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**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments 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
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Developing Budalin Township of Sagaing Division**

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Photo shows thriving Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation in Budalin Township.

Upon arrival at the entrance to Budalin recently, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily saw the equestrian statue of Maha Bandoola that brings honour to the town.

Located on the east bank of Chindwin River, Budalin is sharing border with Dabayin Township in the north, Ayadaw Township in the east, Monywa Township in the south and Yinmabin and Kani townships in the west.

Budalin of Sagaing Division is situated at an altitude of 1449 feet at the highest area and 300-400 feet at the lowest area. The township has an area of 265,243 square miles and it is formed with three wards and 188 villages of 54 village-tracts.

Under the arrangements of Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Lwin, accompanied by Executive Officer U Soe Win of Township Development Affairs Committee and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Aung Win, we went to the tributary (See page 7)
Produce new export items extensively

The government is extensively engaged in reclamation of fallow land and growing quality strain crops to meet the food, clothing and shelter needs of the growing population.

For the development of the agricultural sector, it places special emphasis on full utilization of land and water resources, boosting the per acre yield of crops, extensive use of machinery and application of agricultural methods and quality strain crops.

Applying various ways and means, the government is extending the sown acreage of crops.

As cultivation of Noni is now meeting with success, efforts should be made for the growing of Noni on a commercial scale. A total of 290 Noni saplings can be grown on one acre, thus producing about 69,600 pounds of Noni. Fifty per cent of juice can be extracted from Noni fruits, and nine pounds of the juice is equivalent to one gallon. One litre of Noni juice can fetch US$ 6.

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CPT Deputy Minister performs regional development tasks in Magway Div

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug.—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Maj-Gen Thein Tun visited Auto-Exchange of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone in Magway Division on 19 August and fulfilled the requirements.

The deputy minister then went to Radio Station No (1) in Yenangyoung and inspected the control room. On 20 August, the deputy minister delivered an address in meeting with personnel of Auto-Exchange in Aunglan.

At the town hall in Aunglan, the deputy minister met with local people and departmental officials and called for timely completion of regional development undertakings.

Next, the deputy minister presented a computer set for Basic Education High School in Aunglan and K 1 million for the People’s Hospital through officials.

At Thayet Auto-Exchange, the deputy minister met with service personnel, and held discussions on regional development tasks with local people and departmental officials at town hall. The deputy minister donated a copier for BEHS in Thayet and oxygenation device for People’s Hospital.

On 21 August, the deputy minister visited Auto-Exchange in Pyay.

Prizes awarded to winners in Martial Arts Competition

YANGON, 22 Aug.—The final matches of the 7th Inter-State/Divisional Martial Arts Competition took place at Aung San Gymnasium, here, this morning.

On behalf of the Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports, MOC General Secretary Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented all-round championship shield and duplicate shields to Yangon Division cup winning team, championship shield for skill demonstration to Shan State (South) team and the first prize in the MOC Chairman’s Cup to Ministry of Defence (B) team.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Sports, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of the Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation and fans.—MNA

Fully Automated Total Laboratory Automation System in Yangon GI & Liver Centre opened

YANGON, 22 Aug.—Fully Automated Total Laboratory Automation System in Yangon GI & Liver Centre (30th Street Clinic).—MNA

The fully automated total laboratory automation system is opened at a ceremony at Traders Hotel here at 2 pm today.

Chairman of the GI & Liver Centre Professor Dr Khin Maung Win and Mr Liew Lee Min from Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics extended greetings.

U Nay Min Myo Thein, director of Lion Myanmar Co. presented matters related to Fully Automated Total Laboratory Automation System and Dr Thein Tun, executive director of Yangon GI & Liver Centre, “Upgrading of the Clinical Laboratory Services”.

The GI & Liver Centre was opened at 30th Street in Pabedan Township here at 4.30 pm today.

The advanced clinic can make 140 different tests. It is the first clinic to use such modern equipment at No (191/193), 30th Street in Pabedan Township.—MNA

Tax-free markets inspected

YANGON, 22 Aug.—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa this morning inspected shops at tax-free markets in Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya and Kamayut townships.

He cordially greeted the buyers at the markets and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The vice-mayor and officials inspected maintenance of the road at Bayintnaung Ka/6th Street in Insein Township.—MNA
Major tembolk jolts Indonesia’s West Sumatra

JAKARTA, 22 Aug — Aftershock quakes measuring 5.0 and 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted the Sipura Mantawati region in Indonesia’s West Sumatra Provence at midnight and 1:48 am local time on Saturday morning, the Antara news agency reported on Saturday. The local meteorology and geophysics agency (BMG) said the quake’s epicenter was located at 1.53 degrees southern latitude and 99.81 degrees eastern longitude at a depth of 10 km under the sea level.

On Thursday, 20 Aug, three earthquakes also rocked West Sumatra and North Sulawesi. The initial earthquake, measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale, rocked West Sumatra at 12.25 pm. Its epicenter was located 1.42 degrees southern latitude and 99.96 degrees eastern longitude at a depth of 39 km under the sea surface, 67 kilometers southwest of the province’s capital city of Padang.— Internet

Explosion kills four Afghan police in north

KABUL, 22 Aug — An explosion carried out by Taleban militants in Baghlan Province in the north of Afghanistan on Saturday left four policemen dead and two others injured, a local official said.

“Anti-government militants organized a roadside bomb in Baghlan-e-Markazi area this morning leaving four police dead and injured two others. All the dead bodies and injured men have been taken to hospital,” director of hospital in the area Khalil Narmgoi told Xinhua.

Meantime, Taleban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack and in talks with media from undisclosed location via telephone said seven police were killed in blast.— Xinhua

Car bombing in northern Iraq kills four soldiers

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug — Four soldiers were killed and two others injured in a car bomb attack on Friday night in northern Iraq, a police source said. A car bomb targeting a police patrol in the car exploded on the way between towns of Zumar and Rabiaa, northwest of Mosul, all casualties were soldiers, the police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The police car was totally damaged. The two wounded were immediately sent to a local hospital, the source added. Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, is said to be one of the last strongholds of al-Qaeda militants in the war-torn country. Security forces intensified security measures after the series of deadly bombings in central Baghdad Wednesday targeting Iraqi ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs, killing 95 and wounding 563 people, the most fatal in 18 months.

