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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 inspects flood relief measures in Bago Region



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win briefing President U Thein Sein about relief tasks for flood victims in Bago Region.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — President U Thein Sein, accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Ministers, the Deputy Minister for Information, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, the Chief of Staff (Air) and departmental heads, left here by special aircraft and

arrived in Yangon at 10 am today.

The President and party were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers at Yangon International Airport. Next, the President and party proceeded to Bago Region by car. On arrival at Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman in

Bago, they were welcomed by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and region ministers.

The President cordially greeted the flood victims at the temporary emergency relief camp open on the ground floor of the Beikman and asked them about the floods and requirements. Next, he inspected the health care centre of the Health Department at the camp, enquired about condition of common diseases and gave necessary instructions.

On the first floor, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win reported on the location of Bago Region, its area and formation of districts and townships, annual rainfall and flooding of Bago Township and affected number of households and people, opening of 18 temporary relief camps, flooding of the wards of Bago and Yangon-Mandalay Highway, providing of cash and food for the victims, tasks to be carried out when the floods subside, acreage of flooded monsoon paddy plantations and acreage of paddy plantations where the floods have subsided and stockpiling of saplings and paddy strains as reserves in case of emergency.

In response to the reports, the President said they were there to check the relief camps open for their convenience and to fulfill the requirements if necessary. It is heartening to see that the flood victims are healthy and happy with their meals and accommodation. They have taken shelter in the camps as they have to live on a hand-to-mouth life. For them, the current convenience is not enough and it

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President U Thein Sein comforts flood victims at temporary relief camp on ground floor of Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman in Bago.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Show good behaviours to win public trust

The building of a modern, developed democratic nation is now in the process with the formation of the Union government, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and Union Supreme Court along with Region/State governments and hluttaws and high courts. The three administrative bodies have been exercising powers in an effective way through the check and balance system.

Embracing the opportunity to manage the affairs such as regional development, economy, social affairs, raising funds and expenditure, and service personnel affairs, the Region/State governments have to work hard standing as clean governments to win public trust and reliance.

With respect to the judicial sphere, they have powers to handle judicial affairs under the control of the chief justices of Region high courts concerned. So, it is mandatory for them to hear criminal and appeal cases as soon as possible to avert piles of pending cases. They are also to work diligently and keep off partiality to prove that they deserve public respect.

Being a developing country, Myanmar considers improving the living conditions for rural people as a high priority. The tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation get well underway. Private microfinance institutions will be set up with the financial contributions by entrepreneurs for development of over 4000 villages in Mandalay Region.

Mandalay, the second largest as well as an archaeological city in Myanmar, has become a commercial hub with a steady stream of foreign tourists. It is also a region where goods from neighbouring countries are delivered and that has a constant flow of people of various national races. So, it needs to be upgraded to an international level city.

Today, plans to build a new nation and make reforms across the nation are on their ways to take strides to the goal. Therefore, Region/State governments are urged to fulfil the needs of local people as far as they can and work in harness with them.



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

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi called for greater collaboration with other departments concerned in carrying out immigration works in accord with law, rules and regulations and fulfilled the requirements in meeting with service personnel at the meeting hall of Yangon Region Immigration and National Registration Department on 24 July.

Next, the Union minister viewed issuing household certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at the compound of Parahita Monastic School in Phayagon village in Thanlyin Township.

Then the Union minister explained relaxation of restrictions on issuing household certificates

Union I&P Minister inspects immigration works in Yangon Region



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi gives explanation to local people in Phayagon Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District.—MNA

and citizenship scrutiny cards and stressed the need to have direct contact with the staff and

to do cooperation in taking measures which is essential to swift and effective work.

Afterwards, the Union minister answered the queries raised by local people.—MNA

Union Minister receives Brazilian Ambassador



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Brazilian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at his office here this morning.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation in trade.

It was attended by Deputy Commerce Minister Dr Pwint San, directors-general, managing directors and officials concerned.—MNA

Victorious Shan State men's basketball team honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Shan State men's basketball team that won the trophy of the 42nd Inter-Region and State basketball tournament was

honoured ceremonially at the city hall of Lashio yesterday. Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat spoke on the occasion.

The chief minister presented cash awards to the victorious basketball team and the players who won the best player awards. DGH Co Ltd Managing Director U Maung Maung Win also presented cash awards to the team.

Then, the chief

minister attended a ceremony to demonstrate correct cultivation methods held in Humon 821-acre monsoon paddy plantation and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat presents cash award to Shan State men's basketball team.

MNA

Donate Blood

Storm batters Philippines, 10 people dead, five missing



Filipino women carry their babies under the rain as they cross a street in suburban Manila on Tuesday. Tropical storm Nock-ten, locally named Juanning, has entered the country, causing suspension of classes up to the high-school level in some parts of the country, including the capital.

INTERNET

MANILA, 26 July—Ten people died and five fishermen were missing in the central Philippines as storm Nock-Ten battered the main island of Luzon, suspending schools and grounding domestic flights and ferries, local officials said on Tuesday.

The weather bureau

raised storm alert levels in nearly 30 provinces in northern Philippines as Nock-Ten gained strength and speed, bringing heavy rains, and was spotted about 50 km (31 miles) northeast of Daet, Camarines Norte on Luzon. No damage to rice fields has been reported but the storm is

expected to pass through a major rice production province on Wednesday.

Packing center winds of 75 kph (47 mph) and gustiness of up to 90 kph, Nock-Ten is moving west-northwest at 15 kph and is expected to make landfall early on Wednesday, said Graciano Yumul of the

weather bureau, warning of floods and landslides. Three people were buried in landslides as the volume of rainfall the local weather bureau had collected in the last 24 hours became more than the total amount of rain for the month of July, Salceda added.

MNA/Reuters

Piracy threat growing in Southern Africa

PRETORIA, 26 July—Southern African nations need to be on high alert as the region's coastline and shipping lanes were vulnerable to piracy which was moving southwards, South Africa's Defence Minister warned Monday.

"There is little doubt that the issue of piracy is beginning to be a serious problem to us," said Lindiwe Sisulu.

She was speaking in Pretoria at a Southern African Development Community (SADC) defence meeting designed to develop an anti-piracy

strategy.

"Our assessment is that Southern African waters are increasingly becoming an attractive alternative to Somali pirates as they try to avoid the clamp-down of various maritime task forces around the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden - purely by moving into largely unprotected parts of the Indian Ocean," she said.

Sisulu said a military strategy, which would address operational and funding requirements to deal with piracy was currently under

consideration.

She said the recent discovery of oil and gas off the coast of SADC

A Somali pirate carries his high-caliber weapon on a beach in the central Somali town of Hobyo in 2010.—INTERNET



member Tanzania was "one main reason why speculation points toward pirates moving southward."

"Six million tons of

oil are transported around South Africa's western coastline every month, which makes this a prime target for pirates."

Internet

Measles kill over 1,000 DR Congo children since January



A health worker immunizes a child against measles at a public health centre. A measles epidemic has killed 1,145 children in the Democratic Republic of Congo since January, the UN's Humanitarian Affairs mission in Kinshasa said.

INTERNET

KINSHASA, 26 July—A measles epidemic has killed 1,145 children in the Democratic Republic of Congo since January, the UN's Humanitarian Affairs mission in Kinshasa said Monday.

The epidemic "has already affected 115,600 children and killed 1,145" between January and June, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement. This prompted the vaccination of 3.1 million children across five provinces it added.

The campaign swung into action in May after the NGO Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) deplored "the lack of reactivity" of organisations like the World Health Organization to what it termed an "uncontrollable" epidemic. The DR Congo is also battling cholera and polio epidemics.

Internet

Federal police inspect a taxi in the Pacific resort city of Acapulco, Mexico, on 16 July, 2011.

INTERNET

Four civilians killed in Afghan Wardak Province

KABUL, 26 July—Four Afghan civilians were killed in Wardak Province, 35 km west of capital city of Kabul, NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a Press release on Monday.

"We are aware of an incident in Sayyidabad when a coalition patrol struck an improvised explosive device (IED) while conducting a road clearance operation in Sayyidabad District, Wardak Province. One civilian was killed and several coalition members were injured," said a Press release issued by ISAF here without giving the exact date of the incident.

An exchange of fire between ISAF forces and militants followed the IED blast that led to three more civilians being killed and one civilian injured, according to the Press release. "At this stage it is unclear how the civilians in the small arms fire incident were killed," the Press release further said.

Xinhua

Motorcycle bombing kills three, injures 12 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 July—A motorcycle bomb exploded in the centre of Muqdadiya city in northeast Iraq's Diyala Province late on Monday, killing three people and wounding at least 12 others, a police source said.

