shopping while you are out and about.

The car searching giant already has a mobile website, but the new iPhone app adds some additional functionality over the mobile site. Key features include dropping GPS pins to find your car, a dealer finder, MyAutoTrader, and most notably, a VIN scanner.

With the VIN scanner, you can take a picture of the VIN number of a car you like (usually visible in the lower driver-side corner of the windshield) and the app will search for similar cars that available on the market. For example, let say you see a

slightly used flying car, and would like to see other flying cars with similar options, you would just scan the VIN number and all nearby flying cars will pop up.

Also, if the car that you scanned is available, the app will give you all the details on that car. Using the MyAutoTrader feature you can create, save, and edit searches for cars for easy searching needs.

If you have been searching for a slightly used electric car, but are now more interested in a hybrid car, you don't have to create a whole new search, you can just change a few setting in your pre-existing search. According to Auto-Trader, almost 40 percent of its traffic already comes from the iPhone, so this app just makes sense. It will improve the user experience for the largest mobile user segment.—Internet



Health



Behavioral techniques a better value for chronic migraine than meds

NEW YORK, 9 July—Behavioral treatments such as relaxation training, hypnosis and biofeedback to help prevent chronic migraine headaches are cost-effective alternatives to prescription drugs, a new study suggests.

Researchers compared the costs of several types of behavioral treatment with preventive prescription drugs. After six months, minimal-contact behavioral treatment was comparable with drug treatment using medicines that cost 50 cents or less per day.

In minimal-contact treatment, a patient sees a therapist a few times a year and for the most part practices the behavioral techniques at home, helped by literature or audio tapes.

After one year, minimal-contact

therapy was nearly \$500 cheaper than drug treatment. The study is published in the June issue of the journal *Headache*.

Initially, the daily cost of prescription drugs taken as a preventive measure by many chronic migraine sufferers may not seem too high, said study co-author Dr Donald Penzien, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Mississippi Medical Centre.

"But those costs keep adding up with additional doctor visits and more prescriptions. The cost of behavioral treatment is front-loaded. You go to a number of treatment sessions but then that's it.

And the benefits last for years," he said in a medical centre news release.—*Internet*



Chef Celestino Drago of Drago Centro restaurant in Los Angeles teaches Sofia Menck and her third-grade class from Larchmont Charter School of West Hollywood the healthy benefits of cooking authentic Italian food as Patrizia Giarratana, Deputy Director General of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, looks on.—*Internet*

Study offers update on staph pneumonia trends in children

HOUSTON, 9 July—Cases of pneumonia in children caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria doubled over the last decade at a Texas hospital, and most of those infections were caused by a particularly aggressive, antibiotic-resistant strain, researchers say.

The investigators looked at the records of 117 children, median age less than one year, who were hospitalized with staph pneumonia at Texas Children's Hospital between 2001 and 2009. Nearly 60 percent of the

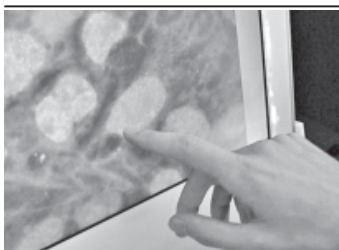
children had to be treated in the intensive care unit and 30 percent required mechanical ventilation.

Three-quarters of the cases were caused by methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) while the other 25 percent of cases were caused by antibiotic-susceptible *S. aureus*. Of the children with MRSA, 90 percent had an aggressive strain called USA300 and were more likely to have complicated pneumonia requiring video-assisted surgery for diagnosis and treatment.

Some of the children

with staph pneumonia were also infected with viruses, most often influenza virus. These patients tended to have more severe pneumonia, with higher rates of ICU care and respiratory failure, according to the report published in the July issue of *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*.

On average, the children in the study required three weeks of treatment with antibiotics. One child died, the study authors noted in a news release from the journal's publisher.—*Internet*



Stemcells are viewed on a computer screen. An international team of surgeons have successfully carried out the world's first transplant of a stemcell-coated synthetic windpipe, the Swedish hospital where the groundbreaking operation took place said Thursday.—*Internet*



Business



The sign of the Toys R Us store is seen in a Denver suburb.—*Internet*

Toys R Us IPO now expected in 2012

NEW YORK, 9 July—The initial public offering of Toys R Us, the world's largest toy retailer, is now expected in 2012, two sources told Reuters.

The company filed for an IPO of up to \$800 million in May 2010.

It had contemplated coming public in the first half of 2011, but delayed its IPO after lackluster holiday sales. It later contemplated a July IPO.

Toys R Us has made it through the US Securities and Exchange Commission review process, so it could technically launch an IPO any time it wants — yet it is expected to delay the offering until next year, one of the sources said.

The sources declined to be named as the information is not public. Toys R Us declined to comment.—*Reuters*

Lexus to lose top spot in US luxury car market

CHICAGO, 9 July—Toyota Motor Corp's brand Lexus will end its streak of 11 years as the top luxury brand in the US market due to lost sales in the aftermath of the Japan earthquake and tsunami, said Mark Templin, Lexus Division general manager.

Templin said Lexus US sales will fall about 17 percent to around 190,000 vehicles in 2011.

The United States is the biggest market for Lexus.

All Lexus models, except the RX 350 crossover sport utility vehicle, are made in Japan. Templin said the Cambridge, Ontario plant that makes the RX 350 will be back at full capacity in September.

Most Japanese plants

assembling Lexus models have already returned to full strength.

However, the RX 400h hybrid SUV will not be at full production until October.

The hybrid is typically 15 percent to 20 percent of RX sales in the US market.

Lexus US sales fell 38 percent in June as dealers ran out of key products. At the end of the month, dealers had about half their normal stock.

Lexus sales tumbled

18 percent in the first half of 2011 to 88,010, and German rivals BMW and Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz sprinted by.

Industry analyst Aaron Bragman of IHS Automotive Insight said on Friday the slump at Lexus goes deeper than a shortage of vehicles.

He suggested that Lexus could suffer from the same stigma as did General Motors Co's Buick brand for the past several decades: old people's car.—*Reuters*



A Lexus HS 250h Hybrid is seen at the Chicago Auto Show.—*Internet*

Saab says it will resume production

TROLLHAETTAN, 9 July—Troubled Swedish carmaker Saab, which halted production after failing to pay suppliers, says it expects to resume making cars soon.

The automaker formerly owned by General Motors Co said it would resume production by 9 Aug after obtaining about \$85 million from several deals including an \$18 million vehicle order from one of its prospective Chinese shareholders, *The Detroit News* reported on Friday.

Chinese vehicle distributor Pang Da and private Chinese manufacturer Youngman have signed an agreement to acquire a 53.9 percent interest in Saab for around \$340 million.—*Internet*

Turkish police arrest 49 people on drug trafficking charges

ISTANBUL, 9 July—The Turkish police arrested 49 people on drug trafficking charges in the western Province of Bursa on Friday.

The police detained 66 people in operation “Summer Cleaning” and arrested 49 of them, the state-run Anatolia news agency reported.

No information was available

about whether any drug were seized during the operation.

Simultaneous raids were carried out in five areas and a total of 88 sites were raided.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.—Xinhua

1 dead, 1 wounded in Turkey’s mine accident

ISTANBUL, 9 July—One worker was killed and another injured in a mine accident in Turkey’s Black Sea region of Zonguldak on Friday.

The accident occurred at a privately operated mine, the state-run Anatolia news agency reported.

One worker died while trying to

deal with an electrical malfunction in the mine.

The injured worker was transferred to a hospital to receive treatment for burns.

An investigation has been launched into the incident.

Xinhua

Cholera deaths reaches 71 in Dominican Republic since last November

SANTO DOMINGO, 9 July—A total of 71 people had died from cholera-related diseases since last November, including nine deaths last week, the Health Ministry said on Friday.

