The Government has been opening Technological Universities in every State and Division, with a view to increasing the number of youth engineers.

Now, local youth have opportunities to study engineering due to the emergence of Technological Universities in Special Development Zones and efforts made to keep abreast of the Age of Information and Technology.

We, Myanma Alin news crew, visited Technological University (Bhamo) under the arrangement of District Peace and Development Council during our tour of Kachin State for writing articles on developments of the region.

We have seen endless thriving paddy fields of double-cropping in the rainy season along the road to the university which is the sign of Kachin State’s efforts to become the fourth granary of Myanmar.

We interviewed Acting Principal Dr Akar Kyaw Myint of Technological University (Bhamo) about the background history and courses of the university.

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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

PERSPECTIVES
Saturday, 22 August, 2009

Actively participate in successful realization of seven-step Road Map

At present, the government is making relentless efforts for all-round development of the nation in line with the national policy, that is, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. Every citizen is to uphold in the fold the national policy in all seriousness both at present and in future.

Peace and stability is indispensable for the development of a region or a nation. With community peace and stability and prevalence of law and order across the nation including border areas, the socio-economic status of the people has improved remarkably.

The government places special emphasis on peace and development of the nation, and is extensively engaged in economic development drive and national education promotion programmes. As its effort for national reconsolidation is meeting with success, it has been able to forge friendship and understanding among national brethren.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government and the entire national people, peace and stability prevails the length and breadth of the nation. Meanwhile, with the emergence of a large number of infrastructures, progress has been made in economic, education, health and social sectors as well as in agriculture, production and transport sectors.

At a time when the drive for national development is taking shape, efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with the wishes of the people through the realization of the seven-step Road Map.

At such a time, the entire national people are to actively participate in the drive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map making better use of the already-achieved peace and stability and development.

Six women trainees of SPEI (Yangon) move to Industry-1 football team

YANGON, 21 Aug — A ceremony to transfer six women trainees of the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports to the Ministry of Industry-1 football team was held at the Union Hall of the institute in Kyaikkasan Sports Ground in Tamway Township here yesterday.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee U Thaung Htaik, Director-General of SPEI, made an opening address.

U Aye Han, manager of the Industry-1 football team, presented K 600,000 to the fund of the institute through the director-general.

Then the director-general handed over documents related to the trainees and other remuneration.

MNA

YANGON South District opens 17th Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 21 Aug—The opening ceremony of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon South District took place at the hall in Kyauktan this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

The commander formally opened the competitions.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presents a shield to winning team.—MNA

Mandalay Division PDC Chairman’s Shield Sepak Takraw tournament concludes

NAI PYI TAW, 21 Aug —Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the prize presentation ceremony of Mandalay Division PDC Chairman’s Shield Inter-township Sepak Takraw tournament at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay on 13 August.

The commander watched the final match and presented the Championship Shield to the winning team.—MNA

Dy FM arrives back from Malaysia

YANGON, 21 Aug—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint paid an official visit to Malaysia from 17 to 20 August, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

On 18 August morning, Deputy-Prime Minister U Maung Myint called on the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia Mr YB Senator A Kohilan Pillay at the Malaysian Foreign Ministry in Putrajaya and discussed the enhancement of bilateral relations and cooperation on labour matters.

In the afternoon, Deputy-Prime Minister U Maung Myint called on the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia Mr Datuk Wira Ku Saman Yusop at the Home Affairs Ministry of Malaysia and discussed cooperation in labour matters.

Afterwards, the Myanmar technical-level delegation met with the Malaysian technical-level delegation consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Labour, and the Ministry of Human Resources Development at the Ministry of Home Affairs of Malaysia and discussed cooperation in labour matters.

Later that day, Deputy-Prime Minister U Maung Myint met with members of the Committee for Welfare of Myanmar Workers at the Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. Afterwards, the deputy minister proceeded to Ambassador U Tin Latt’s residence and met with officials and family members of the Myanmar embassy staff at the Ambassador’s residence.

On 19 August, Deputy-Prime Minister U Maung Myint, accompanied by Ambassador U Tin Latt and Military Attaché Captian Aung Thaw (MN), visited the Dufu Industries Sdn Bhd and the Bagan Printers Sdn Bhd in Penang. He met with Myanmar workers there and spoke words of encouragement.

The Myanmar delegation led by the deputy minister left Kuala Lumpur and arrived back here on 20 August.

MNA

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint meets Malaysian counterpart Mr YB Senator A Kohilan Pillay at Malaysian Foreign Ministry in Putrajaya. MNA
Iraq tightens security after Baghdad deadly attacks

Baghdad, 21 Aug — Iraqi forces intensify security measures across Baghdad a day after a series of deadly attacks including two truck bombings that killed 97 people and wounded 858 others, a well-informed police source said on Thursday.

We have (received) orders to take new security measures, which included an increased presence of security members on Baghdad streets and in neighbourhoods and tougher searches at checkpoints,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The Iraqi security forces fanned out on high alert Wednesday, the source said. “The command of Baghdad operations has ordered detention of senior officers in charge of the Salhiyah and Bab al-Rasheed areas for a security failure that led to Wednesday’s deadly truck bombings,” the source said, referring to the central Baghdad areas housing two ministries targeted by two massive truck bombs on Wednesday. The source, however, did not disclose how many senior officers were on the list of detention.

Despite the tightened security measures, a bicycle bomb went off on Thursday morning at the commercial area of Hafiz al-Qusi at the al-Rasheed street in central Baghdad, killing two people and wounding eight others.

In recent months, violence has dropped dramatically across the country, though insurgents are still capable of launching deadly attacks in Baghdad and some northern Iraqi cities.—Xinhua

Bermuda under storm warning as Bill churns

Miami, 21 Aug — Hurricane Bill continued its slog across the Atlantic on Friday, threatening to flood Bermuda’s coastlines and bring dangerous waves and riptides to the eastern US coast.

