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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

President U Thein Sein visits Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011



President U Thein Sein views LED solar panels manufactured by Ministry of Industry-2 at Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein viewed round products displayed at the Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 organized by the Industrial Development Committee, here, this morning.

On arrival at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw where the Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 is being held, President U Thein Sein was welcomed by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham,

Union Ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

Accompanied by the Vice-President and party, the President viewed round automobiles and trucks, engines for heavy machinery, machine parts and engine parts, parts of wagons, heavy machinery for construction and farming machinery manufactured by No. 1 General Heavy Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 in front of the MICC.

The President also viewed machines and machinery manufactured by No. 2 General Heavy Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2.

Afterwards, the President looked into various pharmaceuticals and foodstuffs manufactured by Myanmar Foodstuff Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1, rules and regulations of private industrial registration of Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department, facts about electric law and boiler law, personal goods produced by Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, scale model of the Glass Factory Project (Kyaukse) to be opened by Myanmar Ceramics Industries and sample advanced glasses, textiles and clothes by Myanmar Textile Industries, scale model of 200-ton Paper and Pulp Mill (Thabaung) of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries, advanced paper of the factory meeting international standard, Low Power LEDs and High Power LEDs by No. 2 General Heavy Industries of Ministry of Industry-2, solar panels for rural power supply and industrial products including tyres for automobiles.

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President U Thein Sein views automobiles manufactured by Ministry of Industry-2 at Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Turn out well-versed medical professionals

Health and fitness is basic need for all. The Ministry of Health set an aim for everybody to enjoy life expectancy and to be free from diseases, striving for fully providing health care services to the people.

Preventive measures against diseases, treatment, rehabilitation, environmental sanitation and talks on health knowledge are performed across the nation including rural and remote areas on a wider scale.

In accord with the State's demand, new universities have been opened to turn out human resources of health sector. Beginning 2001, medicine and medical related institutions have been increasing the admissions of new students.

To improve medical education sector, not only infrastructures but also existing buildings have been renovated. The institutions have been facilitated with modern teaching aid, advanced trainings, laboratory apparatuses and e-libraries. Faculty members and students are to make greater efforts to have systematic skills.

Conducting of more post-graduate courses is one of the tasks of the government to develop human resources of health sector. Syllabus and curriculums of under- and post-graduate courses must be in conformity with the State's demand, requirements of health care and developing situation of international community.

The government is giving priority to providing health care services to the people by extending health infrastructures in all regions of the Union. It is necessary to apply modern medical technologies to enable the nation to keep abreast of global countries. Well-versed post-graduate medical professionals are to be turned out for upgrading health care services for all.

SANYO cold storage to be on the radar screen



Photo shows SANYO and HQ brands cold storage equipment imported by OK Myanmar Co Ltd.—KYEMON

YANGON, 23 July—The ceremony to introduce cold storage of SANYO and HQ brands imported by OK Myanmar Co Ltd was held in conjunction with

Peoples' Dharma

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

Union A&I Minister visits model farms in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing presents sample seeds of high yield paddy, sunflower to entrepreneurs.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Myint Hlaing met Region/State agriculture and breeding ministers and 21 entrepreneurs who attended the Work Committee for Development of Agricu-

ltural Production for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation and Rice Production Development Meeting, at 100-acre Model Farm in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area here this morning.

The minister conducted them around the model farm.

The Union minister and party then visited model sugarcane farm and strain farm in Zeyathiri Township, and research farms of Agricultural Research Department in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw. Deputy Minister U Ohn Than and officials conducted the minister and party around the farms.

MNA

Sports Ministry's English and ICT course concludes

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addresses concluding of English Language and ICT Proficiency Course No. 1/2011.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The concluding ceremony of Sports Ministry's English Language and ICT Proficiency Course No. (1/2011) was held at the auditorium of the ministry here this afternoon, with an address by Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan who presented completion certificates to trainees.

The trainees displayed their performance before the audiences.

Training In-charge Dr. Aung Kyaw Hsan explained the purpose of the course. Attendees sung Asia Myanmar in harmony.—MNA

awarding ceremony to sale agents at the Sedona Hotel here on 17 July.

Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing of the company extended greetings. Member of the company director board U Zaw Weik gave accounts of the activities of the company.

Division President Mr Hiroyuki Kuriyama of SANYO Asia Ptd Ltd and General Manager Mr Testsuji Tokuwaga of SANYO Electric (Hong Kong) touched upon the quality of SANYO cold storage.

To collect further information, contact No. G-9, MGW Tower on Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon (Ph: 01-256501~03).—Kyemon

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Monywa is 1000 cm. It may continue to rise about 45 cm (1.5 ft) during the next 48 hours commencing noon today and will remain above its danger level 1000 cm.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 858 cm has exceeded by 108 cm (about 3.5 ft) above its danger level. It may continue to rise about 30 cm (1 ft) during the next 48 hours commencing noon today and will remain above its danger level 750 cm.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1081 cm has exceeded by 11 cm above its danger level. It may continue to rise about 30 cm (1 ft) during the next 48 hours commencing noon today and will remain above its danger level 1070 cm.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaing Chaung 1166 cm has exceeded by 36 cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.—MNA

At least 91 dead in Norway shooting, bomb attack



OSLO, 23 July—A gunman dressed in police uniform opened fire at a youth camp of Norway's ruling political party on Friday, killing at least 84 people, two hours after a bomb killed seven in the government district in the capital Oslo at 3:30 pm (1330 GMT).

Witnesses said the gunman, identified by police as a 32-year-old Norwegian, moved across the small, wooded Utoeya holiday island about 40 kilometres west of Oslo firing at random as young people scattered in fear. Norwegian television TV2 said the gunman detained by police was described as tall and blond and had links to

right-wing extremism.

"We had all gathered in the main house to talk about what had happened in Oslo. Suddenly we heard shots. First we thought it was nonsense. Then everyone at the annual event of the Workers' Youth League run by the governing Labour Party started running," a survivor, 16-year-old called Hana told Norway's Aftenposten. "I saw a policeman stand there with earplugs. He said 'I'd like to gather everyone'. Then he ran in and started shooting at people. We ran down towards the beach and began to swim." Hana said the gunman fired at people in the water.—MNA/Xinhua

The scene after an explosion in Oslo, Norway, on 22 July, 2011. A loud explosion shattered windows Friday at the government headquarters in Oslo which includes the prime minister's office, injuring several people.—INTERNET

Heat wave blamed in seven deaths in Chicago region

CHICAGO, 23 July—Autopsies revealed Friday showed that at least seven people from the Chicago area died from heat related causes within the last three scorching days, the *Chicago Sun-times* reports.

collapsed while outside after biking, running and being outdoors with family and friends. Meanwhile, six other elder Chicagoans died all from heat related causes from Wednesday to Friday. Storms cooled

showed more highs in the 90s for Saturday.

Temperatures hit 100 degrees Fahrenheit (about 38 degrees Celsius) on Thursday, for a second straight day at Midway Airport in Chicago.

The last time that happened was 16 years ago during the deadly 1995 heat wave.

According to WGN TV meteorologist Tom Skilling, a check of Chicago's 83-year weather record at Midway reveals back-to-back 100s have occurred in only 11 of the past 83 years.

Xinhua



A man with a cloth on his head walks near City Hall in the afternoon heat on 22 July, 2011, in Philadelphia.

INTERNET

According to officials, Cesar Rodriguez, an 18-years-old man from Chicago, died Thursday when he

the city and suburbs on Friday after five days of 90-plus-Fahrenheit (over-32-Celsius) heat. Weather forecast

Six Iran troops killed in clashes with Kurd rebels

TEHRAN, 23 July—A senior officer of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards was among six soldiers killed in clashes with Kurdish rebels on the border with Iraq, *Fars news agency* reported on Friday.

"General Assemi of the Qom branch of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps was killed along with five of his comrades in clashes with terrorist rebels of the PJAK (Party of Free Life of Kurdistan) in the Sardasht area," the agency said, without giving any further details. Iranian troops launched a major offensive on Saturday against PJAK



rebels operating out of rear-bases in neighbouring Iraq. On Tuesday, the autonomous regional government in Iraqi Kurdistan demanded Iran respect the border after a Guards commander said Iranian forces

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards march through Teheran during the annual military parade in September 2010.—INTERNET

had taken "full control" of three PJAK camps inside Iraq.—Internet

Gunmen kill five laborers in southwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 July—At least five people were killed on Saturday afternoon when unknown gunmen opened fire in Pakistan's southwestern province of Balochistan, local media reported.

According to the reports, two gunmen riding a motorcycle suddenly appeared in the Kasan Puri area of Naushki, a district in the southwestern side of the provincial capital Quetta, and opened fire at five laborers working at a site.

As a result of firing, all the poor men died on the spot. Police and rescue team rushed to the site of incident and shifted the bodies to the district hospital.

According to eyewitnesses, all the laborers were from the country's eastern province of Punjab.

Dozens of workers, doctors, professors and businessmen, who migrated from other provinces to Balochistan, have been killed during the last couple of years.

Officials and other sources believed that Baloch people who have adopted armed struggle for their rights were involved in such incidents.

MNA/Xinhua

80 insurgents killed in Afghan Paktika province

KABUL, 23 July—A total of 80 anti-government insurgents have been killed in Paktika province 155 km east of Afghan capital Kabul over the past three days, a statement released by provincial administration said on Saturday.

"The combined operation of Afghan and international troops have left 80 armed militants dead in Paktika province over the past three days," the statement said.

According to the statement, the combined operation is covering Marizko and Armai villages in Sar Rowzah district with the objective to ensure security there.

The operation is continuing with the support of air power, it added.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have not to make comment yet.