The police officer, on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua via phone that the blast caused damages to a number of civilian cars and buildings near the scene. Identities of the victims are not clear at the moment and no one has claimed responsibility so far. Diyala Province has seen increase of violence recently.—Xinhua

11 killed in shootings in southern Mexico

ACAPULCO, 26 July—A gun battle in a rural area south of Mexico City has led to the death of nine suspected gunmen on Monday, police said.

People in several cars were exchanging gunfire and police began to chase them, Guerrero State police said. Soldiers also joined the hunt.

Officials said the gunmen shot at their pursuers, then some abandoned their cars and fled on foot. They were chased to a cockfighting ring and six were found dead there. Three others were found dead or dying in the cars.

It is unclear whose shots caused the deaths.

Police also reported two dead in the state's largest city, Acapulco. They were found shot to death on a major avenue, possibly after an attempt to hang them from an overpass. Drug gangs were suspected in both incidents. Also Monday, five gunmen were killed in a firefight and car chase with soldiers on a highway near Laredo, Texas.—Internet





Atom smasher closes in on elusive particle

GRENOBLE, (France) 26 July—Scientists will find a long-sought theoretical particle — or rule out that it exists — by the end of 2012, the director of the world's largest atom smasher predicted Monday.

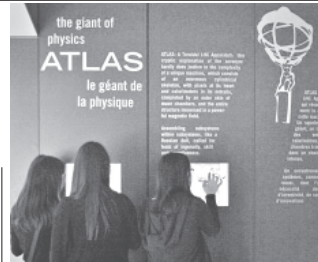
Rolf Heuer, director of the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, said his confidence was based on the latest findings from the \$10 billion proton collider under the Swiss-French border.

"I would say we can settle the question, the Shakespearean question — 'to be or not to be' — end of next

year," he told reporters at a major physics conference in Grenoble.

The Higgs boson isn't just any particle. It's the linchpin of the Standard Model of particle physics theory that explains the Big Bang, and is believed to give mass to other objects and creatures in the Universe.

Heuer said these are "exciting times" for particle physicists because of the latest findings among two separate teams of scientists at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research near Geneva, that he directs.—*Internet*



In this picture taken on 20 May, 2011 visitors get an explanation of the Atlas experiment site at the European Centre for Nuclear Research, CERN, outside Geneva, Switzerland.—INTERNET

Two gray whales stuck in N Calif river for month

KLAMATH, 26 July — Biologists say they're concerned about the health of a gray whale that's stranded in the Klamath River in Northern California after swimming up with her calf a month ago.

The 45-foot mother and her 15-foot calf entered the Klamath in late June on their northward journey from their Baja California breeding grounds. They should be feeding in Alaska by now but instead took a detour in the river basin and went three miles inland, scientists said.

The unexpected visit created whale-watching opportunities for motorists on the Highway 101 bridge, where the whales cruised back and forth, but concern grew after several weeks that the mother wasn't getting enough food in the fresh water.

A team with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the Yurok Tribe, which owns the section of river where the whales have been lingering, filled power boats and kayaks over the weekend in an effort to drive them downstream with noise from banging pipes.—*Internet*



Brian Bergs (R), a firefighter from Montana, removes a burning branch from a fire line on the Glade fire just south of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming in 2000. INTERNET

More wildfires will transform US national park

MONTANA, 26 July—Climate change is likely to cause more frequent wildfires and may transform the forests and ecosystem of the iconic Yellowstone national park in the coming decades, a US study said Monday.

Dense forests dominated by narrow lodgepole pines trees are currently a dominant feature of the picturesque tourist destination which straddles Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

But more open spaces, grasslands and forests populated by different kinds of fir trees and shrubs could characterize it in the future, said the study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Years when no wildfires break out will become rare by 2050, and fires like the historic one in 1988 that ravaged 1,200 square miles (311,000 hectares) will become the norm by 2075.

US university researchers made the forecasts by examining climate data from 1972 to 1999 and creating statistical patterns by combining those data with figures on the size and frequency of Rocky Mountain fires in the same period.—*Internet*



1,600-years-old human remains unearthed in England

WASHINGTON, 26 July—Archaeologists have discovered the remains of a man, which they believe could be more than 1,600 years old.

The team from Northamptonshire Archaeology made the discovery while carrying out investigations on a building site.

A small piece of pottery found alongside the crouched skeleton was used to date the burial to somewhere between the years 43 and 410 — suggesting the body is Roman.

Archaeologist Andy Chapman said: "It was a very interesting find.

"There's a Bronze Age barrow next to where we found the remains so it looks like the Romans just came along 2,000 years later and buried this man right next to it.

"It was a really interesting site for our team to work on."

As the piece of pottery is really small, experts will now use carbon dating techniques on the remains to work out more accurately how old they are.—*Internet*



A Toyota Motor Corp's employee give an explanation of crash-test dummies during the Toyota Safety Technology Media Tour at the company's Higashifuji Technical Center in Susono, west of Tokyo, on 21 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Microbes' tricks to kill other bugs may help fight disease

LONDON, 26 July—Microbes too employ underhand methods to kill off other bugs, rivals and competitors, and this ability could some day be used to target disease-causing germs, say scientists.

Paeruginosa, for instance, the bug that infects the lungs of cystic fibrosis patients, deploys a toxin delivery machine to breach competitors' cell walls and make them burst like an overfilled water balloon.

The bug relies on an inbuilt needle-like puncturing device called the type VI secretion system (T6SS), to do this tricky job, the journal *Nature* reports.

"Competition among bacteria is brutal and fierce," says study author Alistair Russell, National Science Foundation fellow at the lab of Joseph Mougous, assistant professor of microbiology, University of Washington, who led the study.

"By killing off competitors, *P. aeruginosa* widens its territory. Moreover, the better able it is to outlast other bacteria in the environment, the better chance it has of coming in contact with, and colonizing, people," said Russell.

The study also confirms previous observations of the evolutionary similarity between the T6SS needlelike delivery mechanism and bacteriophage - viruses that infect bacteria.

Russell explained: "We might be able to take helpful bacteria, give them this system genetically, and increase their ability to clear out professional pathogens - those bacteria that make their living causing disease."—*Internet*

New 3-D photonic crystal opens new avenues for solar cells, lasers

LONDON, 26 July—Researchers at the University of Illinois have demonstrated the first optoelectronically active 3-D photonic crystal, a finding that could open new avenues for solar cells, lasers, metamaterials and more. "We've discovered a way to change the three-dimensional structure of a well-established semiconductor material to enable new optical properties while maintaining its very attractive electrical properties," said Paul Braun, a professor of materials science and engineering and of chemistry who led the research effort.

Photonic crystals are materials that can control or manipulate light in unexpected ways thanks to their unique physical structures. Photonic crystals can induce unusual phenomena and affect photon behavior in ways that traditional optical materials and devices can't. They are popular materials of study for applications in lasers, solar energy, LEDs, metamaterials and more.

The Illinois team's photonic crystal has both properties.—*Internet*



Health

Bayer flags results of new blood drug in Japanese study

BERLIN, 26 July—German pharmaceutical group Bayer said on Monday that its anti-coagulant drug Xarelto, also known as Rivaroxaban, had proved itself effective in preventing strokes in a Japanese study.

A Bayer statement said that phase 3 tests of the treatment showed it was as effective as

warfarin, a leading blood thinner also used by people that could suffer strokes following surgery.

“Rivaroxaban demonstrated non-inferior safety and that there were numerically fewer intracranial hemorrhages versus warfarin,” the statement said.

Bayer applied in April for Japanese approval to market the drug that it developed jointly with Johnson & Johnson, which already sells Xarelto in the United States.

Bayer estimates the treatment's sales potential at more than two billion euros (\$2.9 billion) per year.

Xarelto is now sold in more than 110 countries and is often prescribed for patients that have had hip or knee replacements.—*Internet*



The rotating logo of German

pharmaceutical giant Bayer in Berlin.

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Lark Nash, 14, holds up a donated human eye so her lab partner can take a picture during a medical camp session on removing corneas from eyes at Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, Va, in this photo taken Wednesday, on 13 July, 2011. Dissecting human eyes isn't the normal fare of summer camp.

INTERNET



Eye anatomy at camp? Kids get taste of med careers

WARRENTON, 26 July—Again and again, 12-year-old Brianna Bowens cautiously pokes the human eyeball. On purpose. The donated eye is tougher than you'd think. It takes a few slices with a sharp scalpel to pierce the white part — the sclera, she learns — and eventually remove the cornea in front. Dissecting a human eye isn't the normal fare of summer camp. It's part of an unusual programme at a small northern Virginia hospital that aims to hook kids as early as middle school on the possibilities of a medical career.