The Category 3 storm’s maximum sustained winds weakened slightly on early Friday, decreasing to near 120 mph. But forecasters warned the hurricane could strengthen and regain its Category 4 status Friday as it feeds on warm waters.

“It’s moving over waters of 84, 85 degrees Fahrenheit, which could provide some fuel to it. We still think it could restrengthen back into a Category 4. The environmental conditions appear to be right,” Eric Blake, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center, said on Thursday.

Bill was expected to cause significant flooding along the Bermuda coastlines over Friday and Saturday and Bermuda issued a tropical storm warning. Dangerous waves and riptides were likely along most of the eastern US coast over the weekend. Bermuda’s storm warning means winds of 40 mph or more were expected to arrive within a day, and the island remained under a hurricane watch that indicated even stronger winds were possible within 36 hours.

Second phase of Air France crash research ends

Paris, 21 Aug — The Office of Investigation and Analysis (BEA) announced on Thursday that they have suspended the second stage of operation research and failed to find the black box of Air France flight 447 crashed into the Atlantic on 1 June.

“The search failed to locate the wreckage of the plane,” the BEA said, adding it will meet international investigators and specialists in next few weeks to analyze data collected with a third phase of research and identify ways and means of this —Xinhua

Naval flotilla for escort mission in waters off Somalia, Gulf of Aden returns

Beijing, 21 Aug — China’s naval convoy on duty off the Somalia coast and in the Gulf of Aden has successfully accomplished its missions and returned to the naval port in Zhjjiang city in Guangdong Province at 9 am on Friday, said a PLA Navy source.

The convoy amassed 85,000 sea miles in 142 days’ voyage. During that time it escorted 308 merchant ships, conducted regional cover for 85 more and went to the assistance of four being attacked, the source said.

The convoy, the second from China to patrol the pirate-infested area, was sent to the region on 2 April this year. It was made up of guided missile destroyer “Shenzhen”, missile frigate “Huangshan” and a supply ship.—Xinhua

Russia’s fifth-generation fighter jets to start trials

Moscow, 21 Aug — Russia’s fifth-generation fighter planes are set to start trials in November, the Air Force chief said on Thursday.

The second prototype fighter jet is undergoing field trials, the Itar-Tass news agency quoted Air Force chief Alexander Zelin as saying.

Zelin acknowledged that there have been some problems with the engines the aircraft will use but research was continuing.

Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov said in January that the fifth-generation fighter jets must start trials this year and be in use by the Air Force by 2015.

The fifth-generation fighter planes were designed to become the main force of the 21st century Russian army.—Xinhua
Venezuela to step up economic cooperation with Brazil

CARACAS, 21 Aug — Venezuela is considering stepping up its economic cooperation and trade with Brazil, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro announced on Thursday.

Maduro said at an opening session of a conference for Brazilian entrepreneurs that Venezuela offered many opportunities for trade and investment. A delegation of 80 Brazilian businessmen was in Caracas for business negotiations on Thursday.

On the same day, Venezuelan Trade Minister Eduardo Saman told Reuters that Venezuela was considering replacing the import worth of 7 billion US dollars from neighboring Colombia with alternatives bought from countries such as Brazil or Argentina.

Venezuela is at odds with Colombia over the allegation that Venezuela is supporting Colombian guerrilla fighters.

Colombia’s recent agreement with the United States to allow US military to have more access to Colombian military bases is also a sensitive issue between the two countries.

US Govt promotes small business clean energy research

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug — The US government announced on Thursday 37 million US dollars in funding to help small businesses’ clean energy technology research and job creation.

Energy Secretary Steven Chu said the investment from the Recovery Act will be made available to qualified small businesses through the Department’s Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programmes.

This funding emphasizes the Department’s commitment to developing near-term, clean energy technologies while allowing small businesses to take part in the new industrial revolution that the sustainable energy economy will bring.

“Small businesses are engines of job creation and innovation, and we need their ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit to drive a clean energy economy,” said Secretary Chu.

“By helping small businesses bring clean technologies to market, we can create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and reduce carbon pollution.”

DOE’s SBIR/STTR programmes target US companies with fewer than 500 employees. Small businesses with strong research capabilities in science or engineering are encouraged to apply.

Solar’s first commercial solar power plant in the desert city of Lancaster, California is seen on its opening day on 5 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Economic recovery begins in Latin America, Caribbean

MEXICO CITY, 21 Aug — Economic recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean region started in second quarter this year and would be consolidated in 2010, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said on Thursday.

Due to the global growth deceleration, a contraction of 1.9 percent is forecast in the region for 2009, said Osvaldo Kacef, director of the economic development division of the ECLAC.

The recovery will be slow as a result of the damage to the production and social sectors, Kacef added.

Women dressed as devils dance to celebrate the ‘Day to demand the Bolivian origin of the Diablada dance’ in La Paz, on 20 Aug, 2009. Bolivia has issued a formal complaint on the origin of the traditional dress the Peruvian candidate for Miss Universe is wearing during the contest: a Diablada costume.—INTERNET
China coal-electricity project to increase coal output

BEIJING, 21 Aug—China’s first large coal-electricity joint project, Huaneng Yimin Coal Electricity Corp aims to increase its annual coal output to 20 million tonnes this year, reported on Friday’s China Daily. Located in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the company, a subsidiary under China’s leading power generator Huaneng Group, now has an installed capacity of 2,200 megawatts and an annual coal output of 15 million tonnes.

