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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 enshrining 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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NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 83/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:

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The Union Election Commission granted permission to Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS) with its headquarters at No. 314/315 on Union Highway in Myothit Ward in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 2 August 2010.

The registration number of Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS) is (40).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Of parties that submitted applications for registration of political party, the Union Election Commission has found the Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS) to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to the party to register as a political party today.

Up to date, there are 46 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Forty parties have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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MMCWA marks World Breastfeeding Week, Nutrition Week 2010


Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered speech at the celebration held at the MMCWA, calling for the participatory involvement of volunteers and NGOs in the nationwide campaign for the Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Week 2010. Nutrition Week has been celebrated every year since 2003 as part of efforts for helping expectant mothers to deliver healthy babies and encouraging nutrition and growth of children under five, the minister said.

During the ceremony, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe presented iodize salt, ferrous sulphate and gifts to the expectant mothers. The minister and guests browsed documentary photos of MMCWA. After the ceremony, the President of the MMCWA delivered an address and Deputy Director of the Health Department Dr Daw Aye Aye Thaw gave talks on “Expectant mothers and nutrition”.

Also present at the ceremony were the president of MMCWA (Central) and members of the central executive committee of MMCWA, representatives of NGOs, representatives from UN agencies, guests and expectant mothers. MNA
Youth: The strength of the nation

Nowadays, a peaceful, modern and developed new nation is being built while promoting national education, improving science and technology and accumulating the wealth of the nation.

The strength of national education plays a key role in building a modern and developed nation. Teachers in the education sector are to strive for continuously turning out highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia. They have to nurture new generation youths to become outstanding students with high morals and discipline.

It is necessary to teach the youths for their all-round development. As the youths in their nature possess honesty and good spirit, teachers are to shape them to have noble qualification coupled with fitness, diligence and loyalty.

The teachers are to equip the youths with spirit of preserving prestige and integrity and train them to be good citizens and enabling them to have habit of following discipline. Based on customary rules, religious teachings and social ethics, those who follow school discipline, local rules and regulations and laws and orders of the State will emerge in the nation.

At present, the State creates fine educational environment and sound foundations in the education sector. All citizens have enjoyed equal opportunity for pursuing education in the basic education sector. Plans are under way in higher education sector to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia necessary for all sectors.

In shaping the future of the nation, all the teachers or the facilitators are to nurture the youths to become good citizens on whom the State can rely.

Myanmar-Vietnam business meeting on 11 Aug

YANGON, 2 Aug—Myanmar and Vietnam businessmen will hold talks at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry here on 11 August.

The plan of holding the meeting has come out after the meeting of General Secretary of the UMFCCI Dr Maung Maung Lay and Commercial Counsellor Dr Hoang Thinh Lam of the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Myanmar here on 28 July.

The UMFCCI has invited Myanmar businessmen to participate in the meeting, and more information are available at the UMFCCI, Ph: 214344 to 214349.

DPRK Foreign Minister and party conclude visit

NAV Pyi Taw, 2 Aug — A bilateral meeting between the Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and the visiting DPRK delegation led by Mr. Pak Ui Chun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, was held at Myat Taw Win Hotel here at 10.30 a.m. on 30 July.

At the meeting, the two foreign ministers discussed matters relating to strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation and exchanged views on regional and international issues.

In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win hosted a dinner in honour of Foreign Minister Mr. Pak Ui Chun and members of the delegation at Myat Taw Win Hotel here.

The delegation led by Mr. Pak Ui Chun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, arrived Nay Pyi Taw Airport at the invitation of U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on 30 July morning via Yangon.

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department and officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Minister of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Mr. Pak Ui Chun and party called on Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan at the ministry here on 31 July morning.

In the afternoon, the visiting Foreign Minister of DPRK and party arrived in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw.

They visited Kan-dawgyi Garden and toured downtown Yangon in the evening. Foreign Minister of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Mr. Pak Ui Chun and party left Yangon by air yesterday.— MNA

Industry-2 Minister visits Tyre and Rubber Product Factories in Thaton, Bilin

Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein inspects production of No. 2 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory in Bilin.— INDUSTRY-2

NAV Pyi Taw, 2 Aug — Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein met service personnel of No.1 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory in Thaton on 31 July and gave instructions on repair works of the factory.

At No.2 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory in Bilin, the minister looked into production process of the factory, quality control process, use of laboratory equipment and construction of Pressurized Rubber Hose Factory.

The minister called for skill in handling machines installed at the factory, innovation and hard work in meeting with staff at Rubber Training Hall.— MNA
270 Afghan civilians killed in July

KABUL, 2 Aug — Civilian casualty has been soaring in Afghanistan as 270 Afghan civilians had been killed in July, spokesman for Interior Ministry Zamarai Bashari said on Sunday. “Two hundred seventy civilians were killed in different security incidents in July across the country but unfortunately it shows 29 percent increase in comparison with the previous month,” Bashari told a weekly press briefing here.

He said that 588 other civilians including women and children were injured during the period in 765 terrorist and violent attacks elsewhere in the militancy-hit country. According to Bashari 673 Taleban militants had been killed and 76 others wounded in July while security forces had arrested 263 militants over period.

He further stated that 125 police officers and soldiers had also been killed while 291 other police personnel sustained injuries last month. Taleban-led militancy and conflicts have claimed the lives of over 1,100 civilians and injured over 1,300 others since beginning this year in Afghanistan.

AFGHAN men try to extinguish fire at a market in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 1 Aug, 2010. It was no clear what caused the fire.

Afghanistan rises to 1st NATO member to quit Afghanistan

Dutch become 1st NATO member to quit Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Aug — The Netherlands became the first NATO country to end its combat mission in Afghanistan, drawing the curtain Sunday on a four-year operation that was deeply unpopular at home and even brought down a Dutch government.

The departure of the small force of nearly 1,900 Dutch troops is not expected to affect conditions on the ground. But it is politically significant because it comes at a time of rising casualties and growing doubts about the war in NATO capitals, even as allied troops are beginning what could be the decisive campaign of the war.

WFP begins food distributions to flood-hit Pakistanis

ISLAMABAD, 2 Aug — The World Food Programme Sunday started food distributions to 35,000 families hit by catastrophic flood in northwestern Pakistan, according to a statement released by WFP.

Emergency food supplies were being delivered to 3,000 families in three of the worst affected districts, namely Peshawar, Nowshera and Charsadda, with the assistance of WFP’s strong network of NGO partners in the region, said the WFP statement. “We are deeply saddened to hear that so many people who have already suffered terribly in recent years are now seeing their lives washed away,” said WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran from the organization’s Rome headquarters.

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Suicide attack kills 3, wounds 18 in northern Afghan province

KANDAHAR, 2 Aug — A suicide bomber blew himself up in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan killed three and injured 18 others on Saturday night.

Interior Ministry said in a Press release on Sunday, “A terrorist strapped explosive device on his body and blew himself up in 1st precinct of Kunduz city the capital of Kunduz Province late Saturday night killing three persons including one police officer and two civilians and wounding 18 others, all civilians,” the Press release added.