It's not for the squeamish. But no one's ever fainted over the eyes. “I've got a strong stomach,” says Brianna, of Stafford, Va, who wants to be a pediatric surgeon “or maybe a nurse.” She betrays her excitement when she's done, the twig-like optic nerve, magnifying lens and clear cornea carefully laid out. Whipping out her cellphone, she exclaims, “Wait, I've got to take a picture.” Tom Gaile of the Old Dominion Eye Foundation teaches the crash course at Fauquier Hospital's medical camp, using eyes donated for education, to explain the importance of organ and tissue donation. “This is something that's going to stay with them the rest of their lives,” he says. Programmes to entice budding scientists, from building robots to measuring pollution, increasingly are becoming part of the summer ritual.—*Internet*

What's the best exercise for heart health?

NEW YORK, 26 July—A combination of weight training and aerobic exercise might be the best prescription for overweight people at risk for diabetes and heart disease, a new study suggests.

People doing only aerobic exercise dropped weight and inches off their waistlines—so an aerobic-only programme is also a good (and less time-consuming) option, researchers said. Those in the study who just lifted weights saw very little benefit in terms of heart health, although they did gain strength. “Aerobic plus resistance is clearly the optimal programme,” said Dr Timothy Church, who studies exercise and disease at Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Centre in Baton Rouge.

Reuters



Business



RIM adjusts to new reality by slashing 2,000 jobs

TORONTO, 26 July—BlackBerry maker Research In Motion plans to cut about 11 percent of its workforce as it struggles to keep pace with Apple and Google in the mobile market it once dominated.

The Canadian company's shares sunk 3 percent after the Monday announcement of 2,000 job cuts, a month after RIM said would reduce headcount for the first time in almost a decade.

The company, which described the cost reduction as “a prudent and necessary step” for its long-term success, said it would inform employees who will lose their jobs this week.

The job cuts, which were slightly deeper than some had expected, raised questions about



A man holds a BlackBerry PlayBook during the RIM annual general meeting of shareholders in Waterloo.—*INTERNET*

whether lower costs alone would go very far in addressing RIM's lackluster financial performance or the steady erosion of its market share.

“The problem is you can't cut your way into growth or market leadership, and while I'm sure there was fat at RIM, the core problem sits squarely with

management,” said Ed Snyder from Charter Equity Research.

RIM also announced changes among its top executives. It said one of its three chief operating officers, Don Morrison, would retire and the other two, Thorsten Heins and Jim Rowan, would take on additional responsibilities.—*Reuters*

UAW wants bigger cut of Detroit's newfound profits

AUBURN HILLS, 26 July—To help American carmakers stay in business, autoworkers grudgingly gave up pay raises and some benefits four years ago. Now that General Motors, Ford and Chrysler are making money again, workers want compensation for their sacrifice. Just how much they get is the central question hanging over contract talks that start this week between Detroit and one of the nation's largest and most powerful unions.

The negotiations, the first since Chrysler and GM took government aid and emerged from bankruptcy, will set wages and benefits for 111,000 members of the United Auto Workers, including those at Ford, which avoided bankruptcy by taking out

massive private loans. The UAW's four-year contracts with the Detroit Three expire on 14 Sept.

There's more at stake than pay. After the industry's brush with financial ruin in 2008 and 2009, both sides know how quickly Detroit's sales and profitability could vanish. Sales are on pace to reach nearly 13 million cars and trucks this year, better than the 10 million in 2009, but still below the 17 million

peak in 2005. Americans are worried about buying cars when wages and the job market are weak. The workers and Detroit companies can't leave themselves vulnerable to rivals. “Management's not the enemy at this point,” says Jim Graham, a longtime local union president in Lordstown, Ohio, where workers make the Chevrolet Cruze car. “The enemy is the competition.”

Internet



In this 9 June, 2011 file photo, line worker Cheryl Simpson moves a transmission from the assembly line to a pallet at the Ford Van Dyke Transmission Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich, on 9 June, 2011.

INTERNET



The United Nations is urging "massive" action to save millions of people in the drought-stricken Horn of Africa region, as France announced donor countries would meet in Nairobi this week.—INTERNET

UN to start airlifting food to Somalia

NAIROBI, 26 July—The UN World Food Programme was set on Tuesday to start airlifting food to Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya after an emergency meeting in Rome on the drought-stricken Horn of Africa region. An estimated 3.7 million people in Somalia — around a third of the population — are on the brink of starvation and millions more in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda have been struck by the worst drought in the region in 60 years.

WFP chief Josette Sheeran said her organization would begin food airlifts to the Somali capital Mogadishu, as well as aid flights to Dolo in Ethiopia on the border with Somalia and to Wajir in northern Kenya, which has been badly hit by drought. The plight of children in Somalia is "the worst I have ever seen," she said, after visiting Mogadishu and the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya over the weekend.

"What we saw is children who are arriving so weak that many of them are in stage four malnutrition and have

little chance — less than 40 percent chance — of making it," Sheeran said.

"The catastrophic situation demands massive and urgent international aid," Jacques Diouf, head of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), told participants at Monday's Rome meeting.

"It is imperative to stop the famine," declared by the UN this month in two militant-held areas of southern Somalia, Diouf said.

Internet



Firemen search at a site of an explosion accident in Macao, south China, on 26 July, 2011. At least 13 people were injured in a suspected gas explosion in a restaurant in the Centro Internacional De Macao on early Tuesday morning, firefighters said.

XINHUA

6.2-magnitude earthquake strikes northern Philippines

MANILA, 26 July— A magnitude 6.2 earthquake hit parts of Metro Manila and Central Luzon on Tuesday at 1:15 am according to the Philippine Volcanology and Seismology Institute (Phivolcs).—Xinhua

5.4-magnitude quake hits northern Peru

HONG KONG, 26 July— An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted northern Peru at 18:25:10 GMT on Monday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 115.70 km, was initially determined to be at 5.3475 degrees south latitude and 76.5616 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

5.1-magnitude quake hits near the east coast of Honshu, Japan

HONG KONG, 26 July— An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted near the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 21:33:17 GMT on Monday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 27.50 km, was initially determined to be at 39.0229 degrees north latitude and 142.7491 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

Giant kangaroo attacks elderly Australian woman

SYDNEY, 26 July—Australian police were forced to pepper-spray a giant kangaroo after it bounded into an elderly woman's garden as she was hanging out the washing and attacked her. The 94-year-old said she thought she was going to die as the red roo, which can grow up to two metres (6ft 7in) tall and jump more than nine metres (30 feet) in one leap, knocked her to the ground and kicked her several times.

"I thought it was going to kill me," Phyllis Johnson told the *Courier-Mail* newspaper from her hospital bed following the attack in the outback Queensland town of Charleville on Sunday. "It was taller than me and it just ploughed through the clothes on the washing line straight for me."

"I happened to have a broom nearby and I just started swinging at it.



An Australian red kangaroo is seen at a zoo in Sydney.

INTERNET

I bashed it on the head but it kept going for me. Not even the dog would help, it was too frightened."

Bruised and bleeding, she managed to crawl to her flat and alert her son, who called the police.

Sergeant Stephen Perkins told the newspaper the animal lunged at two officers when they arrived and they had to use pepper spray to subdue it.

Internet

Delta Airlines Belize flight searched after threat

BELIZE CITY, 26 July—A Delta Airlines flight from Atlanta, Georgia, to Belize was searched by a police bomb squad at Belize's Philip Goldson International Airport Monday after the pilot reported suspicious activity by a passenger and "the possibility of a bomb threat."

Delta Airlines said in a statement that a passenger was removed from the flight and questioned by local law enforcement authorities. The plane was met upon arrival by police and soldiers, and the police bomb squad went through the plane with sniffer dogs, who did not find anything suspicious.

The other passengers aboard Delta Flight 4345 were taken to an airport lounge after the plane landed as scheduled at the airport is located just outside Belize City, the Caribbean country's largest city.

"A passenger exhibited suspicious behavior that led the captain to report a potential security threat that turned out to be a non-issue," according to the Delta statement, which did not specify what the passenger did or said.—Internet

Mexican army finds 148-acre marijuana plantation

MEXICO CITY, 26 July— Mexican soldiers have found a series of marijuana fields covering 148 acres (60 hectares) in the northern state of Durango, the army said Monday.

