True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Indonesian President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2010.—MNA

State benefiting a lot from important special projects being implemented on cooperative basis for national development

Senior General Than Shwe addresses meeting (2/2010) of Special Projects Implementation Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — The coordination meeting (2/2010) of Special Projects Implementation Committee took place at the operation meeting room of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) here at 2 pm today, attended by Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of the Committee SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Secretary of the Committee SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

Joint-Secretary of Special Projects Implementation Committee Director-General of the SPDC Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win acted as master of ceremonies.

In his guidance to the meeting, Senior General Than Shwe said: Today’s meeting is held with the aim of speedily developing our nation. It has been (See page 8)
Scale up post-literary campaigns

One can broaden one’s horizons by reading. So, reading has become popular among the people. Now, the government is generating a wide range of opportunities for everyone, regardless of age and educational qualification, to have easy access to literary courses and publications.

As part of the programme, the government is improving formal education, non-formal education and informal education. So, the youth of today can pursue international level subjects with modern pedagogical aids. Three R’s courses are being conducted on a broader scale for school-age children, young people and elder people. As a result, the nation’s adult literacy rate is getting higher.

In addition, self-reliant village libraries are being opened across the nation to expedite post-literary campaigns and to develop literates’ taste for reading. So far, the number of rural libraries has reached over 50,000.

Several plans still have a long way to go for sustainable development such as increasing the numbers of periodicals and equipping libraries with more furniture.

The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and the Information and Public Relations Department jointly organized talks for development of village libraries and post-literary campaigns in Taikkyi and Hmawby townships in Yangon North District the other day.

Respective administrative bodies, local people, well-wishers and social organizations should work together in the tasks for development of village libraries and post-literary programmes in order to expand the horizons of country people.

SUMMIT-A for healthy mind and body

SUMMIT-A natural food supplement tonic of Shan Maw Myay Co Ltd.—MNA

YANGON, 16 Aug—Shan Maw Myay Co Ltd markets and distributes SUMMIT-A branded natural food supplement tonic, noni hone juice and noni nutrients.

Pharmacists, doctors and traditional medicine practitioners firmly said that noni contributes much to cure such diseases as mental disorder, cancer, asthma, depression, gastric, heart attack, immune deficiency, HIV, muscle pains and scalp itchiness and those who wish to give up smoking and alcohol.

Those wishing to purchase and retail the product may contact Shan Maw Myay Co Ltd, No. 365-367, HHBC Building, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, (Upper Block), Kyauktada Township, here. Ph: 392920, 392921, Ext: 206, 306 and its branches and sale agents in states and divisions.—MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Indonesian counterpart

NAI Pyi Taw, 17 Aug—On the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr R.M Marty M Natalegawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

Mdy Mayor inspects construction site of Yadanarpon Myothit (North) Housing Project

Mandalay, 16 Aug—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han together with officials inspected the construction site of Yadanarpon Myothit (North) Housing Project being implemented by MDC near Thonetaung Village.

Political parties submit lists of members to UEC

NAI Pyi Taw, 16 Aug—Political parties are to submit the list of their members organized in line with Political Parties Registration Rule 13 (a) to the Union Election Commission within 90 days as from registration has been granted. The Taung (Palaung) National Party submitted the list of their members to the Commission today.

Up to date, sixteen of 40 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted member lists of their parties to the commission within the targeted date.—MNA

Japan donates eight fire engines to FSD

YANGON, 16 Aug—A ceremony to donate eight fire engines by Japan to Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, took place at the department (Headquarters) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

It was attended by Director-General of Fire Services Department Col Tin Moe, Principal U Thein Oo of Central Fire Services Training School, officers from Fire Services Department (Nay Pyi Taw) and control offices (upper and lower Myanmar), directors and donors.

School Head Mr Mitsui Yukihiko who lives in Okazaki of Japan explained the purpose of donation and handed over documents related to the fire engines to the director-general.

The director-general presented certificate of honour and spoke words of thanks. Under the arrangement of Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Hla Myint, he made donation.

Soe Win Tun (West Soe Win Tun (West)

The fire engines are worth 50,000 US dollars. The transportation cost of the fire engines was donated by U Yin Htway Thet (Reliance Fire System Co., Ltd) and U Soe Win Tun (West Corporation Co Ltd). Mr Mitsui Yukihiko has made arrangement to donate more fire engines to Myanmar.—MNA
US Navy says four ships robbed off Iraqi coast

Baghdad, 16 Aug—The US Navy says four commercial ships anchored near the southern oil hub of Basra have been robbed in a rare attack off the Iraqi coast.

Lt John Fage, a spokesman for the Navy’s Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, said Sunday that two men armed with AK-47 rifles boarded the American ship Sagamore a week ago. He says the assailants took computers, cell phones and money from crew members before fleeing the vessel after about 40 minutes on board.

