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President U Thein Sein felicitates Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces of the Arab Republic of Egypt

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Field Marshal Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2011.—*MNA*

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Egyptian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Essam Abdel Aziz Sharaf, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2011.—*MNA*

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

* Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011 commences

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—The Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011, organized by Industrial Development Committee, was opened in front of the Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and guests.

Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung formally opened the show.

Union Minister U Soe Thein unveiled the signboard of the show.

The deputy speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the deputy speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Union Ministers, deputy ministers and party viewed round the products of the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2.

With the aim of enabling the people to know the quality and standards of products manufactured by

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***Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Union ministers and deputy ministers visit Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011.*—MNA**

Work Committee for Development of Agricultural Production for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation meets

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—The Work Committee for Development of Agricultural Production on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held the first meeting and the Meeting on Development of Paddy Production were held at the hall of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this noon.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing stressed the need to carry out the urgent tasks and short and long-term plans in accord with the work plans adopted by the President for development of agriculture sector. Central level, region and state levels, district, township and village level officials are to effectively undertake those tasks to increase incomes and improve socio-economic life of farmers. Merchants and the Ministry of Commerce are to use their capitals to create the opportunity for farmers to enjoy strong market for crop products at good prices, he said.

The Union Minister continued to say that emphasis is to be placed on compilation of accounts on types of paddy fields for correct data of paddy sown acreage. He said that

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PERSPECTIVES

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Work in concert for development of rural socio-economic life

Nowadays, Myanmar is building new democratic nation for reformation of political, economic, social, education and health sectors. Sound foundations are constructed in all sectors.

Rural development and poverty alleviation is one of important tasks of the nation. Utmost efforts are being made in all sectors for ensuring economic growth and boosting production in rural regions. These sectors comprise tasks to develop agriculture, and meat and fish sectors, to increase incomes of rural people and alleviate poverty.

The Rural Socio-economic Development Subcommittee will adopt the practical and effective tasks in education, health, human resource development, transport, communication and availability of drinking water.

The subcommittee will undertake the tasks to realize the full success of free compulsory primary education system in education sector, to reduce the deliberate ending in education and to enjoy tertiary education in the education sector. In the health sector, it is necessary to enable rural people to receive medical treatment within reach, to make field trips to grassroots level for providing health care for common diseases and to set up funds for township and station hospitals. In human resource development sector, the establishment of village libraries is to be opened and one copy each of newspaper is to be delivered to every village.

Efforts are to be made for upgrading inter-village roads and the roads linking rural and urban areas. All the villages are to be facilitated with telephone systems and communication stations. Information on market, weather, agriculture and health sectors are to be disseminated through rural information centres. Emphasis to be placed on supply of drinking water and its storage methods in rural areas.

Tasks have been adopted for ensuring development of socio-economic life of rural people and alleviation of poverty. All the people are to participate in realization of the tasks in harmony so as to gather momentum of accomplishments.

People's Desire

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

Mines Ministry, Myanmar Daewoo to promote cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan of Myanmar Daewoo Limited and party at his office here today.

The meeting focused on cooperation in mining. Also Present at the call were the director-general of Mining Department , the director-general of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, the managing-director of No.2 Mining Enterprise, and the managing-director of Myanma Gems Enterprise.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan and party of Myanmar Daewoo Ltd.*—MNA**

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Egyptian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—On the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Al-Araby, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

MNA

Myanmar, Bangladesh focus on economic prospects

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July — Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Commerce Secretary Mr. Md. Ghulam Hussain of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc and party at his office here this morning.

They held discussions on bilateral trade and prospects of economic cooperation.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, the directors-general, managing directors and officials.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Bangladeshi Commerce Secretary Mr Md Ghulam Hussain and Bangladeshi Ambassador Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc and party.*—MNA**

Tun Foundation Bank announces winners of stipend

YANGON, 22 July—Tun Foundation Bank Ltd announced its cash assistance award winning first year students for 2010-2011 academic year, today.

Tun Foundation Bank Ltd Stipend Selection Committee will present monthly stipends as K 50,000 each to students of Universities of Medicine, K 40,000 each to students of Universities of Technology and Government Technological College, Institutes of Economics and Institutes of Education, K 30,000 each to arts and science universities and University of Veterinary Science. The stipends will be provided to them from the first year to graduation.

The stipend award winners are to contact the Tun Foundation Bank Ltd (head office) at 165/167 on Bo Aung Kyaw Street in Kyauktada Township, Tel: 380242 and 380245 as quickly as possible to be able to draw the stipends with the endorsement of the rector or the registrar of respective universities. The students from Yangon, Hmawby, Hlinethaya and Dagon townships are to contact the head office in person with endorsement of the rector or the registrar and original student ID.—*MNA*

Myanmar yacht team to participate in OCBC 21st IODA Asian Optimist Championship 2011

YANGON, 22 July—Myanmar yacht team left here this morning for Singapore to participate in U-15 OCBC 21st IODA Asian Optimist Championship 2011 to be held in Singapore from 22nd to 30th July.

The team is comprised of Thiha Kyaw Khaing Zaw and Ekari Kyaw coached by U Than Sein. Over 25 countries will take part in the championship.—*MNA*

Oslo bomb kills 7; shootings at nearby youth camp

Debris is seen on the street after a powerful explosion rocked central Oslo on 22 July, 2011.
INTERNET

OSLO (Norway), 22 July — Terrorism ravaged long-peaceful Norway on Friday when a bomb ripped open buildings including the prime minister's office and a man dressed as a police officer opened fire at a nearby island youth camp. At least seven people were killed and 15 injured in the bomb blast, the nation's worst attack since World War II.

Police Inspector Bjoern Erik Sem-Jacobsen said a suspect in the shooting has been arrested. He said the gunman, who was dressed as a police officer, pulled out a gun and started firing into the crowd of youths. There were unconfirmed reports that five people were wounded in that shooting.

Public broadcaster NRK showed video of a blackened car lying on its side amid the debris. An AP reporter who was in the office of Norwegian news agency *NTB* said the building shook from the blast and all employees were evacuated.

The explosion occurred at 3:30 pm (1330 GMT), as Ole Tommy Pedersen stood at a bus stop 100 meters (yards) away.

"I saw three or four injured people being carried out of the building a few minutes later," Pedersen told AP.

Internet

Doubts cloud NATO handover in Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 July— Grave doubts over the ability of Afghanistan's fledgling security forces to beat back the Taleban are weighing on a transition from NATO control taking place in seven parts of the country this week. With foreign troops starting to leave ahead of a full combat drawdown by 2015, the spotlight is keenly focused on building up the national army and police forces, which officials say are rapidly improving in quality and number.

But experts say worrying problems persist, with high levels of attrition and illiteracy, cronyism and fears of infiltration by militants within the ranks. The United States alone has spent $27.8 billion on their development since 2002 and Western officials in Kabul predict it could be up to a decade before Afghanistan can pay for its own defence.

Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers search a car after a ceremony to hand over security control in Herat Province on 21 July, 2011.—INTERNET

But as foreign aid starts to recede, there are fears over how the Afghan forces will be funded. A Pentagon war report in April said a shortage of 700 international trainers was also hampering efforts.

Internet

Soldiers stand guard as an Afghan security personnel frisks a worker entering Camp Clark in Mandozai District, Khost Province, eastern Afghanistan recently.
INTERNET

NATO says 50 militants killed in east Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 July—International and Afghan troops battled heavily armed militants holed up in caves and bunkers that served as a way station for foreign fighters crossing into the country from Pakistan, the US-led coalition said Friday. The two days of fighting killed more than 50 of the militants, it said. The foreign fighter encampment is located in a rugged, mountainous part eastern Afghanistan's Paktika Province. Militants from the Haqqani network, which is affiliated with the Taleban and al-Qaeda, used the camp as a staging area for fighters brought over the border to carry out attacks across the country, the coalition said.

International forces and Afghan troops, including Afghan special forces, battled militants armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers, heavy machine guns and AK-47 assault rifles.

Paktika Province, along the eastern border with Pakistan, is a known haven for the Afghan and Pakistani wings of the Taleban, and al-Qaeda affiliates.—*Internet*

Bangladesh floods kill six, displace thousands

DHAKA, 22 July— Authorities say floods triggered by monsoon rains in southern Bangladesh have killed 6 people and displaced more than 10,000.

Government administrator Zainul Bari says two rivers in the region have overflowed after five days of heavy rain and inundated about 200 villages. The displaced have taken shelter in school buildings in the flood-hit District of Cox's Bazar.

Another government official Shafiq Mia said Friday that six flood-related deaths have been reported in the area, 296 kilometres (185 miles) south of Dhaka.

Monsoon floods are common in Bangladesh, a tropical delta nation of 150 million people.

Internet

41 dead in bus fire in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 22 July—At least 41 people died on Friday when an overcrowded bus that was carrying hazardous goods caught fire in central China, state television reported.

The fire happened early on Friday morning on a highway in Henan Province, China Central Television said.

