Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Aug—Since the beginning of recorded Myanmar history, there was a belief that white elephants were signs of justice and power, the nation which possessed the white elephant would be free from danger, and the citizens would lead a peaceful life. The white elephants were also regarded as ambassadors bringing peace, prosperity and auspiciousness. So, every country where Buddhism is flourishing has a penchant for possessing white elephants.

Not only the local people of Nay Pyi Taw but also the pilgrims and students from various regions across the nation visited the shed of white elephant “Baddawady” daily. The precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda where the white elephant is being kept has been crowded with visitors and pilgrims since its arrival on 9 August, and people are talking about that it is a good omen for ensuring peace and prosperity of the nation.

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Myogyi Multi-Purpose Dam Project contributes to greening Meiktila Plain

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Maung Maung Than (MNA)

In the second week of July, I visited Myogyi Multi-Purpose Dam Project, one mile north of Myogyi Village, near mile post No. 14 on Hannyintimo-Ywangan Road in Ywangan Township, Shan State (South).

Damming Zawgyi River, the dam has 725 square miles of catchment area, 40 inches of rainfalls on average annually, 373,420 acre-feet of water inflow, storage of 359,550 acre-feet of water at its full brim, 59,771 acre-feet of still water and

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Gear up to supply potable water sufficiently

Water is essential for all the living creatures. It is the most important in agriculture. Supply of clean drinking water is one of the main tasks in undertaking rural development programmes.

The central regions of Myanmar experienced scarcity of clean drinking water in the past. Due to shortage of water, cholera, trachoma and dermatitis diseases occurred among the local people. Thus, the government has been implementing the 10-year plan on supply of potable water in all villages of the central regions of the nation since 2000-2001.

With the contributions of the Government and the Development Affairs Committees in addition to contributions of donors, social organizations and international social organizations, water supply projects have been implemented. So far, a total of 8,042 villages in three divisions of the dry region namely Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions and 15,183 villages of other States and Divisions have access to potable water.

As supply of clean drinking water for rural areas is being carried out with added momentum, all the villages of 34 townships in Sagaing Division, that of 25 townships in Magway Division and that of 23 townships in Mandalay Division are enjoying fruits of water supply. Likewise, every village has been equipped with one tube-well each in 19 districts.

Contribution to supply of clean drinking water for the people is a noble deed. The cash donation ceremonies were held for supply of potable water to rural areas 18 times. Thanks to noble donations and goodwill of the government and well-wishers, the people from the regions where scarce water in the past can now use potable water sufficiently.

Basic Computer Course (3/2010) concludes

The closing ceremony of Basic Computer Course (3/2010) organized by the Ministry of Labour was held at the hall of the ministry here on 10 August.

It was attended by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister U Tin Tun Aung, departmental heads, officers and other ranks and trainees. The minister spoke on the occasion and presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

The ministry conducted the four-week course in order to raise the skill and expertise of every staff and implement e-Government procedures effectively.

Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi speaking at concluding of Basic Computer Course No. 3/2010.—MNA

Political parties submit lists of party members to UEC

The political parties have to submit lists of their party members organized in line with the Article 13 (a) of Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission within 90 days from the date they have been granted permission to register.

The Chin National Party submitted the list of party members to the Union Election Commission today. Up to date, fourteen of 40 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted the member list of their parties to the commission within the targeted date.

Mamee presents K 2 mln award to winner

YANGON, 12 Aug—A ceremony to present K 2 million to the winner in lucky draw programme of Myanmar Mamee-Double Decker Limited was held at its office in Mayangon Township, here, this afternoon.

Mr Pang Tee Nam of Myanmar Mamee-Double Decker Limited and U Soe Myint of Asia Light Co., Ltd made opening speeches.

Sixth standard student Maung Tin Tun Aung residing at No. 413 on U Aung Zan Wai Road in Ward 35 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township won K 2 million prize.

In July, awards of K 1 million, K 0.5 million, K 100,000, K 10,000 and others and instant noodle packets were presented to the winners.

The remaining prizes for lucky coupons may be changed with cash awards up to 15 November.

Packets of Mamee Instant Noodle are available at the shops in countryside.

Maung Tin Tun Aung of Dagon Myothit (North) Township seen with K 2 million award presented by Myanmar Mamee-Double Decker Ltd.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The State Peace and Development Council has transferred Rector Dr Khin Maung Aye of Yangon West Technological University of the Advanced Science and Technology Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology as Rector of Mandalay Technological University (Hinawby) of the Technical and Vocational Education Department under the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name Department
(a) U Ye Htut Director-General
Information and Public Relations Department
Ministry of Information
(b) U Khin Ko Lay Director-General
Fisheries Department
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name Department
(a) Dr Zaw Min Aung Pro-Rector
Yangon West Technological University
Ministry of Science and Technology
(b) Dr Mi Mi Thet Thwin Pro-Rector
Mandalay University of Computer Studies
Ministry of Science and Technology
(c) Dr Ei Ei Myint Rector
Mandalay University
Ministry of Science and Technology
Gunmen kill female physician in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 12 Aug— A female physician, who is also the head of a maternity hospital in Baghdad, was shot dead by gunmen on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Intisar Hassan al-Tuwaijiri, head of al-Eılıwiya maternity hospital, was shot dead when unidentified gunmen armed with pistols fitted with silencers stormed her house in the morning in Baghdad’s southern neighborhood of Arassat.

Ahmed Hassan holds a bloodied bed cushion after gunmen broke into the home and killed his aunt, Dr Intissar al-Tuwaijiri, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 11 Aug, 2010. Police said the gunmen broke into the home of al-Tuwaijiri, the general director of Alwiya Maternity hospital, tied up her husband and killed the physician. —INTERNET

Six robbers killed by villagers in northern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 Aug— Six robbers were killed and another six persons wounded as the robbers were preparing to commit robbery at a village in Bangladesh’s Sripur sub-district of Gazipur District, 57 km north of capital Dhaka on Wednesday night, police said.

