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Energy Minister attends
28th ASEAN Ministers on
Energy Meeting (AMEM)


Minister U Lun Thi who was the chairman of 27th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting made an opening speech on the occasion and handed the chairmanship role over to Vietnamese Industry and Commerce Minister Mr Vu Huy Hoang who will be the chairman of 28th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting.

At the meeting, the ministers discussed matters on their energy policies, seeking ways and means for overcoming the challenges of climate change and changes in economy in ASEAN community and environmental conservation tasks in a cordial manner.

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

Four 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

Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road improving livelihoods of residents

Byline & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

The government is making relentless efforts in extending construction of new motor roads and railroads and maintaining old ones to be able to create road networks with the linkages of roads across the nation for better transport.

In June 2010, Public Works assigned duties to its work groups to carry out the extended construction of Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road starting from Pyawbwe of Yamethin District and upgrading it to an asphalt facility.

Under the arrangements of Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw of Road Special Group No. 13, the news crew of Myanma Alin, accompanied by Sub-Assistant Engineer Daw Myat Myat Thin, left Nay Pyi Taw and met Engineer U Edison of Yamethin District Public Works in an interview.

Together with the Yamethin District Engineer, the news team proceeded to Natmauk Junction in Pyawbwe. The Natmauk Junction, a branch of Yangon-Mandalay Highway, is an 18 feet wide asphalt road. It is 62 miles and four furlongs long road from Pyawbwe to Natmauk. The length of the road from Pyawbwe to Magway is 98 miles and four furlongs.

Along the road starting from Pyawbwe, we saw the plains covered with thriving sesame, beans and pulses and maize plantations on both sides.

The road between mile post No. 0/0 and mile post No. 25/4 is the border line of Mandalay and Magway Divisions. From the border line to Natmauk is 37 miles long and the length of road from Natmauk to Magway is 36 miles. It is a road constructed with an alignment along

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Establish mangrove forest ecosystem

Global climate is changing day by day. Environmental degradation occurs throughout the world. Some regions are suffering from consequences of heat waves, drought, storms, floods and heavy snow fall.

So also, Myanmar experienced impacts of tropical storms. The storms destroyed lives and property. As part of efforts to take preventive and preparedness measures, mangrove plantations are being established along Myanmar coastal regions and the Delta where storms may occur.

The mangrove forests, mostly located between the sea and onshore regions, are formed with tidal waters, soil, freshwater and mud with microorganism. It is home to fish, prawn, crab, conch shell, water birds, reptiles and bio-diversities.

The ecosystem of mountains, waters and soil in Myanmar benefits the environments and human beings. The forest ecosystem includes mangrove forests that protects the farmlands against inflow of seawater in addition to strong winds. Moreover, mangrove forests contribute much to food sufficiency of the nation by creating the environs of natural food circle for development of fish and prawn the whole year.

In cooperation with the international organizations and local people, the Ministry of Forestry is extending establishment of mangrove forests along Myanmar coastal regions and Ayeyawady Delta for protection against strong winds and tidal waves. The plans are underway to designate Meinmahla Island, Byonhmway Island and Kyunnyogyi Island as the nature based bio-diversity forest reserves in Ayeyawady Division.

The local people are to join hands with the government in undertaking establishment and conservation of mangrove forest ecosystem so as to create fine weather and protect nature based bio-diversity forest reserves.

Coord meeting between L&F Ministry and MTA held

YANGON, 3 Aug — A coordination meeting between the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Myanmar Trawlers Association was held at Annawah Hall at Nyaungdan Jetty in Pazundaung Township here yesterday with an address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein. MNA

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Applied course on Google Earth, GIS in Aug

YANGON, 3 Aug — “Myanmar Credenti Technology” will conduct an applied Google Earth and Geographic Information Systems - GIS course at Myanmar Info-Tech Building here in August.

MCPA to organize Video Production Course No (2) on 28 Aug

YANGON, 3 Aug — With the aim of sharing digital video technology for development of media technology, Video Production Course No (2) will be organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association at the training hall in Building (1) of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hlne Township here from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends from 28 August to 26 September. Fee is fixed K120, 000 per head and MCPA members may enjoy 10 % discount.

U Wunna Kyaw (Art Director - People Media, Inforithm-Maze) ASEAN Award Winning News Media Artist, Contributor (Internet Journal) accompanied by visiting scholars will give lectures at the course.

For further information, contact office of MCPA, Room-4, Building-4 (Ph: 652276) and enthusiasts may enrol not later than 16 August.

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Members of Bawlak District Subcommission inspect pre-electoral works

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Under the arrangement of Bawlak District Election Subcommission, subcommission offices in the district and pre-electoral works have been inspected.

On 30 July, Secretary of the district subcommission U Chan Myaw Saw, members U Thant Zin and U Khin Saw made field trips to Nanphei Village, Bukwa Village, Shanbaing Ward, and Kayahbang Ward to meet with members of ward and village subcommissions, returning officers, and deputy returning officers. They inspected making lists of eligible voters and documentary files. They hold discussion about pre-electoral works with members of subcommissions and answered their queries.

MNA

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* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
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Bomb blast kills four civilians, wounds three in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Aug — Four civilians were killed and three others wounded in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack in Afghanistan’s northern Faryab Province on Monday, a press release issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said here on Tuesday.

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MAZAR-E-SHARIF, 3 Aug — Unknown armed men raided the branch of a popular Afghan private bank Kabul Bank early Tuesday and after killing six of its guards robbed the money inside, an official with the bank Mohammad Ibrahim said.

“Unknown armed men sneaked into a branch of Kabul Bank in Mazar-e-Sharif city late night and after killing six guards took away some money,” Ibrahim told Xinhua.

He also said that the robbers snubbed to dead the six guards of the bank by knife.

He also added that the robbers had robbed more than 200,000 US dollars and 3.5 million Afghans (some 75,000 US dollars) from the bank.

A vehicle is burned during clashes in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan recently. Locals in Kabul on Friday afternoon set fire on two vehicles of foreigners. Xinhua

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An Iraqi policeman searches a car at a checkpoint in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 Aug. 2010. July was the deadliest month for Iraqis in more than two years, according to newly released figures that show 535 were killed in violence. Internet
Guinness confirms world’s largest dinosaur museum in China

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug—A big car company would probably never hire a software guy like Jason Wolf to head up its North American division. But at a time when President Obama is pushing to have more electric cars on the road, Wolf is doing just that. He runs the North America division of a company called Better Place.