Photo taken on 22 July, 2011 shows the burnt double-deck bus in Xinyang of central China's Henan Province.
XINHUA

Five passengers and the driver were pulled out alive from the blaze, which left the bus completely charred, according to other state media reports. The cause of the fire is still unclear.

Xinhua

Six police, pharmacist killed in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 July—Six police personnel and a pharmacist were killed, and 22 others wounded Friday in war-battered Iraq, a source from the country's Interior Ministry said.

The source, on condition of anonymity, told *Xinhua* that two bombs exploded near an alcohol store in Mansour district in western Baghdad, killing two policemen and injuring eight others, among whom half are police personnel.

The official said unidentified gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons on a pharmacist in front of his residence in Abu Ghraib area, 25 km west of the capital Baghdad, killing him and then fled the scene.

Also on Friday, two explosive devices exploded in Rashidiya area in northern Baghdad, wounding six members of one family and causing serious damage to their residence and neighboring buildings.

On the same day in Abu Ghraib, a police patrol hit a roadside bomb, wounding two police personnel and damaging one of the patrol vehicles.

Gunmen driving a minibus attacked a police checkpoint using pistols with silencers In Baquba City, 65 km northeast of Baghdad, killing four police personnel.

In Baquba, a car bomb exploded Friday near a crowded market in the western part of the city, leaving six people injured and causing damages to four shops, three cars, and one Sunni mosque.

MNA/Xinhua

Science

Russia declares 'era of Soyuz' after shuttle

MOSCOW, 22 July—Moscow on Thursday declared it is now "the era of the *Soyuz*" after the US shuttle's last flight left the Russian system as the sole means for delivering astronauts to the *International Space Station.*

Far less glamorous than the horizontal-landing winged shuttle, the principle of Russia's *Soyuz* rocket and capsule system for sending humans into space has changed little since Yuri Gagarin became the first man in orbit in 1961.

***A Soyuz rocket is erected on the launch pad of the Russian leased Kazakhstan's Baikonur cosmodrome, in July 2011. Moscow declared it was now "the era of the Soyuz" after the US shuttle's last flight left the Russian system as the sole means for delivering astronauts to the International Space Station.—*INTERNET**

But after the successful landing of the US Space Shuttle *Atlantis* Thursday drew the curtain on the 30-year US space shuttle programme, it is now the only vehicle which can propel astronauts towards the *ISS.*

"From today, the era of the *Soyuz* has started in manned space flight, the era of reliability," the Russian space agency Roskosmos said in a statement.

Roskosmos expressed its admiration for the shuttle programme, which it said had delivered payloads to space indispensable for construction of the *ISS.*

"Mankind acknowledges the role of American space ships in exploring the cosmos," it added.

But Roskosmos also used the occasion to tout the virtues of the *Soyuz* (Union) spacecraft, which unlike the shuttle lands on Earth vertically with the aid of parachutes after leaving orbit.

Russia has this year started using the modernized TMA-M version of *the Soyuz,* which is lighter and uses a digital rather than analogue computer. *Internet*

Zebrafish, though small, share some genetic features with humans.
INTERNET

Fish could yield human daily rhythm clues

TEL AVIV, 22 July— An Israeli researcher says a 2-inch fish may yield insights into human circadian rhythm and treatments for mental illness, diseases or sleep disorders.

Tel Aviv University researcher Yoav Gothilf says humans and zebrafish share mechanisms that regulate our circadian system, the natural cycle that dictates our biological processes during a 24-hour day.

The zebrafish discovery provides an excellent model for research that may help to develop new treatments for human ailments, Gothilf says. Zebrafish may be small, but their circadian system is similar to those of human beings and as test subjects, he says, they have several distinct advantages.

Their embryos are transparent, allowing researchers to watch as they develop; their genetics can be easily manipulated; and their development is quick — eggs hatch in two days and the fish become sexually mature at 3 months old. Previous research on zebrafish showed a gene called Period2, also present in humans, is associated with the fish's circadian system and is activated by light.

"When we knocked down the gene in our zebrafish models," Gothilf said, "the circadian system was lost." Gothilf and colleagues isolated and tested the human gene and inserted it into zebrafish cells, and it behaved in exactly the same way, activating when exposed to light — and revealing a connection between humans and the 2-inch-long fish.—*Internet*

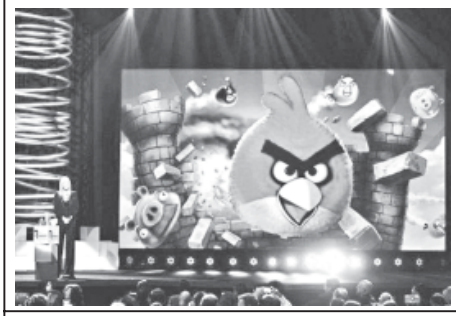
Technology

20th Century Fox bringing movie downloads to Android in October

WASHINGTON, 22 July—Google's Android is getting a welcomed addition to its media offerings this Fall. Twentieth Century Fox has announced a new service that will bring Fox movie downloads to Android devices. This marks a first for film studios offering content on Android.

The service won't exactly allow movies to be downloaded directly to phones. Customers will need to initially buy a physical Blu-ray disc of a Fox movie. Afterward, they will be allowed to download a digital Android-friendly copy of the movie from Fox's website to a computer, which can then be side loaded onto the Android device.

Android users can expect to see the service beginning in October—Fox is starting the service off with X-Men: First Class. The download service will hit the US first along with the UK, France and Germany. This can be significant. The Google OS has faced a severe poverty in movie services. Only recently has Google integrated eBooks and the new Youtube Movies service for all Android 2.2+ phones; services which allow books and movies to be rented directly from the market storefront. Netflix has also introduced an Android app, but only recently doubled its compatible list to 24 devices.—*Internet*



Angry Birds was launched as an iPhone application in 2009 and it is now available on a host of other devices, including Android smartphones, the iPad, Sony PlayStation 3 consoles and even through Google's Chrome Web browser.
INTERNET

Apple's Lion roars onto computers with one million downloads in a day

WASHINGTON, 22 July—In the space of 24 hours, Mac owners in 123 countries around the world downloaded more than 1 million copies of Apple's latest operating system, Mac OS X 10.7 Lion.

The download milestone makes Lion the fastest-selling OS in Apple's history. The operating system is priced at $29.99 in the US Apple App Store — meaning that Apple earned close to one million dollars each hour the software was on sale during the first day (figures could be slightly lower taking into account that Lion can be installed on multiple computers associated with a single iTunes account). "Lion is off to a great start," boasted Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing, adding that "user reviews and industry reaction have been fantastic."

Almost 10,500 people have rated Lion in the US Mac App Store to date leaving an average rating of four and a half stars. A recent report on WindowsITPro suggests that Microsoft continues to sell around 20 million copies of its latest operating system Windows 7 every month, almost two years after its release.—*Internet*

Mac OS X Lion was downloaded more than 1 million times in 24 hours.
INTERNET

Health

Eating Mexican queso blanco or other soft cheeses during pregnancy can be risky. Those made with unpasteurized milk can harbor Listeria bacteria, which has been linked to miscarriage, premature delivery, and death. It's best to avoid brie, camembert, feta, blue cheese, queso blanco, queso fresco, and Panela – unless the label says it's pasteurized. When in doubt or dining out, ask before you eat.—INTERNET

Optimism may lower stroke risk

NEW YORK, 22 July—The more optimistic you are, the lower your risk of having a stroke, a new study suggests. "Optimism protects against stroke," said researcher Eric Kim, a doctoral student at the University of Michigan. While it is not cause-and-effect link, Kim and his colleagues did find a significant association. The finding is published in the 21 July online issue of *Stroke*. For the new study, Kim and his colleagues looked at data from the Health and Retirement Study. This is a nationally representative sample of US adults over the age of 50.

The team looked at the results of standard optimism tests for 6,044 men and women. All were free of stroke at the study's start. The optimism score was on a 16-point scale. The participants self-rated their health, and the team followed them for two years. During the follow-up period, 88 cases of stroke occurred. After adjusting for age, each unit increase in their optimism score reduced stroke risk about 9 percent, Kim said. The researchers also adjusted for other factors such as smoking, alcohol use, race, gender, marital status, blood pressure, chronic illness, mental illness, body mass index and level of physical activity. They found the association between optimism and reduced risk of stroke remained robust. How to explain the association? One possibility is that those who expect the best things in life take steps to promote their health, Kim said.—*Internet*

Surprise! Ice cream tops our list of low-calorie snacks. The key is to look for slow-churned or double-churned varieties. This refers to a process that reduces fat and calories while retaining the creamy texture of full-fat varieties, so 1/2 cup has just 100 calories. As a bonus, you'll get some protein and calcium.