The company is planning for its own coal-to-gas and coal-to-chemical projects to further diversify its business portfolio, said the newspaper. Citing Yin Long, the company’s CEO, rising coal prices have always been a headache for China’s power generators. Last year, major power companies incurred losses in their power generation business because of the sharp rise in coal prices, according to the newspaper. Coal-fired power accounts for more than 70 percent of China’s total power generation. The country’s main power companies have accelerated their development of coal mine projects. China’s power con-sumption in July rose 6 percent year on year to 342 billion kilowatt-hours, according to China’s National Energy Administration (NEA). The figure was 10.9 percent more than that of June, NEA said.—Xinhua

Chicago feds indict Mexican drug cartel leaders

CHICAGO, 21 Aug—The Chicago authorities announced on Thursday indictments against leaders of warring Mexican drug cartels blamed for increasing violence south of the border and for bringing up to four tons of cocaine to the city each month for national distribution.

Authorities said 36 individuals, including three cartel leaders, were charged in eight indictments unsealed in Chicago, and additional defendants are expected to be indicted in New York. The three most significant defendants in the cases are leaders of two feuding cartels, authorities said.

“These are the most significant drug importation conspiracies ever charged in Chicago,” Chicago’s US Attorney, Patrick Fitzgerald said in a statement.

“The indictments charge two major international supply organizations with importing many tons of cocaine and quantities of heroin into the United States,” Fitzgerald said.—Xinhua

Over 100,000 pills of drug substances destroyed in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 21 Aug—Phnom Penh Municipality on Thursday destroyed 107,958 pills of mixed drug substances including 21,499 grams of cocaine, 601 grams of heroin, over 80,000 pills of methamphetamine and amphetamines and other drugs substances, as well as some materials of drug lab.

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“Drug trafficking cases have decreased after the authorities have cracked down on drug distribution places and drug using places,” he said. However, he added that cases of crimes have increased in Phnom Penh and it has occurred among young people.—Xinhua

Contestants for 2009 Miss Tourism International perform their pageant show at a city park in Luohu city, central China’s Heman Province, on 19 Aug, 2009. Some 120 contestants from around the world attended the pageant show on Wednesday.—Xinhua

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HPV vaccine linked to more blood clot risk

Atlanta, 21 Aug — A human papillomavirus vaccine analysis found adverse events consistent with pre-licensing data except for fainting and blood clots, US researchers say. In 2006, the Food and Drug Administration licensed the quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine for females ages 9-26 to prevent infection with genital human papillomavirus types 6, 11, 16 and 18.

Dr Barbara A Slade of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and colleagues analyzed reports of adverse events following HPV immunization received by the US Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. During the study period, the system received 12,424 reports of adverse events following immunization with HPV — an overall reporting rate of 53.9 reports per 100,000 vaccine doses distributed. — Internet

US anti-missile plan becomes bargaining chip

Beijing, 21 Aug — One year after the United States and Poland signed an agreement to deploy parts of an American missile defence shield in Eastern Europe, the project has become a bargaining chip during talks between the US and Russia on nuclear weapons reductions, observers say.

Although Poland and the Czech Republic, which was also included in the anti-missile system, were eager for the implementation of the project, Russia’s sharp opposition, the Iranian issue and a different voice in the US Congress have added uncertainties and complications to the plan, analysts say.

The anti-missile defence system has been part of the US strategic deployment in the world for a long time.

Dear Diary, spent all day lion around

Beijing, 21 Aug—For more than a decade, Jonathan and Angela Scott have been following these majestic beasts across the African plains for the BBC’s Big Cat Diary. But now the future of the top-rated wildlife show is in doubt. For the first time in 13 years, no new series has been commissioned and, in a cost-cutting exercise, the film crews who annually criss-crossed Kenya’s Masai Mara have stayed at home.

With no series to film, the Scotts have continued following the region’s big cats — lions, leopards and cheetahs — and have now produced a book: Stars Of Big Cat Diary.

Scott first pitched his tent in the Mara in 1975 as a zoology graduate on a backpacking trip. It was there that he met wildlife photographer Angela and they got married on the dramatic escarpment where the final scenes for the film Out Of Africa were filmed. Angela Scott took the amazing photographs shown here. The couple have a home in Nairobi but spend most of their time in the endless bushlands of the Masai Mara and the neighbouring Serengeti plain in Tanzania. — XinHua

Home milk to fuel Kenyan success at Berlin

Kenyan athletes will be able to enjoy a daily supply of Kenyan milk at the world championships thanks to a decision by a local milk-processing company to ship cartons of the dairy product to Berlin.

Since training for the world championships started in Nairobi three weeks ago, the athletes have each been receiving a packet of milk a day provided by their sponsors.

“All 40 athletes will be getting their daily intake of the milk for the duration of the championships,” Jane Mbita, a spokeswoman for the sponsors, told AFP at the Jomo Kenyatta International airport before the first batch of the team left for the German capital where action gets underway.

“We are putting the cargo in the plane. The athletes will definitely have their favourite Kenyan milk in their diet in Berlin,” she added.

Many Britons too lazy to change TV channel

Gaining world wide attention due to the swishing tails of older relatives, even taking an occasional bite. — XinHua

World’s tallest dog dies

Los Angeles, 21 Aug — All four soldiers were confirmed dead after an Army MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a training mission on Colorado’s second-highest mountain, the Denor Post reported on Thursday.

The crash took place on Wednesday afternoon near the summit of 14,421-foot Mount Massive, the report said on its Web.

All four people on the helicopter were male soldiers, spokesman for the Army’s Special Operations Command Lt Col John Clearwater said in remarks published by the paper.

Their names haven’t been released, and no information has been made public about the cause of the crash.

Thereby hangs a tail: Lion cubs are fascinated by the snarling tails of older relatives, even taking an occasional bite. — XinHua

Born in 2002, Gibson took the title of the world’s tallest dog from ‘Harvey’, who measured 41 inches(104cm), in 2004.

Weighing 180 pounds and measuring 7 feet 1 inch(215.9cm) standing on his hind legs, Gibson worked as a therapy and special needs training dog, visiting care centres and schools throughout the California area.

Gaining world wide attention due to his huge frame he was diagnosed with bone cancer in his right front paw in April of this year.