Better Place wants to change the way people drive, and it wants to take on the big boys like GM and Nissan. But it’s probably better to call it a tech company than a car company. Obama says he wants a million electric cars on American roads within five years. “I’m committed to a strategy that ensures America leads in the design and the deployment of the next generation of clean-energy vehicles,” he says.

All this is great news for companies like Better Place. It means government-backed loans are being made available to develop the technology.

Robot ranger sets untethered ‘walking’ record at 14.3 miles

BOSTON, 3 Aug—The loneliness of the long-distance robot: A Cornell University robot named Ranger walked 14.3 miles in about 11 hours, setting an unofficial world record at Cornell’s Barton Hall early July.

A human—armed with nothing more than a standard remote control for toys—steered the untethered robot.

Jinan, 3 Aug—A dinosaur museum in east China’s Shandong Province has been confirmed by Guinness World Records as the largest of its kind in the world, a museum official said on Monday.

The Shandong Tianyu Museum of Nature in Pingyi County, which opened in 2004 and is devoted to dinosaur and other prehistoric fauna, applied for a Guinness World Record early June and received the confirmation on Monday, said Yin Shiyin, deputy curator of the museum.

“It contains 28,000 square meters (301,389 sq ft) of exhibition space, housing 1,106 dinosaur specimens and thousands of other ancient fossils,” the London-based agency said in a certificate to confirm it as the world’s largest dinosaur museum.

The dinosaur specimens are all represented by almost complete skeletons, including 368 psittacosaurid specimens, 391 dromeosaurid specimens, 255 Anchisaurus specimens, 22 Jeholosaurus specimens, and 70 other rare dinosaurs and unnamed dinosaur fossils, the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Palaeoanthropology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences said in a certification document.—Internet

The photo shows the first class cabin of Emirates’ Airbus A380 which arrives at the Capital International Airport in Beijing on 1 August, 2010.

Hackers target Microsoft Windows XP support system

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug—Hi-tech criminals are “escalating” attacks on an unpatched bug in the Windows XP help and support system.

Microsoft said it had seen more than 10,000 machines hit by the attack that, so far, it has not found a fix for.

Windows PCs falling victim will have control of that machine handed over to attackers.

Microsoft said the attacks had gone from theoretical to real very quickly and urged users to take steps to protect themselves.—Internet

The 14.3-mile record beats the former world record set by Boston Dynamics’ BigDog, which had claimed the record at 12.8 miles.

A group of engineering students, led by Andy Ruina, Cornell professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, announced the robotic record at the Dynamic Walking 2010 meeting on 9 July, in Cambridge, Mass. Ruina leads the Biorobotics and Locomotion Laboratory at Cornell.

Los Angeles, 3 Aug—An iPhone utility that lets iPhone 4 owners run non-Apple approved applications, has been released.

Jailbreakme 2.0 works on all iPhones and iPod touches running iOS4, its developers say.

However, there are reports that iPhone owners are losing FaceTime and multimedia messaging services, as well as problems for iPad users.

The utility was launched a week after US regulators announced it was lawful to hack or jailbreak an iPhone.

Unlike previous Jailbreak applications, which required the user to be connected to an external computer before they could install it, this latest version can be accessed and installed using the iPhone’s own web browser, Safari.

In a posting on Twitter, one of the developers behind Jailbreakme—who uses the handle “comex”—described the new tool as “exciting” but warned that the server was struggling to cope with demand.

“Please don’t e-mail me if the site doesn’t load, because I know that,” he wrote.
Household spray cleaners pose danger to toddlers in US

Los Angeles, 3 Aug—Household spray cleaners pose a serious danger to children in the US, injuring roughly 12,000 children under the age of six annually, according to figures released on Monday.

Bleach was the cleaning product most commonly associated with injury (37.1 percent), and the most common type of storage container involved was a spray bottle (40.1 percent), the Nationwide Children’s Hospital’s Centre for Injury Research and Policy said.

“So many household products are sold in spray bottles these days, because for cleaning purposes they’re really easy to use,” said study author Lara B McKenzie, a researcher at the centre.

Although rates of injuries from bottles with caps and other types of containers decreased during the study period, spray bottle injury rates remained constant, the centre noted.

The researchers examined national data on roughly 267,000 children aged five and under who were treated in emergency rooms after injuries with household cleaning products between 1990 and 2006. During this time period, 72 percent of the injuries occurred in children between the ages of one and three years.—Internet

A weekend lie-in may not help catch up on lost sleep.—Internet

China’s land supply up 135% in H1 amid worries on property prices

Beijing, 3 Aug—China provided 56,000 hectares of land for residential use in the first six months of 2010, up 135 percent over the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Land and Resources.

A significant increase in the availability of land for housing was reported in areas like Guizhou Province, Beijing, Jiangxi Province, Heilongjiang Province and the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, said a statement on the ministry’s website.

The land and resources management departments at various levels have been working hard to ensure land supplies, especially for indemnificatory housing, and middle-sized and small apartments, the statement said.

According to the Ministry of Land and Resources, the measures included tighter speculation in April. The measures included tighter supplies for public residential purposes, it added.

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China implemented a series of measures to rein in soaring home prices and curb property market speculation in April. The measures included tighter scrutiny of applications for financing, limiting of loans for third-home purchases and higher down payment for buying second-homes.

Latest data indicated the red-hot property market has started cooling as average housing prices in 70 major cities fell 0.1 percent in June from May.

Low-carb diet trumps low-fat on ‘good’ cholesterol

New York, 3 Aug—Over the long term, a low-carb diet works just as well as a low-fat diet at taking off the pounds — and it might be better for your heart, new research suggests.

Both diets improved cholesterol in a two-year study that included intensive group counseling. But those on the low-carbohydrate diet got a bigger boost in their so-called good cholesterol, nearly twice as much as those on low-fat.

In previous studies, low-carb diets have done better at weight loss at six months, but longer-term results have been mixed. And there’s been a suggestion of better cholesterol from low-carb eating.

The latest test is one of the longest to compare the approaches.

