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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

Industrial Development Committee holds Meeting 2/2011

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Myanmar is working hard for industrialization through agricultural development in compliance with the guideline of the President, said Chairman of the Committee for Industrial Development Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein at Meeting (2/2011) of the committee at the Ministry of Industry-2 there yesterday.

He said that only with industrial development will there be technological development, poverty alleviation, more and more job opportunities, and national economic development. Tasks are to be supervised systematically for raising the private sector and public sector and the role of the industrial zones, and in that regard, the Union government, Region and State governments and private associations have to try their best with strong determination.

He called for greater development of related subcommittees to scale up industrial development.

Members of the committees, electric power and industrial ministers from Regions and States, and officials of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held talks sector-wise.



Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein delivers a speech at Meeting (2/2011) of Industrial Development Committee.

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Giving concluding remarks, the Union minister stressed the importance of capitals for small- and medium-scale industries, setting up ISO standard to

compete with other countries in products, and expediting the processes.

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Lancet Series on Health in Southeast Asia, landmark in Myanmar history of medicine



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin speaking at launching ceremony of Lancet Series on Health in Southeast Asia.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Lancet Series on Health in Southeast Asia is a landmark in the Myanmar history of medicine, as well as the first step in Southeast Asia, and it indicates present conditions in the health sector and related facts and creates opportunities to improve the health standard of the nation, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the launching ceremony jointly organized by

the Ministry of Health and China Medical Board at Thingaha Hotel here this morning.

The Ministry of Health is taking effective measures for eliminating newborn lockjaw and measles and prevention and control of communicable and incommunicable diseases, and is working hard to improve health care for the entire people throughout the country irrespective of wealth, he said. The report

shows strengths and weaknesses of the projects and states proper methods in connection with development of human resources in the health sector and funds on health care.

Southeast Asian countries have their strong and weak points according to the social affairs, location, religious affairs and economic conditions, but they can cooperate with each other in the health sector, he said. The report states the whole health system from various points of view, and therefore it suggests that regional countries work more closely in the field of health. In particular, cross-border health problems, disease prevention and control, sharing health sources and cooperation, and that is the theme of the meeting, he said.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, heads of department, professors, specialists, Dr Piya Hanvoravongchai of Faculty of Tropical Medicine of Chulalongkorn University and CMB Foundation Southeast Asia Programme, Professor Virasakdi Chongsuvivatwong from Hat Yai Prince of Sangkla University in Thailand, and Professor Richard Coker of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, CDPRC, and guests.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Fullmoon Day of Waso, significance of Buddhists

Today, the Fullmoon Day of Waso, 1373 Myanmar Era, was designated by Buddhists as Dhammaçakka Pavattana Day.

The Fullmoon Day of Waso associates with the four great noble and significant events. On that holy day, the Buddha-to-be entered the womb of His mother Queen Maya; the Buddha-to-be renounced the world; and the Gotama Buddha preached Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta to His five disciples.

In the sermon, the Lord Buddha expounded the Middle Way (Majjhima Patipada) that avoided the two extreme-Kama Sikkhallikanuyoga which means indulgence in sensual pleasures and Attakilamathanuyoga which means self-mortification. Four Noble Truths are included in Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta administered at Migadawun Deer Park by the Lord Buddha to His five disciples on the Fullmoon Day of Waso.

Buddhist Myanmar people held Waso robe-offering ceremony and Waso flower-offering ceremony on the month of Waso traditionally.

Members of the Sangha observe the rains retreat period at the proper venues beginning 1st Waning of Waso. The Lord Buddha set specific rules to be followed by members of the Sangha during the retreat.

According to the decree of the Lord Buddha, the first month of rain retreat period was designated as the month of Waso. At that time, there are heavy rains for many times, and water levels at creeks and rivers are at full brims.

On Fullmoon Day of Waso, Buddhist devotees take Sabbath, donate Waso robes to members of the Sangha and offer oil lamps as part of performing meritorious deeds and disperse Metta to all the living beings.

RUMFCCI President meets Israeli Ambassador

YANGON, 14 July — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and party met Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yaron Mayer and Mr. Doron Landau of Myanmar Israel Business Association at RUMFCCI Office on 9 July.

The meeting focused on signing of MoU on bilateral trade and economic cooperation, agricultural technological transfer and sending of trainees to Israel, cooperation in development of information technology and Israel 2011 Exhibition & Conference to be held in Israel on November.

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Peoples' Dharma

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

Union F&R Minister meets KPX Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Chairman Mr. Bongsoo Kim of Korea Exchange (KRX) at his office here this morning.

They discussed matters related to

cooperation in development of capital market in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.

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Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun receives Mr Bongsoo Kim and party of Korea Exchange (KRX).

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Union Minister presents at work coordination meeting



Union Minister for Electric Power-2 U Khin Maung Soe delivering speech at work coordination meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Union Minister for Electric Power-2 U Khin Maung Soe addressed the work coordination meeting of the ministry here yesterday morning.

After hearing reports presented by Region/State Engineers (Electrical) and financial officials in charge on administration, fiscal programme, store keeping and engineering work and ongoing tasks, and supplementary reports by Deputy Minister U Aung Than Oo, Director-

General of the Department of Electric Power U Khin Maung Zaw, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung and departmental heads, the Union Minister left instructions on systematic power distribution, timely running of power plants under the ministry, and hitting target for income and planning to reduce arrears in 2011-2012 fiscal year, and widely giving educative talks on electric shock for public safety.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Principal U Hla Myo of Mandalay Cooperative College of Cooperative Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Maw Tha Htwe of the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

Meeting on catching attention of tourists held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Myanmar Tourism Services of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism held a meeting at Ayeeyar Resort Hotel in NyaungU on 12 July. In order to catch attention from tourists, General Manager U Win Hlaing of MTS in meeting with responsible persons there he called for upgrading of vehicles standard, making sure the logo set by the ministry and hotline numbers of enquiry complaints lost and found department, and e-mail and website addresses to be placed in the vehicles, setting fair price, quality services and accommodation of hotels and resorts, making beautifying tasks tour regions and cleaning public toilets, and finding further tourist destinations.—MNA



Afghan people stand near the bodies of civilians who were allegedly killed in an overnight raid in Matoon village on the outskirts of Khost in Matoon, Afghanistan, 14 July, 2011. A local government official in eastern Afghanistan says NATO troops killed seven civilians in an overnight raid.

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Afghan officials say NATO raid killed six civilians

KABUL, 14 July—Government officials in eastern Afghanistan accused NATO troops on Thursday of killing six civilians in an overnight raid, and more than 1,000 people poured into the streets in anger.

The military alliance said the joint patrol with Afghan forces in Khost Province killed six fighters from a militant group allied with the Taliban known as the Haqqani network and injured one civilian.

"I don't have any indication that we killed civilians," Capt Justin Brockhoff told *The Associated Press*.

The raid took place in the village of Toora Worai in an area known as Matoon, about four miles (seven kilometers) from the provincial capital of Khost City.

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8 people wounded in bomb attacks in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 14 July—Eight people were wounded in two roadside bomb attacks in Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala on Thursday, a provincial police source told *Xinhua*.

A roadside bomb struck a police patrol in the town of Sadiyah, some 130 km northeast of Baghdad, damaging a police vehicle and wounding two policemen aboard and four passers-by, a source from Diyala's operations command said on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged three nearby houses and several civilian cars, the source said.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off at the gate of an orchard in the town of al-Abbarah, near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, wounding the orchard owner and his son, the source said. Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border in the east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other insurgent groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.—*Xinhua*

Industrial park explosion kills five in eastern Britain

LONDON, 14 July—Five people were killed and another seriously injured on Wednesday in an explosion at an industrial unit in Lincolnshire, in eastern Britain.

Police, fire fighters and ambulance crews were called to the site. The cause of accident was still under investigation.

"Inquiries are ongoing and will be ongoing throughout the night to establish the cause of this explosion," a police spokeswoman said.

She added that the



An explosion at an industrial estate in Lincolnshire has killed five men and seriously injured one more, police have said. The blast occurred shortly before 7:30 pm (1830 GMT) at the Broadfield Lane industrial estate in Boston, East Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed.

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circumstances at the moment were still unclear, and that there

would be a full forensic examination of the unit.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Latest blast in Nigeria wounds one soldier

MAIDUGURI, 14 July—A bomb targeting a military patrol has wounded a soldier in northeastern Nigeria, an official said Wednesday, the latest in a spate of nearly daily attacks by suspected militants.

The blast on Tuesday night targeted the convoy in the Bulunkutu area of the City of Maiduguri, which has seen the brunt of the violence blamed on the sect known as Boko Haram and where hundreds of troops have recently been deployed.

"There was an explosion from an improvised explosive device targeted at a



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military convoy coming into the city," said military task force spokesman Colonel Victor Ebhaleme, adding that an armoured vehicle had driven over it.

"It exploded but did not cause any damage to the vehicle, however a soldier outside the armoured tank was injured."

Dozens of deadly attacks and shootings in

recent months have been blamed on the sect, which launched an uprising in 2009 put down by a brutal military assault.

Thousands of residents have fled Maiduguri in recent days fearing further violence linked to such attacks and the military's response, with soldiers accused of targeting civilians in an operation last weekend.

