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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

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receives UNICEF Resident Representative



NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Resident Representative Dr Ramesh M Shrestha of UNICEF at the hall of the Speaker of the Hluttaw Office, here, at 1 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint were Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, the director-general of the Hluttaw Office and deputy directors-general.

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Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Resident Representative Dr Ramesh M Shrestha of UNICEF at hall of Speaker of the Hluttaw Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Rural development and poverty alleviation, one of many tasks of new government

Only when socio-economic life of rural people develops, will productive capability of nation improve

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—The Rural Socio-economic Development Subcommittee of Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held the work coordination meeting 2/2011 at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, at 2 pm yesterday, with an address by Chairman of the Subcommittee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, members Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, ministers of regions and states, the chairman of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and members, departmental heads and officials.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses the coordination meeting.—MNA

Action plans will be implemented with collaborative efforts of ten strengths — (1) government, (2) banks, credit cooperative societies, (3) foundations, (4) entrepreneurs, (5) NGOs, (6) United Nations and international organizations, (7) INGOs, (8) wellwishers, (9) social organizations (township association, religious association) and (10) local people.

PERSPECTIVES

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Improve art of traditional medicine

The art of traditional medicine is royal medical subject. In successive eras, health care has been provided to the people with potent therapies of traditional medicines. Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are to give health care services to the people in accord with their fine traditions.

The government is giving encouragement to ensure sustainable development for durability of Myanmar traditional medicine. The University of Traditional Medicine is turning out traditional medicine practitioners constantly. Researches are being conducted to be able to produce potent traditional medicine. Herbal gardens are established to culture and conserve rare medicinal plants.

Traditional medicine practitioners are to strive for conducting experiments on traditional medicines so as to uplift standards of traditional medicine arena. Standards are to be set for production of quality traditional medicines with systematic and accurate measurement and weight.

As the international community uses traditional medicines respectively, strenuous efforts are to be made for enabling the people to use Myanmar traditional medicines on a wider scale. Moreover, it is necessary to distribute high quality of traditional medicines to the people at fair prices.

Art of Myanmar traditional medicine is of wide range and subtle. Original strong effectiveness and characteristics of Myanmar traditional medicine are to be handed to new generations to be able to preserve them. All-out efforts are to be made for standardizing the Myanmar traditional medicines of international level.

Nowadays, traditional medicine practitioners and producers are to constantly conduct researches and produce quality traditional medicines on a wider scale for the safety use of people while promoting the art of Myanmar traditional medicine to meet higher standard.

Peoples' Festival

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

Union A&I Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Prof Dr Konosuke ODAKA of Hitotsubashi University of Japan and Deputy Director-General Mr Takahiro SASAKI of Southeast Asia and Pacific Department of JICA Head Office at the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

Their meeting focused on cooperation in agriculture sector in Myanmar.—MNA



Union A&I Minister U Myint Hlaing receives Prof Dr Konosuke ODAKA of Hitotsubashi University of Japan and Deputy Director-General Mr Takahiro SASAKI of Southeast Asia and Pacific Department of JICA Head Office.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General Dr Myint Than of Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on expiry of the one-year probation period.

5th Myanmar-Bangladesh Trade Joint Commission Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—The 5th Myanmar-Bangladesh Trade Joint Commission Meeting was held at Yadana Theinga Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Commerce Secretary Mr.



5th Myanmar-Bangladesh Trade Joint Commission Meeting in progress at Yadana Theinga Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

Ghulam Hussain of Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc,

officials concerned, and brother associations' members of the Republic of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The deputy minister and the Bangladeshi commerce secretary addressed at the meeting which focused on bilateral cooperation in promotion of trade.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—In a bid to give dental care to rural people, the healthcare group comprising the dentists and health staff of Pepsodant dental specialist clinic headed by Dr Than Naing Oo of Myanmar Dental Association made a field trip to the basic education high school in Kyidaungkan

Village, Pobbathiri Township here on 18 July.

Dental treatments were given to 715 students and 288 locals from Kyidaungkan, Zeegon, Letha and U-yin Village-tracts and arrangement for moluding denture were made for 20 locals.—MNA

Dental treatment provided in Pobbathiri Township



Dr Than Naing Oo of Myanmar Dental Association giving dental care to rural people in Kyidaungkan Village, Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

Bomb kills three employees of Pakistani oil company

QUETTA, 21 July—Police say a bomb has hit a vehicle carrying employees of a national oil and gas company in southwest Pakistan, killing three people and wounding five others.

Police official Mohammed Tariq says Thursday's attack occurred on a road in the Jaferabad area of Baluchistan Province. The people who were killed worked for the state-owned Oil and Gas Development Corporation.

Police said the bomb was fixed to a motorbike and parked on the roadside about 170 miles (272 kilometres) southeast of the provincial capital Quetta.

"It was a remote-controlled device which hit the oil and gas officials' vehicle," Mohammed Tariq, a senior police official, said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. But Baluchistan has experienced frequent violence from nationalist groups that want a greater share of the province's natural resources.—*Internet*



A bomb fixed to a motorbike killed at least three people on Thursday in a remote town in the country's troubled southwest that borders Afghanistan and Iran, police and doctors said.

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Welding device explodes in Moscow market, one injured

Moscow, 21 July—One welder was injured after his device exploded in a market near Moscow Thursday, local media reported.

According to police, the blast occurred when a worker hooked up the welding device to an electric wire. The device's electric insulation was broken, causing a short circuit and a blast.

Initial reports suggested that a blast happened under a car parked at the market that sells gardening equipment.

Xinhua



A file photograph shows British soldiers in Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province. British forces have detained two British nationals in Afghanistan, authorities in London said, amid reports they were suspected of fighting with the Taliban.—INTERNET

Two Britons detained in Afghanistan

LONDON, 21 July—British forces have detained two British nationals in Afghanistan, authorities in London said Thursday, amid reports they were suspected of fighting with the Taliban.

"We can confirm that British forces have detained two individuals in Afghanistan who claim to be British nationals," the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

A Foreign Office spokeswoman added: "We can confirm that two British nationals have been

detained in Afghanistan."

Neither ministry would confirm reports on the BBC and in Britain's *The Sun* newspaper that said the pair were suspected of fighting for the Taliban.

The Sun said two men wearing Afghan dress were arrested in the southern Province of Helmand, and were being held at a military base.

Britain has about 9,500 troops in Afghanistan as part of international forces fighting the Taliban military.—*Internet*

US drone attack kills four in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 July—At least four people were killed on Wednesday when a US drone targeted the North Waziristan tribal area in northwest Pakistan, local sources said. The pilotless aircraft fired two missiles at a house in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan, they said.

The identities of the killed are not immediately known, but Washington often claims the US drone strikes aim to hit militant hideouts in Pakistan's mountainous tribal belt. Since the start of 2011, the US drones have launched at least 44 times (counted on daily times) of strikes in Pakistan's northwest

tribal areas, reportedly killing over 400 people in total.

While most of the people targeted by US drones in Pakistan are believed to be militants who often launch attacks on the US-led NATO troops in Afghanistan across the border, US drones do often mistakenly kill innocent civilians.

MNA/Xinhua

In this undated photo, a man injured in a suicide bombing gets treatment in the Kazimiyah hospital in Baghdad, Iraq.

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Petraeus says trusts Pakistan in fight vs al-Qaeda

PARIS, 21 July—US General David Petraeus, Washington's new intelligence chief, said on Wednesday he trusted Pakistan as an ally in the fight against al-Qaeda and gave a cautiously upbeat overview of the war in Afghanistan which he led for the past year.

Petraeus, who handed over command of foreign troops in Afghanistan on Monday, spoke in support of Pakistan's military leadership in the midst of heightened tensions between the United States and its at-times reluctant regional ally.

"I do believe they want to eliminate the al-Qaeda presence and I do believe they want to eliminate

the Taliban Pakistani presence," Petraeus said at a news conference in Paris, where he stopped on the way back to the United States from Afghanistan.

After many in Pakistan were infuriated by a secret US raid that killed al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in May, US-Pakistan relations were further strained this week with the arrest in Virginia of a US citizen charged with illegally lobbying the United States for the Pakistani Government.

"It is credible they did not know" Osama bin Laden had been living in a compound in the city of Abbottabad, the site of a Pakistani military school, Petraeus added.—*MNA/Reuters*



The wrong kind of Muslim: the Shiite city of Karbala, Iraq is a frequent target of attacks by Sunni Muslims.—INTERNET



Stone Age erotic art found in Germany

BAMBERG, 21 July—Researchers in Germany have discovered Stone Age cave art in the country for the first time including carvings of nude women that may have been used in fertility rites, officials said Wednesday. Archaeologists working for the Bavarian State Office for Historical Preservation came upon the primitive engravings in a cave near the southern City of Bamberg after decades searching, a spokeswoman for the authority said.

The spokeswoman, Beate Zarges, confirmed a report to appear in the weekly newspaper *Die Zeit* that the engravings were believed to be around 12,000 years old, which would make them the first Stone Age artwork ever found in Germany. “They include schematic depictions of women’s bodies and unidentifiable symbols, among other



Archaeologists work on remains found in eastern Germany. Researchers in Germany have discovered Stone Age cave art in the country for the first time including carvings of nude women that may have been used in fertility rites.