Nazmul Alam, officer-in-charge of the police in the sub-district, told Xinhua by telephone on Thursday morning that 10 robbers went to Shishu Palli road near Chatir Bazar village by microbus around 10 pm.

The villagers suspecting their movement challenged them. The robbers fired on the villagers and injured two of them.

Then the villagers raised hue and cry. Hearing the cry, a huge number of local villagers came in their aid and surrounded the robbers. They started to beat the robbers and killed six of them at the scene. Four other wounded robbers were caught by the villagers and handed over to police. Nazmul Alam said they recovered the bodies. The injured villagers were admitted to local hospital. —INTERNET

Two Afghan suicide bombers killed in premature explosion

HEER, 12 Aug— Two suicide bombers were killed as their explosive vests went off prematurely in Farah Province in west Afghanistan on Wednesday, police said.

“The incident occurred inside a mosque in Askarabad, a suburb of provincial capital Farah city at 10:30 am local time when two terrorists were fitting their suicide vests to target government interests, but accidentally the explosive device exploded killing both on the spot,” provincial police chief Mohammad Faqir Askar told Xinhua.

There were no other casualties but the mosque where the terrorists used to stay was damaged. In Kabul on Tuesday on the eve of Ramadan the Muslim fasting month - a suicide explosion left two drivers of a foreign company dead and a security guard injured, according to police. —Xinhua

Five suspected insurgents detained in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 12 Aug— Security forces detained five suspected Taliban insurgents in Chardara District of Kunduz Province in north Afghanistan, an official said Thursday.

“NATO-led troops detained five persons on charge of having link with Taliban militants in Chardara District on Wednesday night,” District governor Abdul Wahid Omarkhil told Xinhua.

Chardara has been regarded as the stronghold of Taliban fighters in Kunduz and the neighboring provinces of Baghlan and Takhar.

Afghan, NATO forces kill several insurgents, detain commander

KABUL, 12 Aug— Afghan and NATO-led forces during joint operation in Sayiabad District of Wardak Province eliminated several insurgents and captured a commander on Wednesday, a statement of the alliance released here Thursday said.

“An Afghan and coalition security force killed several suspected insurgents and detained many more, including a Taliban commander, in Wardak Province on Wednesday,” the statement added.

It did not reveal the name of the detained Taliban commander but added, “The commander conducted improvised explosive device (IED), direct fire and indirect fire attacks against Afghan civilians, and Afghan and coalition forces.” Taliban militants have yet to make comment.

Wardak, 40 km west of Afghan capital Kabul has been the scene of Taliban-linked activities since beginning this year. —Xinhua

Damaged vehicles are seen at the site of a bomb attack in the city of Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, recently. Car bombs exploded in the cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, west of the Iraqi capital on Sunday, killing at least eight people and wounding dozens of others, police sources said. —INTERNET

Injured men are treated at a local hospital in southwest Pakistan’s Quetta on 11 Aug, 2010. At least two people were killed and four others were injured during a shootout by unidentified gunmen in Quetta. —XINHUA

The wreckage of a minibus that was hit by a roadside bomb in the Maiwand District outside Kandahar recently. 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 insurgents. —INTERNET
**Science**

**Mysterious, giant loops of ultraviolet light found in galaxies**

Los Angeles, 12 Aug—Astronomers have found mysterious, giant loops of ultraviolet light in aged, massive galaxies, which seem to have a second lease on life, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said on Wednesday.

“Somehow these ‘over-the-hill’ galaxies have been infused with fresh gas to form new stars that power these truly gargantuan rings, some of which could encircle several Milky Way galaxies, the JPL said in a news release. The discovery of these rings implies that bloated galaxies presumed ‘dead,’ and devoid of star-making, can be reinvigorated with star birth, and that galaxy evolution does not proceed straight from the cradle to the grave. ‘We haven’t seen anything quite like these rings before,’” said Michael Rich, co-author of the paper and a research astronomer at University of California, Los Angeles. “These beautiful and very unusual objects might be telling us something very important about the evolution of galaxies.” The discovery was made through the combined power of two orbiting observatories, NASA’s Galaxy Evolution Explor-er and Hubble Space Telescope. —Ninhu

**Google takes on Facebook in social games**

Google

New York, 12 Aug—A focus on games could be Google Inc’s ticket to entering the social networking arena, as the Internet giant seeks to overcome a string of lackluster initiatives that have left it on the sidelines of the booming market.

“Google is looking for talent to head up this nascent drive, and seeking to partner with gaming giants keen to work off Google’s huge Web presence to get into social gaming, industry insiders say. Electronic Arts and Walt Disney Co have paid hundreds of millions of dollars to bankroll a foray into the market, and more are waiting in the wings. “You see them everywhere, at all the conferences that are out there. We know they are searching for people to lead their games unit,” said Net Jacobs, a former Facebook executive who now runs a game firm called PlayHopper. “All developers are anticipating Google getting into social gaming.” Jacobsen added.

**Android-powered Samsung Yepp to take on iPod Touch?**

New York, 12 Aug—It’s been more than a year since Samsung trotted out its latest touchscreen competitor to the iPod Touch, but word has it that a new Samsung Yepp — powered by the Android OS, with hardware based on the new Galaxy S line of Android smartphones — might be waiting in the wings. Also: Archos’s 3.2-inch Android “tablet” revealed. Buzz about the Yepp’s competition, the Astronauti M-B2 has been building for a couple of months now, with Samsung Hub reporting back in June that the rumored media player would boast a 4-inch Super AMOLED WVGA display — the same screen as on the Samsung’s latest “Galaxy S” class phones, such as the Captivate and the Vibrant — along with Wi-Fi, GPS, Bluetooth, and a 3.2-megapixel camera (no front-facing camera, apparently). The only thing missing, of course, would be the part where you make cellular calls (or sign a wireless contract, for that matter).