INTERNET

Brilinta approved for acute coronary syndromes

WASHINGTON, 22 July—Brilinta (ticagrelor) has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to help reduce the risk of heart attack and cardiovascular death among people with acute coronary syndromes (ACS). ACS is an umbrella term for any condition caused by reduced blood flow to the heart, such as unstable angina or heart attack. Blood-thinning Brilinta helps prevent clots that could impede cardiovascular blood flow, the FDA said in a news release.

The drug was studied in tandem with aspirin use. However, Brilinta's label will warn that its effectiveness will be impaired if people take aspirin in doses higher than 100 mg per day, the FDA said. The boxed label warning also specifies that Brilinta could lead to significant, possibly fatal, bleeding, a common label warning for blood-thinning drugs, the agency said.

As a condition of approval, drug maker AstraZeneca must take steps to alert doctors of the risk of using higher doses of aspirin.

Internet

Business

European stocks firm at open, London up 0.49%

PARIS, 22 July—Europe's main stock markets firmed at the start of trading on Friday in the wake of a eurozone debt deal, with London's benchmark FTSE 100 index up 0.49 percent to 5,928.64 points.

Frankfurt's DAX 30 grew 0.25 percent to 7,308.48 points and in Paris the CAC 40 gained 0.95 percent to 3,855.43.

Share prices had already closed sharply higher on Thursday as news of the eurozone debt deal offered the hope of finally taming a crisis which has roiled markets for months.

Eurozone leaders and private creditors agreed to give Greece a new 159-billion-euro bailout, risking a potential default to prevent the debt crisis from spreading worldwide.—*Internet*

People wait to make transactions at an automatic teller machine (ATM) of the Piraeus Bank in the centre of Athens on Thursday.

INTERNET

In this 2 July, 2009 file photo, job seekers line up for a career fair in Oak Brook, Ill. On on 21 July, 2011, the Illinois Department of Employment Security said unemployment in Illinois increased to 9.2 percent in June, the second straight month the state jobless rate increased. Officials laid part of the blame on weak consumer confidence they said was hindering the national economy.—INTERNET

Volvo profit up, sales back to pre-crisis levels

STOCKHOLM, 22 July—Truck maker Volvo AB's second-quarter profit surged 63 percent as sales returned to levels last seen before the financial crisis, the Swedish company said Friday. Net income rose to 5.12 billion kronor ($802 million), up from 3.15 billion kronor in the same quarter last year. Volvo's sales increased 15 percent to 79 billion kronor, from 68.8 billion kronor in the second quarter of 2010. "Sales are now at the same level as before the financial crisis that struck the world a few years ago, with a profitability that is now at its highest level so far, both in terms of operating margin and return on shareholders' equity," CEO Leif Johansson said. Volvo shares rose 4 percent to 106.40 kronor ($16.66) in Stockholm after the report.

The company, which sold its car division in 1999, is one of the world's biggest truck makers, with brands including Volvo, Mack, Renault and UD trucks. The company also makes buses, engines and construction equipment. Sales in Volvo's truck unit alone rose 20 percent to 50 billion kronor, and the company said it now controls 20 percent of the heavy-duty truck market in the US and 28 percent in Europe. "In terms of market conditions, we maintain our previous forecasts that the truck market in both Europe and North America will amount to 230,000-240,000 heavy-duty trucks in 2011," Volvo said.

Truck sales were up 31 percent in Europe, boosted by demand in France, Germany and Poland. In North America, Volvo more than doubled its deliveries to 10,290 trucks. Highway customers are leading the recovery there, while demand for vocational trucks such as garbage trucks is still "well below" normal levels, Volvo said. Truck deliveries dipped by 9 percent in Asia, as a result of production disturbances for UD Trucks in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. The disruptions cost Volvo 400 million kronor in operating income, mostly affecting its unit for construction equipment.—*Internet*

Massive, deadly heat wave spreads from Midwest to East

NEW YORK, 22 July—Sweating crowds on the East Coast and in the Midwest flocked to waterfronts and urban cooling centres on Thursday to escape a massive heat wave that has killed at least 22 people this week.

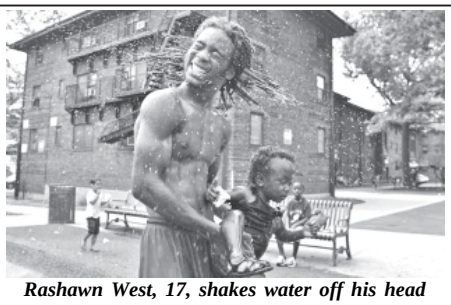
The National Weather Service issued excessive heat warnings for wide swaths of the country's mid-section and East Coast, saying the combined heat and humidity could spike the heat index or "real feel" of the warmth to 115 degrees through Saturday.

By early Thursday afternoon in New York City, the thermometer hit 91 but it felt more like 112, according to Accuweather.com.

Other cities watching their local heat indexes rise into the triple digits because of the oppressive mix of high temperatures and humidity included — among others — Tulsa, St Louis, Buffalo, and Washington, DC, according to the weather service.

In Chicago, where a five-day heat wave in 1995 killed hundreds, the City endured a fifth consecutive day of abnormally high temperatures with the heat index hitting 110 in the early afternoon — and forecasters warned the heat wave could continue into the weekend.—*Reuters*

A dog takes an early morning dip on the shore of Lake Michigan on 20 July, 2011 in Chicago, as Navy Pier is shown in the background. Much of the United States is trapped under a heat "dome" caused by a huge area of high pressure.
INTERNET



Rashawn West, 17, shakes water off his head while carrying his on 1-year-old son Al-Shameir West while trying to beat the heat at Pennington Court apartments, on 21 July, 2011, in Newark, NJ.—INTERNET

Disasters in China leave 7,844 people dead or missing in 2010

BEIJING, 22 July— Various kinds of disasters in China left 7,844 people dead or missing and affected a total of 430 million persons last year, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs on Thursday.

The disasters in 2010 also resulted in direct economic losses of 533.99 billion yuan (82.72 billion US dollars), the report said.

The country witnessed multiple serious disasters, including the severe earthquake in Qinghai's Yushu and the landslide in Gansu's Zhouqu, the report said.

The central government sent 3.41 billion yuan to finance the affected people to rebuild their homes last year, according to the report.

The subsidy for every household whose house had been toppled was 10,000 yuan, and for those who live in extremely cold areas, the subsidy was 1.4 times the figure. In Zhouqu, every household received reconstruction subsidy up to 100,000 yuan from central and local budgets, the report said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Bones of Nazi Hess exhumed from "pilgrimage" grave

WUNSIEDEL, 22 July —The remains of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess have been exhumed from a grave in Bavaria after it became a pilgrimage for thousands of right-wing extremists.

A church official in the southern town of Wunsiedel said on Thursday the tomb had been razed and its headstone removed after consulting with Hess's family over how to handle the grave site. "The bones were removed and brought to the crematorium, and the ashes are to be scattered at sea," Peter Seisser said. An early, fervent member of the Nazi party, Hess spent time in prison with Hitler in the early 1920s and helped edit Mein Kampf — the book in which the dictator outlined plans to destroy European Jewry and murder other groups he considered undesirable. Hess parachuted into Scotland in May 1941 after a mysterious solo night flight, apparently on an unauthorized peace mission. He was captured and held prisoner until 1945 — briefly as one of the last prisoners in the Tower of London.

After World War Two, he was sentenced to life in prison at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, then hanged himself in Berlin's Spandau Prison on 17 August, 1987, at the age of 93.

Reuters

The place where once Rudolf Hess' grave was, after it was leveled, photographed on 21 July, 2011 on the Wunsiedel graveyard, Germany.
INTERNET

Mexico seizes over 800 tonnes of meth chemicals

QUERETARO, 22 July—Mexico's army has made one of its biggest-ever drug busts, seizing a warehouse full of chemicals that experts say could have been used to make billions of dollars worth of methamphetamine.

Just under 840 tonnes of the chemicals used for making methamphetamine were found in a warehouse in an industrial area in Queretaro, about 125 miles north of Mexico City, the Defence Ministry said in a statement late on Wednesday.

According to local media and a leading analyst, it was the largest seizure of meth chemicals since President Felipe Calderon launched an army-led crackdown on Mexico's drug cartels shortly after taking office at the end of 2006.

"This is the biggest seizure there's been of precursor chemicals (in Mexico)," said Alberto Islas, a security expert at consultancy Risk Evaluation. It may even be the biggest seizure ever made worldwide, Islas added.

The seizure in central Mexico, which the army conducted on Monday, included 787 tonnes of phenylacetamide and 52.5 tonnes of tartaric acid, all in 25 kilogramme (55 pound) packets.—*MNA/Reuters*

Soldier stands guard as forensic team prepare to enter a warehouse used to store chemicals for illicit drug processing at industrial park in Queretaro.
INTERNET

201 people aboard sunken Volga ship

MOSCOW, 22 July— Russia's Investigation Committee (IC) on Friday fixed the number of passengers aboard the cruise ship that sank in Volga River in early July, saying there were 201 passengers but not 208.