MNAXinhua



Afghanistan's National Army (ANA) soldiers search a car at a check point in Herat city on 19 July, 2011. With seven areas of Afghanistan being handed over from NATO to local control this week and tens of thousands of troops leaving in the next 18 months, analysts agree that the need for peace talks has never been more pressing.

INTERNET



Next Mars rover will land in 96-mile-wide crater

LOS ANGELES, 23 July—NASA's next *Mars* rover will land at the foot of a towering mountain inside a 96-mile-wide crater to search for evidence that the region once had conditions capable of supporting microbial life, project officials announced Friday.

The rover, nicknamed *Curiosity*, is expected to be launched this year and to land on Mars in August 2012. It's far bigger than the three rovers NASA has previously sent to the red planet in search of geologic evidence that the frigid, dusty planet was once warmer and wet, with

conditions that could potentially have supported a hardy form of life.

The 3-mile-high mountain in Gale Crater is layered and scientists believe it is the surviving remnant of an extensive sequence of deposits. The site also has a huge cut likened to the Grand Canyon that appears to have been made by flowing water. Mission planners intend to send the instrument-laden *Curiosity* up the lower flanks of the mountain to examine the layers. Its robotic arm is designed to pick up samples that two of the 10 instruments will be able to ingest for analysis. Scientists hope *Curiosity* will help determine what happened to the water on Mars, how it went from wet to a frozen desert where dust devils spin across the surface.—*Internet*

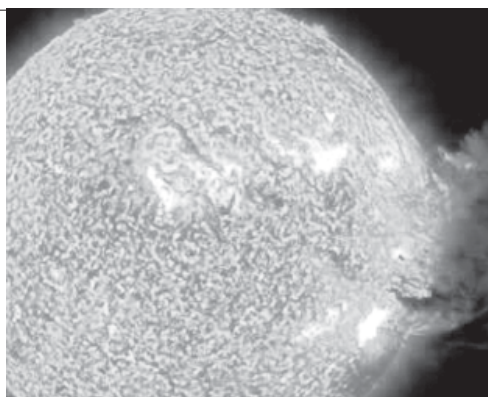


This artist concept shows NASA's Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover, a mobile robot for investigating Mars' past or present ability to sustain microbial life. The US space agency's unmanned Curiosity rover will explore a mountain on Mars that should read like "a great novel," revealing if signs of life ever existed on the red planet, NASA said.

INTERNET

This NASA image taken on 7 June, 2011 shows the Sun releasing a M-2 solar flare, a S1-class radiation storm and a coronal mass ejection.

INTERNET



Dying sun will drive off comets

CAMBRIDGE, 23 July—When our sun ages and finally dies it will go out with a bang, throwing many of the solar system's comets into interstellar space, British scientists say.

In about 5 billion years it will run out of hydrogen to burn in its core and will expand to become a red giant star, eventually blowing off its atmosphere to leave an ember-like core called a white dwarf, *NewScientist.com* reported.

Researchers at the University of Cambridge say computer simulations show a sun's death throes will be felt as far as the vast cloud of comets in the so-

called *Oort cloud*, well beyond the orbit of Pluto.

It's generally assumed the inner planets, including Earth, will be engulfed and incinerated during that phase, but now scientists say they believe the impact will be felt far beyond that.

As the sun loses mass, its gravity will decrease and that change can eject orbiting objects, and Dimitri Veras and his colleagues Cambridge said their simulations indicate as much as 20 percent of *Oort cloud* comets will fly away into interstellar space.—*Interent*



Sephora releases iPad app

NEW YORK, 23 July—The beauty retailer is on an innovative roll this month: following the introduction of same-day product delivery in Manhattan and the announcement of in-store nail bars (coming end of this month), Sephora has launched its free Sephora To Go app for both iPhone and iPad.

With what might well be the most complete beauty app for the iPad to date, users are now able to browse and buy products, track the latest launches at Sephora, read reviews, locate stores with GPS, look up previous buys, and watch video tutorials as part of the same offering.

In addition to these more or less expected



Sephora iPad app

features, the app's developers have also come up with a few more surprising tools, including the Virtual Polish Change that lets you 'try on' nail colours from the Sephora by OPI range and the Scan that provides you with information, videos, and reviews when used on a product in store.

Internet

Spotify has 70,000 paid US users one week after launch

WASHINGTON, 23 July—Spotify launched in the United States a week ago on an invite-only basis, and has been getting a lot of coverage recently, including some rave reviews.

The streaming music service can be used for free with ads, but also offers two paid subscription options that start at \$4.99. Despite hurdles to sign up, in the time Spotify has been available in the United States, *Billboard* now claims that 70,000 users have signed up for a paid subscription.

The main draws to having a paid subscription would be the removal of ads between songs, unlimited play time, and the ability to listen to the service on your mobile device.

It's hard to judge just how successful of a launch Spotify is experiencing since all of its closest competitors have been on the market for years. For example, *Rhapsody* has around 800,000

paid users, but it launched in 2001.

Napster was reported to have 761,000 subscribers before it was bought by *Best Buy* in 2008. Fellow newcomer *Rdio* is reported to have fewer than 100,000 paid users, so Spotify did a great job of playing catch up in a single week.

In a recent comparison conducted by *Digital Trends*, we found Spotify to be the most well-rounded service out of *Pandora*, *Spotify*, and *Grooveshark*.

Even with a bug, Spotify was able to barely pass *Grooveshark* in our comparison, winning three of the six categories. The bug has to do with users losing their "starred" songs, which is annoying but is not a game breaking bug.

The overall product is still very solid, and it is easy to see why the service has become so popular so quickly.—*Internet*

Parts of Toyota Motor Corp's crash-test dummies are pictured during the Toyota Safety Technology Media Tour at the company's Higashifuji Technical Centre in Susono, west of Tokyo, on 21 July, 2011.

INTERNET





Health



A woman, suffering from Alzheimer's disease, walks in her room in a retirement house in Angervilliers, eastern France in March 2011. Inherited forms of Alzheimer's disease is likely detectable up to 20 years before loss of memory and impaired thinking appear, according to a study released Wednesday.

INTERNET

Breathing problems strike soldiers returning from Middle East

BEIJING, 23 July—Some US soldiers returning from the Middle East have acquired constrictive bronchiolitis, a kind of lung damage virtually unknown in young adults, according to US News & World Report.

"Respiratory disorders are emerging as a major consequence of service in southwest Asia," said study author Dr Matthew S. King, an assistant professor of pulmonary and critical care at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

"In addition to our study, there have been studies showing increases in asthma, obstructive lung disease, allergic rhinitis and a general increase in reports of respiratory symptoms," he added. "Most of the patients say they can't seem to catch their breath when exerting themselves."

On the other hand, Anthony Szema, a physician and engineer at Stony Brook University in New York, has examined a soldier and found tiny complexes of titanium and iron in the man's lungs, where metals can cause severe damage.

Mined separately, the two metals could have gotten together only through a manufacturing process, Szema reported.

While the metals' origin is unclear, he presents a new case study, suspecting garbage-burning pits or exploding devices sent them airborne.

While the cases in the study represent only a few dozen people of the hundreds of thousands serving in the Middle East, there is no estimate of how many more might have bronchiolitis.

It is recommended that soldiers exercise caution in the field until more is known.

Soldiers are now told to wear a mask when burning garbage.

Xinhua

Mexico vaccinates against measles after toddler case

MEXICO CITY, 23 July—Mexican health officials stepped up a vaccination campaign against the measles Friday after a French toddler became Mexico's first case of the disease in four years.

"There's no need for alarm, but we're asking for cooperation from everybody, particularly those who have not been vaccinated," Health Minister Jose Angel Cordoba told Televisa television Friday.

The 18-month-old girl showed symptoms of the disease, including fever and a cough, five days after arriving in Mexico on 10 July from France.

The Mexico City neighbourhood where she was staying was placed on a health watch this week while vaccination booths for the highly-contagious disease appeared at the international airport Friday.

"Everyone under 39 who has not had measles



A nurse vaccinates a man against measles in a health center in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, 22 July, 2011.—XINHUA

must be vaccinated as well as children under 12 who have not had a first vaccination," Cordoba said. The last indigenous case of measles in Mexico was detected 14 years ago and the last case from a foreign country was in 2007, he added.—Internet



Business



Borders begins liquidation sales

ANN ARBOR, 23 July—Borders Group Inc began a going-out-of-business sale for its almost 400 US stores Friday, but for a handful of stores it may not be the end, analysts said.

Books-A-Million Inc, which operates 231 bookstores in 23 states and the District of Columbia, has said it hopes to buy 30 of those locations, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

The sale went on at the chain's flagship store in Ann Arbor, Mich, with liquidation signs in the windows but little fanfare, AnnArbor.com reported.

Customers wandered into the store with a tinge of regret, a feeling of nostalgia and a sense of frustration that the chain, a victim of industry dynamics, strategic errors and a changing culture, couldn't find a way to hang on.

"I'm a retired retailer, and I've seen all the trends in retail around the years, and I never thought I'd see the end of this trend," Flint resident Michael Melet said.

Borders was founded by brothers



A Borders storefront is seen in Washington on 17 Feb, 2011. Borders Group, Inc. announced that they would be entering Chapter 11 bankruptcy and closing stores nationwide.

INTERNET

Tom and Louis Borders as an 800-square-foot book shop on Ann Arbor's South State Street, just steps away from the current flagship store, which opened in the mid-1990s.

It offered unprecedented customer service, a huge selection of books and an understanding of what it took to operate a bookstore in a college town, longtime customers said today.

With the chain's closing some 10,700 employees will lose their jobs nationwide, AnnArbor.com reported.