The Interior Ministry describes it as an act against humanity and strongly condemned it, the Press release further said.

A relatively peaceful province in north Afghanistan, Kunduz has been the scene of increasing militancy since beginning this year.

Suicide car bomb kills 5 kids in south Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 2 Aug — A suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a police truck bringing a southern Afghan official to work early Monday, killing five children nearby, officials said.

The blast struck about 9 am local time near a market area, said Ahmadullah Nazak, the chief of Kandahar Province’s Dand District.

“I dropped down. Then I heard a second explosion,” Nazak said. “It hit our car, but it didn’t injure me.” Five children who were near the site of the blast were killed, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

A bodyguard who was driving with Nazak was wounded, he said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, though it fits the pattern of Taleban attacks targeting government officials in the south.

An Afghan soldier stands by the wreckage of a minibus that was hit by a roadside bomb in the Maiwand District outside Kandahar August 1, 2010. Six civilians were killed on Sunday by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar Province, an official said, as civilian casualties continued to mount amid an increase in violence by militants.

Iran says to give crushing response to possible US attack

TEHERAN, 2 Aug — An Iranian military officer said Monday that Iran’s armed forces have prepared a crushing plan to respond to any possible aggression of the US. The official IRNA news agency reported.

The military spokesman for the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Yadollah Javani made the remarks reacting to the Sunday statement of the US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mike Mullen, the report said.

Mullen said Sunday the United States has a plan in place to attack Iran, if it is necessary. “Military actions have been on the table and remain on the table” for curbing Iran’s nuclear ambition, Mullen, the highest-ranking US military officer, told NBC’s “Meet the Press”.

When asked if the military has a plan in place to attack Iran when needed, he replied, “we do.” “The US will not dare to make a military attack against Iran,” Javani said, adding that Mullen’s remarks were just a “psychological operation,” according to IRNA.

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Space station cooling system suddenly shuts down

CAPE CANAVERAL, 2 Aug—Half of the International Space Station’s cooling system suddenly shut down during the weekend, forcing the astronauts to power down equipment and face the likelihood of urgent spacewalking repairs. After huddling on Sunday, NASA managers gave preliminary approval for a pair of spacewalks, the first of which would take place later this week. Two of the Americans on board were already scheduled to conduct a spacewalk Thursday for routine maintenance, though the repairs would supersede the original chores. Officials stressed that the six occupants were in no danger, and that the orbiting complex was in a stable situation. The trouble arose on Saturday night, when one of the two ammonia-fed cooling loops shut down. Alarms sounded throughout the sprawling outpost as the cooling system was stressed that the six original chores. Officials stressed that the six occupants were in no danger, and that the orbiting complex was in a stable situation. The trouble arose on Saturday night, when one of the two ammonia-fed cooling loops shut down. Alarms sounded throughout the sprawling outpost as the cooling system was

Area of Mars identified as good place to look for evidence of past life

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—A spot on Mars called Nili Fossa that is rich in clay mineral-rich rocks could be a prime spot to search for the fossilized remains of Martian life that may have existed 4 billion years ago, a new study suggests.

“In the study, scientists used an instrument on NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter to study clay-carbonate rocks on the Martian surface leftover from ancient red planet era known as the Noachian period. The study does not offer actual evidence of past life; rather, it suggests a place that might have been habitable. We suggest that the associated hydrothermal activity would have provided sufficient energy for biological activity on early Mars at Nili Fossa,” said study lead author Adrian Brown, a scientist at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI) in Mountain View, Calif, in a statement.

Solar sail experiment could prove space-time theory

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—Solar sails that use sunlight pressure instead of fuel to shoot through space have long been touted by space exploration advocates, but the novel space travel method could also be tapped to settle an unproven theory by famed scientist Albert Einstein. A gossamer solar sail would be a prime platform for an experiment that would test the so-called frame-dragging hypothesis in Einstein’s General Theory of Relativity, said Roman Kezerashvili, a professor of physics at New York City College of Technology. He presented the experiment concept during the International Symposium on Solar Sailing held here on 21 July at the college.

Frame dragging is an effect where massive spinning bodies distort the fabric of space time like a whirlpool in water. It was hypothesized by Einstein, but has never been experimentally proven. According to the theory, a spinning solar sail flying within 4.6 million miles of the sun should rotate differently than it would further out depending on the frame-dragging effect’s strength, Kezerashvili said. So a motion sensor attached to a solar sail could test whether the frame-dragging effect exists at all, he added.

Saudi company ‘told to ban key BlackBerry services’

JEDDAH, 2 Aug—A Saudi telecommunications company said on Monday it has been ordered by the country’s regulatory authority to suspend key BlackBerry services, following similar moves by the United Arab Emirates. “We have received a memorandum from the Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) to suspend some BlackBerry services in August,” an official at one of the three Saudi telecom companies told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity and asking that his company not be identified.

“The services of BlackBerry, which has more than 700,000 subscribers in the ultra-conservative monarchy, were however still functioning normally on Monday, several users told AFP.”

On Sunday, another company official had told AFP that an order was “expected” from CITC to suspend BlackBerry’s popular messenger service in Saudi Arabia. CITC officials were not immediately available on Monday for comment. The United Arab Emirates said on Sunday it will suspend key BlackBerry services from October as they breach laws and raise security concerns in the Gulf business hub. The UAE’s Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) said in a statement on its website that it was suspending some functions of BlackBerry in the Gulf state from 11 October.

Australians gain access to “supersonic” broadband

SYDNEY, 2 Aug —Optus on Monday announced that cable users in three Australian cities along the east coast will have access to “supersonic” broadband speeds. The customers in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney will experience speeds up to four times faster due to the upgrade of the Optus Hybrid Fibre Coaxial. The upgrade is the first multi-city rollout of DOCSIS 3.0 technology in Australia. “Australians are hungry for high speed broadband, so we’ve upgraded our cable network to provide the broadband speeds of tomorrow, today,” said Michael Smith, Optus consumer managing director. It is expected that more than 1.4 million households will have access to the broadband if they upgrade to a premium speed pack priced from 15 Australian dollars (13.6 U.S. dollars) a month.

Chinese expedition team members test the ice samples in the Arctic Ocean, on 2 Aug, 2010. The team members carried out science expeditions on a floating ice Monday in the Arctic Ocean.

Mozambique to produce solar panels

MAPUTO, 2 Aug—In order to reduce the cost of energy in the country and also of imports of solar panel devices, Mozambique is to start its own Production of solar panels to capture and transform solar energy into electric power.

The first stone to build the Industrial park of Beleluane, in Maputo Province where the devices are to be manufactured, has already been launched and the initial investment was set around 10 million US dollars.

“We cannot define how much this park is going to cost us, though the initial budget was set to 10 million dollars, that was two years ago. Now a lot has changed, fuel prices increased and they influenced the prices of raw material to bring up the factory”, affirmed Mozambican energy minister, Salvador Namburrete. Mr Namburrete, added that it will be possible to know how much it is going to take after his ministry through the National Energy Fund (FUNAE) evaluates the final design of the factory, which it is for sure that it won’t be less than 10 million dollars.”