Despite a security upgrade, a bicycle bomb hit the commercial area of Hafiz al-Quzi at the al-Rasheed street in central Baghdad Thursday, killing two people and wounding eight others, a police source told Xinhua. An apparent attack resurge fears that more violence would follow this week’s deadly strikes in the Iraqi capital, casting shadow and uncertainty on the fragile security situation in the war-torn state.— Xinhua

Terror group responsible for Wednesday’s attacks in Baghdad arrested

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug — A terror group responsible for Wednesday’s deadly attacks against Iraqi ministries in Baghdad was arrested, Baghdad Operation Command said.

Major general Qassim Atta, spokesman of the Baghdad Operation Command said at Iraqia TV that, after several hours of raid, they have arrested a terrorist group responsible for the truck attacks against Iraq Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Wednesday, which has claimed casualties nearly 1,300 people.

Atta said, the terror group was linked to the former Ba’ath party, and they planned and carried out the two deadly attacks. He didn’t say how many were arrested, but confirmed that the group under arrest would be shown on TV in a few hours.

Qassim Atta said that casualties of Wednesday’s attacks had increased to 87 killed and 1,203 people wounded, most of whom had already recovered from hospitals, only more than 100 injured were still under treatment.

Interior Ministry sources previously told Xinhua, on condition of anonymity that the blasts killed 95 people and wounded 563 others. Atta also confirmed that the first suicide truck bomber which drove to the Ministry of Finance carried 1.5 tons explosives, and the other, against the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, carried 2 tons of explosives.

Interior Ministry has yet to release the number of casualties of government officials from the blasts, but a Foreign Ministry staff told Xinhua anonymously that at least 25 were killed and 100 wounded in the ministry.— Xinhua

Panama reaffirms its withdrawal from Central American Parliament

PANAMA CITY, 22 Aug — Panama’s Foreign Minister Juan Carlos Varela reaffirmed Friday his country’s decision to withdraw from the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN) and asked other member countries to respect it.

“Panama’s decision is a taken decision, we began the process in a formal and respectful way of the diplomatic practice,” Varela told the press. “We will not question the sovereign decision by the Panamanian people,” Varela said.— Xinhua

5.6-magnitude earthquake hits NZ’s N Island

WELLINGTON, 22 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale struck off Te Araroa, on the tip of New Zealand North Island’s East Cape on Saturday morning.

The quake hit at 05:24 a.m. local time (17:24 GMT Friday) and was centered 200 km northeast of Te Araroa at a depth of 140 km, New Zealand’s Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science reported.— Xinhua
Argentina, Chile to speed up trans-Andean railway plan

BUENOS AIRES, 22 Aug—Argentina and Chile announced the creation of a permanent commission to advance the Central Trans-Andean Railway project, Argentine Transport Ministry said on Friday.

After meeting in Santiago, the capital of Chile, Argentine Transport Minister Juan Pablo Schiavo and Chilean Public Works Minister Sergio Bitar agreed to include the initiative in a bilateral agreement to be ratified by Argentine President Cristina Fernandez and her Chilean counterpart Michelle Bachelet in October.

Both ministers also agreed to create a permanent commission to speed up negotiations between the two sides on the project. The project will reduce the transport burden of the Cristo Redentor International Pass and facilitate cargo transportation between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, boosting trade exchange within the continent and with Asian markets.—Xinhua

Indonesia becomes promising market for Singaporean property

JAKARTA, 22 Aug—Indonesia becomes a promising market for Singaporean property, contributing a big share for foreign investment in the sector, the Kompas daily reported on Saturday, quoted an official.

Eindrata Tanukusuma, the general manager of property sales in the Far East Organization, the largest property developer in Singapore, said that at the peak of Singaporean booming property in 2007, Indonesian investors filled 31 percent of foreign property market in the country. That time, 27 percent of Singaporean property was bought by foreign buyers.

“We are optimistic that Indonesia still has an chance to contribute much, especially buyers from big cities like Jakarta, Bandung of West Java province, Surabaya of East Java province and Semarang of Central Java province,” said Tanukusuma in Semarang on Friday. He said that the trend was initiated by growing people who chose Singapore to look for qualified education and health services.

He also said that in average foreign buyers filled 13 percent of Singapore an property, the second largest after Malaysia. “At least Indonesia had once dominated foreign purchasing in Singapore. We hope that Indonesian buyer percentage could return to 2007 level,” said Tanukusuma.—Xinhua

GM board to review final bids for Opel

CHICAGO, 22 Aug—US automaker General Motors Co. is expected to review final bids for its Opel subsidiary on Friday amid mounting pressure from Germany to accept an offer from Magna International Inc. According to a Detroit News report, the German government would provide 6.4 billion US dollars in loans to Adam Opel GmbH, if GM selected the bid from a Magna-led consortium.

Magna, a Canadian supplier, proposes to acquire 27.5 percent of Opel, with Russia’s Sberbank taking an equal stake. GM would keep 35 percent, and Opel employees would get 10 percent. Magna recently revised its bid to allay GM’s concerns about the risk of intellectual property losses, notably to Russian carmakers.

GM is entitled to select the bid, but may have little choice. As Germany’s money appears to be the only option to provide Opel with a viable future, precisely what decision GM has to make seems academic, analysts say. Opel has 25,000 employees in Germany, representing about half of GM.

Chile prepares new capital market reforms

SANTIAGO, 22 Aug—Chilean Treasury Minister Andres Velasco said Friday that the third Reform of the Capital Markets (MKII) will soon be delivered to the National Congress for approval. During a seminar, Velasco said that the reform will not bring “an earthquake” for the financial world and it won’t include “great modifications.”