Internet

Baidu on deck as Caterpillar comes up short, McDonald's and oil services sizzle

NEW YORK, 23 July—With nearly 90% of the S&P 500 Index companies that have reported results since 11 July topping profit expectations, the large cap stock index finished the week 2.2% higher than last Friday's close.

General Electric topped both sales and profit expectations,

showing a 21% gain in earnings per share on a 4% decrease in revenues, associated mainly with selling its NBC Universal unit to Comcast.

Caterpillar produced a 44% increase in net income but it wasn't enough to meet Wall Street's expectations. It blamed a slowdown in

Japanese sales and costs of integrating the acquisition of mining machinery maker Bucyrus for the EPS shortfall. The stock dropped 5.8%.

McDonald's saw net income rise 15% as the top and bottom lines both topped analysts' views. Shares hit a new high, gaining 2.3% to \$88.56.

As we mention in the Market Blaster video above, the coming week is jam-packed with earnings, featuring reports from more than one-third of the S&P 500. Something to watch out of China on Monday is the performance of Baidu.com.

The monster stock closed Friday at \$154, just \$2 shy of its all-time high of \$156.04 back in April.—Internet



Caterpillar Headquarters in Peoria.

INTERNET

Near 130 people poisoned by meat in S Philippines

COTABATO (Philippines), 23 July—At least 128 people from a remote village in southern Philippines have been rushed to hospital since Tuesday due to food poisoning, local officials said on Saturday.

Of the total number of victims, 42 were children from the village of Ned. They all suffered vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea and fever after eating a Carabao meat slaughtered by their neighbour, Mayor Antonio Fungan of Lake Sebu Town in South Cotabato Province said.

Fungan said the majority of residents in Ned experienced the symptoms after eating the meat.

Victims have been confined at the South Cotabato Provincial Hospital for treatment. "The farm animal was slaughtered after it became weak.

The meats were sold to all villagers," Fungan said.

Health officials were sent to Ned to monitor the health condition of other victims who opted to stay in their residence.—MNA/Xinhua

Two charged in LA in brutal beating of baseball fan



Private investigator Ray Lara, right, a member of the Giovanni Ramirez defence team, comments on the innocence of his client on 21 July, 2011.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 23 July—Police exonerated one suspect in the beating of a San Francisco Giants fan and charged two other men with the crime Friday, accusing them of a savage attack the included cutting the victim's tongue and disfiguring his face. The

arrests came two months after an emotional Police Chief Charlie Beck trumpeted the arrest of the initial suspect, and four months after the beating of Bryan Stow, a paramedic who suffered a brain injury and remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Another man, Gio-vanni Ramirez, was arrested in May but wasn't charged in the attack in a stadium parking lot. For months, police Chief Charlie Beck had steadfastly maintained his confidence that Ramirez was the right suspect. "In policing, it's just as important to exonerate the innocent as it is to implicate the guilty," Beck said Friday at a terse news conference. "I want to tell the world that Giovanni Ramirez is no longer a suspect in this case."

Internet

Somali militants vow to block aid groups



A Somali malnourished child from southern Somalia is treated in Banadir hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 22 July, 2011.

INTERNET

MOGADISHU, 23 July—Al-Qaeda-linked militants in Somalia vowed to keep most international aid workers out of the country despite a worsening famine and the UN warned Friday that 800,000 children could die in the region from starvation. Frustrated aid groups said they want to deploy more food assistance in Somalia but don't yet have the

necessary safety guarantees to do so. The anarchic country has been mired in conflict for two decades and its capital is a war zone. The renewed threat from al-Shabab means only a handful of agencies will be able to respond to the hunger crisis in militant-controlled areas of southern Somalia.

Internet

Nurse quizzed over Stockport hospital deaths

STOCKPORT, 23 July—Police charged a nurse Friday over the deaths of five patients at a hospital where detectives believe saline solution had been contaminated with insulin. Rebecca Leigh-ton, 27, was arrested Wednesday over suspicious deaths this month at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport, outside Manchester.

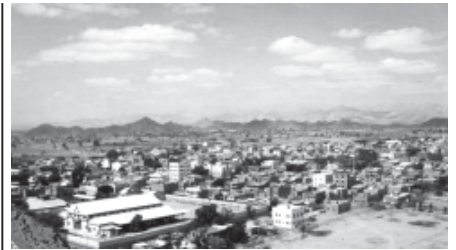
She was charged with six counts of causing damage with intent to endanger life in connection with the deaths. She will appear at Manchester Magistrates' Court on Saturday.

"A woman arrested by detectives investi-

Two killed in plane crash in N Philippines

MANILA, 23 July—Two people, including a Malaysian national, were killed in a plane crash Friday evening in northern Philippines, police said. Philippine National Police spokesman Senior Superintendent Agri-mero Cruz Jr said that a Cessna Plane 152 piloted by Tian Yu Wong, a Malaysian national, with one passenger identified as Alfred Christian de Leon, accidentally crashed in Magalang town of Pampanga Province in north Philippines at around 6:00 pm.

The pilot and the passenger died on the spot, he said. Investigation into the incident is ongoing, he added.—Xinhua



A general view of the southern Yemeni town of Zinjibar in 2010. —INTERNET

Two Yemeni soldiers, 'Qaeda' member killed in south

SANA'A, 23 July—Two Yemeni soldiers have been killed and four others wounded in clashes with suspected Al-Qaeda militants near Zinjibar, the capital of the southern Province of Abyan, a military source said Friday. And tribal sources said armed tribesmen had killed one Al-Qaeda member and wounded another at the entrance of Mudiyah, about 80 kilometres (49 miles) east of Zinjibar.

A military source said "two soldiers were killed and four wounded in clashes centred on the entrance to Zinjibar Thursday night between the army and Al-Qaeda fighters," a toll confirmed by medical sources.

Other military sources told AFP sporadic clashes had occurred from Thursday into Friday as the army attempted to enter Zinjibar, much of which has been held by suspected Al-Qaeda-linked militants since May.—Internet

Chinese premier extends condolences over deadly Norway attacks

BEIJING, 23 July—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday extended condolences to Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg over Friday's deadly attacks in Norway that killed at least 91 people. In his message, Wen condemned the violent twin attacks, and extended his condolences to the victims and deep sympathy to their families.

At least 84 people were killed when a gunman disguised as a police officer opened fire at a youth camp on Utoeya island, about 40 km west of the capital Oslo. —Xinhua

gating five deaths at Stepping Hill Hospital has been charged," a Greater Manchester Police spokesman said.

Leighton "is charg-

ed with six counts under section one of the Criminal Damage Act, causing damage with intent to endanger life or being reckless to whether life is being

endangered.

"She is also charged with one count of theft of medicine from Stepping Hill Hospital." Officers believe someone deliberately tampered with a batch of saline, contaminating it with insulin.

Multiple sclerosis sufferer Tracey Arden, 44, died on 7 July, and retired photographer Arnold Lancaster, 71, of Romiley, died on 11 July.

George Keep, 84, of Cheadle, died on 14 July after being admitted to the hospital with a broken hip, while on the same day 84-year-old Vera Pearson also died.

Internet



A general view of the Stepping Hill Hospital, in Stockport. Police questioned a 27-year-old nurse Friday after a fifth patient died at the hospital where detectives fear saline solution was deliberately contaminated with insulin.

INTERNET

S African troops fight poachers slaughtering rhino

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, 23 July—They used to rely on snares, poison and shotguns to kill rhinos for their horns. Now international crime syndicates are arming poachers with night-vision goggles and AK-47 assault rifles as the price for rhino horn surpasses gold.

Kruger National Park and soldiers ready for pre-dawn patrols.

"They've become very aggressive," Ken Maggs, head of the South African government environmental crime investigation unit, said of the poachers. "They leave notes for us written in the sand, warnings. That

South Africa, home to 90 percent of the rhinos left on the continent, is fighting back. Since more than 140 troops were deployed in April, the number of rhinos killed in Kruger has dropped from 40 in March and 30 in April to 15 in May and just two in June. Fifteen alleged poachers also have been killed this year, and nine suspects wounded in gunfights.

Still, rhino carcasses with mutilated faces are becoming a common sight in African wildlife parks.

The hacked-off horns are destined to be smuggled to China and Vietnam, where traditional medicine practitioners grind them up for sale as alleged cures for everything from fevers to arthritis and cancer.

The horns have become so valuable that thieves this year started stealing rhino exhibits in European museums.

Internet



In this photograph taken Tuesday, 19 July, 2011 armed soldiers stage a night patrol at an isolated outpost in the Kruger National Park's Sabi River valley, close to the Mozambican border, for visiting Press.—INTERNET

When the crackle of gunfire signals the death of yet another rhino, radios squawk to life here in South Africa's flagship

indicates it is an escalating issue ... They are coming in prepared to fight."

The government of



In this photo released by the state media Cubadebate web site, from left: Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, Cuba's leader Fidel Castro, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez and Cuba's President Raul Castro are seen during a meeting in an unknown location in Havana, Cuba, 21 July, 2011. —INTERNET

Chavez says 'first cycle' of chemo completed

CARACAS, 23 July—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Friday he has finished his "first cycle" of chemotherapy in Cuba and will begin the second of various phases of treatment.

Chavez vowed to overcome his cancer, saying he is confident of winning re-election next year and staying in power for at least six more years. He spoke in a telephone call carried live on state television during a speech by his vice president, Elias Jaua.

"This first cycle has been completed successfully. And now, well, we're preparing for a second cycle," Chavez said. "There are various ones in this battle to finally defeat and eliminate any risk of the presence of malignant cells in this body, which is going to turn 57 years old."

They were the first televised remarks by Chavez, whose birthday is 28 July, since he went to Cuba last Saturday to begin chemotherapy. His only public statements until Friday had been dozens of messages posted on his Twitter account.

Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba on 20 June to remove a cancerous tumour. He hasn't said what type of cancer he has been diagnosed with or specified where exactly it was located, saying only that it was in his pelvic region. He says chemotherapy is necessary to ensure cancer cells don't reappear.

Chavez likened it to a "bombardment," saying: "It's the bomb against the illness."

He said the first phase of treatment went well and he feels a "will to live that has sprung up inside me like a volcano."—Internet

NY-Boston Amtrak trains suspended after truck crash

NEW YORK, 23 July—Amtrak trains between New York and Boston were suspended until Saturday morning after a heavy truck struck overhead power lines near New Haven, Connecticut, an Amtrak spokesman said. Scheduled trips on Amtrak were canceled after the accident occurred at about 5 pm on Friday, spokesman Marc Magliari said. No train passengers were hurt, he said. New Haven police, who were investigating the accident, did not immediately release information about the crash, including the truck driver's condition. "A vehicle made its way onto our property," Magliari said. "It didn't happen at a crossing." Amtrak was repairing the damage and expected trains to resume service at a yet undetermined time on Saturday, Magliari said.—Reuters

Food poisoning leaves one dead, 72 hospitalized in SW China

GUIYANG, 23 July—A food poisoning has left a five-year-old girl dead and 72 others hospitalized in a village in southwest China's Guizhou Province, a local official said Saturday.

Villagers in the Wangzhuang Village in Anshun City began to show symptoms of food poisoning after attending a dinner party hosted by fellow villager Qi Qinggang Friday evening. They were soon sent to five different hospitals, said Ma Ning, vice secretary-general of the Anshun municipal government.

A young girl died after treatment failed. Currently, 12 villagers are still in critical condition, Ma said.

An initial investigation showed the poisoning



The patients are treated in Renmin Hospital of Anshun City, southwest China's Guizhou Province, 23 July, 2011.—XINHUA

might be caused by nitrite, which can lead to deficiency in the amount of oxygen reaching human's body tissues.

Local authorities are further investigating the case.—Xinhua

One killed, 20 injured in bus accident in New York

NEW YORK, 23 July—One person was killed and at least 20 people injured after a bus and a tractor-trailer collided on a highway in New York state, local police said Friday.

The tour bus was carrying about 50 people when the collision happened early Friday near Waterloo. Both vehicles caught fire and were totally destroyed, the police said.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was the fatality, and the injured have been taken to hospital.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

On Sunday, a tour bus crashed some 70 kilometres west of Friday's crash scene, killing two people and injuring 35 others. Police blamed that crash on a tyre blowout.

Xinhua

Mexico, Colombia seek security strategies against organized crime

MEXICO CITY, 23 July—Mexico and Colombia will work together to improve their security levels in order to battle organized crime, says Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa.

Espinosa spoke Thursday at a Mexico-Colombia security meeting that also was attended by Colombian Interior Minister German Vargas and other government officials from both

countries.

A joint meeting will be held during Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos' visit to Mexico on 1 Aug to discuss strategies against crime and drug trafficking.

In the meantime, a new extradition agreement will be signed between the two countries in an effort to thwart the illegal drug trade, Vargas said.

Xinhua

President U Thein Sein visits Myanma Industrial...

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The Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011 is being held at the MICC in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw on a grand scale up to 26 July with the aim of enabling the people to know quality and standards of products manufactured by State-owned factories and extending the markets.

A total of 195 products including various textiles, printed textiles, knotting wares, vests, T-shirt, sports shirt and clothes of Myanma Textile Industries, pharmaceuticals, antivenom, antimalarials, injection, Hepatitis-B vaccines, traditional medicines, single-use disposal needles, cosmetics, soft drinks, plastic pipes and plumber equipment, 56 items including cement, brick and fire bricks, glass and advanced insulators manufactured by Myanma Ceramics Industries, hydrogen peroxide, detergent powder and detergent solution, 513 items of books and stationery by Myanma Paper and Chemicals Industries, 513 items including bicycle, sewing machine, enamel wares and steel wares, slippers, shoes and plastic products of Myanma Foodstuff Industries, totalling 893 items are displayed at the show.

Moreover, No. 1 General Heavy Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 displays 72 items of products including automobiles and trucks, heavy machinery for construction works, rollers, agricultural machinery,

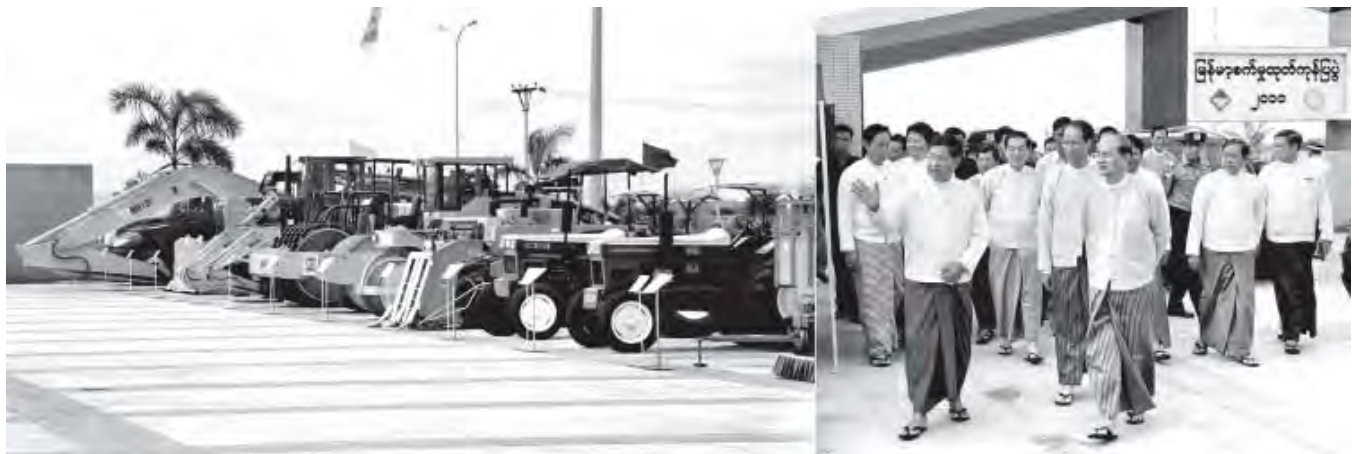


President U Thein Sein views machine parts produced by Ministry of Industry-2 at Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

engines, auto parts and engines and parts of wagons of Myanma Railways.

Likewise, 27 types of Bias tyres and 12 radiators, industrial raw material and natural rubber, 11 types of conventional machine tools, six items of transformers, 50 types of PVC wires, power cables, turbines and

generators, four items of Lead Acid Battery, maintenance-free battery and meters, computer numerical control system 11 machine tools, Low Power LEDs and High Power LEDs and solar panels of No. 2 General Heavy Industries are available at the Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA



President U Thein Sein views heavy machinery manufactured by Ministry of Industry-2 at Myanma Industrial Product Show-2011.—MNA

Relief aids provided for flood victims in Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Region



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung presents relief aids and medicines for flood victims at relief camp in Hinthada Township.
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NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung together with Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Ko Ko, Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint, Commander of Region Police Force Police Col Myo Than and officials visited the office of Yekyi railway station yesterday morning. The chief minister there heard reports presented by Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Hla Khaing and officials on flood relief works and arrangements for preventive measures

against floods in Hinthada District.

At Khamauksu railway station, the chief minister after hearing reports on relief works gave necessary instructions and called for immediate measures to be taken for repair of Eaithabyu bank.

Next, the chief minister and party provided foodstuff for 32 flood victims at the relief camp opened at Thabba Theiddi Dhammayon in Kanaung Ward of Hinthada.

At the relief camp in the compound of Yadanabon monastery in Myawady Ward, he gave

out relief aids and medicines for 234 flood sufferers donated by Relief and Resettlement Department and Myanmar Red Cross Society.

The chief minister donated K 0.3 million to relief victims and K 0.5 million for philanthropic works of Yadanabon monastery.

At Irrigation Department of Hinthada, he heard reports on flood condition and preventive measures and left instructions, saying that the region government would fulfill the requirements.

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Myochaung Bridge in Kyaukdaga Tsp commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July — Myochaung Bridge, the fourth bridge on Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Kyungon Road in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region constructed by Bridge Construction Special Group (5) of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, was opened this morning.

The Union minister unveiled the stone-inscription of the bridge. The Union minister, the chief minister and party then took a stroll on the bridge.

The bridge is steel-structured and of RC type. It has the length of 270 feet, the motorway of 24 feet, and three-ft wide walkways. It can withstand 75 tons of

loads.

The bridge is the second in seven roads linking eastern and western parts of Bago Region and the fourth commissioned into service by the government in office. It will bring about regional development in economic, social, health and education sectors as the roads are running east to west and north to south of the country.

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Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint unveils the stone-inscription of Myochaung Bridge.
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The opening ceremony was attended Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, region ministers, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

The Union minister gave account on construction of the bridge and the chief minister and a local people expressed thanks on behalf of the people of Bago Region.

Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Region Minister for Transport U Tun Wai and Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin formally opened the bridge.



EP-1 Union Minister visits Shwegyin Hydropower Project

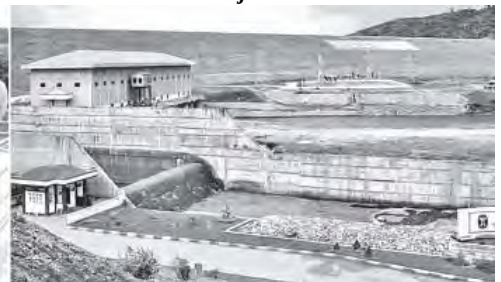
NAY PYI TAW, 23 July — Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min visited Shwegyin Hydropower Project in Bago Region yesterday.