The number of suspected cholera cases had risen to 10,760 after 1,014 new cases were registered alone in the last week.

With the arrival of the rainy season, the ministry has tightened measures to prevent the spread of Cholera and other diseases.

The first cholera cases in the Dominican Republic was detected in November 2010, one month after an outbreak started in neighboring Haiti.—Xinhua



Lotus flowers in blossom are seen during the 25th National Lotus Flowers Exhibition at Dazu County, southeast China’s Chongqing Municipality, 8 July, 2011. More than 500 different strains of lotus are put on display during the lotus exhibition which is held here from 8 July to 8 September.—XINHUA

Princess Diana ‘feared her phone was constantly tapped’

LONDON, 9 July—Princess Diana constantly feared that her phone was being hacked during the last years of her life.

The Princess resorted to regularly changing her mobile after security experts had warned her that she was the target of spies, snoopers and phone tappers.

“It was clear that was a concern to her,” the Daily Express quoted her former private secretary Michael Gibbins as telling her inquest in 2007.

Even Diana’s sons William and Harry were afflicted by Glenn Mulcaire, the private eye employed by the News of the World. One hacked message that was published in detail in the newspaper reportedly featured William pretending to be his brother’s girlfriend, ticking him off for staying out late.—Internet

Brit thief gives CCTV camera clear view of face while trying to knock it off

LONDON, 9 July—A thief in Britain made it easy for police to identify him after he gave a CCTV camera a clear view of his face while trying to knock it off before stealing a dinghy.

The thief climbed up

a pole to get to the camera, and in the process exposed his face, the Sun reported.

Cops are hunting the thief and an accomplice after they pinched the craft from a boatyard to cross the River Blyth.

The dinghy was found abandoned on a riverbank.

Inspector Trevor Oakley from Northumbria Police said the men stole the boat to “avoid the long walk round to North Blyth”.—Internet

A Porsche is displayed at the Hainan International Automotive Exhibition in Haikou, capital of south China’s Hainan Province, on 8 July, 2011. The four-day exposition attracted more than 400 kinds of cars. XINHUA



Frontier defence policemen clear green algae on the beach in Qingdao City, east China’s Shandong Province, 8 July, 2011. Green algae continues to spread in waters off China’s east coastline. Although the green algae is not poisonous, it can hinder fishery industry and tourism in affected areas.—XINHUA

Looted antiquities returned to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 9 July—Babylonian antiquities looted by contractors in Iraq were returned to the Iraqi government Thursday in a Washington ceremony.

The looting came to light during a 2006 investigation into fraud by Defence Department contractors, the FBI said.

Investigators learned contractors collected the items in 2004 and used them as bribes and gifts or sold them to people who then brought them to the United States.

The antiquities turned over to Iraqi Ambassador Shakir Mahmood Sumaiaie included two pottery

dishes, four vases, an oil lamp, three small statues, and seven terracotta relief plaques, all between 2,500 and 4,000 years old. The tiny plaques, which showed different scenes, may have been carried for magical protection.

The FBI set up an art crime unit after the Iraqi National Museum was looted during the 2003 invasion.

“Working abroad does not entitle anyone to remove historic artifacts and treat them as mementos for illegal sale,” said Ron Hosko, who heads the criminal division in the Washington field office.

Internet

Let's work hard together for poverty alleviation

Wai Yan Maung

Everyone has three basic needs: food, clothing and shelter to live a normal healthy comfortable life. No one wants to live poor or needy. It is the nature of human beings.

The most fundamental need for a person, family, community, village, township or country is food security.

The people of a nation should be above poverty line in order to enjoy food security or a normal care-free life. Every citizen is under a responsibility to do their bit in pursuit of the goal.

In Myanmar, the people can be divided into many classes, or two main classes: rural people and urban people. The entire people can keep themselves off poverty only if rural and urban people live an easy life.

It is easy to say, but very difficult to do. According to the figures collected by experts, over 26 % of the people of Myanmar live below the poverty line. It is the national issue to be addressed promptly and with great care.

It is therefore needed to find out why over one-fourth of the national people live in poverty. I'd rather not point the strengths and weaknesses of the policies our country has practised, but personally, I think that is the consequence of frequent system changes. The people had to protect the Union so many times to avert the collapse of the motherland. So also at present, the government has to try its best to ensure national reconsolidation. From the post-independence period to date, the nation has faced various policies and systems amidst immature politics. The reviews of today's experts reveal that the nation has sacrificed energy and time unnecessarily for its development, and about 26 in every 100 nationals live at or below the poverty line.

Over 26% of the nation's population live at or below the poverty line despite of rich natural resources of the nation. Bluntly, I would say that it is because successive rules failed to pay reasonable attention to the issue of poverty and the overwhelming majority of the people could not work as much as they could in their interests in consequence of mismanagement throughout successive periods.

The new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has noticed that weak point. In his inaugural speech to the first session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March 2011, the President said that the government would exercise the market economy under which unnecessary restrictions would be lifted, necessary amendments would be made and more foreign investments would be invited for the sake of national development; that he pledged that the government would ensure the fruits of reforms would flow to the entire people even those at the grassroots level; and that it would also adopt necessary policies and laws to improve the socioeconomic life of the entire people. I noticed that the speech has implicit aim of the government for relieving poverty.

The President's Advisory Board was formed to implement the plans tactically. As the first fruit, the National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was held with experts, scholars and officials of the governing bodies in Nay Pyi Taw

from 20 to 22 May.

The workshop was productive of a good result: to lay down tactics to implement the work programmes for poverty alleviation. Poverty level of a citizen or a family can be measured with the yardstick of whether or not their incomes are enough for their basic needs or whether or not they have fundamental goods and services such as food, shelter, clothing, safe water, health care and education.

Our country is rich in natural resources and has favourable conditions for agriculture, production of food, fisheries, and raising livestock. So, the nation has potential for fulfilling the basic needs of every citizen. I am confident that the goal of poverty alleviation is within the reach, and what is needed is that the entire people work hard together with correct policies and prudent strategies and tactics.

If poverty has alleviated considerably and the gap between the rich and the poor is bridged, there will not be the gap of socioeconomic status between rural and urban people. Then, every family will be able to live a convenient life. Now, the nation has had signs of opportunities for the entire people including farmers, workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia and State service personnel to lead an easy life. It is therefore required of each citizen to do their bid with all their mental and physical might in the tasks.

In this case, I would like to present some of the discussions held by experts. Poverty is due to five main causes of poverty. The first is lack of assets and capacity due to their living in regions with little or no natural resources or the regions where conflicts and clashes are rampant. That is not a brainstorming issue for our country because the government is trying its utmost to ensure secure and smooth transport by building transport facilities wherever necessary. And it has been opening universities and colleges across the nation to enable the youth to pursue education in their own regions.

The second concerns with age, worksite and lack of good health. In our country, there is no restriction on population growth, and people of the first, second and third ages are proportionate. In addition, the nation is blessed with aquatic and terrestrial sources and is exercising the market-oriented economic system, so the people have so many choices of job opportunity. And health care is the point because of ongoing prudent health promotion plans to improve the health standard of the entire people. Therefore, our country is in a position to address this issue.

The third is lack of job opportunities due to the slowdown in the national economy. I am feeling that that is not a headache due to the facts that the nation is able to maintain friendly relations with not only neighbouring countries but also the international community owing to the practice of the market economy and correct foreign policy. And the government exercises the policy of check and balance with the national interests at the centre.