A trader wears RealD 3-D glasses on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 19 July, 2010.—INTERNET

Mary Beth Ross with the US Environmental Protection Agency, brings up a soil sample from Morrow Lake in Kalamazoo County, Mich on 1 Aug, 2010. INTERNET

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As people live longer, more will develop cataracts

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—Americans are living longer than ever before and most people who live into their 70s and beyond will develop cataracts at some point.

That’s why it’s important to know the risks and symptoms of cataract, what to do to delay onset, and how to decide when it’s time for surgery, experts at the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) explained in a news release.

People should get a baseline eye screening exam at age 40, when early signs of disease and vision change may begin to occur, according to the AAO. During the visit, the ophthalmologist will explain how often to schedule follow-up exams. People of any age who have symptoms or are at risk for eye disease should make an appointment with an ophthalmologist to establish a care and follow-up plan.

Risk factors for cataract include family history, having diabetes, smoking, extensive exposure to sunlight, serious eye injury or inflammation, and prolonged use of steroids, especially combined use of oral and inhaled steroids. People can reduce the risk for cataract by wearing UV-rated sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat when outdoors, and by not smoking.

Mom’s weight before pregnancy may affect weight of child

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—The risk for childhood obesity may begin even before a child is born, say researchers who found that women who are overweight or obese before becoming pregnant are more likely to have overweight or obese toddlers and preschoolers.

Hispanic preschoolers born to overweight/obese mothers were twice as likely to be overweight or obese compared to their peers who were born to Hispanic moms with healthy prepregnancy weights, the study authors found.—Internet

Growing debate in S Korea over traditional medicine

SEOUL, 2 Aug—Kim Nam-soo has stuck needles into generals, actors, tycoons and at least one president for more than six decades as South Korea’s acupuncturist to the stars.

Grateful patients say his treatments combining acupuncture with the ancient practice of burning herbs on the skin do as much good, or more, as Western medicine in treating everything from arthritis to diabetes, burns and even cancer.

But Kim shut his practice down in late 2008 amid a dispute with South Korea’s powerful medical establishment, which says he’s not licensed to administer moxibustion. On Thursday, the Constitutional Court narrowly sided with the medical board and rejected a petition seeking to allow longtime traditional medicine practitioners such as Kim to ply their trade as licensed therapists.

The case involving the nation’s most-famous acupuncturist has brought attention to the growing calls to ease restrictions on alternative medical remedies.—Internet

Japan’s June new vehicle sales rise 15% for 12th straight rise

TOKYO, 2 Aug—in Japan sales of new cars, trucks and buses rose 15 percent in July from a year earlier to 333,403 units, marking the 12th straight month of increase, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association, said in a report on Monday.

Sales of passenger cars, excluding mini-vehicles with an engine displacement of up to 660 cc, increased 15.5 percent to 307,397 units, the industry body said and sales of trucks gained 9 percent to 24,920 units, while those of buses climbed 20.9 percent to 1,086 units.

Separately, the Japan Mini Vehicle Association reported that domestic sales of new mini vehicles (with engine displacement of less than 660 cc) rose by 8.6 percent in July from a year earlier to 153,203, posting the seventh straight gain in July on year.—Internet

Indonesia’s foreign tourist arrivals up in first half

JAKARTA, 2 Aug—Foreign tourists coming into Indonesia in the first half rose by 14 percent to 3.38 million, compared to the same period last year, the National Statistical Bureau announced here on Monday.

In Bali, the country’s centre of tourism industry, the number of the foreign tourists arrival in June increased by 12.07 percent to 224,700 people over the same period last year, head of the Bureau Rusman Heriawan told a Press conference.

The government has expected more foreign tourists coming into Indonesia following the opening of the route to Europe and some overseas planned route.

Tourism Minister Jero Wacik has said that Indonesia needs more airliners to support tourism.

Indonesia has targeted 7 million foreign tourists in 2010, higher than last year’s 6.32 million.—Internet

S Korean shares open higher

SEOUL, 2 Aug—South Korean shares started higher on Monday. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) gained 10.89 points, or 0.62 percent, to stand at 1,770.22 in the first 15 minutes of trading. The local currency was trading at 1,173.1 won to the US dollar as of 9:46 am, down 9.6 won from Friday’s close.—Xinhua

Nikkei opens higher on stronger Japanese corporate earnings

TOKYO, 2 Aug—Japanese stocks opened higher Monday on stronger Japanese corporate earnings.

In the first 15 minutes of trading, the benchmark Nikkei-225 index gained 45.49 points, or 0.48 percent, from Friday to 9,582.79.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was up 1.42 points, or 0.17 percent, to 850.92. The Second Section edged lower.—Internet
Easing in China’s manufacturing growth

BEIJING, 2 Aug—China’s manufacturing activity continued to grow at a slower pace last month as the government took measures to curb the risk of overheating and adjust the economic structure.

The official Purchasing Managers’ Index, a comprehensive gauge of industrial activity, eased 0.9 percentage points from a month earlier to 51.2 percent in July, the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said yesterday.

A reading above 50 points indicates expansion, and it has stood above 50 points for 17 straight months. However, the index for six consecutive month is at its lowest since February 2009, when it fell below 50.

“The slowdown in the manufacturing sector signals that economic growth will continue to moderate,” the government’s investment experts are not yet stable,” said Zhang Liqun, a federation analyst.

However, Zhang did not see much possibility of a sharp contraction in investment and negative growth in export.

“The country could keep full-year economic growth at around 9.5 percent as both the domestic and overseas markets are improving and there is increasing room for the government to fine-tune its policy,” Zhang said.

Sichuan’s wild panda population grows 33% in three decades

CHENGDU, 2 Aug—The population of giant pandas living in the wild in southwest China’s Sichuan Province has risen by 33 percent in the last three decades to 1,206, the local government said.

“Altogether, 1,206 giant pandas are living in the mountains of Sichuan, making up at least 76 percent of China’s total,” the provincial forestry department said in a news release on Monday.

The endangered bears are found in 10 city and prefectural areas, including Chengdu, Dayang, Mianyang, Leshan, Meishan, Guangyuan, Aba, Garze and Liangshan, it said.

Another 246 pandas are living in captivity at the giant panda protection and research center in Wolong and the Chengdu research base, the world’s two largest centres for artificial breeding of the bears.

Sichuan Province has 41 nature reserves for giant pandas covering 2.34 million hectares in total.

Panda experts in Sichuan have reported success in artificial insemination and breeding of giant pandas, a sex-shy species on the verge of extinction.—Xinhua

Lost kayak found after floating 600 miles

FORT LAUDERDALE, 2 Aug—Florida authorities have found the owner of an abandoned kayak discovered floating off Key Largo—who says he lost it six weeks ago—after it was spotted on Tuesday, but found no one in distress, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reported on Sunday.