“OK, so which version of Android might we be talking about here? Think Android 2.1, claims CNET, which goes on to fill in a few more blanks, like a 1GHz processor, storage capacities up to 32GB, an FM radio, a DMB TV receiver (more useful for video fanatics in Europe and South Korea than for those of us in the US), and support for media playback of everything from MP3s and FLAC files to DivX and XviD. CNET also notes that a leaked picture of the YP-MB2 shows an icon for the Android Marketplace, meaning the handheld may be able to access Google’s app store despite earlier talk that “non-smartphone.”

**Technology**

**Spacewalkers remove railed ammonia pump on space station**

Washington, 12 Aug — Two US astronauts aboard the International Space Station have completed the second of three spacewalks to remove the 780-pound failed ammonia coolant pump module on the station, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said on Wednesday.

The spacewalk, conducted by Expedition 24 Flight Engineers Doug Wheelock and Tracy Caldwell Dyson, ended at 3:53 pm EDT Wednesday. Wheelock successfully closed the quick disconnect valve for the final fluid connector for the failed ammonia pump module. Then he successfully detached the final fluid line from the module.

**Canada inaugurates first Arctic satellite station**

Ottawa, 12 Aug—Canada on Tuesday opened its first Arctic satellite station, which will boost data collection in the region.

“The Inuvik Satellite Station Facility (ISSF), in Northwest Territories, can receive near real-time scientific information from orbiting satellites over Canada, which has the second-largest landmass and the longest coastline in the world. Canadian Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis said in a statement the state-of-the-art observation facility would boost Canada’s ability to monitor the Arctic region, help increase social and economic development in the north, and strengthen Canada’s competitive advantage in the fields of science and technology. In partnership with the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and PrioraNet Canada Inc, the ISSF features a DLR antenna that enhances access to satellites, such as the TanDEM-X satellite launched on 21 June, which circles the world over the High Arctic.—Internet

**New Android malware texts premium-rate numbers**

Moscow, 12 Aug — Researchers at Russian security company Kaspersky Lab say they’ve discovered the first malicious software program to target Google’s Android mobile operating system.

The application masquerades as a media player, according to a Kaspersky blog post. But if it is installed, the rogue application begins secretly sending SMSes (Short Message Service) to a premium rate number presumably belonging to the hackers who created it.

There have been isolated cases of spyware programmes that run on the Android platform, an open-source mobile operating system created by Google. But the fake media player application, which Kaspersky dubbed “Trojan-SMS.”—Internet
Health

Colder weather boosts heart attack risk

LOS ANGELES , 12 Aug—Just a small drop in the outdoor temperature can translate into a heightened risk for heart attack in the following month, new British research indicates.

Based on an analysis of temperature records and more than 84,000 hospital admissions for heart attacks that took place over a three-year period between 2003 and 2006 in England and Wales, the study revealed that a drop of just one degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) on a single day gives rise to a cumulative 2 percent rise in the number of heart attacks in the following weeks.—Internet

Health Tip: Eyestrain may cause headaches

Straining the eyes while watching television or working on the computer can trigger a nasty headache. But so can your posture, stress and other factors.

To help determine if eye strain is the culprit, and if so, how to minimize it, the National Headache Foundation suggests:

· Getting a complete eye exam, and taking care of any vision problems.
· Using an anti-glare screen on your computer, or wearing tinted eyeglasses.
· Sitting with proper posture when working at the computer or watching TV.
· Taking frequent short breaks from the computer. Leave your desk for a couple of minutes and stretch your neck, arms and back.
· Closing your eyes and breathing deeply while on a break.—Internet

Business

Retail sales in Brazil up 11.5%

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Aug—Retail sales in Brazil were up 11.5 percent in the first half of 2010 compared to the same period last year, according to a report released on Wednesday by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

According to the IBGE, the figures were the best for a first half of the year since 2004. In June, the sales volume was up one percent compared to May and 11.3 percent compared to the same period last year. In the July 2009 to June 2010 period, the retail sales were up 9.3 percent from the previous 12-month period. The income originated from those retail sales was up 0.5 percent in June compared to May and 14 percent compared to the same period last year. In the first half of 2010, the sales income was up 14.7 percent from the same period in 2009, and in the July 2009 to June 2010 period, it was up 12.4 percent.

According to the IBGE, the increase in the retail sales can be mostly attributed to the supermarkets, food products and beverages sector, which registered a 10.4 percent rise in the sales volume in the first six months of the year.

Company job openings drop for second straight month

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug—Company job openings fell for the second straight month in June, a sign that hiring isn’t likely to pick up in the coming months.

The data comes after a weak employment report on Friday that showed businesses aren’t adding enough new workers to bring down the unemployment rate, currently 9.5 percent.

Wednesday’s report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, suggests that won’t change anytime soon.

The survey counts job openings on the last day of the month. Those openings may take up to three months to fill, economists say. That means Wednesday’s report provides a rough signal of how many jobs will be created over the next several months.—Internet

Australia’s Telstra sees 4.7 pct drop in profits

SYDNEY, 12 Aug—TelstraCorp, Australia’s largest telecommunications company, reported a 4.7 percent fall in full-year net profit on Thursday, as Australians continued to drop home telephone lines in favor of mobiles.

The Melbourne-based company’s net profit for the year through June 30 was 3.88 billion Australian dollars ($3.5 billion), down from AU$4.07 billion a year earlier.

The news sent the company’s stock plummeting, with the share price down 8 percent to AU$2.99 in morning trading.—Internet
Missing French chef’s body found stuffed in freezer

PARIS, 12 AUG — The body of a retired restaurateur who’s been missing for two years has been found in a freezer in the French city of Lyon, police there told CNN on Wednesday. The corpse of Jean-Francois Poinard, 71, was discovered Tuesday in the apartment he had shared with a girlfriend in Lyon, regarded as the culinary capital of France.