Within ten days of his diagnosis, Gibson underwent a seven hour operation to remove the leg in a bid to prevent the cancer from spreading further. The surgery was performed to prevent the cancer from spreading, and early tests showed positive results. After the surgery, the harlequin Great Dane received follow up chemotherapy treatments as a precaution.
Myanmar team bag 14 gold, 19 silver and seven bronze in 5th ASEAN Para Sports Meet

YANGON, 21 Aug—The Myanmar disabled athlete team led by Col Htay Naing who took part in the 5th ASEAN Para Sports Meet 2009 held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia arrived back here by air yesterday afternoon.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President of Myanmar Sports Federation for the Disabled U Myo Myint, Director U Than Kyaw Nyunt of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials.

Zaw Moe Aung, Myo Than Htet and Myo Myint Hlaing secured the best player awards in the respective places in the volleyball event.

Ma Theint Thu Thu Lin bagged three gold medals in the discus, shotput and javelin events and swimmer Naing Sit Aung also won three gold medals.

The Myanmar disabled athlete team secured 14 gold, 19 silver and seven bronze medals in the sports meet.—MNA

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint inspects laboratory of Food and Drug Administration in Yangon on 17 August. (News Reported)

HEALTH

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“It is learnt that GTHS courses have been conducted in Technological Universities in order to supply the demand of basic skilled workers in 22 Special Industrial Zones.

Thus, local youth can study engineering and do for a diploma or degree in Engineering in their own regions, thanks to the efforts of the State for erection of Technological University (Bhamo).

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Looking forward to positive response

Ngar Min Swe

The rain persisted, so only at 1 I am the following day, could I leave the restaurant. I saw the entrance road to Kyakchikham decorated with toddy palms.

The whole Kyakchikham was in darkness and I thought local people were enjoying a good sleep. I found no one on the main road. The entire dwellers and Kyakchikham were asleep. A grid has been set up in Khakicham, the town is hoped to get adequate power supply.

Getting home, I found my mother asleep. She had been bedridden for about five years. After having a long gaze at Mother, I laid a bamboo matting beside her bed and went to bed. I woke up late the following morning. She shared my tiredness, saying that I had been tired because I returned by motorcycle home in Kyakchikham from Kyakto. Her words of loving-kindness made tiredness go away in no time. While having a chat with my mother, there was a phone call to me from my immediate elder sister. On the phone, she invited me for lunch.

I drove to my sister’s house through the main road. Unlike at night, Kyakchikham was lively with activities under the morning sunshine. Along the main road were many fine houses with lovely cars. Kyakchikham has about 25 luxurious licensed cars although such a luxury car is priced at about 100 million kyats. Kyakchikham has changed a lot if compared with a couple of decades ago. Previously, Kyakchikham did not see any such luxurious houses and cars. All vehicles local people had at that time were only about 10 motorcycles. Now, the whole town is hustle with Honda cycles.

I must begin my heart’s content in my sister’s house, and then I proceeded to Kya Kyet jetty where the crawlers were moored. In the past, the alleys were earthen ones in the town. It was under dust layers in summer, the streets were muddy in the rainy season. Now, the streets have been upgraded to tarred ones. The bamboo matting houses along the road to Kya Kyet jetty have been replaced with fine ones. Kya Kyet jetty was found boisterous with trade activities of fish purchasing centres. I visited the fish purchasing centre of my cousin U Khin Win. He conducted me round the centre. I was pleased to see that fish merchants were getting on with their businesses as evidenced by fine residences and luxurious automobiles due to the fact that saltwater fish has foreign markets. U Khin Win was born in Ye Hla Village near Kyakchikham. About 20 years ago, he went through tough times, as a woodcutter. Now, he has become rich, fishing and farming rubber in an honest way. In Kyakchikham, the majority of rich men like U Khin Win used to be odd-job earners.

I left Kyakchikham jetty for the Yayle Pagoda. There, I met Chairman U Thein Win and Secretary U Aung Than of the pagoda board of trustees. I said, “Gentlemen, I have just had sightseeing on the hill, and I have to leave the restaurant. Kyakchikham has developed a lot in a couple of decades. It is even more convenient for me to phone here than in Yangon with CDMA phone I brought from Yangon.” U Thein Win said, “About 20 years ago, local people did not have access to even manual phone, let alone auto phone and CDMA phone. Now, Kyaiktho has over 50 auto phones in proportion to its population. It also has about 50 CDMA mobile phones.

I noticed many more religious buildings on the pagoda hill. U Thein Win said that they had built a two-storey hostel, two one-storey hostels and a fine guesthouse on the hill for the comfort and convenience of the pilgrims, and that could accommodate about 1000 pilgrims. The Kyakchikham Yayle Pagoda is situated in the sea, but people can visit it safely due to the sky road to it. After paying reverence to the pagoda, I went to Shu Khin Hanba and sat down on a brick bench. I thought about our town and country, enjoying the natural beauty of the sea with coral reefs.

Kyakchikham has developed leaps and bounds if compared with that about two decades ago, and so have townships and villages throughout the nation. No one can deny that the whole nation has developed to a certain degree owing to the combined efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. If the country had not come under economic sanctions imposed by the West Bloc, the nation would have developed many more times that at present.

The waters in front of the town are a large area. Myanmar has an over 1500 miles long coast. National traders can do overseas trade through the sea. Fish and prawn are plentiful in the Myanmar waters. The water from the sea is an inexhaustible source to produce salt on a commercial scale. The nation produces oil, gas and pearl a vast scale from the sea. Myanmar is gifted with resource-rich forests, fertile soil, mines, precious stones, fish, prawn and electric power sources. So, Myanmar should have been a developed country.

The nation lacked stability and peace for 40 years from 1948 to 1988 as a result of political conflicts and racism. Therefore, Myanmar was once a least developed country, which is very discouraging. Since 1988, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been rebuilding the nation, taking lessons from the past. In that regard, they gave first priority to stability and community peace. Then, they tried to utmost to help the motherland rise from the state of being a least developed country.