The army patrol also found 40 metric tons (44 US tons) of harvested marijuana at the plantation in Mexico's "golden triangle" region, an area known for drug cultivation and trafficking.

The Defence Department said in a statement that the plantation found Saturday included a processing lab and five camps, apparently for workers or guards at the fields. The planted and harvested plants together could have amounted to 100 tons of marijuana, which the Defence Department said was worth \$1.55 billion pesos (\$133 million). The discovery comes almost two weeks after soldiers found what the army describes as the biggest pot plantation ever detected in Mexico, a 300-acre (120 hectare) field in the state of Baja California.—Internet

Cargo vessel explodes in southeast China province

FUZHOU, 26 July— A 5,000-tonne cargo vessel exploded Monday night at a shipyard at Pingtan Island, southeast China's Fujian Province, local fire department said.

The vessel exploded at 8:35 pm when being examined and repaired at Kan'ao Shipyard, Su'ao dock of Pingtan Island.

Eight trapped people were rescued. Three firefighters were injured in the search and rescue operation. Firefighters are still working to put out the fire.—Xinhua



Fire fighters hose down fire at the vessel explosion site in Pingtan, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 26 July, 2011.—XINHUA



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe presents cash assistance to flood victims through Bago Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Win Myint Soe.—MNA

Private microfinance institutions to be set up in Yangon east and south districts

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addressed the 2nd work coordination meeting for rural development and poverty alleviation at the General Administration Department of Thingangyun Township in Yangon East District on 23 July.

Administrators of township GADs in Yangon East District and the commander of Yangon East District Police Force reported on going tasks.

In his speech, the Union minister said that the programmes cover the 13 townships in Yangon East District, calling for effective implementation of the tasks. He called on entrepreneurs and interested persons to set up private microfinance institutions at the township, ward and

village-tract levels. He underlined the importance of prompt surveys in wards and villages and cooperation between township and village administrators and officials in charge.

The following day, the Union minister attended a similar meeting at Thanlyin Township GAD in Yangon South District. Administrators from District, and Thanlyin Kyauktan, Thongwa and Kayan Township GADs reported on progress in reviewing pragmatic approaches to rural development and poverty alleviation.

The Union minister called for establishment of private microfinance institutions at the township, ward and village-tract levels with capitals of urban businessmen and entrepreneurs and congenial persons.—MNA

President U Thein Sein inspects...

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is necessary to provide rice, edible oil and other household utensils when they go back home. In laying down plans for rural development and poverty alleviation, the State will do not only for rural areas but also for low-income people in urban areas. Those plans are being carried out with the aim of ensuring food security, safe shelter, free health care and free compulsory primary education for the children.

The region government and responsible people need to consider not only rural regions but for low-income people in urban areas in striving for the socio-economic improvement of the people. By developing micro-finance institutions, people with low wages will get capital. If the people have extra money, micro-finance institutions should be established to give out loans to needy people. The Education Ministry needs to make lists in order to reopen the flooded schools as soon as possible to provide required stationery for the students. Social organizations on their part are to help with doing sanitation tasks and spraying insecticide so as to prevent infectious diseases. Requirements are to be fulfilled as

necessary for agricultural purposes. Although natural disasters cannot be prevented, ways and means must be sought to overcome difficulties when a disaster falls.

Then, the President presented cash assistance for the flood victims to Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win.

Later, Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min presented cash assistance; Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi relief aids and cash assistance; Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye exercise books and stationery for the flood schools; Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin medical equipment; and Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing cash assistance. Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and region ministers, Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Win Myint Soe and the region chief justice accepted the donations.

Then, the President and party left Bago by car and arrived back in Yangon in the evening. —MNA



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik delivering speech at 2nd work coordination meeting for rural development and poverty alleviation at the General Administration Department of Thingangyun Township in Yangon East District.—MNA

Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament- 2011 goes on



Ministry of Mines vying with Ministry of Education at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July— The fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2011 continued its first round matches at designated places today.

In today's events, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation humiliated Ministry of Industry-2 11-1, at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Mines beat Ministry of Education 2-0, and at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground, Ministry of Labours trounced Ministry of Religious Affairs 10-0.

Tomorrow fixtures: Ministry of Border Affairs and Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Sports and Ministry of Electric Power-2 at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, and Ministry of Hotels and Tourisms and Ministry of Home Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening...

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wife Daw Htay Khaing, water purifier worth K 11 million by Super Coffee Mix Family and K 10 million each by Director Daw Khaing Khaing Myint of Fresh Air Conditioning System & GK Power Systems Co Ltd, Maha Aungmyinthu Group of Companies, Ayeya Hinthra Group of Companies, MDG Company, Mann Shweli Company, Myanmar Com Biz Co., Ltd and Denko Trading Co., Ltd and K 5 million each by Theinga Yadana Family and Kyaw Brothers Family and presented certificates of honour to them.

In his address, the Union Health minister said that the newly-opened 550-bed Children Hospital was formed with 701 doctors, nurses and health staff. Apart from already-opened 300-bed Children Hospital in Mandalay, children in upper Myanmar will be able to receive medical treatment at the new children hospital.

The Ministry of Health is trying to open more

health facilities and appoint health staff in every part of the country including border areas. So far, 938 hospitals including 100 border hospitals and 82 sub-township hospitals have been opened up to date.

Government's health expenditure has increased and works are being carried out for human resources development in health sector.

Mandalay Region has 14 specialist hospitals, three teaching hospitals, two 300-bed hospitals, three 200-bed hospital, six 100-bed hospitals, fourteen 50-bed hospitals, fourteen 25-bed hospitals and fortyeight 16-bed station hospitals totaling 104 hospitals.

The Union Health minister called on local people to make greater contributions towards durability of hospitals.

The Region Chief Minister said that human resources development and health and fitness of all citizens are essential to building modern and developed nation. The government is providing health care to cover the entire nation including border regions.

As the newly-opened Children Hospital will be used as a teaching hospital, he called on professors, lecturers and specialists to nurture the new generation

to be proficient in their subjects practically and theoretically and to be professionalized.

Then he expressed thanks to Eden Group of Companies and wellwishers for their generous donations.

Next, Chairman of U Chit Khaing Eden Group of Companies explained purpose of donation.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and party posed for documentary photos.

The newly-inaugurated hospital is situated on the area of 9.57 acres between 27th and 28th streets and 66th and 68th streets. The hospital was the Office of Commander of Mandalay Region Police Force. Of 37 old buildings, some were destroyed and 14 buildings were upgraded and 20 were newly-built buildings. The hospital is formed with 34 buildings.

The hospital includes out-patient ward, emergency ward, operation theater, surgery room and intensive care unit, patient wards, X ray room, laboratory, meeting hall, medial superintendent's residence and staff quarters and playground. It was built with the contribution of K 5211.663 million by Eden Group of Companies. — MNA

Vice-President

Dr Sai Mauk Kham

unveils inscription of

550-bed Children

Hospital (Mandalay).

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Medical institutions to keep in touch with ASEAN, international community and other related organizations for sustainable development

Vice-President

Dr Sai Mauk Kham

making address at

University of Medicine

(Mandalay).

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, accompanied by Union ministers, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, deputy ministers, region ministers and departmental heads, visited Mandalay General Hospital yesterday morning.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party inspected the X-ray Unit, Radiography Unit in Cancer Unit, Cardiology Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Operation Theatre and Patient Ward. The medical Superintendent and specialists explained the number of patients and treatment in each unit.

He met with medical superintendents, specialists, doctors, nurses and staff of Mandalay

General Hospital, Central Gynecological Hospital (Mandalay), Pediatric Hospital and Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital at lecture hall of five-storey new medical treatment campus.

The medical superintendent of Mandalay General Hospital reported on matters related to the hospital and the Union Minister for Health gave a supplementary report.

Responding to the reports, the Vice-President said that he was on an inspection tour to know the conditions of the hospital and what sorts of aids the government could render. Despite the age of about 59 years, the hospital is still in good condition due to efforts of the medical professionals and

high-tech renovation, and has been the medical centre for not only Mandalay dwellers but also the people from other regions and states in Upper Myanmar for some 60 years.

Health care in Myanmar is of two types: State health care and private health care. Myanmar is still a developing country, so the majority of the people live below poverty line. Private-run hospitals and clinics provide better health care with high charges, and they are suitable for well-off people. So, private health care is beneficial to both health centres and their patients. However, there has been a law to prohibit private-owned health centres from overcharging the patients.

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Medical institutions to keep in touch with ASEAN,...