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things,” she said. The ancient artists appear to have taken their inspiration for the erotic images from rock formations in the caves resembling breasts and penises and then carved the images in the walls of the cave, Zarges said.

Die Zeit quoted geologist and archaeologist Bernhard Haack, a member of the discovery team, as saying that the five-metre-long (16-foot-long) chamber in the cave may have been used for

fertility rituals. “It is a place full of magic,” he said. Zarges said the examination of the site was still ongoing and thus closed to the public. The world’s oldest cave paintings are believed to be the Chauvet Pont d’Arc murals in southern France, the subject of German director Werner Herzog’s most recent documentary, “Cave of Forgotten Dreams”.

The artwork is thought to be more than 30,000 years old.—Internet

Atlantis has landed, ending NASA’s shuttle era

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida) 21 July—The space shuttle *Atlantis* returned from NASA’s final shuttle mission on Thursday, ending a 30-year era that opened the space frontier, exposed its dangers and established a toehold for future endeavors beyond Earth. NASA workers lined the runway at the Kennedy Space Centre before dawn to greet *Atlantis* and its crew upon their return from a successful 13-day cargo run to the International Space Station and to celebrate the conclusion of the shuttle programme after 135 flights.

“I saw grown men and grown women crying today, tears of joy to be sure,” said shuttle launch director Mike Leinbach. “Human emotions came out the runway today. You couldn’t suppress them.”

Sailing through an unusually clear and moonlit night, *Atlantis* commander Chris Ferguson gently steered the 100-tonne spaceship high overhead, then nose-dived toward the swamp-surrounded landing strip a few miles from where *Atlantis* will go on display as a museum piece.

Atlantis’ landing capped a three-decade-long program that made spaceflight appear routine, despite two fatal accidents that killed 14 astronauts

and destroyed two of NASA’s five spaceships.

The last accident investigation board recommended the shuttles be retired after construction was finished on the space station, a \$100 billion project of 16 nations. That milestone was reached this year, leaving the orbiting research station as the shuttle programme’s crowning legacy.

“Its job is done and we got them back and can put them safely in museums and be proud of what they did,” said veteran astronaut Stephen Robinson, who was among those on the runway.—Reuters



In this image provided by NASA, Space Shuttle Atlantis touches down at NASA’s Kennedy Space Centre Shuttle Landing Facility in Cape Canaveral, Fla, completing its 13-day mission to the International Space Station and the final flight of the Space Shuttle Programme on 21 July 2011.

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Fake Chinese Apple store has even staff fooled

KUNMING, 21 July—China’s passion for iPads and iPhones has triggered widespread cloning and even brawls. Now, it has gone further with a fake Apple store so convincing even the staff think they work for



An iPad look-a-like, using computer parts, a touch screen and a case with a keypad, made for gadget-crazy people in China who desperately want Apple’s popular iPad tablet computer but cannot afford it. China’s passion for iPads and iPhones has triggered widespread cloning and even brawls. Now, it has gone further with a fake Apple store so convincing even the staff think they work for Steve Jobs.—INTERNET

Steve Jobs. The store, in the southwestern City of Kunming, was uncovered by an American blogger who was initially fooled, before she noticed not everything was as it seemed. At first glance, the signs, computers and layout of the shop all look exactly like a genuine Apple store, says the blogger, who posts under the name BirdAbroad.

Photos posted by the blogger show the employees wearing Apple’s trademark blue T-shirts with name badges hanging around their necks.

But a closer look reveals the winding stairs going up to the chill-out area are poorly made, the walls have not been painted well, and the shopfront sign says “Apple Store” whereas the real deal just sports the now-famous fruit logo.

The Apple website lists four official stores in China — two in Beijing and two in Shanghai, and none in Kunming. It has a list of approved retailers that sell its products, but none of those in Kunming corresponds to the fake store’s address, according to the blogger.—Internet

Toyota’s new pre-crash technology directs steering



A Toyota car stops automatically before a dummy, during a pre-collision system test in the demonstration of its safety technologies in Susono near Mount Fuji, west of Tokyo, Japan, on 21 July, 2011.—INTERNET

SUAONO, (Japan) 21 July—Toyota is developing a safety technology that takes control of the steering so the vehicle can veer away when it isn’t able to stop before impact.

Toyota Motor Corp. showed some of its up and coming safety innovations in a demonstration to reporters Thursday at its facility in this town, west of Tokyo, near Mount Fuji.

In the new system, Toyota uses cameras and a super sensitive radar called “millimetre-wave,” both installed in the front of the vehicle, to

detect possible crashes such as a pedestrian crossing the road.

The vehicle calculates how braking and steering must be applied to avoid a crash, said chief safety technology officer Moritaka Yoshida.

Toyota said it was aiming for zero fatalities and injuries, although it did not say when that goal would be achieved.

Fatalities have been declining in auto accidents, because of better safety features, but deaths among pedestrians in traffic accidents have not gone down in Japan.—Internet



Health



A health official tries to drop a polio vaccine into the mouth of a child at Kaiama town, in Bayelsa State, in 2005. Northern Nigeria has seen signs of a resurgence of polio cases, threatening to erase gains that had led to the near eradication of the disease in the country, UNICEF officials said Tuesday.

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Don't pack a choking hazard in kid's lunch

DALLAS, 21 July—When packing a child's lunch, parents should remember choking on food is one of the most common pediatric problems seen in emergency rooms, a US doctor warns.

Dr Pam Okada, a pediatrician at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says adults should avoid giving small children hot dogs, grapes, peanuts and chunks of apples and carrots. Toddlers lack molars and the coordination necessary to chew and swallow hard foods, she says.

"The pediatric anatomy is perfect for choking," Okada says in a statement. "Their airway is approximately the diameter of their pinkie finger."

Lunch can hold dangers for

teenagers, too. Perhaps surprisingly, adolescents are at the highest risk for anaphylaxis, or severe allergic reaction, Okada says.

"This group tries crazy things," Okada says. "One study reported that teens purposefully eat food they know they're allergic to — they think they've outgrown their allergy or they succumb to peer pressure to try foods they're allergic to." Children and adolescents with food allergies should always carry an EpiPen, which contains a single dose of the medicine epinephrine, which they can quickly inject into their outer thigh to stop a severe allergic reaction. It's not fun, but it does the trick, Okada advises.

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Chinese medicine could treat Parkinson's: HK study

BEIJING, 21 July—Chinese medicine may be effective in battling certain symptoms of Parkinson's disease, and lessening side effects from the drugs used to treat the condition, according to a new study.

Researchers at Hong Kong Baptist University said Gouteng, a traditional Chinese herb used to treat hypertension, helped patients better communicate and made them less prone to depression and sleeping difficulties.

"There is no cure for Parkinson's right now, but the study showed Chinese medicine can help treat the disease," a university spokesman said Thursday.

Parkinson's is a progressive motor-system disorder which usually affects people over the age of 50, although it can strike earlier, often causing severe symptoms including body trembling, stiffness and loss of balance.

The condition is usually treated with a drug called levodopa, which the brain converts into dopamine to



Traditional Chinese medicine is prepared at a shop in Hong Kong.

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relieve the symptoms, but it can also cause nausea and hallucinations.

The Baptist University study found that patients who took Gouteng together with levodopa experienced fewer side effects from the drug while showing a marked improvement in their communication skills.

Li Min, an associate professor who led the study, said the findings could also help boost the profile of Chinese medicine. "They provide not only pharmacological proof of the efficacy of Gouteng in treating Parkinson's disease, but will also help promote the effectiveness and safety of Chinese medicine to the international medical arena," she said.

Li — whose team has applied for a US patent — told the *South China Morning Post* that she expects the herb would start being used to treat the disease after the second phase of the study in 2013.—Internet



Business



June shows first trade surplus in 3 months

TOKYO, 21 July—Japan recorded a trade surplus of 70.7 billion yen (\$898 million) in June, the first such positive number in three months, the government said Thursday.

However, the June surplus, still reflecting the effects of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami disaster, was down 89.5 percent from the same month of last year, ministry figures showed.

Nonetheless, the June performance pointed to growing signs of recovery, *Kyodo News* reported. June exports totaled 5,776 billion yen (\$73.3 billion), down 1.6 percent from the same month last year, the ministry said.—Internet

Microsoft profit set to rise but PC worries dominate

SEATTLE, 21 July—Microsoft Corp is expected to post a 9 percent increase in fiscal fourth-quarter profit on Thursday, helped by solid sales of its Windows and Office mainstays, but investors may be distracted by evidence of flickering computer sales, which are key to its success.

The world's largest software maker is set to follow Google Inc., Apple Inc. and IBM in reporting surprisingly good results as technology spending holds up relatively well in an uncertain economy.

"The mature market consumer segment is still soft," Intel Chief Executive Paul Otellini told analysts on a conference call on Wednesday, after the company cut its 2011 PC growth projection to a range of 8 percent to 10 percent from earlier estimates in the low double digits.