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Afghan civilian casualties rise 15%: UN report

KABUL, 14 July—Afghan civilian casualties rose 15 percent in the first half of this year, the United Nations said in mid-year report released here on Thursday.

"UNAMA (United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan) documented 1,462 civilian deaths in the first six months of 2011, an increase of 15 percent over the same period of 2010," the report said.

The report attributed 80 percent of the civilian deaths in the first six months of this year to the attack of Taliban militants and other armed groups opposing the Afghan government.

Another 14 percent of the deaths were attributed to Pro-Government Forces, down 9 percent from the same period of last year, and 6 percent were unattributed, said the report.

The main trends that led to rising civilian casualties, according to the report, were increased in widespread use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), suicide attacks and intensified campaign of targeted killings, increased ground fighting and a rise in civilian deaths from air strikes.



Afghan children watch a US soldier while patrolling in the mountains of Nuristan Province. The number of civilians killed in the Afghan war during the first six months of 2011 rose 15 percent on a year earlier, the UN mission in the country announced on Thursday.

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Often NATO-led forces use air raids during operations against Taliban militants in Afghanistan.

According to the report, UNAMA had also documented 2,144 injuries in the first half of this year in Afghanistan, which indicates 10 percent increase compared to the first six months of last year.

Xinhua

Four killed in suicide attack in Kandahar City

KANDAHAR, 14 July—Four people were killed on Thursday in a suicide bomb attack in Kandahar City, the capital of southern Afghan Province of Kandahar, an official told *Xinhua*.

The official said on condition of anonymity that a suicide bomber blew himself up inside the mosque where the memorial service of Ahmad Wali Karzai, the late brother of President Hamid Karzai, was underway.

Ahmad Wali Karzai, the head of Kandahar Provincial Council, was assassinated at his home on Tuesday. As a result some mourners including Mawlawi Hekmatullah Hekmat, the head of religious council of Kandahar Province, were killed.—*MNA/Xinhua*



'Lost' rainbow toad rediscovered after 87 years

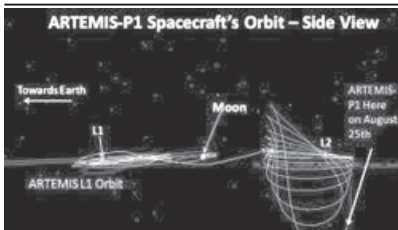
WASHINGTON, 14 July—After months of scouring remote forests in Borneo, researchers spotted three rainbow toads up a tree, snapping the first-ever photographs of this elusive amphibian species that hadn't been seen for 87 years, scientists announced 13 July).

Last seen in 1924, the Bornean rainbow toad (*Ansonia latidisca*) had been listed as one of the world's top 10 most wanted lost frogs, or those that hadn't been seen in at least a decade. Conservation scientists thought the chances of spotting the spindly-legged toad were slim.

In fact, until this rediscovery, scientists had only seen illustrations of the mysterious and long-legged toad existed, after collection by

European explorers in the 1920s. Three individuals of the missing toad, including an adult female, adult male and a juvenile, were documented up three different trees in Penrissen, a region outside the protected area system of Sarawak, which is one of two Malaysian states on the island of Borneo. The toads ranged in size from 1.2 inches (30 millimetres) for the juvenile to 2.0 inches (51 mm) for the adult female. All three sported long, skinny limbs and bright skin pigments. Initial searches by Indraneil Das of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and colleagues took place during evenings after dark along the high rugged ridges of the Gunung Penrissen range of Western Sarawak.

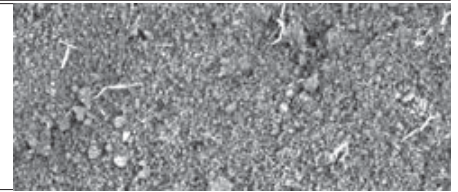
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Side view of the ARTEMIS P1 probe's orbit in 2010 as it cruised around the two Earth-moon Lagrange points. In 2011 it maneuvered into a permanent orbit around the moon.—INTERNET

More carbon dioxide in the atmosphere causes soil to release the potent greenhouse gases methane and nitrous oxide.

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EPA proposes oxide pollution standards

WASHINGTON, 14 July—The US Environmental Protection Agency is proposing new secondary air quality standards to protect the environment from nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides.

The proposal, issued after a careful review of the best available science, builds on EPA efforts already under way to reduce NOx and SOx emissions, the agency said in a release Wednesday.

Nitrogen oxides are

emitted from an array of sources, including vehicles, power plants, off-road equipment, and agricultural sources, while sulfur oxides are emitted from fossil fuel combustion by power plants, large industries, mobile sources, and from some industrial processes, the agency said.

EPA is already taking a number of steps to reduce NOx and SOx emissions, including the recently announced Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.

EPA first established standards for oxides of nitrogen and sulfur in 1971.

To ensure any updated standard is effective, the agency said, it is planning to conduct a field pilot programme to collect and analyze additional data and information.

The EPA said it will accept comments for 60 days after the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register and will issue a final rule by March 2012.

Internet



T-Mobile exclusively launches name-based Caller ID for smartphones

NEW YORK, 14 July—Debuting on the Android-powered myTouch 4G Slide and Samsung Exhibit 4G, T-Mobile is partnering with Cequent to provide customers with Name ID for a fee of \$3.99 a month. Customers can try out the service for free over a 10-day trial as well. When a call comes into the T-Mobile phone, the number is scanned within a database of phone numbers validated by operators. The service then displays the name, city and state of the caller as well as the phone number.

If the number is already stored in the contact list, it displays information related to that contact instead of the information supplied by Cequent. The service from Cequent saves all information from the call on the phone making it simple to add new contacts. The company is hoping that adoption rates will be high for the service, but Android owners already have a free option for call screening with Google Voice. T-Mobile is the first of four major carriers that will be rolling out

the Caller ID service from Cequent.

Cequent faces a barrier from Verizon Wireless to providing a complete service. The company refuses to supply subscriber information for the Cequent database. When a call comes in from a Verizon phone, the T-Mobile phone won't be able to display any information beyond the number. In 2008, Verizon partnered with Cequent on the City ID service. For \$1.99 a month, users can view the city and state of the caller, but not the name. The database features over 20,000 cities and is preloaded on many smartphones.

Cequent shares a split of the \$3.99 monthly fee with T-Mobile, but did not specify the exact percentage. The Name ID service is already available on the Samsung Exhibit 4G and is heading onto the myTouch 4G Slide later this month. More Android smartphones will be added in the coming weeks, but no models have been specifically named by T-Mobile.

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Photo taken on 13 July, 2011 shows a robot used for disaster assistance during a machinery technique exhibition in Tokyo, Japan. The exhibition named ROBOTECH kicked off here Wednesday, presenting lots of machines and robots used for medical treatment, daily life and disaster assistance.

XINHUA

Hackers crack Vodafone's network, can listen to all calls

LONDON, 14 July—The Hacker's Choice (THC), a group of computer security researchers, released surprising news about cellular carrier Vodafone UK. Using standard consumer hardware, THC was able to access Vodafone's internal network and customer equipment. This unprecedented hack was made possible by Vodafone's Sure Signal, a femtocell (think tiny cell tower) customers plug into their home internet connections for better

cell reception.

THC began researching femtocells in 2009. The technology has become popular with cellphone companies like AT&T, which offers a 3G MicroCell, because the home access points mean better service for customers in areas with spotty coverage. THC purchased its femtocell from Vodafone UK and examined how the device communicated to Vodafone's core network. They discovered that because of a flaw in how Vodafone

implemented its system, it gave full access to the network to the femtocell, a device the hackers had full control of. Vodafone also used the same 'newsys' administrator password across all devices.

Vodafone says only a limited number of registered phones are allowed to access each customer's femtocell. The hackers were able to uncap this and let any Vodafone customer phone automatically connect to their device.

Internet



Health



Dirty socks 'could help fight malaria'

DODOMA, 14 July—The odour of dirty socks can be used to lure mosquitoes into a deadly trap before they can spread malaria, a US and Canadian-funded researcher based in Africa said Wednesday.

Dr Fredros Okumu, of the Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania, discovered through an experiment that mosquitoes were more attracted to the odor of filthy feet than to live humans sleeping in the same area.

"We had an experimental house with a human being sleeping inside and a second experimental house with a synthetic mixture," he said.

"We realized that we were getting four times more mosquitoes going into the house with the synthetic mixture," which, when doused with insecticide, killed the bugs.

"When mosquitoes are crossing the compound, they sense something that they think it is a human being. They attempt to bite that person or that device and... instead of getting blood they get killed."

His findings have earned him a \$775,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Canadian NGO Grand Challenges to install the devices in a number of Tanzanian villages to measure their effect on public health.

The devices are to be placed outside homes in order to complement life-saving nets and repellents.

"We were attracted to that idea because it is a bold idea, it's creative, it's innovative," Peter Singer, Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada, said.—*Internet*



An AIDS patient prepares her pill-box with antiretroviral medication at a clinic in Cape Town, South Africa.