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The majority of the people still have to depend on State-owned general hospitals and health centres in proportion to their rates of incomes. Under the prevailing community health system, health care is given to well-off patients at affordable charges, and 50% of funds from the charges for X-ray, ECG and lab tests and charges and the funds from private wards and interests of the trust funds of the hospital and medicines provided by the government are used to give free treatment to needy patients.

Some hospitals with high incomes from the cost-sharing system and the trust funds are able to provide free treatment to needy patients, but the hospitals with lack of funds can give patients only the medicines provided by the government and they are not able to give free health care yet. Medical staff in those hospitals cannot provide all necessary medicines, but they can take care of patients with goodwill and loving kindness, so they are requested to show kind heart in giving treatment.

More specialists hospitals and general hospitals were built in Regions and States to step up public health care. So far, the nation has seen 929 hospitals and registered 103 private hospitals and 192 specialists clinics. The government will keep encouraging the private sector in accordance with the law to exercise a sense of healthy competition with State-provided health care.

Mandalay General Hospital has a stream of people and patients around the clock. The management committee is required to keep the compound of the hospital and surrounding areas clean and green with shade trees and landscaping plants.

Medical staff including medical professionals need not only to show loving kindness in treatment but also to ensure that they are not infected with harmful bacteria from the patients. And they are urged to take full protection and follow the directives strictly. The blood collection unit should take all the procedures for taking blood from donors and transfusing blood to patients.

Mandalay General Hospital is also a centre where would-be doctors and nurses study practically and theoretically. The doctors and sisters sharing responsibilities for teaching medical students are urged to help sharpen their abilities.

As the saying that goes "Prevention is better than cure", giving treatment to patients is not enough, and therefore it is needed to educate the patients about the healthy lifestyle.

In conclusion, the Vice-President called on the hospital to attend to the staff's needs in the social, funeral and personal affairs as far as it can and take effective security and fire preventive measures.

The Vice-President and entourage visited University of Medicine (Mandalay), where they were conducted around the computer room, library, and practical room.

He held a meeting with the faculty members and staff at the lecture hall. The rector reported on prescribed subjects, strength of students attending under- and post-graduate and doctoral courses, buildings and lecture rooms, conducting clinical meetings, issuing pamphlets, examinations and conferring degrees.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that Mandalay

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts patients receiving medical treatment at Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay).

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University of Medicine established in 1900 is one of the four medical universities in Myanmar, and that brings about doctors that will share public health care. In its infancy, the medical institution could produce a two-digit number of doctors a year, but now it produces over 600 doctors a year. The number of doctors the medical universities in Myanmar produce a year has increased to over 2000.

He said that he took pride of the efforts of rectors, deans and faculty members to scale up human resource development in the medical field. Myanmar's population has hit about 60 million. And the number of doctors stands at more than 30,000, thus indicating the ratio of the people to doctors, 20,000: 1, somewhat improvement in the health sector, but there still are many requirements to be fulfilled.

On the one hand, in order to keep abreast of neighbouring ASEAN countries in the health sector, a greater number of medical students are received for shorter courses, and lessons are reduced to produce a required number of doctors. But on the other hand, there are so many subsequences such as disproportionate ratio of students to teachers, lack of pedagogical aids, lecture rooms and hostels, emergence of unnecessary tuition system stemming from poor individual care for too many students, and great gap of numbers between patients for medical lessons and students of practical lessons. It is high time to remedy those situations.

In consequence of the tuitions, students have to spend extra money on their education; students come to lose a sense of studying hard and have a sense of placing too much reliance on teachers, which is not a good sign for the future of the nation; and many students are no longer capable of learning lessons thoroughly.

Therefore, doctors of new generations are not qualified enough, and foreign countries come reluctant to recognize national doctors, thus affecting the image of the nation. So, it is time medical students fully relied on libraries, textbooks, teachers and Internet not on tuitions in order to fulfil their qualifications.

The academic departments of Mandalay University of Medicine should choose teachers with a sense of duty. In the process, teachers to be appointed should be the ones who really take great interest in the mother tongue. Masters' degrees of optional subjects are only general masters' and doctoral degrees which are conferred system-wise. So it is needed to render master and

doctoral courses of single organ that are on a par with that of other countries.

In that regard, there should be modern libraries with enough medical publications. All are to stay in touch with academic programmes of continued education to keep abreast of the international community in the medical subjects that change as time passes by.

Medical institutions should not be complacent about present rate of intellectualism and medical knowledge. They are therefore urged to keep in touch with ASEAN, international community and other related organizations for sustainable development, and to be much more sensitive to the needs of students, teachers and staff in their religious and social affairs.

Professors/deans reported on requirements to be fulfilled for academic matters. The Vice-President replied that the university should address particular types of issues on its own, and for other types of requirements to be fulfilled by the government, it should submit them to health workshops designed to improve not only medical education but also community health care.

In the evening, the Vice-President and party visited Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay), and were conducted round the emergency unit, outpatient unit, the blood centre, and X-ray unit by Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Shwe and officials.

He had a meeting with the principal, teachers and trainees of the Midwifery Training School (Mandalay) near the hospital, and attended to the needs.

The Vice-President consoled the patients in the Obstetric and Gynaecological Unit of the hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

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High tide warning in Yangon River

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Myanma Port Authority announced that high spring of from 20.2 feet to 21.4 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 30th July to 5th August 2011. However, the high tide is not serious as it has reached up to 21.8 feet high above datum in the year 2009 and 2010, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.

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Setting great attention on collecting tax within law urged

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing made a speech in meeting with service personnel of Settlement and Land Records Department at the ministry here yesterday that taking accurate figures of yield per acre is crucial to the

nation.

The State has a plan to raise growing cost for monsoon paddy per acre from K 20,000 to 40,000. The government employees are in need to pay special attention to collecting taxes in accord with rules and regulations, he said.

The three-day meeting was attended by 37 service personnel from Settlement and Land Records Departments of head office and regions and states.

MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing gives speech at meeting with service personnel of Settlement and Land Records Department.—MNA

YANGON, 26 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning held a meeting with staff of Yangon Region Chief Engineer's Office, special groups, staff of district/township groups at the office.

At the call, Deputy Managing Directors of the Public Works presented reports on tasks being carried out.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of the Public Works reported to the Union Minister about systematic maintenance of buildings, airport, roads and bridges, and heavy machineries in regions and states.

The Union Minister urged them to carry out tasks dutifully and stay away from bribery, and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Union Minister meets staff of Chief Engineer's Office in Yangon Region



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint addresses meeting with staff of Yangon Region Chief Engineer's Office, special groups, staff of district/township groups.—MNA

EP-1 Minister receives Indian guests



NAY PYI TAW, 26 July— Union Minister for Electric Power-1 U Zaw Min received Chairman and Managing Director Mr A.B.L. Shrivastava and party of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) of the Republic of India at his office here this evening.

Both sides focused on matters related

to ongoing tasks of Htamanthi and Shwesaryay Hydropower projects, being carried out in cooperation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Electric Power-1 U Myint Zaw, directors-general and managing directors and officials concerned.

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Union Minister for Electric Power-1 U Zaw Min receives NHPC Chairman and Managing Director Mr A.B.L. Shrivastava.—MNA

Visitors observing and buying displayed items at Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011.

MNA

Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 held with the aim of informing the public about quality of products of State-run industries and penetrating the market by Myanmar Industrial Development Committee since 22 July concluded today.

The product show at Myanmar International Convention Centre was found to be packed with visitors and shoppers. Various kinds of industrial products manufactured by industries and enterprises under Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Industry-2 were exhibited during the show.

Today, entertainment programmes were held for pleasure of visitors who also had a chance to test their luck in lucky-draw programme. Myanmar Industrial Product Show-2011 concluded in the evening.—MNA



Basic On-Job Training Course for YESB Staff concludes

YANGON, 26 July — On behalf of the Union Minister for Electrical Power No (2), Chairman of Yangon Electricity Supply Board U Aung Khaing attended the closing ceremony of the Basic On-Job Training Course No (2/2011) for Electrical Technician-3 at the hall of the board here this morning.

After delivering a speech, the YESB Chairman presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

Next, the YESB Chief Engineer presented completion certificates to a trainee.

Altogether 65 trainees underwent two-week training course.—MNA

NASCAR invocation thanks God for engines

A Tennessee preacher injected some humor into his invocation at a NASCAR race by thanking God for engine manufacturers, fuel and tires.

The Rev Joe Nelms of the Family Baptist Church in Gladeville gave the invocation before Saturday's Nationwide Federated Auto Parts 300 in the city and thanked God for engine makers Roush and Yates "partnering to give us the power that we see before us tonight," The (Nashville) Tennessean reported.