An overweight teenager works out. Overeating combined with the wrong mix of fats in one’s diet can cause obesity to be carried over from one generation to the next, researchers in France reported on Friday.—Internet

Business

Canada’s IMAX Corp is aiming to nearly triple the size of its big-screen network in China, state media said on Tuesday, as it looks to tap into huge box office receipts fuelled by a growing middle class.—Internet

Photo taken on 3 July, 2010 shows the urban area of Hangzhou, a tourism destination famed for its Xihu Lake and also the capital city of east China’s Zhejiang Province.—Xinhua

S Korea’s FX reserves top record high in July

Seoul, 3 Aug—South Korea’s foreign exchange reserves settled a new record in July on the back of a weaker US dollar that pulled up the conversion value of assets denominated in other currencies, the central bank said on Tuesday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), South Korea’s official foreign reserves as of the end of July 2010 amounted to 285.96 billion US dollars, up 11.74 billion US dollars from the 274.22 billion US dollars total at the end of the preceding month.

Xinhua

Japan’s monetary base up 6.1% on year in July

Tokyo, 3 Aug—Japan’s monetary base rose 6.1 percent on year in July to 98,935 trillion yen (103.27 billion US dollars), the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said in a report on Tuesday.

The total in the recording month followed a 1.0 percent annual rise in June, the central bank said.

According to the BOJ, the monetary base surged 35.2 percent to 99,826 trillion yen on a seasonally adjusted basis. Banknotes in circulation rose 1.0 percent in July, while coins in circulation dropped an annual 0.4 percent, the bank said.

Current account balances climbed 39.8 percent on year, including a 38.3 percent annual leap in reserve balances.—Xinhua

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One lie-in ‘not enough to counter sleep loss’

Washington, 3 Aug—A lie-in at the weekend does not counter the ill-effects of lack of sleep during the week, a study suggests.

Intests on 159 adults, US researchers found that a 10-hour “recovery” snooze was not sufficient to make up for a few nights of four hours of sleep.

Participants still scored poorly in measures of attention span and reaction times, the journal Sleep reported.

It means several nights of extra sleep may be needed for those who have been burning the candle at both ends.

Individuals in the laboratory study had two nights of 10 hours in bed.

They were then restricted to sleeping between 4am and 8am for five nights in a row.

Starting first thing in the morning on each day they completed a series of tests every two hours.

A night of recovery sleep did help improve test scores and the more sleep people had the better they did.

But even those who had 10 hours of sleep, reaction times, lapses of attention and levels of fatigue did not return to normal.

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Shanghai property market continues to cool

The city of Shanghai is continuing to see the cooling trend on its hot property market, with the latest data indicating a slowdown in the red-hot housing market.

Although the city saw a 13.5% increase in new home sales in the first half of 2010 compared to the same period last year, the pace of growth has slowed down significantly in recent months.

The data also showed that the average price per square meter in Shanghai had declined by 5% year-on-year in the first six months of 2010.

The cooling trend in Shanghai is in line with the broader national property market, which has seen a slowdown in recent months due to government measures to cool the market.

The measures include higher property taxes, stricter mortgage rules, and limits on the number of homes that can be purchased by a single household.

These measures have led to a decrease in the number of home sales and a slowdown in property prices across the country.

However, the cooling trend in Shanghai is not expected to last long, with analysts predicting that the city’s property market will continue to see growth in the coming months as the economy continues to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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India develops anti-missile directed energy weapons

Mumbai, 3 Aug—India is developing a series of directed energy weapons (DEW) to improve the anti-ballistic missile capability, local media reported on Tuesday. A laser weapon of the DEW family is being developed, which could fire a beam with a potency of 25 kilowatt. This type of laser weapon would intercept a ballistic missile in its terminal phase within the range of seven kilometres, Indian newspaper the Indian Times quoted Anil Kumar Maini, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)’s Laser Science and Technology Centre director, as saying.

The ballistic missile would explode as its shell temperature is heated to 200-300 degrees Celsius by the laser beam, the Director explained.

Malaysia still has rooms for foreign banks to invest

Kuala Lumpur, 3 Aug—There are still rooms for foreign banks to invest in Malaysia, while the Malaysian government is looking at the matter in an open manner, said Malaysian Second Finance Minister Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah on Tuesday after opening the Seventh Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum.

According to Ahmad Husni, many foreign banks are interested in setting up branches in Malaysia.

“Everytime I go overseas, feedback from foreign banks have demonstrated their interests in establishing branches here,” said Ahmad Husni.

It was reported in June that Bank Negara Malaysia, the country’s central bank, will issue five new commercial banking licences to foreign banks in line with the liberalization of the banking sector.—Internet

Cans of Asahi Breweries’ “Super Dry” beer are displayed at the company headquarters in Tokyo on 3 Aug, 2010. Japan’s Asahi Breweries said on Tuesday it wants to turn its Chinese beer business profitable in 2011, as it expects to get a boost from its tie-up with Tsingtao Brewery, in which it has a 19.9 percent stake.—INTERNET

Twenty-two bodies recovered in the boat accident in W Uganda

Kampala, 3 Aug—Ugandan police on Tuesday said it has recovered 22 bodies of the early Sunday morning boat accident on Lake Albert in western part of the country.

Marcelino Wanitho, the Midwestern regional police commander, said 17 bodies were recovered on Monday by the police Marines and search team. Five bodies were recovered on Sunday. Only 17 survivors have been accounted.

“Our police Marines returned to the site this morning to search for more bodies. They haven’t retrieved or seen anybody so far,” Wanitho told Xinhua by telephone.

“We believe there should be some three to five people still missing,” he said.—INTERNET

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Kim Jong Il inspects 2.8 Vinalon Complex

P’yongyang, 3 Aug — General Secretary Kim Jong Il provided field guidance to the February 8 Vinalon Complex making a steady boost in production.