Heterosexuals who take daily AIDS drugs reduce the risk of being infected by the human

immunodeficiencyvirus (HIV) by nearly two-thirds, ground-breaking studies have shown less.—INTERNET

Virtual reality' may help in Parkinson's therapy

NEW YORK, 14 July—People with Parkinson's disease are unable to make quick movements, but virtual reality- and physical reality-based therapies may provide the stimulus needed to help them move faster, new research suggests.

In conducting the study, scheduled for publication in the August issue of *the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, researchers assigned tasks to two groups of men and women — one group of Parkinson's patients and another group of age-matched participants without the disease.

Each person was asked to reach for and grab a stationary ball as fast as possible. They were also told to catch balls that were visible for only about one second as they rolled down a ramp. These exercises were completed in normal physical reality and using virtual reality.

In both types of environments, the Parkinson's group had longer movement time and lower peak velocity (speed) when reaching for the stationary ball than those without the disease. However, the researchers found that movement time was much shorter and peak velocity was higher in the faster cueing conditions. The Parkinson's group also showed more improvement than the control group in movement time and peak velocity when given moving targets.

As a result, the people with Parkinson's were able to match the performance of those not suffering from the condition, the study found.

Internet



A wild sparrow, bottom, stays next to a cage with birds at a bird market in Hong Kong on 18 Nov, 2010.

Hong Kong's health secretary said on Thursday there is no increased risk from imported poultry after the territory confirmed its first case of human bird flu in seven years.

York Chow's comments came amid concern that the case involving a woman hospitalized after returning from mainland China threatens public health in Hong Kong.

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Business



Google margins and new social product in spotlight

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 July—Google Inc's profit margins and its newly released social networking service will be in the investor spotlight when the Internet company reports its quarterly results after Thursday's market close.

The world's No 1 Internet search company has boosted spending and embarked on an acquisition spree in recent months as it battles rivals such as Facebook, Apple Inc, Microsoft Corp and Groupon.

Rising expenses ate into Google's profit margin last quarter, sending the company's shares down 8 percent after it reported results. "A declining margin scenario is never good for any stock, no matter how cheap it looks," said Sameet Sinha, an analyst with B Riley & Co.

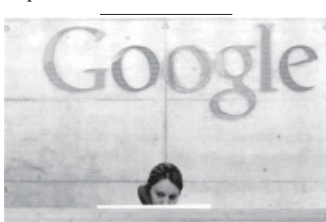
But he noted that the recent launch of Google's new social networking service, dubbed Google+, may take some of the heat off the company for its spending and make Wall Street more comfortable with Google co-founder Larry Page, who took the CEO reins in April.

"Google plus is gaining some good buzz from what I see," Sinha said. "It speaks to Google's ability to continue to

innovate despite its size."

Since Google introduced Google+ in late June, the company's shares have risen roughly 11 percent, closing at \$538.26 on Wednesday.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S are looking for net revenue, which excludes fees Google pays to partner websites, of \$6.54 billion in the second quarter, up 28 percent year-on-year and flat from the first quarter. According to StarMine's SmartEstimate, which places more weight on recent forecasts by top-rated analysts, Google should post adjusted earnings per share of \$7.76, which is 10 cents beneath analysts' average expectation for EPS of \$7.86.—*Reuters*



An employee answers phone calls at the switchboard of the Google office in Zurich.—INTERNET

Citigroup may keep store credit card unit



A Citibank branch is seen in Washington.
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LONDON, 14 July—Citigroup Inc is considering keeping its store credit card business after trying to dispose of the \$41 billion business, *the Financial Times* reported.

The US bank is considering moving the division out of Citi Holdings, where it keeps less important assets, to a place alongside its core

credit card operations, the FT said, citing people familiar with the matter.

The change was prompted by improved credit conditions and uncertainty over the outlook for other consumer businesses such as retail banking and mortgages, the newspaper said.

The FT also said Citi

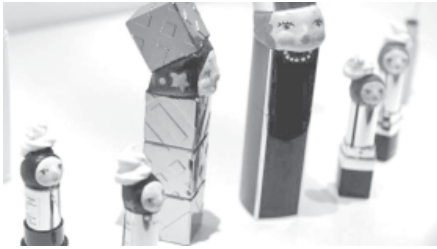
plans to wait until it sells OneMain Financial, its consumer-lending business, and shed or run off other assets in Citi Holdings before deciding on the cards unit.

Citi has had trouble finding buyers for its store card business, which holds portfolios for retailers such as Zale, Home Depot Inc, Macy's Inc and Sears Holdings Corp.

On 7 July, *Reuters* reported that Citi has faced hurdles in selling OneMain, the latest of which involved Moody's Investors Service giving the business a lower preliminary credit rating than what the bank was expecting.

Citi was not available for comment.

Reuters



Artworks are displayed at multimedia artist Maysum's charity exhibition named "Maysum - All You Need is Love" in Hong Kong, south China, on 11 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Central China province to renovate landmark canal amid drought

ZHENGZHOU, 14 July—Authorities in central China's Henan Province will renovate and expand the Hongqi Canal, a key irrigation project and major engineering feat of the 1960s, in order to increase available supplies of drinking water during droughts. Local officials said the renovation is a response to the central government's recent call for the increased expansion of the country's water conservancy networks. The canal was built across the steep Taihang Mountain to bring water to the province's parched Linxian County, which is now known as the City of Linzhou.

It took workers 10 years to build the 71-km-long canal. However, years of improper maintenance have caused the canal to become damaged, and its ability to transport and secure water during severe droughts has become compromised over time, according to Li Taisheng, head of the Linzhou Water Authority.—Xinhua

Ex-deputy charged in murder-for-hire case

NORFOLK, 14 July—A former Virginia Beach, Va, deputy has been charged in a murder-for-hire scheme directed against her ex-husband, a report says. Enid Albertha Collins, 47, allegedly hired a hit man to kill her ex-husband because she wanted to get out of paying child support payments for their twin daughters, *The (Norfolk) Virginian Pilot* reported.

A complaint filed in Norfolk District Court alleges Collins solicited the help of a close friend to help her find a hit man to kill Andre Tyrone Davis. The friend reported the plot to police in April. The court record shows the FBI and Virginia Beach Police had recorded telephone conversations between Collins and the friend talking about the conspiracy in which Collins said she wanted her ex-husband as dead as a doornail.—Internet



Firefighting trucks work at a refinery owned by China National Offshore Oil Corp, located in the Dayawan Economic and Technical Development Zone in Huizhou City, south China's Guangdong Province, on 11 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Three Mumbai bombings minutes apart kill 21, wound 141

MUMBAI, 14 July—Three coordinated bombings tore through the heart of India's busy financial capital during rush hour Wednesday, killing 21 people and wounding 141 in the worst terrorist attack in the country since the 2008 Mumbai siege.

Bloody bodies were strewn in the dirt of Mumbai's crowded neighbourhoods and markets. Doors were ripped off storefronts, motorcycles were charred and a bus stop was shredded. After the blasts in three separate

neighbourhoods, police set up checkpoints and were put on high alert.

The bombings came just months after peace talks resumed between India and Pakistan, which New Delhi has blamed for past attacks.

Arup Patnaik, a top police officer, said the attackers used improvised explosive devices in the attack, hidden in an umbrella in the Jhaveri Bazaar jewelry market and kept in a car in the business district of Opera House.

The third blast in Dadar area was caused

by an explosive device concealed in an electric meter at a bus stop, the *Press Trust of India* news agency said.—Internet



People inspect the blast site in south Mumbai's Zaveri Bazaar, near the famous Mumbadevi temple, India, on 13 July, 2011.

XINHUA

No warnings, clues in deadly triple Mumbai blasts

MUMBAI, 14 July—Indian intelligence agencies received no warnings before the three bomb blasts that killed 21 people in Mumbai, the biggest attack since Pakistani-based militants rampaged through the financial hub in 2008, a top official said on Thursday.

"There was no intelligence regarding a militant attack in Mumbai," Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram told a news conference in Mumbai. "(Maybe those) who perpetrated the attacks worked in a very clandestine manner, maybe a very small group that has not communicated with each other." He said it was too early to point the figure at any particular group, but said the coordinated attacks could be in retaliation to a number of plots stopped by police or the arrests of militants, including members of the Indian Mujahideen, a home-grown group said to have support from militants in Pakistan. Chidambaram said 18 people had died in the triple attacks, lowering an earlier figure of 21. He said 23 out of the 141 injured and admitted to hospitals were in a critical state.—Reuters

India "terror attack"



Three bombs on Wednesday in India's commercial capital Mumbai killed 21 people and injured many more.

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Robbers use a ruse in million-dollar heist

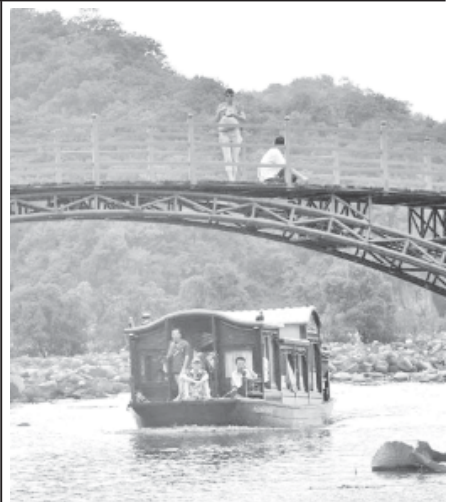
LOS ANGELES, 14 July—The robbers in a \$1 million heist in the Los Angeles area used an elaborate ruse to get into an armoured car firm's vault, law enforcement officials say.