Even that could be optimistic. PC sales grew only 2.3 percent last quarter, according to research firm Gartner, as cash-strapped consumers held off buying or opted for an iPad instead.



Microsoft Corp Chairman Gates speaks during a news conference in Tokyo.—INTERNET

The number of PCs sold — 90 percent of which come pre-loaded with Windows — directly affects Microsoft's top and bottom line.

Wall Street analysts expect Microsoft to post a profit of 58 cents per share for the quarter, up from 51 cents a year ago, while sales are expected to rise 7 pct to \$17.23 billion, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. Microsoft's revenue and profit have recently slipped behind archrival Apple, which had more than \$28 billion of sales last quarter, helped by its explosively popular iPhone and iPad.

Microsoft shares have outpaced the tech-heavy Nasdaq over the past month, but still are perched around \$27, a level they have circled since 1998, adjusted for splits.

Reuters

AMR Corp places huge order for new planes

FORT WORTH, 21 July—AMR Corp said it has placed the largest commercial aircraft order in history, splitting a purchase of 460 planes between US and European companies.

In a statement released Wednesday, AMR, the parent company of American Airlines, said it has ordered 200 Boeing 737 single-aisle aircraft and 260 planes of comparable size from Airbus.

Half of the order from Boeing is for 737 planes with a new engine that will "offer even more significant fuel-efficiency gains over today's models," AMR said in a statement. AMR said within five years it expects "to create the youngest, most fuel-efficient fleet among US industry peers." In addition to the order of mid-sized jets, which seat approximately 160, AMR said it "has plans to acquire 42 state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliners, to be delivered starting in late 2014."

On top of that, AMR said it has "firm orders" for seven 777-200 wide-body aircraft, which it expects to be delivered between 2013 and 2016.—Internet



Honda vehicles are lined up for export at Chiba port in Narashino City.

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Myanmar-Russia Hluttaws and Duma

Maung Than Nyein

At the invitation of The State of Duma of the Russian Federation with which Myanmar has maintained friendly relations for over 60 years, a nine-member delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was on a goodwill visit to Moscow and St. Petersburg of the Russian Federation from 26 June to 1 July.

The visit was designed to foster bilateral friendly relations, exchange views through reciprocal visits between the parliaments and boost cooperation between the two countries.

The global community welcomed the holding of the free and fair multiparty democracy general election in line with the new constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the formation of Hluttaws. The Russian Federation is one of the countries that understand the objective conditions of Myanmar and welcome the emergence of Hluttaws. It therefore invited a Myanmar Hluttaw delegation with the aim of fortifying friendly cooperation between the two parliaments.

The delegation comprised five Pyithu Hluttaw members and four Amyotha Hluttaw members who are the speaker, secretaries and members of Hluttaw committees, the Union level bodies. The two Hluttaw members are successful entrepreneurs in the commercial field. Being knowledgeable about Hluttaw committee functions and related subjects, delegation members are capable of pursuing the objectives of the purpose of the goodwill visit.

Myanmar and Russia have maintained friendly relations with mutual understanding for a very long time. So, there have been many reciprocal visits of leaders of the two friend countries. According to the records, the two countries have organized about 30 State visits to each other in about 40 years.

The goodwill visits include the visits of Hluttaw delegations. The last time a Myanmar Hluttaw delegation visited Russia was in 1975. A delegation of the State of Duma visited Myanmar in 1995, and the Vice Speaker of the Federation Council of Russia, in 1996. The friendly relations between the two countries have been strengthened to some extent by the goodwill delegation of members of Myanmar Hluttaws that have been set up according to the new system.

The Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann called on Speaker Mr. Gryzlov of Duma at the State of Duma in Moscow on 2 June. The two sides held frank relations. The Speaker of the State of Duma said that on behalf of Duma of the Russian Federation, he gave a warm welcome to the Myanmar delegation led by the speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw that had accepted his invitation immediately; that he was pleased that Myanmar had held a multiparty democracy general election freely and peacefully and the first sessions of the Hluttaws; that he welcomed the goodwill visit, regarding it as a visit for exchange of views and boosting cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries; and that the delegation could held discussions everywhere at any time.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann

extended greetings and expressed thanks for warm welcome to the delegation. He explained the purpose of the goodwill visit, and made clarification to political development in Myanmar.

The Speaker of the State of Duma said that he was a member of the Security Council of the Russian Federation and always had opportunities to watch Myanmar-Russian relations at the meetings; that he was glad to learn the political development in Myanmar; that he wished Myanmar a greater success in the political sphere; that the trade value between the two countries was still small, but was growing gradually; that he reckoned that the two countries needed to speed up bilateral cooperation; that bilateral economic cooperation was of great importance; that two countries could cooperate in the geological survey and exploration of gas and minerals; and that the State of Duma could push the Russian government to boosting bilateral cooperation.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that he believed that boosting Myanmar-Russia trade and economic cooperation; that while in service the two sides should try hard for greater success; that Myanmar was interested in cooperation in the oil and gas exploration and mining; that Myanmar could sell agricultural produce, marine products, forest products and teak; that raw rubber and garments are also included; that refined oil and fertilizers could be imported; that regarding the world tourism industry, Myanmar had pleasant and beautiful sea beach resorts in which Russians took interest and invited them to the tourist attractions; that during the visit, the Myanmar delegation would meet with the Russian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its invitation; that the Myanmar delegation also comprised relevant businessmen as well as Hluttaw members who could hold discussions about trade; that Myanmar will work closely with Russia in the interest of the nation and the people; that the nation will learn the experiences of Russia; that the two countries can boost bilateral cooperation by exchanging views in the culture and sports fields apart from the political, economic and science and technology sectors; and that boosting cooperation between the two governments must be encouraged.

In his talks, the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that the new government will keep exercising the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy; that he thanked Russia for standing on the Myanmar side in the field of international relations; that he praises and honours the Russian Federation for its leading role in world peace and security issues; that according to the Myanmar's foreign policy, the nation will participate in international affairs with congenial countries; and that Myanmar is dealing with international affairs in an honest and frank way. Then, the two sides held frank talks about Hluttaw affairs.

The State of Duma of the Russian Federation is part of the Federal Assembly of Russia. In Russia, senate is called Federation Council of Russia. The State of Duma was formed in 1906. It is the first elected parliament in Russia. The first to fourth sessions of the State of Duma were held from 1906 to 1917. The time of Tsar Monarchy met its end in 1917. Later, Supreme Soviet was formed with two legislative parliaments, which became the legislative body of highest power in the country.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics collapsed into pieces in 1991. The nation saw a new constitution in the time of President Boris Yeltsin in 1993. The State of Duma was reconstituted for the fifth time in place of Supreme Soviet. The State of Duma is in its five-year term with 450 elected MPs: 315 seats from United Russia led by Mr Putin, 57 from Communist Party; 40 from Liberal Democratic Party; and 38 from Fair Russia Party. In the December 2007 election, near 70 million of 109 million eligible citizens cast their votes, accounting for 63.7 per cent. Eleven parties stood for election. The parties that won less than 7% of votes are not allowed to stand on, and join suitable parties.

The State of Duma is constituted with 32 committees, some of which are related to the functions of the ministries, and some of which are separate work committees like work committee. Major tasks are the vetting of legislative cases and laws, and drafting, revoking, replacing and amending bills of respective sectors.

We learnt a lot about the State of Duma during our visit. The Myanmar delegation held discussions and compared notes not only at the State of Duma but also at the luncheon hosted by the vice speaker. The Russian ambassador to Myanmar also attended the luncheon.

On 28 June 2010, we called at the Federation Council of Russia. There, we received a warm welcome from Vice Speaker Mr. Shtyrov who exchanged views with the delegation. (The post for the speaker is vacant currently.)

The Federation Council of Russia and the State of Duma are under the Federal Assembly of Russia. The Russian Federation is made up of 83 Federal Subjects, from which two MPs each are elected to the parliament, like Amyotha Hluttaw in Myanmar to which 12 representatives each are elected from Regions and States.

Two MPs each to the 83 Federal Subjects are one from the legislative body and one from the executive body.

The Federation Council of Russia is composed of 16 committees and 7 commissions that are responsible to it. The functions of the Federation Council of Russia are not as many as that of the State of Duma. Mostly, the State of Duma makes final decisions. Activities associated with party affairs are prohibited in the Federation Council of Russia. We also studied the functions of the Federation Council of Russia. If the Federation Council of Russia does not agree with a bill approved by the State of Duma, they form a combined committee for talks, and the case can be presented to the two parliaments for voting. A bill the Federation Council of Russia refuses to approve can be approved if two-thirds of the MPs of the State of Duma vote for it.

St. Petersburg, a federal region of the Russian Federation as well as an ancient city, is a modern and developed economic hub. We visited the State of Duma of St. Petersburg, which was established by Peter, the Great, over 300 years ago (in 1703). In 1917 when the rule of Tsar Monarch was over, the capital was moved to Moscow.

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There, Speaker of St. Petersburg State of Duma Mr. V. I Tyulpanou welcomed the Myanmar delegation with open arms. The talks of the two sides focused on boosting cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries. In particular, they presented a proposal to boost cooperation with organizations like Yangon Region Hluttaw.