The party members and other working people of the complex completed in a brief span of time the construction of major objects including the project for the construction of a 75 ton circulating fluidized bed boiler and intensified the mass technical innovation movement, remarkably improving the quality of vinalon cotton.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the workers of the complex successfully completed in a matter of a few months the huge project for the capacity expansion which would have taken a few years at ordinary pace. Praising the officials, workers and technicians for having sharply boosted the vinalon production and significantly improved the quality of vinalon cotton through a high-pitched drive, he highly appreciated the feats they performed by working hard for the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people. —KCNA

File photo of a US Coast Guard boat off the coast of Miami, Florida. The US Coast Guard have apprehended a group of 31 Cubans who reached Florida’s Sands Key, the US Customs and Border Protection agency said.—INTERNET

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According to an experienced staff of Public Works, Pyawbwe-Natmauk road constructed in 1964 was a gravel one. In 1995-96, the road was upgraded to the asphalt facility. Along both sides of the road, the local farmers grow beans and pulses, sesame, chilli, cotton and onion plantations. Dry creeks namely Kyahtu, Myoh, Layein, Kyweminkya, Wakhok and Yayyo can be seen at various villages.

The road from Pyawbwe to Magway stretched 153 miles with the road sections—27 miles between Pyawbwe and Meiktila, 65 miles between Meiktila and Kyaukpaduang and 61 miles between Kyaukpaduang-Magway. The length of the road from Pyawbwe to Magway is 98 miles long, which is over 50 miles shorter than the old one.

We saw the runs of trucks, express buses, private cars and departmental small vehicles along the road. Some bends were seen near Saingkaung Village. In the past, the travellers faced some difficulties in passing the creeks that had no bridge across dry creeks. Therefore, they waited for subsiding of water when the creeks overflowed. To be able to solve the above problems, the Ministry of Construction plans to build the concrete culverts across Nabukwe Creek at the point of 38 miles and three furlongs on the road, Myoh Creek at that of 48 miles and two furlongs, Kyweminkya Creek at that of 58 miles and two furlongs and Wakhok Creek at that of 61 miles and three furlongs.

According to the plan to upgrade the road to all season use, arrangements are being made to construct reinforced concrete bridges across Kyauhtu Creek near mile post No. 47/2 and Yayyo Creek at mile post No. 66/3. Along the 91 miles and four furlongs long Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya Road, we passed Yanaung Village at mile post No. 7/3, Thaphan Creek at mile post No. 25/4, Saingkaung Village at mile post No. 35/1, Kyauhtu Creek at mile post No. 47/0, Myochaung Village at mile post No. 48/2 and Winный Village at mile post No. 48/4. After that, we passed Kywekya Creek at mile post No. 50, Wakhok Creek at 61/3, Natmauk at 62/4, Yayyo Creek at 66/1 and the border of the two divisions at 74/1.

After crossing Kyakan Creek, we arrived at Kanbya at mile post No. 91/4. We went to Magway from Kanbya along the wider asphalt road.

The shorter road facility than the old one is contributing to better transport of the local people all the year round. As such, the local people residing both sides of Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya road are to safeguard and help maintain the road for its durability.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin:

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NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—The opening of Reproductive Health Course No. 1/2010 jointly conducted by, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Health Department and IPPF/BMZ was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association here this morning.

Chairperson Daw Nilar Thaw of MMCWA made an opening speech and Vice-Chairperson Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha explained purpose of conducting the course.

A total of 80 trainees from Sagaing and Magway Divisions are attending the three-day course.

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A truck seen on Pyawbwe-Natmauk road section which is under construction.
(Continued from yesterday)

5. The Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and the Region Hluttaw or the State Hluttaw Election Law

The Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law was enacted as the Law No 3/2010; the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law as Law No 4/2010; and the Region Hluttaw or the State Hluttaw Election Law as the Law No 5/2010. The said laws stipulate provisions on electoral crimes and punishments as follows:

Article 57. Whoever is found guilty of violence, threat, undue influence, cheating, taking or giving of bribes to prevent a person from exercising the right of voting and the right to stand for election shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.

Article 58. Whoever is found guilty of or abetting one of the following acts shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both:

(a) giving and taking bribes by way of money, goods, foodstuff, position or service transfer or by using any other right in order to obtain the electoral right by unlawful means or as a result of obtaining such right;
(b) threatening a Hluttaw candidate or a voter to prevent him from freely exercising his electoral right;
(c) uttering, making speeches, making declara-tions and instigating to vote or not to vote on grounds of race and religion or by abetment of such acts;
(d) giving speeches at meetings, instigation, writing, distributing or using posters or attempting by other means to disturb the voting or election.

Article 59. Whoever is found guilty of or abetting one of the following acts shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both:

(a) Intentionally making illegible or destroying list, notices or other electoral documents published by the Commission and Sub-commissions;
(b) Intentionally destroying voting roll or ballot paper or advance ballot paper, the envelope pouch used in sending them or making illegible the entries made therein;
(c) giving the ballot paper or advance ballot paper to some other person in a malicious manner;
(d) inserting into the ballot box any article other than a ballot paper;
(e) opening without authorization the ballot box which is being used or destroying the ballot paper or advance ballot paper;
(f) voting in any election at more than one Hluttaw constituency;
(g) voting more than once in any election for a Hluttaw constituency in which he has the right to vote;
(h) obtaining or casting ballot paper or advance ballot paper by impersonating another person;
(i) entering the polling booth without permission while the election is in progress;
(j) putting one counterfeit ballot paper or more into the ballot box.

Article 60. Whoever is found guilty of disturbing any eligible voter so as to prevent him from casting the vote on the election day or whoever is found guilty of abetting such act shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.

Article 61. Whoever is found guilty of committing one of the following acts inside the polling booth or within the radius of 500 yards from the polling booth on the election day shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both:

(a) canvassing;
(b) soliciting a voter to vote or exhorting and inducing him not to vote for a Hluttaw candidate;
(c) exhorting and inducing to vote or not to vote in the election.

Explanation: For the purpose of this section sticking and affixing campaign posters etc. regarding the election in other places are not included.

Article 62. Whoever is found guilty of causing disturbance to the voters or the polling booth officer and members of the polling booth team on duty by using loudspeakers or by such equipment which amplify the voice or by other indiscreet acts, inside the polling booth or within 500 yards radius from the polling booth shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.

Article 63. Whoever is found guilty of re-entering the polling booth without permission of the polling booth officer after being evicted from the polling booth by a member of the Police Force on duty, or by any security personnel on duty under the order by the polling booth officer or by the member of the polling booth team authorized by the polling booth officer for disobedience of the lawful order of the polling booth officer or acting in an indecorous manner inside the polling booth, during polling hours shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.