The three robbers who broke through the roof of the Commonwealth International building in South El Monte Thursday allegedly jumped the manager of the armoured car business, blindfolded him, and made him coax two employees into the vault, claiming there had been a false alarm, a law enforcement official told the *Los Angeles Times*.

The official also said the robbers claimed to have shown up because of the false alarm and told the manager police would be arriving shortly. It was unclear as to whether or not they were posing as police officers. The robbers began the heist at 7:30 pm, and once in the vault, they took about 20 minutes to drag the cash to a car outside, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt Ken Wegener.

Wegener also said the company, which handles cash for hundreds of automated teller machines throughout Los Angeles, had security cameras; however, the robbers may have accessed them, removing any footage with them on it.

Internet



Visitors enjoy boating in Puzhehei scenic spot in Qiubei County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 11 July, 2011. In the first half of this year, the 388-square kilometre tourist region received 570,000 visitors. As summer vacation comes, a great quantity of tourists will visit the Puzhehei Karst scenic spot.

XINHUA

Fullmoon of Waso, Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta Day

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The Fullmoon of Waso, the Dhammaçakkapavattana Day falls on 15th July 2011. The Fullmoon Day of Waso associates with the four great noble and significant events related to the precious life of the Omniscient Gotama Buddha. On that holy day, the Buddha-to-be (the Gotama Buddha) took pregnancy in the womb of Queen Maya, wife of His Majesty King Sudhodana of Kapilavasthu Kingdom, and also on that holiday at the age of 29, the Buddha-to-be renounced the world, and after having full attainment of the Buddhahood, the Gotama Buddha preached His first great sermon, Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta to His five disciples, in which He explained the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path, on the Fullmoon Day of Waso. All five disciples received ordination and formed the first nucleus of the holy brotherhood of disciples known as the Sangha.

And also, on the Fullmoon Day of Waso, the Omniscient Buddha performed the great miracle called the Twin Miracle. The reason for this was to dispel the wrong views of heretics, and to prove that He possessed the attributes of a Buddha. It is the miracle of water and fire.

The Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta Day

Over 2550 years ago, the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha preached His first great Sermon,

the Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta to His five disciples (Kondañña and other four) in the Deer park, now known as Saranath, India, on the Fullmoon Day of Waso. In commemoration of this significant and holy event associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples across the Buddhist world celebrate the Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta Day on this Fullmoon Day of Waso by observing precepts delivered by members of the Sangha and respectfully listening to the Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta recited by members of the Sangha.

And also, the generous Buddhist peoples perform meritorious deeds such as offering Waso robes, alms and other offertories to the members of Sangha on the Fullmoon Day of Waso, the Dhammaçakkapavattana Sutta Day.

Rains retreat period, Vassava

Observing the rains retreat period; confining oneself to a specific monastic dwelling for the three-month rainy period.

During the three months of monsoon rains, Bhikkhus go into retreat at a monastery designated before hand at the start of the rainy season. This practice was introduced during the life time of the Buddha. Before the Buddha decreed the rains retreat period, Bhikkhus walked across fields under cultivation. People started to criticize them as some people believed

that plants and even drops of water were living beings. Why is it that the disciples of the Buddha go on travels all the year round and trample young plants and insects into oblivion while even members of other sects do not go on journeys during the rains? Even birds and animals have the good sense to stay in their nests or dens during the rains, people complained. To put an end to this controversy, the Buddha decreed that the rains-retreat period be observed. Rains retreat period may be observed by taking up the designated residence during one of the two periods:-

- (1) Earlier rains retreat period (purimavassava), commencing from the day after the Fullmoon of Waso (roughly corresponding to July) and ending on the Fullmoon day of Thadingyut (roughly corresponding to October);
- (2) Later rains retreat period (paçchimavassava), commencing from the day after the Fullmoon of Wagaung (roughly corresponding to August) and ending on the Fullmoon day of Tazaungmon (roughly corresponding to November).



Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu being welcomed by French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thierry Mathou at reception of Bastille Day held at Inya Lake Hotel on 14 July.
MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister looks into development tasks in Pwintpyu, Sedoktara Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe on 12 July inspected thrashing of paddy plantations and thriving paddy plantations of Myanmar Golden Seeds Co Ltd in Pwintpyu Township. He viewed condition of sluice gate of Mezali diversion weir.

He inspected roadwork of Salin-Sedoktara Road near milepost No. 32/5, construction of detour near Magyisu

Village between mileposts Nos 32/2 and 33/3 and bridge construction sites.

Next, he met township administrators and responsible persons at Sedoktara Township Administrator's Office.

The Chief Minister then visited Kyeeyohn Kyeewa multipurpose dam project near Wunlo Village and inspected the project site.—MNA



Photo taken on 13 July, 2011 shows the Airbus A320 Family Final Assembly Line in China (FALC) in Tianjin Municipality, north China. Till now, the Airbus 320 assembly line in Tianjin, the first for Airbus outside Europe, has assembled and delivered 55 Airbus A320 series planes, which include 18 A320s in this year.—XINHUA

Advice to drink 8 glasses of water a day 'thoroughly debunked nonsense'

LONDON, 14 July—A medical practitioner has argued that the recommendation to drink six to eight glasses of water a day to prevent dehydration "is not only nonsense, but is thoroughly debunked nonsense."

There is currently no clear evidence of the benefit from drinking increased amounts of water, yet the "we-don't-drink-enough-water" myth has endless advocates including the

NHS, claimed GP Margaret McCartney.

The NHS Choices website states: "Try to drink about six to eight glasses of water (or other fluids) a day to prevent dehydration."

While many schools also feel it appropriate to insist that pupils are accompanied to school by a water bottle, other organizations, often with vested interests, reinforce this message, she said. For example, Hydration for Health (created by French food giant Danone -

makers of bottled waters including Volvic and Evian) recommends 1.5 to 2 litres of water daily as "the simplest and healthiest hydration advice you can give."

It also claims that, "even mild dehydration plays a role in the development of various diseases."

But McCartney disagreed that that there is no high quality published evidence to support these claims.

Internet

5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011 goes on



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan enjoys football match between Information Ministry Team and Culture Ministry Team in first round match of 5th Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The first round matches of the 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011 continued at the designated places this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, departmental heads under the Ministry of Information and the Ministry

of Culture, officers, staff members and family members.

At No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Defence trounced Ministry of Foreign Affairs 8-0. Ministry of Information routed Ministry of Culture 6-2 at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground. Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Ministry of Forestry played a goalless draw at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.

There will be no match on 15 July. The group matches on 16 July are scheduled as Ministry of Finance and Revenue vs. Union Supreme Court at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Industry-1 vs. Ministry of Commerce at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries vs. Ministry of Rail Transportation at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.

MNA

Religious Affairs Ministry concludes Basic English course No. 3 for officers

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—A concluding ceremony of Basic English Course No. 3 for the officers of the Ministry of Religious Affairs took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this morning.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung attended the concluding ceremony and made a speech on the occasion.

Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung awarded prizes to the outstanding trainees, and then presented completion certificates for trainees who had completed the course through a trainee.

The four-week course was taken by a total of 31 trainees under the ministry.—MNA



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung presenting prizes to outstanding trainees at concluding ceremony of Basic English course No. 3.—MNA

Regional development works in Thaton District inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July — Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint attended the ceremony to provide cash and kind to landslide victims by wellwishers at Theinzayat village in Kyaikto Township on 12 July and met service personnel at the meeting hall of Sittoung Pulp Factory No (1).

On his arrival at model farmland in Kawthtin village, the Chief Minister called on farmers to meet target production, complete cultivation works in time meeting scientific agricultural

methods and form agricultural production association. In meeting with teachers at Kyuchaung village BEHS, he called for high pass rate and presented cash assistance.

In the evening, the Chief Minister inspected progress of construction of teacher hostels at University of Computer Studies in Thaton Township. Then he visited Concrete Sleeper Factory (Mottama) of Myanmar Railways at Mottama village in Paung Township.—MNA

Union I&P Minister calls for taking measures as a national concern

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Immigration and Population was held at the ministry here today, attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population UKhin Yi.

The Union minister said that the ministry in cooperation with related

ministries is making a go at issuing household certificate and national scrutiny card for those who was born of parents of nationals as a national concern according to proposals submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives at Pyithu Hluttaw meeting.

He urged officials to use initiative with right vision, implement directives coming down from on high, stay away with corruption, and explain new engaging system to subordinates in an effective way.

The union minister coordinated the needs relating to reports by officials of regions and states.

MNA

Reporters and photography courses (1/2011) concludes in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The concluding ceremony of reporters and photography courses (1/2011) was held at Information and Public Relations Department in Monywa of Sagaing Region yesterday. It was attended by Sagaing Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Myint Oo, Staff Officer U Tin Than Win of Region IPRD, Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Pe Than and members, reporters and trainees. After that, the Region Minister made a speech. The staff officer presented certificates through a leader.—MNA



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi speaking at work coordination meeting.—MNA

Union Minister receives Korean guests



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Korean delegation led by Former Minister Dr. Tae-Pyong Chang of Ministry of Food Agriculture, Forestry and Fishers (MOSF).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a delegation led by Former Minister Dr. Tae-Pyong Chang of Ministry of Food Agriculture, Forestry and Fishers (MOSF) of Republic of Korea at his office here this morning.