He says three other ships were attacked in a two-hour period starting about 2 am on 8 Aug. Fage identified those ships as the Antigua-flagged Armenia, the North Korean Crystal Wave and the Syrian Sana Star. The attack reflects concerns about an increase in crime in Iraq even as political violence ebbs.—Internet

11 people killed, 29 wounded in Iraq’s violence

Baghdad, 16 Aug—Up to 11 Iraqis were killed and 29 others were wounded in gunfire and a series of bomb attacks across the country on late Saturday and Sunday, the police said.

Abid Khalaf, an Awakening Council group leader, was killed by a sticky bomb planted in his car in Abu Ghraib area west of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Two of Khalaf’s bodyguards were wounded by the attack, the source said.

The Awakening Council is a government-backed anti-al-Qaida para-military group who fought the al-Qaida network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities. In Iraq’s eastern province of Diyala, a bomb attached to the car of Ismail Jawad, another government-backed group leader, detonated, killing him and wounding his bodyguard in Jurf al-Milih area, northeast of the provincial capital city of Baquba, a source from the provincial operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, four policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in the town of Naft-Khana, some 75 km northeast of Baquba, near the Iraqi-Iranian border, the source said.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaida militants and other insurgent groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

13 members of a family killed in mini-bus accident in NE Afghanistan

Taliquan, 16 Aug—Thirteen people, including women and children, were killed and three others injured when a mini-bus plunged into a river in Takhar Province, northeast Afghanistan on Sunday, a local official said.

“The incident happened in Farkhar District this morning as a result 13 people including women and children and the head of the family Abdul Rashid lost their lives and three others sustained injuries,” governor of Farkhar District Mawlawi Abdul Aziz told Xinhua. All the victims belonged to the same family, he further said. He blamed carelessness of driver for the mishap, saying reckless driving on battered and congested roads in the province often causes deadly accidents.

Suicide attack wounds four, kills bomber in northern Afghan Province

Kunduz, 16 Aug—Four civilians sustained injuries as a suicide bomber blew himself up in Afghan north province of Kunduz on Monday, police said.

“A terrorist planted explosive device in bicycle and blew himself up in Aqtapa bazaar of Qalai Zal District this morning wounding four innocent civilians including three children,” District police chief Syed Ibrahim told Xinhua.

The suicide bomber was also killed in the blast, he further said.

He blamed Taleban insurgents for organizing the suicide attack, but the outfit that is largely relying on suicide attacks and roadside bombings has yet to make comment.

The deadly roadside and suicide attacks often claim the life of civilians in the war-torn Afghanistan.—Xinhua
New dinosaur bones found in Russia’s southeastern region

VLADIVOSTOK, 16 Aug—New dinosaur bones have been found at an excavation site in Russia’s southeastern region of Primorsky Krai, the Vostok-Media news agency reported on Friday.

“While removing bones of an otorotitan from Kundursky excavation site, we spotted a tooth of a carnivorous dinosaur stuck between the caudal vertebrae of the otorotitan,” said Ivan Bolotsky, an junior research assistant at the Russian Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Geology and Natural Resource Use.

Paleontologists believe the dinosaurs were killed by a mudslide because the bone fragments were buried in solidified mud and stone, according to the report. The paleontologists have been digging up bones of dinosaurs at the excavation site for two years, inch by inch removing soil from the finds.

Yuri Bolotsky, chief of Paleontology Laboratory at the Far Eastern regional branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, said: “The dinosaurs have been preserved to such an extent that the orifices, outlets of cranial nerves and blood-vessels remained intact. That means we can analyze the brain structure of these animals.”

Scientific evidence to date shows the bones of the last dinosaurs in Asia are buried there. Paleontologists cannot say how many as the bone bed stretches for about 30 km.

Scientists have found that pulsed light can pace contractions in an avian embryonic heart, with no apparent damage to the tissue.

According to the scientists, this non-invasive device may prove an effective tool in understanding how environmental factors that alter an embryo’s heart rate lead to congenital defects.

“The mechanisms behind many congenital defects are not well known. But, there is a suspicion that when the early embryonic heart beats slower or faster than normal, that changes gene regulation and changes development,” said Michael Jenkins.

“If we can precisely control pacing, we could figure out how structure, function and gene expression all work together,” said Michiko Watanabe. He then hypothesized that pulsed infrared light may enable pacing of the embryonic heart.

Apple manager charged for taking $1 mln plus kickbacks


WAStCHI NGtO N, 16 Aug—MyFax by Protus IP Solutions is a free iPhone app that is a direct extension of MyFax, com, and brings faxing to your device. With this app, you can receive faxes through your MyFax account directly on your iPhone. If you are like me and think that faxes are the most archaic thing that still exists in the business world and you are dying to digitize, this may be the app you are looking for.

