Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects Letpangon camp jetty of Twantay Canal, Seikkyikhanauungto People’s Hospital

YANGON, 29 Aug—Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence arrived at Letpangon camp of Twantay Canal in Seikkyikhanauungto Township yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on conditions of Letpangon camp at the bank of Twantay Canal, maintenance of the waterway, arrangements for expanding the waterway and progress of tasks presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the preparation for expanding the mouth of Twantay Canal on the bank of Letpangon Village.

Cement Plant (Kyaukse) forms part of drive for equitable development of all parts of the nation

The government is working hard to improve all the infrastructures such as education, health care and transport for parallel development of all parts of the nation.

The drive also covers Kyaukse District in Mandalay Division. As part of the drive, the Ministry of Industry-1 established an industrial zone, five miles east of Kyaukse, with the aim of generating job opportunities in Kyaukse District. Now, the industrial zone manufactures cement and personal goods.

Under the arrangements made by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council, our news crew from the Myanma Alin dropped in Cement Plant (Kyaukse) on our tour of the industrial zone.

In an interview, U Tin Win, Assistant Plant Manager, said that the Myanma Ceramics Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 set up the plant to help satisfy the nation’s demand of cement, spur urbanization and creating job opportunities for local people.

In front of the archway to Cement Plant (Kyaukse) is a stone plaque that says that the Head of State gave guidance on domestic production of cement necessary for nation-building projects till meeting the local demand; that in compliance with the guidance, the Ceramics Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 in cooperation with experts made preparations for construction of a cement plant at the foot of Thandawmyat.

Byline: Myint Maung Soe;
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**People’s Desire**

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Sunday, 30 August, 2009**

**Actively participate in the drive for monitoring Influenza pandemic**

A meeting on International Scientific Symposium on Influenza Pandemic Response and Preparedness organized by the Ministry of Health of the People’s Republic of China and WHO was held in Beijing, PRC on 21 and 22 August, attended by a Myanmar delegation.

Ninety per cent of vaccine against New Influenza are produced in the developed countries only. And now, the patients are being tested for potency and effectiveness of the vaccine in six countries including being tested for potency and effectiveness of developed ones.

It is learnt that New Influenza vaccines are expected to be used in October 2009. As only developed countries are in a position to use more vaccines, developing countries will encounter difficulty in the use of vaccines sufficiently.

Participating in discussions, the Myanmar delegation proposed to acquire more vaccines for the developing countries and stressed the need for international pharmaceutical companies to practice differential pricing so that the peoples of the developing countries can use more vaccines.

In Myanmar, only 30 people fell victim to A (H1N1) virus up to date and 24 of whom, were discharged from hospitals as they had recovered from the illness. The remaining six patients are under medical attention. No one has died due to the virus.

The government is taking systematic measures for monitoring the virus among the public and taking care of those infected. At such a time, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to actively take part in the drive with health awareness.

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**Commander attends Shan State (East) MWVO Preliminary Conference 2009**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—The Preliminary Conference (2009) of Shan State (East) Myanmar War Veterans Organization took place at the town hall of Kengtung on 21 August. It was attended by honorary patron of Shan State (East) MWVO Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo, senior military officers, commandants of regiments and units, departmental officials, chairman and members of Shan State (East) and Township War Veterans Organizations, members of social organizations, townelders and guests.

First, the commander gave an opening speech. Next, the cash donation ceremony followed, and the commander then received the cash donation from well-wishers and presented certificates of honour.—MNA

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**Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Boxing Championship concludes**

YANGON, 29 Aug—The final matches of the 17th Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Boxing Championship were held at the hall of Mingaladon Airbase yesterday evening.

After the final matches, officials awarded winners in the respective weighing classes.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the commander of Mingaladon Airbase presented championship shield to the winning team.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, judges of the Myanmar Boxing Federation, Yangon Command, Defence Services (Air), Myanmar Police Force and Yangon City Development Committee, guests, servicemen and family members.—MNA

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**Golden Orchid Ltd distributes general air-conditioners**

YANGON, 29 Aug—Fujitsu General Ltd is distributing Air Stage VRF V-II air-conditioners in Myanmar. It introduced a new technology to those who will have air-conditioners installed in their houses and mechanical and electrical engineers today.

Characteristics of new VRF V-II air-conditioners are: they have high operation capacity; they are easy to be installed; they do not need much space in outdoor unit. VRF V-II air-conditioners can mostly be used in partitioned rooms, halls, supermarkets, hotels, hospitals and mini markets.

Fujitsu General Ltd is also distributing air-conditioners of wall mounted type, cassette type, universal type (floor and ceiling type), ceiling wall type, duct type, multi type and inverter type under a 3-year guarantee. Compressors are available under a 2-year guarantee.

For detailed information, contact Golden Orchid Ltd, Nos 83-91 (Ground Floor), Bo Aung Kyaw Street, (Lower Block), Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 371906 and 706223).—MNA

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**Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw Mon, teachers and members of social organization view feeding of nutritious food to school children to mark School Health Week activities at Aung Yaza Hall of No. 1 Basic Education High School in Mandalay on 11 August, 2009.—NLM**
UNASUR summit ends with commitment to peace

**BARILOCHE, 29 Aug —** The Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) Extraordinary Summit ended here on Friday with a commitment to respect each other’s territorial integrity and strengthen peace in the region.

Leaders from the 12 member states signed a declaration promising to “abstain from using threats or force against the territorial integrity of other states from the UNASUR.” They also agreed “to strengthen South America as a zone of peace” and they promised “to establish a mechanism of mutual trust regarding defence and security” in the region.

UNASUR also reaffirmed its commitment “to strengthen the fight and cooperation against terrorism and transnational organized crime and its related crimes,” including “the trafficking of small and light guns.”

The declaration rejected “the presence or actions of armed groups outside the law,” without mentioning a specific group.

The document also said that “the presence of foreign military forces cannot ... threaten the sovereignty and integrity of any South American nation and, in consequence, the peace and security of the region.” —Xinhua

**Ten Indian states seriously affected by drought**

**NEW DELHI, 29 Aug —** Owing to poor monsoon in the country, India’s farm production in the Kharif (monsoon) season could fall by 15 to 20 percent as drought situation has been declared in 252 districts in ten states, said Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Friday.