"Investigations have established that there were 201 people on board during the river tragedy," IC spokesman Vladimir Markin was quoted by local media as saying.

He said that 79 of passengers were rescued, 114 were confirmed dead, and eight were still missing.

According to the Russian Emergencies Ministry, rescuers are continuing the search for the missing and the lifting operation of the sunken Bulgaria boat is underway.

The 65-year-old Bulgaria cruise boat sank in Volga on 10 July. Two crane boats had been sent to the site last week for salvaging the ship wreckage, which was lying at a depth of about 20 metres in the river.—*Xinhua*

Drugs and weapons seized in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 22 July— Australian Defence Force on Friday confirmed that Afghan troops, supported by Australian troops, have seized a large cache of drugs and weapons in Afghanistan.

On 10 July 2011, the Afghan National Interdiction Unit (NIU), supported by members of Australia's Special Operations Task Group (SOTG), seized a tonne of opium, several kilogrammes of heroin and over two tonnes of chemicals used to make illegal drugs in Daykundi Province in central Afghanistan.

More than 20 weapons were also found, including pistols, rifles, machine guns and ammunition.

According to the Commanding Officer (CO) of the SOTG, who cannot be named for security reasons, militants use illegal drugs to finance their illegal activities in Afghanistan.

He said that by supporting the NIU to find and destroy drug factories, it can reduce the militants' ability to harm civilians and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Afghan forces. "The illegal drug trade is a major threat to security, economic development and democratic government, so the more it's reduced the better it is for Afghanistan," the CO SOTG said in a statement released in Defence Department website on Friday.

In May this year, the SOTG commenced combined operations with the NIU. This combined effort has resulted in thousands of kilogrammes of drugs destroyed, and several individuals detained to face prosecution.

MNA/Xinhua

***Visitors look at the exhibited Dunhuang art work in Shenzhen of south China's Guangdong Province, on 21 July, 2011. An exhibition of the Dunhuang art works was opened in Guanshanyue art gallery here on Wednesday, exhibiting multiple cultural relics, including paintings and scriptures.—*XINHUA**

Colombian president's facebook account hacked

BOGOTA, 22 July— The Facebook page of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos was hacked on Wednesday, also the country's Independence Day, the president said via Twitter. The hackers, who called themselves "Anonymous", linked the president's personal page to a video entitled "False Independence", which argues it's impossible to celebrate independence in a country with persisting issues such as violence and unemployment. The same group of hackers also hacked the twitter account of Santos' predecessor Alvaro Uribe, who was in office from 2002 to 2010. "Anonymous" is a worldwide network of unidentified individuals who launch collaborative and international hack attacks.—*MNA/Xinhua*

5.1 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand's Christchurch

WELLINGTON, 22 July—An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale occurred near New Zealand South Island City of Christchurch on Friday morning. There were no reports of injures or damage. The quake occurred at 5:39 am local time (17:39 GMT Thursday), and was centred 40 km west of the City, at a depth of 12 km, said New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS).

GNS seismologists said the earthquake was felt along the east coast of the South Island from North Canterbury to Dunedin. GNS said the tremor was centred on the Greendale fault, which was at the centre of the magnitude 7.1 quake on 4 Sept last year. GNS Duty Seismologist Caroline Holden said a few more magnitude 4 quakes are expected in the coming days.—*Xinhua*

5.8-magnitude quake hits Fiji region

SUVA, 22 July— An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale jolted Fiji region at 06:56 pm(06:56:40 GMT) on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 599.40 km, was initially determined to be at 20.2932 degrees south latitude and 178.5264 degrees west longitude. There were no immediate reports of casualties or property damage. Nor was tsnami warning issued.—*Xinhua*

Salfiah (R), 53, and her husband Juned (L), a 56-year-old auto rickshaw driver, attend a mass wedding ceremony for people from lower income groups, at Istora Senayan stadium in Jakarta, on 19 July, 2011.
INTERNET

Fossil is oldest pregnant lizard

LONDON, 22 July— A 120-million-year-old fossil found in China is the oldest pregnant lizard ever discovered, scientists say.

Paleontologists say the fossil is a very complete, 12-inch lizard with more than a dozen embryos in its body that was probably just days from giving birth when it died and was buried during the Cretaceous period, the BBC reported Thursday.

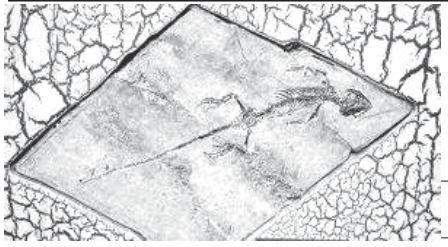
The fossil is of a reptile that produced live young rather than laying eggs, something found in only 20 percent of living species of lizards and snakes.

"I didn't think much of the fossil when I first saw it," University College London Professor Susan Evans said.

But when a colleague from the Chinese Academy of Sciences examined it, the tiny remains of at least 15 almost fully developed embryos were found inside it.

"Sure enough, when I examined it under the microscope, I could see all these little babies," Evans recalled.

The lizard has been identified as a Yabeinosaurus, a large, slow-growing and relatively primitive lizard.—*Internet*



***Yabeinosaurus, as seen at the Beijing Museum of Natural History, via Jason Quinn.—*INTERNET**

Australian Treasurer calls on Europe and US to resolve debt issues

CANBERRA, 22 July— Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan on Friday said the sooner Europe and the United States resolve the debt issues, the better it will be for everybody. On Thursday, European leaders agreed to grant Greece a new bailout, but the US has yet to strike a deal to prevent it defaulting on 2 August. Swan said events in both Europe and the United States are creating a substantial degree of uncertainty.

"In that environment, there are risks in the international economy the sooner they resolve their issues the better," Swan told *Australia Associated Press* on Friday. Despite the global uncertainly, Swan said the fundamentals of the Asian region were strong and that Australia was growing strongly.—*Xinhua*

Honduran students dressed as indigenous people take part in the celebration of the Cacique Lempira Day in Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, on 20 July, 2011.
XINHUA

Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister at President Office Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt and Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung formally open Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

Myanma Industrial…

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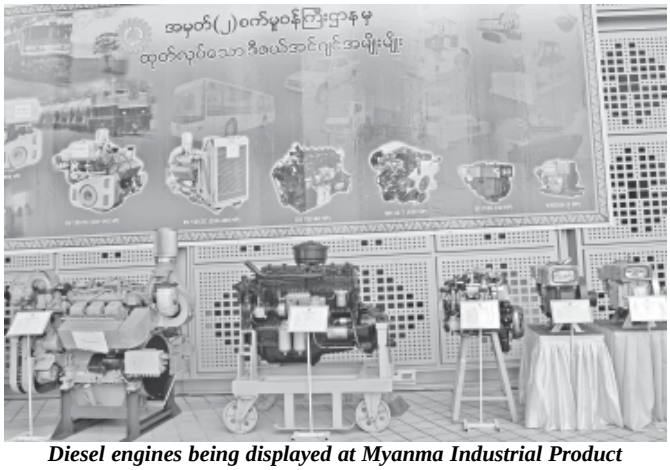
State-owned factories under the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 and promoting the market of products, the Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011 will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw from 9 am to 6 pm daily from 22 to 24 July.

The show displays 893 industrial products of the Ministry of Industry-1, rules on private industrial registration, facts about electrical law and boiler law, 72 items of industrial products including automobiles, trucks, heavy machinery, farming machinery, engines, machine and machine parts manufactured by Heavy Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2, various types of tyres, turbines, generators, wires, battery, meters, computer numerical control system machines, LED bulbs and solar panels.—*MNA*



Diesel engines being displayed at Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

Work Committee for Development…

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efforts are to be made for promoting the export of rice and paddy by calculating sufficient amount of foods for entire people including State service personnel in addition to requirements of reserve paddy for bad weather.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint discussed export of Myanmar rice and paddy, foreign market situation of Myanmar paddy and prospects of market demands.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than reported on effective production of summer paddy in irrigated farmlands, use of high yield paddy strains for increasing per-acre yield and dissemination of good cultivation methods.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw reported on efficient use of irrigation system for boosting production of paddy and crops and modernization of cultivation system to the industrialized one.

The managing director of Myanma Agriculture Service and the acting director-general of Settlement and Land Records Department submitted reports on implementation of their respective sectors.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung reported on prospects of exporting paddy and matters related to prices, responsible persons of Myanmar Paddy Dealers Association and paddy companies on present situation of paddy market and ways of exporting paddy, matters related to increase export paddy and region and state agriculture ministers on progress of implementing development of agricultural production.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing stressed the need to serve the interest of farmers in undertaking development of agricultural production and urged merchants to participate in tasks of raising per-acre yield of paddy and creation of better market.

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Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing addresses first meeting of Work Committee for Development of Agricultural Production on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.—MNA

Central Committee for organizing 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting meets

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—The central committee for organizing the 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw met for the second time at the Ministry of Mines here yesterday evening, with an address by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik.