We learnt that St. Petersburg State of Duma is constituted with 50 MPs from 50 constituencies; that every week, 18 offices of MPs of the State of Duma in St. Petersburg hold talks with voters, ascertain their wishes and hear their proposals, which are then submitted to sessions of St. Petersburg State of Duma for talks. It is noteworthy that MPs meet regular with the people they have voted them.

With the palaces, edifices and museums built in the times of Russian monarchs from Tsar to Peter The Great and Queen Catherine, St. Petersburg sees a large stream of European tourists.

As scheduled by the host country, the Myanmar delegation held talks on bilateral trade. While in Moscow, we called at the Russian Merchants Association. The meeting was also attended by Russian businessmen who are dealing with Myanmar. The two MPs of the Myanmar delegation are from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. So, we could reply to all queries raised by the Russian side. The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker and members held a wide range of talks including direct air flights between the two countries, schedules for foreign tourists, investments in the mining sector, exploration of oil and gas, export of agriculture produce, foreign products and marine products, and investments in garment factories. Similarly, some Russian entrepreneurs held informal meetings with Hluttaw members. Russian entrepreneurs arranged a boat trip for us in the River niber in St. Petersburg. On the trip, we held talks about bilateral trade at dinner. We noticed signs of marked increase in bilateral trade value. Holding discussions, we sought ways and means to sold possible problems. The meeting

reached an agreement that Myanmar with sea beach resorts and other tourist destinations should try to draw more attention from Russian tourists.

The goodwill visit not only enhanced the Myanmar-Russia friendly relations but also created good opportunities for relations and exchange of views between the parliaments of the two countries. The experiences of balanced exercise of the three powers of sovereignty: legislative power, executive power and judicial power are invaluable. We also gained golden opportunity to observe many functions of their parliaments such as duties of MPs in the Federation Council of Russian and the State of Duma, relations between MPs and voters, undertakings of MPs, and reciprocal relations. We also studied the functions of parliamentary committees and offices that are crucial for parliamentary proceedings. We could create opportunities for boosting friendly relations and economic cooperation between the two countries. All in all, the goodwill visit yielded fruitful results to both countries.

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Proposal for designating Inndawgyi as sub-township to be submitted to next Hluttaw session



NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—A proposal will be submitted to the next session of Pyithu

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Lay responding to the queries by Mohnyin Township correspondent of the New Light of Myanmar.—(001)

Hluttaw for sub-township level administration of Inndawgyi in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, which is difficult of access and lags behind other regions in development due to natural barriers, said Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Lay from Mohnyin Township on 17 July.

At the meeting to make further clarification to his experiences from the first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw and accomplishments of the

government over 100 days on 17 July, the MP replied to the question raised by the correspondent of the New Light of Myanmar if he would submit a proposal for designating Inndawgyi Region as a sub-township in order to expedite tasks for speedy development.

Administrator of Inndawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary U Thein Lwin said that the region is constituted with 11 village-tracts and 39 villages and a population of over 50,600; that it has a natural lake with

an area of 100 square miles standing at an altitude of 546 feet, which is like an inland sea; that in the middle of the lake is historic pagoda "Shwe Myinzu", and near the lake, a wildlife sanctuary with an area of 314.67 square miles which has been designated as an ASEAN Heritage Park; and that so, the region is a national heritage site, attracting attention from local pilgrims, foreign tourists and environmentalists and historical researchers.

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Sarpaybeikman manuscript prizewinning books published

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Sarpaybeikman of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information has started sales of Sarpaybeikman manuscript prizewinning books for 2010 today.

The two books are "We Love Myanmar More Than Any Other Country Else and Other Short Stories" for which Naing Myo Thitsar (Namtu) won the third prize in the genre of collection of short stories, and "Practice of Combined Strength of

Five Fingers and True Stories" for which Maung Soe Htaik (Thonze) won the prize in the belles letters genre.

The books are available at Sarpaybeikman Bookstore at Ta-55, Thabyegon Market, Nay Pyi Taw (067 414681), Sarpaybeikman Bookstore at 529/531 on Merchant Street, Yangon (01 249031), and Sarpaybeikman Bookstore at Mandalay (02 62931).

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Paung Township Women Affairs Association Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Maw, social organization members and rural people assist in planting shady trees, vegetable plants, teaks in monsoon growing-ceremony held in both sides of Natkyeechaung-Okkan inter-village road.—Myanma Alin

UFL (Mandalay) holds Beauty Pageant Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—University of Foreign Languages (Mandalay) organized a Beauty Pageant Contest at Thiri

Yadana Hall yesterday morning.

On behalf of the rector (in-charge), Patron of subcommittee for

organizing Bodybuilding and Physical Culture and Beauty Pageant Contests Professor/Head of Myanmar Department

Dr Soe Moe Moe made an opening address and Chairman of the subcommittee Lecturer/Head of International Relations Department

Daw Kyu Kyu Win explained aim and rules of the contest.

After the contest, the prize presentation ceremony followed.

Rector In-Charge Dr Zaw Lin and officials presented prizes and certificates of honour to winners of the contest.—MNA

Rural development and poverty alleviation...

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Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that the subcommittee held the meeting to successfully realize the adopted plan for development of rural socio-economy. He said that in accord with the constitution, a new democratic nation is being built with the facilities of political, economic, social, education and health sectors. Rural development and poverty alleviation is one of many tasks of the new government. The Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee headed by the President has adopted eight tasks and is carrying out them. All walks of life are to work in concert in their respective sectors in undertaking the eight tasks, which are really necessary.

The Rural Socio-economic Development Subcommittee is to make utmost efforts for successful implementation of the tasks. Only when socio-economic life of the rural people develops, will the productive capability of the nation improve. The subcommittee is to take responsibility for undertaking six wide and important fields. All the subcommittee members are to consider development of six sectors on a wider scale and to cooperate with each other.

All ministries, respective region and state governments, district, township and Union level subcommittees are to hold coordination for implementing the tasks in the respective sectors in line with the Action Plans.

The Action Plans already adopted by the meeting have been submitted to the Central Committee led by the President, and plans were drawn again at the first coordination meeting of the subcommittee with the participation of deputy ministers.

As accomplishment plays an important role in undertaking the task, more action plans in conformity with the respective regions can be suggested at the meeting. The subcommittee is to adopt the practical and effective tasks in six fields and to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the tasks.

Secretary of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister U Soe Win explained work plan of the subcommittee and important facts to be included in the requirements

submitted by the townships.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin and Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin reported on works of the ministries concerned for the rural development and poverty alleviation, and officials of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health on participation of their ministries in the Action Plan.

Next, ministers and officials of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and governments of Regions and States explained works to be done for socioeconomic development of rural people, and Chairman of Myanmar Libraries Foundation U Maung Maung elaborated tasks of the foundation which is related to rural region development.

Regarding the reports, the chairman of the subcommittee Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan attended to the needs and called for compilation of Action Plans of respective regions and completion of this work within two months.

The subcommittee will implement effective action plans in the areas of education, health, human resources development, transport, telecommunications, and availability of potable water. Action plans will be realized through collaborative efforts of four strengths — (1) Union level subcommittee, (2) ministries concerned, (3) respective Region/State governments and district and township organizations and (4) local people. For availability of money and materials needed for the success of action plans, action plans will be implemented with collaborative efforts of ten strengths — (1) government, (2) banks, credit cooperative societies, (3) foundations, (4) entrepreneurs, (5) local nongovernmental organizations, (6) United Nations and international organizations, (7) international nongovernmental organizations, (8) wellwishers, (9) social organizations (township association, religious association) and (10) local people.

The subcommittee will carry out the tasks to realize the full success of free compulsory primary education system in education sector, to reduce the deliberate ending in education, to enable all students who passed matriculation examinations in rural areas to enjoy tertiary education; in health sector, to enable rural people to receive medical treatment within



Secretary of Socio-economic Development Subcommittee Deputy Minister U Soe Win makes clarification.—MNA

reach, to cure common diseases in rural areas by making field trips in cooperation with nongovernmental organizations, social organizations and wellwishers and to set up funds for township and station hospitals; in human resources development sector, to extend the establishment of village libraries with five characteristics and to deliver a newspaper to every village; in transport sector, to build village-to-village road and roads linking between rural and urban areas and to upgrade the roads so as to be used in every season; in telecommunications sector, to install suitable telecommunication system in every village, to open telecommunication centers and to establish rural information centers in order to share market, weather, agricultural and health information; and in availability of potable water, to ensure underground tapping water and natural water and to educate the people in use of water.

It is required for township subcommittees to compile facts needed for socioeconomic development of villages in their townships by making field trips and to fulfill the requirements immediately in township level and to report them to upper level if necessary. After scrutinizing the reports of townships and districts step by step, the Union level subcommittee will develop a coordinated efforts for ensuring the help of 10 strengths, invite wellwishers through media and join hands with respective township subcommittees in distributing accepted cash and kind.