According to Velasco, the reform will focus on measures to boost exports of the financial service and increase market liquidity. Velasco said he was “optimistic” of Chile’s financial system, adding that the reform will bring benefit to everyone in the country.—Xinhua

California’s unemployment rate hits record high

LOS ANGELES, 22 Aug—California, the most populous state in the United States, saw an unexpected rise in unemployment rate which reached a new high of 11.9 percent in July, according to figures released on Friday. The rise came even as the national rate declined in the same period, the US Labour Department said.

Having lost 760,000 jobs over the last year, the state lost a net 35,800 jobs last month, shedding more jobs than any other state, said the department. California is tied with Oregon for the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the nation, behind Michigan, Rhode Island and Nevada.—Xinhua
MEXICO CITY, 22 Aug—Mexican Health Minister Francisco Villalobos said on Friday. “Efficiency, the chance of getting vaccines on time and cost” are the factors to be considered in the purchase. Cordoba told Mexican media, adding that Chinese-made vaccines are likely to be cheaper than those made in the United States.

Cordoba, who was in the Chinese capital of Beijing attending an international conference on A/H1N1 flu that would end on Sunday, said that another possibility is to send Mexican scientists to China to meet with their counterparts there. He said that the government is expecting a second wave of the virus towards the end of the year.

Mexico already has 20 million doses of vaccine and hopes to have a further 10 million vaccines ready by November.

Indonesian Air Force pilots to serve in commercial flights

JAKARTA, 22 Aug—Indonesian air force pilots would be recruited to meet pilot staffing crisis at national flag carrier, PT Garuda Indonesia, as the airline firm expands its fleet, the Jakarta Globe reported here on Saturday.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the air force and Garuda Indonesia signed on Friday, the air force will provide pilots on loan as well as provide training for Garuda’s pilot and aviation engineers. The MoU was set up following the aggressive expansion plan of the airline firm to double the size of its fleet from 56 to 116 planes within the next five years.

“We need at least 100 more pilots to fly our planes,” Garuda Indonesia President Director Emirsyah Satar said on the sidelines of the MoU signing ceremony. The Garuda’s plan was following the European Union’s (EU) revocation on the flight ban against Indonesian planes from serving in EU’s territory.

The EU uplifted the ban in July after it imposed it for two years.

However, the agreement is still in its infancy as many details have yet to be settled, including restriction on military employees, who are not currently allowed to work as civilians. “We are currently waiting for the regulation issued by the Defence Ministry regarding this issue,” Indonesian Air Force Commander Air Marshall Subandrio said.

Ariane rocket launches satellites for Japan, Australia

PARIS, 22 Aug—An Ariane 5-ECA rocket has successfully launched two communications satellites for Japan and Australia at 22:08 GMT on Friday at the Arianespace launch site in Kourou, French Guiana.

The dual payload includes one satellite for Japanese telecom operator SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation and another for Australian operator Optus. Half an hour after lift-off, the two satellites left the rocket and entered their temporary orbit. They are scheduled to move into earth-synchronous orbit several days later.

A wounded Mogadishu civilian is wheeled to a hospital after fighting erupted between Islamist rebels and government forces backed by African Union (AU) peacekeepers in the war-torn capital. Somali government forces clashed with Shebab rebels in Mogadishu killing at least 16 people even as Ethiopian troops backing the government forces made a cross-border incursion, witnesses said.—INTERNET
**Australia lists Somalia’s al-Shabab as terrorists**

SYDNEY, 22 Aug — Australia’s government designated a Somali extremist group with links to al-Qaeda as a terrorist organization on Friday, just weeks after several men allegedly associated with the group were charged with planning a suicide attack on an Australian military base.

Al-Shabab, which is already listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, “has prepared, planned and carried out frequent attacks as part of its violent insurgency since the beginning of 2007,” Australian Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said in a statement announcing the designation.

The terror listing means it is illegal to be a member, provide funds or associate with the group.

Earlier this month, five men linked by police to al-Shabab were charged in an alleged plot to shoot up an Australian military base. The men — all Australian citizens with Somali and Lebanese origins — were charged with conspiring to plan a terrorist attack.

**Apple a day helps keep kidney stones away**

US researchers say a healthy diet high in fruits and vegetables helps prevent kidney stones.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, finds those who eat healthy foods recommended in the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension diet may effectively ward off kidney stones.

The DASH diet limits salt, red or processed meats and sweetened beverages, but has lots of fruits, vegetables, nuts, low-fat dairy products and whole grains.

Researchers at the Boston’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital, led by Dr Eric Taylor of Maine Medical Center in Portland, scored the diets of 45,821 men enrolled in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study; 94,108 older women the Nurses’ Health Study I; and 101,837 younger women of the Nurses’ Health Study II. A total of 5,645 incident kidney stones developed in the participants.

Participants with the highest DASH scores were 40 percent to 45 percent less likely to develop kidney stones than participants with the lowest DASH scores. The reductions in kidney stone risk were independent of age, body size, fluid intake and other factors.

**Tire of Thai plane reportedly explodes while landing**

BANGKOK, 22 Aug — Tire of a plane of Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI) exploded on Friday as it was landing at Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi International Airport, according to preliminary reports by local media.

The tire of the THAI aircraft’s TG 234, which was carrying 200 passengers, exploded while landing, the local media said.

By 14.45 pm local time, no injury was reported. — Xinhua

**Men walk away from fiery small plane crash in NJ**

TETERBORO, 22 Aug — Two men walked away from a fiery small-plane crash Friday morning and were found by emergency responders at a bus stop minutes later — alert and conscious but badly burned. The mishap occurred after the pilot of the twin-engine Beechcraft Baron aborted a landing at Teterboro Airport and crashed into a tree and sign just after 3 am.

Teterboro is the same airport where a 2005 jet crash injured 20 people and where, earlier this month, a controller and supervisor were suspended for their conduct during a deadly midair collision over the Hudson River.

In Friday’s crash, the airplane was about halfway down a runway when the pilot, George Maddox, aborted the landing, then tried to climb and come around for another try, said Robert J. Gretz, a senior investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board. The pilot never radioed a distress call and it’s not clear why he aborted the landing, Gretz said.