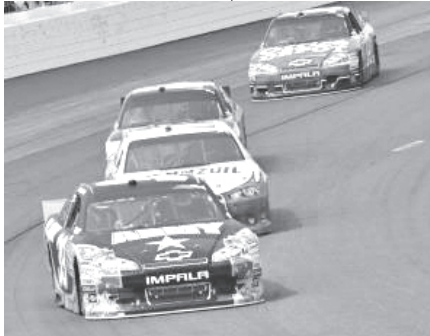
ed Monday.

The pastor also thanked the Lord for "Sonoco racing fuel and Goodyear tires that bring performance and power to the track." Nelms also referenced Will Ferrell's character Ricky Bobby from "Talladega Nights" by thanking God for his "smokin' hot wife."

"In Jesus' name, Boogity Boogity Boogity, amen," Nelms said, quoting NASCAR Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip. Race winner Carl Edwards said he enjoyed the humor in the prayer.

"I turned to Jack

(Roush) after that. I said, 'If anything happens, I want him to be at my funeral.' That was one of the best invocations I have ever heard," Edwards said.



Ryan Newman (39) exits turn 1 enroute to winning the Nascar Sprint Cup Series LENOX Industrial Tools 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, New Hampshire on 17 July, 2011.

Green algae in the Yellow Sea

Come on in, the water's . . . green. In Qingdao, Shandong Province of China, the coastal waters are covered with algae called enteromorpha prolifera. The algae is not poisonous and doesn't affect water quality, but there are concerns about how it may affect local sealife and whether it might spur a drop in tourism. Not everyone, it seems, wants to look like the Incredible Hulk while swimming.

So, what exactly is going on here? According to CNN, researchers aren't entirely sure what's behind the green invasion. One expert told the network that it's possible that the lush green algae plume may have something to do with "the change in the environment," but is mum when it comes to specifics.

Regardless, the bright green goop has inspired a slew of amazing photographs. In some photos, the algae, which now covers 200 square miles of the Yellow Sea, looks so thick that it resembles a fairway on a golf course. You can check out a collection of photos below.



Children play in seawater covered by a thick layer of green algae at a beach on 17 July, 2011 in Qingdao, Shandong Province of China. A large area of green seaweed called enteromorpha prolifera, has approached the Qingdao coast. The algae, is non-poisonous and harmless for water quality but may threaten marine life and coastline tourism.

News Album



Burke Kenny, via Beard Team USA.

American has world's best beard

A 26-year-old Olympia, Wash, man took first place in the 2011 World Beard and Mustache Championships "full beard with styled mustache" category, officials say.

Burke Kenny's win in Trondheim, Norway, was the second time he took first place in the same category, The Olympian in Olympia, Wash, reported. He first won the "full beard with styled mustache" category in England four years ago, where he also became the

youngest international facial-hair champion.

"I don't take it extremely seriously," Kenny told The Olympian. "I like to be an honorable gentleman and present myself honorably."

Kenny began growing his winning beard and mustache combo when he was about 20 while attending Evergreen State College; his biggest facial hair influence is his father.

'Potter' film franchise hits \$7 B marker



(From L to R) James Phelps, Mark Williams, Oliver Phelps, Clemence Poesy, Natalia Tena, Evanna Lynch, Jason Isaacs and Domhnall Gleeson arrive at the French premiere of the film "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" in Paris on 12 July, 2011.—INTERNET

BURBANK, 26 July—The Harry Potter film franchise has crossed the \$7 billion mark at the worldwide box office, Hollywood's Warner Bros Pictures Group said.

The announcement was made by group President Jeff Robinov. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 2," the final installment in the blockbuster movie series, earned \$640.2 million worldwide in its initial week.

The success of the movie has propelled Warner Bros Pictures' combined 2011 domestic box office past \$1 billion for an 11th consecutive year, which is an industry record, the studio said.

Internet

Entertainment company Cirque du Soleil are to withdraw from Tokyo Disney Resort at the end of the year, the theme park's operator said, citing the impact of the 11 March quake-tsunami disaster.

INTERNET



Cirque du Soleil to end shows at Tokyo Disneyland

TOKYO, 26 July—Entertainment company Cirque du Soleil will withdraw from Tokyo Disney Resort at the end of the year, the theme park's operator said

Monday, citing the impact of the 11 March quake-tsunami disaster.

"It is with regret... that due to the effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the business environment for this theatre has greatly changed," amusement park operator Oriental Land said in a statement.

"Based on a review of the expected results and the long-term viability of the show, it was mutually agreed that the business environment would remain extremely difficult. Therefore it was decided to close the show."

Performances of the circus company's "ZED" show will end on 31 December, it said, adding that it had enjoyed strong business success since Cirque du Soleil opened a permanent theatre in October 2008 in the Disney Resort.

Tokyo Disneyland and DisneySea closed for 20 days after the quake and tsunami hit eastern Japan, depressing the combined visitor figure for the 2010 fiscal year to 31 March by 1.8 percent on-year to 25.4 million people.

Internet

Cause of Amy Winehouse's death still unknown

BEIJING, 26 July—The initial autopsy of deceased British singer Amy Winehouse found no conclusive cause of death, police announced Monday.

The additional toxicology tests will be conducted, and that could take two to four weeks to complete.

The 27-year-old singer was found dead in her flat in London on Saturday, before the paramedics arrived.

Sky News quoted a source as saying Winehouse might die from a suspected drugs overdose, but reports indicated

that no drug was found in her flat.

Winehouse became an international star in 2007 with her five Grammys-winning album "Back to Black".

She had long suffered a number of health issues as she was taken to hospital and treated once in 2008 and again in 2010.

According to ABC News, a family spokesman addressed the media on Monday that Winehouse's funeral will be held on Tuesday.

Xinhua



British singer Amy Winehouse arrives at the City of Westminster Magistrates Court in central London in this 17 March, 2009 file photo.—XINHUA

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 8 / 2011
5 th Waning of Waso 1373 ME
(20 July 2011)

1. The Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	2	M.Econ(Economics)/ M.Econ (Statistics)/ M.Com/ M.Act/ MBA/ MPA/ M.Dev.S

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 17 August 2011.
 (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 17 August 2011.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2011, dated 1 April 2011.

5. **For service personnel**, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 17 August 2011. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

7. Examinations will be held on 3 and 4 September 2011. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 1 September 2011.

8. The Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No.(32) of the Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 - 406066, 067 - 406114).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 9 / 2011
5 th Waning of Waso 1373 ME
(20 July 2011)

1. The Office of the Auditor General of the Union has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following positions -

Sr.No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Township Audit Officer	10	Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
(b)	Administrator	1	M.C. Sc
(c)	System Analyst	1	
(d)	Programmer	1	

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 17 August 2011.
 (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at assigned frontier places.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 17 August 2011.

4. Applicants who wishes to apply for more than one position will have to pay extra examination fees and submit the application forms separately for respective positions .

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GIC's 20-year annualized return slightly higher at 3.9%

SINGAPORE, 26 July — The Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) has reported a 20-year annualized real rate of return, in excess of global inflation, of 3.9 percent for the financial year ended 31 March, 2011, the sovereign wealth fund said. The 20-year nominal annualized rate of return was 7.2 percent in US dollar terms, local broadcaster *Channel NewsAsia* reported on Tuesday.

"The 20-year annualised real rate of return for year ended March 2011 has improved from 3.8 percent of the year ended March 2010 to 3.9 percent of the year ended March 2011. This is due to the further recovery of equity markets," said Ng Kok Song, GIC's chief investment officer.

GIC released its first Report on the Management of the Government's

Portfolio in September 2008, and it has released only its 20-year rate of return previously. This year it went on to publish its 5-year and 10-year nominal rates of return to provide a glimpse of its medium-term investment performance.

"These provide an intermediate measure of GIC's longer term performance. The 20-year annualised real rate of return remains the key focus for GIC as it is our mission to preserve and enhance the international purchasing power of the reserves," said Lim Siong Guan, president of GIC. The 5-year annualized return in US dollar terms was 6.3 percent net of fees with a volatility of 12 percent, while the 10-year annualised return was 7.4 percent with a volatility of 10 percent. Ng said GIC will continue to maintain its focus on delivering good long-term investment returns for the government.—*Xinhua*

'Celebrity' Ferrari fetches £66,500 at auction

LONDON, 25 July — A yellow Ferrari previously owned by British rock guitarist Eric Clapton and radio presenter Chris Evans has fetched £66,500 at auction. The rare 2003 Ferrari 575 Maranello, which has 10,000 miles on the clock, was snapped up by a private buyer at a sale in Silverstone on Saturday. Auction manager Guy Loveridge said the vehicle exceeded its guide price. The yellow Maranello was bought new by Mr Clapton, who signed its service book, and was later sold to Mr Evans.