“Coming to the impact on the Kharif (monsoon) crop, exact quantum will be known only when the harvesting starts. But from the picture of sowing, one can easily estimate that there is likelihood of a shortfall to the extent of 15-20 percent,” he told reporters here on the sidelines of a seminar.

“Drought is there, rainfall deficiency is to the extent of 26 percent. Presently, 252 districts in ten States have been declared affected by drought,” he said.—Xinhua

WHO: Prepare for second wave of H1N1 flu

**GENEVA, 29 Aug —** World Health Organization officials in Geneva, Switzerland, are advising countries in the Northern Hemisphere to prepare for a second wave of pandemic.

The H1N1 pandemic virus is the dominant influenza strain in most parts of the world, even though it is seasonal flu season in the Southern Hemisphere. The level of influenza activity has passed the seasonal epidemic threshold in Japan, WHO officials said.

In the Southern Hemisphere, most countries — such as Chile, Argentina, New Zealand and Australia — appear to have passed their peak of influenza activity, WHO officials said on Friday. However, South Africa and Bolivia continue to experience high levels of influenza.—Internet

**August deadliest month for US in Afghanistan**

**KABUL, 29 Aug —** An American service member died on Friday when his vehicle struck a bomb in eastern Afghanistan, making August the deadliest month for US forces in the nearly eight-year war.

The grim milestone comes as the top US commander prepares to submit his assessment of the conflict — a report expected to trigger intense debate on the Obama administration’s strategy in an increasingly unpopular war.

The latest death was reported as Afghan officials announced an 80 percent increase in the number of major fraud allegations submitted after last week’s disputed presidential election — a sign of the deep challenges facing the US and its allies in shoring up a legitimate Afghan government capable of standing the Taliban insurgency, corruption and drug trafficking.

**Californian governor puts LA County in emergency state due to burning wildfires**

**LOS ANGELES, 29 Aug —** The Californian governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a state of emergency in Los Angeles County on Friday as wildfires in four separate sites continue burning in the region.

In announcing the order, Schwarzenegger said that the “circumstances of these fires, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and county, or require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.”

Fire crews are battling two separate blazes in the Angeles National Forest in the Los Angeles County. More than 3,000 acres (1214 hectares) of land have been consumed and hundreds of homes under threat. A separate fire in Rancho Palos Verdes sent more than 1,000 people scurrying from the homes. Six homes were slightly damaged in the blaze, which broke out on Thursday evening.—Xinhua

**Suicide truck bomb kills eight people in Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, 29 Aug —** A suicide truck bomber attacked a small police station in a remote village north of Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least eight people, Iraqi authorities said.

The bombing was the latest in a series of attacks against small villages in northern Iraq, indicating insurgents are targeting relatively unprotected areas as Iraqi security forces focus on tightening security in the cities.

The Iraqi government is eager to demonstrate it can protect the population following the withdrawal of US combat troops from urban areas nearly two months ago. But a recent series of high-profile bombings that have killed hundreds in both major cities and remote areas has raised concerns Iraqi forces are not up to the task.

The bomber who struck at about 8 am on Saturday was targeting a small police encampment in Harnah, a primarily Sunni village that lies between Saddam Hussein’s hometown of Tikrit and Mosul, which the US military considers to be the last urban stronghold of al-Qaida in Iraq. —Xinhua
People visit China Agricultural Equipment Expo 2009 in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 27 Aug, 2009. The 3-day exposition opened on Thursday with participation of more than 300 companies and institutes all over China.—Xinhua

EU approves Lufthansa’s takeover of Austrian Airlines

BRUSSELS, 29 Aug—The European Commission (EC) on Friday approved the takeover of Austrian Airlines by Deutsche Lufthansa AG of Germany after Lufthansa promised a set of remedies to remove the EC’s competition concerns.

“This case shows that consolidation in the airline sector is possible with proper remedies to safeguard consumers’ interests,” EC Competition Commissioner Neelie Kroes said in a statement.

The EC opened an in-depth investigation of the proposed takeover on 1 July. The EC indicated then that the takeover, as originally presented, would have led to competition concerns on five routes, namely Vienna-Frankfurt, Vienna-Munich, Vienna-Stuttgart, Vienna-Cologne and Vienna-Brussels.—Xinhua

Macao’s unemployment rate remains stable at 3.7%

MACAO, 29 Aug—Macao’s unemployment rate for the period of May to July 2009 slightly went up by 0.1 percentage point to 3.7 percent, compared with the period of April to June, according to the figures released on Friday by the city’s Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Gross labor force reached 332,700 in the period, with the number of the unemployed totaling 12,300, the DSEC figure indicated. Among the unemployed, 11.4 percent were fresh labor force entrants searching for their first jobs, up by two percentage points over the previous period.—Xinhua

Brazil’s Vale to build new steel plant

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Aug—Brazilian mining giant Vale, the country’s largest private company, announced on Friday the construction of a steel plant in the southeastern state of Espirito Santo.

The plant, to be established in the town of Anchieta, about 70 km from the state’s capital Vitoria, is expected to start operation in 2014 and will be capable of producing five million tons of steel slabs per year.

According to Vale, the plant, to trade under the name Companhia siderurgica Ubu (CSU), will have a low environmental impact. It will take into account socio-environmental conditions in Espirito Santo state and local features which are favorable for mining and metallurgy. Almost all the water used in the plant will be recycled and the dust dispersal in the air will be controlled.

US stocks face dilemma in coming weeks

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Wall Street faces an interesting few weeks as commentators debate whether the recovery in the Dow Jones average this year is the start of a new bull market or heading for a fall.

Since the beginning of March, when the Dow Jones average hit a multi-year-low at 6,547, the index has increased more than 50 percent. “To ascertain degree the market is perhaps sitting on the head of a pin. The market could easily be moved one way or the other,” Theodore Weisberg, a stock trading veteran with Seaport Securities, told Xinhua earlier this week.

The Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke claimed the economy was “on the verge of recovery” on last Friday. However, Nouriel Roubini, the New York University professor who predicted the financial crisis, said the chance of a double-dip recession was increasing because of risks related to the ending of global monetary and fiscal stimulus programmes.

“The obvious answer is perhaps Bernanke is correct, which is being evidenced by the continuous strength in the stock market. We know that the stock market is a leading indicator, not a trailing indicator. It tends to look ahead three, six or 12 months. The tape simply says, I think, that it is looking ahead at an improving US economy”.