The plane cleared a set of power lines and traffic lights along a highway that borders the airport before hitting a tree on the other side of the roadway, breaking in half and hitting a large sign, Gretz said. The cockpit and engines wound up in a grassy field near a warehouse.

The plane was sitting upright when it caught fire, and the two men inside managed to crawl out.

A bartender waiting at a traffic light heard the crash and saw a flash of light over his shoulder, Little Ferry Police Lieutenant Frank Novak said.

The man ran to help and came upon the burning plane and two men.

**Skeleton found in 5th century church**

Archaeologists have found a skeleton in a small 5th century Christian cathedral being excavated in northeastern Syria, authorities said.

The Byzantine-era cathedral in Tal al-Hasaka is 59 feet long with a 13-foot-wide northern hall, the Kuwaiti news agency KUNA reported Saturday.

A grape squeezer and the skeleton of a human believed to have been tortured to death were found in a service area off the northern hall, Abdul-Maseeh Baghdo, the leader of the dig team, said.

Archaeologists have uncovered a floor inlaid with reddish-yellow baked clay, the stairway, steps and two intact 16-foot columns that supported a long-ago collapsed ceiling of baked clay and basalt stone, KUNA reported.

**Breastfeeding moms stage ‘nurse-in’**

Breastfeeding mothers had a “nurse-in” on Friday at a fast-food restaurant in Orlando, Fla.

The protest was inspired by a woman who said an employee at the Chick-Fil-A had told her to cover her breast and offered her a towel as she fed her baby.

Heart attack survivors who eat chocolate two or more times per week cut their risk of dying from heart disease about threefold compared to those who never touch the stuff, scientists have reported.
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The opening ceremony of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2009 of Yangon North District was held at the hall of Main Heavy Machinery Station (South) of Public Works in Insein Township yesterday.

Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Tun and officials formally opened the competitions.

Secretary of Division PDC and wife presented flower basket to the artists.

Yangon North District continued the Performing Arts Competitions today.

3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry men's football tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — The third round knockout match of the third Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament took place in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana playgrounds (Paunglaung) at 4 pm today. In the match, the Construction Ministry that stood first in the group (BB) beat the Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs that stood second in the group (DD) 1-0.

Industry-1 Ministry that stood first the group (CC) will play against Transport Ministry that stood second in the group (AA) on 24 August.

Workshop on traffic rules education held in Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — Magway Division Supervisory Committee for Traffic Rules Enforcement organized a workshop on traffic rules education at the hall of No (1) Basic Education High School in Magway on 15 August attended by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and party.

Firstly, the chairman delivered an opening address and observed educative books displayed at the hall.

The ceremony to unveil the billboard of Magway Division War Veteran Organization Conference was held in front of the town hall in Magway on 16 August. The chairman pressed the button to unveil the billboard.
Primary School in Tachileik Township gets new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—The opening of the new school building for Basic Education Primary School at Ma-an-kham village in Tachileik Township was held at the school on 15 August. It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo, senior military officers, departmental officials, social organizations, students and local people. The commander formally unveiled the signboard of the new school building.—MNA

Electric Power No.1 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min received Chief Economist Dr Du Zhigang and party of State Grid Corporation (SGCC) from People’s Republic of China at the ministry yesterday evening. Also present at the call were deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads and personnel.—MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Thailand to attend 1st ASCC Council Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Member of Central Committee for Implementation of Myanmar-ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min left for Bangkok of Thailand by air to attend the first ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council (ASCC) Meeting to be held in Bangkok from 22 to 24 August. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Secretary of the Central Committee Director-General U Sann Win of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture and Deputy Director-General U Tin Swe of ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. MNA

Building Society of MADB holds annual meeting

YANGON, 22 Aug—The annual meeting of Building Society of Myanmar Agriculture Development Bank under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at MADB (Head Office) on Pansodan Street here yesterday with an address by Managing Director U Tin Lwin. Officials concerned read out annual report, financial report and profit sharing account and new executive members were elected.—MNA

Magway Div PDC Chairman inspects cultivation of monsoon paddy in Minbu

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Zaw Shwe together with members of division cultivation supervision committee inspected ploughing of farms and winnowing of summer paddy at the monsoon paddy cultivation ceremony in Kanthagyi village of Minbu Township on 12 August. Next, the Chairman looked into Kyauksan (Mann Creek) water pumping site in Minbu Township and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Labour Minister meets Members of National Assembly of ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received Members of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea Mr Huang Woo-yea, Mr Kim Se-yeon and party accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Park Key Chong, at the hall of the Ministry of Labour, here, this morning. They cordially discussed development of job opportunity abroad and improvement of workers’ skills. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung and officials.

Mandalay Mayor inspects roadworks

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han accompanied by officials concerned inspected laying of tar on 35th Street and roadworks in Chanayetharzan Township on 13 August. The mayor heard reports on completed tasks presented by personnel in Pyigytagon Township and gave instructions.

Basic Course No. 44 for Junior Officers concludes

YANGON, 22 Aug—The concluding ceremony of Basic Course No. 44 for Junior Officers of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) was held at Parade Ground of the institute yesterday morning. Rector U Win Maung awarded best male trainees and best female trainees. The rector then spoke on the occasion and presented completion certificates to trainees.

Food & Beverages Services Refresher Course opens in PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 21 Aug — Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the opening of Food & Beverages Services Refresher Course, jointly-organized by Nann Myaing Hotel and Hotel Training School (Mandalay), was held in PyinOoLwin Station on 3 August. A total of 24 trainees from staff of hotels, motels and restaurants in PyinOoLwin and servicemen of the Station attended the two-week course.—MNA
Manager U Eiddhi Hla said, "MDMPT is providing public communication services the three sectors — postal, telegraphic and telephone services. Communication services are being provided not only in urban areas but also in rural areas, especially those with difficult access." Next, he explained services of each sector.

There are 73 post offices, 19 post offices (branch) and 57 representative offices totalling 149 in Mandalay Division. The post offices offer regular and express mail services, money order services and international parcel services. There are 31 post offices.

Mandalay Post Office offering postal services.

A signboard on Yangon-Mandalay Highway showing area where phone lines can be installed.