MNA

Victorious Pancek Silat athletes honoured

YANGON, 21 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and Chief Minister U Myint Swe of Yangon Region yesterday attended the ceremony to honour victorious

athletes in the 3rd SEA Pancek Silat (Attack) Contest held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia, at the hall of Karaweik



Union Sports Minister U Tint Hsan presents prize to gold medallist Ye Kyaw Thu (Defence).—MNA

Palace, here.

Vice-President Daw Yup Hsai Ein of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation presented K 12 million donated by Jade Land Myanmar Group Co Ltd to the Union Minister.

The Chief Minister awarded K 1.8 million to goal medallist SIP Thein Soe (Home Affairs), and the Union Minister K 1.8 million to goal medallist Ye

Kyaw Thu (Defence).

Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win presented K 1.2 million to silver medallist Ye Thiha (Defence), Region Development Affairs Minister U Hla Myint, K 1.2 million to silver medallist Kyaw Naing Tun (Commerce) and Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin, K 1.2 million to silver medallist Hnin Thida

(Industry-1).

Member of MOC Chairman of Zay Gabar Co Ltd Dr Khin Shwe, President of MMAF Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni and Vice-President of MMAF Daw Yup Hsai Ein gave K 600,000 to silver medallists each.

The vice-president of the federation recounted the experiences in contest. The president of the federation hosted a lunch to them.—MNA

Computer, accessories handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—A ceremony to hand over a computer and accessories donated to Khun Kyon Village Basic Education Middle School in Haka

Township by Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun took place at Chin State Government Office in Haka this morning.

Chin State Chief Minister U Hon Ngai

delivered a speech and handed over the donations to the school through the headmaster and a member of the school board of trustees.

MNA

Coordination meeting on buildings, airfields, roads and bridges in Regions and States held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Ministry of Construction held a coordination meeting on buildings, airfield, roads and bridges in Regions and States at the ministry here on 20 July, with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint.

The Union minister gave instructions on maintenances of roads and bridges, systematic use of funds in line with financial regulations, supervision on use of tars and machineries, assistances to be provided by the Ministry

and supervising use of roads and bridges in accordance with ASEAN standards.

After that, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin reported on allocation of funds for maintenances of roads and bridges, nature and works of maintenances, inspection and supervision on trucks. Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and Ministers from States/Regions also presented the reports. Afterwards, the minister made a concluding remark.

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Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint speaking at coordination meeting on buildings, airfield, roads and bridges in Regions and States.—MNA

Syllabuses of pre-and...

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graduate courses must help fulfill the national requirements in health care and prevailing conditions in the international community. He disclosed that the seminar is designed to make reforms to the syllabuses of the pre- and post-graduate courses as curriculums should be improving regularly.

Also present at the seminar were Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, rectors, deputy directors-general,

Newly tarred road opened in Zabuthiri Township



Union Minister U Thein Nyunt attends opening of tarred road of the entrance to Pyankapayae Village in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

professors and guests.

Director-General of the Department of Medical Science Dr Than

Zaw Myint delivered a speech to the seminar that continues tomorrow.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt this morning attended the opening ceremony of the tarred road at entrance to Pyankapayae Village in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, constructed by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.

Head U Kyaw Myint of Engineer Department (Road and Bridge) of the Committee presented matters related to the newly-opened road.

Pyankapayae Villager U Win Htay spoke words of thanks for commissioning the road into service.

Member of the committee U Myo Aung, Zabuthiri Township Administrator U Yi Mon and Villager U Win Htay cut the ribbon. After that, the Union Minister and party strolled along the road.

Residents from Pyankapayae

village have an easy access to Nay Pyi Taw Council Area through Zizawah Flower Roundabout on Pinyinman-Taungnyo Road, thanks to the road measuring 3000 feet in length and 18 feet in width.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party attended at opening of a tube-well at Basic Education High School (branch) in Pyankapayae Village.

After Headmaster of the school U Tin Oo and Pyankapayae Villager U Win Htay had opened the tube-well, the Union Minister and party viewed the tube-well.

It was reported the tube-well with 400 feet-depth and four inches-diameter was commissioned into service for the students' sufficiency of purified drinking water with fund of the committee.—MNA

5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continues

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— The 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continued its first round matches at designated places today.

In today's events, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Home Affairs beat Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development 3-1, at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Electric Power-2 trounced Ministry of Immigration and Population 3-nil, at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports

Ground, Ministry of Sports humiliated Ministry of Health 4-1.

There will be tomorrow football matches between Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Ministry of Defence at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, between Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Ministry of Culture at No.2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, between Ministry of Electric Power-1 and Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.—MNA



EP-2 Ministry plays against Ministry of Immigration and Population in first round match of 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011.—MNA

Yin Natha Library in Myaing opened

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—The opening of Yin Natha Library in Kywebok Village, Myotha Village-tract, Myaing Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region, took place at the library on 10 July morning.

On behalf of the donors: U Aung Nyein-Daw Htay Yin (retired senior assistant teachers), sister Daw Htay Kyi (retired Myanmar professor), Head Daw Aye Aye Nwe of Township Information and Public Relations Department and administrator U Win Shwe of Village

formally opened the facility.

Daw Htay Kyi spoke on the occasion. Documents on the building, furniture, 242 novels, 160 books of informative writing, 650 magazines, 500 publications and K 461,000 were handed over to chairman U Htay Myint of the library. The 24 ft x 14 ft 12 ft building roofed with corrugated iron sheets, brick walls and brick foundation cost 2.5 million kyats in total.

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Yatanarpon Teleport Co offers mobile phone rental services to tourists at Yangon International Airport starting from 20 July.

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Heavy rainfall floods India's Patna



A rickshaw puller carrying a passenger wades through water in Patna, capital of India's eastern state Bihar on 20 July, 2011.
XINHUA

5.4-magnitude quake hits south of Panama

BEIJING, 21 July—An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted south of Panama at 15:51:30 GMT on Wednesday, the US Geological Survey, monitored here, said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 17.60 km, was initially determined to be at 7.0785 degrees north latitude and 82.2921 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

Hong Kong Observatory says 6.2-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands

HONG KONG, 21 July—Hong Kong Observatory said an earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale hit Solomon Islands on Thursday.

The quake, occurred at 6:05 am Hong Kong time (2205 GMT, 20 July), was centered at 10.2 degrees south latitude and 162.2 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua



Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki (R Front) sets on fire a bulk of contraband tusks and ivory during the African Elephant Law Enforcement Day in Tsavo West National Park, Kenya, on 20 July, 2011. Kibaki on Wednesday publicly set on fire five tonnes of confiscated tusks and processed ivory, which were seized in Singapore in 2002.—XINHUA

France seizes 250 kg cocaine

PARIS, 21 July—French customs have seized 250 kilogrammes of cocaine on a ship at the port of Dunkerque in northern France, local media reported on Wednesday.

The drug was hidden in the hull of a Liberian-flagged ship, which has been the target of the customs for a while. According to Le Figaro, several crewmen were taken into

custody when lawmen discovered the cocaine on Sunday.

The value of the haul was estimated between 5 to 10 million euros (7.11-14.22 million US dollars).

Early this week, French customs have snapped 175 kilogrammes of cocaine in Pyrenees-Orientales, a southern department near the border with Spain.—MNA/Xinhua

Apartment building collapses in NE China, casualties unknown

HARBIN, 21 July—A residential building collapsed in China's northeastern City of Harbin Thursday morning but the casualties remain unknown. Part of the six-storey building caved in at about 4 am and the residents had been evacuated.

Xinhua

Nine dead, four injured in vehicle collision on east China highway

WENZHO, 21 July—The death toll in a vehicle collision accident occurred on a highway section in east China's Zhejiang Province Thursday morning has risen to nine, as police found one more body from the distorted van truck.

The overloaded van bumped into the rear of a heavy haul trailer at around 4:49 a.m. on the highway linking Ningbo and Wenzhou in the province.

All of the casualties occurred on the van. The 3-seat van carried 13 people with five squeezing in the driver's cabin and eight hiding in the carriage compartment.

The accident site remains cordoned off, as police are clearing steel bars dropped from the heavily-loaded trailer. Cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Xinhua

Mongolia might be home for spent nuclear fuel: media

ULAN BATOR, 21 July—Japan, the United States, and Mongolia had agreed to establish spent nuclear fuel storage facilities in Mongolia, local media said Wednesday.

According to a draft agreement, that is likely to meet strong local opposition, Mongolia would set up locations for a nuclear fuel production

and spent fuel disposal cycle, in which Mongolia would export uranium fuel and provides facilities to store the resulting waste.

The International Atomic Energy Agency may play a role in providing technical support to Mongolia in establishing nuclear waste facilities in the country, according to the draft agreement.

Mongolia had contacted the United Arab Emirates about establishing such an export and disposal cycle, local media reported.

Reports of nuclear waste disposal have previously aroused fierce opposition in the country, despite the Mongolian government having repeatedly denied the reports.—Xinhua



A resident walks out of his house in Lonquimay, Araucania Region, located 730 km (453 miles) south of Santiago July 20, 2011. The Chilean government has declared Lonquimay a disaster area after heavy snowfall, with some areas facing up to 2.3 meters of snow. There are 16,000 people currently isolated in the area, according to government sources.—XINHUA

Dutch police arrests four in FBI hacker probe

THE HAGUE, 21 July—Four members of the group Anonymous Hackers were arrested in the Netherlands in an investigation launched by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Fourteen others were arrested in the meanwhile within the United States, and one was captured in Britain in the operation, Dutch Press agency ANP reported on Wednesday.