An Internet search led authorities to the only two US distributors of the South African-manufactured kayak and eventually to the kayak’s owner, lawyer San Dawson of the Cayman Islands, who was knocked off the kayak by a wave in the islands’ South Sound six weeks ago, the newspaper said.

“This is certainly a crazy, crazy story—just bananas from here to back,” Dawson said. “Even if you understand the Gulf Stream, it’s a pretty phenomenal story of how it traveled that far. And it’s pretty phenomenal how they found me.” —Internet

Plane crashes in Denali National Park in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, (Alaska), 2 Aug—A large cargo plane crashed in Alaska on Sunday and burst into a deadly fireball that sparked a forest fire at Denali National Park, park officials said.

Park spokeswoman Kris Fister said there are fatalities, but it’s unclear how many because “the plane pretty much disintegrated.” The aircraft crashed into the south-facing slope of Mount Healy about 200 yards north of the only major road in the park and within a mile of the park headquarters, Fister said.

The fire was challenging responders, who did not immediately know who owns the multiengine aircraft. The plane went down about 3 pm near the eastern edge of the park, about 130 miles north of Anchorage. Fister said the first responders arrived within minutes, but the plane was already engulfed in flames. The fire was contained by late Sunday evening, Fister said.

Doug Stockdale with the Alaska Fire Service said the fire was initially estimated at two square acres. Smokejumpers crews were flown to the scene to fight it, he said.

Four killed in mine blast in southeastern Turkey

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Four villagers who came to the spot to extinguish the fire and rescue the guards died when they stepped on a land-mine.

Egyptian police blocks off 10 secret tunnels at borders with Gaza

RAFAY, 2 Aug—Egyptian Security authorities blocked off on Sunday ten openings of secret tunnels at borders with the Gaza Strip.

The ten openings were located in a residential area north of Rafah crossing, a security source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian police seized huge quantities of ready-for smuggling to Gaza timber, steel and cement in Rafah during a crackdown on a warehouse in the border area.

The seized 35-truckloads of building material were confiscated and transported to a governmental warehouse. Nobody was arrested in connection with the seized quantities of building material.

Since Israel imposed a tight blockade on the Gaza Strip in 2007 and closed down all commercial crossings with the enclave, the Palestinians dug hundreds of smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt borders to use them in smuggling goods from Egypt into the besieged enclave.

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Four villagers who came to the spot to extinguish the fire and rescue the guards died when they stepped on a land-mine.
Member of MWEA leaves for Malaysia to attend Women As Global Entrepreneurs course

YANGON, 2 Aug—Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Nu Nu Yi, Treasurer Daw Tin Shwe and CEC member Daw Tin Nwe Oo saw off Member of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Khin May Lin on departure for Malaysia to attend the Women As Global Entrepreneurs course to be held in Kuala Lumpur up to 8 August, organized by NAM institute for the Empowerment of Women (NIEW) under the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, at Yangon International Airport here yesterday evening. MNA

Glorious days in...

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On 22 July 2010, the maiden trip of special train carrying local people left Hinthada station for Zalun station on the already-inaugurated Hinthada-Zalun railroad section.

A townselder U Than Tun of Hinthada expressed his feeling, “The local people of Duya and Thebyu villages of Hinthada Township, and Nyaungdon townships had never dreamt of opening a railroad in their lives. In the past, those from Pathein wishing to visit Yangon had to go to Hinthada by train first. After passing Ayeyawady River by ferry, they took one day to travel to Yangon from Tharawaw through Tharawaw, Letpadan, Thayawady, Thonze, Taikkyi and Hinway. “Thanks to construction of Hinthada-Zalun railroad section, local products such as paddy, beans and pulses, jute, banana, vegetables and fruit can be transported to Yangon by train.”

The current was flowing in the Ayeyawady River smoothly. After Yuzadiau Bridge No. 1 had been opened in Mawlamyinegyun, the local people walked along it leisurely and happily. A townselder U Aung Zaw Hlaing of Mawlamyinegyun said, “In the past, we took 12 hours for travelling to Yangon from Mawlamyinegyun by vessel. Thanks to opening of the bridge, we can go to Yangon within three hours. In addition, the Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project will create our Mawlamyinegyun as an important junction town in the near future.”

Due to opening of Yuzadiau Bridges No.1 and No.2, Mawlamyinegyun can link with its surrounding regions by overcoming natural barriers of rivers and creeks.

Ayeyawady Delta is blessed with fertile soil and natural resources, teeming with rivers, creeks and lakes. It is a region producing paddy, beans and pulses, meat, fish and salt plus plenty of marine products.

In the past, the region had lagged behind in development. After 1988, the people of the region have been walking on the golden path of development. In uplifting the transport infrastructures of the division, the government built river crossing bridges one after another. So far, a total of 312 under-180 feet long bridges and 50 large bridges of over 180 feet long ones have been built in the division. Moreover, four large bridges of over 180 feet long are under construction.

Seven multi-purpose motor roads have been built and three old roads maintained for using it as an emergency transport road and for transporting local products to various regions. At present, the Delta Region Road Network with over 420 miles long roads has been implemented.

In addition to extending the motor roads, the existing Pathein-Kyangin railroad has been connected with new railroad sections: Kyangin-Pakokka, Pathein (Belgarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon (Hlinethaya) and Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon). Earnest efforts are being made to accelerate construction of the remaining railroad sections. In the future, Ayeyawady Division will be the most developed region in the nation as it can link with various regions of the Union through waterways, railroads and motor roads.

The government spent a large sum of money and labour on building infrastructures. Local people have been witnessing and enjoying the fruits of progress of Ayeyawady Division.

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Local people at opening ceremony of Hinthada-Zalun railroad section at Duya railway station.

Education Ministry to launch School Health Week

NAU PYI TAW, 2 Aug—The Ministry of Education is speeding up the implementation of national education promotion 30-year long-term plan in the basic and higher education sectors.

The education development tasks are being undertaken at all basic education schools according to the education calendar. The School Health Week was designated between 9 to 14 August in the 2010-11 academic year. All basic education schools are to carry out five points of school health and join the activities of Nutrition Week.

In addition, personnel of the schools are to cooperate with the parents to provide necessary assistance for the students to enable them to have designated height and body weight.—MNA

Local farmers in monsoon paddy field gazing at maiden trip of special train on Hinthada-Zalun railroad section on 22 July 2010.
In the Union of Myanmar, eligible voters will elect representatives to representative (parliaments) in 2010 in line with the State Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Holding elections is a democratic practice in which the people freely elect representatives who, on their behalf, will exercise the three sovereign powers: legislative, executive and judicial powers. Any citizen who meets prescribed provisions of the laws has democratic rights to vote or stand for election.

In every emerging democracy, the people take elections seriously by choosing public representatives who will shoulder legislative, executive and judicial duties on their behalf. Elections are held, spending huge funds of the State. A central election committee and sub-committees at all levels are formed to ensure free and fair elections. Returning officers and members of polling stations are appointed and assigned duties and related courses are conducted to train them. Security forces take all measures for security of elections. Civil servants do their bit in the process for successful completion of elections. Every citizen in favour of building a modern, developed democratic nation is desirous of holding elections in a meaningful, peaceful and successful way.