Also present at the meeting were chairpersons of central committee for organizing the 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting and work committees, members of work committees, and entrepreneurs engaged in mining industry.

Personnel submitted reports on preparations and coordination with respective committees and the Union Minister coordinated essentials.—*MNA*

Central Committee for Organizing 9th ASEAN Coal Council Meeting in progress.—MNA

Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint addresses coordination meeting of special construction groups and special projects groups.—MNA

Ministry of Construction holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—A work coordination meeting of special groups and special project groups of the Ministry of Construction which are carrying out cons-tructions of civil struc-tures and airports in states and regions was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint.

In his address, the Union minister called for timely completion of construction works, accurate and systematic use of funds, greater coordination between the ministry and State/Region Transport Ministries and conducting proficiency courses for staff.

Next, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin reported to the Union Minister for work progress and follow-up tasks.

After hearing reports on ongoing tasks and works to be done by Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and officials, superintending engineers and deputy superinten ding engineers of special groups and special projects groups in states and regions, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

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Union Sports Minister views training of Myanmar rowers

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan this morning arrived at Ngalaik Dam in Taungnyo, here, and viewed demonstration of tentatively selected Myanmar rowers who were making preparations to take part in the XXVI SEA Games.

The secretary of Myanmar Rowing Federation reported on events of rowing sports in the XXVII SEA Games, starting point, finishing point, stands and water courses for athletes.

The Union Minister viewed participation of men and women rowers in Canoeing/Kayak events, international rowing event and traditional boat race events.

In meeting with athletes, the Union Minister called for following the disciplines of training to be fit at any time, obeying the advice of coaches and vigorously taking part in the competition.

The Union Minister presented cash assistance to them.

Later, the Union Minister viewed the sites chosen for starting point, finishing point, stands along Ngalaik Dam and halls for athletes.

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Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan speaks to selected Myanmar rowers and personnel.

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Outstanding offspring of staff honoured, cash assistance provided

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July — In his address at the prize-giving ceremony of the ministry held in conjunction with cash assistance-providing ceremony at the auditorium of the ministry here this morning, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that the Ministry of Transport is taking part in the drive for the success of the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan being implemented by the State and will continue to provide necessary assistance for all-round development of staff families.

Next, the Union minister and wife and Deputy Minister U Win Shein and wife awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examinations with flying colours.

Then the directors-general, managing directors and departmental heads presented awards to outstanding students and provided students who are attending primary, middle and high schools with cash assistance.

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Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung awards six distinctions winner.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July — The first round matches of the fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued today at designated places.

At No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team beat the Ministry of Defence team 2-0. At No (2) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs team hammered the Ministry of Culture team 8-0. At Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground; the Ministry of Electrical Power No (1) team threshed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs team 5-1.

According to tomorrow's fixtures, the Ministry of Forestry team will play against the Ministry of Information team at No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, the Union Supreme Court team will play against the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries team at No (2) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue team will play against the Ministry of Rail Transportation team at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.

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Union Energy Minister U Than Htay receives President Mr. Zhang Jialin of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and party.

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CNPC, Mines Ministry takes measures for welfare of locals along Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—President Mr. Zhang Jialin of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and party of the People's Republic of China called on Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay at his office here this morning. The Union Minister frankly discussed mutual cooperation in energy sector with the former.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, the acting director-general of Energy Planning Department, acting managing director of Myanma Oil and gas Enterprise and personnel.

The CNPC donated six million USD to be used in education and health sectors of regions in Rakhine State, Shan State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State through which Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline passes. With the contribution, eight schools and 49 hospitals and rural health centres in those regions will be reconstructed commencing this year. Yearly welfare plans will be implemented to improve socio-economy of locals along the Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline.

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Union EP-2 Minister receives ROK guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe received Senior Vice-President Mr. Kim Kyong Min of Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd from the Republic of Korea and party at his office here yesterday morning.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in construction of sub-power stations between the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 and the company.

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

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivers an opening speech at the opening of Inter-University/College Zone Level Men's Volleyball Championship.

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Inlay Lake, a site...

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sewage system, use of fly-proof latrines, curbing use of pesticides, and keeping the surface of the lake clean.

Every motorboat has a notice sheet saying do not drop litters into the water. Passengers on boat are prohibited from smoking.

Local people should extend a helpful suggestion with a sense of duty to tourist guides guiding foreign tourists around the lake and surrounding areas and for ensuing ecotourism. Unlike in the past, the living costs of local people of Inlay region are going uphill. In consequence of high prices of gold, prices of food, personal goods, services are increasing.

There will be a constant flow of local and foreign visitors to Inlay Lake only if meals, drink and goods, and services are available at reasonable prices and charges, and local people give visitors a warm welcome and protection. And if they keep good relations with visitors, they can sell their local products and enjoy more job opportunities.

And Inlay Region will remain an affluent, pleasant one.

Culture, traditions, innovations and arts of Inthas (local people) can add to the good reputation of Myanmar. Therefore, I would like to urge the people especially residents to help conseve picturesque Inlay Lake, a tourist destination, full of natural beauty.

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A work site of the Irrigation Department to dredge Inlay Lake.

Calif milk board alters PMS-themed ad campaign

SACRAMENTO, 22 July—Responding to a wave of criticism, a California milk board on Thursday modified an advertising campaign that targeted men by promoting milk as a way to lessen the effects of premenstrual syndrome.

The California Milk Processor Board decided to alter its two-week-old campaign, which portrayed men as the victims of temperamental women. Instead, it redirected users from its website, www.everything idoiswrong.org , to another that will encourage discussion of the issue.

Ad campaign spokeswoman Tatum Wan said it succeeded in promoting the board's message that milk can soften the effects of PMS symptoms. "The new site is to help foster the conversation that came up as a result of the campaign that launched last week," she said.

Some of that discussion was not entirely favourable toward the milk board, which posted a sampling of the responses on the campaign's website. A comment from Jezebel, a blog aimed at women, said "Telling men they're victims of PMS sure is an interesting way to sell milk," while a Facebook post read, "I'm a comedian and I'm not laughing."

The campaign's original website showed pictures of men around features as a colour-coded "current global PMS level" and "video apology enhancer."

Internet

Fire stations in Ottarathiri, Pobbathiri inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, visited Ottarathiri Township Fire Station and Fire Station No. 2 in Pobbathiri Township here this afternoon.

The director-general inspected firefighting skills of firefighters, condition of staff-quarters, fire engines and firefighting equipment. He called members of the fire stations for ready-to-help spirit, preparation of practical firefighting plans, and increased firefighting skills for becoming more secure community-centered social organizations.—*MNA*

Turkey to launch comprehensive fight against terrorism

ANKARA, 22 July—Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay said Friday that the government was carrying out comprehensive initiatives on using police forces in the fight against terrorism, the semi-official *Anatolia news agency* reported.

Atalay was quoted as saying that the government was making analysis and assessments regarding dimensions such as security, national unity, economy and human rights.

The government would continue to work with a multi-dimensional perspective on the issue of terrorism, Atalay said.

Earlier Friday, Interior Minister Idris Naim Sahin said the Turkish police, gendarmerie and other domestic security units were always ready for an operation against acts of terrorism, adding that there should be a change in fight against terrorism.

"There will be some revisions regarding structural and methods in time and soon in fight against terrorism. Neither the military is totally excluded, nor the police are included totally in this structure and method," Sahin said.

Xinhua

A tourist takes pictures beside cole flowers in Menyuan County, northwest China's Qinghai Province on 21 July, 2011. Blossoming cole flowers in July every year usually attract a large number of tourists to the county.

XINHUA

New Zealand coal mine boss acknowledges problems

WELLINGTON, 22 July—The boss of a New Zealand coal mine where 29 people died in an explosion last year has acknowledged the mine faced difficulties with finances, personnel and safety.

In testimony this week at a formal inquiry into the methane-fueled disaster, Pike River Coal Chief Executive Peter Whittall said he knew a four-inch pipeline removing methane gas from the mine was "inadequate" from the time it was installed. He said the plan was always to replace the pipe with a larger one.

Whittall said he'd faced "a lot of frustration" with the lack of continuity in having six different mine managers over two years. And he acknowledged the mine faced a cash flow problem after operating over schedule and behind budget.

The inquiry, in the South Island town of Greymouth, continues.—*Internet*

Japanese man gets life for murder of British woman

TOKYO, 22 July—A 32-year-old Japanese man was on Thursday sentenced to life imprisonment for raping and killing British teacher Lindsay Ann Hawker in 2007, before burying her battered body in a sand-filled bathtub.

***File photo of Tatsuya Ichihashi (2nd L), who was on Thursday sentenced to life imprisonment over the death of British teacher Lindsay Ann Hawker in 2007, whose battered body was found in a sand-filled bathtub.—*INTERNET**

Tatsuya Ichihashi, 32 — who spent more than two-and-a-half years on the run after the 2007 crime and had plastic surgery to evade capture — had admitted raping his English teacher but said he killed her accidentally.