Both sides focused on bilateral cooperation in implementing projects, improvement of agricultural products and rural development tasks to be carried out under knowledge sharing programme (KSP) being carried out by MOSF.

Also present at the call were A&I Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, and managing directors.

MNA

Smiles of buyers and sellers ...

(from page 16)

the 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium. Competitive bidding system brought higher prices for pearl lots than the expected. Mr Javeri Parful Shantichand of Paras Pearl Co of Japan was awarded in buying the largest amount of pearl lots. Merchants from Japan bought pieces of quality Myanmar pearl at higher prices.

A total of 38 gem lots—19 lots each through tender and competitive bidding system—were sold on 4 July. Previous emporiums sold 31 lots of gem through tender and 30 lots through competitive bidding system. Sale of gem lots was attended by 21 gem merchants from Thailand, seven from China and 12 at home, totaling 40. U Maung Maung Naing of Ruby Dragon Co won the top gems buyer award. Ms Zhang Baoling of Guangdong Province of China stood second in buying jewellery. The number of gem lots were larger than the prices, higher than the reserve

prices. A total of 38 gem lots fetched the higher prices, accounting for 89.64 per cent. At the sales, Mogok Gems Land put jewellery on display than Mongshu one. Gem merchants purchased 31 lots of Mogok gems and seven of Mongshu gems.

As a significant point, gem merchants from China attended the special sales more than that of the past. A small number of Chinese gem merchants attended the emporiums and bought quartz only but many gem merchants from China purchased Mogok gems. An official of the gems subcommittee said that the local and Chinese gem merchants bought gem lots in competitiveness. Thai gem merchants regularly bought Mongshu gems like previous emporiums.

The jade sale commenced on 3 July. A total of 22317 lots of jade—21890 lots through tender and 427 lots through competitive bidding system—were sold. Local and foreign merchants purchased 17222 lots of jade through tender from 3 to 9 July and

227 lots through competitive bidding system from 10 to 13 July. The gem merchants bought two lots of Ingyin fossil through competitive bidding system. The special sales sold 17449 lots of jade, compared with 13608 lots at the 48th emporium. Sales of 78.18 per cent of the displayed jade lots fetched 343.60 per cent of prices than the reserve prices. Some lots of jade were sold at the higher prices than the floor prices. Gem merchant Mr Cai Xiaowu won the top jade buyer award.

With regard to competitive buying of jade lots, gem merchant U Soe Moe Win said, "I bought 24 lots of jade at this special sale, compared with 16 lots only at the 48th emporium. In the rainy season, jade mines suspended their works. So, many gem merchants attended the sales and purchased the jade lots in competitiveness with foreign merchants. I plan to make jade stones as bracelets and figurines in Mandalay."

While attending the special sales to buy jade and gems, foreign gem merchants visited Nay Pyi



Sales of jewellery in progress at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011.

Taw and its surrounding areas.

A gem merchant from Hong Kong Special Autonomous Region said that he arrived in Myanmar for the third trip. He visited Water Fountain Park, Safari Park, National Landmarks Garden, Capital Hyper Market and Junction Centre in Nay Pyi Taw. Nay Pyi Taw being a neat and tidy capital has clean environment. The special sales proved that Myanmar is rich in natural resources. He said that he bought about 50 lots of jade at the sales.

Likewise, a gem merchant from Guangdong Province of China explained that it was his first trip to Myanmar. Myanmar jade is famous in the world market due to harder standard. The finished goods of jade can fetch higher price. He bought about 40 lots of jade at the sales and he has planned to attend next emporiums.

I have learnt that gem merchants purchased larger items of jewellery

at private jewellery and souvenir shops around Mani Yadana Jade Hall. Under the arrangement of Myanmar Gems Merchants Association, about 50 jewellery shops put products on sales.

Daw Nyunt Nyunt Khaing of Special (Mra & Khaing) said, "Our shop sells ornaments, figurines and beads made of jade, gems, pearl, ruby and sapphire and products of finished jade. Chinese merchants bought lockets and rings made of jade. Our shop fetched larger amount of money due to longer period of special sales." A responsible person of other ornament shop explained that merchants purchased pieces of pearls at higher prices at the special sales as well as the pearl shop.

The State had commenced gems emporiums since 1964. Private-owned jade lots had been sold since 1992. Private companies and entrepreneurs were allowed to conduct mining works of jewellery, and necessary assistance was provided

for raising production and sales of jewellery. The entrepreneurs were engaged in jewellery mining works through manpower in the past. Now, they use modern heavy machinery in exploring gems.

Gems emporiums and special sales have been organized one after another so as to sell the gems at special prices. Almost all the jade lots at the special sales were owned by private entrepreneurs. Therefore, the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium arranged the emporiums for smooth trade of gems between buyers and sellers. Buyers have the opportunity to purchase jade, gems and pearl lots as they like after checking the products. Likewise, buyers can fetch higher prices in sales. As such, the already-concluded Jade, Gems and Special Sales was covered with smiles of buyers and sellers.

Translation: TTA



Varieties of jewellery on sale at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011.

North China offshore oilfield resumes operation after spill

BEIJING, 14 July — An oilfield located off the coast of north China resumed production on Wednesday after it was discovered to be leaking oil Tuesday morning, the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) said.

An oil slick in the Suizhong 36-1 oilfield, located in north China's Bohai Bay, has been cleaned up and an emergency alert for the region has been lifted, according to the CNOOC,

China's largest offshore oil producer.

The oil spill occurred at about 1:30 am Tuesday, when the centralized control system used to operate the oilfield's central platform broke down.

The oil giant has had to deal with three accidents over the last week, including two other oil spills in Bohai Bay and a fire in one of its refineries in south China's Guangdong Province.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 July, 2011 shows Suizhong 36-1 oilfield on Bohai Sea, offshore the northeast China's Liaoning Province.—XINHUA

Death toll from Cyprus naval base blast rises to 13

NICOSIA, 14 July—The death toll in the Cyprus naval base munitions blast went up to 13, after a young conscript who had previously been injured died on Wednesday.

The man, whose face was blown off in Monday's explosion, also suffered heavy brain damage, his doctors said.

News of his death came following the burial ceremonies of eight victims died in the blast held on Wednesday.

Another man injured

in the blast is still in critical condition.

A massive explosion on early Monday morning wrecked a naval base on the south coast of Cyprus, and destroyed a power station nearby which was supplying more than half of electricity of the country.

Cyprus's Defence Minister Costas Papacostas and National Guard Chief Petros Tsalikidis had submitted resignations after the accident. —Xinhua

Kuwaiti youths prepare to depart from the Kuwait Sea Club, on 14 July, 2011, for this year's ten-day traditional pearl diving festival. Some 180 middle school students attend the traditional pearl diving in 16 wooden boats on Thursday.

XINHUA



Death toll in S Philippines flash floods reaches 43

COTABATO, 14 July—The death toll in flash-floods due to heavy rains in the southern Philippines reached 43, officials said Wednesday.

Dr Marlowe Ninal, health administrator in the southern City of Cotabato, said at least 13 people displaced by flooding died at the evacuation camp due to severe diseases. He said two of the fatalities were children, of which one died of severe cold.

Ninal said medicine

supplies were sufficient but the problem lies in the evacuees themselves.

Lawyer and city administrator of Cotabato Cynthia Sayadi said by phone over 2,000 families in the evacuation centre here are still at risk if they return to their flooded homes.

"We are thankful there was no outbreak of the disease. Even before they evacuated following the floods, some of them already have diarrhea," Sayadi said.

"We met non government organizations as well local government agencies. We discussed what possible rehabilitation plans are for the evacuees.

Are they safe if they return home? We agreed and started sanitizing their villages," Sayadi added.

Flash floods also killed

Xinhua

Campaign launched to heal lion in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 14 July—Two Brazilian women are fighting to save the life of Ariel the lion.

The 3-year-old lion has been paralyzed over the past year because a degenerative disease has immobilized his legs. So the 310-pound (140 kilogramme) beast he has been sleeping on a mattress in the Sao Paulo house of veterinarian Livia Pereira. She says the lion's white blood cells are attacking his healthy cells.

The animal's owner is Raquel Borges, who runs a shelter in southern Brazil for sick and abandoned animals. She has been paying lion's monthly \$11,500 medical bill through donations from some of the 34,250 people who have clicked the "like" button on Ariel's Facebook page.—Xinhua



Veterinarian Livia Pereira kisses paralyzed lion Ariel who she is caring for in her home in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Wednesday on 13 July, 2011.

INTERNET

China to be Latin America's 2nd largest trade partner in 2015

SANTIAGO, 14 July—China will become Latin America's second largest trade partner as early as in 2015, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said Wednesday. Osvaldo Kacef, director of ECLAC's Economic Development Division, said the current China-Latin America trade volume has already reached that of Europe.

"Given the uncertainty of the economic situation in Europe, China is in the process of ... becoming the second largest trade partner of Latin America," he said.