Although the government, the people and the Tatmadaw were working hard in concert for stability, peace and development of the nation, anti-government groups made demands that the government hand over power to them. The nation can be out of control if power is handed over to them in the absence of an enduring constitution. Then that can be followed by national disunity and collapse of the Union. Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty serves as the lifeblood of the nation. Therefore, the Tatmadaw government adheres to the lifeblood of Myanmar. Anti-government groups’ one-side demands were not fulfilled. It is very stupid of anti-government groups to ask the countries of the West Bloc to impose economic sanctions against their mother country. Those countries compiled with their requests.

The groups concerned have to decide whether they will keep on disrupting the approved constitution and nation-building tasks or to work in cooperation with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw respecting the constitution.
Vocational training courses in border areas conclude

YANGON, 19 Aug — Vocational courses of the vocational training schools of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs concluded on 14 August. Three vocational training courses of the vocational training school for women in Kengtung, Shan State (East) concluded with an address by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo. A total of 49 trainees received vocational skills during the training courses.

School Health Week launched in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — A ceremony to launch the Bago Division School Health Week was held in conjunction with the prize presentation for the outstanding school at the hall in Bago on 14 August morning. After delivering an address, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min presented prizes to the model award-winning schools.

Mines Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Chief Economist Dr. Du Zhigang of State Grid Corporation, Board Chairman Professor Mr. Wang Jinian of the People’s Republic of China at his office here this morning.

Executive Committee of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyon to be reorganized

YANGON, 21 Aug — The executive committee of Myanmar Motion Picture Association will be re-organized at No. 50, the studio of feature film (Motion Picture Promotion) of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise on Shwetaunggya road. The Asiyon has invited its members to attend the ceremony without fail.

The schedules for selection items, time and days are as follows:
1. Play and movie background musicians group at 9 am on 3 September.
2. Mechanical group at noon on 3 September.
3. Editing group at 3 pm on 3 September.
4. Video group at 9 am on 4 September.
5. Story and play script group at noon on 4 September.
6. Film director group at 3 pm on 4 September.
7. Actor and actress group at 9 am on 5 September.
8. Management, distribution and show group at 1 pm on 5 September.
9. Producers group at 9 am on 6 September.
10. Supporting actor and actress group at 1 pm on 6 September.

Looking forward to positive...

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The economic sanctions have strong negative effects both on the nation and on the people. Many of the foreign entrepreneurs have withdrawn their investments from Myanmar, thus destroying a large number of job opportunities and harming good opportunities for economic growth. In spite of economic sanctions, the country has risen from a least developed nation to a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the new constitution. Now, Myanmar has seen an enduring constitution. So, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will keep on working together to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the new constitution. The groups concerned have to decide whether they will keep on disrupting the approved constitution and nation-building tasks or to work in cooperation with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw respecting the constitution. With the forgive and forget sentiment, the people are looking forward to loving-kindness from anti-government groups.

Translation: MS
Yangon Port facilitates swift commodity flow and better transport

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Near Wardan Pontoon Jetty-3, there is a concrete driveway bridge—a structure enabling vehicles weighed up to three tons run up from Z-craft to jetty directly and vice versa, considering swift commodity flow and smooth transportation for passengers.

Lanthit Pontoon Jetty also seemed to be alive with passengers disembarking in a hurry and dockers working in a rush.

Likewise, cargo vessels and passenger vessels were docking at Shwetaung Pontoon Jetty-2 of Yangon Port and private-owned vessels could be seen docking at Lanmadaw Pontoon Jetties-1 and 2.

A double-decker ferry named Nay Lin Tun from Delta Region was docking at Sinh-oh-dan Pontoon Jetty when we arrived there.

Afterwards, we proceeded to Botahtaung Jetty where we saw loading and unloading of commodities from and onto vessels at Botahtaung Pontoon Jetties No. 3, 4, 5, and 6. A vessel from Bogale was docking at Botahtaung Pontoon Jetty No. 5 and was a vessel fully loaded with rice.

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The view of a ferry docking at Lanthit Pontoon Jetty of Yangon Port.
Indian navy aircraft crashes, pilot killed

NEW DELHI, 21 Aug — A fighter aircraft of the Indian Navy Friday crashed in the Arabian Sea off the coast of the western state of Goa, in which the solo pilot was killed, a senior Indian Defense Ministry official said.

“The Indian Navy’s single-seater Sea Harrier aircraft crashed at around noon when it was on a routine sortie over the Arabian Sea. The pilot failed to eject from the plane when it crashed. The pilot has been identified as Lieutenant Commander Saurav Saxena,” the official said, on condition of anonymity. Efforts are on to retrieve the remains of the fighter jet, he said.

The Indian Navy air arm consists of Sea Harrier jets that operate from the aircraft carrier INS Virat and from INS Jalashwa.

Recently, the Harriers were modernized for Beyond Visual Range missile capability.—Xinhua

Indonesia needs $142.9b infrastructure investments in 2010-2014

JAKARTA, 21 Aug — Indonesia will need infrastructure investments worth 1.429 trillion rupiah (about 142.9 billion US dollars) or 3 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) in 2010-214 to support economic growth of 5-7 percent per year, a minister said here on Thursday.

“The government needs to promote improvement in investment climate involving private sector to accelerate infrastructure availability based on health business principles,” Minister for National Development Planning Paskah Suzetta said. That’s why, he said, the government has conducted various reforms to attract domestic and international private sector to invest in the country’s infrastructure.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore opens biennial Art Exhibition 2009

SINGAPORE, 21 Aug — The biennial Singapore Art Exhibition opened on Friday, featuring a diverse range of artworks.

This year’s exhibition has been themed “Art Buffet,” local TV broadcaster Channel News Asia reported, saying that the theme is set to guide the artists.