Visitors view a Porsche SUV during the 5th Russia International Auto Show in Moscow, Russia, on 26 Aug, 2009. About 600 enterprises from 16 countries and regions attended the show, which opened here on Wednesday.—Xinhua

Regulators shut down banks in Calif, Md, Minn

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug—Regulators on Friday shut down banks in California, Maryland and Minnesota, pushing to 84 the number of bank failures this year amid the souring economy and rising loan defaults.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over the three banks: Affinity Bank, based in Ventura, Calif, with about $1 billion in assets and $922 million in deposits; Baltimore-based Bradford Bank, with $452 million in assets and $383 million in deposits; and Mainstreet Bank, based in Forest Lake, Minn, with assets of $459 million and deposits of $434 million.

Pacific Western Bank, based in San Diego, agreed to assume the deposits and assets of Affinity Bank. In addition, the FDIC and Pacific Western agreed to share losses on about $934 million of the failed bank’s loans and other assets. Affinity Bank’s branches in San Francisco and San Mateo will reopen on Saturday as offices of Pacific Western Bank; the remaining branches will reopen Monday, the FDIC said.
World IT Forum ends in Vietnam

HANOI, 29 Aug—The fourth World Informa- tion Technology Forum (WITFOR 2009) ended here on Friday, calling for great coopera- tion among countries in information technology development, Vietnam News Agency reported.

At the forum, del- egates agreed that the development of informa- tion technology plays an important role in boosting the growth of the eco- nomy. It is the “in- frastructure of the in- frastructure” of each country’s economy and the global economy. Information technol- ogy has a deep impact on different aspects of the social life, and helps to bridge the gap among de- veloped and developing countries, and between urban and rural areas, said the delegates.

Speaking at the clos- ing session, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Infor- mation and Communica- tions Nguyen Minh Hong said countries need to en- hance coopera-tion in the information and commu- nication technology (ICT) and information ex- changes.

Oil tanker sinks near Suez Canal, no casualties

CAIRO, 29 Aug—A Panama-flagged oil tanker split in two before it sank near the Red Sea entrance to the Suez Canal on Friday, said a local newspaper on its website. The oil tanker was carrying 60 metric tons of fuel when it split for unknown reasons, said the newspaper.

It said that all the 24 crew members were rescued unhurt, adding that the navigation in the Suez Canal was not affected. The tanker was on its way from Yemen to Suez for maintenance work and repairs. The accident caused an oil spill. Egyptian officials are trying to contain the oil spill, and the cause of the accident is being investigated. —Xinhua

Two dozen injured in ammonia leak at US plant

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Aug—Two dozen people were hurt due to an ammonia leak at a meat processing plant in South San Francisco on Friday morning, local me- dia reported.

The leak occurred at a building belonging to the company Columbus Salame, the San Francisco Chronicle said in a report on the newspaper’s website.

Sixteen people were treated and released at the scene after being exposed to anhydrous ammonia, which is used as a refrigerant at the plant. Eight other people were taken to hospitals for observation.

The leak appears to be accidental and has since been capped, the report said, citing authorities. —Xinhua

Mexicans in US face increasing discrimination

MEXICO CITY, 29 Aug—Mexicans living in the United States are facing increasingly aggressive discrimination despite legal entry, Foreign Ministry official Daniel Hernandez Joseph said on Friday.

Hernandez said Mexicans, even those in the United States legally, were seen as the cause of increasing migrant crimes, and they were treated with greater hostility as the result of a general rejection of Mexicans, Hispanics and foreigners in the United States.

Mexicans giving randomly made-up social security numbers in the country were charged with identity theft, though what they did was clearly different from deliberately defrauding a citizen by stealing their data, Hernandez cited as an example.

Authorities acted most aggressively in the southern states where immigration was rare until around 10 years ago, he added. “There are fewer Mexicans there than in big cities, but their cases are more difficult.”

Mississippi state authorities have separated a woman from her child and put up this child for adoption, claiming that she was an unfit mother be- cause of poverty, illegal immigration and bad En- glish. “We are appealing the case and will continue to fight this injustice,” Hernandez said. “We have not seen any other case like this.”

The nearest Mexican consulate, in New Orleans, a port city of Louisiana, has issued the woman papers that allowed her to remain in the country while she fought to regain custody of her child, and the government was working with a regional NGO, the Southern Poverty Law Center, on the case, he said. —Xinhua

Tongan ferry missing identified

WELLINGTON, 29 Aug—Tongan police have released the names all but one of the 72 people presumed drowned in the Princess Ashika ferry disaster this month, New Zealand media reported on Saturday.

Most were Tongan, but foreigners among the dead include a Niuean with a New Zealand passport, two Germans, two French people and a Briton, Radio New Zealand reported.

Assistant police commander Itu Tupouniuia said the authorities believe a Hungarian man may also have perished on the boat, however survivors had not positively identified him from pictures and officers are still investigating.

Tonga’s government has not yet decided whether to seek help from other countries to retrieve the bodies from the wreck, which lies at a depth of 110 meters. —Xinhua

Local citizens watch miniature sand table model of the Pujiang large residential community which starts construction, in Minghang District, east China’s Shanghai Municipality, on 26 Aug, 2009. The Pujiang residential community is set to encompass 27,000 sets of residential quarters on guarantee basis, together with 2 senior middle schools, 3 junior middle schools, 3 elementary schools and 8 kindergartens. —Xinhua

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Air traffic communications briefly crash in Calif
SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Aug — Air traffic controllers in a major control centre in California were reduced to using personal mobile phones to guide dozens of airplanes when the communications system crashed for several minutes on Wednesday morning.

Controller Scott Conde said he was in front of a radar screen at the so-called Oakland Centre in Fremont when half the facility lost landline and radio communications, which prevented him from talking directly to planes he was guiding to Fresno and Visalia.

Conde said he was reduced to relaying instructions from his mobile telephone to controllers stationed elsewhere, who in turn got in contact with Conde’s airplanes.

“It was tense and everybody was working,” Conde said. “It got really professionally really fast.”

Conde is also the air traffic controllers’ top union official at the centre, which he said is responsible for guiding airplanes over 18.9 million square miles before handing them off to other controllers for landing approaches in the region.—Internet

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We were then conducted around the plant to see production process. We learnt that the plant produced 8000 bags or 400 tons of cement a day; and that its workforce was 307.