The FBI investi-

gation was focusing on an attack upon the Internet payment system PayPal.

The hacker group allegedly conducted attacks on PayPal after the company refused to channel payments to the whistleblower website Wikileaks.

Anonymous claimed to be responsible for attacks on websites including credit card companies Visa and MasterCard.

MNA/Xinhua

Bulls fight in a bullfight in Butuo County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 20 July, 2011. Thousands of people of Yi ethnic group gathered here Wednesday to enjoy bullfights to celebrate the annual Torch Festival in Butuo.—XINHUA



Hurricane Dora reaches Cat 4 strength off Mexico

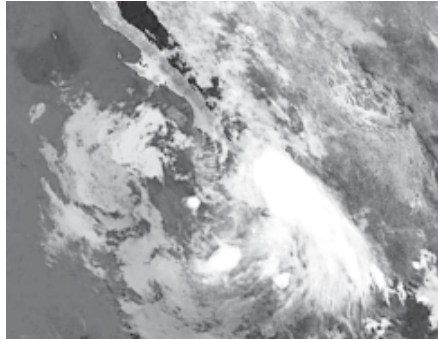
ACAPULCO, 21 July—Hurricane Dora rapidly grew into a Category 4 storm off Mexico's Pacific coast Wednesday while keeping out to sea and threatening coastal areas only with rain and tropical storm-strength winds.

The US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said late Wednesday that the storm's top sustained winds had reached 135 mph (215 kph). It said Dora's centre was about 220 miles (355 kilometres) south-southwest of Lazaro Cardenas and moving west-northwest at 15 mph (24 kph).

The fourth hurricane of the eastern Pacific season was forecast to stay offshore as it moved parallel to the coast for the next day or so. It could strengthen more before weakening begins Friday, forecasters said.

Mexican authorities issued a tropical storm watch from Lazaro Cardenas to Cabo Corrientes, meaning tropical storm conditions were possible within 12 to 24 hours.

The hurricane's outer bands brought rains to much of Mexico's southern coast, including the resort city of Acapulco. Police walked the beaches advising swimmers about the risk of strong waves.



This National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) GOES-11 satellite image released on 19 July shows Hurricane Dora along Mexico's Pacific coast.—INTERNET

In the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Cindy formed well out to sea and posed no threat to land. Its centre was 800 miles (1,290 kilometres) east-northeast of Bermuda.

Tropical Storm Bret was forecast to weaken to a tropical depression by Thursday as it moved northeast away from the Bahamas and well off the US Atlantic coast. Bret's maximum sustained winds were 40 mph (65 kph). Its center was about 235 miles (380 kilometres) south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and 455 miles (735 kilometres) west of Bermuda.—Internet

Mexico on high alert for strengthened hurricane

MEXICO CITY, 21 July—Mexican authorities went on high alert Wednesday as Hurricane Dora upgraded into a Category 4 storm off the country's Pacific coast. The Mexican National Meteorological Centre, citing initial reports, said the hurricane had caused flooding in the southern states of Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas, resulting in some damage. There were no immediate reports of casualties, but local residents were urged to be cautious, and Mexican emergency personnel had been put on full alert. The Miami-based US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) reported that at 5 pm local time (2200 GMT), Dora was located about 300 km southwest of Guerrero's Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo beach resort, and packed winds of over 215 km per hour.

"Some additional strengthening is forecast during the next day or so," the NHC said, adding the extremely dangerous major hurricane is "likely to cause life-threatening" conditions along the coast. The current forecast did not see a landfall as Dora raged northwest, but the storm was already whipping up waves as high as 3.96 metres off Mexico's southwestern shores.—Xinhua



Workers remove appliances and belongings during the residents' eviction from a 36,000 square metre land at Asuncion neighbourhood, part of the industrial ABC side of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 20 July, 2011. Last year, 380 families took over the land.—XINHUA

People attend a seminar at the Broad Pavilion of World Expo Shanghai 2010 in east China's Shanghai, on 20 July, 2011.—XINHUA



Saudi Arabia bans iPhones, Samsung tablets in security areas

RIYADH, 21 July—The Saudi interior ministry recently announced that the iPhone and Samsung Galaxy Tab will no longer be allowed inside the country's security institutions, Al-Arabiya news channel reported Wednesday. The Saudi interior ministry cited concerns that these gadgets may be easily infiltrated via hacking,

Al-Arabiya reported. Also, IT specialists and experts reiterated the ministry's security concerns and agreed that these gadgets could potentially impinge on the privacy of people and institutions.

Al-Arabiya said that Saudi Arabia is not the first country that issues the ban, as the United States and a number of European countries have done the same at security organizations. It is not clear why the Saudi ministry think that these two gadgets in particular are more susceptible to an attack than any other smartphone or tablet.

Xinhua

Nearly two dozen dead as US heat wave moves east

CHICAGO, 21 July—A searing heat wave in the central and southern United States has killed at least 22 people this week, and forecasters on Wednesday said the heat was moving east and could last for weeks.

The National Weather Service said 141 million people in more than two dozen states were under a heat advisory or warning because of the soaring temperatures. The country's midsection has been scorched off and on since late May. In Wichita, Kansas, forecasters warned temperatures would hit at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) every day through Tuesday. "It's just

draining, physically draining," said Chris Vaccaro, a Weather Service spokesman.

The inferno moved into the mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures reached above 90 degrees F (32 degrees C) in Washington, DC and were expected to hit 100 degrees on Thursday. Meteorologists said the heat wave could last into August over much of the eastern United States. Hospitals in Wichita treated 25 heat-related illnesses, according to the National Weather Service. In Des Moines, Iowa, 16 people have been hospitalized because of this week's high temperatures.—MNA/Reuters



People wait in the rain for taxis in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 July, 2011. Continuous rainfall moistened the city in recent days as Beijing entered a main flood season on Wednesday.

XINHUA

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Climate change forcing polar bears to swim longer distances

WASHINGTON, 21 July—Biologists are warning that warmer temperatures from climate change are forcing polar bears to swim longer distances to find stable sea ice, which is proving deadly for many of their cubs.

Researchers following a group of adult polar bears found a 45 percent mortality rate among the cubs of those adults that swam 30 miles (48 kilometres) or more at a time, as compared with an 18 percent mortality rate among the cubs of other polar bears.

Internet

The seals were clubbed to death in what conservation staff called a callous, cowardly attack.

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Invitation to domestic proprietors who are willing to run Yangon local train business

The domestic proprietors who are willing to run Yangon local train business are hereby invited to come and contact as per under schedule.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0019)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0019) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Whale watchers are seen on the deck of a boat off the coast of the tiny northern fishing village of Husavik.—INTERNET

Hunters and watchers battle over whales in Iceland

HUSAVIK, 21 July—A slick black head breaks the surface, drawing delighted shrieks from whale watchers in a growing, and lucrative, activity that some say should replace Iceland's controversial whale hunt.

Since their meagre beginning in the 1990s, whale safaris in this island state have grown to attract tens of thousands of visitors each summer. But its proponents tensed up when Iceland reintroduced commercial whaling in 2006, and the two sides remain uneasy bedfellows.

"Whaling is bad for our business," lamented Hoerdur Sigurbjarnarson, 58, of the family-run North Sailing tour company based in the tiny northern fishing village of Husavik. Internet

Ottawa Bluesfest stage collapse injures five

OTTAWA, 21 July —At least five people were injured, one seriously, when a stage collapsed amid high winds at the Ottawa Bluesfest. Concert officials evacuated the stage on Sunday, moments before it collapsed 20 minutes after the start of a performance by rock band Cheap Trick. "Everyone is okay and we are so lucky to be alive and hope that all the fans are okay," the group wrote on Facebook.

Canadian authorities had warned of winds of up to 56mph (90 km/h) ahead of the event. "It was as if some invisible hand had pushed the entire structure over," Ottawa Citizen concert reviewer

Chris Cobb was quoted in a news article as saying. "It fell backwards almost intact and very quickly - like a house of cards."—Internet



The stage collapsed during a severe thunderstorm as concert-goers ran for cover.— INTERNET

New Zealand teen admits killing seals for 'being pests'

WELLINGTON, 21 July—A New Zealand teenager has pleaded guilty to killing 23 seals and seal pups with a metal pipe because he thought they were pests. Jason Trevor Godsiff attacked the seals while he was on his way home from work on a building site near Kaikoura on South Island. He stopped at a seal colony and bludgeoned the animals to death.—Internet



Poussin took the design for the group of dancers from another of his paintings.—INTERNET

Poussin paintings vandalised at National Gallery

LONDON, 21 July—Two paintings by Nicholas Poussin have been sprayed with red paint by a vandal at the National Gallery in London. The alarm was raised after a gallery assistant spotted a man appearing to spray the works with an aerosol can. The Adoration of the Golden Calf and The Adoration of the Shepherds were painted between 1633 and 1634.