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Provided that a declaration of public policy or a promise of public action shall not be an offence under this section.

(2) A person who offers, or agrees to give, or offers or attempts to procure, a gratification shall be deemed to give a gratification.

(3) A person who obtains or agrees to accept or attempts to obtain a gratification shall be deemed to accept a gratification, and a person who accepts a gratification as a motive for doing what he does not intend to do, or as a reward for doing what he has not done, shall be deemed to have accepted the gratification as a reward.

Article 171C. (1) Whoever voluntarily interferes or attempts to interfere with the free exercise of any electoral right commits the offence of undue influence at an election.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-section whoever—

(a) Threatens any candidate or voter, or any person in whom a candidate or voter is interested, with injury of any kind or
(b) induces or attempts to induce a candidate or voter to believe that he or any person in whom he is interested will become or will be rendered an object of Divine displeasure or of spiritual censure, shall be deemed to interfere with the free exercise of the electoral right of such candidate or voter, within the meaning of sub-section (1).

(3) A declaration of public policy or a promise of public action, or the mere exercise of a legal right without intent to interfere with an electoral right, shall not be deemed to be interference within the meaning of this section.

Article 171 D. Whoever at an election applies for a voting paper or votes in the name of any other person, whether living or dead, or in a fictitious name, or who having voted once at such election applies at the same election for a voting paper in his own name, and whoever abets, procures or attempts to procure the voting by any person in any such way, commits the offence of personation at an election.

Article 171E. Whoever commits the offence of bribery shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine or with both:

Provided that bribery by treating shall be punished with fine only.

Explanation—“Treating” means that form of bribery where the gratification consists in food, drink, entertainment, or provision.

Article 171F. Whoever commits the offence of under influence or personation at an election shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both:

Provided that if the offence of personation is committed in respect of an election to either Chamber of Parliament, the offender shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and may also be liable to fine.

Article 171G. Whoever with intent to affect the result of an election makes or publishes any statement purporting to be a statement of fact which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, in relation to the personal character or conduct of any candidate, shall be punished with fine.

Article 171H. Whoever without the general or special authority in writing of a candidate incurs or authorizes expenses on account of the holding of any public meeting, or upon an advertisement, circular or publication, or in any other way whatsoever for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of such candidate, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred:

Provided that is any person having incurred any such expenses not exceeding the amount of ten without authority obtains within ten days from the date on which such expenses incurred the approval in writing of the candidate, he shall be deemed to have incurred such expenses with the authority of the candidate.

Article 171 I. Whoever being required by any law for the time being in force or any rule having the force of law to keep accounts of expenses incurred at or in connection with an election fails to keep such shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred.

Article 171 J. Whoever, without lawful excuse, the burden of proof thereof being on him, has or retains in his possession inside a polling station, where votes are being recorded at an election, one or more voting tokens or ballot papers or colourable imitation thereof except for the lawful purpose or recording his vote or has in his possession outside such polling station, one or more voting tokens or ballot papers or colourable imitation thereof shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and may also be liable to fine.

2. The Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention against Disturbances and Oppositions

These days, some destructive elements are resorting to various ways such as generating public outrage, giving talks, manufacturing fabrications and distributing propaganda pamphlets with the intention of disrupting the process of the National Convention, disgracing the National Convention, and misleading the people. Such acts can have adverse effects to the drive to ensure flourishing of multiparty democratic system in the nation, the handing over of State duties in a stable, peaceful and systematic way, and building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Now, the National (See page 9)
NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — A workshop on giving educative talks on traffic rules took place at Town Hall in Bago the following day. The commander made an opening address and presented educative books on traffic rules to responsible persons.

At auto-exchange of Myamma Posts and Telecommunications in Bago, the commander inspected telecommunications services.

At the office of Bago Division (East) MPT, the commander heard reports presented by an official and gave necessary instructions.

On 26 July, the commander accompanied by officials put fingerlings into Mazin Dam at the fish-releasing ceremony in Bago.

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Commander attends workshop on giving educative talks on traffic rules

Progress of Locomotive Factory (Nay Pyi Taw), Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station inspected

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min looks around construction site of Locomotive Shed (Nay Pyi Taw), east of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min together with Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, this morning inspected construction of Locomotive Shed(Nay Pyi Taw), plans for daily maintaining locomotives and coaches and weekly and monthly tasks presented by General Manager (Mechanical & Electrical) U Tun Tun Oo at the factory, east of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station, here.

The deputy ministers gave supplementary reports on progress of construction task.

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min looks around construction site of Locomotive Shed (Nay Pyi Taw), east of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.—MNA

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Kaung Kyaw Say Co wins ASEAN Energy Award 2010

YANGON, 2 Aug—Kaung Kyaw Say Co secured the 1st Runner-up Award in the Renewable Energy Competition (Off-grid) by submitting a paper on Multipurpose Biomass Gasifier.

On 22 July, Chairman of Kaung Kyaw Say Co U Tun Naing Aung accepted the ASEAN Energy Award 2010 presented by ASEAN Center of Energy (ACE) in Da-Lat of Vietnam.

The company held the 2nd Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency Business Forum (REBF-2010) at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 17 and 18 June and displayed the energy exhibition.

Resource persons submitted papers. Departmental officials and private entrepreneurs held the Private-Public Partnership Meeting.

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Chairman of Kaung Kyaw Say Co Ltd U Tun Naing Aung seen with ASEAN Energy Award 2010.—MNA

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Restore stability and peace in elections....

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Convention has been convened successfully, but two tasks — handing over of State duties in a stable, peaceful and systematic way, and building a peaceful, modern and developed nation are still in the process of being implemented. So, the provisions are still in force in implementing the two remaining tasks.

The prohibitions and punishments prescribed in the Law are as follows—

Article 3. No one or no organization shall violate either directly or indirectly any of the following prohibitions:-

(a) inciting, demonstrating, delivering speeches, making oral or written statements and disseminating in order to undermine, belittle and make people misunderstand the functions being carried out by the National Convention for the emergence of a firm and enduring Constitution;

(b) inciting, delivering speeches, making oral or written statements and disseminating in order to undermine national reconsolidation;

c) disturbing, destroying, obstructing, inciting, delivering speeches, making oral or written statements and disseminating in order to undermine, belittle and make people misunderstand the functions being carried out by the National Convention for the emergence of a firm and enduring Constitution;

(d) carrying out the functions of the National Convention or drafting and disseminating the Constitution of the State without lawful authorization;

(e) attempting or abetting the violation of any of the above prohibitions.

Article 4. Whoever violates any prohibition contained in section 3 shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term of a minimum of (5) years to a maximum of (20) years and may also be liable to fine.

Article 5. If any organization or any person on the arrangement or abetment of any organization violates any prohibition contained in section 3, such organization may be—

(a) suspended for a period to be specified; or

(b) abolished; or

(c) declared as an unlawful association under the Unlawful - Associations’ Law.