The product of the plant mostly goes to Yeywa Project, bridge projects and highway projects; and the plant gives second priority to projects for regional development.

The Ministry of Industry-1 designated the areas around the plant as an industrial region and then opened many other factories to create a growing number of job opportunities for local people.

Those factories are cement plant, firebrick factory, plastic factory, bicycle factory, sewing machine factory, shoe factory, vest factory and candy factory.

The ministry also founded disposable syringe factory and steelware factory in Kyaukse Township.

Now, the government has opened a good number of factories in Kyaukse District, thereby creating a large number of job opportunities for local residents and helping the people get household products at fair prices.
A&I Minister, Japanese FM hold discussions on promotion of bilateral relations, food sufficiency and cooperation in agriculture sector

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug.—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo paid a visit to Japan from 19 to 26 August at the invitation of the Japanese Government.

On 25 August, the minister and party met Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Hirofumi Nakasone and Deputy Minister Mr Kenichiro Sase on 25 August. On 25 August afternoon, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo held discussions on technology cooperation with Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fish and Meat Mr Shuji Yamada. In the evening, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo met Vice-Chairman of JICA Mr Izumi Fukijawa on 20 August, House of Councillor Mr Kazuya Shimba at the Myanmar Embassy at 10.30 am on 24 August, House of Councillor Mr Hideo Watanabe and Mr Shinpei Matsushita at New Otani Hotel at 11.30 am, and Mr Hideo Watanabe and Chairman of Nippon Foundation Mr Yohi Sasakawa at City Club at 6 pm. At 7.30 am on 26 August, the minister met House of Councillor Mr Tomomitsu Iwakura at New Otani Hotel and discussed bilateral relations and cooperation in development tasks.

On 25 August morning, the minister received Chairman of OSICA Ms Yoshiko Nakano at New Otani Hotel.

Chairman Mr Norihiko Kuno of Sanyu Consultant Group at 7 pm on 23 August, responsible persons of Sumitomo Corporation at the Myanmar Embassy on 24 August morning and Sanwa Company and Marubeni Corporation at New Otani Hotel on 25 August.

The minister visited Kamakura and Fujizawa regions on 20 August and Tsukuba region on 21 August and viewed irrigation system for growing paddy, cultivation of vegetables and packaging of agricultural produce.

In Tsukuba, the minister visited the seed bank of National Institute of Agrobiological Science (NIAS) and generating of electricity through the solar system.

On 24 August, the minister looked into supply of water to Yokohama, generating of electricity through the solar system, sales of agricultural produce at Wholesale Market in Tokyo Ota City. He also visited Tokyo on 22 August and Nara on 23 August. After visiting preservation of ancient cultural heritages in these towns, the minister arrived back Myanmar on 26 August.

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug.—The second seminar on development of hydropower organized by the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 continued for the second day at the Hydropower Development Training Centre (Paunglaung), here, today.

Present at the seminar were Chairman of Seminar Organizing Committee Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Myo Myint, heads and enterprises under the ministry and officials, resource persons, consultant engineers from Switzerland-based Coleco Power Engg Ltd and responsible persons from the respective hydropower generating companies and guests.

At the seminar, 15 resource persons from the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 and local and foreign associations read their papers and answered the questions.

Afterwards, the deputy minister gave concluding remarks and posed for the documentary photo together with the attendees.—MNA

2nd seminar on development of hydropower continues

Deputy Minister U Myo Myint delivers speeches at second seminar on development of hydropower. — MNA

Talks on EASB, scholarships on 3 September

YANGON, 28 Aug.—East Asia Institute of Management (EASB) will organize the selection of scholarships for the students to obtain UK, Australian degree at Singapore UK Campus at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 3 September.

From 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm on 3 September, facts about the East Asia Institute of Management and the scholarships will be introduced to those present.

From 6.30 pm to 7 pm, the personal interview with the educational evidence will be made for the scholarships.

From 7 pm to 8.30 pm, the examinations for the scholarships and entrance to the institute will be held. Anyone may attend the talks on the UK, Australian degree and the examinations for scholarships.—NLM

Basic flower arrangement course on 14-21 September

YANGON, 29 Aug.—Myanmar Floriculturists Association will open the basic flower arrangement course from 5.30 pm on 14 to 21 September at the hall of Pyidaungsu Ayeeyiknyein of the People’s Square and the People’s Park, here.

A total of 50 trainees will be admitted to the course.

The fee for the course is K 10,000. Those wishing to attend the course may dial 01-379361.

The association will open the basic and advanced flower arrangements courses, the fruit curving course, the orchid cultivation course and the construction and maintenance of park soon. —MNA
Sitha Supporting Dam from PyinOoLwin providing enough drinking and irrigation water

U Thet Naing said, “With the help of Sitha Supporting Dam from PyinOoLwin providing enough drinking and irrigation water.

Village in PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Division. With the earth dam capacity is 1945-acre feet. The area of the surface is 73 acres. The catchment area is 2.75 square miles. The annual flow of water is 1500-acre feet. It is learnt that the region has an average annual rainfall of 48.65 inches.

Sitha Dam is not only supplying enough drinking water but also contributing to the regional greening and boosting cultivation. Therefore, the onus is upon the local people to preserve and maintain the dam as well as its related facilities for their durability.

Water flowing into Sitha Supporting Dam.

Ingyi Creek, we have easy flow of water into the dam in all seasons. In this region, national people are living in peace and doing their traditional farm work. The main crops are paddy, wheat and sunflower.

Sitha Dam is built on Sitha Creek near Sitha built on the tributary-1, a million gallons of water is being supplied to for Yatanarpon daily. Sitha Dam is supplying adequate irrigation water to 250 acres of farmlands.

Sitha Supporting Dam is of earthen type in 915 feet in length and 95 feet in height. Its storage area is 2.75 square miles. The annual flow of water is 1500-acre feet. It is learnt that the region has an average annual rainfall of 48.65 inches.

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Vice-Mayor visits tax-free markets

YANGON, 29 Aug—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa this morning viewed sales of goods at the shops of Ministry of Industry-1, Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, No. 2 Signals Battalion and other regiments and units, Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise and other shops at tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (North), Thakayta and Tamway townships.