The incident happened just after 1700BST on Sunday. The police were called shortly afterwards and a man was arrested. The gallery said: "Prompt action by conservation staff has ensured very little damage was sustained by the two works." Both oil paintings are part of the gallery's permanent collection and are hung in room 19.

Internet

Brother stabbed during cigar fight

Police in Florida said they arrested a man who allegedly stabbed his brother in the shoulder when he was told not to light a cigar inside their apartment.

St Petersburg police said Gary Williams, 53, took out a cigar just before 1 am Friday and his brother, Dean, 53, threatened to set the residence on fire if he did not listen, *The St Petersburg Times* reported Wednesday.

Investigators said Gary Williams then stabbed his brother once in the shoulder with a "sharp instrument." Dean Williams, who said he did not see the object with which he was stabbed, called 911 from a neighbouring apartment where another brother lives. Police said they believe alcohol was involved in the incident. Gary Williams was arrested and held without bail.



A handout photo released by Clarence House shows Britain's Prince William posing with his wife Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, and their pageboys and bridesmaids in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace on 29 April, 2011 in London.

Man creates scarecrow royal wedding

A British fan of the royal family said he recreated Prince William's wedding to Kate Middleton with scarecrows for his village's scarecrow festival.

Findlay Farmer of Abbotsley, England, said he recreated the Buckingham Palace balcony on the wall of a building that formerly housed a pub and used scarecrows to recreate a photograph from the day of the wedding, the BBC reported Wednesday.

Farmer said his recreation is "accurate in every detail."

"The only thing I had to move were the page boys as they were taking up a bit too much room, so I moved them to the edge," he said.

Farmer said his submission to Abbotsley's scarecrow festival has proved a hit with locals.

"It's slowing up the cars. It's like a traffic calming measure," he said.

Hallucinating men called 911

Police in Georgia said two men who seemed to be hallucinating called 911 to report a home invasion and were arrested on suspicion of making methamphetamine.

Effingham County sheriff's deputies said they responded to a call about a home invasion at the Bloomingdale home at about 4 am Tuesday and were greeted by Brian Johnson, 28, and Brian Austin, 25, who said they could hear people in their back bedroom, *The Savannah (Ga.) Morning News* reported Wednesday.

"They pointed out to the deputies outside where the 'suspects' were,

climbing into a boat and getting away," sheriff's spokesman David Ehsanipour said.

"There was no one there, and deputies realized the two men were hallucinating."

"They were so high they called 911 on themselves," the spokesman said. He said investigators discovered a meth lab at the residence and the men were arrested. Austin, who was found to be carrying additional drugs on his person, was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and crossing a guard line with a controlled substance.

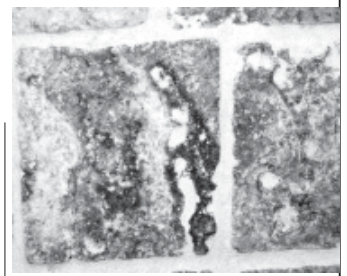
Couple spot Virgin Mary in shower tile

An Oklahoma couple who recently put new tiles in their shower said they discovered an image of the Virgin Mary on one of the tiles.

Carol Burrell of Moore said she was skeptical when her husband, Gary, told her about the tile, but she became a believer when she went into the bathroom and saw the image for herself in one of the 3-inch stone tiles, *The Oklahoman* reported Wednesday.

"It stood right out," Burrell said.

She said they have decided to leave the tile in place because it may be damaged if removed.



The Jesus tile, via the Oklahoman.

News Album

Katy Perry notches 9 MTV VMA Award nominations



Singer Katy Perry.

NEW YORK, 21 July—Katy Perry's "Firework" had enough sparks to claim a leading nine MTV Video Music Award nominations, including video of the year.

Perry — who hosted the network's Wednesday night special announcing the nominations — was also nominated for best female video for "Firework", as well as best pop video for "Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)." Adele tied Kanye West with seven nominations. The best-

selling British diva will compete with Perry for top video with "Rolling in the Deep". Others in the category include the Beastie Boys for "Make Some Noise"; rapper Tyler, the Creator for "Goblin"; and Bruno Mars for "Grenade".

Mars was nominated for four Moonman trophies. Other multiple nominees include Lady Gaga, Beyonce and Eminem.

The VMAs are scheduled for Aug. 28 in Los Angeles and will air live.

Internet



Movie star Donnie Yen (R) and his wife Cecilia Wang Shishi (L) attend the premiere ceremony of the film "Wuxia" in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, 21 July, 2011. With an investment of 20 million US dollars, the film "Wuxia" hit the screen here on Thursday.

XINHUA

'Grey's' star Eric Dane enters rehab

LOS ANGELES, 21 July— Eric Dane's publicist says the actor is undergoing treatment for an addiction to painkillers at an undisclosed Los Angeles rehabilitation centre.

The "Grey's Anatomy" star is married to actress Rebecca Gayheart, who is pregnant with their second child.

"Actor Eric Dane voluntarily checked himself into a treatment facility to help him get off of pain medication that he was prescribed

for a sports injury that he suffered over the recent hiatus. He reports back to work next week. Business as usual," his representative said in a statement issued to People.com.

Xinhua



Actor Eric Dane of "Grey's Anatomy," who is now undergoing treatment for an addiction to painkillers.

INTERNET

Katie Couric to co-host ABC's 'The View' on 3 Aug

NEW YORK, 21 July—Katie Couric will soon get some practice at hosting her own daytime talk show, thanks to "The View."

Executive producer Bill Geddie said Wednesday that Couric will be a guest co-host on the ABC talk show airing live on 3 Aug.



Katie Couric

Last month, it was announced that ABC and Disney had signed Couric as host and producer of a one-hour nationally syndicated talk show premiering in September 2012. She also is joining the ABC News team.

Couric was a longtime co-anchor of NBC's "Today" show

and, until May, anchored the "CBS Evening News."

"The View" airs weekdays at 11 am Eastern time. Its regular panel of co-hosts includes Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar (BAY'-har), Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd.

Internet

Ribery dreams of following in Messi's footsteps



Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery

MUNICH, 21 July—Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery has said that winning the world footballer of the year award currently held by Lionel Messi is his “biggest dream”.

“My biggest dream is to be recognised as the best player in the world, and I think I have a chance of fulfilling it,” the French international told SportBild on Wednesday. “Now that I am coming back to 100 percent fitness again, that my head is clear and focused fully

on football, and that I have a great relationship with the coach (Jupp Heynckes), I am convinced that I can emulate Messi.”

Ribery spoke glowingly of new coach Heynckes, who is back at the club for a third spell in charge after leading Bayer Leverkusen to second place in the Bundesliga last season.

“He listens and gives the players freedom to express themselves on the pitch.” That is what I need. I feel free to go out there and show what I am capable of. “I feel able to try out difficult dribbles or dangerous passes again,” said the 28-year-old, whose last two seasons have been marred by injury.

Internet

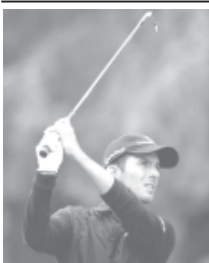
Atletico sign Mendes from Juve

MADRID, 21 July—Portugal star Tiago Mendes has signed with Atletico Madrid after terminating his contract with Juventus, the Spanish club said Wednesday.

The 30-year-old midfielder, who has been on loan at Atletico since early 2010, signed a deal to play for the club for the next two seasons, the Primera Liga side said in a statement.

It did not provide financial details. The one-time Chelsea player signed for Juventus from Lyon in 2007.

Internet



Canada's Mike Weir hits his approach shot on the 15th hole during a pro-am event at the Canadian Open golf tournament at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver.—INTERNET



Portugal star Tiago Mendes, seen here in 2010, has signed with Atletico Madrid after terminating his contract with Juventus.

INTERNET

Weir looking to break par at Canadian Open

VANCOUVER, 21 July—Mike Weir has enjoyed a lot of breakthroughs playing golf in Vancouver, including his first professional win while playing on the Canadian Tour in 1997, and his first PGA Tour victory two years later.

Weir has also long been the favorite to end a Canadian drought at his national open that dates back to Pat Fletcher winning down the road from here in 1954. In 2004 he almost did, losing in a playoff to Vijay Singh just one year after becoming the first Canadian to win a major at the 2003 Masters.

Now, the little lefty returns to Vancouver just trying to break par.

Jo quits City to return to Brazil

SAO PAULO, 21 July—Brazilian striker Jo has left Manchester City to join Internacional in his homeland, the Premier League club confirmed on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old was City's record signing when he joined from CSKA Moscow in 2008



Brazilian striker Jo

for a fee of around £18 million, although he was swiftly overtaken in that regard by his countryman Robinho later the same summer.

Despite expectations Jo never adapted to life in the Premier League, and scored only six goals in 41 appearances for City. Jo, capped three times by Brazil, also had spells on loan at Everton and Galatasaray, but could not recapture the form that had made him such an exciting prospect in Russia.