Police said an autopsy will be conducted. The French newspaper Le Monde cited a police source as saying the man’s girlfriend, 51, has been taken into custody with the case.

Police said the body was found after a tip from a close family member of Poinard, who was considered one of Lyon’s top chefs in the 1970s and 80s.

Hit man gets life for killing ailing woman

LONDON, 12 AUG — A former bodyguard and scuba diving record holder could die in prison for killing an ailing British woman whose ex-husband wanted her money, a judge said.

Paul Cryne, 62, received a sentence of life with a minimum of 28 1/2 years at a hearing Wednesday in London, The Guardian reported.

Investigators said Cryne and Jeremy Birchwood both hoped to profit from the death of Sharon Birchwood, 52, who was a semi-invalid. She left both hoped to profit from the death of Sharon Birchwood, 52, who was a semi-invalid. She left

Military jury recommends a 14-year sentence for bin Laden’s driver

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, 12 AUG — A military jury at the US detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on Wednesday recommended a 14-year prison term for Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosi, a Sudanese man who served as cook and driver for Osama bin Laden.

Safi Qosi sat quietly while the sentence was announced at a military commission trial. Dressed in prison-issued white clothes and cap, he confirmed through an interpreter that he had understood the recommended sentence and the proceedings.

He previously pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and providing material support for terrorism. A plea-bargain agreement kept private so far could result in a shorter sentence than the 14 years recommended by the jury.

Prosecutors argued al Qosi was at the heart of al Qaeda operations, while his defense team said he was a low-chelon cook and driver.

The military judge had to decide on a prison term ranging from 12 to 15 years without knowing details of al Qosi’s guilty plea and plea bargain agreement. For now, al Qosi will be held at Guantanamo Bay for at least the next 60 days while authorities work out questions involving the plea-bargain deal and whether his nine years in custody so far will count against his sentence. A Defense Department statement on Wednesday said al Qosi would not receive credit for the time spent in custody so far. However, the statement said the case now goes to the Convening Authority for Military Commissions.

Grim reality sets in for China’s mudslide victims

ZHOUQU, 12 AUG — A day after a miraculous rescue, the sounds of cheers were replaced by crying families, the roar of bulldozers and dynamite blasting debris in Zhouqu, China, on Wednesday.

More than 24 hours after a man was pulled from the debris of his collapsed home, the grim reality is setting in that the death toll in the region is rising rapidly.

Recovery teams pulled another dead body from one destroyed building. Another group carried what appeared to be the remains of a young child through the streets.

The bodies are delivered to a makeshift morgue just outside the city. The roads in are also jammed with trucks, carrying hundreds of coffins, along with the much needed supplies of water, food and medicine.

The official death toll stands at 702, with more than a thousand still reported missing after mudslides and flooding engulfed this ethnic-Tibetan city in northwest China Saturday night.

One village of 300 houses that local people said was home to more than 2,000 people was completely wiped out.

The mud is becoming a threat to rescue teams as well. Pockets of air remain just below the surface, threatening to swallow up anyone who steps through them.

The heat also hampered the rescue efforts, compounded by a severe lack of drinking water and the growing threat of disease.

Temperatures on the ground are hovering around 34 degrees Celsius (93 degrees Fahrenheit).

Teams of workers combed through the city spraying for insecticide and disinfectants.

Paris Hilton sued for $35M for wearing wrong hair

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Paris Hilton was sued Wednesday for allegedly wearing someone else’s hair.

A company that manufactures hair extensions claimed the 29-year-old socialite breached her contract to wear and promote their product when she sported the fake locks of a competitor in 2008.

Haittech International Inc. is seeking $35 million in damages — 10 times what she was apparently paid under the contract. The fraud and breach-of-contract suit cites the heiress’ partying as contrary to Haittech’s marketing campaign.

The filing also claims Hilton missed a launch party for the hair extension line because she was serving a stint in jail in 2007. Hilton served 23 days of a 45-day sentence she was caught driving twice on a suspended license while on probation for reckless driving.

Hiuchi workers assemble parts at a refrigerator production facility in the town of Ohsia, Tochigi prefecture. Japan’s core machinery orders, a key indicator of future corporate capital spending, rose by a smaller-than-expected 1.6 percent in June from the previous month, official data showed Wednesday.

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Shwebo, Monywa Districts complete cultivation of monsoon paddy

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence visits Thiha Tun Foundry and Machinery Factory at Monywa Industrial Zone.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Aug—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe attended the rainy season tree growing ceremony at Shwebo Degree College in Shwebo Township on 9 August.

At Shwebo Industrial Zone, they visited factories and mills and looked into progress of the industrial zone and conditions of the roads.

At the local battalion in Shwebo, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to servicemen and family members.

While in Shwebo, he viewed Mahananda Lake, sanitation of the town, growing of monsoon paddy plantation along Shwebo-Chipa Seik-khun-Yekyiwa rural road.

In Chipa Village, he met local farmers and attended to the needs.

He also inspected Mu River Bridge (Yangyiaung) construction project and left necessary instructions.

After looking into conditions of Monywa-Dabayin-YeU road section, he met local people in Ngapayin Village of Dabayin Township. He presented books to the village library.

On 10 August, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2010 with flying colours.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander awarded the outstanding students.

In Monywa, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited factories and mills and left necessary instructions.

He viewed progress of Monywa-Bawditahtang Road section and greening task at Bawditahtang. After looking into water inflow at Bawditahtang Dam, he met servicemen and families at the hall of Monywa Station.

Mon State honours outstanding students

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Aug—Mon State held an awarding ceremony (2010) for its outstanding students at City Hall in Mawlamyine on 9 August.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence delivered a speech.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials presented reports.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw presented gifts to Mon State for the highest pass rate in the whole Myanmar and to six-distinction winners; and officials, to prizewinners.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander and the party inspected progress of Mawlamyine, and tasks to keep the township clean and pleasant with the characters of a city.