The vice-mayor cordially conversed with the buyers and gave instructions to officials.

MHA to organize talks on 3 September

YANGON, 29 Aug—Organized by Myanmar Hotelier Association, a monthly talks will be held at Asia Plaza Hotel in Kyauktada Township here at 4 p.m. on 3 September.

Dr Nay Zin Latt will give a topic on “Developing Your Knowledge Power” at the talks. Everyone may attend the talks.

Talks on commercial tax held in Thanlyin

YANGON, 29 Aug—Thanlyin Township Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the educative talks on tax and revenue to the restaurant owners of the township at the Township IRD on Kyaunkkhaung Pagoda Road today.

Assistant Director U Ko Ko of Yangon Division IRD and Chairman of Thanlyin Township Peace and Development Council U Bo Tun gave speeches.

Head of Township IRD U Shwe Moe gave educative talks on commercial tax and replied to the queries raised by the entrepreneurs.—MNA

UMFCCI donates Business magazines to IPRD

YANGON, 29 Aug—A ceremony to donate magazines and books to Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information was held at the library of Yangon Western District on Pansodan street in Kyauktada Township on 26 August.

On behalf of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers, Commerce and Industry, Librarian Daw Nu Nu presented 3700 Business magazine published by the federation to Director (Production) U Aye Kyawe. Next, the director spoke words of thanks.

MNA
Ministry of Industry-1 holds coord meeting

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Aug.—The Ministry of Industry-1 held the meeting to review the progress of tasks and coordination for the plans for 2009-2010 at its hall, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

Officials of the Ministry of Finance, industrial crop farms and factory managers reported on their respective sectors. The director-general of Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department and Director-General U Win Myint of Directorate of Industries submitted reports on registration of industries in States and Divisions, inspection of boilers and efforts for meeting the targets in 2009-2010 financial year.

Minister U Aung Thaung and officials awarded the outstanding factories. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

China’s lottery sales hit 73.56 bln yuan

Beijing, 29 Aug.—China’s lottery sales in the first seven months reached 73.56 billion yuan (10.77 billion U.S. dollars), up 21.2 percent or 12.89 billion yuan (10.77 billion U.S. dollars), up 21.2 percent year on year.

Of the total sales, 41.91 billion yuan went to social welfare lottery, up 6.35 billion yuan or 17.9 percent year on year. About 31.65 billion yuan went to sports lottery, up 6.54 billion yuan or 26.0 percent year on year.

In July, sales of lottery reached 10.78 billion yuan, of which 6.22 billion yuan went to social welfare lottery and 4.57 billion yuan went to sports lottery.

A/H1N1 flu spreads at “unbelievable” speed: WHO

Paris, 29 Aug.—A/H1N1 flu is spreading at an “unbelievable” speed, with “a very severe form of disease” attacking the lungs of healthy young people, the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned in an interview published by French daily Le Monde on Saturday.

“Sixty percent of the deaths cover those who have underlying health problems,” Director-general of the WHO Margaret Chan said, adding that the remaining 40 percent of the deaths are young adults in good health, “who die of a viral fever in five to seven days.”

“This is the most worrying fact. Up to 30 percent of people in densely populated countries risk getting infected,” Chan noted.

The WHO announced in a statement that the A/H1N1 pandemic virus is now the dominant influenza strain around the world.

Tropical Storm Jimena forms in Pacific Ocean

Mexico, 29 Aug.—The National Hurricane Center says Tropical Storm Jimena has formed in the Pacific south of Mexico.

Jimena is expected to get stronger and could become a hurricane over the next day or two.

Early Saturday, it had maximum sustained winds near 40 mph (65 kph) and was moving west near 12 mph (19 kph). Jimena was centered about 250 miles (405 km) southwest of Acapulco, Mexico, and about 365 miles (585 km) south-southeast of Manzanillo, Mexico.

Jimena is the 10th named storm of the Pacific hurricane season.
**Manchester United 2-1 Arsenal**

London, 29 Aug—Manchester United roared back from a half-time deficit to record victory over Arsenal at Old Trafford.

Andrey Arshavin capped a brilliant first half by putting Arsenal ahead and if Ben Foster had not denied Robin van Persie with a brilliant feet-first save, Arsenal would probably have won.

Instead, Wayne Rooney won a penalty when he went down under Manuel Almunia’s challenge, and scored it himself before Abou Diaby turned Ryan Giggs’ free-kick into his own net to give the hosts their victory.

Van Persie thought he had equalised deep into stoppage time but his effort was ruled out for an offside against William Gallas, and Arsène Wenger’s protest against the disallowed goal led to him being sent from the dug-out.—*Internet*

**Chelsea sweep past Burnley to maintain perfect start**

London, 29 Aug—Chelsea’s flying start to the season continued Saturday with a 3-0 victory over Burnley at Stamford Bridge to put them top of the Premier League.

Nicolas Anelka opened the scoring just before halftime and goals early in the second half from Michael Ballack and Ashley Cole rewarded some slick play from Carlo Ancelotti’s team.

Chelsea have won their opening four games of the season, carrying on their form at the back of last season under Guus Hiddink when they ended with five consecutive league wins.

Tottenham Hotspur joined Chelsea on 12 points from four games later when they host Birmingham City at White Hart Lane while champions Manchester United and Arsenal meet at Old Trafford in an early evening kick-off.—*Internet*

**Gerrard’s late winner gets Liverpool back on track**

London, 29 Aug—Liverpool got their stuttering campaign back on track as Steven Gerrard’s late goal sealed a dramatic 3-2 victory at 10-man Bolton on Saturday.

Rafael Benitez’s team were trailing 2-1 when the game erupted in the 55th minute after Sean Davis was sent off for a second yellow card in an increasingly ill-tempered match.

After Davis’s dismissal, Fernando Torres levelled for Liverpool, scoring his third goal in as many games by lashing the ball over Bolton goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen after it had been chested down by Dirk Kuyt.

With their one-man advantage, Liverpool peppered the Bolton goal and Gerrard’s powerful volley from the edge of the area in the 83rd minute stole the points.—*Internet*

**Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 Birmingham City**

London, 29 Aug—Aaron Lennon netted a last gasp winner as Tottenham Hotspur beat Birmingham City at White Hart Lane.

Lennon kept Tottenham’s 100 per cent record intact with the winner deep into injury time against Birmingham.