Prosecutors had demanded life for Ichihashi. Hawker's father Bill had earlier urged the Chiba district court to show "no mercy" and called for the death penalty — a punishment usually reserved for cases of multiple homicide. Hawker's parents were present at the trial of Ichihashi, which took place between 4 and 12 July at the Chiba court, and gave testimony.

Their daughter Lindsay, from a village near Coventry in central England, was 22 when her body — naked and bound at the wrists and ankles — was found in a bathtub filled with sand on the balcony of Ichihashi's apartment.

The autopsy showed she died of suffocation, and prosecutors believe Ichihashi strangled her after the rape.

Ichihashi testified that after raping her, he bound her and spoke to her for hours, seeking forgiveness. He says she choked to death when he covered her mouth to stop her from screaming for help but he did not mean to kill her.

Ichihashi, whose wanted poster was a common sight at police stations and public offices across Japan, was caught in November 2009 after a witness tip-off at a ferry terminal as he tried to catch a boat to Okinawa.

Internet

Chinese vice premier meets Japanese delegation

BEIJING, 22 July—Vice Premier Wang Qishan met with a delegation from the Union of Kansai Governments headed by Toshizo Ido, governor of Hyogo Prefecture on Wednesday.

Wang hailed the commitment of Kansai to promoting Sino-Japanese friendship and exchanges.

"Communication and cooperation between the two countries' local governments play a positive role in advancing Sino-Japanese strategic and reciprocal relations, as well as deepening understanding and friendship between the two peoples," he said.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan (R) meets with Toshizo Ido, head of the Union of Japan Kansai Governments and governor of Hyogo Prefecture, in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 July, 2011.

INTERNET

China and Japan have a huge potential in tourism cooperation, and the two governments are obliged to create a sound environment for communication and cooperation of the tourism industry between the two sides, Wang added.—*Xinhua*

Violent crime wave hits Australia's Gold Coast

SYDNEY, 22 July—Australia's popular Gold Coast tourist playground was reeling from another murder Thursday with the Queensland Police Union saying it has become the country's crime capital.

There have been five shootings in less than two months on the strip with three people dying, including a police officer. In the latest incident Colin Lutherborrow, 36, was shot dead in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Long popular with tourists from Japan, China and Britain, the Gold Coast has witnessed dozens of armed robberies this year, and the recent killing has community concern running high. Queensland Police Union president Ian Leavers told reporters organised crime lords and outlawed motorcycle gangs had dug in and officers were so stretched they could not take effective action.

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"Without doubt the Gold Coast has cemented itself as the crime capital of Australia and unless we get a rapid injection of 100 to 150 staff on the Gold Coast we're in trouble," he said.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said a new serious and violent crime squad had been set up and she was confident it would address the situation.

"What is clear is that we have some issues with crime on the Gold Coast that potentially involve gangs and organized crime," she said.

"The sort of incidents we're seeing there are completely unacceptable on the streets of a city like the Gold Coast.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (189) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Russian artists perform in ballet Swan Lake in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 21 July, 2011. The performance of ballet Swan Lake was part of the Second Xingjiang International Dance Festival, which was opened on Thursday. Dancers from Botswana, India, Russia, Spain and Ukraine took part in the festival.—XINHUA

Endangered dolphin chosen as mascot of China Pavilion at 2012 World Expo

BEIJING, 22 July— The China Pavilion at the 2012 Yeosu World Expo in the Republic of Korea has chosen highly-endangered hump-backed dolphin as its mascot, the China Pavilion preparation committee said on Wednesday.

The theme of the pavilion will demonstrate the country's efforts to use the sea in a scientific way, with focus on marine environment protection and the connection between human beings and the ocean, said Zhao Zhenge, deputy secretary general of the pavilion preparation committee and Chinese government representative to the Expo.—*Xinhua*

A Santa Claus interacts with a street performer while parading through the pedestrian street in downtown Copenhagen,capital of Danmark, on 19 July, 2011. About 120 Santas from all around the world arrived in Copenhagen to participate in the annual World Santa Claus Congress.— XINHUA

Ancient Silk Road continues to wait for World Heritage status

BEIJING, 22 July—A timetable for the submittal of an application to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for adding historical sites along China's 2,000-year-old Silk Road to the organization's World Heritage List has been postponed numerous times, with the project having been in the for over five years.

"Our plan to submit the final application in 2012 has fallen through, as several obstacles have caused our work to progress slowly," said Tang Wei, director of the Division for World Heritage of China's State Administration of Cultural Heritage. The newest timetable, created during the second meeting of the Silk Road joint application project's coordination committee in Turkmenistan, states that the application should be submitted on 1 Feb, 2013.

However, Chinese officials are not optimistic about the new schedule. "Every meeting concludes with the creation of a new schedule, but none of them have been fulfilled," said Tang.

China and several central Asian countries, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, launched an effort to have the road listed back in 2006. The six countries signed an agreement in Paris in October 2007 that determined the application plan and process.

Xinhua

Tigers play in the water in the Huangshan Mountain of east China's Anhui Province, on 21 July , 2011. As the temperatures in Hunagshan rise, tigers in Huangshan choose to play in the water to relieve the summer heat. —XINHUA

Chinese submersible reaches depth of 4,027 metres during test dive in Pacific Ocean

BEIJING, 22 July— A Chinese manned submersible successfully reached a depth of 4,027 metres during a dive test conducted on Thursday in the eastern Pacific Ocean, the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) said. The five-hour-long test started at 3 am on Thursday morning, with the submersible Jiaolong carrying three people to a depth of 4,027 meters in an international area of the ocean.

The SOA work team in charge of the mission said that the dive was intended to test the submersible's functionality. The submersible was found to be working normally and may be able to reach even greater depths, the team said.—*Xinhua*

Video grab shows the Chinese manned submersible Jiaolong starting a dive test in the eastern Pacific Ocean, on 21 July, 2011. Jiaolong, carrying three people, successfully reached a depth of 4,027 metres in an international area of the ocean during the first five-hour-long test on Thursday morning, according to the State Oceanic Administration.—XINHUA

Malaysia's AirAsia, Japan's ANA to launch budget carrier in Japan

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 July—Malaysia's budget airlines AirAsia and Japan's largest airline All Nippon Airways (ANA) announced plans of a tie-up on Thursday to launch AirAsia Japan, the first low-cost carrier to be based in Narita International Airport, AirAsia's Group Chief Executive Officer Tony Fernandez said in a statement on Thursday.

"By combining AirAsia's business model and brand with ANA's depth of knowledge of the Japanese market, we aim to bring new value to our customers, offer diverse and enjoyable travel experiences, and generate new demand," Fernandez said. AirAsia Japan would serve domestic and international destinations when it begins operating in August 2012.

Xinhua

Malaysia's AirAsia chief executive officer Tony Fernandes waves at a news conference in Tokyo on 21 July, 2011. Japan's All Nippon Airways and Malaysia's AirAsia said on Thursday they will launch a new low-cost airline in Japan to further tap Asia's burgeoning budget-travel market.—XINHUA

Beijing diverts water from neighbouring province to quench thirst

SHIJIAZHUANG, 22 July— A reservoir in north China's Hebei Province was opened on Thursday to send water to Beijing. The Hebei provincial bureau of water resources said on Friday that the Huangbizhuang Reservoir will send 120 million cubic metres of water to the capital. The bureau will take the reservoir's water volume into consideration as it decides how much water it will send throughout the rest of the year.

The water supply is being diverted to Beijing through a 307-km-long water canal. —*Xinhua*

Angelo Que of the Philippines hits from the bunker on the ninth hole during the first day of the Hong Kong Open.

Asian Tour's Que enjoys pair of aces

For most golfers, getting a hole-in-one would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but Filipino Angelo Que enjoyed the thrill twice in nine holes as he prepared to defend his title at the Selangor Masters in Malaysia this week.

The 32-year-old was blown away with his double-ace day, but was wary about using up all his luck before the Asian Tour event even began at the RM1.2million (247,900 pounds) event hosted by the Kota Permai Golf and Country Club.

"I couldn't have asked for a better start," said Que, who bagged the hole-in-ones at the sixth and 14th holes of a practise round. "I've never had a hole-in-one in my life and all of a sudden, I have two in one day."

Que, who used a six iron and pitching wedge to hole out, said he hoped his luck did not run out.

"The funny thing was we were talking about it on the 14th tee and said what if I had another hole in one here and I did it. "It could be a good omen or a bad omen. When you're so lucky on one day, the next day might be different. Hopefully it'll continue for the whole week."

Thief is stealing hundred of street signs

More than 100 street signs have disappeared in Northboro, Mass, police say.

With each sign costing $125 to replace, it will cost the town more than $15,000 to get the streets properly marked again, WBZ-TV, Boston, reported.

The signs being stolen are older green signs and the federal government is mandating that the town put up larger, brighter, red signs.