The fourth is said due to being a woman, or an ethnic minority or a disabled person. In our country, there is no particular restriction or discrimination against women. Chapter VIII "Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" of the constitution guarantees equal rights

for the entire people irrespective of sex. The names of States show how serious the nation takes the affairs of national races. There is not any other country else in the world that has a region and province named after the national race that represents the majority of the region or province concerned. In our country, the states are named after the national races so they are known as Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State and Shan State. The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races has been formed to deal with the affairs of national races in an effective way. And the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement takes responsibilities for the wellbeing of the disabled. For instance, our country does not achieve great success in sport, but national disabled athletes have won victory in international sports events. Many physically handicapped students win examinations with distinctions. In the Age of IT, some blind people can innovate computer programmes like other computer experts. Therefore, that is not the point, either.

The last is that the gap between the rich and the poor is high stemming from mismanagement and too many privileges for particular class. That is the point. The nation lagged behind other countries in development because of mismanagement of successive governments. The majority of the people suffered varieties of grievances and the nation missed prospects for economic growth due to privileges for a handful of people. We can learn so many lessons from past events if know how to do it. Now, various forms of weak points are reviewed, and the government will implement prudent projects with new policies and tactics and make all necessary reforms in the national interests. Without any doubt, the gap of wealth between the rich and the poor will get narrow and narrow in no time. That is not an unsolvable issue.

It is fair to say that our country is now well capable of overcoming the daunting challenge triggered by poverty.

The policy of the President, the strategy laid down at the National Workshop, and tactics to handle poverty alleviation are pragmatic approaches to the issue of relieving poverty, so they are to be launched as soon as possible.

The entire of people are to extend a helping hand to the plans. What we should bear in mind is that in making economic reforms for fruitful results, we have to work with correct objectives and concepts and self-confidence along with transparency and a sense of responsibility.

For alleviation of poverty, let's work together with a sense of duty, team spirit, self-confidence and national spirit. Let's show our physical and mental calibers and national vigour in order that there is no shadow of poverty cast over the image of the homeland.

Let's try our best to hand down good heritage of convenient lifestyle to younger generations.

And let's shape the future of the mother country in concert by throwing ourselves to the tasks for poverty alleviation with altruistic spirit.

Translation: MS

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends...

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plans have been adopted and are being implemented for selecting outstanding athletes, providing them trainings and ensuring success in the sports competitions.

In conclusion, the Union Minister urged them to show off their brilliant skills, compete in the tournament with fair play and try hard to become highly-qualified good public services.

The Union Minister formally opened the tournament. After that, the Vice-President and party watched the debut of the tournament between Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Altogether 32 ministerial football teams are taking part in the tournament. They are divided into



eight groups at No. 1 and No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.

The first round matches will last from 9 to 29 July, the second round from 1 to 13 August, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final matches from 15 to 26 August.—MNA

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan delivers an address at opening of 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament.—MNA

Micro-credit Development Subcommittee holds meeting 1/2011



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun addresses meeting 1/2011 of Private Micro-credit Development Subcommittee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun delivered an address at the meeting 1/2011 of Private Micro-credit Development Subcommittee at the hall of the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

Member of the subcommittee Governor of

Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein reported on progress of drafting the bill and accomplishments. The subcommittee members participated in the discussions.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Union Minister.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends school building opening ceremony

YANGON, 9 July—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended a ceremony to open two-storey new school building of No. 8 Basic Education Primary School in conjunction with handing over ceremony to Ministry of Education held at the school in East Gyogon Ward of Insein Township here today.

Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein and responsible persons formally opened the building.

The chief minister sprinkled scented water on the inscription plaque of the school and so did region chief ministers and responsible persons.

Well-wishers of the newly-constructed school General Manager U Htin Lin of Triangle Links Co Ltd explained the purpose of donation and company Director U Kyaw Win Naing handed related documents over to the education officer of Yangon Region North District.

The chief minister and officials accepted donations for the education department of Yangon Region North District.

The 56-foot-long, 25-foot-wide and 25-foot-high new school building costs over K 58 million. Well-wishers donated K 10 million and 10 water pumps to the education department.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects road, bridge construction

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected Yangon-Nay

Pyi Taw road section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and construction of Myochaung

Bridge on Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Kyunkon Road yesterday.

The deputy minister, after hearing completed and future tasks of road and bridge construction along Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Kyunkon Road, left necessary instructions.

MNA

Taninthayi Region to implement tasks for development, poverty alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw stressed the need for commitment of local authorities, NGOs and the people to achieve success in implementing the eight tasks for development of rural areas and poverty alleviation.

The chief minister made the remarks at the work coordination meeting for development of rural areas and poverty alleviation in the region in Dawei yesterday, calling different level work committees to make field trips to rural areas and to work together with NGOs and the local people.

The participants of the meeting also discussed steps for implementing the eight tasks for development of rural areas and poverty alleviation. — MNA



Ayeyawady Region Assistant Education Officer U Kyi Aung, Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Kan Tun and officials formally opened Wetchaung Village BEMS in Kyaunggon Township, Patheingyi District on 3 July. MYANMA ALIN

Unsystematic use of antibiotics...

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He stressed that if each and every nation cannot control the antimicrobial resistance, in the future viruses will become resistant to all kinds of antibiotics, which might lead to loss of lives like before the invention of antibiotics 70 years ago.

So, the Union Minister went on that, the WHO has urged its members to take preventive measures against antimicrobial resistance since 1998 and again in 2005, it alerted its members to heed antibiotic resistance as top health problem. And the theme of the WHO Day on 7 April this year is "Combating Antimicrobial Resistance".

In conclusion, the Union Minister said that he hoped that the workshop will provide useful and practical suggestions for the nation.

It was followed by the workshop chaired by Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressing the opening of Workshop on National Strategies for Prevention and Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance.

MNA

Professor Dr Myo Myint. The Group 1 discussed Role of Policymakers, relating to reduction resistance, Group 2 Monitoring of Antibiotic resistance (microbiology, Laboratory Service, DOH), Group 3 Role of Medical

Professionals for education of antibiotic resistance and Group 4 Role of communities and other sectors for reduction of antibiotic resistance and then attendees made suggestions.—MNA

Facts about increased pension rates

(Continued from yesterday)

The State announced on 30-6-2011 that it has increased pension rates of State service personnel pensioners and political pensioners. As those increased pension rates will start as from this month (July), not only the pensioners themselves but also the entire nation are happy and delighted with that news.

It has also been reminded that the pensioners are to contact the departments concerned in person as soon as possible together with their pension books and orders approving their pensions. These days, the Pension Department is being crowded with pensioners and their families and relatives inquiring about the details of increased pension rates. The following are the remaining answers to the questions and other necessary noteworthy points.

13. Q: Can the family members of a late pensioner enjoy family pension? If so, what are the procedures?

A: According to the existing law, there is a family pension. The procedures are:

- Family pension application (Form-F)
- The original of death certificate
- Forms and documents related to family pension made by the pensioner before his death
- If family pension forms have not been submitted, the applicant must send his application together with the endorsement from the head of department concerned proving that he is the heir of the late pensioner.

For those who have not applied for family pension after their pensioners had died before getting increased monthly pensions, they have to apply for family pensions. When the mother unit receives Form-F, it has to continue to compile and send the case so that the applicant can enjoy increased family pension. When the case is accepted, plans will be made to pay increased family pension according to the increased rate. Every procedure from the Pension Department will be carried out in accord with the law.

To ensure that departments can contact the pensioners easily and that they can save travelling and food expenses, increased pension forms will be distributed to township branches of the Pension Department, and officials concerned will meet the pensioners

themselves to fill up the forms.

14. Q: I would like to know the procedures for the pensioners whose departments have already been dissolved to enjoy increased pensions.

A: 1. Normally, the departments and enterprises to which ministries concerned has assigned duties will be responsible for this.

2. If there are no responsible departments in all townships, a branch or township department of the ministry concerned will take the responsibility under coordinated plans for the convenience of the pensioners.