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Human traffickers arrested in Kawthoung, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Kawthoung Township Anti-human trafficking special squad arrested one of human traffickers. Aye Kyu of Kawthoung, elektrifying two men and four women of Theinbyuzayat and Launngon at the jetty on Haymar street in Shwezinyaw ward in Kawthoung at 7.45 p.m. on 28 July before departure for the neighboring country. The investigation revealed that they gave K 100,000 per head to four human traffickers to smuggle them to the other country to work illegally there. Action was taken against Aye Kyu and authorities concerned are trying hard to arrest remaining three human traffickers.

Kyauktada Police Station filed a charge against Ma San San Myint of Kyaukme who was at the food stall at the corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Anawrahta Street in Yangon according to the file opened by a human trafficked victim at the Police Station on 29 July morning. The investigation revealed that she sold three women as prostitutes at the other country seven months ago. Authorities concerned are trying hard to arrest Maung Myint who committed human trafficking together with Ma San San Myint.

SCHOOL BRANCH OPENED: Basic Education Middle School (Branch) was opened in Daweihmaing Village in Kyaiklat Township on 21 July morning. Assistant Education Officer (Inspection) U Win Maung of Ayeawady Division, TEO Daw Khin Pyone Nyo and Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Khin formally open the facility.—EDUCATION

Innocent people loses life in mine blast in Thandaung Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Aung Thu Phyo of Gwa-aing Village of Thayetdan Village-tract in Hantuabin Township, Bago Division, on 30 July afternoon stepped on a mine planted by insurgents while going on a sidewalk to pluck flowers in Kyamyaung Ward near Metinsein Hill in Thandaung Township.

In the blast, his right ankle was blown off. He died on the way to Zayargyi Station Hospital. It was learnt that eight persons—six men and two women—lost their lives in mine blasts across the nation and forty-four injured persons—39 men and five women—from 1 January to 31 July 2010.

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Article 64. Whoever is found guilty of dishonestly and fraudulently lodging any criminal proceedings against any person regarding offences relating to election shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or with fine not exceeding three hundred thousand kyats or with both.

The Article 66 of the laws stipulates “malpractices” as follows:

Article 66. The following are malpractices:

(a) committing the following offences by Hluttaw candidate himself or his election agent or any person with the approval of one of them:

(i) giving or taking bribes;

(ii) interfering with the electoral right;

(iii) impersonation;

(iv) making false verbal or written declaration;

(v) admitting and false signing of statement;

(b) casting of vote more than once in one constituency or in more than one constituency when elections are simultaneously held, which is of advantage to a Hluttaw candidate he favours;

(c) incurring election expenditure not in conformity with the stipulations or giving consent to incur such expenditure by a Hluttaw candidate or his election agent;

(d) failure to keep account for the election expenses as prescribed on the part of the election agent;

(e) with the prompting or consent of the Hluttaw candidate or his election agent:

(i) accepting bribe or agreeing to accept bribe by a person or in gratitude, with the intention of participating or not as a Hluttaw candidate or resigning from being a Hluttaw representative;

(ii) agreeing to accept bribe for himself or for other person with the intention of inducing or attempting to induce a voter to vote for a particular candidate or to abstain from voting;

(iii) submitting false accounts made of the election expenses or declaring the false accounts to be true or failure to submit the election expenses as prescribed;

(iv) any other person who is not a Hluttaw candidate or an election agent of a Hluttaw candidate, without permission of such candidate with a view to electing him or abets him to be elected as a Hluttaw candidate, incur expenses or permits to incur expenses by means of convening meeting or distributes paper or docu-ments or any other way.

(h) gaining advantage for the Hluttaw candidate whom he favours by means of publishing and distributing announcements, posters and bills relating to the election without mentioning names and addresses of printers and publishers.

(i) taking away his ballot paper by the voter from the polling booth during time of voting, with the prompting or consent of the Hluttaw candidate or his election agent;

(j) obtaining, abetting or attempting to obtain the help of any service personnel for being elected as Hluttaw candidate by the Hluttaw candidate or his election agent or any other person with the consent of any of them;

(k) using religious symbols or instigating with plans to vote or not to vote based on race or religion for being elected as Hluttaw candidate;

(l) creating violence, making false accusation or writing, creating public unrest to a party or person for the purpose of electing a Hluttaw candidate.

6. Review

According to laws enacted in the Union of Myanmar, electoral crimes and punishments were issued in 1861 the year in which the Code of Criminal Procedure was enacted. These provisions have been exercised till now. Electoral laws enacted in 1973, 1976, 1989 and 2010 contained provisions on the electoral crimes and punishments. In enacting in 1996 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 also contained provisions to take action against the acts of obstructing and disturbing these tasks.

The electoral rights have been granted to the people in accord with the Constitution and existing laws. However, there may be disruptions against the practising of the rights by the public. So, the provisions to take action against the persons making the disruptions have been issued and exercised.

Seven-step Road Map has been implemented to transform the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic state in accord with the majority’s wish. Now, we are at the stage of holding Hluttaw elections to form the Hlutaws at all levels and administrative bodies with public votes. In the elections, the people will have to elect the representatives of the hluttaws. Hence, peaceful and successful holding of the elections plays a vital role in building a new nation.

It is required to abide by the laws to ensure the elections to be free and fair. Hence, all who wish to build a democratic nation should play a role in the successful holding of the hluttaw elections.

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Translation: TMT
Wildfire caused by heat wave under control in Georgia

TBILISI, 3 Aug — A three-day wildfire that ravaged some 150 hectares of forest in Georgia’s central region is now under control, authorities said on Monday.

The Environment Protection Division of the Georgian Department of Natural Resources said that without big wind, the blaze in this region is expected to be contained completely within two days.

Driven by the heat wave, the wildfire was spreading quickly since it raged in Georgia’s famous Borjomi Nature Reserve on 31 July. The local government assigned more than 400 people to fight the fire, and the Defence Ministry also dispatched helicopters to assist the firefighters in the steep terrains.