Mandalay Post Office offering express mail services.

Internet users at the Public Access Centre of Mandalay Division Post and Telecommunications.

Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications contributing towards rural areas

Article: Yangyi Aung
Photos: Yangyi Aung and Tin Maung (Mandalay)

MPT satellite terminals. With the nine auto exchanges, a total of 60,279 phone lines have been installed in Mandalay. The whole division has 60,279 lines. Similarly, the manual exchanges provide 720 lines and MPT satellite terminals, 388 lines.

In the mobile phone service sector, there are GSM, CDMA and cellular services. CDMA mobile stations have been established in Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Myittha and NyaungU and 98 private lines and 110 departmental lines have been installed. Through the Dial-Up Line E-mail & Internet Service, 112 departmental lines and 178 private lines totalling 290 have been installed in Mandalay.

The emergence of YadanaBop Teleport will contribute to the development of Information technology in Mandalay Division. Myanma Post and Telecommunications of Mandalay Division is providing widespread communication services that are contributing towards even rural areas.

Yamethin, Popa, Moegok and YadanaBop Teleport, installing 15,100 lines. Two cellular mobile stations each have been opened in Mandalay and Moegok with 5500 lines. So there are more than 100,000 mobile phone lines in the whole division.

For effective use of the Internet and development of information technology in Mandalay Division, Myanma Post and Telecommunications of Mandalay Division is providing widespread communication services that are contributing towards even rural areas.

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**SPORTS**

**Wigan Athletic 0-5 Manchester United**

Manager Sir Alex Ferguson had asked his side for goals and they responded in style with five in the second half at the DW Stadium.

Wayne Rooney netted twice to take his tally for the club to 101. Dimitar Berbatov scored the second, Michael Owen the fourth and Nani the fifth as United recovered strongly from their shock defeat at Burnley.

**Arsenal 4-1 Portsmouth**

LONDON, 22 Aug—Abou Diaby netted a brace as Arsenal continued their excellent start to the season with a win over Portsmouth.

Arsenal enjoyed a comfortable win against Pompey at the Emirates Stadium to continue their impressive start to the new Barclays Premier League season.

Diaby set them on their way with two first-half goals in the space of three minutes.

Yoanes Kaboul pulled one back before the break—but William Gallas and substitute Aaron Ramsey ensured a comfortable finish as the Gunners maintained their 100 per cent Barclays Premier League record.—Internet

**Paris’ Picasso Museum shuts for 2-year renovation**

Paris, 22 Aug—Paris’ Picasso Museum is closing its doors for renovations, spiriting away its masterpieces under high security to government warehouses for more than two years while seeking to expand the much-visited two years while seeking to expand the much-visited baroque mansion in Paris’ Marais district, opened in 1985, and it traces the Spanish-born artist’s prolific career. Picasso died in 1973.

Renovation of the 5,000-square-meter (32,000-square-foot) space will begin early next year.

It is expected to last two years and cost €20 million, the museum said in a statement.—Internet

**Death toll in Nigerian cholera outbreak hits 52**

KANO (Nigeria), 22 Aug—A cholera outbreak in northern Nigeria has killed 13 more people, taking the death toll to 52, the health commissioner said on Saturday.

“We recorded more cases of cholera outbreak in the state in the last five days,” Zainab Baba Kwanci told AFP of the outbreak in Adamawa state.

“In Demsa, we have recorded nine deaths while 120 people are hospitalised. In Future, we recorded four deaths and 18 hospitalised.”

On Tuesday, 39 people were reported killed by the disease in Maidha, according to local government official Yahaya Hamman-Julde.

He said “scores of people” had been hospitalised as a result of the disease, stressing that an ongoing strike by medical workers in the state was hampering efforts to assist the sick.

Jude could not pinpoint the cause of the outbreak, but recalled that a similar one in June killed 20 people in the area.

Cholera is an intestinal infection that causes serious diarrhea and vomiting leading to dehydration. With a short incubation period, it can be fatal if not treated in time.

Last September, a state of cholera outbreaks in northern Nigeria claimed almost 100 lives in Katsina, Zamfara and Bauchi states.—Internet

**Xinhua, China Telecom launch TV news channel in Shanghai**

Shanghai, 22 Aug—Subscribers in Shanghai can get multimedia news services of Xinhua with their “surfing” cell phones provided by China Telecom, said Zhang Weihua, general manager of China Telecom Shanghai Branch.

Xinhua will provide China Telecom Shanghai Branch with exclusive news about the Shanghai Expo, analysis reports and various news items, while the latter will offer telecommunications services, according to the deal.

Lu Wei, vice-president of Xinhua, attended the ceremony to launch the service. Xinhua started its video news service on March this year.

High-quality information services are needed to build Shanghai into an international financial center as well as an international shipping center, said Zhang.

State-owned China Telecom boasted 214 million fixed-line telephone subscribers, 35 million mobile phone subscribers and 47 million broadband customers at the end of 2008.—Internet

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**Sunderland 2-1 Blackburn Rovers**

LONDON, 22 Aug—Kenwyne Jones scored twice as Sunderland came from behind to beat Blackburn Rovers at the Stadium of Light.

The Trinidad and Tobago international levelled a minute before the break after being played in by Steed Malbranque.

It had been all Rovers up to that point with Gael Givet firing the visitors ahead with 21 minutes gone after Black Cats old boy El-Hadji Diouf had forced Marc Ffulop into a fine save.

Sunderland went in front on 54 minutes when Lee Cattermole broke down the left and sent in an inviting cross for Jones to power a header past Paul Robinson.—Internet

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Germany: 100 professors suspected of Ph.D. bribes

BERLIN, 22 Aug—German prosecutors are investigating about 100 professors across the country on suspicion they took bribes to help students get their doctoral degrees, authorities said Saturday.

The investigation is focused on the Institute for Scientific Consulting, based in Bergisch Gladbach, just east of Cologne, which allegedly acted as the intermediary between students and the professors, said Cologne prosecutor’s spokesman Guenther Feld.

Feld confirmed reports of the investigation in both Focus magazine and the Neue Westfaelische newspaper, but would not give further details.