15. Q: Is there a separate form for increased political pensions?

A: The form for civil service personnel can be used. There is no separate form.

16. Q: If only the increased pension form for retired service personnel has to be used, is it necessary for the director-general of Hluttaw Office to sign on Page-2 as a signature of the officer in charge?

A: An office can give his signature.

17. Q: Who will have to sign on Page-3 of the form? The director-general of the President Office or of the Hluttaw Office?

A: The director-general of the President Office or an officer he has entrusted duty with.

18. Q: If a political pensioner is critically ill, where do we have to get the endorsement proving that he is still alive and free from criminal charges? And at what level?

A: An officer of township general administration department will be sent to receive the increased pension form.

19. Q: In calculating family pension, we find it difficult to calculate the pension rate as the pension book does not carry the last salary drawn and years of total service. Some retired service personnel did not settle in the towns they retired from and have moved to their native places or other towns. So, for them, what needs to be done without necessary documents?

A: If a pensioner cannot fill up the form completely, the department concerned will fill it up. If that department cannot, the combined accounts record division or pension calculation division of the Pension Department (Head Office) will cooperate if pensioners pay a visit.

20. Q: In applying for family pensions, do we need to calculate old monthly pension up to 30-6-2011 in combination with the increased pensions starting from 1-7-2011?

A: Yes, you do.

21. Q: As mentioned for political pensioners before 1-4-2006, can the political pensioners, who started receiving old-age pensions in 2010 enjoy increased pensions?

A: Yes, they can although they were in service before 1-4-2006 and started drawing monthly pensions after 1-4-2006.

22. Q: As the duty will be shared with the branches in regions and states, do the officers in charge from those regions and states have the authority to sign in place of the head of department?

A: Yes, they do. But the person who gives his signature must be one-step higher in rank than the pensioner. We can get things done if such a case is sent to the office where a signature can be given.

23. Q: As the task will also be shared with township branches, is there any authority to do in place of the head of department?

A: Of course.

24. Q: A retired civil servant from the Pension Department has not drawn his monthly pensions for 11 months from September 2010 to July 2011. In contacting the bank, it says only after the tasks for increased pensions have been carried out, the remaining pensions for 11 months will be paid. It advised him to contact the Pension Department. What does he have to do?

A: We can.

(We have coordinated with Deputy General Manager U Win Naing Oo of Myanma Economic Bank. His phone number is 421481.)

25. Q: For a female pensioner who has gone abroad, can we draw increased pension on her behalf?

A: The increased pension form has to be submitted by the pensioner herself. When she comes back, she needs to arrange to personally meet the officer in charge or the officer who receives the forms. There is no limited period.

Translation: ST

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales...



Gem merchants visit jewellery shop around Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

(from page 16)

Under the supervision of the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium, sub-committees are taking responsibilities for fulfilling the requirements of gem merchants in accommodation, transport and foods and convenience of the merchants in viewing jade and gem lots.

With a view to ensuring better transport for foreign gem merchants, the Transport Subcommittee manages ten flights of Guangzhou-Nay Pyi Taw by Myanmar Airways International (MAI), five flights of Hong Kong-Nay Pyi Taw by Hong Kong Airlines and two flights of Macau-Nay Pyi Taw by Air Macau. Altogether 1417 gem merchants took Guangzhou-Nay Pyi Taw flights, 1251 gem merchants Hong Kong-Nay Pyi Taw flights and 351 gem merchants Macau-Nay Pyi Taw flights.

A total of 1612 rooms at 26 hotels and 19 bungalows were reserved in Nay Pyi Taw for providing accommodation to the gem merchants. Bandoola Transport Company manages the runs of Parami Taxis for convenient transport of the merchants.

As famous restaurants from Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon are selling various kinds of delicious meals including Myanmar traditional foods at the Nay Pyi Taw Travel Mart & Food Show being organized by the Myanmar Tourism Board under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism at the car parking of Thabyegon Market near Mani Yadana Jade Hall, gem merchants have easy access to eating the meals.

Under the arrangements of the Information Subcommittee, daily newspapers, TV and radio programmes continuously present information about the special sales to enable the people at home and abroad to enjoy preparatory tasks before the special sales, grand opening ceremony and sales of jade,

gems and pearl lots.

The Communication Subcommittee opens the Media Centre at Mani Yadana Jade Hall and provides better direct communications for enabling the gem merchants to have easier access to IDT phones, Internet, e-mail and Facsimile abroad. Moreover, Wi-Fi Internet Access is being installed there, and arrangements have been made for creation of better Myanmar GSM Network for China Unicom and Viettel GSM mobile phone users. The pre-paid cards are also being sold there for GSM and CDMA phones.

The special sales began on 1 July and it lasts two weeks up to 13 July. A total of 22,317 jade lots, 284 gems lots and 355 pearl lots are put on sales. In so doing, lots of pearl were sold on 2 and 3 July and gems lots on 4 July. Pearl and gems lots were sold on the jewellery floor of Myanmar Gems Museum. Jade lots were put on sales through tender from 3 to 9 July and through competitive bidding system from 10 to 13 July at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

With regard to sales of pearl lots, Chairman of Pearl Subcommittee U Sein Lwin explained, "A total of 355 pearl lots were displayed to sell 313 lots through tender and 42 lots through competitive bidding system. In reality, the special sales sold 251 lots of pearl through tender and 37 lots through competitive bidding system, totaling 288 lots, accounting for 81 per cent. Among 269 State-owned pearl lots, 235 lots could be sold. The remaining pearl lots were displayed by four companies."

Gem lots were also sold through tender and competitive bidding system. Of the, 38 lots of gem lots could be put on sales. The 2010 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium as the first time in Nay Pyi Taw sold 31 lots of gems and the 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium as the second time, 30 lots of gems. So, the sales of gem lots at present are larger than the last two.

With the aim of successfully holding the special sales, officials of Myanmar Gems Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines and ministries concerned harmoniously participated in their respective sectors in cooperation with those of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association.

Secretary of MGEA U San Myo explained about cooperation activities of the association at the special sales. He said, "Ten persons from our association including the chairman and the vice-chairman are included in the Central Committee and executives in subcommittees. Staff of the association joined the tasks to weigh the jade and gem stones and more staff members cooperate with personnel of ministries concerned for smooth process of the special sales."

He added, "The Fashion Show and concerts of popular vocalists were presented at the entertainment programme of the special sales to show off various ornaments made of Myanmar jewellery and traditional costumes. Moreover, jewellery ornament shops and souvenir shops are kept open at Mani Yadana Jade Hall under the arrangements of the association."

Various kinds of quality jade lots are systematically displayed in the compound of Mani Yadana Jade Hall. Many local and foreign gem merchants can be seen among jade lots to check these lots.

I had an interview with U Myo Win Thant, gem merchant from Mandalay, who was viewing jade lots. He replied to me, "I arrived at the emporiums held in Nay Pyi Taw. These emporiums benefit the State as well as both sellers and buyers. The buyers may choose the lots as they like due to display of many lots, and sellers may get high prices as the buyers purchase the products in competitiveness. The special sales display the better jade lots for foreign gem merchants especially for Chinese merchants as well as local ones. So, I will attend the more sales without fail."

U Kyaw Thu Aung, a local gem

merchant, said that most of the local gem merchants came from Mandalay. So, they have easier access to Nay Pyi Taw in traveling. They are convenient in accommodation. As foods are available at the Nay Pyi Taw Travel Mart & Food Show, they have enjoyed convenience more than that of the past emporiums.