Article 6. All funds and property of an organization against which action is taken under section 5 may also be confiscated.

The Law is promulgated with two aims—to hand over State duties in a stable, peaceful and systematic way, and to prevent disruption of tasks for successful completion of National Convention. Now, the National Convention has been convened successfully, and the State Constitution has been adopted and approved. So, there cannot be any acts that breach the provisions in Article 3 (c) and (d).

However, if there is a case in which any of the prohibitions is violated, action can be taken according to this Article 3 (a), (b) and (e).


4. Provisions on election are prescribed in Article 391 to Article 403 of Chapter IX of the State Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and electoral rights are bestowed. Similarly, electoral rights were prescribed in 1947 Constitution of the Union of Myanmar and the constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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Translation: MS
Extreme hot, cold waves torturing world

Beijing, 2 Aug — The northern hemisphere has been scorched by an ongoing heatwave since mid-June, while the southern half of the earth has witnessed intense cold and record snows. The abnormal weather has triggered social and environmental problems around the world. Sustained high temperatures have posed serious public health hazard in many countries. In Japan alone, nearly 10,000 people were hospitalized and a record 57 died due to heat stroke from 19 July to 25 July. The unusual heat has triggered a number of forest fires in Russia. Fires in central Russian regions had burned down more than 900 houses and killed at least five people, the Russian Emergency Ministry announced on Friday. Moscow witnessed a record 37.7 degrees Celsius on Thursday, the hottest in 130 years. The city is covered in smog from forest and peat fires in areas surrounding the capital. Some residents are complaining about breathing problems.

The all-time high temperature brought about the worst drought and numerous forest fires across western and central Russia. Water levels in Lake Baikal, the world’s deepest and most voluminous freshwater lake as well as the natural laboratory for researchers, have dropped below their average levels by as much as 2 meters. The earth is experiencing some of the worst environmental problems around the world.

UNESCO adds 5 sites to the World Heritage List

São Paulo, 2 Aug — UNESCO added five cultural sites to its World Heritage List on Sunday, including the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long-Hanoi in Vietnam. The citadel, built in the 11th century by the Viet Dynasty, became the 900th site listed as a World Heritage Property. With the other four sites added, the total increased to 904.

The new sites are the historic monuments of Dengfeng in China, the archaeological site Sauram in Tajikistan, the Episcopal city of Albi in France and a 17th-century canal ring in Amsterdam.

On Saturday, UNESCO added nine sites to the list, including Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, home to nuclear bomb testing in the 1940s and 1950s. UNESCO said the tests had “major consequences” on the geology and environment of the atoll and symbolized “the dawn of nuclear age.”

BP prepares to plug Gulf oil well for good

Tuesday with the static kill procedure.

Five to seven days later, mud and cement would be pumped in from below, via a relief well that has been dug deep into the earth, to seal the leak once and for all. After earlier attempts to plug the well were plagued by setbacks, this week’s effort will be closely watched from Washington to London, from the Gulf coast to Wall Street. The 104-day-old environmental disaster has devastated coastal communities, tarnished the British company’s image in the United States and cost it billions of dollars in clean-up costs. It has also eroded President Barack Obama’s approval ratings and raised tensions between Washington and London.

Los Angeles wildfire almost contained

Los Angeles, 2 Aug — Firefighters have gained an upper hand over a wildfire which burned about 14,000 acres (5,670 hectares) in suburban Los Angeles, authorities said on Sunday.

By Sunday morning, the Crown Fire was 87 percent contained, and full containment is expected later in the day, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) said.

County fire Inspector Fred Stowers said 1,320 firefighters were assigned to the blaze, and most of the flames were quenched. Since its breakout on Thursday, the Crown Fire has damaged a number of structures, including four homes, three single-wide trailers, two garages, a building, three outbuildings and a hay barn, according to the LACFD.

Japan robot brings visitors home by video-phone

Osaka, 2 Aug — Japanese researchers on Sunday unveiled a robot that can mimic speech and gestures sent to it by a robot called Telenoid R1 in Osaka, Japan. The robot can robot that can mimic speech and gestures sent to it by video-phone, replicating a distant caller’s presence.

Two arrested after explosives sent to British spy HQ

London, 2 Aug — British police are questioning two men after a homemade parcel bomb was sent to the headquarters of the MI6 spy agency, and another was found at a London postal depot. The men, aged 52 and 21, were arrested in Wales on explosives charges and being held on Sunday at a London police station. They have not been charged.

The Metropolitan Police said a suspect package was found on Wednesday “at a premises on Albert Embankment” — the location of Britain’s foreign intelligence agency. Another device was intercepted at apostal sorting office.

BP engineer were preparing to pump heavy drilling mud and cement into the well in a procedure known as a “static kill,” retired Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, the US official overseeing the federal spill response, said on Sunday. He said the two-pronged effort to finally kill the runaway well would start “as early as Monday night” or possibly early on
Research links chemical to cognition

Baltimore, 2 Aug — University of Maryland researchers say discovery of a chemical in the brain that appears to reduce cognition could lead to pills that make people smarter.

The work on kynurenic acid could also be used in the development of treatments for Alzheimer’s disease, The Baltimore Sun reported. But any drugs based on the discovery are years away.

Robert Schwarz, a professor at the medical school, said he and his colleagues developed mice that had been genetically engineered to have 70 percent less kynurenic and found they were better at finding their way through mazes and performing other cognitive tasks. Scientists have also found high levels of the acid in the brains of people with Alzheimer’s and other diseases that involve the loss of brain function.

The human brain is stimulated to produce the acid when people eat food high in tryptophan, such as turkey.

Four people shot in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, 2 Aug — Four people were shot and wounded in Los Angeles on Sunday, police said. Two males and two females were wounded, including a 25-year-old woman who was hit in her torso and legs, police said.

The four were taken to a nearby hospital, but their condition were not immediately known, said a police source who refused to be named. The shooting near 9525 Holmes Ave was reported shortly after 10 pm.

Three males in a green Honda Accord escaped from the scene, and police are searching for the three suspects, the source said.

The motive for the killing was not yet known, police said.—Xinhua

US-Canadian mission set to map Arctic seafloor

ANCHORAGE, 2 Aug — US and Canadian scientists are headed far north on a joint mission to map the still mysterious floor of the Arctic Ocean, as questions of sovereignty and mineral rights swirl around the region.

The five-week mission, the third joint expedition in as many years, employs two powerful icebreakers from the nations’ Coast Guard fleets.

Both are scheduled to depart on Monday, from ports in Alaska and Canada’s Nunavut territory respectively, for a rendezvous point at sea, said the US Geological Survey, a participating agency.

The programme seeks to help both nations determine how far north they may extend their sovereignty, a potentially lucrative right in an era of melting Arctic sea ice and worldwide demand for the oil, natural gas and other minerals believed to lie beneath the seafloor.