ECLAC Executive Secretary Alicia Barcena said the world's emerging markets are gradually reducing their dependence on industrialized countries and seeking new relations with China.

Osvaldo Rosales, director of ECLAC's International Trade and Integration Division, said Latin American countries should adopt active trade and investment policies to better do business with China. "Investments in natural resources and industrial sectors to Latin America increased last year," Rosales said.—Xinhua

Plane crashes in NE Brazil, killing 16

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 July—A plane crashed in northeastern Brazil on Wednesday, killing all 16 people aboard, authorities said.

The twin-engine aircraft belonging to Noar Airlines took off from the city of Recife and immediately reported problems, the Air Force said in a statement.

The LET L-410 Turbolet aircraft tried to make an emergency landing on the outskirts of the city. But witnesses say it went down hard and burst into flames.

There was no immediate report on what caused the crash.—MNA/Xinhua



Firemen spray fire retardant on plane L410 of Noar Airlines that fell near Boa Viagem beach in Recife.

INTERNET

Houston Astros mascot Junction Jack (C) and St Louis Cardinals Mascot Fredbird attend the All-Star Red Carpet Show parade in Phoenix, Arizona on 12 July, 2011.



Tribal council passes gag pot resolution

The chairwoman of the Snoqualmie tribe in Washington state says a resolution the tribe's council passed legalizing marijuana for a day was just a joke.

The resolution, signed by Snoqualmie tribal Chairwoman Shelley Burch declared marijuana would be legal on 30 July when Willie Nelson, who has been known to use pot, would be performing at the

Snoqualmie Casino, *The Seattle Times* reported. "It was just tongue in cheek at a council meeting; we know marijuana is illegal," Burch said. "It was a joke. We don't allow it and we don't back it. We passed it, but it was supposed to be just for him." The resolution passed 4-2 Thursday, and when news got out to the tribe, the council received e-mails with subject lines such as "Are they crazy?" and "Is this for real?"

Sisters have been visiting wrong grave

Two women from New York's Queens borough are suing a New Jersey cemetery for burying their mother in the wrong grave plot 20 years ago, their lawyer says.

Evelyn and Hortense Edwards found out about the mix-up last summer when they complained the grave site where they thought their mother, Beatrice Williams, had been buried since her death in 1990 had fallen into disrepair, the *New York Daily News* reported Tuesday.

An employee at Rosehill Cemetery in Linden, NJ, told the sisters the grave plot No 103 they had been visiting actually held the remains of a man and that their mother was buried about 90 feet away in plot No 132.

The \$25 million lawsuit filed in US District Court in New York alleges the sisters bought a plot at Rosehill Cemetery in January 1990, and intended on being buried with their mother in Grave No 103, Row 20, Section 52, when they eventually passed.

Mo town outlaws saggy pants

The mayor of a Missouri town said he does not approve of a new ordinance banning residents from sagging their pants below the waistline.

Collinsville Mayor John Miller said he does not agree with the ordinance, which passed on a 3-2 City Council vote Monday, with Miller and Councilwoman Nancy Moss casting their votes in opposition, the *St Louis (Mo) Post-Dispatch* reported Tuesday.

"It's obstructing the nature of what this country was founded upon," Miller said. "I'm sorry this passed."

The ordinance carries a \$100 fine and community service for first-time offenders and a \$300 fine with community service for repeat offenders.

Councilwoman Liz Dalton, who introduced the measure, said she received many complaints about sagging pants.

"Residents are getting tired of seeing people's underpants as they walk down the street," she said. "When I start hearing repeat requests as an elected official, I have to listen."

News Album



A girl smiles while covered in mud during Wayne County's 2011 Mud Day event at Nankin Mills Park on 12 July, 2011 in Westland, Michigan.

BOOM!, Fox bring 'Apes' comic prelude online



This image provided by BOOM! Studios shows a page from "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." Published by BOOM! starting Wednesday, the comic details events leading up the story told in the 20th Century Fox film "Rise of the Planet Apes" being released 5 Aug. New pages will be added weekly until on 3 Aug.

INTERNET

PHILADELPHIA, 14 July—Blending the line between the silver screen and the comics pages, publisher BOOM! Studios is publishing a prelude to the upcoming prequel to

"Planet of the Apes" to give would-be viewers a leg up on the film's premise.

The publisher, in conjunction with 20th Century Fox, said Wednesday that it will publish an online-only 10-page prelude that lays the groundwork for the story in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," with weekly installments through 3 Aug, just two days before the film starring James Franco is released.

Written by Daryl Gregory and illustrated by Damiani Couceiro and Tony Parker, the story focuses on two apes taken into captivity and used for experiments. Readers can find out what happens by going to www.apescomics.com.

Apes have proven popular for Los Angeles-based BOOM!, which launched a new ongoing series based on "Planet of the Apes" this year that sold out.

"It's incredibly exciting to be a part of a

new dynasty with one of the most beloved science fiction franchises of all time," said Ross Richie, BOOM! Founder and chief executive.

"We're proud to be working closely with Fox to tell a prelude story in the fantastic and story-rich world of the 'Rise of the Planet of the Apes' franchise," he said. "From what I've already read and seen, I can tell you that the online prelude will be exploding with enough excitement and surprises to whet the appetites of Apes fans new and old."

INTERNET



Singer Lady Gaga leaves Japan on 1 July, 2011.—INTERNET



In this comic book cover image released by IDW Publishing, John Byrne's upcoming new "Cold War," series, his first in nearly a decade, is shown.—INTERNET

John Byrne crafts 'period piece' set in Cold War

PHILADELPHIA, 14 July—John Byrne, one of comics' acclaimed writers and artists, is launching a new ongoing series called "Cold War," that explores the nature of espionage during that era and is his first all-new comic series in more than a decade.

The new series from IDW Publishing begins with the four-part story "The Damocles Contract" and introduces secret agent Michael Swann, formerly of Britain's MI6 and now doing freelance work for the government on jobs with which it doesn't want to be associated.

Byrne, who wrote and illustrated critically lauded runs on Marvel's "The Fantastic Four," "X-Men" and "Alpha Flight," along with DC Comics' "Superman," is writing and illustrating the new series with Ronda Pattison colouring the art for each 32-page issue.—Internet

Seacrest, Gaga set for radio music fest

LOS ANGELES, 14 July—US television personality Ryan Seacrest has been booked as host of the two-day iHeartRadio Music Festival, Clear Channel Radio announced.

Billed as the biggest live concert festival in radio history, the event boasts a lineup that includes Lady Gaga, Coldplay, Alicia Keys, Steven Tyler, The Black Eyed Peas, Kenny Chesney, Jennifer Lopez, Carrie Underwood, Jane's Addiction, Nicki Minaj, John Mayer, David Guetta, Rascal Flatts, Bruno Mars, Kelly Clarkson and Sublime with Rome. Promoters say there will be special performances by Usher and Sting.

The artists are to appear on one stage at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on consecutive nights — 23 to 24 Sept.

The event was scheduled to celebrate the official start-up of the expanded iHeartRadio, Clear Channel's free digital radio product, which the company said will combine its more than 750 broadcast radio and digital-only stations from 150 cities with the ability to create custom stations.—Internet

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

Dated: 8th July, 2011

**INVITATION FOR BIDS TO CONDUCT PETROLEUM
OPERATIONS IN MYANMAR ONSHORE AREAS (2011)**

1. The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces Invitation of Sealed Bids for Petroleum Operations to be conducted in Myanmar Onshore Areas on production sharing basis.

2. The following Onshore blocks are available for bidding in this bidding round:-

- (1) PSC E (Myingyan)
- (2) PSC G (Taungdwingyi)
- (3) PSC H (Taungu-Pyinmana)
- (4) PSC I (Hinthada)
- (5) PSC J (Mawlamyine)
- (6) PSC K (Yamethin)
- (7) EP 1 (Kyaukkyi-Mindon)
- (8) EP 2 (Aunglan)
- (9) EP 5 (Inbin-Tegyigon)
- (10) RSF 2 (Tuyintaung (Myaing South))
- (11) RSF 3 (Gwegyo-Ngashadaung)
- (12) RSF 9 (Pyalo-Paukkaung)
- (13) RSF 10 (Kamma-Nattaung)
- (14) MOGE 4 (Myintha)
- (15) PSC S (Lashio-Hsenwi)
- (16) PSC T (Lashio East)
- (17) PSC U (Kalaw)
- (18) PSC V (Loikaw)

3. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit "the Letter of Expression of Interest," together with

Company's Article of Association (AOA), Memorandum of Association (MOA), Certificate of Incorporation, latest Annual Report and latest Financial Statement (or) Financial Report, which are to be endorsed for authenticity by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company's registration (or) establishment or nearest, in sealed envelopes superscribed "**Confidential**" "**Myanmar Onshore Blocks Bidding Round- 2011**", to the following addresses **not later than 23rd August 2011:-**

**Director General
Energy Planning Department
Ministry of Energy**
Building No.6, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Fax: 95 67 411 113
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4. The petroleum operation shall be conducted on production sharing basis and the party(s), who desired to enter into the Production Sharing Contract with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) shall have technical competency, financial capability, experience, expertise and technical know how to conduct petroleum exploration and development works and must have good track record.