The emporium hall of Mani Yadana Jade Hall was full of local and foreign gem merchants. The shops around the hall sell ornaments decorated with Myanmar jewellery and souvenirs. I saw gem merchants at the shops. With regard to sales of Mani Sattru Nawarat Rings and Ornament Shop of Maung Maung Hsan Jewellery Co Ltd, a responsible person said, "We have been opening the shop since gems emporiums held at Myanmar Gems Mart in Yangon. Due to sales at the emporium, we gain Chinese gem merchants as our customers. Moreover, foreign merchants prefer higher quality stone sculpture made of jewellery." At present, the shops displays over 50 sorts of rare gems from Mogok and ornaments made of Myanmar jade and sculptures.

In fact, ruby and sapphire from Mogok gems land, Myanmar jade from Phakant gems land and South Sea Pearl from Myanmar sea are rare and famous across the world. The State manages Myanmar Gems Emporiums on the Myanmar land to sell precious Myanmar jewellery at appropriate prices. Likewise, efforts are to be made for developing the Myanmar gems and jewellery market at home.

The Central Committee for the Emporium is striving for gaining greater progress of the emporiums one after another and successfully holding the international standard special sales. As a result, the special sales could display the largest number of jade, gems and pearl lots among the emporiums and provides necessary assistance for convenience of about 10,000 local and foreign merchants. On my tour of the special sales, I witnessed happiness of gem merchants in viewing jade, gems and pearl lots.

Translation: TTA



Gem merchants check jade lots at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011.

ROK media men conclude visit



Korean media men visits Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

YANGON, 9 July—The visiting media group from the Republic of Korea under “Exchange Visit of ASEAN-Korea Media People 2011” this morning visited Shwedagon Pagoda and looked round religious edifices in the precinct. In the afternoon, the Korean media men visited National Museum on Pyay Road and left for home in the evening.

MNA



Two men hijack armoured car in Michigan

STERLING HEIGHTS, 9 July—Two masked men hijacked an armoured car in a Detroit suburb Friday and then abandoned it, emptied of cash, police said. The hijackers seized the Total Armoured Car vehicle as it was waiting outside a Michigan Treasury Department office in Sterling Heights around 9:20 am, Chief Michael Reese told the *Detroit Free Press*.

One of the two armoured car employees was inside the office making a pickup when the men entered from the rear and ordered the driver out at gunpoint, Reese said. No one was injured.

The thieves wore black masks and black caps, *The Macomb Daily* reported.

The vehicle was found about an hour later in Troy. Reese said police were looking for a 2005 to 2008 red Chevrolet Impala they suspect was the getaway car.

Since the armoured vehicle had made several pickups and dropoffs, police told *The Detroit News* they were still trying to determine how much money it had carried.—*Internet*

Vehicles wade through the waterlogged street after heavy monsoon rain in Rawalpindi, an adjacent city of Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 8 July, 2011.
XINHUA

Officials of Bulgaria's national customs agency attend a news conference in Haskova, Bulgaria, on 7 July, 2011. Bulgarian police and customs officers have seized more than 53 kg of heroin at the country's Kapitan Andreevo checkpoint near the border with Turkey, officials said here on Thursday.—XINHUA

Union EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe received Vice-President Mr Bi Yaxiong of China Three Gorges Corporation and Assistant President Mr Edward Shen of Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation and party from People's Republic of China at the ministry

here on 7 July.

They held discussions on mutual cooperations with the ministry.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Electric Power Department U Khin Maung Zaw, Managing Director of Electricity Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung and officials.—MNA

Plane crash kills 127 in DR Congo

KINSHASA, 9 July— An airliner crashed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Friday as it tried to land in bad weather, killing 127 people, the country's transport ministry said.

Fifty-one people on board the plane, operated by DRC's Hewa Bora Airways, survived the crash, which

occurred at the airport of Kisangani, a city in the country's northeast, according to the ministry.

The ministry added that the airline had underestimated the total number of people on board earlier in the day and had also reported an incorrect number of casualties and survivors.

Xinhua

Frankfurt-bound Flight diverted to Cleveland due to suspicious passenger

CHICAGO, 9 July— Airport officials confirmed that a United Airlines flight headed from Chicago to Frankfurt, Germany, made an emergency landing in Cleveland Friday afternoon, because of an unruly passenger, according to a report of Fox 8 News.

According to Jackie Mayo, spokesperson for Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the pilot diverted the flight

to Cleveland after a passenger, who has been acting suspiciously on board, refused to comply with the flight crew's request to settle down.

United Airlines said Flight 944, which was en route to Frankfurt from Chicago O'Hare Airport, landed in Cleveland at about 5:30 pm (2130 GMT) Friday.

Cleveland police officers and FBI detectives responded and removed the

passenger from the plane. The suspect is in the custody of Cleveland police.

Mayo said she did not know if he had been charged and was not aware of any injuries.

The plane was then refueled and cleared to continue its journey to Frankfurt, but as of 8 pm (2400 GMT), the flight had still not departed from Hopkins International Airport.

Xinhua

Robbers breach roof, take \$1m in cash

SOUTH ELMONTE, 9 July—Three robbers entered a California armoured-car office through the roof, tied up employees and stole up to \$1 million meant for ATMs, authorities said Friday.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau has taken over the case in

South El Monte, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reported.

Lt Kent Wegener said the thieves broke into Commonwealth International Inc around 7:30 pm Thursday, slid down a rope, blindfolded the employees and looted the vault. They left their victims tied up but

unhurt.

Sgt Steve Ruiz said one of the staff managed to call the sheriff around 8:43 pm from inside.

Forensic experts are searching the scene for fingerprint and DNA evidence, Wegener said.

“There was a significant amount of money taken. They are doing an audit to determine just how much,” said Steve Whitmore, a sheriff's spokesman.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported Commonwealth is owned by current and former local law enforcement officers.

Internet



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MOROTAI VOY NO (160)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (160) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.7.2011 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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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11013) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Guardi work sets Venice auction benchmark

VENICE, 9 July — A view of Venice by the 18th Century painter Francesco Guardi has fetched more money at auction than any other painting depicting the Italian city. Venice, a View of the Rialto Bridge, Looking North, from the Fondamenta del Carbon was sold to an anonymous bidder for £26.7m at Sotheby's in London. It was the highest price paid for any work of art sold at an international auction house so far in 2011.

It also set a new auction record for Guardi, a con-

temporary of Canaletto's. According to Sotheby's Alex Bell, the "monumental" work - measuring 115 cm by 199.5 cm - is "one of Francesco Guardi's greatest masterpieces". The sale, he added, had set "a new auction benchmark, not just for the artist but for any view painting". The previous highest price for a Venetian view painting was set in 2005 when Canaletto's Venice - The Grand Canal from Palazzo Balbi sold for £18.6m.

Internet



The painting is one of four Venetian views executed by Guardi in the late 1760s.—INTERNET

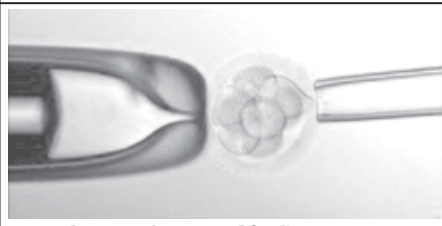
'Giant wombat' skeleton found in Australia's Queensland

NEW SOUTH WALES, 9 July — Scientists in Australia have found the skeleton of a "giant wombat" which lived some two million years ago. The plant-eating marsupial would have been the size of a four-wheel drive car and weighed three tonnes, experts say. Its bones were found on a farm in north-eastern Australia's Queensland state. The find is one of Australia's most significant prehistoric discoveries ever because the skeleton is complete, experts say.

It is the first time a complete skeleton of a Diprotodon optatum has been uncovered.

The animal was widespread across Australia about 50,000 years ago, when it is believed the first indigenous people lived. Prof Mike Archer, a professor of biological science at the University of New South Wales, described the discovery as extraordinary. "We found the most gigantic marsupial ever known," he told the BBC.