The Union minister heard reports submitted by officials at control room and briefing hall of the project.

The Union minister called for completing the remaining parts of the project soon as four generators of the project have been generating 75 Megawatts.

The project will generate 262 million KWh a year after the four generators could be able to run at full capacity.—MNA

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min views Shwegyin Hydropower Project.—MNA



Special Refresher Course No. 41 for Basic Education Teachers concludes



NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The Special Refresher Course No. 41 for Basic Education Teachers concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay Region this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Member of Union Civil Service Board Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay, Mandalay Region Minister for Social Welfare Dr Win Hlaing and officials.

The course was attended by 1056 trainees.

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Union Minister Dr Mya Aye makes a speech at concluding of Special Refresher Course No. 41 for Basic Education Teachers.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The first round matches of the 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued at the respective sports ground, here, today.

Forestry Ministry and Information Ministry held a goalless draw at No. 1

Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground; Livestock and Fisheries Ministry whitewashed Union Supreme Court 9-2 at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground; and Finance and Revenue Ministry beat Rail Transportation Ministry 1-0 at Nay Pyi Taw Lewu Sports Ground.

Tomorrow, Ministry of Industry-1 will play against Ministry of Construction at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Transport Ministry with Science and Technology Ministry at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and Commerce Ministry with Energy Ministry at Nay Pyi Taw Lewu Sports Ground.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.



Ministry of Forestry team plays against Ministry of Information at Nay Pyi Taw No.1 Sports Ground.

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After completion of process of UNESCO, Sri Kestra...

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These findings have enhanced the national prestige of Myanmar people, proving the origin of Myanmar is Myanmar. Myanmar people originated in Potaung-Ponnya lived through Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron

After 1988 in the time of Tatmadaw Government, the State had allocated renovation expenditure and accepted cash donation from the people for non-disappearance of ancient cultural heritage and national prestige and integrity

with the use of modern technologies. Not only structures of the religious edifices have been reconstructed but also the handicrafts of ten traditional arts and crafts have been preserved scientifically with modern technologies.

In cooperation with UNDP and UNESCO, maintenance and construction tasks were

format for their durability. Moreover, maintenance works are ongoing at the remaining pagodas and stupas with the assistance of UNESCO.

The state has been working in cooperation with UNESCO for Sri Kestra, Beikthano and Hanlin ancient cities, lands of Myanmar cultural heritage, to be included in World Heritage List, there remains only stage to submit the application for the World Heritage List this month. After submitting the application, there will remain the processes of UNESCO. After completion of the processes of UNESCO, Sri Kestra, Beikthano and Hanlin ancient cities will be included in the World Heritage List. In preserving the ancient heritage, it is necessary to cooperate with foreign countries and organizations. If not, it is necessary to preserve the ancient heritages in original shapes on self-reliant basis by applying modern technology.

Preservation and renovation of ancient heritages are being undertaken in Inwa, Mandalay, Shwebo, Bago, MraukU and Kayin State apart from Bagan region. As Inwa era was the most flourishing of literature in the Myanmar culture, a future plan is under way to rebuild ancient Inwa city including log forts, city walls and moats. He disclosed that beginning November this year, maintenance tasks will be carried out in cooperation with experts from Archaeological Survey of India at Ananda Pagoda which possesses worthy of architectural works in Bagan. **The government will join hands with any country, organization and person for maintenance works in accord with the State policy.**

There are 3122 ancient pagodas in Bagan region including 122 pagodas with unnecessary maintenance and 3000 pagodas with necessary maintenance. Up to now, the State together with the people has maintained 2403 pagodas. Moreover, a total of 534 pagodas need regular maintenance and 63 pagodas, ongoing maintenance. **As the ministry has urged the people to participate in maintenance and renovation of the remaining pagodas, wellwishers have emerged to renovate all 63 pagodas. Of K 729.4 million as renovation cost, wellwishers have donated K 458.4 million to the funds.**

While skillful engineers of

the Ministry of Culture who have got PhD, ME and diploma are closely supervising the maintenance and renovation works, the people and departmental personnel are to cooperate with them as much as possible in preservation of ancient heritage and maintenance of the pagodas and stupas. As Bagan is a main destination of tourists, the local people are enjoying the job opportunities in hotel services, catering services, transport, handicraft and trading and as a result, their socio-economy has improved. Enhancement of the small- and medium-scale cottage industries such as lacquerware, painting, sculpture and stone sculpture works in Bagan is one of eight plans adopted by the government for poverty alleviation of rural people. To do so, the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Cooperatives will provide necessary assistance for promotion of these industries with the use of modern techniques to enable the local people to enjoy the better socio-economic life. In conclusion, the Union Minister urged the departmental personnel and local people to cooperate in maintaining ancient heritages in Bagan region as a national duty.

Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin reported on facts about Bagan archaeological region, progress of works being jointly undertaken by the Ministry of Culture and UNESCO, lectures of international archaeologists, maintenance and renovation at the pagodas, Buddhist University of Bagan era and brick temples with fine architectural works, best mural paintings and ancient cultural heritage, renovation of damaged pagodas and stupas like brick mounds that ruined in bad weather to become the original shapes, bricks and masonry works at ancient buildings, renovation of large and small archways, necessary masonry works, reinforced concrete works, and ongoing works with the contributions of the people and the State.

NyaungU Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyaw gave a suggestion on priority to be given to maintenance and renovation of Shwethabeik and Kyaukmyetmaw pagodas that are likely to collapse in bank erosion and two more pagodas and Umingyi Pagoda. The Union Minister instructed officials to coordinate the tasks of maintenance. After the meeting, the Union Minister cordially greeted the attendees.—MNA



Attendees at Work Coordination Meeting on Preservation of Cultural Heritage in Bagan Region.—MNA

Age and City States Age and King Anawrahta established the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan in 1044 AD. **The State is preserving remains of ancient cultural heritage with advanced techniques and local people are to give a hand in doing so as a national duty, urged the Union Minister.**

Bagan is traditionally said to have 4446 pagodas which are invaluable cultural heritage for Myanmar people and on the other hand it is the region where pagodas and stupas, which represent the religion of Myanmar people, can be seen in mass. The world has recognized the high standard of architecture and fine arts of Myanmar through structures of pagodas, stupas, cave temples in Bagan Region and handicrafts of ten Myanmar traditional arts and crafts in those religious edifices, and literary writings in terracotta plaques, mural paintings, ink inscriptions on stuccos, stone inscriptions and inscriptions on bells. Moreover, the excavated iron and bronze casts and golden and silver items are evidences of the high standard of Myanmar arts and crafts.

The royal families, the rich and wellwishers of the second and third Myanmar Empires preserved and renovated ancient cultural heritage of high standard through successive generations. It can be seen that our forefathers as well as successive governments also valued and renovated those cultural heritage.

in other words it had preserved and renovated those cultural heritage with both of the strength of the State and the people. It had adopted firm policy to carry out renovation works with thorough reasoning.

The difference between Myanmar and alien peoples in perception of Bagan and cultural sites in Bagan region is that alien peoples view these cultural sites just as cultural heritage, but for Myanmar, these are not only just cultural heritage but also holy place. Alien peoples simply think renovation of such ancient edifices would reduce value of antiquity and they just cannot understand the loss of pagodas our point of view. So, the State has laid down policies to preserve those ancient edifices in Bagan Region as a site of cultural heritage and also sacred place of religion.

In renovating ancient edifices, skilled Myanmar engineers who are well-versed in internationally-used modern architecture and have finished PhD and MSc degrees, diploma and long-term and short-term courses abroad, were assigned for close supervision. In repairing the ruined religious edifices, they are maintained in current condition to prevent them from falling into decay and new similar religious edifices are constructed beside old ones

carried out by skillful engineers who have attended the ancient building maintenance courses at Structural Conservation of India, ICCROM of Italy, Japan and Cambodia. Maintenance and cleansing works have been undertaken at mural paintings at 12 pagodas including Myingaba Gubyaukkyi, Apel Yadana and Lawka Hteikpan pagodas in Bagan region. **Moreover, masonry works of 93 pagodas have been maintained whereas mural paintings and masonry works at 94 pagodas of Bagan and Inwa eras in Sagaing, Tilawkgaguru, Myingun, Kyundaw, Hsale, Sale, Pakhangyi and Pakhangge regions have been renovated with the use of chemicals systematically.**

Beginning 1984, expert Mr Pierre Pichard of UNESCO together with staff of the department compiled the detailed facts and figures with drawings and photos of ancient buildings, aboveground and underground pagodas, stupas and buildings in Bagan region and published eight volumes of the book entitled "Inventory of Monuments of Bagan" in English version in 1996. Moreover, the detailed records of 2230 pagodas, stupas and temples in Bagan region have been compiled including ground plans and structure plans. Likewise, mural paintings from 77 pagodas in Bagan region have been maintained through digital

Int'l experts discuss ways to counter impact of climate change in Vietnam

HANOI, 23 July—An international seminar on the impacts of climate change on Asian and Vietnamese agriculture and responding policies was held here on Friday by the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

According to *Vietnam News Agency*, the event attracted scientists and managers in agriculture from Bangladesh, China, Pakistan, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Nguyen Van Bo, Director of the Vietnam Agricultural Science Institute, under MARD, addressed at the seminar that Vietnamese agricultural products play an importance role in securing food

and providing jobs to the rural people.