Samsung Electronics equipments exhibited in Yangon Expo 2010

YANGON, 12 Aug—AA Electronics Ltd is exhibiting Samsung Electronics equipments on the 7th Yangon Expo 2010 being launched at Tamataw Convention Centre on U wisara Road here up to 15 August.

Samsung Electronic equipments—LEDs, LCDs, Plasma TVs, Slim Fit TVs, DVD players, modernized digital cameras, Air conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines are available there.

AA Electronics Ltd is distributing Samsung Electronic equipments through the nation and those wishing to buy may contact No 408/410, Maha Bandoola Road, No 146/152, Pansodan Street, No 317 at the corner of Maha Bandulla Street and Bo Aung Kyaw Street here, No 58 in 84 Street between 25th Street and 26th Street in Mandalay and Sales Centres at No 1061 (A), No 38 in 84 Street between 25th Street and 26th Street in Mandalay and Sales Centres at No 1061 (A), Bo Tarya Street in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Samsung electronics of AA Electronics Ltd on display at Yangon Expo 2010. —MNA

YCDC Chairman Mayor U Aung Thein Lin being welcomed by Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vieuravi on the occasion of the 78th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit on 12 August. —MNA
Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence tours Taunggyi, Hopong Townships

NAV P YI TAW, 12 Aug— On his arrival at work site of upgrading Taungyi-Loilem road section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachileik road, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and departmental officials heard reports on work progress presented by an official and gave necessary instructions. Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing attended the collective broadcasting of fertilizer at the Shweyin-aye monsoon paddy farmlands at Yankin village in Hopong Township and attended to the needs in meeting with local people. At 25-bed People’s Hospital in Hopong Township, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented foodstuff to patients and cash and kind to the medical fund of the hospital.

Then Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visited Hopong spring and inspected upgrading of Shan State Sports Ground in Taunggyi. After hearing reports on supply of drinking water to urban people and establishment of forest plantations in Htitheim Lake forest reserve presented by officials at the briefing hall of Htitheim Dam, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing fulfilled the requirements and looked into storage of water in Htitheim water supporting dam.

Myogyi Multi-Purpose Dam Project contributes...

Myogyi Multi-Purpose Dam Project commenced in 2005-2006 financial year and the project tasks were completed. Efforts are being made to complete the project in 2011-2012 financial year.

With the aim of irrigating 30,000 acres of farmlands in Meiktila Plain and greening the whole region, Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam Project commenced in 2005-2006 financial year by efficiently using the water flowed from Zawgyi Dam of Yaksawk Township and the water from the catchment areas between Zawgyi Dam and Myogyi Dam. In addition, the multi-purpose dam will control the water flowed from Kengkham Dam and that of Zawgyi Dam and the water between Zawgyi and Myogyi Dam to be able to supply 700,000 acre-feet of water to the areas of Zawgyi Dam in Kyaukse District and 445,605 acre-feet of water to Meiktila Plain for its greening task and generate hydropower.

Meiktila Plain Greening Project is relying on Kengkham, Zawgyi, Myogyi Dam Projects, the river water pumping project, the water supply task from Chaunggauk Dam to Meiktila Lake and Shammange (Monday) Dam Project.

As part of efforts to green Meiktila Plain, the plan is under way to dig the 14 miles long canal between Kengkham Dam and Zawgyi Dam, to supply water from Zawgyi Dam to Myogyi Dam through Zawgyi River, to supply water to the irrigated area of Zawgyi Dam by using water from Myogyi Dam and to provide 410,000 acre-feet of water to Meiktila Plain yearly.

Implementation of the Meiktila Plain Greening Project includes construction of the Myogyi Diversion Dam near Kin Village, supply of water from Myogyi Diversion Dam to Ngalangzin, Pyaungpya and Panlaung irrigated areas through 1.4 miles long canal and providing irrigation water to Meiktila Plain that starts from other bank of Samon River from Kinda Diversion Weir.

On completion, Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam Project will benefit 30,000 acres of Meiktila Plain and the irrigated area of Zawgyi Dam for boosting production of crops. In addition, the project will contribute to generating electricity for the State and greening the whole area of Meiktila Plain in the future.

Translation: TTA

Myanmar Alin: 12-8-2010
Bago Division concludes ploughing for monsoon paddy cultivation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min, on 9 August met local officials, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at the town hall in Bago.

On 10 August, he attended the concluding of ploughing for monsoon paddy cultivation of Bago Division for 2010 held in Kamanat Village of Bago Township.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and officials released fingerlings into the paddy fields. They presented prizes to the winning team in the paddy transplanting ceremony.

At the gymnasium of Thanatpin Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko met local authorities, departmental officials and social organization members and townsenders.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko looked into flow of current in Bago River, prevention against bank erosion and maintenance of Bago River (Kawa) and left necessary instructions.

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kayin State Democracy and Development Party head-quartered at No (Hta Wa / 80), Strand Road in Ward-7 in Hpa-an of Kayin State on 12-8-2010 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

School Health Week with full activities in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein enjoyed Activities of School Health Week at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this morning. The minister there heard the reports presented by school health incharge doctors, and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, the minister supervised activities of five points of school Health week and Activities of School Health Week booths at No.1 and No.3 Nay Pyi Taw BEHSs.

Yangon Water Supply Project...

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Simultaneously, the department is sinking tube-wells and rebuilding the lakes in downtown Yangon and outskirts, and new towns. In addition, it rebuilt lakes and sank a tube-well in every ward in Dalla Township on the other bank of the Yangon River last month.

So far, the Engineering Department (Water and Sewage) has completed building water tanks by 52 per cent in Yangon Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyek).

Various sizes of 40-foot-long fiberglass reinforced pipes are used in the second phase of the project. The pipes are manufactured in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.