Internet



IVF embryos can be screened for diseases.—INTERNET

Non-invasive embryo gene screen

STOCKHOLM, 9 July — Fertility doctors say they have found a non-invasive way to screen IVF embryos for genetic abnormalities. The current method involves taking cells from the embryo itself, which experts fear may be harmful. Now UK researchers say it is possible to run the same checks on cells surrounding the fertilised egg that are normally thrown away. The test could tell a woman if her baby was likely to have a condition like Down's syndrome. It would not only be less invasive, but cheaper too.

Lead researcher Elpida Fragouli, from Oxford University, said: "In the ovary, the eggs are surrounded by a cloud of tiny cells, known as cumulus cells. "Cumulus cells are

routinely stripped off eggs during IVF treatments and are usually discarded, so it should be straightforward to obtain them for analysis." Dr Fragouli's team examined cumulus cells from 26 women undergoing genetic screening prior to IVF treatment.

Internet

Shark fishing banned in the Bahamas

NASSAU, 9 July — The Bahamas has banned shark fishing in its waters and prohibited the sale, import and export of shark products. The new law will effectively turn all 630,000 sq km (243,000 square miles) of the nation's territorial waters into a shark sanctuary. The ban was approved by Agriculture Minister Larry Cartwright in the capital, Nassau, on Tuesday. The archipelago joins Honduras, the Maldives and Palau in outlawing shark fishing. The government also increased shark-fishing fines from \$3,000 (£1,900) to \$5,000. Sharks are considered at risk due to demand for their fins in Chinese cuisine - some 73 million of the sea predators are killed each year, environmentalists say.

In 1993 the Bahamas banned long-line fishing,



Health concerns have fuelled Europe's drive for better food labelling.—INTERNET

EU targets meat origins with new food labelling

LONDON, 9 July — European consumers will have to be told where most of their meat comes from under new EU food labelling rules set to become law soon. Euro-MPs backed the wide-ranging rules in a vote on Wednesday. Beef currently has country-of-origin labelling, but the plan is to extend that to poultry, pork and lamb too. A standard label including information about energy content, fats, sugar and salt is set to become mandatory for pre-packed food sold across the EU.

In recent weeks food safety has been a hot topic in Europe because of an E. coli outbreak that has claimed 49 lives in Germany. Bean sprouts from an organic farm in Lower

Saxony were blamed, but the origin is now believed to be contaminated fenu-greek seeds imported from Egypt. The crisis highlighted the complexity of Europe's food chain and the need for traceability. The new labelling rules were under discussion long before the German emergency, however.

Internet



Adm Alvaro Echandia said the Navy had miscalculated the amount of cocaine found.—INTERNET

Colombian Navy 'miscalculated size of cocaine haul'

BOGOTA, 9 July — The Colombian Navy says it miscalculated the amount of cocaine it found in the port city of Cartagena in May, believed at the time to have been one of the biggest seizures ever. Head of the navy Alvaro Echandia said testing had revealed only 16kg (35lb) hidden in a shipment of brown sugar. Originally, the navy had estimated the cocaine seizure at 12 tonnes.

Initial tests had shown a high drug concentration in the sugar, which later tests did not bear out, he said. But Adm Echandia said the navy was still satisfied with the seizure. On 23 May, sniffer dogs had alerted their handlers to the presence of the drug in a shipment of 33,000 packs of brown sugar destined for Veracruz, Mexico.—Internet



Some 40 species of sharks inhabit the waters of the Atlantic Ocean archipelago.—INTERNET

which limited shark fishing and protected 40 species of sharks inhabiting its waters. But shark fishing was not banned outright, and when a local seafood company announced last year that it planned to export shark meat and fins to Hong Kong, activists called for a new law to be introduced. Environmentalists welcomed the ban. Neil McKinney, president of the Bahamas National Trust, which manages the country's resources, said sharks played an extremely important role in balancing the ecosystem.—Internet



The Diprotodon optatum was an immense, hippo-sized beast.—INTERNET



A model displays a credit card-sized wireless keyboard in Hong Kong, south China, on 6 July, 2011. The mini wireless keyboard invented by a company from south China's Guangdong Province was promoted at an exhibition in Hong Kong on Wednesday. The keyboard has the functions of a mouse, a touch pad, a remote controller and a laser pen.

Coke machines offer 120 varieties

Coca-Cola officials said new machines at Florida Burger King locations offering more than 120 varieties of beverages "are the iPods of fountain machines."

Dan Redler, senior customer marketing manager for Coca-Cola, said the Coca-Cola Freestyle machines, installed at Florida Burger King stores and other

locations including Pei Wei Asian Diners and Miami Subs Grill, offer 125 different varieties of Coke products, including rare flavors such as Coke with orange and Sprite with peach, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported on Friday.

"These machines are the iPods of fountain machines," Redler said. He said the company found most machines have each of the 125 varieties chosen at least once per month.

Charles Davis, 61, a customer at the Fort Lauderdale Burger King, said he was surprised by the touch screens. "It's going to take time to get used to these," he said.



Prince William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

Eatery names hot dog for Will and Kate

A Los Angeles restaurant is celebrating a visit to the city by Prince William and wife Kate with a hot dog inspired by the couple. Richard Pink, owner of Pink's Hot Dogs, said the "Royal Dog," created in honour of Will and Kate's upcoming weekend visit to Los Angeles, consists of two hot dogs on one bun with mustard, cheese, onions, pickle relish, two slices of bacon and a "spot" of Pink's chili, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday.

Pink said the menu item, which costs \$6 or a "mere trifle at 3.73 pounds," could become a permanent fixture if it proves popular with customers. Pink said he is hoping the royal couple will become the latest celebrities to visit his eatery.

"I'm hoping they will," Pink said "They are a very hip and good-looking young couple, and that's who likes to come to Pink's."

NJ man stole Picasso in San Francisco

San Francisco police said a New Jersey man stole a Pablo Picasso pencil drawing from a gallery the day after he arrived in town.

Police Chief Greg Suhr said Mark Lugo, 30, arrived in San Francisco from Hoboken, NJ, Monday and took Picasso's "Tete de Femme (Head of a Woman)" from the Weinstein Gallery the following day, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday.

Investigators said they found Lugo at a Napa apartment complex where he was staying with friends and the 1965 sketch, which the gallery was in the process of selling for more than \$200,000, was recovered. Lugo was arrested at 9:30 pm Wednesday.

Lugo was believed to be working alone and was preparing to have the painting shipped to an unidentified person, police said.

News Album

Anderson to star in 'Great Expectations'



American actress Gillian Anderson attends the premiere of "The Eagle" at Empire, Leicester Square in London on 9 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Havisham in a small-screen adaptation of the literary classic "Great Expectations," PBS announced. Based on Charles Dickens' novel of the same name, the TV movie is to be a PBS/BBC co-production.

David Suchet and Ray Winstone are to co-star as Jaggers and Magwitch, respectively, in the production, which is to air in April 2012, during the bicentennial of Dickens' birth. "I can't wait to see Gillian delicately sink her teeth into the role of the beautiful, mysterious and

manipulative Miss Havisham. She's one of the most intriguing female characters in literature," Masterpiece executive producer Rebecca Eaton said in a statement Friday. "Gillian's hypnotic portrayal of Lady Dedlock in 'Bleak House' showed that she and Dickens are a perfect match."

"Great Expectations" is to begin filming in London this month. Anderson is best known for her work in the TV series "The X-Files," for which she won an Emmy in 1997.—INTERNET



Paris Hilton

Liz Taylor's LA mansion sold to unnamed buyer

LONDON, 9 July—The Los Angeles mansion where the late actress Elizabeth Taylor lived the last years of her life has been sold to an unnamed buyer. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the four-bedroom property, which is located in Bel Air, has been sold for an undisclosed sum.