A spread of 12 subject matters was given to the artists to choose from. The subjects are food, material, ritual, spectrum, signs, gestures, craft, body, time, space, order and humor.

The Singapore Art Exhibition 2009 features visual arts of all forms and some also allows visitors to get interactive with it.

Besides featuring local artists, there are also artists hailing from diverse countries such as Malaysia, the United States and even Iran.

One of the artworks will be awarded the Singapore Art Exhibition Prize, a 50,000 Singapore dollars (34,965 U.S. dollars) grant for the winner to develop more works.—INTERNET

Photo taken on 21Aug., 2009 shows the Liberian-registered tanker which collided with a cargo ship in the Strait of Malacca outside Port Dickson in Negri Sembilan of Malaysia.—Xinhua

Mercury-tainted fish found widely in US streams

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug— Scientists have detected mercury contamination in every one of hundreds of fish sampled from 291 freshwater streams, according to a US government study released on Wednesday.

More than a quarter of those fish contained concentrations of mercury exceeding levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency for the protection of people who eat average amounts of fish, the US Geological Survey report said.

More than two-thirds exceeded the EPA-set level of concern for fish-eating mammals. “This study shows just how widespread mercury pollution has become in our air, watersheds, and many of our fish in freshwater streams,” Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a statement. The USGS is part of the Interior Department.

The neurotoxin enters the environment chiefly as an air pollutant spewed into the atmosphere by industrial emissions, then falls back to the surface in precipitation and particulate matter carried over long distances. The main source of atmospheric mercury, according to the EPA, is coal-fired power plants.

Some of the highest levels of mercury in the latest study were found in the coastal “blackwater” streams of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana—relatively undeveloped areas marked by abundant pine forests and wooded wetlands.

A visitor stands beside art pieces by Frank Tordjmann titled “Le Violon Bleu” (R) and Violoncelle Sable Rouge during a three-day-long ‘India Art Summit 2009’ in New Delhi on 21 Aug., 2009. The summit consists of 54 top galleries from around the world, according to a media release. INTERNET

A Chinese border policeman looks on as a brigade of 36 French tourist vehicles prepare to cross the border rolling into Erenhot City in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 21 Aug., 2009.—INTERNET

Chinese railway workers install power-transmission cables on supporting poles at the Yangtse River Bridge section of the Beijing-Kowloon Railway near Jiujiang city in east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 21 Aug, 2009. The speed of the Beijing-Kowloon Railway will increase to 200km from the present 160km per hour after it is electrized.—Xinhua

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US drone strike kills 12 in Pakistan

MIRANSHAH, 21 Aug.—A suspected US drone fired two missiles into Pakistan’s North Waziristan region on the Afghan border on Friday, killing at least a dozen people, Pakistani intelligence agency officials said.

The strike on Darpa Kheil village, about two kilometres (one mile) from North Waziristan’s main town of Miranshah, was the third such attack by a CIA-operated drone aircraft in Pakistan’s Pashtun tribal areas this month.

Pakistani and US officials believe Pakistani Taleban chief Baitullah Mehsud was killed in a similar strike in tribal areas this month.

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

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

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Number of US women drunken drivers sharply increases

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—The number of woman drunken drivers has increased almost 30 percent in the past 10 years in the United States, said the government on Wednesday.

According to the Transportation Department, from 1998 to 2007, the number of women arrested for Driving Under Influence has increased from 126,000 to 162,493.

During the same period, the number of men arrested on the same charge fell 7.5 percent from 676,911 to 626,371, it said.

The statistics were released after a woman drove the wrong way on a road in New York state last month, and slammed into another vehicle, killing eight people including herself. An autopsy found the woman driver had a 0.19 blood-alcohol, much higher than the 0.08-percent legal limit, when she was driving.

The Transportation Department, along with other authorities, is kicking off an anti-drunk driving campaign that will run from 12 August through 7 September. A total of 11,000 police departments and law enforcement agencies were expected to take part in the nationwide campaign.—MNA/Xinhua

11 “Arctic Sea” crew members return to Moscow

MOSCOW, 21 Aug—Eleven crew members of the hijacked freighter Arctic Sea, believed to be missing for over two weeks, arrived in Moscow on Thursday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

The other four crew members, led by the captain, remain on duty aboard the ship, the ministry said in a statement.

Investigators and suspected hijackers, together with the crew members, arrived at the Chkalovsky military airport outside Moscow in three B-76 military planes from the Cape Verde islands; the Interfax news agency reported. —MNA/Xinhua

Thai pregnant woman dies of A/H1N1

BANGKOK, 21 Aug.—A Thai pregnant woman died on early Thursday morning due to the A/H1N1 influenza, while her fetus is safe, a senior doctor said.

The woman, 26, had been admitted at Maharaj Hospital in the city of a northeastern province of Nakhon-raj-sri-ma for about three weeks. Doctor Weerasak Kiat-pa-doong-gul, deputy director of the hospital, said, Thai language news agency Thai Rath Online reported.

She died of lung infection, respiratory system’s failure and renal failure as she is confirmed of having been infected with the new virus, the doctor said.

However, a medical team successfully rescued her fetus through a caesarean section, doctor Weerasak said. It is a baby girl, with a 1,400-gramme weight, as now she is in an incubator and she is free from the A/H1N1 influenza disease, the doctor said. On Wednesday, Thailand’s Public Health Ministry announced on 14 more deaths due to the A/H1N1 influenza infections, bringing the country’s death toll to 111. Thailand had its first two confirmed patients on 12 May. — MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lankan Army pushes for mine clearance

COLOMBO, 21 Aug—Sri Lanka’s Army fresh from its military successes against the Tamil Tigers have now set its sights on getting the former battle field rid of its land mines.

Lieutenant General Jagath Jayasuriya the Army Commander said “I have assigned 400 troops from the engineering corps to do mine clearance”.