Fiberglass reinforced pipes are laid in Yangon Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyek).

Pipes will be laid for 11.75 miles between Ahtayu water supply station and Khayaybin Road; for 3.7 miles to North Okkalapa Roundabout; for 3.14 miles between North Okkalapa Roundabout and South Okkalapa Golf Club on Parami Road; for 1.4 miles between Parami Road and Laydauntkan Road; for 0.92 mile between Laydauntkan Road and Thanthumar Road; for one mile between Thanthumar Road and Waizayantar Junction (Poultry Market); for 1.25 miles between Khayaybin Road to Gyobyu Pipeline; and for 0.3 mile between Gandama Street and Waizayantar Junction. The total length of the pipes is 24.46 miles.

On completion, the project will be able to supply 45 million more gallons of potable water to Yangon, suburban areas and new towns a day.

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US man arrested in S Philippines for illegal drugs possession

COTABATO, 12 Aug— Philippine security forces arrested an American national in the southern Philippines over illegal drugs issues, the military said on Thursday.

The suspect, Jeffrey Bennett, 44, and his Filipina wife Sarah Cabugatan, were arrested by members of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency during a raid at their residence Wednesday afternoon in the village of Samba, Datu Odin township in Maguindanao Province.

Ernesto Aradanas, a military commander, told reporters about 10 kilo of methamphetamine hydrochloride and assorted high-powered firearms were seized from the possession of two suspects.

“They have been undergoing tactical interrogation,” Aradanas said.

The military official said police will file charges against the suspects for violating the country’s drug act.

Indonesia, S Korea to begin joint project on jet fighter production in 2012

JAKARTA, 12 Aug— Indonesia and South Korea will begin a joint project in 2012 on production of jet fighters, Indonesian Defense Minister Purnomo Yu giantoro said here on Wednesday.

The plan is expected to help revitalize Indonesia’s defense industry.

Purnomo and his South Korean counterpart Kim Tae-Young held a bilateral meeting in Jakarta earlier on Wednesday.

Indonesian military has attempted to boost its weaponry by diversifying the source of the equipment as it has experienced the reliance on limited source, which could be harmful if a dispute occurs.

Giant “tiger-faced” corn maze opens in China’s grain Province

HARBIN, 12 Aug— A huge maze as big as 26 soccer fields and running through corn fields has opened on Wednesday in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, the country’s major grain production base.

Tourists are welcomed to get lost in a 21.6-hectare “tiger face” maze cut through corn, marking the Year of the Tiger this year, said Professor Liu Deming, the maze designer from Harbin Institute of Technology.

The maze, located in Lanci County around one-hour drive from the provincial capital Harbin, would take more than one hour to complete if the shortest path (10,000 metres) was taken, Liu said.

“It would only take half an hour if the shortest path was found,” he said.

Local farmers had planted the corn and later experts cut a tiger’s face out of the plants with the help of an e-map, GPS and laser measuring equipment.

“Emergency exits and guides have been arranged in case anyone gets really lost,” he added.

Tourists could also enjoy the scene standing on a 50-meter-high hill nearby.

43 arrested in Californian gang crackdown

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Forty-three street gang members and associates in Pasadena, southern California, were arrested in a multi-agency raid on Tuesday.

“Today’s arrests are an example of what can be achieved ... by combining federal, state, and local resources to have the greatest impact within our communities,” said Timothy J Landrum, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The crackdown was triggered by the wounding of Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Giovanni Lampigano by Dejon Ray King in Palmdale, north-central California, in July last year.

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Russian toxic wildfires’ smog starts to clear

While there are no final statistics on fatalities caused by the smouldering heatwave and wildfires’ smog, the overall picture is grim. Local doctors say there has been a significant increase in the number of patients presenting with strokes, asthma attacks and heart attacks. Moscow airport is getting back to normal after the smog slightly lifted improving visibility. The weather bureau says the hot weather will continue for at least the next 10 days.

China’s golden skating pair to host wedding on ice

China’s golden Olympic figure skating pair Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo pictured, fell in love on the ice and next month, they will throw a long-delayed wedding party on ice, with several of the sport’s biggest stars expected to attend.

Moderate quake rocks Java, Indonesia

Jakarta, 12 Aug — A shallow moderate quake with magnitude of 5.8 struck off western Java island of Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

Flood damage to Pakistan crops costs billions

Islamabad, 12 Aug — Flood recovery costs for Pakistan’s vital agriculture sector and farmers could be in the billions of dollars, a spokesman for UN humanitarian operations said on Thursday.

Tropical storm Dianmu enters the Sea of Japan

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug — Tropical Storm Dianmu made a quick track over South Korea and has already emerged in the Sea of Japan and she’s on track for crossing northern Japan and then moving into the North Western Pacific Ocean, according to infrared imagery captured by US National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA) Aqua satellite.

25 killed in northeastern India’s boat capsize

Mumbai, 12 Aug — Twenty-five people were drowned and another twenty-five were missing in the northeastern India’s boat capsize on Wednesday evening, local media reported.

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Beijing, 12 Aug — Russia’s Olympic champions Yevgeny Plushenko and Alexei Yagudin, three-time US men’s champion Johnny Weir and two-time Olympic figure skating title in Vancouver in February. They then announced their retirement from the sport, and said they wanted to start a family.

Rescuers work at the building collapse site on 12 Aug, 2010 in Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province. Six people have been saved from the old three-storey residential building collapsing early Thursday and four others might still be trapped in the debris, said local officials on Thursday.
Lemon emigrant: A lemon emigrant butterfly takes a drink of nectar from a flower at the Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve near Tai Po in the New Territories in Hong Kong. — INTERNET


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**Penguins march around SF Zoo**

There’s a lot of excitement at the San Francisco Zoo, as the annual “March of the Penguins” paraded through. And they were quite well-dressed! They are the newest penguins who graduated from fish school.