Now the cause of the wildfire is under investigation by Georgian experts. The fire is believed to have been sparked by the recent ongoing heat wave. Georgia suffered a rare heat wave during the past month, and the temperatures climbed to 35-40 degrees Celsius. Both directly and indirectly, the heat wave has caused a number of fires in the capital city of Tbilisi and other regions.
Japan’s NTT DoCoMo to buy US video software firm

File photo of a pedestrian walking past an NTT DoCoMo shop in Tokyo. The Japanese mobile phone giant said Monday it was spending 111.6 million dollars to take over a US video software firm and beef up its multimedia services.—INTERNET

Tokyo, 3 Aug — Japanese mobile phone giant NTT DoCoMo said, it was spending 111.6 million dollars to take over a US video software firm and beef up its multimedia services.

DoCoMo will purchase the remaining 65 percent equity interest in PacketVideo Corp after last year buying a 35-percent stake in the California company from NextWave Wireless Inc.

The acquisition comes as DoCoMo, which sees falling revenues from voice telephone calls, aims to expand its video services for next-generation high-speed mobile services.—INTERNET

Three dead as building collapses in Italy

ROME, 3 Aug—An apartment building collapsed overnight and killed three people in their sleep in a town in southern Italy, police said.

A 10-year-old girl survived and was able to talk to firefighters from under the rubble before she was pulled out alive after several hours, Naples deputy police chief Peolo Iodice said.

State-run RAI showed footage of people applauding as she was rescued and carried away on a stretcher. It was not immediately clear why the building fell sometime after 1 am in Afragola, a small town near Naples, police said.

Among those killed were the girl’s grandmother and a married couple, Iodice said.—INTERNET

Peru braces for 7th cold wave this winter

LIMA, 3 Aug — A cold snap is gripping tropical jungles and coastal areas in central Peru starting on Sunday, as the region shivers in its winter season, reported Peru’s national meteorological department.

It is this year’s seventh cold wave that hit the South American country and is expected to last about 10 days, according to the Peruvian National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (SNMH).

A cold front from Chile has hit southern Peru and is moving north. It might bring gales of up to 50 km per hour to many places in the country, said Raquel Loayza, an expert with the SNMH.—Xinhua

Three killed in house collapse north of Cairo

CAIRO, 3 Aug— Three people were killed and three others injured in a house collapse in Egypt’s Nile Delta.

A 37-year-old woman and her two children, five and seven years old respectively, were killed when a four-storey house collapsed in Dammita Governorate, some 150 km north of Cairo, Egypt’s daily El Shorouk reported on its website.

A 14-year-old daughter of the deceased mother and another resident of the same building were injured in the collapse. A policeman was also injured during salvage operation.

Earlier this month, Seven people were killed in a residential building collapse in the central Cairo neighbourhood of Darb el-Ahmar.—Xinhua

One killed, four injured in small plane crash in US

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug— A light plane carrying four people onboard flown from San Diego to Fullerton, Orange County near Los Angeles crashed on Monday, causing one death and four injuries.

A woman riding in the front passenger seat aboard the single-engine Velocity Super XLRG5 died at the scene shortly before 1 pm (0800 GMT) after the home-made plane went down on Admiral Baker Golf Course near Interstate 15 in San Diego County, police and San Diego Fire Rescue Department said.

Four others, including three children, were sent to hospital for treatment by ground ambulance. All of the victims are in critical conditions, authorities said. According to the Federal Aviation Administration report, the pilot had radioed the tower to report that a door on the plane was stuck open and he was heading back to the airport to make an emergency landing, and the crash was reported a short time later.

It was the second deadly light-plane crash to occur in the San Diego area in a week.

A twin-engine Beech 95-B55 went down in a field behind an Oceanside primary school and burst into flames, killing the pilot and an 83-year-old sole occupant on Tuesday morning. Xinhuar

Australia hosts 19th World Congress of Soil Science

CANBERRA, 3 Aug — The world is facing the monumental challenge of doubling its food production by 2050 with fewer resources, scientists said in Australia.

More than 1,800 scientists were in Brisbane of Australia for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science, with food security a key focus.

With the global population expected to top 9.2 billion by 2050, experts said the world will need to repeat the Green Revolution that saw food production double between 1960 and 1985.

But with less land, water and fertilizer available, the focus will have to be on working smarter.

The chief of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation’s (CSIRO’s) land and water division Dr Neil McKenzie told the congress that Australia currently feeds 60 million people but faces major challenges to increase production.—Xinhua

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MOSCOW, 3 Aug—With nearly 86,000 people evacuated from fire-ravaged regions, Russian authorities said on Sunday that firefighters were gaining control over blazes sweeping across thousands of acres in western Russia. “Despite complicated weather conditions, the situation is under control thanks to preventive measures and efforts taken by the Russian Emergencies Ministry,” a spokesman for the ministry told the Itar-Tass news agency.

At least 28 people have been killed and thousands left homeless by the wildfires, which are among the worst ever to hit western Russia. No fire-related deaths were reported since Friday, officials said on Sunday. Two firefighters were among the dead, Itar-Tass reported, citing the Emergency Ministry.

Latest figures from the ministry showed that 128,500 hectares (317,530 acres) were burned or had burned, and 774 “hotbeds of wildfire” were counted as of 6 am Sunday. About half the fires had either been extinguished or contained, the ministry spokesman said.—Internet

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug—Regularly sleeping for more or less than seven hours per day is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, a new study suggests. Researchers at West Virginia University School of Medicine based their finding on data from 30,397 adults who participated in the 2005 National Health Interview Survey, which collected information on demographic factors, socioeconomic characteristics, lifestyle and health. Sleep duration was assessed by the question, “On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period?” Eight percent of the study population reported sleeping five hours per day or less, including naps. Multivariable logistic regression analysis revealed that their risk of any cardiovascular disease was more than two times higher than that of people who reported a daily sleep duration of seven hours. —Internet

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Authorities said bad weather Monday forced them to halt their investigation into the deaths. The journalists’ employer asked police to begin a search when they failed to return by 6 pm Saturday. —Internet

A man inspect the ruins of his house in the village of Belomut, Russia, after wildfires ravaged the area.—Internet

Risk of cardiovascular disease linked with sleep duration: study

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Shark style: A drummer wears a shark hat as her team prepares to compete in a heat in the Macau Club Crew World Championships dragon boat competition in Macau.—Internet

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Ohio Red Cross giving away new car, or Amish buggy

To spur blood donations, an Ohio Red Cross chapter is offering people who give a pint of blood the chance to win a car or a horse-drawn buggy.