The Institute for Scientific Consulting did not answer its phone Saturday.

According to the two publications, students paid between euro4,000 to euro20,000 ($5,700 to $28,500) to the company, which promised to help them get their doctorate degrees through its extensive contacts within university faculties.

The Neue Westfaelische newspaper reported that “hundreds” of students were involved, and that the company paid professors between euro2,000 to euro5,000 when their clients had successfully received their Ph.D.’s. It was not clear whether the students knew that bribes were being paid.—INTERNET

Six dead, one injured in north China gas poisoning

SHIJIAZHUANG, 22 Aug—Six workers were killed and another one was injured in a cargon monoxide poisoning case in north China’s Hebei Province, an official with the local government said on Saturday.

The accident occurred at 9:30 pm on Friday when two workers were immittig gas into the furnace at Shuanglong Metal Products Co Ltd in Nanggong City, he said.

The gas leaked from the valve of the gas pipeline, poisoning the two workers who neither wore respirators nor bought alarms with them as required by operation standards, he said.—INTERNET

Road tunnel across Yangtze through in east China

NANJING, 22 Aug—A 6,042-meter six-lane traffic tunnel under the Yangtze River in Nanjing now spans both sides of the river as of Saturday.

It is the third traffic tunnel built under the Yangtze River in Nanjing. It is the longest river in China, which lies inside the booming Yangtze River Delta.

A four-lane tunnel has been open for traffic in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province since December last year.

Another tunnel in Shanghai was built last September and is expected to be ready for traffic at the end of the year and before the city hosts the 2010 World Expo.—INTERNET

Indian actress held for violence against child

NEW DELHI, 22 Aug—In a rather appalling episode of brutality against a juvenile, Urvashi, an Indian small time TV actress, was arrested in Mumbai on Saturday for cruelly abusing a 10-year-old girl she employed as her domestic help, said police.

The actress had inhumanly punched the girl in her eyes. Her entire body turned black and blue with unignorable bruised marks. She had apparently also burnt the child’s arm mercilessly, the police sources in Maharashtra said.

The actress has now been booked under the Juvenile Justice Act and the Child Labour Act.

The victim in her statement said that the actress had brought her from Amravati in Maharashtra, after telling her parents that she will send her to school in Mumbai.

However, the actress made the girl work in her house and then abused her. The girl was locked up in the house for a week and when she finally was let out; the neighbors noticed the bruises and took her to the nearest police station.

Urvashi, who is being kept at the Amboli Police Station for now, is expected to be produced in the court later today. The girl is under the custody of the police and is awaiting the arrival of her parents.

ADB assists China in financial planning for agriculture sector

MANILA, 22 Aug—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is assisting China in reviewing government spending in the agriculture sector to further improve productivity and ensure food security.

“The grant will enhance the ability of concerned government agencies in adopting effective public expenditure policies and plans for increasing agricultural production,” said Tun Lin, natural resources economist of ADB’s East Asia Department said in a news release on Friday.

ADB will provide a 1-million US dollar grant from its Technical Assistance funding program and Climate Change Fund, while the balance of 120,000 US dollars will come from Chinese government.

The comprehensive review will test the central and local governments’ agriculture spending in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, and interagency coordination. Decision makers will then be provided with key policy recommendations and necessary resources to strengthen the agricultural sector.—INTERNET
Claims Day Notice

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOYNO (267)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOYNO (267) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: Advance Container Lines
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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WHO predicts ‘explosion’ of swine flu cases

BEIJING, 22 Aug — The global spread of swine flu will endanger more lives as it speeds up in coming months and governments must boost preparations for a swift response, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

There will soon be a period of further global spread of the virus, and most countries may see swine flu cases double every three to four days for several months until peak transmission is reached, said WHO’s Western Pacific director, Shin Young-soo.

“At a certain point, there will seem to be an explosion in case numbers,” Shin told a symposium of health officials and experts in Beijing. “It is certain there will be more cases and more deaths.”

WHO has declared the swine flu strain a pandemic, and it has killed almost 1,800 people worldwide through last week. International attention has focused on how the pandemic is progressing in southern hemisphere countries such as Australia, which are experiencing winter and their flu season.

Internet

Three Chinese tourists robbed at knifepoint in NZ

WELLINGTON, 22 Aug — Three Chinese tourists were robbed at knifepoint in New Zealand North Island’s Far North region on Friday, police said. Detective Sergeant Trevor Beaton said the tourists were assaulted on the roadside after stopping to help two Maori men aged in their 20s, at about 3:30 p.m. local time Friday (03:30 GMT Friday), Radio New Zealand reported.

He said the tourists were flagged down on a gravel road running through Te Paki Reserve, just south of Cape Reinga, by the men who claimed they were lost. The tourists were then set upon and assaulted as the men produced knives and demanded money and property. Beaton said it was a shocking incident.

“It was the worst possible thing that could have happened to them when they went out of their way to help these two men. They had come to New Zealand fully believing it was a safe place to holiday and now their holiday and impressions of our country have been shattered,” he said. So far, the police have not captured the robbers. A team of detectives has been working through the night at the scene, looking for forensic evidence and dealing with the victims.

Internet

US researchers devise wearable kidney for dialysis patients

LOS ANGELES, 22 Aug — US Researchers were testing a wearable artificial kidney for dialysis patients, which might replace dialysis machines, the American Society of Nephrology reported on Thursday.

The equipment is devised by researchers of the University of California at Los Angeles. It is essentially a miniaturized dialysis machine and can be worn as a belt. It weighs about 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms) and is powered by two nine-volt batteries.

Currently, dialysis patients have to spend hours each week hooked up to a full-size dialysis machine in hospitals. With the new “kidney belt,” patients are free to walk, work, or sleep while taking continuous and gentle dialysis that approximates natural kidney function.

“Our vision of a technological breakthrough has materialized in the form of a wearable artificial kidney, which provides continuous dialysis 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” lead researcher Victor Gura said. Preliminary tests, including two studies in dialysis patients, have been proven successful. The researchers will test the device in clinical trials.