Some of the new signs are up, though many more are needed; numerous busy streets do not have identification on them.

Residents say the problem is strange, and could be a safety concern.

"Absolutely, a nuisance," said Northboro resident Andrew Delcid. "Because really, we shouldn't be staring at our GPS' anyway when we're driving."

"There's a lot missing around the area and it's frustrating when you're trying to give somebody directions and they can't find the street signs that you're telling them to find," resident Chuck Silverman said in agreement.

Fortunately, emergency services in the area haven't been affected by the stolen signage, as they know their way around town.

The new signs are expected to arrive at the end of the summer and will then take weeks to put up.

Dog bites shark and goes viral

It's got a big yellow dog, sharks, a dead dugong, attracted millions of viewers on YouTube and you couldn't make it up.

Video footage of a dog attacking a shark under water on the Australian coast has "gone viral", becoming a top Internet hit. The footage shows two dogs swimming in the ocean near the West Australian town of Broome, about 1,650 km (1,025 miles) northeast of Perth. The dogs appear to be herding several sharks toward shore, when one suddenly ducks under the water and attacks a shark. "The dog is biting the shark," said Russell Hood-Penn in the voice-over as he video-taped the incident. "That is unbelievable. I've seen it all now."

Hood-Penn placed the footage on video-sharing website YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HyIZh-5BQZY), where it has been viewed more than 27 million times.

When the camera pans out, a dead dugong (a large marine mammal similar to a manatee) can be seen beached on the shore and Hood-Penn speculates that is the reason the sharks are circling so close to shore.

A video grab from footage shows dog swimming with sharks before diving underwater, appearing to bite one of them, in waters off Broome.

News Album

Chris Brown to star in romantic comedy

Singer Chris Brown performs on NBC's Today Show in New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 22 July—It would have seemed improbable two years ago, but Chris Brown is coming to a theater near you in a romantic comedy.

The singer and actor will star alongside Steve Harvey, Gabrielle Union, Oscar-nominee Taraji P. Henson and Michael Ealy in "Think Like A Man," an adaptation of Harvey's best-selling book advice book for women, "Act Like A Lady, Think Like A Man." Details on the casting were confirmed Thursday by a representative for Screen Gems, which is producing the movie.

Brown's involvement in the movie is another sign of his remarkable comeback since his 2009 attack on girlfriend Rihanna, for which he pleaded guilty to assault. His album "F.A.M.E" has gone gold, and last week a record crowd of 18,000 fans showed up to see him perform on the "Today" show.—*Internet*

Zack Snyder, who directed the motion picture fantasy "Sucker Punch", attends the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 23 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Superman release date pushed back to 2013

BURBANK, 22 July—US film studio Warner Bros says it has pushed back the release date of "Man of Steel" from its tentative date of December 2012 to June 2013.

The Hollywood Reporter said director Zack Snyder's take on the Superman legend will hit theaters later than expected because the studio wants to distance it from Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," which is to open 14 Dec, 2012.

"Man of Steel," with British actor Henry Cavill in the starring role, is to begin shooting this summer.

The cast also includes Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Diane Lane, Kevin Costner and Russell Crowe.

Internet

Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar

Sarah Michelle Gellar doubles up at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO, 22 July—Sarah Michelle Gellar isn't trying to duplicate "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" with "Rinnger."

Gellar said during a panel Thursday at Comic-Con that she was drawn to the new serialized CW thriller because it wasn't like the supernatural series that she starred in for seven seasons. In "Ringer," which debuts 13 Sept, Gellar plays mysterious estranged twins Bridget and Siobahn.

"I knew I wanted to come back to televis-ion," said Gellar.

The 34-year-old actress said she feels like she's actually playing five characters in "Ringer": Bridget and Siobhan in the present, in the past and Bridget pretending to be Siobhan, which she dubbed "Siovette." Fans shouldn't expect any "Buffy"-style antics though.

Internet

'Red' tops the US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 22 July—Blake Shelton's "Red River Blue" is No. 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported Wednesday.

Coming in at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 is Incubus' "If Not Now, When?," followed by Adele's "21" at No. 3, Chris Young's "Neon" at N0. 4 and Beyonce's "4" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Colbie Caillat's "All of You" at No. 6, Jason Aldean's "My Kinda Party" at No. 7, Theory of a Deadman's "The Truth Is..." at No. 8, Sublime with Rome's "Yours Truly" at No. 9 and Selena Gomez & the Scene's "When the Sun Goes Down" at No 10.—*Internet*

Blake Shelton performs at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville on 12 June, 2011.
INTERNET

Argentina turn page after Copa flop

BUENOS AIRES, 22 July—After being knocked out by Uruguay in the quarter-finals, fans of Argentina have drawn a line under the Copa America final. The hosts had hoped to bag a record 15th title but instead it is neighbour Uruguay who will themselves go for a 15th crown in Sunday's final against Paraguay. While Buenos Aires restaurants and cafes begin to fill with fans of the finalists, the city wore a general air of indifference on Thursday among disillusioned home fans.

"Anybody but Uruguay. Just anyone but them," groaned office caretaker Juan as he contemplated a triumph for the Charruas from across the River Plate - which for locals would hurt almost as much as seeing Brazil carry off the crown on Argentinian turf. With the Uruguayans in the trophy match and overwhelming favourites, it is scant consolation to home fans that the Brazilians also went out in the quarter-finals and also little consolation that the auriverde's exit means they cannot inflict a third straight final defeat on this year's hosts.

Internet

Supporters of Argentina cheer their team before the start of the 2011 Copa America Group A first round football match against Costa Rica on 11 July.—INTERNET

Andy Schleck wins Tour stage; Voeckler keeps lead

LE PMETIER-LES-BAINS, 22 July—Andy Schleck led a daring attack in the Alps to win the 18th stage of the Tour de France on Thursday, putting him within seconds of the yellow jersey and quashing Alberto Contador's hopes of a fourth title. France's Thomas Voeckler, in a show of grit of his own, narrowly kept the lead by muscling up a punishing final climb to limit the damage at the end of the 125-mile trek from Pinerolo, Italy, to the Galibier Serre-Chevalier ski station in France.

Contador started the stage trailing Voeckler by several minutes after a rough start to the three-week race and finished it with a dismal final climb. "Victory is impossible now," he said. "I had a bad day. My legs didn't respond and I just hit a wall. It was a very difficult day right from the start." Schleck began the day in fourth place and is now 15 seconds behind Voeckler.

Internet

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg climbs Izoard pass as he breaks away from the pack with overall leader Thomas Voeckler of France during the 18th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 200.5 kilometers (124.6 miles) starting in Pinerolo, Italy.—INTERNET

World Cup winner Capdevila joins Benfica

MADRID, 22 July—Spain defender Joan Capdevila has left Villarreal for Benfica on a two-year deal, the Portuguese club announced on their website on Thursday. Benfica added that the 33 year-old's contract includes a 20 million-euro release clause. Capdevila has been Spain's first-choice left-back for several years, and formed part of their Euro 2008 and 2010 World Cup-winning sides.

Capped 57 times, Capdevila has spent the last four seasons at Villarreal. Prior to that he was on the books at Deportivo La Coruna for seven years, helping them win the Copa del Rey in 2002 and to the semi-finals of the Champions League in 2004. His signing follows the arrivals of Portuguese international goalkeeper Eduardo, from Genoa, and Brazilian defender Emerson, from Lille.

Internet

Spain defender Joan Capdevila

Woods gets rid of Steve Williams as a caddie

Tiger Woods and caddie Steve Williams

JACKSONVILLE, 22 July — After a year that couldn't end soon enough, one rocked by a sex scandal and divorce, a major swing change on the golf course and the loss of four major corporate sponsors off it, Tiger Woods was asked about the one constant in his career — his caddie, Steve Williams."He's been a heck of a caddie, there's no doubt about that," Woods said last December as he signed autographs. Then he stopped for a moment, looked up to make eye contact and added with emphasis, "And he's a great friend." Somewhere along the bumpy path, the relationship soured.

Despite being one of Woods' best friends, Williams felt like an outsider the way he was kept in the dark about Woods' schedule and recovery from leg injuries. Woods was annoyed when his caddie of 12 years chose to work for Adam Scott at the US Open, then signed up to work for the Australian again at the AT&T National and the British Open.— *Internet*

Swiss swimmer wins 5K open water race at worlds

JINSHAN CITY, 22 July—Swann Oberson of Switzerland, who has been swimming in international competitions for only a year, won the women's 5-kilometre open water race on Friday at the world championships. Oberson edged Aurelie Muller of France and American Ashley Twichell in a close finish for the gold medal. A half second separated the podium finishers — Oberson was timed in 1 hour, 39.7 seconds, Muller took silver in 1:00.40.1 and Twichell won bronze with 1:00.40.2. The top 10 finishers were separated by only eight seconds.—*Internet*

From left, gold medalists United States' Andrew Gemmel, Ashley Grace Twichell and Sean Ryan celebrate during the medal ceremony for the 5km Team open water swimming event at the FINA Swimming World Championships at Jinshan Beach in Shanghai, China, on 21 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Anelka keen to stay at Chelsea

LONDON, 22 July — Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka is determined to stay at the Premier League club to see out the final year of his contract, dismissing suggestions he was set to leave, reports said on Thursday. The former French international had widely been expected to be offloaded by Chelsea this summer as part of a clear-out to enable the rebuilding process under new manager Andre Villas-Boas. However Anelka, 32, told the *Daily Telegraph* he wants to stay with the Londoners for the remaining 12 months of his contract and has no plans to leave.