Spokeswoman Christy Chapman in Cleveland says the Red Cross didn’t want to leave its many Amish donors out of the giveaway. The organization’s Northern Ohio blood services region includes three counties with one of the nation’s largest Amish populations.

The Red Cross regional operation has a board member who is Amish and who is arranging to have a buggy custom made for the contest, which wraps up recently.

Blood donors who prefer a more modern mode of transportation can win a 2010 Nissan Versa.

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Porn site airs at Indonesia’s parliament

Indonesian lawmakers and journalists got a shock when an online porn video blazed across dozens of computer monitors outside the press room at Parliament.

Witnesses say it took security guards 10 minutes to shut down the computers Monday.

The touch-screen monitors are used by visitors to check the Parliament agenda and other political activities.

House Secretary-General Nining Indra said the unwanted interruption was probably caused by someone trying to access a porn site on the computer system.

She said officials would use close circuit TV footage to investigate.

Indonesia is the world’s most populous Muslim nation. Authorities have been trying to crack down on porn ahead of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Let it B-flat: piano played by Beatles for sale

LONDON, 3 Aug — These ivories have history.

A British auction house is offering for sale a piano from London’s Abbey Road Studios that featured on tracks by The Beatles and Pink Floyd.

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It is part of an Aug. 15 memorabilia auction at the Goodwood Vintage Festival in Chichester, southern England.—Internet

Actress Lohan freed from jail

Los Angeles, 3 Aug — Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan was released from a Los Angeles jail early Monday after serving 13 days for violating probation on a 2007 conviction for driving under the influence, officials said.

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s spokesman Steve Whitmore said Lohan left jail at 1:35 am local time (0835 GMT) before being released immediately to a substance abuse treatment center to begin a 90-day stint.

The treatment facility was not identified, but Whitmore said Lohan had left the prison in a minivan with multiple individuals, the report said.

The Radar Online website reported Lohan was being treated at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Lohan has been locked up at the Century Regional Detention Facility in Los Angeles since July 20 but she was kept away from other inmates for security reasons.

Lohan, who starred in the 1998 film “The Parent Trap” and 2003’s “Freaky Friday,” was arrested in May 2007 after crashing her Mercedes in Beverly Hills.

Chinese woman catches four million mosquitoes

A Chinese woman has taken a sizeable bite out of Taiwan’s mosquito population, and won a 3,000 US dollar cash prize, by catching around 4 million of the bloodsuckers in just one month.

Huang Yu-yen, from southern Taiwan’s Yunlin county, beat 72 rivals with a catch weighing in at more than 1.5 kilogrammes (3lbs 5oz), competition organisers said.

The haul was more than double that of her nearest rival.

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16-year-old Justin Bieber writing a memoir

New York, 3 Aug — You’re never too young to write a memoir.

Sixteen-year-old Justin Bieber’s book comes out in October. HarperCollins announced at the pop star’s memoir on Monday, saying “Justin Bieber: First Step 2 Forever: My Story” will reveal the teen sensation’s “amazing journey to stardom.” The book also will include previously unseen photos for “fans afflicted with Bieber fever.”—Internet
Red Bulls sign Mexican legend Marquez

HARRISON, 3 Aug— Mexican captain and two-time Champions League winning defender Rafael Marquez signed a multi-year deal on Monday with the New York Red Bulls of Major League Soccer, the team announced.

Marquez was released two days earlier by the Spanish club and joins an

other former Barcelona star and former French captain Thierry Henry and Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel as the Red Bulls designated players. Marquez said he never wanted to refuse—Internet

Mexican captain and two-time Champions League winning defender Rafael Marquez—INTERNET

Bayern’s Van Buyten sidelined for two weeks

BERLIN, 3 Aug— Bayern Munich will be without Daniel Van Buyten for up to two weeks after the Armenian defender picked up a knock to his right ankle, the German champions announced Monday.

Bayern sports director Christian Nerlinger said Van Buyten will be out “10 to 14 days” after suffering the injury in a match against third division side Wacker Burghausen on Saturday.

“Thankfully it’s not a tear, so we’re hoping he will be back quickly,” said Nerlinger.

Bayern Munich will be without Belgian defender Daniel Van Buyten, seen here in May 2010—INTERNET

Roddick ready to rebound from early Wimbledon exit

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug— Andy Roddick is finding his form after being knocked-out in the fourth round at Wimbledon, the ninth-ranked US star bolstered by a solid workout on Monday ahead of his opener at the ATP Wash-

ington Classic.

“It was encouraging. It was good,” Roddick said. “I’m hitting the ball differently than I was eight or nine days ago — it’s obeying what I want it to do a little more.”

Roddick, a champion at Miami and Brisbane

earlier this year, seeks his fourth title at the US capital after losing an Atlanta semi-final two weeks ago to Mardy Fish, a pal who had not beaten him in nine matches over seven years.

“I took my lumps in Atlanta. I was half expecting to take them there,” Roddick said. “I played Atlanta because I wanted to play well there.”—INTERNET

Andy Roddick, pictured in July 2010, is finding his form after being knocked-out in the fourth round.—INTERNET

New Italy coach considering Balotelli, Cassano

Rome, 3 Aug — Italy’s new coach Cesare Prandelli may enlist stars Mario Balotelli and Antonio Cassano for the team’s first match since its disastrous exit from the World Cup, an Italian sports daily reported on Monday.

“Cassano could play centre and Balotelli on the left,” Prandelli told sports daily Gazzetta dello Sport in an interview.

“But I can’t say whether they will play together in London” in a friendly match against Ivory Coast next Monday, he said.

Prandelli said he believed Sampdoria playmaker Cassano, 28, had finally matured after getting married in June.

Prandelli’s predecessor Marcello Lippi snubbed both Cassano and Balotelli, Inter Milan’s teenaged forward, for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.—INTERNET

Italy’s new coach Cesare Prandelli may enlist stars Mario Balotelli (pictured) and Antonio Cassano. INTERNET

International club friendlies results 2 August

Red 1 - 3 Hertha BSC

Kidderminster 4 - 0 Crewe Alexandra

St Johnstone 0 - 2 Bolton W

Chinese businessman wants to buy Liverpool club

The Associated Press

A person familiar with the situation said Monday that Kenny Huang is in talks with Royal Bank of Scotland. The person was not authorized to talk to the media and spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press.