The details will be described in an upcoming paper in the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

Internet
**New grants awarded to boost California stem cell research**

**Los Angeles, 22 Aug** — The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) announced on Friday that it has awarded more than 10 million US dollars in grants to promote stem cell research. The grants, which will go to three universities in Southern California, are intended to generate new ideas for future therapies and lead to advances in understanding the basic mechanisms underlying stem cell biology, cellular plasticity and cellular differentiation, the CIRM said.

Alan Trounson, CIRM president, said the grants will help maintain the flow of ideas entering the research pipeline. “These basic biology grants will generate new ideas for future therapies and also provide information to help overcome barriers in bringing therapies to patients,” he said. — Internet

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**Gene discovery reveals critical protein’s function in hearing**

**Washington, 22 Aug** — Discovery of a deafness-causing gene defect in mice has helped identify a new protein that protects sensory cells in the ear, according to a study led by University of Iowa researchers in the United States.

The findings, which also involved Kansas State University, appeared in the 21 Aug issue of the open-access journal PLoS Genetics. In humans, hereditary deafness is one of the most common birth defects, yet most genes involved in hearing are unidentified. Mice are used as research models because mouse and human auditory genetics are very similar.

Using a deaf mouse model generated at the Jackson Laboratory, the team identified the deafness-causing defect in the claudin-9 gene. The mutated gene fails to produce normal claudin-9 protein, which, according to findings of the University of Iowa team, is needed to maintain the proper distribution of potassium in the inner ear.

“Genes in the claudin family number at least 24 and produce proteins that prevent ions, including potassium, from moving between cells,” said the paper’s senior author Botond Banfi, assistant professor of anatomy and cell biology in the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. — Xinhua

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**850 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe**

**Stockholm, 22 Aug** — A European health agency said Friday that 850 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 560 were confirmed in Germany, 154 in Portugal, 54 in Britain, 33 in Denmark and 17 in Iceland while the other cases were reported in other seven European countries, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries increased to 41,788, with 13,740 cases in Germany, 12,957 in Britain, 1,987 in Portugal, 1,538 in Spain and 1,473 in Netherlands, the ECDC said.

The total number of fatal cases rose to 79, with one new fatal case from the Netherlands and five from Spain and 1,473 in Netherlands, the ECDC said.

The CDC has reported on its website the latest development of the new virus every weekend including numbers of deaths and confirmed and probable cases of the new flu virus. But beginning from 24 July, the CDC has changed the reporting requirements for the A/H1N1 flu by local health jurisdictions. — Xinhua

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**US reports 45 more A/H1N1 flu deaths, 472 more hospitalizations in past week**

**Houston, 22 Aug** — The A/H1N1 flu death toll in the United States has reached 522 with hospitalizations of 7,983, according to the latest statistics released by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta on Friday.

The CDC said that 45 more deaths have been reported in the past week, a big jump from the previous record of 477 released a week ago by the agency. Meanwhile, there have been 472 more patients of the new virus admitted to the hospitals in the past week, bringing the total number of the hospitalizations around the country to 7,983, compared with the previous record of 7,511.

Since the outbreak of the A/H1N1 flu in late April, the CDC has reported on its website the latest development of the new virus every weekend including numbers of deaths and confirmed and probable cases of the new flu virus. But beginning from 24 July, the CDC has changed the reporting requirements for the A/H1N1 flu by local health jurisdictions. — Xinhua

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**Brazilian, Argentinean scientists discover long-term memory mechanism**

**Rio de Janeiro, 22 Aug** — A team of Brazilian and Argentinean researchers made an important discovery on the role of neurotransmitter dopamine in the consolidation of memories, the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUC-RS) announced on Friday.

The research was also published on Friday’s edition of Science magazine. It lasted two years and was headed by PUC-RS’ Medicine School Professors Martin Cammarota, Janine Rossato, Lia Bevilacqua and Ivan Izquierdo, as well as visiting Professor Jorge Medina, from the Buenos Aires University.

In the study, the scientists managed to demonstrate through biochemical tests and experiments with mice that dopamine is responsible for the long-term memory mechanism or forgetfulness of a traumatic event. According to the scientists, 12 hours after a crucial event occurs (in the experiment, the mice were subjected to an electric shock), the brain produces a high dose of dopamine, which leads to the mice remembering the painful experience for a long time. — Xinhua

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**Number of A/H1N1 flu cases up to 98 in Bangladesh**

**Dhaka, 22 Aug** — Eleven new cases of A/H1N1 flu have been detected in Bangladesh taking the total number to 98 while officials feared it could reach 70,000 to 80,000 within two to three months, local newspapers reported on Saturday.

Among the 11 new cases confirmed on Friday, six were imported. Director of Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under health ministry Mahmudur Rahman, according to leading English-language newspaper The Daily Star.

“We cannot avoid a pandemic like the swine flu,” Mahmud was quoting as saying. He said the health ministry is conducting 13 surveillance programs to check the swine flu across the country. Meanwhile, English-language newspaper The Independent on Saturday said that health officials apprehend an explosion in the number of cases in the next couple of months.
Lyon stepping on the gas again

PARIS, 22 Aug—Shorn of the mantle of reigning champions going into a domestic season for the first time in seven years Lyon look to be emerging from the minor trauma of not sweeping all before them last time out.

After Wednesday’s 5-1 hammering of Anderlecht in the Champions League qualifiers at the Stade Gerland there seems little likelihood that seven years of famine will follow the seven years of plenty which began with a first ever league crown in 2002.

Third last season, the club then saw the likes of Brazilian midfielder Juninho and star French international striker Karim Benzema move on. With champions Bordeaux and Marseille back to prominence and Paris St Germain determined to emerge from years in the doldrums, Lyon, who only scraped a draw on the opening day at Le Mans, are fully galvanised once again following their Anderlecht victory, determined to emerge from years in the doldrums, Lyon, Marseille back to prominence and Paris St Germain.