Peter Crouch opened the scoring in the 72nd minute only for Lee Bowyer to equalise just three minutes later. However, Lennon capitalised after a mistake from former Spurs defender Stephen Carr to snatch all three points with virtually the last kick of the match.—*Internet*

**Second black box recovered from Comoros plane crash**

Moroni, 29 Aug—Authorities say they have recovered the second of two black boxes from a Yemenia Airways flight that crashed into the Indian Ocean in June with 153 people aboard.

Col. Ismael Daho in charge of the Comoran crisis unit set up to deal with the crash says the plane’s voice recorder was recovered Saturday. The data recorder was recovered on Friday.

Red Cross co-ordinator Abdourhamane Bacari says teams will continue to work for another two weeks to try to bring up wreckage and look for more bodies and luggage. Around 37 bodies have been recovered so far.

A teenager girl was the only survivor of Yemenia Flight 626, which was flying from Paris to Moroni via Yemen.—*Internet*

**Paragliding Field Open**

Internet

A paraglider flying in the sky over a field area in Hexigten Qi of north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Aug. 29, 2009. The 2009 China Hexigten Paragliding Field Open was held on the Galu Ustai Mountains in Hexigten on Saturday, which attracted 45 paragliders from countries and regions including China and the ROK.—*Internet*
Ministry of Information
News and Periodicals Enterprise
Invitation to Tender for procurement of paper, ink and printing materials

1. Sealed tenders are invited for procurement of the following paper and printing materials for News and Periodicals Enterprise.

- **Newsprint Paper (48.8 gsm) (30”)**: 3,000 Tons
- **Woodfree Paper (70 gsm) (500 Shts/Pkt)—**
  - (a) (31½” x 43½”) (Indonesia): 500 Pkts
  - (b) (16” x 11½”) (A3 Size): 750 Pkts
  - (c) (8½” x 11½”) (A4 Size): 1,500 Pkts
- **Web Offset Ink**
  - (a) Black: 66,000 Kg
  - (b) Magenta: 1,800 Kg
  - (c) Cyan: 1,800 Kg
  - (d) Yellow: 1,800 Kg
- **Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black)**: 4,500 Kg
- **P.S Negative Plates**
  - (a) 915x626x0.3mm: 1,500 Shrs
  - (b) 899x586x0.3mm: 6,000 Shrs
  - (c) 889x609x0.3 mm: 3,000 Shrs
- **Wipe On Aluminium Plate (745x635x0.24mm)**: 1,500 Shrs
- **P.S Negative Developer**
  - (a) Film (76.8 cmx61m): 70 Rolls
  - (b) Film (61cmx60m): 70 Rolls
- **Coating A+B Set**
  - 450 Sets
- **Developing Lacquer**
  - 450 Rolls
- **Ortho Film (Roll) (24”x200’)**: 150 Rolls
- **Ortho Film (Sheet) (22”x32”) (50 Sht/Box)**: 270 Boxes
- **Film Developer (10 Lit/Bot)**
  - 140 Bots
- **Film Fixer (5 Lit/Bot)**
  - 140 Bots
- **A3 Toner HP Laser Jet 5000N**
  - 100 Boxes
- **A3 Toner HP Laser Jet 5200N**
  - 60 Boxes
- **Rubber Blanket With T-Bar 890x625x1.95mm 100 Shts**
  - 100 Shrs
- **Stencil Paper (48 Sht/Box)**
  - 450 Boxes
- **Duplicating Ink Tube**
  - 450 Boxes
- **Gum Arabic**
  - 600 Litres
- **Rubber Blanket**
  - (a) (765x708x1.95mm): 45 Shrs
  - (b) (675x645x1.95mm): 90 Shrs
- **Imageetter (Nay Pyi Taw)**
  - (a) Film (76.6 cmx61m): 70 Rolls
  - (b) Developer: 540 Litre
  - (c) Fixer: 540 Litre
- **Imageetter Yangon**
  - (a) Film (61cmx60m): 70 Rolls
  - (b) Developer: 540 Litre
  - (c) Fixer: 540 Litre
- **Thermal Plate (889x609x0.30mm)**: 1,500 Shrs
- **Thermal Plate (895x780x1.95mm) 45 Shts**
  - 45 Shts
- **Duplicating Ink Tube**
  - 450 Boxes
- **Developer (Thermal Plate)**
  - 150 Litre

2. Tender will be closed at 16.30 hrs on 18-9-2009.

3. Tenders should be submitted to the Ministry of Information, Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise, No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township, Tel: 536029, 534574

Malaysian authorities rescue 98 pangolins

**KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Aug—Malaysian authorities** on Saturday said they have rescued nearly 100 pangolins and arrested a man attempting to smuggle the protected species, destined to be sold to restaurants and medicine shops.

“Officials from the Department of Wildlife and National Parks raided a house in northern Kedah state on Thursday and seized 98 of the animals, the department’s enforcement chief Saharudin Anan told AFP.

“We believe the animals were destined to be sold to Asian countries for their meat, as well as their scales to be used as traditional medicine,” Saharudin said.

“The man, in his 40s and self-employed, will be charged in court for five different charges of illegal possession of the totally protected species and he faces up to 23 years in jail and (a fine if convicted),” the official added.

Pangolins are indigenous to the jungle of Indonesia, parts of Malaysia and areas of southern Thailand, with its meat considered a delicacy in China. It is classified as a protected species under the UN’s Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

Australia oil rig spill ‘far bigger’ than thought

**SYDNEY, 29 Aug—A massive oil spill at a drilling rig off northwestern Australia is much worse than initially thought and is within kilometres (miles) of the shoreline, the Greens party said on Saturday.**

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert flew over the spill in a chartered plane on Friday and said its “devastating” size was being downplayed by the authorities.

“The spill is far bigger than we have been told and is within kilometres (miles) of the shoreline, the Greens party said on Saturday.

“A massive oil spill at a drilling rig off northwestern Australia is much worse than initially thought and is within kilometres (miles) of the shoreline, the Greens party said on Saturday.

“From east to west it stretches 180 kilometres (112 miles) at a minimum. Urgent action is needed to stop the flow,” she added.