Impacts due to climate change, including sea water rising, land submersion, soil quality degradation and desert, all pose challenges to agricultural production and its sustainable development. The seminar provided opportunities for regional scientists and managers in the field to share experience, research and consultation on the vulnerability of agriculture to climate change, as well as set up policies to cope with its impacts, Bo said. ICRISAT Research Program Director MCS Bantilan shared with participants experience in climate change. She said that poor farmers are the worst affected by climate change and also the most vulnerable to its impacts.—*Xinhua*



Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (1st R) talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (1st L) during a meeting in Bali, Indonesia, on 22 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Historian: 3 possible Japanese airmen for skull

HONOLULU, 23 July—The skull found in Pearl Harbour believed to be from a Japanese pilot in the 7 Dec, 1941 attack could belong to one of three airmen who were aboard a torpedo plane that was shot down where the surprising discovery was recently made.

Daniel Martinez, the National Park Service's chief historian for Pearl Harbour, said Friday he and historian Mike Wenger planned to spend the weekend researching the names of the three Japanese men on a Nakajima B5N2 bomber that went down in the area where the skull was discovered during dredging in April.

Forensic scientists with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Oahu are conducting tests to confirm that the skull belongs to one of 55 Japanese airmen killed in the attack. Martinez said the Nakajima B5N2, also known as a Kate bomber, was shot down in the southeast loch of the harbor. That's where an excavation crew in April found the skull during overnight dredging in water between 35 and 40 feet deep. The destroyer USS Bagley was credited with shooting down the aircraft.

"If JPAC determines this is Asian and it has been determined that it fits into the 1941 scenario, JPAC will then have to consider the names we'll submit to them as possible casualties," Martinez said. "We've got it whittled



A photograph of a self portrait of the artist Lucian Freud. British artist Lucian Freud, grandson of psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, has died aged 88, his lawyer said on Thursday.—INTERNET

British artist Lucian Freud dies aged 88

LONDON, 23 July—Realist painter Lucian Freud, grandson of the inventor of modern psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud and widely seen as Britain's top contemporary artist, has died in London aged 88, his lawyer said.

Freud was known for his signature nudes and self-portraits such as the powerful 1993 work of himself as a naked older man waving his brush like a weapon.

In recent years his paintings have sold for astronomical sums. His 1995 Portrait "Benefits Supervisor Sleeping" fetched 33.6 million dollars at a Christie's auction in New York — a world record for a living artist.

A statement released by his lawyer Diana Rawstron Thursday said the artist "died peacefully at his home in London".

His New York gallery, Acquavella Galleries, said Freud died Wednesday after a brief illness at his home in

Notting Hill.

"In company he was exciting, humble, warm and witty. He lived to paint and painted until the day he died, far removed from the noise of the art world," said New York art dealer William Acquavella.

Born to architect Ernst Freud, Sigmund's youngest son, in Berlin in 1922, Lucian moved to England with his family aged 10 to escape Nazism and became a British citizen in 1933.

Internet

In this undated file photo, wreckage identified by the US Navy as a Japanese torpedo plane was salvaged from the bottom of Pearl Harbor following the surprise attack on 7 Dec, 1941.

INTERNET

down to three possible crews."

Martinez said he would not disclose the possible names without JPAC's permission. JPAC officials could not immediately be reached Friday.—*Internet*

Hawaii reports another snake—5th in recent weeks

HONOLULU, 23 July—The state says a ball python has been turned in to authorities on Oahu.

The Department of Agriculture said Friday it's the fifth snake that has been captured or turned in since late June in Hawaii. The snake's owner, a Whitmore Village resident, turned it in under the state's amnesty programme for people holding illegal animals. Snakes have no natural predators in Hawaii and pose a serious threat to Hawaii's environment. Many snake species prey on birds and their eggs, increasing the threat to Hawaii's endangered native birds.

According to the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology website, ball pythons are found in grasslands and forests of West and Central Africa.

The state's amnesty programme provides those who turn in illegal animals immunity from prosecution.—*Internet*



A man walks past windows of a shop masquerading as a bona fide Apple store in downtown Kunming, in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 21 July, 2011.

INTERNET

MT man accused of killing 55 dogs during standoff

BILLINGS, 23 July—A Montana man is accused of shooting at officers and killing more than 50 dogs on his property during an hours-long standoff.

Carbon County sheriff's deputies were called to Peter Northcutt's property near Joliet on Thursday evening after his brother reported the man might be suicidal.

When a sheriff's sergeant pulled into the driveway, Northcutt pointed a gun at him and yelled, "You don't want any part of this, get out of here," according to court records.

The records say Northcutt fired a shotgun at responding officers. The officers, who were not wounded, then called a SWAT team from Billings for assistance. While they were waiting, officers said they heard gunshots and saw Northcutt walking among the kennels on the property.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (595)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (595) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Residents wearing Samurai warrior armour parade on horses after the kick-off ceremony of the three-day Soma Nomaai festival in Soma city, Fukushima Prefecture.—INTERNET

Japan's quake region holds samurai festival

TOKYO, 23 July—Japan's tsunami-hit Fukushima region has kicked off a thousand-year-old horse festival, with riders in samurai armour defying an ongoing nuclear crisis to take to the streets and vow recovery.

The "Soma Nomaai", or wild horse chase, featured some 80 horses with riders in full samurai armour, and was dedicated this year to praying for those killed in the March disasters and for the reconstruction of local communities.

Locals marched through city streets just outside the 20-kilometre (12-mile) exclusion zone where nuclear workers are still battling to cool overheated reactors at a stricken atomic plant.

Michitane Soma, a direct descendant of the Soma clan which once governed the area, addressed the riders, each of whom carried a black mourning badge. "Believe in the strength of the tradition of Soma Nomaai," the 36-year-old said tearfully.

"March on and pray for the swift reconstruction of eastern Japan." The three-day festival originates from secret military exercises held by 10th-century samurai warriors under the Soma clan, using horses as mock enemy soldiers.—INTERNET

US House cuts congressional budget

WASHINGTON, 23 July—US House of Representatives on Friday voted to cut the congressional budget by 6.4 percent, trimming the legislative branch budget by 227 million dollars to 3.3 billion for the next fiscal year.

The bill funding the Congress and its related agencies for 2012 was approved with a 252-159 vote.

Thirty-nine Democrats voted for the bill while 16 Republicans voted against it.

In the bill, appropriators said legislative-branch agencies need to cut bonuses and other merit pay in light of the fiscal crisis.

A report accompanying the bill calls on all agencies to justify bonuses paid out, and notes that some bonuses are lifting certain salaries higher than those earned by members of the Congress.

Under the bill, several agencies would be cut to the tune of 6 percent, including the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office and the Library of Congress.

However, the Sergeant at Arms' budget would increase by 3.5 million, and the US Capitol Police budget would be level-funded.

During debate, members rejected several amendments, including one that would have slashed funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) by 40 percent.

MNA/Xinhua

Mandrill monkey makes 'pedicuring' tool

LONDON, 23 July — A crude "pedicure" carried out by a mandrill at Chester Zoo suggests the monkeys are capable of more advanced tool use than previously thought. Scientists from Durham University, UK, filmed the mandrill stripping a twig and using the resulting tool to clean under its toenails. They published the findings in the journal *Behavioural Processes*. Mandrills are the fifth species of Old World monkey seen deliberately modifying tools. Non-human apes, including chimpanzees and orangutans, can adapt basic tools for specific jobs.—INTERNET



Mandrills are the fifth species of Old World monkey seen to modify tools.—INTERNET

China CNR signs subway contract with MTR

BEIJING, 23 July—China CNR Corporation Limited said its subsidiary had signed a deal worth 1.401 billion HK dollars (180 million US dollars) to sell subway trains to Hong Kong's MTR Corporation.

Changchun Railway Vehicles Co, Ltd under the China CNR, a major Chinese manufacturer of locomotives, will deliver the trains to MTR from this month to June 2015, the group said in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange Friday night.

The statement did not say how many trains are included in the contract.—Xinhua



A man dispenses free food in Murnika Market in south New Delhi, India, on 22 July, 2011. In New Delhi and other parts of India, rich people usually dispense food on the streets during religious festival or important family events.

XINHUA



In Suisun Bay, 30 miles northeast of San Francisco, there lies a vast ghostly fleet of almost 100 abandoned Navy and merchant ships. These vessels, known as the Mothball Fleet, served in four US wars and are currently awaiting disposal. — INTERNET

Swine flu jab 'narcolepsy risk'

LONDON, 23 July — A swine flu jab has been linked to rare cases of a sleeping disorder and should be the last line of protection for young people, European regulators say. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) said Pandemrix should only be given to children and teenagers at risk of H1N1 flu if other jabs are unavailable. More than six million doses of the vaccine have been given in the UK. Ten sus-

pected cases of narcolepsy linked to the vaccine have been reported to the UK's drug regulator.

Pandemrix, made by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), was the most widely used in the UK during the 2009/10 flu pandemic. However, the vaccine is no longer in use and the remaining stocks will be destroyed this autumn.—INTERNET



More than 30 million doses of swine flu vaccine have been given in Europe.—INTERNET

Baby born in McDonald's bathroom

NEWARK, 23 July — Police in New Jersey said an officer was flagged down at a McDonald's and delivered a baby in the restaurant's bathroom. Newark police spokesman Hubert Henderson said Officer James Kniepp was driving past the Clinton Avenue fast-food eatery Wednesday afternoon when a bystander flagged him down and told him there was a woman in labor in the restroom, *The (Newark) Star-Ledger* reported on Thursday.

Henderson said Kniepp, a 24-year veteran, was able to deliver the baby boy, who was two months premature. "I saw the baby's head and simply maneuvered the child's body to a position where the mother was able to easily deliver," Kniepp said.—INTERNET

Florida sinkhole swallows building

An enormous sinkhole has opened up in the town of Leesburg, Fla., and it's hungry. It's already gobbled up a garbage bin, an oak tree, the back wall of the building housing a salon and racks of supplies.