The 7,000-sq-ft estate was listed on the market for 8.6million dollars in May 2011, just two months after Taylor succumbed to congestive heart failure. The property, purchased in 1981, boasts a maid's quarters, as well as a bathroom with a sauna, a koi pond with a waterfall and a hothouse for orchids.—INTERNET

Paris Hilton doesn't copy style!

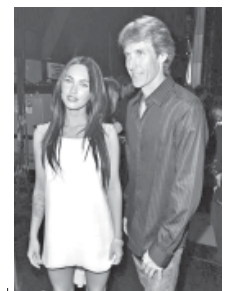
LONDON, 9 July—Socialite Paris Hilton is inspired by the style of Oprah Winfrey, Kate Moss and Audrey Hepburn, but insists she never tries to copy anyone else. "I have always admired Marilyn Monroe, because the camera loved her. Audrey Hepburn, for being so classic, and Kate Moss. I have always looked up to Martha Stewart and Oprah Winfrey," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Hilton as saying. "There's a lot that goes into this. It didn't just happen. I've worked for fifteen years. I'm very fun, and I'm very daring. I don't copy anybody. I'm like my own Barbie doll!," she said.—INTERNET

Megan Fox's love for blonde hair

LONDON, 9 July—Actress Megan Fox says she always wanted blonde hair because she thinks lighter tresses are more exotic.

The "Transformers" star also admits she has always envied tresses of stars like Pamela Anderson when she was a young girl, reports contactmusic.com.

"I always wanted to be blonde when I was little, like Barbie and Pamela Anderson, but it would really damage my hair," she said.



Actress Megan Fox

It was exotic to me, as my entire family has dark hair. If I did it, I would go white blonde - really platinum," she added.—INTERNET

Rowling hints more 'Potter' to come

LONDON, 9 July—British author JK Rowling says she hasn't ruled out revisiting her Harry Potter characters again someday. Rowling chronicled the adventures of the fictional wizard-in-training in seven blockbuster novels, which have spawned eight films.

She has said in the past she wrapped up the saga with her seventh book. However, at Thursday's London premiere of the final movie, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," Rowling hinted she might have more stories to tell about Harry and his friends. The Daily Telegraph quoted Rowling as telling fans she has no immediate plans to revisit the world she created for "Potter," but would "never say never." "It is my baby and if I want to bring it out to play again, I will," she added.—INTERNET



British author JK Rowling attends the World premiere of "Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows Part 2" in London on 7 July, 2011.—INTERNET

World Cup no longer dream, say England veterans

DRESDEN, 9 July — Veterans Faye White and Kelly Smith insisted on Friday that hopes of winning the Women's World Cup were no longer just a dream for England. England topped Group B



England's veterans Kelly Smith(L), and Faye White insisted Friday that hopes of winning the Women's World Cup were no longer just a dream for England.— INTERNET

to advance to the last eight for the third time where they will clash with long-time rivals France, who qualified second from Group A, on Saturday. France are a team which England have not beaten in 37 years, but Smith believes they have the measure of their rivals.

"We feel we're getting better and better. France are an excellent side but we're also coming into our own with the three games we played," said Smith, England's leading all time scorer with 43 goals. "I don't think we're looking at the statistics. We last played them in 2007, got a draw which put us through to the World Cup, that was the last international match against them." Smith, 32, said that two-time champions Germany were the obvious favourites.

Internet

Germany towering favorite over Japan in quarters

WOLFSBURG, 9 July — Germany is towering over Japan in the Women's World Cup quarterfinals with a height advantage nearly as big as the home field advantage. The sellout crowd of 26,000 will be cheering for the host team on Saturday as the nation has done since the tournament started two weeks ago. And with its penchant for lethal headers, Germany should have a distinct advantage over the much smaller Japanese.

The Asian side is renowned for passing combinations and quickness. But when England used a physical game in the last group game, Japan lost 2-0. Germany, too, is expected to step up with bold challenges. The winner will meet either Sweden or Australia in Frankfurt in the semifinal on Wednesday.

Internet



Germany's Kerstin Garefrekes, left, scores the opening goal during the group A match between France and Germany at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Moenchengladbach, Germany.— INTERNET

SPORTS

Man Utd and Smalling tie up five-year deal

LONDON, 9 July—Manchester United defender Chris Smalling has agreed a new five-year deal following his successful debut season with the club, it was confirmed on Friday.

The England under-21 international, seen as a long-term successor to either Rio Ferdinand or

Nemanja Vidic, enjoyed an outstanding year at Old Trafford after joining from Fulham.

He quickly impressed Sir Alex Ferguson, who has acted swiftly to tie up the Londoner's service with the Premier League champions until the end of the 2015/2016 season.

Internet

3 years later, Marta gets another shot at Solo

DRESDEN, 9 July—Bent at the waist, her back to the goal, Marta buried her face in her hands. Her left-footed blast from 6 yards



Brazil players huddle during a training session in preparation for a quarterfinal match against the United States during the Women's Soccer World Cup in Dresden, Germany.— INTERNET

looked certain to be a winner, the goal that would give Brazil's women the Olympic gold medal and their first title at a major

tournament. How, Marta would ask afterward, did she not score? Hope Solo, that's how. "I just remember Marta being point-blank cracking it, and Hope stretching out and getting a hand on it," US captain Christie Rampone said. "Seeing it out of the corner of your eye, yeah, you think it's going in. It gave us that adrenaline going forward."

Fired up by Solo's highlight-reel save, the Americans would go on to claim their second straight Olympic gold medal in Beijing.

Internet

Cavendish wins 7th stage of crash-marred Tour

CHATEAUXROUX, 9 July — Mark Cavendish captured the crash-marred seventh stage on Friday in the same town where three years ago he won a Tour de France stage for the first time. Thor Hushovd kept the leader's yellow jersey. A pileup toward the end of the 135-mile course across the Loire River valley cost British champion Bradley Wiggins any shot of a top-three finish in Paris. Team Sky's leader crashed out of the race with what the team said was a broken collarbone.

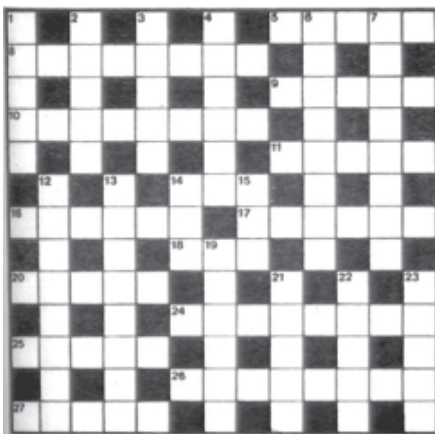
Cavendish, who rides for HTC-Highroad, sprinted out of the speeding pack in the last few hundred yards, beating fellow sprint specialists Alessandro Petacchi and Andre Greipel to the finish. Cavendish also won the sprint in Chateauxroux in 2008, the first of his 17 Tour de France stage victories.— Internet



Stage winner Mark Cavendish of Britain

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 5 Nautical miles
- 8 Gave notice to
- 9 Once more
- 10 Shoulder-tap in conferring knight-hood
- 11 Feed with fuel
- 14 Beverage
- 16 Fast (Mus.)
- 17 Begins
- 18 Deer
- 20 Pick-me-up
- 24 Depict heraldically
- 25 Ethical
- 26 Accuse publicly
- 27 Irritable

DOWN

- 1 Manager of a house of ill-fame
- 2 Small spot
- 3 Foolish
- 4 Interfere
- 6 Patching (anag.)
- 7 Pieces of cheap jewellery
- 12 Coal-tar derivative
- 13 Ambitious
- 14 Foot extremity
- 15 Request
- 19 Clinging mollusc
- 21 Arm-joint
- 22 Sea air
- 23 Cynical facial expression

Federer overcomes feisty Portuguese on Davis Cup return

BERNE, 9 July—Roger Federer came from a set behind to beat feisty Portuguese Rui Machado, ranked 90 places below him, as he made his Davis Cup return for Switzerland after an absence of nearly two years on Friday.