Mr Loveridge said the



The car exceeded its guide price at auction.

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Ferrari — which was described by Silverstone Auctions as a desirable car in its own right — was in lovely condition. "Famous name provenance is always a help," he said. "It's a great car and we are not surprised that it fetched

such a large amount of money." The car had been expected to go for between £58,000 and £66,000 at the Classic Sale at Silverstone, Northamptonshire - the home of the British Grand Prix. *Internet*

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C-sections up by 7% in 7 years, US

BEIJING, 26 July — More than one in three births in the US are delivered by C-section, which is an all time high and an increase of 25 percent over seven years, according to news reports Monday quoting a new study. Based on data from 19 states, C-section, or Cesarean, deliveries shot up from 27 percent of all births in 2002 to 34 percent in 2009, said the study by HealthGrades.

HealthGrades is an independent health care ratings organization with information on physicians, dentists and 5,000 hospitals in the nation. The study noted that the states with the highest rates are Texas, New Jersey and Florida while Utah, Colorado and Wisconsin are the lowest. Experts hold C-section deliveries are most suitable when vaginal delivery puts the health of the woman or child at risk, but also attributing the reason of increase to convenience, less risk, fertility and general attitudes.—Xinhua

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- | LOT: No | Description | Quantity |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | 90 HP (4-WD) Tractor & Spare Parts | 2 Items |
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 - Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD Office No. 50, Naypyitaw, during office hours from (27-7-2011). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.
 - For more details, Contact; 067-431243.

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

Blainville's beaked whales enter stealth mode

LONDON, 26 July — Researchers have discovered that the whales refuse to communicate with each other near the surface. By becoming silent, the whales enter a stealth mode that prevents them being detected by predatory killer whales. The study, one of the first to record how beaked whales communicate, also recorded sounds made at the deepest recorded depth by any mammal.

Beaked whales are deep-diving, toothed whales. Little is known about them, in part because they spend so much of their time in the ocean depths. Some species have been barely sighted,



Blainville's beaked whales, which are among the world's most enigmatic cetacea, go silent in shallow waters.

INTERNET

and scientists suspect there may be more species of beaked whale awaiting discovery. Also, very little is known about how beaked whales communicate or avoid predators.

So Natacha Aguilar of La Laguna University in Tenerife, Spain and colleagues at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, US and Aarhus University, Denmark, conducted the first study into how beaked whales communicate when diving. Using suction cups, the researchers attached electronic listening devices to eight Blainville's beaked whales, recording them for 102 hours in total.

They recorded the sounds made by the whales through the water column, as they came up to breathe and swim near the water surface, and also as they dived to depths of 900m. The results, published in the journal *Marine Mammal Science*, revealed that Blainville's beaked whales fell silent once they entered waters that are shallower than 170m.

Internet



Orcas swim and hunt much closer to the surface.— INTERNET

'Five dead' at Texas skating rink party shooting

DALLAS, 26 July — At least five people have been killed and three injured in a shooting at a roller-skating rink birthday party in Texas, police say. The shooting happened after an argument erupted at the party in the city of Grand Prairie, close to Dallas. The gunman is among the dead, having shot himself after opening fire on fellow guests, police say. Details about the incident are sketchy but police say the row was a "domestic disturbance between husband and wife".

"It appears to be a domestic situation, at this point," Reuters news agency quoted police spokesman Steve Dye as saying. "That is our initial finding. And it appears the suspect did die from a self-inflicted gun wound." Police said they first received a call about the shootings at Forum Roller World shortly after 1900 local time (0200 GMT) and responded immediately. The shootings unfolded at a private family event at the skating rink, local media reported.—Internet



A visitor appreciates a painting work during a farmer painting exhibition held in east China's Shanghai, on 23 July, 2011. About 100 painting works created by farmers were displayed at the exhibition, attracting many visitors.

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Mass arrests in Mexico human trafficking raids

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 26 July — More than 1,000 people have been arrested in a crackdown on human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Ciudad Juarez, officials in Mexico say. The arrests were made during raids that began on Friday, in which police say they also rescued 20 underage women. Dozens of bars and hotels in the city centre were searched for missing people, authorities said.

Ciudad Juarez — on

the border with the US — is one of the most violent places in the country. The city saw more than 3,000 murders in 2010, making it by far Mexico's deadliest city. But human rights groups have often drawn attention to the disappearance of young women in the area. Analysts say that much of the violence in Mexico, particularly in the north, is linked to the trade in drugs and humans.

Internet



Policeman inspects barrels containing stolen diesel fuel, stored in a tyre repair shop, during an operation in the municipality of Apodaca.

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Indonesia's Aceh hosts int'l folklore festival

JAKARTA, 26 July — Indonesia's northernmost province, Aceh, hosts a 6-day international folklore festival, attended by art performers from dozens of countries across the world, local media reported on Monday.

The usually silent downtown of the province's capital, Banda Aceh, hosts the festival that kicked off since Saturday, participated by

180 artists from 12 countries, including Poland, Turkey, Italy, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Canada, Malaysia, Estonia and Lithuania.

A participant from Italy said on Sunday that she was happy to be in the festival. She said that she first heard about Aceh when the region was devastated by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Xinhua



Paraguay's players Paulo Da Silva (L), Hernan Perez (C) and Justo Villar (R) wave during their arrival at the Silvio Petrosi airport in the suburb of Luque, Paraguay, on 25 July, 2011. Paraguay's national soccer team won the title of runner-up of Copa America 2011. — XINHUA

N'Zogbia set to sign for Aston Villa

LONDON, 26 July — Aston Villa's new manager Alex McLeish is set to make his second major signing by bringing in winger Charles N'Zogbia from Wigan in a £9.5million deal. The Press Association reported that the fee for the former Newcastle player had finally been agreed between the two clubs, but there had as yet been no official confirmation of the deal from either club. N'Zogbia was expected to hold talks over personal terms and undergo a medical once the

deal has been officially rubber-stamped between the clubs.

McLeish has been keen to bring in a new wide player after the sale of Ashley Young and Stewart Downing to Manchester United and Liverpool respectively.

Internet



Footballer Charles N'Zogbia

SPORTS

Menez, Matuidi join PSG

PARIS, 26 July—Paris Saint-Germain unveiled the first new signings of the Qatar Sports Investments (QSI) era on Monday when they presented French internationals Jeremy Menez and Blaise Matuidi to the media. Menez, 24, arrives from Roma and will replace Ludovic Giuly on the right-hand side of the Paris attack after the veteran's contract was not renewed at the end of last season.

Defensive midfielder Matuidi, also 24, has been signed to take the place of former captain Claude Makelele, who has retired from football. The pair join goalkeeper Nicolas Douche and striker Kevin Gameiro as PSG's summer re-



Newly elected Paris Saint-Germain's sporting director and former player, Brazilian Leonardo (C) speaks next to the new players of the club, Jeremy Menez (L) and Blaise Matuidi during a news conference. — INTERNET

cruits, but are the first players to arrive since QSI completed their takeover of the club and appointed Leonardo as sporting director. — Internet



Maria Sharapova

Sharapova looking ahead to renewing rivalry with Serena

STANFORD, 26 July—The prospect of renewing her long rivalry with Serena Williams has provided Maria Sharapova with added incentive to win this week's Stanford Classic. The Russian and the American are both on comebacks from health problems and could meet in the quarter-finals at Stanford as they

launch their US hard court seasons in California. "I love playing against her," Sharapova said. "We've had very, very tough matches against each other. "I don't have a great record against her and I would love to change that. There is no doubt I would love to play her this Summer at some point." The pair have

played each other eight times, with Williams winning six and the Russian twice. Sharapova beat Williams in the 2004 Wimbledon final but the American has won their last five in a row.

"Rivalries are exciting for me and for the sport," Sharapova said.

Internet

Uruguay welcomes champions home

MONTEVIDEO, 26 July —Uruguay parted through the night, its champion soccer team home from the Copa America. Some 60,000 fans gathered in the historic Centenario stadium at 3 am to welcome the players. Thousands more crowded the team bus as it drove in from the airport.

Star forward Diego Forlan said he couldn't wait to celebrate after the 3-0 victory over Paraguay on Sunday night in Buenos Aires. Forward Luis Suarez was voted the tournament's best player. He says Uruguay deserves the title after so many years without a championship. Uruguay last



Uruguay's Diego Perez kisses the trophy as the team celebrates in the Centenario Stadium in Montevideo, Uruguay on 25 July, 2011. — INTERNET

won the Copa in 1995. Now it has 15 titles, one more than rival Argentina.