You can watch a video charting its path of destruction above.

The chasm that caused Main Street Hair and Beauty Supply to collapse is about 60 feet wide and 20 feet deep.

Although the street surrounding the building has also fallen prey to the pit, officials say the hole isn't growing. But the slowly sinking building is sparking growing concern for neighbours

who live nearby. The sinkhole started after a torrential downpour at the end of June.

The heavy rains lead to plenty of pits opening in central Florida. Since the 1950s, 3,100 sinkholes have been recorded in Florida.

The naturally occurring holes open up when acidic groundwater dissolves underground rock



In this 31 May, 2010 file photo released by Guatemala's Presidency, a sinkhole covers a street intersection in downtown Guatemala City.

formations. At the point, the formations are no longer able to support the ground above them, causing terra firma to collapse inward.

For sale: 18-foot tree carved into mermaid

The owner of a Texas tree that became a tourist attraction after it was carved into an 18-foot-tall topless mermaid has put it up for sale on Craigslist.

Paul Jackson of Arlington wrote on the Web site the tree's roots are weakening and a buyer would be responsible for "slicing her off" and making arrangements for transport, *The Washington Post* reported Friday.

The tree was made into a sculpture in 2004 and has since become a popular landmark, earning a spot on RoadsideAmerica.com's list of offbeat tourist attractions.



People participate in an underwater sports meeting held in the Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World in Tianjin, north China, on 21 July, 2011.

News Album

Colin Farrell opens up during 'Fright Night' panel



Cast and crew members of the movie, "Total Recall" pose during the Sony panel at Comic-Con on 22 July, 2011, in San Diego. They are, from left, Kate Beckinsale, Len Wiseman, Jessica Biel, Colin Farrell, Bryan Cranston, and John Cho.—INTERNET

SAN DIEGO, 23 July—Colin Farrell plays a vampire in his latest film, but he says almost any role will do: He just loves being an actor.

The 35-year-old opened up during a panel featuring the update of "Fright Night" Friday at the Comic-Con fan convention.

When a fan asked whether he preferred his earlier starring roles or his more recent character parts, Farrell said that in the last six years, he "reconnected with the mystery of the whole thing and the imagination of the whole thing and how much fun it is to be an actor."

"I came to success really quickly

in relation to most other actors," he said. "The idea of how fast the chaos around me took grip, it's insane. And I, myself personally, I lost sight of why I went to my first acting class when I was 17 in Dublin ... I lost sight of that through this good fortune I was experiencing in Hollywood. So in the last six years I reconnected with the Colin who was 17.—*Internet*



Comic book creator Stan Lee poses after his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was unveiled in Hollywood, California.

'The Walking Dead' to explore 'monsters inside'

SAN DIEGO, 23 July—Flesh-eating zombies aren't the only worry in the second season of "The Walking Dead." Sarah Wayne Callies, who plays one of the survivors in the hit AMC zombie apocalypse saga, teased during a Friday panel at Comic-Con that "the most dangerous things out there are the monsters inside."

The cast and crew of "The Walking Dead" have been filming the sophomore follow-up to the six-episode first season this summer. A trailer featuring the survivors trying to evade a horde of oncoming zombies amid a traffic jam and contemplating breaking up the group was shown during the panel. At one point, the character Rick Grimes warns that "it's all about slim chances, and a slim chance is better than none."—*Internet*



John Bernthal, left, Sarah Wayne Callies, center, and Andrew Lincoln are shown at a panel for the television series "The Walking Dead" at Comic-Con International 2011 in San Diego on 22 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Tiny 2,000-year-old golden bell found in Jerusalem

A tiny golden bell which was lost in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago during the Second Temple period has been found among ruins near the Old City, Israel's Antiquities Authority said on Friday.

The bell, which is thought to have been an adornment which was sewn onto the garments of a senior official, was uncovered during excavation work on a drainage channel in the City of David, an area in the Arab neighbourhood of Silwan just south of the Old City walls.

"It seems the bell was sewn on the garment worn by a high official in Jerusalem at the end of the Second Temple period," an IAA statement said. The bell was found inside the main drainage channel taking rainwater from different parts of the city to the pool of Siloam, which is

mentioned several times in the Bible. "Apparently, the high official was walking in the Jerusalem street in the vicinity of Robinson's Arch and lost the gold bell that fell from his garment into the drainage channel beneath the road," it said, noting that Jewish high priests were known to have bells sewn onto their robes.



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Stan Lee reveals details of new comic "Seekers"

SAN DIEGO, 23 July—Comic book legend Stan Lee on Friday revealed details of his new web-based, digital series "The Seekers," saying it is set in modern times on an Earth in danger of imminent destruction. Describing his upcoming new venture with MTV as "a real epic story", Lee told *Reuters* that "Seekers" will have multiple characters and he hopes it will move from the Internet to TV, movies and videogames. "It's a real epic story," said Lee, ahead of a detailed presentation of the new comic book series on Saturday at Comic-Con International.—*Reuters*

Andrew Garfield calls Spider-Man a role for life

SAN DIEGO, 23 July—He may change his mind later, but right now Andrew Garfield says the role of comic book superhero Spider-Man in the upcoming reboot of the hit film franchise is a part that could last a lifetime.

"I could play this character for the rest of my life," an enthusiastic Garfield, 27, told *Reuters* at Comic-Con on Friday, where the first few clips of the film were revealed to fans.

Comic-Con International, an event where tens of thousands of fans of comics and science-



Actor Andrew Garfield.

fiction stories gather annually, has become a major launch pad for Hollywood studios promoting movies, and the makers of "The Amazing Spider-Man" delighted them on Friday with a look at its new crime fighter, Garfield.

"The Amazing Spider-Man" will land in theaters in 2012.

Internet

Heinze agrees Roma move



Marseille's Argentinian defender Gabriel Heinze

PARIS, 23 July—Former Manchester United and Real Madrid defender Gabriel Heinze

on Friday agreed to join Italian side Roma after leaving French side Marseille where he had spent two seasons. The 33-year-old Argentine had been under contract at Marseille until 2012 but had insisted in May that he wanted to leave after falling out with officials at the French side. Heinze was the highest-paid player at Marseille, earning over 400,000 euros a month.—Internet

Mourinho tightens grip at Real Madrid

MADRID, 23 July—Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho took a firm grip of the Spanish giants on Friday when he added the title of sporting director to his duties on the pitch, in succession to Jorge Valdano who was axed as director-general in May.

"Jose Mourinho has been nominated as sporting director," said a club statement. It is a major victory for Mourinho who often clashed with Argentine Valdano last season

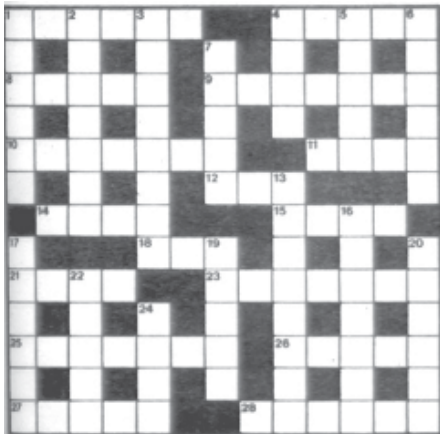


Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

when great rivals Barcelona clinched a Spanish League-Champions League double. Real's only silverware last season was a first Kings Cup triumph in 18 years.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Respect
- 4 Ship's companies
- 8 Hand's shortest digit
- 9 Integrity
- 10 Reserve for a purpose
- 11 Network
- 12 Running bird
- 14 Joy, gaiety
- 15 Set in motion
- 18 Without liquid
- 21 Tax
- 23 A fruit
- 25 Falsehood
- 26 Telling 25
- 27 Beat strongly
- 28 Wisely

DOWN

- 1 Wartime dictator
- 2 Indifferent
- 3 Without prejudice
- 4 Conifer fruit
- 5 Follow
- 6 Mowing blade
- 7 Throttle
- 13 All brume (anag.)
- 16 Inoculation preparation
- 17 Move ostentatiously
- 19 Sailing boat
- 20 Too histrionic
- 22 Elector
- 24 Speechless

John Barnes to support retired footballers in Ghana

ACCRA, 23 July —Former England and Liverpool international soccer star, John Barnes, arrived here on Friday to participate in a fund-raising dinner to support the country's retired footballers. He will use the 10-day visit to appeal to the government and the corporate world to put in place structures that would ensure continuous support for retired footballers.

He said unlike in England where structures had been put in place to cater for retired sports men and women, the situation was different in most African countries, "That is why I am here to support them correct the situation." The Liverpool legend expressed delight to be in the country and to work with the children saying "the youth need to be inspired; they need people like us to inspire them as they strive to get to the top.—Xinhua



People visit the Oriental Sports Centre, the site for the ongoing 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, east China, on 20 July, 2011. The sports centre will be open for public use as of 8 August, charging 20 yuan (3 US dollars) for each swimmer. The World Championships, kicking off on 16 July, will last until 31 July.—XINHUA

Ronaldo pleased with pre-season progress

MADRID, 23 July—Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo said Friday that he was pleased with the impact new arrivals Fabio Coentrao and Rafael Varenne have had on the Real Madrid squad. Coentrao and Varenne both played in Wednesday's 3-0 win over Chivas Guadalajara on Wednesday night in a game won by Ronaldo's second half hat-trick.

Coentrao, who began pre-season training with his former club, Benfica, before moving to Real Madrid, consequently

looks sharper than his new companions, while Varenne, who was signed from French side, Lens, had a comfortable game in defence.