5. The potential bidders will then be selected and presented with General Geology of each Block and at the request will be shown with representative data and information of the Company's interested block(s) free of charge by Geological/Geophysical Team of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

6. The Potential bidders will then be provided with Standard Terms and Conditions in order to submit proposal(s).

7. The potential bidders are allowed to submit up to

three (3) proposals for three (3) onshore blocks together with proposed Terms and Conditions. The proposal submitted shall be on a block by block basis.

8. The potential bidders' proposed Terms and Conditions will be assessed and the best offered Terms and Conditions will be selected for awarding.

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A photo of this crocheted and embroidered moonscape is aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis.

INTERNET

**Texas artist's
work hurtling
through space
with Atlantis**

HOUSTON, 14 July—It's a rare person who can say that her artwork is hurtling through space.

But Rachel Hobson, a self-proclaimed space geek and crafts blogger, can certainly claim those bragging rights.

As millions watched the launch of the final US shuttle mission, *Atlantis*, Hobson had the added thrill of knowing that a photo of her needlework moonscape was on board.

Hobson, a Houston mother, crafter and space enthusiast, won a contest last fall sponsored by NASA and Etsy, an online crafters' marketplace, with her depiction of the moon's surface.

The 4- by 6-inch embroidery and crochet project of silk and cotton threads, ribbons and beads was photographed and turned into a lighter weight print for the trip into space.

Internet

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The deepest parts of the ocean are some of the least hospitable places on Earth. Yet footage from recent expeditions carried out by scientists at the University of Aberdeen's Oceanlab reveals that life in the oceanic trenches is thriving. Here, at 7,000m below sea level in the Kermadec Trench, which is off the coast of New Zealand, people were surprised to find vividly coloured creatures living at these depths - as Dr Alan Jamieson explains.—INTERNET



Dr Pedro Cavadas, the Spanish surgeon who successfully carried out a double-leg transplant on a man who had lost his limbs in an accident, leaves after a Press conference at La Fe Hospital in Valencia.—INTERNET

The End of Retirement as We Know It

WASHINGTON, 14 July—Tens of millions of Americans lost big chunks of their retirement savings in the recession. Many lost their jobs, too, and not a few of them are still out of work. Social Security and Medicare are against the ropes. How is anyone supposed to ever retire again?

A report released today by SunAmerica Financial Group and Age Wave, a consultancy, puts revealing numbers to the situation.

The SunAmerica Retirement Re-Set, based on a telephone survey of

1,001 Americans 55 and older, finds that those who haven't yet retired have typically pushed back their retirement age from 64 to 69. No fewer than 82% say that their chief financial goal is simply peace of mind, not accumulating wealth. Nearly half of them expect to have to support aging relatives, adult children, grandchildren, and siblings, and of that fraction, 70% expect to be supporting their adult children. —Internet

Transplant patient's joy on seeing new legs

VALENCIA, 14 July—A young man who had a world-first double leg transplant in Spain cried with joy on seeing his new limbs and might walk in six or seven months, the head surgeon said on Tuesday.

A Spanish medical team led by renowned surgeon Pedro Cavadas carried out the delicate transplant in a 10-hour overnight operation ending Monday morning at a hospital in the eastern city of Valencia.

"The patient has been awake since yesterday afternoon and is as happy as can be, he started to cry when he saw his legs," Cavadas told a news conference at La Fe hospital.

"I imagine he will be able to walk with crutches. I imagine that in the long term he will even be able to leave the crutches but that depends on how his rehabilitation

goes," the doctor said.

"If everything goes as we hope we could realistically think that in six or seven months he could be walking."

The patient, a man in his 20s who had both legs amputated above the knee after a traffic accident, could begin to move his new legs in three weeks and support his own weight with them in three months, he said.

Internet

UK report clears pilots in 1994 Chinook crash

LONDON, 14 July—An official report on a helicopter crash that killed 29 senior British military, intelligence and law enforcement officials has cleared the pilots who were initially blamed for the accident.

The Chinook helicopter came down in fog as it carried officials from Northern Ireland to a security conference in Scotland in June 1994.

The initial Royal Air Force report accused the pilots of "gross negligence," but relatives of the deceased and lawmakers have long insisted equipment failure was to blame.

A report concluded Wednesday that the pilots should not have been blamed and said the exact cause of the crash would likely never be known.

Defence Secretary Liam Fox apologized to the families of the two pilots, Flight Lt Jonathan Tapper and Flight Lt Richard Cook.—Internet



An oil spill worker steps through oil contaminated waters along a flood plain of the Yellowstone River, on 11 July, 2011.

INTERNET

Should parents lose custody of super obese kids?

CHICAGO, 14 July—Should parents of extremely obese children lose custody for not controlling their kids' weight? A provocative commentary in one of the nation's most distinguished medical journals argues yes, and its authors are joining a quiet chorus of advocates who say the government should be allowed to intervene in extreme cases.

It has happened a few times in the US, and the opinion piece in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association* says putting children temporarily in foster care is in some cases more ethical than obesity surgery.

Dr David Ludwig, an obesity specialist at Harvard-affiliated Children's Hospital Boston, said the point isn't to blame parents, but rather to act in children's best interest and get them help that for whatever reason their parents can't provide.

State intervention "ideally will support not just the child but the whole family, with the goal of reuniting child and family as soon as possible. That may

require instruction on parenting," said Ludwig, who wrote the article with Lindsey Murtagh, a lawyer and a researcher at Harvard's School of Public Health.

"Despite the discomfort posed by state intervention, it may sometimes be necessary to protect a child," Murtagh said.

Internet



In a 11 July, 2011 photo, Stormy Bradley, left, and her daughter Maya, 14, are seen, in Atlanta.

INTERNET

A Belgian teenager is to sue a tattoo artist after she left his parlour with 56 stars on her face, rather than the three she says she asked for. Kimberley Vlaeminck says she fell asleep during the procedure, and only realised what had happened when she woke up.—INTERNET



Montana questions Exxon's estimate of oil spilled

BILLINGS, 14 July—State environmental regulators have asked Exxon Mobil to justify its estimate for how much oil spilled into the Yellowstone River, citing the company's changing timeline on how long it took to stop a leaking pipeline.

The Texas-based company has said between 31,500 and 42,000 gallons of crude flowed into the Yellowstone following the leak near Laurel on 1 July. That oil has fouled shoreline and contaminated backwaters along dozens of miles of the scenic river.

Exxon Mobil Pipeline president Gary Pruessing initially said it took six

minutes to shut down the pumps on the Silvertip pipeline.

But information submitted by the company to federal pipeline safety regulators later revealed it took almost an hour to fully stop the flow.

In a letter to Exxon executives, Montana Department of Environmental Quality Director Richard Opper asked for an explanation of why the spill volume was not changed given the longer timeline.

"Since the event occurred, ExxonMobil has increased its estimate of the duration of the spill event 10-fold from its original assertion," Opper wrote. —Internet

Strong wind may cause havoc at British Open

SANDWICH, 14 July—With strong wind set to cause havoc at the British Open, organizers said Wednesday that some tees may have to be brought forward at Royal St George's to make the course playable.

Gusts of up to 30 mph are forecast for the first two rounds on Thursday and Friday. Depending on wind direction, it will make some fairways unreachable off the tee for many players.

Royal and Ancient chief executive Peter Dawson picked out the par-5 No. 7 and the short No. 11, which is 243 yards from tee to green, as two of several holes that could be modified.

"We do have some wind issues out there," Dawson said. "We made the players aware at the start of the week that some tees may be moved up and they were invited to practice off forward tees if they wished. I think players should be able to reach the fairway and reach the par 3s, frankly."

Internet



Zach Johnson looks on after his shot on the 4th hole during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championship at Royal St George's golf course in Sandwich, England.—INTERNET

Manchester United tops Revolution 4-1 in friendly

FOXBOROUGH, 14 July—Federico Macheda scored twice and Michael Carrick had a pair of assists to give Manchester United a 4-1 victory over the New England Revolution in the opener of its US exhibition tour.

After a scoreless first half, the Red Devils scored three times in 10 minutes to gain control of the match. Michael Owen and Park Ji-Sung also scored for the Premier League champions. Kenny Mansally scored for New England to make it 2-1 in the 56th minute, but Macheda made it 3-1 on a behind-the-back pass from Carrick that sent him in all alone on Revolution goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth.

United started only four players from the lineup that began the Champions League final against Barcelona, with liberal substitutions that took Wayne Rooney out at halftime. Ashley Young made his United debut after joining the Red Devils from Aston Villa last month for a reported \$27 million. He came out in the 67th minute with United leading 3-1.—Internet



Wayne Rooney attempts a scissor kick on goal but fails to score against the defense of New England Revolution midfielder Pat Phelan during the first half of an exhibition soccer match on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Under-fire Neid to stay on as Germany coach

FRANKFURT, 14 July—Under-fire Germany coach Silvia Neid confirmed Wednesday she will stay on as trainer of the two-time world champions, despite her side's shock exit from the women's World Cup. The 47-year-old met with Theo Zwanziger, president of the German Football Federation (DFB), and general secretary Wolfgang Niersbach at their headquarters in Frankfurt on Wednesday night.