Internet



Soccer fans gather to celebrate after Uruguay defeated Paraguay in the Copa America final soccer match, in Montevideo, Uruguay. INTERNET

Brazil announce squad for Germany friendly

BRASILIA, 26 July — Brazil coach Mano Menezes on Monday named a 23-man squad for the friendly with Germany in Stuttgart on 10 August, as he looks to turn the page on his side's Copa America quarter-final exit. Bidding for what would have been a fifth title in the last six tournaments, Brazil were sent packing by Paraguay after losing on penalties following a 0-0 draw in their last-eight encounter. Despite their shock elimination, Menezes was confirmed in his post by the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF). Brazil squad to play Germany in Stuttgart on 10 August.

Goalkeepers: Julio Cesar (Inter Milan/ITA), Victor (Gremio)

Defenders: Andre Santos (Fenerbahce/TUR), Daniel Alves (Barcelona/

ESP), David Luiz (Chelsea/ENG), Dede (Vasco de Gama), Lucio, Maicon (both Inter Milan/ITA), Thiago Silva (AC Milan/ITA)

Midfielders: Elias (Atletico Madrid/ESP), Fernandinho (Shakhtar Donetsk/UKR), Ganso (Santos), Lucas Leiva (Liverpool/ENG), Lucas (Sao Paulo), Luis Gustavo (Bayern Munich/GER), Ralf (Corinthians), Ramires (Chelsea/ENG), Renato



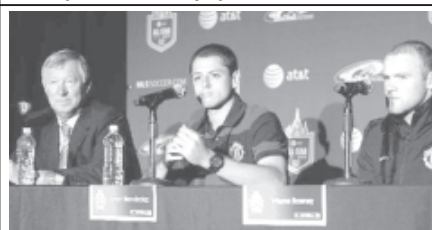
Brazil coach Mano Menezes

Augusto (Bayer Leverkusen/GER)

Forwards: Alexandre Pato (AC Milan/ITA), Jonas (Valencia/ESP), Fred (Fluminense), Neymar (Santos), Robinho (AC Milan/ITA) — Internet

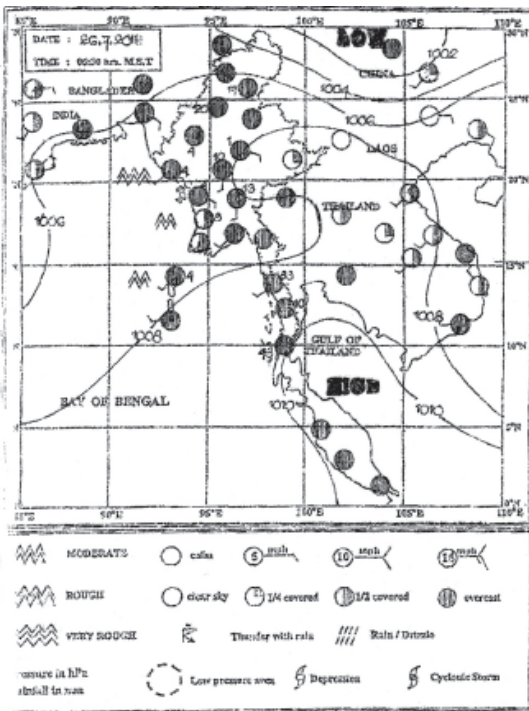
French midfielder Gourcuff to undergo ankle surgery

PARIS, 26 July —Ligue 1 club Lyon said Tuesday that French midfielder Yoann Gourcuff has set to undergo articular cleaning of his left ankle on Wednesday. Gourcuff missed Lyon's matches against Austrian side Red Bull Salzburg, Belgian champions RC Genk and German club Hanover recently due to the injury. — Xinhua



(L-R) Manchester United Head Coach Sir Alex Ferguson, Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez of Manchester United, Wayne Rooney attend the 2011 MLS All-Star Game press conference at All-Star HUB on 25 July, 2011 in New York City. The MLS All-Star game will be played on 27 July, 2011 at Red Bulls Arena in Harrison, New Jersey. — XINHUA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 27th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	35/95	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	23/73	13/55	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
7	Tanintharyi	31/88	23/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
8	Bago	31/88	21/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
12	Yangon	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	28/82	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	34/93	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today
 During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Shan and Chin States, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (2.36) inches, Manaung (1.61) inches, Putao (1.49) inches, Dawei (1.30) inches and Heho (1.22) inches.
 Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
 State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters.
 Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of rain in Rakhine Coastal areas.

Tiger death in Indonesia blamed on paper firm

JAKARTA, 26 July—A graphic video showing the last hours of a rare Sumatran tiger as it writhes in a trap in Indonesia exposes the gruesome toll of rampant rainforest clearing, Greenpeace activists said Tuesday.

Greenpeace Southeast Asia forest campaigner Zulfahmi said the trap was set up by villagers to catch wild pigs on a logging concession owned by Asia Pulp and Paper (APP), one of the world's biggest paper and packaging companies.

"The tiger died in a spot which is

located on an APP concession. Due to land clearing by the company, the tigers have to leave their habitat," he said.

"We urge the company to stop its land clearing activity in Indonesia to avoid endangered animals becoming extinct."

Estimates of the number of Sumatran tigers remaining in the world range from 300 to 400. Several die each year as a result of traps, poaching or other human actions.

The 18-month-old tiger died within three hours of being tranquillised by local conservation officials, said Greenpeace media campaigner Zamzami, who witnessed the incident.—*Internet*



A graphic video shows the last hours of a rare Sumatran tiger as it writhes in a trap in Indonesia. Greenpeace activists say it exposes the gruesome toll of rampant rainforest clearing. INTERNET



Wednesday,
27 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:10 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:00 am

7. Cultural Dances

8:15 am

8. Myanmar

Traditional

Cultural

Performing Arts

Competition

8:30 am

9. Teleplay (Policy)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Songs of National Races

4:30 pm

4. University of

Distance Education

(TV Lectures)

- Third Year

(Physics)

4:45 pm

5. Songs for

Upholding National

Spirit

5:00 pm

6. Classical Songs

5:10 pm

7. Documentary

5:20 pm

8. "ASEAN"

Programmes

5:30 pm

9. Melody Tunes

(Sogya

Pyawshwin Tay

Thansin)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Traditional

Boxing

6:45 pm

13. Shwe Yin Chone

Than

7:15 pm

14. Preview of 26th

South East Asia

Games

7:45 pm

15. Centenary of

A One Soe Myint

(Composer)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International

News

18. Weather Report

19. Korea NG Award

20. TV Drama Series

21. Myanmar Video

Feature

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(27-7-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(27-7-11 09:30 am ~ 28-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The History of MraukU Pagoda

- * News
- * Great Artist U Lun Gywe & His Prolific Art
- * News
- * Charity of the Children
- * News
- * A Visit to Mandalay
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- * A Visit to Mandalay
- * News
- * A Shining Music Star
- * News
- * Products of Myanmar "Seashells Products"
- * News
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Eggplant Curry"
- * News
- * May all the flowers bloom!
- * The Artworks of Bagan Gift Centre
- * Myanmar Movies "Love Be Win"

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

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- ★ 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

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening ceremony of 550-bed Children Hospital (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the opening of newly-built 550-bed Children Hospital (Mandalay) in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region and unveiled the inscription of the hospital yesterday.

It was also attended by Union Ministers Thura U Myint Maung, U Ohn Myint, U Tint Hsan, Dr Mya Aye and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, the deputy ministers, ministers of the region, departmental heads and officials, the medical superintendents and doctors, the chairman of Eden Group of Companies and members, wellwishers and guests.

First, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Chairman U Chit Khaing of Eden Group of Companies formally opened the hospital.

Next, the Vice-President pressed the button to open the inscription of the hospital and inspected intensive care unit, operation theater, patient wards and X-ray room.

Then, the chairman of Eden Group of Companies handed over documents related to hospital building and medical equipment to Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department.

Afterwards, Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Myint accepted K 300 million for

Vice-President
Dr Sai Mauk Kham at Intensive Care Unit of 550-bed Children Hospital (Mandalay).

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medical funds and documents related to two ambulances donated by Eden Group of Companies and Myanmar Shaehsaung Bank family, K 2 million and incubator to be used in the hospital by Managing Director U Teza Saw Oo of Rising Sun Paint and wife Daw Hnin Yi Mon, K 20 million for medical funds by Chairman of Ayeyawady Bank Limited U Zaw Zaw and (See page 8)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (26-7-2011)

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