Internet



Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo

Fabregas misses Arsenal trip to Germany

LONDON, 23 July — Arsenal skipper Cesc Fabregas has failed to recover from a muscular injury and will not travel to Germany for the Gunners' pre-season camp as uncertainty over the player's future at the club continues. The midfielder, who has again been linked with a switch to European champions Barcelona, also missed the tour

of Asia with the same problem. "Fabregas has not completely recovered from his muscular injury," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told www.arsenal.com on Friday. "It is too early for him, he is not ready."

Wenger insisted that there has been no further development in the long-running transfer saga involving Fabregas. "The



Arsenal skipper Cesc Fabregas

position at the moment is a 'no comment' situation because there is no movement at all," said Wenger. Internet



Usain Bolt of Jamaica reacts after winning the men's 100 metres event at the Herculis Diamond League athletics meeting at Louis II stadium in Monaco on 22 July, 2011. —XINHUA

Women's youth volleyball championship starts in Peru

LIMA, 23 July — The under-20 world volleyball championship started in Peru on Friday where 16 national teams are competing in four groups. Tunis, Slovakia, Peru and Egypt are bundled in Group A while Group B include Brazil, Italy, Serbia and Cuba. Group C is comprised of Poland, South Korea and the United States and Belgium and Group D includes the Dominican Republic, Japan, China and Russia. —Xinhua

Disabled Volleyball World Cup kicks off in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 23 July —The 2011 Volleyball World Cup competitions for disabled has kicked off here on Saturday. The participating countries are Cambodia, Germany, Slovakia, Kazakhstan, Laos and Sri Lanka. The matches will run until 29 July. —Xinhua

SPORTS

American pair set pace at Canadian Open halfway mark

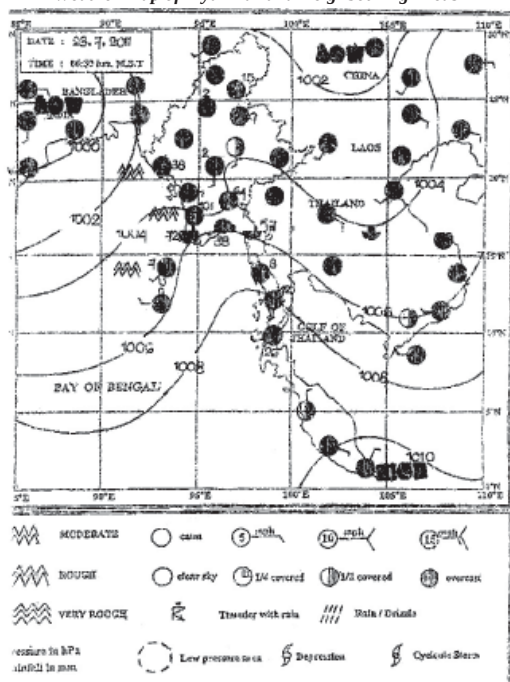
VANCOUVER, 23 July—Chad Campbell (67) and Michael Thompson (66) shared the halfway lead at the Canadian Open in Vancouver Friday as the two Americans moved to four-under-par 136 through 36 holes for a one-stroke lead. Veteran Americans were well represented atop the leaderboard at Canada's 102nd national Open championship at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club as 46-year-

old Lee Janzen (68) and 47-year-old Paul Goydos (69) were one off the pace in equal third.

With the weather overcast but dry in the west coast city, Masters champion Charlz Schwartzel put himself in contention with a round of 67, to sit two back, tied with Australia's Geoff Ogilvy (68) and Americans Rickie Fowler (69), Jerry Kelly (67) and overnight leader Kris Blanks (71), and Canadians Adam Hadwin (66) and David Hearn (68).

Campbell, equal fifth at the British Open last week, carded a round that included five birdies and two bogeys, including one on the 158-yard, par-three 17th hole that could have given him the outright lead. The Texan, who has won more than 20 million US dollars in his careers, but is winless since 2007, called the Shaughnessy layout difficult with its heavy rough.—Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 24th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	27/81	23/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	21/70	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower (IH)	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	80%
8	Bago	27/81	21/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	30/86	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	80%
12	Yangon	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakine	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershower	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rains have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Chin State. Scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Bago Region, Rakine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (4.58) inches, Hpa-an (4.45) inches, Kyaukpadaung and Thandwe (3.97) inches each, Nyaunglaytan (3.90) inches, Billa (3.66) inches, Bago (3.47) inches, Chaungzon (3.31) inches, Patheingyi (3.23) inches, Putao (3.15) inches, Shwebo (3.11) inches, Taungtha and Thant (3.08) inches each and Gwa (3.03) inches. Monsoon is moderate in North Bay and strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
Bay Inference	Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Delic, Gulf of Mottama off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
State of the Sea	
Outlook for subsequent two days	Likelihood of decrease of rain in Rakine State.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-7-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(24-7-11 09:30 am ~ 25-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Queens of Beauty in History
- * News

- * The 19th China Import & Export Fair, Kunming
- * News
- * Bogale Bridge braving the natural disaster
- * News
- * Yatana Theinga City and Shwe Bon Yatanaminglar Palace

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Queens of Beauty in History
- * News
- * Waso Festival, Auspicious Occasion of Myanmar
- * News
- * Bogale Bridge braving the natural disaster
- * News

- * Yatana Theinga City and Shwe Bon Yatanaminglar Palace
- * News
- * A Mirror reflecting Rakine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- * The Most Beautiful Moment of the Twilight
- * News
- * Products of Myanmar "Velvet Slipper"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Food Fair
- * From "Putao" to "Machanbaw"
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Current Affair "Thailand Mini Exhibition"
- * Myanmar Movies "Essence of Devotion"

Spurs sink Pirates in final again

LONDON, 23 July—Tottenham Hotspur defeated Orlando Pirates 3-0 for the second time in four years in a Vodacom Challenge final Saturday to boost their pre-season preparations.

Netherlands midfielder Rafael van der Vaart struck either side of half-time for the Premier League outfit at cool, clear Ellis Park and England striker Jermain Defoe completed the scoring three minutes from full-time.

It was the most impressive display by Tottenham of a three-match tour to 2010 World Cup hosts South Africa after losing against

Kaizer Chiefs last Saturday and drawing with Pirates three days later.

"The difference between the teams today was that we took our chances. It was a good trip to a fantastic country and I hope we are invited again next year," said Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp. "Pirates and Chiefs offered good opposition and my players are fitter and stronger after the tour. Now we go home to continue preparing for our first Premier League fixture against Everton."

Man-of-the-match Van der Vaart said: "It may be a pre-season tournament but you always want to win a final and that is why I am so happy. I enjoy playing against South African clubs and scored two nice goals today."—Internet



Tottenham Hotspur's players celebrate with the trophy of the 2011 Vodacom Challenge after defeating Orlando Pirates at Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg. Tottenham won 3-0.—INTERNET

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 24 July View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

- 7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am
4. Morning News

- 7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:55 am
6. Health Programme

- 8:05 am
7. (38) Phyar Mingalar

- 8:25 am
8. Musical Programme

- 8:40 am
9. International News

- 8:45 am
10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song

- 11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

- 11:20 am
3. Round Up of the Week's International News

- 11:30 am
4. TV Drama Series

- 12:30 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

- 12:50 pm
6. Myanmar Movies

- 2:30 pm
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

- 2:50 pm
8. International News

- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

- 4:20 pm
3. Dance Of National Races

- 4:25 pm
4. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
5. Teleplay

- 5:10 pm
6. Documentary

- 5:25 pm
7. Sing & Enjoy

- 6:00 pm
8. Evening News

- 6:15 pm
9. Weather Report

- 6:20 pm
10. Cartoon Series

- 6:40 pm
11. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

- 7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series

- 8:00 pm
13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. Cartoon series

17. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

After completion of process of UNESCO, Sri Kestra, Beikthano and Hanlin ancient cities will be included in World Heritage List
Government to join hands with any country, organization and person for preservation of ancient cultural heritage in accord with State policy

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Work Coordination Meeting on Preservation of Cultural Heritage in Bagan Region was held at Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan Archaeological Region, NyaungU District, Mandalay Region, today, with an address by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present at the meeting were representatives of NyaungU Township Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, the director of Bagan branch and staff, chairmen of pagoda boards of trustees and members, managers of hotels and guesthouses in Bagan Region, personnel of companies who are renovating religious edifices in Bagan, members of social organizations, senior citizens, community elders, local people and donors.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that the meeting

was held with two objectives, the first one—to inform the local authorities and people about the adopted policies of the State, modern techniques, and cooperation with international organizations in preserving and maintaining such Myanmar's invaluable ancient cultural heritage in Bagan-NyaungU Region as pagodas, temples, lakes, stupas and religious edifices and participation of each individual in these tasks; the second one is to coordinate with the State on present renovation works. Bagan Archaeological Region is a region of great value for three reasons—the first, Bagan Region reflects national prestige and integrity of Myanmar country and Myanmar peoples, the second cultural handicrafts in this region are ancient cultural heritage of high value and the region is the land of pagodas and stupas which are of religious value to Myanmar people and the third, it is the major tourist destination in Myanmar. And thus, everyone is to safeguard and preserve

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses the work Coordination Meeting.
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those three characteristics, stressed the Union Minister.

Myanmar peoples were previously supposed to be the descendants of Mongoloid races from northern Tibetan plateau. Teams comprised of international and Myanmar experts discovered fossilized remains of anthropoid primate in Pontaung-Ponnya Region in Myaing Township and Pale Township in 1979.

After laboratory tests and analysis of international organizations, a consensus was reached that Pontaung anthropoid primate fossils date back 40 million years, seven million years earlier than 33 million years old primate fossils discovered in Africa. Thus, the world has acknowledged that "Myanmar is the origin of the world."

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