"I never said I wanted to leave Chelsea," Anelka was quoted as saying. "Even if there's an offer from someone else, I don't care because I am seeing out my contract at Chelsea, one more year. "I said in the beginning when I signed that I wanted to stay until I finished my contract. I still have one more year and I'm happy."Anelka joined Chelsea from Bolton in January 2008 and is a popular member of the dressing room at Stamford Bridge.—*Internet*

Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka

Barca sign Sanchez for 26 million euros

BARCELONA, 22 July — Spanish and European champions Barcelona have reached a deal with Italian club Udinese to buy Chilean striker Alexis Sanchez for 26 million euros, it announced on Thursday. The 22-year-old will sign a five-year contract, it said in a statement on its website. "Barcelona and Udinese have reached an agreement on the transfer of Alexis Sanchez. The deal is for five years. The cost of the transfer is 26 million euros" with a further 11.5 million in "variables", referring to match-related bonuses.

Sanchez has played for Udinese since 2008 and last season was voted best player in Serie A, after scoring 12 goals in 31 games. The player had also been linked with English sides Manchester United and Manchester City, but said last month that he wanted "Barcelona or nothing".Sanchez "has been sought by the best teams in the world. However, he has been strongly committed to playing for Barca," the statement said.

Internet

Chilean striker Alexis Sanchez

Hasebe pens extended Wolfsburg deal

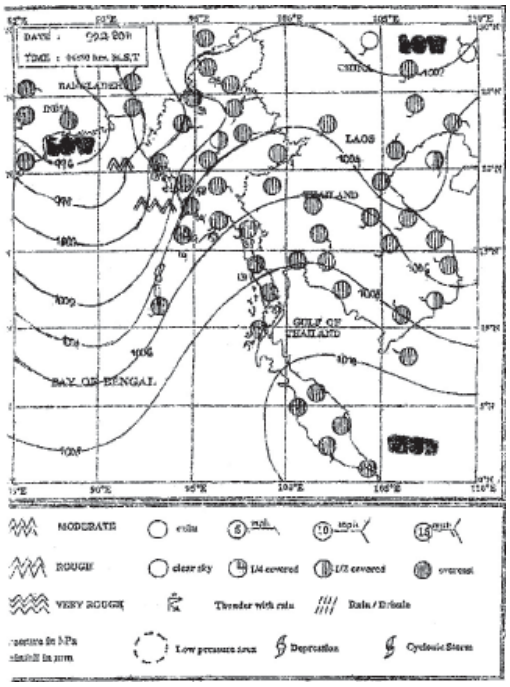
WOLFSBURG, 22 July—Wolfsburg announced on Thursday that Japanese international midfielder Makoto Hasebe has signed a two-year extension to his contract, tying him to the club until 2014. Hasebe, 27, moved to the Volkswagen-backed club in 2008, and formed part of their title-winning side in 2008/09. He has made 88 Bundesliga appearances, scoring two goals.

Internet

Japanese international midfielder Makoto Hasebe

SPORTS

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 23rd July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	25/77	Widespread rain	80%
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Fairly widespread rain	80%
3	Kayin	26/79	24/75	Widespread rain (IH)	80%
4	Chin	22/72	14/57	Fairly widespread rain	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	27/81	Scattered rain	80%
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	23/72	Widespread rain (IH)	80%
8	Bago	28/82	20/68	Widespread rain	80%
9	Magway	28/82	26/79	Scattered rain	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain	80%
11	Mon	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain (IH)	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain	80%
13	Rakhine	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread	80%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/84	23/73	Fairly widespread	80%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain (IH)	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	29/84	24/75	One or two rain	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	25/77	Some rain	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rains have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Chin, Kayah and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paletwa (5.55)inches, Dawei (5.47) inches, An (5.31) inches, Sittway (5.28) inches, Maungtaw (5.19) inches, MraukU (4.57) inches, Kyauktaw (4.25) inches, Launglon (4.13) inches, Hkamti (3.85) inches, Loikaw (3.74) inches and Pyapon and Kyaikkhami (3.35) inches each.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong in the Adaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experience off and along Myanmar Coasts, Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

Expensive drop as forklift shatters $1.1 mln wine

CANBERRA, 22 July—An Australian winemaker said Friday he was "numb" after a malfunctioning forklift destroyed more than Aus$1 million ($1.1 million) of his prized shiraz.

Some 462 cases of the 2010 Mollydooker Velvet Glove Shiraz, which sells for Aus$185 a bottle, smashed to the ground as it was being loaded for export to the United States.

It cost winemaker Sparky Marquis one third of his annual production.

"So how do I feel? Gut-wrenched, shocked, numb," he told reporters.

"When they opened up the container they said it was like a murder scene," he added. "There was red everywhere.

"But it smelled phenomenal."

Brett McCarthur, of Kerry Logistics, said the company moves more than 20,000 containers a year and had never had such a malfunction before.

Photo illustration. An Australian winemaker said Friday he was "numb" after a malfunctioning forklift destroyed more than Aus$1 million ($1.1 million) of his prized shiraz.

INTERNET

"It was very hard to make that call to Sparky," he said.

The saving grace was that the wine was fully insured, with assessors already on the scene.

Internet

Saturday, 23 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

8:05 am
6. Health Programme

8:10 am
7. Poem Garden

8:25 am
8. International News

8:40 am
9. Islands of Dhamma

8:45 am
10. Nine Precepts

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game for Children

12:00 am
4. Round Up of the Weeks TV Local News

12:05 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

12:25 pm
6. TV Dramma Series

1:15 pm
7. Songs Programme

1:30 pm
8. Prevew of 26th South East Asia Games

1:45 pm
9. Song Of National Races

1:50 pm
10. Documentary

2:10 pm
11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

2:15 pm
12. An Interview with officials of Immigration and National Registration Department on Cansuses and Citizenship Serutiny Cards

2:50 pm
13. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:10 pm
3. Cultural Dances

4:20 pm
4. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (3rd Prize Winner) (Kyauk Tann B.E.H.S (1))

4:50 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)- Second Year (Myanmar)

5:05 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:20 pm
7. International Science News

5:25 pm
8. Documentary

5:35 pm
9. Game for Children

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm
13. Yindagomae

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Cartoon series
19. TV Drama Series
20. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn
21. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-7-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	-	(23-7-11 09:30 am ~ 24-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Welcome Monsoon
* News
* Waso Lenten Season
* News
* Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation
* News
* Youth and Volunteer Services

Oversea Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Welcome Monsoon
* News
* Waso Lenten Season
* News
* Music Gallery
* The 19th China Import & Export Fair, Kunming
* News
* Youth and Volunteer Services
* News
* Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival
* News
* How to Extract Timber Using Elephant
* News
* Inauguration of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (Yangon)
* News
* Record Album
* The Most Beautiful Moment of the Twilight
* Myanmar Movies "The Magician's Flower"

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Inlay Lake, a site of natural heritage

By *Nyo Win Aung (Taunggyi)*

Seagulls sit on the fence on Inlay Lake.

If you are on a pilgrimage to Inlay on summer vaca-tion, you will find a stream in Nyaungshwe. At first, you have to make enquires at wide sites not old jetties of the stream to know where you can hire a chartered boat. On the boat, you should wear thick clothes and hats or umbrellas to protect yourselves from the glare of the sun.

During the visit, you can enjoy naturally beautiful sites of the region such as premonsoon crop plantations in villages and farms, and floating farms, monsoon rice pad- dies and forests and mountains shrouded in mist. You may find groups of egrets in search of fish in the rice paddies and many other flocks of birds flying in the sky and singing.

With the aim of conserving the environment and protecting wild animals and birds from danger of extinction, the Forest Department in cooperation with the Land Settlement Department and the Irrigation Depart ment is working to prevent forest fires, horizontal extension of floating plantations, silting up of the streams flowing into the lake, and hunting wildlife in the sanctuary. In addition, it is taking meaures for ensuring that local people give sanctury to migration birds such as seagull,water duck, moorhen, cormorant and other rare species of birds, prevention of forext fires due to burning harvested plantation, supply of clean water to every village, systematic

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Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at is 1294 cm and Kalewa is 1604 cm. It may remain above their respective danger levels of 1230 cm and 1550 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Monywa is 962 cm. It may reach its danger level of 1000 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

MNA