American co-owners Hicks and Gillett bought Liverpool three years ago but have put it up for sale after a public fallout over the running of the club.

Huang, who is co-chair of both the National Basketball League of China and Chinese Base-

ball League, has made no announcement but has appointed a British media relations firm to represent him “in respect of his in-

terest” in the Liverpool team.—INTERNET

The file photo shows Jianhua ‘Kenny’ Huang attends a press conference.—INTERNET

LONDON, 3 Aug — A

Chinese businessman with a minority stake in the Cleveland Cavaliers has offered to buy Liverpool’s $374 million debt from a British bank in an attempt to end Tom Hicks and George Gillett Jr.’s control of the English Premier League club.—INTERNET

Greipel powers to Tour of Poland stage two win

DABROWA GORNICZA, 3 Aug — Germany’s Andre Greipel dominated a bunch sprint to claim victory in the second stage of the Tour of Poland on Monday.

The HTC-Columbia sprinter came over the finish line of the 240 km stage between Rawa Mazowiecka and Dabrowa Gorincza ahead of Australian Allan Davis in second and third placed Belgian Wouter Weylandt.

Thanks to the time bo-

uses at the finish line Astana sprinter Davis thus takes over the race lead from Italian Jacopo Guarnieri, the Liquigas sprinter who won the opening stage on Sunday.

Despite his pedigree Greipel was overlooked by his HTC-Columbia team for the recent Tour de France, where teammate Mark Cavendish claimed five stage wins from bunch finishes to take his tally to a remarkable 15 from the race.—INTERNET

Sabres agree to 2-year deal with D Morrison

BUFFALO, 3 Aug — Free-agent defenceman Shaone (SHAWN) Morrison has agreed to a two-year con-

tract with the Buffalo Sabres.

Morrison is a seven-year NHL veteran who spent the past five-plus seasons with the Washington Capitals. Listed at 6-foot-4 and 217 pounds, he was consistently among the Capitals leaders in hits and blocked shots.

He was selected 19th overall in the 2001 draft by Boston, and broke into the NHL the following season with the Bruins. Morrison has 10 goals and 60 as-

sists and 423 penalty minutes in 418 games.

The deal was announced by the Sabres on Mon-

day.—INTERNET

Sabres agree to 2-year deal with D Morrison

Buffalo Sabres agree to 2-year deal with D Morrison—INTERNET

Hart, Brewers agree to $26.5M, 3-year extension

MILWAUKEE, 3 Aug — Corey Hart now has a long-term future with the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brewers agreed Monday to a $26.5 mil-

lion, three-year contract extension through 2013, rewarding the outfielder for a turnaround season that included a trip to the All-Star game.

It was a somewhat sur-

prising turn of events, given how often Hart was the subject of trade rumors in recent weeks. The

Brewers listened to offers but nothing came together.

And even before non-

waiver trade deadline ar-

rived, assistant general manager Gord Ash and agent Jeff Berry had been working on a deal.

“When Corey reached out and said he wanted to stay here, I told Gord to go see what they’re looking for,” Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said. The 28-year-old Hart is batting .288 with 23 home runs and 72 RBIs in
Five dead, two missing in northwest China landslide

X’IAN, 3 Aug—Five villagers are dead and two are missing after a landslide buried their homes in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province early on Tuesday, the provincial emergency response office said.

Seventeen people were believed to be in six homes that were buried under 450,000 cubic metres of mud and rocks in Dongcun Village, Baihe County, at around 3 am, said a spokesman with the office. As of 1:10 pm, rescuers had managed to pull out 10 people, including one seriously injured person and three with minor injuries. The injured were taken to hospital.—Xinhua
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

Ice-free Arctic ocean may not be of much use in soaking up carbon dioxide

This field of melting ice in the Arctic’s Canada Basin was the subject of a new study on carbon dioxide sinks led by UGA’s Wei-Jun Cai.—INTERNET

Science Daily, 3 Aug — The summer of 2010 has been agonizingly hot in much of the continental US, and the record-setting temperatures have refocused attention on global warming, which has been looking at ways the Earth might benefit from natural processes to balance the rising heat, and one process that intrigued them, a premise that melting ice at the poles might allow more open water that could absorb carbon dioxide, one of the major compounds implicated in warming.

Now, though, in research just published in the journal Science and led by a University of Georgia biogeochemist, that idea may be one more dead end. In fact, a survey of waters in the Canada Basin, which extends north of Alaska to the North Pole, shows that its value as a potential carbon dioxide “sink” may be short-lived at best and minor in terms of what the planet will need to avoid future problems.

“The Canada Basin and entire Arctic Ocean are still taking up carbon dioxide,” said Wei-Jun Cai, a professor in the department of marine biology in UGA’s Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and lead author of the study. “But our research shows that as the ice melts, the carbon dioxide in the water very quickly reaches equilibrium with the atmosphere, so its use as a place to store CO2 declines dramatically and quickly. We never really understood how limited these waters would be in terms of their usefulness in soaking up carbon dioxide.”—INTERNET

Village library opened in Pyay Township
Pyay, 3 Aug — The new building for Meik Swe Sit Library was opened in Shwewamay Village of Pyay Township on 25 July, attended by Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint.

Officials accepted K 200,000 donated to the funds of the library by Chairman of Pyay Township PDC U Soe Myint and 200 books by Head of Bago Division (West) Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Aung Nyunt.

Next, Head of Bago Division (West) IPRD U Tin Aung Nyunt, Chairman of Pyay Township PDC U Soe Myint and Library Construction Committee U Myint Kyi formally opened the new building for the library.—Township IPRD

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall
(3-8-2010)

Ye (3.90) inches
Kyaikmaraw (3.11) inches
Kawkareik (2.99) inches
Kyaikkhami (2.87) inches
Myeik (2.83) inches
Launglon (2.76) inches
Bhamo (2.68) inches
Chuangzon (2.60) inches
Paung (2.56) inches.

It is required to abide by the laws to ensure the elections to be free and fair. Hence, all who wish to build a democratic nation should play a role in the successful holding of the Hluttaw elections.

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