Oil and gas began leaking from the West Atlas rig, about 250 kilometres off the Australian mainland early on Friday, forcing the evacuation of 69 workers.
Scientists wonder about planet's location

NEWCASTLE, 29 Aug—British scientists are trying to determine why a Jupiter-style planet orbiting close to its sun has not spiraled into the star and burned up.

Wasp-18b is so close to the star Wasp-18 that it completes its orbit in less than an Earth-length day, astrophysicists at Keele University in Staffordshire say. In an article in Nature, they say standard astrophysical theories hold the planet should have a lifespan of less than a million years, while Wasp-18b is believed to be a billion years old.

Astronomers have a similar problem in our solar system. Phobos, one of the moons of Mars, has an orbit only 5,000 miles up that should, according to theory, have led to a fatal collision with the planet long ago.

Coel Hellier of Keele said there could be reasons for the anomaly. Wasp-18 might have less energy than it appears or the planet may have been spiraling inward and is a recent arrival at its currently observed position.

### Ankle test can help target artery disease

CHAPEL HILL, 29 Aug—A 15-minute test that measures blood flow through the ankle can help identify people with peripheral artery disease, researchers in North Carolina said.

The test, called an ankle brachial index, could be helpful in screening people who have already had a stroke or transient ischemic attack, the study by researchers at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, suggests.—Internet

### China to launch Indonesia’s communications satellite

XICHANG, Sichuan, 29 Aug—China will soon send an Indonesian communications satellite into space on the back of Chinese-made Long March 3B rocket, a spokesperson for the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China’s Sichuan Province said Saturday.

All preparatory work is well underway and both the satellite and the rocket were in good condition, the spokesperson said.

The Palapa D satellite, owned by Indosat, an Indonesian satellite communications company, will provide satellite links and broadcasting services for Indonesia and other southeastern Asian nations.

Indosat ordered the Palapa D satellite from the French company Thales Alenia Space in 2007.—Xinhua

### Robots may have a lighter touch

LONDON, 29 Aug—Canadian researchers say a robot detected tumor tissue with a 35 percent lighter touch than that of humans.

Researchers at the University of Western Ontario and Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics in London used cows’ livers containing small tumor-like blobs to test the ability of both robots and surgeons to feel or “palpate” for malignant tissue—usually stiffer than the surrounding tissue.

The researchers found the robots’ accuracy scores for detecting tumors—depending on the robot control method used—were between 59 percent and 90 percent better than those of the surgeons.

The robot is being developed to be small enough to be used in minimally invasive surgery, which minimizes tissue damage, infection risk, recovery time and costs, the researchers said.

“Using robots to detect tumors is not only feasible, but results in reduced tissue trauma and increased tumor detection,” lead author Ana Luisa Trejos of Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics said in a statement.—Internet

### US reports 33 more A/H1N1 flu deaths, 859 more hospitalizations in past week

HOUSTON, 29 Aug—The A/H1N1 flu death toll in the United States has reached 555 with hospitalizations of 8,842, according to the latest statistics released by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta on Friday.

The CDC said that 33 more deaths have been reported in the past week, a jump from the previous record of 522 released a week ago by the agency. Meanwhile, there have been 859 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 8,842, compared with the previous record of 7,983. The newly-confirmed figures show that fewer patients had died in the past week compared to the previous week, while the number of patients admitted to the hospitals in the past week had nearly doubled that reported for previous week.—Xinhua

### Worldwide death toll of A/H1N1 flu rises over 2,100

GENEVA, 29 Aug—At least 2,185 people worldwide have died from the A/H1N1 influenza since the new virus was identified in April, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

All the six WHO regions have reported deaths from the pandemic, with the Americas reporting the largest death number of 1,876, the UN agency said in a latest update of the situation. In South-East Asia, 139 deaths were recorded, followed by Europe with at least 85 deaths. Deaths in the West Pacific, Africa and East Mediterranean stand at 64, 11 and 10 respectively.

The total number of lab confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases reported worldwide is over 209,438, but this actually understates the real number of cases as countries are no longer required to test and report individual cases, the WHO said. Meanwhile, the WHO warned that the H1N1 pandemic virus “has rapidly established itself and is now the dominant influenza strain in most parts of the world.”—Xinhua

### 974 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 29 Aug—A European health agency said Friday that 974 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 308 were confirmed in Germany, 283 in Italy, 208 in Greece, 138 in Britain, 11 in Malta, ten in Switzerland, six in Czech Republic, three in Austria and Estonia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

Nine new fatal cases reported from EU and EFTA countries, the report added.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA)countries rose to 45,625, with 1,538 cases in Spain and 13,095 in Britain, 1,125 in France and 15,567 in Germany, the ECDC said.—Xinhua

### Splinters of ice peel off from the front of the Perito Moreno Glacier into the Lago Argentino, in the Parque Nacional Los Glaciares (Los Glaciares National Park), 80 km (50 miles) west of El Calafate city, in the Patagonia Province of Santa Cruz, in this on 25 March, 2007 file photo. Moving on the risk of global warming, scientists are now looking for ways to pinpoint the areas set to be affected by climate change, to help countries plan everything from new crops to hydropower dams.—Xinhua

### Bangladesh allows media to report on health concerns

DHAKA, 29 Aug—The Bangladesh government has allowed the media to report on health concerns in the country following a recent increase in cholera cases.

The government has lifted a ban on media reports on health issues, allowing newspapers and television stations to cover topics such as disease outbreaks and medical treatments.—Xinhua

### A worker collects packages of H1N1 flu vaccines from a conveyor belt at a military pharmaceutical plant in Burgos, northern Spain, on 27 Aug, 2009.—Xinhua
Barcelona beats Shakhtar 1-0 in Super Cup

MONACO, 29 Aug—Barcelona substitute Pedro
Rodriguez scored the only goal deep into extra time
to lead the European Cup champions to a 1-0 victory
over UEFA Cup winner Shakhtar Donetsk of Ukraine
in the European Super Cup on Friday.

Rodriguez pounced onto a pass from Lionel Messi
with five minutes of extra time remaining and prodded
the ball into the bottom corner of the goal.Barcelona
last won the Super Cup in 1997 and also in 1992, but
lost in 2006 to UEFA Cup winner Sevilla.

Coach Pep

Villarreal face Lazio, Everton take on Benfica in Europa League

MONACO, 29 Aug—The clash between
Spanish side Villarreal and Italian giants Lazio
will be one of the highlights of the Europa
League group stage after the draw made here
on Friday.