Internet

Uruguayan media laud Celeste's Copa run

SAN JOSE, 21 July—Uruguay's media on Wednesday paid tribute to their national team after the win over Peru saw the ‘celeste’ reach the Copa America final.

Coach Oscar Tabarez's team now stand on the verge of a historic 15th triumph if they can see off either Venezuela or Paraguay in Sunday's final, and newspapers were full of praise.

“With the dreams of a nation,” headlined El Observador after a triumph secured with two goals from Liverpool forward Luis Suarez.



Uruguayan forwards Luis Suarez (R) and Diego Forlan celebrate after Suarez scored against Peru on Tuesday.—INTERNET

“Uruguay are in the final - we want the Cup,” said Ovacion, a supplement of the daily El Pais, which added “we are preparing the window” ready to show off the trophy.

Ovacion praised Suarez's “pure talent.” The player is “a machine which generates danger.”

But the media also slammed the pitch at the Estadio Unico in La Plata, a venue where Brazil had trouble as they first drew with Venezuela and then slid out on penalties to Paraguay.

Internet

Cole wants to end career at Chelsea

LONDON, 21 July—England international defender Ashley Cole said on Wednesday that he wants to end his career at Chelsea and was full of praise for new manager Andre Villas-Boas.

Cole, 31, who has been linked with moves abroad to escape the media limelight, is only two years younger than the Portu-

Serena Williams enters US Open with injury-protected ranking

NEW YORK, 21 July—Serena Williams, who has dropped to 172nd in the world after being sidelined for almost a year with injury and illness, has opted to use an injury-protected ranking to gain entry into the US Open, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) said on Wednesday.

Champion Kim Clijsters will also be back to defend her title in New York after being sidelined during Wimbledon with a foot injury.

Williams, who won the last of her 13 grand slam titles at Wimbledon in



Serena Williams reacts during her match against Marion Bartoli of France at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London.—INTERNET

2010, can use her injury-protected number one ranking to enter eight tournaments, including one grand slam, since she was sidelined over six months with health issues, according to the USTA.

Internet

S P O R T S

Jet-lag doesn't spoil Wambach homecoming

ROCHESTER, 21 July—The stadium was packed, the “Abby! Abby! Abby!” chanting fans were loud, and Abby Wambach felt everyone required an explanation because many

had, after all, come to see her on Wednesday.

So at halftime of the Women's Professional Soccer league game between Wambach's magicJack and the Western New York Flash, the US National team star took a microphone and headed to midfield to provide an apology as to why she—the star of the day—wasn't playing.

“I hope I didn't disappoint too many people tonight, but my body really needed a rest,” Wambach said. “Honestly, I'm humbled.”

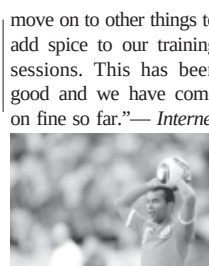
Wambach didn't play in what was supposed to be her first game back—and in her native Rochester, no less—three days after the US lost the World Cup final to Japan in penalty kicks.

Internet



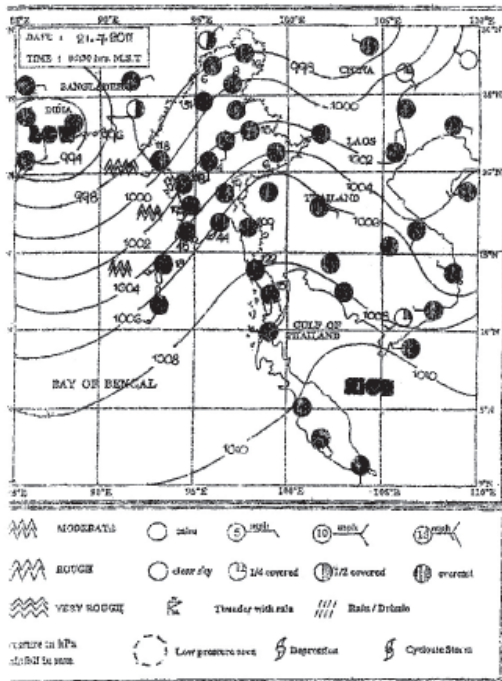
The magicJack's Abby Wambach waves to fans before a Women's Professional Soccer league match against the Western New York Flash on 20 July, 2011 in Rochester, NY.

INTERNET



England international defender Ashley Cole

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 22nd July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/53	25/77	Widespread rain (H)	80%
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Fairly widespread	80%
3	Kayin	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain (H)	80%
4	Chin	22/72	15/59	Widespread rain	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain	80%
7	Taninthayi	26/79	24/75	Widespread rain (H)	80%
8	Bago	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain (H)	80%
9	Magway	28/82	25/77	Scattered rain	80%
10	Mandalay	34/53	25/77	Scattered rain	80%
11	Mon	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
12	Yangon	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain	80%
13	Rakhine	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread	80%
15	Northern Shan	27/81	22/72	Fairly widespread	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread	80%
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	25/77	Widespread rain	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	28/82	24/75	One or two rain	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28/82	24/75	Some rain	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/53	25/77	Isolated rain	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rains have been fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Bago, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Chin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taton (29.10 inches), Kyaukaw (13.32) inches, MraukU (7.99) inches, Thandwe (7.92) inches, Maungaw (6.97) inches, An (6.74) inches, Kyauksemaraw (6.22) inches, Palaw (6.14) inches, Kawkaik (6.02) inches, and Launglon (5.98) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40 to 45) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.



Visitors choose books during the Hong Kong Book Fair in Hong Kong, south China, 20 July, 2011.

XINHUA

Husbands happier in marriage if wives are skinnier

KNOXCILLE, 21 July—Husbands are more satisfied initially and wives are more satisfied over time when wives weigh less than their husbands, a US study finds.

Andrea L. Meltzer and James K. McNulty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and colleagues say the four-year longitudinal study of 169 newlywed couples addressed the question of body mass index for the trajectory of marital satisfaction.

The findings suggest that a dual perspective may be more appropriate than an individual one for understanding how partners' qualities shape established relationships such as marriage.—Xinhua

China's telecommunication sector revenue grows 10.1 pct in H1

BEIJING, 21 July—China's telecommunications sector revenue grew 10.1 percent in the first half, surpassing that of GDP for the first time since 2007, a senior official said Thursday.

"A lasting sound macro economy creates a favorable environment for rapid growth in the telecommunications sector." Zhang Feng, director of the telecom development department of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said at a press conference.

Mobile phones users increased by 6.15 million and broadband Internet users by 1.55 million in the first half, he said.

He said Chinese people were more willing to spend on telecommunications services as incomes of urban and rural residents increased 7.5 percent and 13.7 percent respectively in the first six months from the same period last year.

Upgraded information network infrastructure and transition to an integrated information service industry had also contributed to the growth in revenue, Zhang said.

Telecommunications providers invested 143.1 billion yuan (about 22.2 billion US dollars) in upgrading infrastructures in the first half, an increase of 56.5 percent year-on-year, according to MIIT figures.

Xinhua

Friday, 22 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News

- 7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:20 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- 8:30 am
9. Documentary
- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

- 4:20 pm
3. Dance Of National Races
- 4:25 pm
4. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (2nd Prize Winner) (Botahtaung B.E.H.S (6))
- 4:45 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Zoology)
- 4:55 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
7. Myanmar Language

- 5:20 pm
8. Songs of Yester Years
- 5:30 pm
9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm
13. Documentary
- 7:10 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

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(22-7-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(22-7-11 09:30 am ~ 23-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * From Pagoda Festival To Unexpected Experience

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- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Food "Kho Taung Montee"
- * Significant Songs for You
- * News
- * Let's Grow Trees Together In Moonsoon Season
- * News
- * On the LEDO ROAD (Part-III)
- * Myanmar Movies "Life is struggling"

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Syllabuses of pre- and post-graduate courses to be reviewed and reformed

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin makes opening speech at 9th Seminar on Medical Education.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—To bring about more human resources in the health field is crucial for providing international health care with modern medicine and technologies, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the opening of the 9th Seminar on Medical Education at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

As of 2001, the medical and medicine-related universities under the Ministry of Health have been receiving a growing number of students with the opening of new universities to meet the nation's demand for human resource development, he said.

In pursuance of human resource development in the medical field, the



ministry has been setting up new and renovating old institutions, along with providing pedagogical aids, training students, replenishing lab equipment, and e-libraries and appointing more teachers to improve the medical education, he said.

Moreover, the ministry is creating opportunities for students to pursue higher subjects inside the nation and to attend post-graduate courses and seminars abroad with a view to sharpening the abilities of medical professionals, he noted.

The government is opening more post-graduate courses at home, spending huge funds, so producing enough post-graduate experts is high in the list of priorities, he said, adding that syllabuses of pre- and post-graduate courses will be reviewed and reformed. (See page 9)



Chinese medicine could treat Parkinson's: HK study

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Heavy rainfall floods India's Patna



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Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Bago River in Bago is 861 cm. It may reach its danger level (910) cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T

observations today, the water level of Sittoung River in Madauk is 1010 cm. It may reach its danger level (1070) cm during the next 36 hours commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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