He said the Army did not have numbers for land mines that remain to be cleared from the former strongholds of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels.

“We need to train more troops for mine clearance activity”, said Jayasuriya. Jayasuriya said the completing of the demining process was important in the task of resettling the conflict displaced civilians. Nearly 300,000 displaced are housed in government run welfare camps in the northern Jaffna and Vavuniya districts. —MNA/Xinhua
Study reveals insight into life on Earth

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—A NASA-funded study suggests humans might not exist today if not for the ancient fusing of two microscopic, single-celled organisms called prokaryotes.

Biologist James Lake of the UCLA Center for Astrobiology compared proteins present in more than 3,000 different prokaryotes—a type of single-celled organism without a nucleus—and discovered two major classes of relatively simple microbes fused together more than 2.5 billion years ago. That endosymbiosis, or merging of two cells, he said, enabled the evolution of a highly stable and successful organism with the capacity to use energy from sunlight via photosynthesis.

Further evolution led to photosynthetic organisms producing oxygen as a byproduct and the resulting oxygenation of Earth’s atmosphere profoundly affected the evolution of life, leading to more complex organisms that consumed oxygen, which were the ancestors of modern oxygen-breathing creatures, including humans. “Higher life would not have happened without this event,” Lake said. “These are very important organisms. At the time these two early prokaryotes were evolving, there was no oxygen in the Earth’s atmosphere. Humans could not live. No oxygen-breathing organisms could live.”—Internet

Ancient Chinese herbs may help heart

HOUSTON, 20 Aug—Ancient Chinese herbal formulas for heart disease may produce large amounts of artery-widening nitric oxide. US researchers said Researchers at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston said nitric oxide is crucial to the cardiovascular system because it signals the inner walls of blood vessels to relax—facilitating the flow of blood through the heart and circulatory system.

Senior author Nathan S Bryan said the study reveals that ancient Chinese herbal formulas “have profound nitric oxide bioactivity primarily through the enhancement of nitric oxide in the inner walls of blood vessels, but also through their ability to convert nitrite into nitric oxide.” Researchers performed laboratory tests on DanShen, GuaLou and other herbs purchased at a Houston store to assess their ability to produce nitric oxide. Ancient Chinese herbal formulas used primarily for cardiovascular indications are made up of three to 25 herbs—used as tablets, elixirs, soups and teas.—Internet

US scientists develop targeted cancer treatment using nanomaterials

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—US Scientists have developed a way to targeted brain cancer cells using inorganic titanium dioxide nanoparticles bonded to soft biological material, the US Department of Energy’s Argonne National Laboratory said on Wednesday. Thousands of people die from malignant brain tumors every year, and the tumors are resistant to conventional therapies. This nano-bio technology may eventually provide an alternative form of therapy that targets only cancer cells and does not affect normal living tissue. “It is a real example of how nano and biological interfacing can be used for biomedical application,” said scientist Elena Rozhkova with Argonne’s Center for Nanoscale Materials. “We chose brain cancer because of its difficulty in treatment and its unique receptors.” “The significance of this work lies in our ability to effectively target nano particles to specific cell surface receptors expressed on brain cancer cells,” said Dr Maciej S Lesniak, Director of Neurosurgical Oncology at University of Chicago Brain Tumor Center. He said, “In so doing, we have overcome a major limitation involving the application of nanoparticles in medicine. We are no win a position to develop this exciting technology in preclinical models of brain tumors, with the hope of one day employing this new technology in patients.”—Internet

Latin American countries report more A/H1N1 flu deaths

MEXICO CITY, 21 Aug—Five Latin American countries reported on Thursday more infections and deaths of A/H1N1 flu, the country’s first cases of the flu which has swept many parts of the world since it broke out in Mexico in April this year.

New Zika reported on Thursday that health and child welfare minister Henry Madzorera told a press conference that the five, all pupils at Hillcrest Primary School, tested positive for the flu early this month. “Samples were also forwarded for confirmatory tests to South Africa from results we have just received, all five came back positive,” he said.

Madzorera said following the outbreak, the government is activating the concrete preparedness and response plan it has developed to deal with the pandemic.—Xinhua

Neuroticism linked to smoking

WEST LAFAYETTE, 20 Aug—A person with high neuroticism is likely to experience anxiety or depression and may self-medicate with tobacco, alcohol or drugs, US researchers suggest Daniel K McRoeck of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind, says chronic worrying, anxiety and being prone to depression are key aspects of the personality trait of neuroticism. McRoeck, Avron Spira III and Nicholas A. Turiano analyzed data of 1,788 men and their smoking behavior and personality traits over a 30-year period from 1975-2005. The data were part of the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Nominative Aging Study, a long-term study of aging men based at the Boston VA Outpatient Clinic.—Internet

Life in the roar (or is it a yawn): The lion on the left lost a battle with a buffalo.

XINHUA
Villa suffer shock Austrian defeat

PARIS, 21 Aug — Aston Villa have work to do in the Europa League after losing their playoff first leg on Thursday away to Austria’s Rapid Vienna 1-0.

The Austrians caught Villa cold as Nikica Jelavic netted the only goal in the opening minute to floor the English Premier League side, who began their league campaign last week with a surprising home loss to Wigan.

Villa coach Martin O’Neill shrugged off the defeat.

“We knew this was going to be exceptionally difficult - so will the return tie - but we are going to try to win,” said O’Neill, a European Cup winner with Nottingham Forest.

“Of course we can overturn it. It was never going to be an easy match but this time next week we will be fitter again.”

Another top flight English side, Everton, had a much easier time of it as they swamped Czech club Sigma Olomouc 4-0 in their first game of the Europa League, a revamped version of the UEFA Cup.

Tokyo says 17 sponsors backing 2016 Olympic bid

Tokyo, 21 Aug — Tokyo now has 17 Japanese companies serving as official sponsors for the city’s bid to host the 2016 Olympics, organizers said on Thursday.