Federer, playing in front of a crowd which produced the occasional yodel but where cow

bells were noticeably absent, faced 14 break points and produced 48 unforced errors in his 5-7 6-3 6-4 6-2 win.

His win gave Switzerland a 2-0 lead on the first day of the European zone tie after Stanislas Wawrinka had beaten Frederico Gil in the opening match.

Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland

Serbia strong favorites in Sweden, US host Spain

LONDON, 9 July — Defending champions Serbia will be huge favorites to reach the Davis Cup semi-finals this weekend as newly-crowned Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic returns to action against Sweden.

Even without Djokovic, Serbia would be massively fancied in Halmstad where Sweden

are without world number five Robin Soderling who is resting a foot injury.

Djokovic, who rose to world No1 for the first time this week, will play Friday's second singles match against fellow 24-year-old Ervin Leskovic who is 344 places below him on the ATP standings. Viktor Troicki, ranked

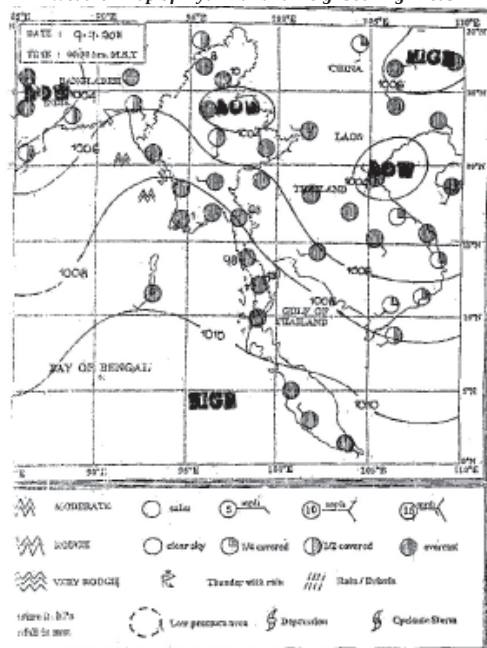
16 in the world, opens against lowly-ranked Michael Ryderstedt.

Internet



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 10th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions / States	Temperature (°C/°F)		Forecast	Symbol
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	32/89	26/78	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	(100%)
2	Kayah	31/88	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)
3	Kayah	31/88	24/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	(80%)
4	Chin	23/73	13/55	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
5	Upper Sagaing	35/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)
7	Tanintharyi	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	(100%)
8	Bago	34/93	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	(100%)
9	Magway	38/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)
11	Moa	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	34/93	24/76	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
13	Rakhine	33/86	23/76	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	(30%)
14	Southern Shan	25/78	18/65	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
16	Eastern Shan	34/92	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
17	Ayeyarwady	31/88	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	(30%)
18	Neighboring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)
19	Neighboring Yangon	34/93	24/76	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)
20	Neighboring Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(30%)

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyarwady Regions, Chin State, scattered in Bago Region, Sitta and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy rain in Tanintharyi Region and Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Laungmye (10.14) inches, Mafon (4.82) inches, Dawei (3.89) inches, Paung (3.07) inches, Mawlamyethazi (2.48) inches, Myittha (1.77) inches, Phya (1.58) inches and Tada-U (1.50) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is in advance in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for 10-11 days: Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.



Suzann Pettersen of Norway chips to the 17th green as she finishes the delayed second round of the Women's US Open golf tournament at the Broadmoor Golf Club on Saturday, 9 July, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colo.—INTERNET

OBITUARY

Daw Khin Khin Htun

Aged (83) Years

(Mogoke Yogi)

Room No. 304, Myittar Yeikmon Condo
Natchaung, Dhamadana Road,
Tamwe Township

Daughter of (U Ba Hnan+ Daw Khin Khin) beloved wife of (U Maung Maung Soe), beloved mother of U Thatti (C/E- Semua Shipping Group of Companies) and Daw Moe Thida Htun (Su Gas Shop), beloved grandmother of Mg Yewint Thatti (1st Year N.A-Myanmar Maritime University), Mg Htoo Wint Thatti (Grade 9-B-SHS 1 Dagon) Ma Su Pyae Thatti (Grade 5-C SHS 1 Dagon) passed away peacefully at Shwe Baho Hospital On 9th July 2011 and will be cremated at Yayway cemetery at 5.00 pm on 13th July 2011 Wednesday.

Bereaved family

Myanmar

TV

Sunday,
10 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By
Venerable
Mingun
Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja
Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet
Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:05 am

7. (38) Phyar Mingalar

8:20 am

8. Myanmar
Traditional
Cultural Performing
Arts Competition

8:30 am

9. Documentary

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up of the
Week's
International News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. Myanmar Video
Feature

2:35 pm

7. Songs Variety

2:50 pm

8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. Dance Of National
Races

4:30 pm

4. University of Distance
Education (TV Lectures)
-Second Year
(Philosophy)

4:45 pm

5. Songs for
Upholding
National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Teleplay (Health)

5:00 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm

12. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16: Weather Report

17: Cartoon Series

18: TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(10-7-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST

Oversea Transmission - (10-7-11 09:30 am ~
11-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Wedding Dressing Style
- * News

* MI People's Celebrities "Sai Sai, who has locked his heart"

- * News
- * Let's Grow Trees Together In Monsoon Season
- * News
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- * News
- * Youth of the Future (swimming)
- * News
- * Cash & Kind Donation Ceremony of MPHA
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Safari park: Nay Pyi Taw's Fresh Appeal
- * News
- * Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
- * Myanmar Movies "Life As Parents"

- ★ 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

Unsystematic use of antibiotics the root cause of antimicrobial resistance

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Antibiotics have been in use since around seven decades ago so as to cure epidemic diseases while considerable numbers of new antibiotics were also developed. Antibiotics although effective when they were first introduced, later became resistable much. The antimicrobial resistance was found not only in bacteria but in such

viruses as tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, C and HIV said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin while addressing Workshop on National Strategies for Prevention and Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance at Traders Hotel in Yangon this morning.

The Union Minister added that antimicrobial resistance may lead to a number of consequential

problems, and the epidemics caused by antibiotic-resistant viruses are more serious and can transmit more quickly. So, expensive medicines of high quality must be used, with the time for the treatment taking longer and the medical expenses much higher, resulting in the rise in the medical expenditure of individual patient, individual family as well as the nation.

He noted that the root cause of antimicrobial resistance is unsystematic application of antibiotics. Moreover, unsystematic use and excessive use of antibiotics in farming is also the major cause of antimicrobial resistance.

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Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw packed with gem merchants.

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales crowded with gem merchants

Article & Photos: Yan Gyi Aung

The Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for July 2011 has commenced at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. The jade hall where the special sales is being held is packed with local and foreign gem merchants.

The gem merchants are especially interested in the special sales which is for the third time in Nay Pyi Taw displaying larger lots of jade, gems and pearl than that of previous gems emporiums. A total of 4744 gem merchants from China, Hong Kong,

India, Japan, Singapore and Russia bought Myanmar jade, gems and pearl lots. Among various countries, China was the largest number of gem merchants to the sales; and altogether 4706 gem merchants from 1645 jewellery companies of China including Hong Kong Autonomous Region are attending the sales. Likewise, 4622 gem merchants from 1064 domestic jewellery companies are attendees among 9366 local and foreign gem merchants.

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