Three 12-week-old penguin chicks were introduced to the colony at the San Francisco Zoo and paraded around as people took pictures of the birds. At first they were a bit hesitant, wobbly and unsure of themselves, but the crowd loved it.

Three penguin chicks waddled towards their new home during the annual “March of the Penguins” at the San Francisco Zoo on Tuesday. The three young chicks, born earlier this year, joined the zoo’s colony, raising the population to 44 Magellanic penguins.

**Cat turns on vacuum, causes emergency alert**

A cat home alone in Germany apparently turned on the vacuum cleaner, frightened itself half to death and wound up being attended to by emergency services. Police in the Bavarian city of Bayreuth said a neighbour heard the cat’s cries — not to mention a vacuum left running for hours — and feared there’d been a terrible accident.

The fire service sped to the scene on Monday evening, but found only the cat and the machine.

A police statement on Tuesday said the emergency call wasn’t entirely in vain, though, because “at least the cat could be calmed down.”

“So based on the past several years, they could be anything from playing in the water, to sleeping while floating or getting integrated into the colony right away,” zoo keeper Anthony Brown said.

One of the chicks has been named “Floyd” and they will eat about of herring. They usually stay in the water for about 24 hours and zoo keepers hope they come up to the island tomorrow.

**Man dies in final of sauna championships**

A Russian man died in the finals of the world sauna championships in Finland after spending some six minutes sweltering in temperatures of 110 degrees Celsius (230.00°F), organizers said. “After this incident we decided that this game is over and done.” Saia Jappinen, cultural secretary at Heinola city said, announcing the end of the event.

The world sauna championships, where competitors try to outlast others in the heat and steam, have been held 12 times in Heinola, some 138 km (86 miles) northeast of Finland’s capital Helsinki. Dozens of competitors were whisked down to just two, but six minutes into the final judges noticed something was wrong with Russian champion Vladimir Lazyzhenskiy and dragged him and Finnish finalist Timo Kaukonen from the sauna. Police are investigating the cause of Lazyzhenskiy’s death. Kaukonen was treated for burns in hospital.

**Britney Spears looks set for Fox TV ‘Glee’ episode**

Spears has turned herself around. The singer of pop hits such as "... Baby One More Time" and "Toxic" spent years as tabloid fodder for a series of high-profile hospitalizations and erratic behavior such as shaving her head.

On “Glee,” singers under anesthesia at the dentist’s office hallucinate about Spears and being like her. Murphy says the episode will feature Spears’ music and won’t delve into her personal life. He says, “We’re handling Britney with kid gloves.” The Emmy Award-nominated show has become a hit for Fox.—Internet

**Former “Idol” champ hospitalized after apparent suicide attempt**

**BERLIN, 12 Aug—** Fantasia Barrino, the “American Idol” season 3 champ, was hospitalized Monday after overdosing on aspirin and a sleep aid, according to media reports.

"Her injuries are not life threatening. She was dehydrated and exhausted at the time," her manager Brian Dickens said. "Fantasia is stable now. She will be released from the hospital soon."

**“Spider-Man” musical sets a Broadway opening**

New York, 12 Aug—Long hanging in limbo, the musical “Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark” is scheduled to spin its web later this year on Broadway.

Lead producer Michael Cohl announced Tuesday that the much-anticipated show will begin preview performances on 14 Nov, with opening night set for 21 Dec. Its home will be the former Hilton Theatre, now renamed the Foxwoods Theatre.


Desired to be one of the most expensive musicals in Broadway history, it has been in the works for six years and faced financial hurdles. At one point, it was scheduled to begin performances this past winter.

**Russia’s Vladimir Ladzhyenskiy (L) and Finland’s Timo Kaukonen take part in the finals of the Sauna World Championships in Heinola.**

**News Album**

**A gold belt is on display during the exhibition “Coins through the Ages” at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, Egypt. The exhibition contains a collection of coins dating back to different historical periods and some other antiques.**
Blanc French reign begins with defeat to Norway in friendly

Oсло, 12 Aug—New France coach Laurent Blanc insisted that he was pleased with his inexperienced team, which included eight new caps, in spite of a 2-1 defeat in a friendly against Norway on Wednesday. Hatem Ben Arfa put France ahead shortly after half-time but two goals from Erik Huseklepp, taking advantage of French errors, took the hosts to victory. “We always play to win so when we lose we aren’t satisfied,” said Blanc. “But we have to overlook the score this evening as I saw some interesting things. Some players produced some quality which will help us in the future.”

France’s forward Hatem Ben Arfa scores a goal during the International friendly football match Norway vs. France at the Ullevaal stadium in Oslo. — Internet

Gerrard rescues Capello as England get mixed reception

London, 12 Aug—Steven Gerrard helped Fabio Capello avoid another chastening experience as the England captain’s double strike secured a 2-1 win over Hungary in Wednesday’s friendly at Wembley. Just 45 days after their dismal friendly at Wembley, just 45 days after their dismal defeat against Hungary, the England manager called time on David Beckham’s international career on Wednesday without breaking the bad news to the star. Beckham was unable to play in the World Cup due to an Achilles injury suffered while on loan to AC Milan in March, but the LA Galaxy midfielder had hoped to return to England duty when he was fully fit.

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Capello was shifting ground—looking forward to and, for a while, it looked like being another disputing match for the under-fire Italian. Capello was shifting uncomfortably in his seat as jeers cascaded down from the Wembley stands after Phil Jagielka’s second half own goal gave Hungary a shock lead.

England’s captain Steven Gerrard controls the ball against Hungary during the International friendly football match at Wembley Stadium in London. — Internet

Tiger Woods has leading role in golf’s soap opera

Shibuyan, 12 Aug—Along the humps and hollows of Whistling Straits, against the magnificent backdrop of Lake Michigan, the stage is set for golf’s final major championship of the year, the PGA.