"I've got so much support from my players and from so many other peo-



Germany's head coach Silvia Neid

ple that I am full of energy again," Neid told German broadcaster ZDF before the second semi-final between Sweden and Japan.

The DFB bosses were quick to publicly back Neid and Niersbach described it as "a good decision for women's football".—Internet

Santos' midfielder Ganso in scope of Russia's Makhachkala

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 July—Paulo Henrique Ganso, the midfielder of Santos and the Brazilian national soccer team, was targeted by Russia's Anzhi Makhachkala on Wednesday.

According to Santos, the offer to reel in Ganso was estimated at 40 million euros. The player is expected to make nearly 7 million euros per season.

The figure beat those already proposed to teammate and star striker Neymar, having already received offers of 5 million

Euros per season by clubs such as Real Madrid.

Santos has already announced that they will not accept the offer, but fear that the Russians will meet the already established fee of 50 million euros in order to terminate Ganso's contract with team.

Ultimately, Ganso will have the final decision of where he wants to play if a team is able to meet the hefty fine of 50 million euros to terminate his contract that extends through 2014.

Internet

Pressure off Venezuela, on Paraguay at Copa

BUENOS AIRES 14 July—Few observers would have expected two of the top three finishers in South America's World Cup qualifiers to be struggling to reach the Copa America quarter-finals, still less stand in Venezuela's shadow.

Yet that is the situation facing both eight-times champions Brazil and Paraguay as both bid to land a place in the last eight while the Venezuelans can largely afford to relax ahead of their final group game.

Although now the baseball-loving nation will hope to go the whole hog and win the group



A Venezuelan fan awaits the start of the 2011 Copa America Group B first round football match against Paraguay at the Padre Ernesto Martearena stadium in Salta.—INTERNET

they can afford to lose Wednesday's encounter in the northern Argentinian city of Salta and still sail on having drawn with the auriverde and beaten Ecuador.

Internet

Hewitt-Federer clash on cards after Davis Cup draw

CANBERRA, 14 July—Australia will host Switzerland in September's World Group Davis Cup playoffs, setting up a potential clash between Lleyton Hewitt and



Roger Federer of Switzerland (right) shakes hands with Lleyton Hewitt of Australia.—INTERNET

Roger Federer. Switzerland have lost all four previous meetings against the Aussies, including the 2003 World Group semi-finals, where Hewitt sealed the win with a comeback from two sets down against Federer and Australia went on to take the title that year.

Meanwhile Canada, who made a comeback against Ecuador in their Zone Group I tie to reach the play-offs for the first time since 2005, will travel to Israel.—Internet

Brazil pull entertaining Ecuador win at Copa



Brazilian forward Alexandre Pato (R) celebrates with teammate Andre Santos after scoring his team's third goal against Ecuador.—INTERNET

SANTA FE, 14 July—Brazil pulled a big performance out to advance to the Copa America quarter-finals as Group B winners after beating Ecuador 4-2 in an entertaining contest at Cordoba.

A brace each from Alexander Pato on 28 and 61 minutes and Santos startled Neymar on 49 saw the auriverde just win the group on goal difference from Venezuela, who earlier on Wednesday shared a 3-3 draw with Paraguay.

Ecuador tried valiantly and Felipe Caicedo also netted twice after 37 and 59 minutes but in the end they ran out of steam as Brazil proved too big a hurdle. Pato headed in the opener after 28 minutes. But Caicedo levelled with a low left-foot shot which squirmed under keeper Julio Cesar eight minutes before the break.—Internet

Garcia may not be a bad long shot in British Open

SANDWICH, 14 July—By now, he should have won a few of these, maybe more. When Sergio Garcia first teed it up in the British Open as a teenager there seemed no way his name wouldn't someday be



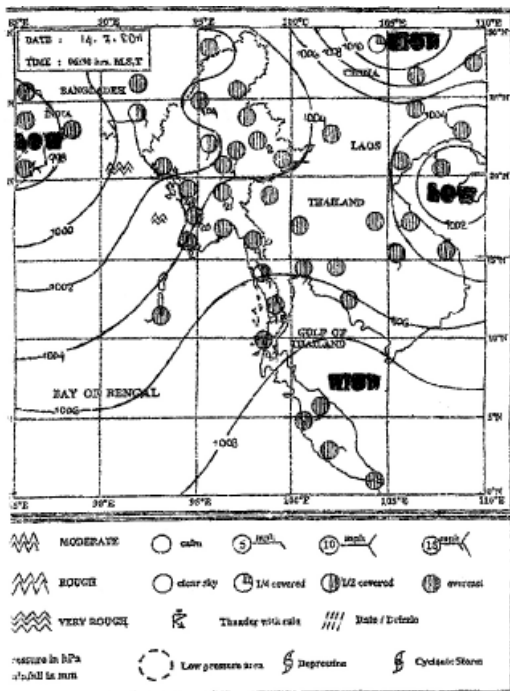
inscribed on the claret jug. It might still happen, though by now it seems more hope than destiny. Too many Opens have passed, and too many scars remain for Garcia to fully realize the promise of a time gone by.

Internet

Spain's Sergio Garcia smiles on the 8th green during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championship at Royal St George's golf course in Sandwich.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 15th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	23/73	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershower (HH)	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
7	Taninthayi	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (HH)	80%
8	Bago	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower (HH)	80%
11	Mon	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	26/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	26/79	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	60%

During the past (24) hours weather has partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, scattered Kachin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hamalin (4.08) inches, Hikami (3.86) inches, Puro (3.70) inches, Myeik (3.43) inches, Kawthoung (3.23) inches, Ye (3.15) inches and Kyaukpadaung (2.99) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is Moderate in the North Bay and strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

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

Building fire near King tomb extinguished



The remains of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, are interred together in an updated mausoleum unveiled at the King Centre in Atlanta on 20 November, 2006.

INTERNET

ATLANTA, 14 July—Firefighters in Atlanta worked to save a building that caught fire inside the Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site, authorities said.

The blaze was reported about 6 am Wednesday at a building about a half-block from King's burial site, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported.

The building, owned by the National Park Service, is leased to Leslie's Barber Shop, which sustained some fire and water damage.

Crews from Atlanta Fire Station 4, located just down the street, were on scene in less than a minute, Battalion Chief Todd Edwards said.

Several apartments in an adjacent building were evacuated, he said.

One apartment-dweller said a homeless man who frequents the area first spotted the fire.

"He was really kind, rang the doorbell, woke us up and told us there was a fire," Dave Bruckner said. "We called and eight fire trucks showed up. It was pretty awesome."—*Internet*

A girl cools off in a fountain in downtown Rome, capital of Italy, on 12 July, 2011. This year's first heatwave hit Italy recently, which stretched 13 cities including Rome to red alerts on Tuesday.

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Friday,
15 July
View on
today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatathandi Paritta

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:45 am

3. Dhamma Sekka Sermon by the Vice-chairman Sayadaw of State Sangka Maha Nayaka Committee

8:40 am

4. International News

8:45 am

5. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am

6. Nine Precepts administered by Chairman Sayadaw of State Sangka Maha Nayaka Committee

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Songs of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (1st Prize Winner) Thanlín B.E.H.S(1)

4:45 pm

4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)-Fourth Year (Law)

5:00 pm

5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. Documentary

5:20 pm

7. Songs in honour of the month (Waso)

5:30 pm

8. Waso Pwe Taw

5:35 pm

9. Dhamma Puja Song

5:45 pm

10. Documentary

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)

19. TV Drama Series

20. Song Lover

21. Dhamma Sekkya by Sitagu Sayadaw

22. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw

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Local Transmission

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- * News
- * Pleasant Waso

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* News

* Shwe Gu Gyi Stupa, a unique of its kind with Cerment inscription

* News

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* News

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* Music Gallery

* News

* Secret Place for Yummy Food (Coconut Rice)

* News

* On the LEDO Road (Part-2)

* Myanmar Movies "Whom do you love most"

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Smiles of buyers and sellers blossoming at Jade, Gems and Special Sales

Article: Yan Gyi Aung; Photos: Yan Gyi Aung and Htein Nan Naw

The Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011 successfully came to a close in the evening of on 13 July. After concluding the special sales, rain fell heavily. It can be said that smooth and successful completion of the special sales was blessed with celestial beings.

The Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium and subcommittees successfully held the longer special sales than the previous sales. The longer emporium sold larger lots of jade, gems and pearl. As a result, the prices of the very recent sales were higher than that of previous emporiums.

At Mani Yadana Jade Hall, a total of 355 lots of pearl, 284 lots of gems and 22,317 lots of jade were put on sales from 1 to 13 July. Such amount of lots was larger than that of previous emporiums. Likewise, a total of 9366 gem merchants—4744 from China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and Russia and 4622 at home attended the special sales. Such number of attendees was larger than that of previous emporiums.

Pearl lots were sold on 2 and 3 July at the special sales which was the third time in Nay Pyi Taw. A total of 251 lots of pearl of 313 were sold. Pearl merchants bought 37 lots of 42 through competitive bidding system. As such, 288 lots of pearls were sold at higher prices at the special sales, compared with 253 lots at (See page 9)



Local and foreign jems merchants purchasing jade and jewellery in competitiveness with anothers.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (14-7-2011)

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