Another Spanish side Valencia were
drawn in Group B with France’s Lille, Czech
champions Slavia Prague and Italian side
Genoa.Valencia have come back from the brink
due to bankruptcy last season and are among the
favourites in a competition they won three times

Celtic’s manager
Tony Mowbray

Mowbray backs Celtic to bounce back from Euro
misery

GLASGOW, 29 Aug—Celtic manager Tony
Mowbray wants his
team to use the pain of
their Champions League
exit against Arsenal to
spark a charge for the
Scottish Premier League
title.Mowbray’s side
crashed out of Europe’s
top club competition in
the final qualifying round
on Wednesday as Arsenal
cruised to a 5-1 aggregate
victory over the Glasgow
outfit.

Sneijder primed for Serie A Milan derby

ROME, 29 Aug—Wesley
Sneijder could make his
Inter Milan this weekend
in the Milan derby against
fierce rivals AC Milan.
Sneijder has completed a 15-
million-euro switch from
Real Madrid and will go
straight into the first team
relegating as the champions
look to bounce back from
their opening home draw
against Serie A new-boys
Bari.

The 25-year-old
Dutchman insists he is not
taking a step down in his
career despite being
practically forced out of
Madrid by the Real
hierarchy.”I don’t feel like
it’s a defeat leaving Madrid
as Inter are one of the biggest
clubs in the world and have
been champions of Italy for
the last four years,” he told a
Dutch newspaper.

Real fans wait for stars to take
Spanish League stage

MADRID, 29 Aug—Real Madrid fans are tingling
with excitement at the prospect of seeing Cristiano
Ronaldo, Kaka and company strut their stuff as their
new-look ‘Galactico’ team host Deportivo La Coruna
on Saturday in the curtain-raiser to the 2009/10
Spanish league season.

It has been an unforgettable summer with Real
spashing around 250 million euros to build a star-
studded team and there are likely to be a number of
debutants against Depor with Ronaldo, Kaka, Xabi
Alonso, Karim Benzema, Raúl Albiol all expected to
start.

Euro soccer clubs get deadline to curb spending

MONACO, 29 Aug—Europe’s top soccer clubs will be
barred from the Champions League if they don’t
curb their spending. A UEFA strategy council on
Friday approved a 2012 deadline for clubs to balance
their books if they want to play in the world’s most
lucrative club competition. The European soccer
governing body believes spiraling inflation of transfer
fees and players’ wages can’t be sustained.

Rain disrupts New Haven semi-finals

NEW HAVEN, 29 Aug—Persistent rain
had organizers scrambling to reschedule
Friday’s men’s and women’s semi-finals
at the Pilot Pen hardcourt tennis
tournament, lost tune-up for next week’s
US Open. The first semi-final between
women’s third seed Flavia Pennetta and
second seed and defending champion
Caroline Wozniacki was pushed back
from noon to 4:30 pm (20:30 GMT) at
the earliest.

Organizers still hoped to get enough
of a break in the weather to play all four
scheduled matches on Friday night.

Both the men’s and women’s
finals were slated for Saturday, to give
players a day off on Sunday before the
start of the US Open on Monday.
India loses Moon satellite links

London, 29 Aug—All communication links with the only Indian satellite orbiting the Moon have been lost, India’s space agency says.

Radio contact with the Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft was lost abruptly early on Sunday, said India’s Bangalore-based Space Research Organization (ISRO).

The unmanned craft was launched last October in what was billed as a two-year mission of exploration. The launch was regarded as a major step for India as it seeks to keep pace with other space-faring nations in Asia.

Following its launch from the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, it was hoped the robotic probe would orbit the Moon, compile a 3-D atlas of the lunar surface and map the distribution of elements and minerals.—Internet

India’s Bangalore-based Space Research Organization (ISRO).

In this picture released in October 2008, a model of the Chandrayaan-1 mooncraft is seen on display amid much fanfare last year, has come to an end after the country’s lunar craft lost contact with its controllers, the national space agency said.—Internet

WEATHER

Saturday, 29 August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Tanintharyi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Mon States and Yangon Division, scattered in Chin, Shan States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Tanintharyi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) and Nay Pyi Taw (Leewe) (0.04) inch each, and Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinuma) (0.12) inch each, Kawthoung (4.81) inches, Bago (2.63) inches, Machanbaw and Dawei (2.05) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 28-8-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 29-8-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-8-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 28-8-2009 was (6.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 29-8-2009 was (0.36) inch at Mingaladon, (0.44) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (84.49) inches at Mingaladon, (95.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.06) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 28-8-2009.

Bay influence: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30 August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak to moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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

Sitha Supporting Dam from PyinOoLwin providing enough drinking and irrigation water

Myanmar is implementing small- and medium-scale dam projects that do not take much time to complete for boosting cultivation and regional greening. Not only that, drinking water supply tasks are also being carried out in some regions.
Sitha Dam that has been built in PyinOoLwin District is providing 1.8 million gallons for factories and training schools a day in the district. To supply drinking water for Yatanarpon new town, Sitha Supporting Dam has been opened on the tributary-1 of Sitha Creek, 3000 feet up from Sitha Dam.

We, the news team, left Nay Pyi Taw for Mandalay by train to collect facts and data about Sitha Dam. Then we continued our trip to PyinOoLwin under the arrangement of Construction-2 camp (Natyegan Camp) of Mandalay Irrigation Department. Near PyinOoLwin Ani Camp, we interviewed U Thet Naing and U Zaw Min Tun of the project about the dam. At that time, the weather was cool and the surrounding areas of the dam were lush and green.

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Control Tower of Sitha Dam.

One more found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)

Number of patients with the virus reaches 30

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Aug—A 44-year-old man was transferred to Insein General Hospital through township Health Department on 28 August. Serum of the patient was examined at the National Health Laboratory and found to be New Influenza A (H1N1) positive.

Five family members who came into contact with the patient are kept under home quarantine.

The number of the patient with the virus has reached 30 in Myanmar and 24 out of whom were discharged from the hospitals as they had fully recovered from their illness. The remaining six are being given special treatment by specialists and they are not in critical conditions.

National Health Laboratory detected 211 flu-suspected persons and 30 were found to have been infected with the virus.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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