Eighteen killed, 84 elderly South Africans homeless in fire

JOHANNESBURG, 2 Aug — At least 18 elderly South Africans were killed and 84 left homeless on Sunday night in a fire that raged through the Pieter Wessels old age home and frail care centre in Dumnottar, east of Johannesburgh.

It was unclear what sparked the late night blaze, Talk Radio 702 in Johannesburg said. Paramedics, police officers and community members spent the night evacuating the elderly village and transporting the elderly survivors to places of safety. Emergency services said a total of 102 people were on the premises at the time of the fire.

An unnamed security guard, who was at the main entrance, was quoted as saying: “The sisters just called me and said there is fire on the premises and I ran but I realized the fire was too strong. We then tried to take out the other patients.”—Xinhua

23 killed in Indian fatal truck accident

MUMBAI, 2 Aug — Twenty-three Indian pilgrims were killed after the truck they were traveling plunged into a gorge in northwestern state of Uttarakhand on Sunday, local media reported.

The incident occurred on a national highway in Uttarkashi District of Uttarakhand when the truck fell into the gorge with the depth of about 150 metres, the Press Trust of India quoted local police as saying. The rescue team recovered 23 bodies, said the local police. The local police said the accident was probably triggered by the torrential rains during the last two days.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal was shocked by the fatal accident and ordered a thorough investigation.—Xinhua

Nation’s first electric car sold to individual

BEIJING, 2 Aug — Last week little-known carmaker Zotye Auto became the first Chinese company to sell a purely electric car to an individual buyer.

Li Ziqiang, a Hangzhou resident, bought the 5008EV from the Zhejiang-based private manufacturer last Monday after leasing a 2008EV model based on the company’s small SUV for six months.

In January this year, Zotye put 100 of its 2008EV model up for lease in Hangzhou to test them in daily use under actual road conditions.

Li paid 2,500 yuan a month to lease the car that would sell for more than 200,000 yuan - far more expensive than its 60,000-yuan petrol-powered cousin made by Zotye.

He said the car only cost him about 100 yuan a month for electricity. He made the decision to buy one after he learned about a government subsidy for new-energy vehicles, said a report of Qianjiang Evening News, a local newspaper in Hangzhou.
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV MARKS C VOY NO ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MARKS C VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of medical goods, nitrous oxide gas and medical equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No.57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (5.8.2010).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (26.8.2010) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information, please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No. 371969, 372362.

Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health

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**Where antique culture touches modern design**

BEIJING, 2 Aug—Beijing is home to countless shops that sell furniture and home decorations, but very few are born from the desire to promote innovative Chinese designers and furniture items that simultaneously embrace traditional Chinese culture and our modern times.

Nestled in the trendy, yet serene 751 D-Park just an arm’s length from the bustling 798 art zone is O Gallery — a young business that does precisely that. Despite its short name, the essence of O Gallery is difficult to define in just a few words. It’s not just a gallery, nor is it simply a furniture shop. If anything, it’s an “adult” stem cells in the marrow injection. He tried it because of published research from France. Einhorn’s experience isn’t a rigorous study.

But it’s an example of many innovative therapies doctors are studying with adult stem cells. Those are stem cells typically taken from bone marrow and blood — not embryos.

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**Adult stem cell research far ahead of embryonic**

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—A few months ago, Dr Thomas Einhorn was treating a patient with a broken ankle that wouldn’t heal, even with multiple surgeries. So he sought help from the man’s own body. Einhorn drew bone marrow from the man’s pelvis bone with a needle, condensed it to about four teaspoons of rich red liquid, and injected that into his ankle. Four months later the ankle was healed. Einhorn, chairman of orthopedic surgery at Boston University Medical Center, credits “adult” stem cells in the marrow injection. He tried it because of published research from France. Einhorn’s experience isn’t a rigorous study.

But it’s an example of many innovative therapies doctors are studying with adult stem cells. Those are stem cells typically taken from bone marrow and blood — not embryos.
Wendy’s robber complains about skimpy haul

Police say a man who robbed a fast-food restaurant with a gun was so mad about the amount of loot that he called back twice to complain. The man walked up to the drive-through window of an Atlanta Wendy’s late Saturday night, wearing a ski mask and holding a gun.

He demanded the cash drawer, grabbed it and ran away. But police say he later called the fast food restaurant to complain about the amount of cash. Police say in one call he said that “next time there better be more than $586.” He called again with a similar complaint.

Inmate sues man he’s convicted of burglarizing

A Florida inmate is suing the man he’s convicted of burglarizing, claiming the man and two others roughed him up during a citizen’s arrest.

Michael Dupree is serving a 12-year sentence for burglary and cocaine possession stemming from a 2007 break-in of a van in St Petersburg. Dupree allegedly stole a bicycle locked inside and was apprehended after the owner, Anthony McKoy, saw him with the bike down the street.

Dupree said McKoy and two others pointed a gun at him, handcuffed him and placed a knee painfully in his back. He’s seeking $500,000 for disabilities and distress suffered during the takedown.

Dupree filed the civil lawsuit on his own, without the help of an attorney.

After being served with the suit, McKoy said, “I thought it was a joke. I’m the victim.”

A world prepares to make a bungee jumping atop the Atomium, the landmark of Brussels, Belgium, on 1 Aug, 2010.

Maria Getter poses in the room where Ludwig van Beethoven lived at the “Beethovenhaus” (Beethoven House) at Gneixendorf, near Krems of Austria, on 31 July, 2010. The “Beethovenhaus” where “the Music Saint” spent his last autumn in 1826 locates at the village of Gneixendorf. The owners of the house are Maria Getter and her husband at present. Since their forefathers bought the house in 1860, the Getter family has tried to keep the decoration of the house as when Beethoven lived here.

How tall is Tom Cruise, really?

More confident and slender. However, it seems that not only women loves high-heeled shoes, men do so.

For example, Tom Cruise’s height has been a frequent target of unkind jests of paparazzi. His high-profile marriage to statusque women (Nicole Kidman, 1.78m; Katie Holmes, 1.75m) made him look like even shorter. But during the recent promotion of his new movie “Knight and Day”, Cruise’s height seemed to be quite fluctuant, when he stood besides former model Cameron Diaz (1.75m). Peruse these photos and judge for yourself: How tall is Tom Cruise, really? Xinhua

Madonna in Paris to direct her new movie

PARIS, 2 Aug — The Material Girl is illuminating the City of Light, where she’s shooting her latest film, “WE.”

Dressed all in black and heavily accessorized in dark shades, a hat and a patterned scarf, Madonna directed Saturday’s shoot in Paris’ tony 6th district.

The 51-year-old singer made her directorial debut in 2008 with “Filth and Wisdom,” about a Ukrainian cross-dressing punk-rocker.

Madonna is not the only US star to film in the French capital this summer.

Last week, Woody Allen was shooting his “Midnight in Paris” on location near the Pantheon and in a park behind Notre Dame cathedral.

The film, starring Owen Wilson, also includes a performance by France’s first lady, model-turned-singer Carla Bruni-Sarkozy.— Internet

Alicia Keys weds producer Swizz Beatz

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Call her Mrs. Beatz. Alicia Keys has married producer Swizz Beatz (Swiss Beats), with whom she is expecting her first child.