The sponsors include sports apparel companies Asics and Descente, beer maker Asahi, toymaker Bandai, commercial carriers Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways, Internet giant Yahoo Japan, and parcel service Yamato Transport.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has set aside a $4 billion fund for the Olympic games, while major business lobbies Japan Business Federation and To-kyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry have offered to provide overall support, the organizers said.

Aston Villa's manager Martin O'Neill.

Deco confident Chelsea career on the up

LONDON, 21 Aug — Chelsea midfielder Deco insists his decision to stay at the Premier League club despite enduring the worst season of his life will pay off this year.

Deco struggled to adapt to English football last season after joining from Barcelona as a series of injuries stopped the Portugal playmaker from finding his rhythm.

He could have cut his losses in the close-season as several clubs, including Inter Milan, were keen to sign him, but he opted to stay and is already showing signs of a significant improve-

Playing behind just the strikers in Tuesday’s match at Sunderland, Deco scored a superb goal and was Chelsea’s most influential performer.

Liverpool agree deal to sign Kyrgiakos

LIVERPOOL, 21 Aug — Liverpool have agreed a deal with AEK Athens to sign Greek centre-back Sotirios Kyrgiakos subject to a medical.

Kyrgiakos is expected to arrive on Merseyside before the weekend to complete his switch to Rafa Benitez’s team.

Benitez moved for the 30-year-old Greece interna-
tional after Martin Skar- tul suffered a jaw in-
jury at Totten-ham on Sun-

day that saw him join fel-

low centre-back Daniel Agger on the sidelines.

Benitez had wanted to sign Hull defender Michael Turner but was told he only had two mil-

lion pounds (2.3 million euros) to spend, leading to the move for former Rang-

ers star Kyrgiakos, who is believed to have cost 1.5 million pounds (1.7 mil-

lion euros).—Internet

Japan calls up Catania striker Morimoto

Tokyo, 21 Aug — Japan coach Takeshi Okada plans to call up emerging Catania striker Takayuki Morimoto for his first in-

ternational cap to beef up the Blue Samurai’s peri-


nally feeble firepower.

Okada described the 21-year-old as powerful and “strong in front of goal” Thursday as he out-
lined his likely squad for friendlies in the Nether-

lands next month.

Japan will play the hosts — ranked third in the world behind Brazil and Spain — in Enschede on September 5 and

Brandt Snedeker watches his tee shot on the 11th hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship PGA golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, NC.

Japan coach Takeshi Okada plans to call up emerging Catania striker Takayuki Morimoto. Internet

EXHIBITION

Aston Villa of the US waves to fans after her win over Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine at the Rogers Cup tennis tourna-
ment in Toronto on 20 Aug. 2009.

INTERNET

Liverpool say to call up Catania striker Morimoto.
**US life span hit new record at 77.9 years**

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—The US life span has hit a new record at 77.9 years, up from 77.7 in 2006, representing a continuing increase in life expectancy, up from 77.7 in 2006,据疾病控制与预防中心周三表示。

"The 2007 death rates per 1,000 live births, it said. and 2,269 fewer than in 2006, were statistically unchanged at 6.77 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, it also found."

According to the statistics, men and women both gained longer life expectancy, but women still can live averagely five more years than men.

The statistics also showed that 2,423,995 people died in the US in 2007, 2,269 fewer than in 2006, most of whom died of heart disease or cancer, accounting for 48.5 percent of all deaths in the year 2007. 

Infant mortality rates were statistically unchanged at 6.77 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, it also found. "Khunthanabon Beautiful Prince Dance"

"Beach Souvenir Sea Shell Decorations"

"Myanmar Modern Song "Pan Dwae Na' Wai"

"Precious Myanmar Lacquerware"

"Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights"

"Europe/ North America Transmission" 

"Signature Tune"

"Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights"

"Boost Crop Production for agricultural development"

"Mouunn Maywae"

"Traditional Banana Shrine Art"

"Culture Stage — "Love and His Dignity"

"Myanmar’s Medicinal Orchid"

"Myanmar Modern Song "Across the Ayeyawady"

"Nipa Palm Forest"

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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas**

**WEATHER**

Friday, 21st August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Aviation) (2.40) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyimna) (0.25) inch, Hikamti (4.10) inches, Thandwe (1.89) inches, Kawkaik (1.77) inches, Sittway (1.73) inches and Maungtaw (1.58) inches. Maximum temperature on 20-8-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 21-8-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-8-2009 was 85%. Total Sun shine hours on 20-8-2009 was 3.9 hours approx. Rainfall on 21-8-2009 was: At Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (81.30) inches at Mingaladon, (92.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5)mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 20-8-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 22 Aug 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah and Mon States, lower Saging, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent twoday: Continuation of weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Outlook For Forth Weekend of August 2009:During the coming weekend, rain of thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Yangon Port facilitates swift commodity flow and better transport

Yangon port plays an important role in inland water transportation and is of large amount in use. There is a constant movement of domestic and overseas vessels every day.

Only with pontoon jetties being in their good condition, would cargo and passenger vessels be able to dock at Yangon Port in convenience. Thus, personnel concerned are doing daily maintenance works for keeping them in good condition.

There is a total of 43 pontoon jetties in Yangon Port and some jetties damaged in the Cyclone Nargis had been repaired and some reconstructed.

We saw departing, docking, loading and unloading of private-owned vessels and vessels of Inland Water Transport at Wardan Pontoon jetties-1, 2, 3 and 4.

Cargo vessels and passenger vessels from Mawlamyinegyun, Pyapon and Myaungmya of Delta Region were docking at Wardan Pontoon Jetty-3. The pontoon jetty was kept busy loading and unloading of bags of rice and other commodities. It is learnt that various commodities weighing thousands of tons arrive in Yangon through waterway daily.

(See page 10)