This year, that could stand for Players Gone Amok. Tiger Woods is getting grilled like never before, but not about his marriage, his personal life or that fire hydrant his car ran over last Thanksgiving. It’s about his golf, of all things, and it’s not pretty.

Tiger Woods, left, watches a drive by Camilo Villegas of Columbia on the 14th hole during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament on Wednesday.— Internet

World Cup winners Spain draw 1-1 with Mexico

Mexico City, 12 Aug—Newly-crowned World Cup champions Spain got a last-gasp goal from David Silva to claim a 1-1 draw against Mexico Wednesday in a friendly at Azteca Stadium. Manchester United’s Javier Hernandez put the hosts ahead in the 12th minute, and it wasn’t until injury time that Silva was able to deliver the equalizer for Spain, who were playing for the first time since their triumph in South Africa.

Spain, whose Monday arrival gave them little time to adjust to the Mexico City altitude, started just three players who started the July 11 World Cup final victory over the Netherlands—goalkeeper Iker Casillas, defender Carles Puyol and midfielder Sergio Busquets. It wasn’t long before the new-look line-up were on the offensive.— Internet

Argentina win erases World Cup woe, says Batista

Dublin, 12 Aug—Argentina’s 1-0 victory over Ireland has helped to get the “massive blow” of World Cup elimination out of their system, said coach Sergio Batista. The South Americans won 1-0 at the new-look Lansdowne Road thanks to a controversial first half goal from Angel Di Maria. Ireland, without manager Giovanni Trapattoni, who watched the game from a Dublin hospital having undergone surgery earlier in the day, rallied late on but the visitors held out for victory. “It was very positive, not just the result, but how we played,” admitted Batista, in charge of Argentina for the first time since the controversial exit of Diego Maradona.— Internet

French Open champion Schiavone toppled in Cincy

Cincinnati, 12 Aug—French Open champion Francesca Schiavone tumbled out of the Cincinnati Women’s Open on Wednesday, losing in straight sets to Russian Elena Vesnina. Schiavone, ranked eighth in the world and seeded fifth in the two million-dollar hard court tournament, won the first three games of the match but dropped the next seven en route to a 6-4, 6-4 Vesnina victory.

Vesnina, ranked 49th in the world, opened the second set by breaking Schiavone and went on to claim a third-round berth. Belgian 12th seed Yanina Wickmayer and eighth-seeded Li Na of China advanced to a third-round clash.— Internet

Italian football is in crisis, admits De Rossi

Rome, 12 Aug—Following seven games without a win, no victories in 2010 and their dismal showing at the World Cup, Daniele De Rossi admitted that Italian football is in crisis. A new-look Italy began the Cesare Prandelli era with a 1-0 defeat to Ivory Coast in their opening game, followed by a 2-2 draw against Portugal and a 3-1 defeat to England.

De Rossi said: “We are in crisis. We are a country with a great passion for football but we are not doing enough to improve our national team.”— Internet

Francesca Schiavone of Italy
Performing Arts Poster Design Exhibition" held in Beijing, on 10 Aug, 2010. More than 100 posters created by 14 world top designers are among the exhibits.— Xinhua

O’Neal signs for the Boston Celtics

BEIJING, 12 Aug—Shaquille O’Neal has been introduced as the newest member of the Boston Celtics with a 2-year contract, which he will make around 2.75 million US dollars. O’Neal says he still wants another champion title and that’s why he chooses Celtics.

“You know I realize I only have 730 days left in this game and I just wanted to be with a group of guys that like to win and has the championship and the playoff experience and I think I’ll be a good fit here”, said O’Neal.

Weighing in at 345 pounds (156 kilograms), O’Neal averaged 12 points and 6.7 rebounds last season for the Cleveland Cavaliers. He will be Boston’s backup centre behind Kevin Garnett.

Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 12 August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Mon and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (5.16) inches, Hpa-an (3.31) inches, Bilin (3.03) inches, Thaton (2.44) inches, Zalun (2.36) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.25) and Mubu (1.14) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 11-8-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature at (09:30) hours MST on 12-8-2010 (84%). Rainfall on 12-8-2010 was (T). Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 11-8-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 12-8-2010 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-8-2010 (100%). Total Sunshine hours on 11-8-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 12-8-2010 was (0.90) inch at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.25) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (47.20) inches at Mingaladon, (54.41) inches at Kaba-Aye and (64.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 11-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeayawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division.

Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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

Yangon Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) Phase-II underway
Byline & Photos: Than Swe (Pabedan)

One hundred and forty million gallons of potable water from Gyobyu, Phyugyi, Ngamoeyeik, and Hlawgar lakes and tube-wells of the Development Affairs Department are supplied daily to Yangon and suburb townships. Yangon City Development Committee have built water supply centre Nos (1) and (2) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township while implementing Yangon Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) Second Phase, thus supplying two million more gallons a day.

Recently, the committee managed to seek an underground water source in Thebyu Village on Yangon-Htantabin Road in Hlinethaya Township. The Engineering Department (Water and Sewage) launched the project on 9 June 2009 and completed it on 31 October 2009. Since then, it has been supplying one million gallons of safe water to Hlinethaya Township.

The same day, the water supply station in Yayoakan Village, Hlinethaya Township, started to supply daily 50,000 gallons; water supply station in Ward-15, 150,000 gallons; and water supply station in Ward-19, 100,000 gallons of safe water.

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Supplement of Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies
The seven-page supplement carrying the list of Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies issued under Notification No 86/2010 of the Union Election Commission is attached to this daily issued today.

An island in Frobisher Bay in Canada’s Arctic. Scientists have discovered a new window into the Earth’s violent past. Geochemical evidence from volcanic rocks collected on Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic suggests that beneath it lies a region of the Earth’s mantle that has largely escaped the billions of years of melting and geological churning that has affected the rest of the planet. Researchers believe the discovery offers clues to the early chemical evolution of the Earth.—INTERNET