A representative for Keys on Sunday confirmed the wedding.

The Grammy winner and Beatz — whose real name is Kaseem (KAH-seem) Dean — announced in May that they were engaged. They were wed Saturday at a private ceremony. Deepak Chopra conducted the ceremony.— Internet

Arrests sought after burgers, fries tossed in pool

The hamburger patties, French fries and pretzels tossed into the pool were bad enough. But did a vandal really have to smear mozzarella cheese on the water slide?

Officials in northern Virginia’s Prince William County said that mischief was done overnight at Waterworks Waterpark, plus more.

But it’s no laughing matter. The park is closed until workers can drain, sanitize and refill the pool.

Prince William County Park Authority spokeswoman Dianne Cabot says the vandalism took place between 10 pm on Friday, when the last lifeguard left, and 8 am on Saturday.
Big-spending City look to overhaul Chelsea, United

LONDON, 2 Aug—With less than two weeks until the start of the Premier League season, champions Chelsea and leading contenders Manchester United are preparing for a serious challenge from big-spending Manchester City.

While Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti and United boss Sir Alex Ferguson have been content to make only minor alterations to their squads, City chief Roberto Mancini has been acquiring new players with the carefree relish of a lottery winner let loose in Harrods.

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“Bet the Merseysiders’ tight financial circumstances look certain to doom any move.”

“We’d love to have Landon but he looks too expensive for us and we just don’t have it,” Moyes told www.evertonfc.com.

Young Gunners change Wenger’s transfer plans

LONDON, 2 Aug—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admits the impressive form of young Gunners Jack Wilshere and Emmanuel Frimpong has persuaded him not to sign another midfielder.

Wenger planned to bring in another central midfielder before the transfer window shuts at the end of August because he wasn’t convinced Wilshere and Frimpong were mature enough to play regularly.

But with Cesc Fabregas resting after the World Cup and fellow midfielders Abou Diaby and Denilson injured, Wenger threw the youngsters in at the deep end during the Emirates Cup and was delighted with their response.

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Mourinho says Real won’t peak until 2012

MOURINHO, 2 Aug—New Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho has sent a potential warning to fans of the Spanish giants by claiming the teams he has coached to glory in the second season of their readiness for the Premier League kick-off.

Mourinho, speaking to Spanish newspaper El Mundo on Sunday, made the claims despite having won domestic championships with Inter Milan, Chelsea and Porto during his first season in charge with the respective clubs.

“The process of assimilation means it is only really in the second season that a team has acquired the right systems and a philosophy of play,” said the 47-year-old Portuguese, who led Inter to the Champions League trophy last season before signing a four-year deal with Real.—INTERNET

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Anelka back as Chelsea slump to friendly defeat

FRANKFURT, 2 Aug—Nicolas Anelka played for the first time since being kicked-out of France’s World Cup squad on Sunday but was unable to prevent Chelsea slipping to a 2-1 defeat against Eintracht Frankfurt.

Anelka was one of six World Cup players featuring for the Premier League champions along with John Terry, Ashley Cole, Paulo Ferreira, Florent Malouda and Salomon Kalou.

Individual errors cost Chelsea with goalkeeper Hilario making a hash of a clearance to give the German side the lead while a shirt pull by Bransilav Ivanovic late in the game allowed the hosts to score from a penalty.

In between, Frank Lampard had levelled for the London side.

Eintracht were ahead after 24 minutes when Hilario lost the ball and allowed Patrick Ochs to score into an empty net.

International club friendlies results 1 August

Inter Milan 3 - 0 Manchester C.
Monchengladbach 1 - 0 Liverpool
AC Milan 1 - 1 Lyon
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 - 1 Chelsea
Bordeaux 2 - 1 FC Porto
Hamburger SV 3 - 0 1. FC Cologne
Arsenal 3 - 2 Celtic
Schalke 3 - 1 Bayern Munich
Paris S.G. 1 - 1 AS Roma
Marseille 1 - 0 Valencia
Benfica 4 - 1 Aston Villa

Hodgson worried over Liverpool pool readiness

MOENCHENGLADBACH, 2 Aug—Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson admitted on Sunday that he was concerned by his team’s readiness for the Premier League kick-off.

Hodgson was able to follow summer signing Joe Cole as well as England colleagues Steven Gerrard, Jamie Carragher and Glen Johnson for the first time on Sunday as his team lost 1-0 at Borussia Moenchengladbach in a friendly.

But the Anfield boss said it has been difficult to prepare for the new campaign due to the extended breaks many of his senior stars were afforded.
China’s Geely set to close $1.8 billion Volvo buy

Beijing, 2 Aug—China’s Geely will complete its $1.8 billion purchase of Ford Motor Co’s Volvo unit on Monday, a source with direct knowledge of the matter said, capping China’s biggest purchase of a foreign car maker. The deal, which would see the privately owned parent of Geely Automobile buy Volvo, in many ways also reflects China’s rapid rise on the global auto stage, after it passed the United States last year to become the world’s top auto market.

The final value of the deal will be around the figure previously announced, although the actual amount could vary depending on exchange rates, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity pending an official announcement.—Internet

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WEATHER

Monday, 2nd August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NyaungU’ (2.87) inches, Loilem (2.36) inches, Mogok (2.00) inches Heho (1.06) inches Hkan’sai (0.98) inch, kyauktaw (0.94) inch, Taungdwingyi and Kawthoung (0.91) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-8-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 2-8-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours M.S.T. on 2-8-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 1-8-2010 was (3.0) hours.

Rainfall on 2-8-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye (0.12) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (41.97) inches at Mingaladon, (48.27) inches at Kaba-Aye and (57.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (16) mph from Southwest at (09:20) hours M.S.T. on 1-8-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway and Lower Sagaing Divisions, isolated in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35-40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-8-2010: 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Glorious days in Ayeyawady Division

While flying over Ayeyawady Division, I saw tributaries of Ayeyawady River and running of various sized vessels in them.

In the past, locals were at the mercy of KNDO and BCP. Those were dark days of Ayeyawady Division. One day in February 1968, villagers of Lanthamaing Village in Wakema Township took the positions holding knives, pointed bamboo, spears and cross-bows. When over 50 insurgents bringing along with assorted automatic guns approached the village, the villagers from four sides unitedly wiped out the insurgents. It was a great victory of the people.

After that, the people and the Tatmadaw achieved victories one after another in the battles against the insurgents in the Shwe Linyon and the Moe Hein military operations in the Delta region. The united strengths of the people and the Tatmadaw secured peace and tranquility for the people.

Holding elections is a democratic practice in which the people freely elect representatives who, on their behalf, will exercise the three sovereign powers: legislative, executive and judicial powers. Any citizen who meets prescribed provisions of the laws has democratic rights to vote or stand for election.

Photo shows an aerial view of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 across Yazudaing River which is unvaluable transport facility for local people in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division.—MNA