In seven years Lyon look to be emerging from the minor crisis, they are doing a fine job of disguising it. Arsenal really are in crisis, they are doing a fine job of disguising it. Arsene Wenger’s side were supposed to be the weakest member of the Premier League’s ‘big four’ this season, rendered vulnerable by the emergence of Manchester City, the continued progress of Tottenham, Aston Villa and Everton, and the departures of Emmanuel Adebayor and Kolo Toure.

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But, just two games into the new campaign, those predictions are looking decidedly dicey.

Milan face early test as Serie A kicks off

ROME, 22 Aug—Serie A kicks off on Saturday with former European champions AC Milan facing searching questions over the potency of their armoury and depth of their creativity following the loss of Brazilian playmaker Kaka to Real Madrid.

Milan, as well as champions Inter and fellow powerhouse Juventus, begin their campaigns with relatively gentle openers this weekend before facing their first big challenges in only the second week of the season.

The two Milans will clash in their city derby while Juventus will travel to the capital to tackle AS Roma, only sixth last season, the club then saw the likes of Brazilian forward Robinho, the reigning goal-scoring champion, made short work of the Czech qualifier, needing just 57 minutes to advance without facing a break point. Williams fired seven aces past Safarova as she booked a meeting with fourth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva. She fired 11 aces past the Aussie, a two-time Grand Slam winner who is still missing the strokes that drove her to the top.

Now, she also has a record. For that, she can thank Paula Creamer.

Chamakh snubs West Ham to stay at Bordeaux

BORDEAUX, 22 Aug—Bordeaux’s highly-rated Moroccan Marouane Chamakh has snubbed English Premier League suitors West Ham to stay with the French champions.

In an interview with regional television station France 3 Aquitaine, the 25-year-old said: “From a sporting point of view, I prefer to stay at Bordeaux than go to West Ham.”

Chamakh admitted that he was still “in the process of mourning Arsenal” after the Premier League side targeted him at the beginning of August, but that he had been convinced to stay after talks Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc.

Van Persie backing Arsenal to defy predictions

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Murray joins Federer, Nadal in World Tour Final

LONDON, 22 Aug—Pushing 50 and winless the last three years, Juli Inkster showed she still has some of the strokes that drove her to the top.

Now, she also has a record. For that, she can thank Paula Creamer.

Creamer knocked in a 20-foot putt late Friday to give the United States a 4 1/2-3 1/2 lead over Europe in the Solheim Cup and make Inkster the highest-scoring US player in the event’s history. The veteran now has 17 1/2 points, one more than assistant US captain Meg Mallon.

Federer, Murray, Nadal through to Cincinnati semis

CINCINNATI, 22 Aug—Two-time winner Roger Federer and reigning champion Andy Murray lined up in a top-two semi-final showdown at the Cincinnati Masters.

Federer, the world number one and top seed, never faced a break point as he dismissed former world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia 6-3, 6-4. It was his 13th straight victory over Hewitt, and the 200th Masters series match win of Federer’s career.

He fired 11 aces past the Aussie, a two-time Grand Slam winner who is still missing the strokes that drove her to the top after hip surgery last year. Third-seeded Murray, who seized the world number two ranking en route to capturing the Montreal Masters last week, rallied to beat French lucky loser Julien Benneteau 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas**

**WEATHER**

**Saturday, 22nd 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 Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Ayeeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakholu, Mon States and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.08) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmama) (0.07) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Leewe) (0.42) inch, Muangtaw (5.71) inches, Hkamti (3.93) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.49) inches, Kawkareik (3.35) inches, Mrauk-U (2.72) inches, Paung (1.77) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.49) inches, Kawkareik (4.12) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-8-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 22-8-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-8-2009 was 96%. Total San shine hours on 21-8-2009 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-8-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kabo-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (81.30) inches at Mingaladon, (93.03) inches at Kabo-Aye and (93.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest during the past 24 hours. Forecast valid until evening of 23rd August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway Division, rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Ayeeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions 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 two days:** Weak monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-8-2009) (Sunday)**

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- Myanmar Modern Song “Pleasant Kayah”
- All Lives Under The Sky: “Catch of Fish by Cooperation of Fisherman and Dolphin”
- Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- Boost Production of Quality Cotton Thread
- Song “Two, Together”
- Beautiful Birthplace of the Ayeeyawady
- Hkaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part I)
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

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**Asleep in Jesus**

**Daw Koi (Retired Sister, Namkham Hospital)**

88 years

Residing at No.31, Tha Minglar Ward, Circular Road, PyinOoLwin, beloved wife of (U Bo); beloved mother of Dr Sai Khin Zaw-Daw Wah Hla and Dr Daw Aye Woe (Dentist, People’s Hospital, PyinOoLwin); beloved grandmother of Dr Saw Min Htoo-Ma Aye Sandar and Maung Nyan Lin Zaw fell asleep in Jesus peacefully on 21-8-2009 (Friday) at 4.53 am. Funeral service was held at Calvary Baptist Church on 22-8-2009 (Saturday) at 1 pm and the remains were buried at 8th Mile Christian Cemetery at 2 pm.

Bereaved family.

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**Don’t Smoke**
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

Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications contributing towards rural areas

I recently went to Mandalay that I had not visited for long. Blocks of brick buildings, grand hotels, stores and markets are indication of Mandalay’s socio-economic growth.

Among those civic infrastructures, I saw Internet centres and small public telephone communication stations.

To study communication services in Mandalay Division, I paid a visit to the Division Manager’s Office of Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications for an interview.

Twentieth patient discharged from hospital
Remaining four getting better

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—News were released earlier that 19 patients out of 24 with New Influenza A (H1N1) were discharged from the hospitals as they had been fully recovered from their illness and the remaining five were being given treatment at the hospital.

Today, the 20th patient aged three years and seven months was discharged from the hospital as the child had fully recovered from illness. Surveillance measures against the five family members who came into contact with the patient were halted. There are now only four patients being treated – two at Waibagi Specialist Hospital, one at Yangon General Hospital and one at Insein General Hospital. They are kept at the separate rooms of the hospitals and they are not in critical conditions.

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—According to the 12:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1095 cm and it has exceeded by 25 cm (about one foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 48 hrs commencing this noon, said the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology.

Flood warning

Office of Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in the distance.