When you launch this app for the first time, you must enter your account info and then you will be taken to the “Home” page. Select “Inbox,” and you will be at your virtual fax machine inbox. These same faxes will also appear in the inbox of the email address with which you registered on MyFax.com. This app is supremely simple; the interface is basic and the controls easy to use. It connects your virtual fax machine with your iPhone and that is the beginning and the end.

If you don’t have a MyFax account, get your credit card ready because their “Free 30 Day Trial” requires one. It sort of makes you wonder how free it is if you must provide your credit card info. It’s always been a pet peeve of mine. If something is free, then you don’t need my credit card information.

If you need to fax a document, I’d recommend MyFax. You can finally get rid of that huge fax machine that no one seems to know how to operate, even though the directions are stuck on the wall directly above it and it’s been in the office for the last decade. For everyone else, you simply won’t need it. —Internet

PG&E SmartMeters make home appliances go snap, crackle, pop

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—Readers are reporting bizarre behaviour by some household appliances.

The suspect? PG&E’s new SmartMeters installed to monitor household electricity and gas usage and report back wirelessly to a central location.

It has been happening frequently on certain frequencies common to both or because the signal is broadcast over home wiring.

Sometimes it is loud pops and cracks on AM radios and baby monitors; some time it is wireless speaker systems and wireless headsets receiving loud pops and cracking. Owners of HDTVs and speaker systems and wireless remote garage door openers also reported interference. Here is what some readers are saying about this:

“Our portable phones started cracking and popping after the SmartMete was installed. y’’’. I think the SmartMete is interfering with our wireless phones.” P.W.

“My husband and I have a vacation home near Arnold. After a SmartMete was installed, we had ongoing problems with our outdoor motion sensor lighting going on all the time.”

“PG&E finally replaced the metre with the old model, and the problem was resolved.” Melissa A. Look

“For the past few days my home alarm keeps getting set off as if it’s sensing something opening. It happens randomly during day and night, so basically my alarm system is now useless.” Brian—Internet

Sales representatives help customers on the first day the Blackberry Torch hits the shelves at an AT&T store on 12 August, 2010 in Washington, DC. —Internet
Oil hovers under $76 in Asia amid demand doubts

BANGKOK, 16 Aug—Oil prices hovered under $76 a barrel on Monday in Asia as expectations for stronger fuel demand in the second half were undermined by weaker economic figures from the world’s three biggest economies. Benchmark crude for September delivery was up 34 cents at $75.73 a barrel at midday Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 35 cents on Friday to settle at $75.39 a barrel, its lowest level in a month. Oil has dropped from above $81 a barrel early last week amid questions about whether the world economy may not grow in the second half as much as expected.

Growth figures from Japan on Monday added to evidence that the global recovery is losing momentum. Gross domestic product expanded just 0.1 percent in the second quarter from the previous quarter as consumer spending waned. The US Commerce Department reported Friday that retail sales excluding autos and gasoline sales fell 0.1 percent in July, continuing a weak trend. One of the biggest obstacles to a strong recovery in the US is anemic consumer spending. Recent indicators from China, the world’s biggest energy consumer, also show growth is slowing, albeit from a breakout pace as Beijing clamps down on credit siphage that has driven up real estate prices.

In other Nymex trading in September contracts, heating oil rose 1.35 cents to $2.01 a gallon, gasoline added 1 cent to $1.95 a gallon and natural gas fell 0.6 cent to $4.32 per 1,000 cubic feet. Brent crude was up 38 cents at $75.90 a barrel on the ICE futures exchange.

Business

China becomes world’s second biggest economy

BEIJING, 16 Aug—China has overtaken Japan to become the world’s second-largest economy. Second quarter figures show the Chinese economy was valued at 0.85 trillion pounds ($1.33 trillion), trailing the US. Japan meanwhile stood at 0.82 trillion pounds ($1.28 trillion), the economy growing substantially less than forecast. Official figures released by the Japanese government showed the economy grew 0.4% in the last quarter, substantially less than expected.

That means China’s economy will speed past Japan’s for the full year. With a rapidly growing population and booming industry, some experts predict China will overtake the US as the world’s largest economy as early as 2030. The latest IMF forecast sees China’s share of the world economy growing from 11.5% this year to 16% in 2020. —Internet

Japan growth slows amid worry about yen’s climb

TOKYO, 16 Aug—Japan’s economic growth slowed to a crawl in the second quarter and analysts see more weakness ahead, adding to policymakers’ headaches as they grapple with deflation and a rise in the yen that threatens an export-reliant recovery.

Slowing growth in main export destinations such as the United States and China clouds the outlook, while policymakers are trying hard to talk down the yen after it surged to a 15-year high against the dollar last week. Japan’s quarterly gross domestic product growth of 0.1 percent translates to annualized expansion of 0.4 percent, well below the median market forecast of 2.3% and the US Federal Reserve’s estimate of 2.4%.

In this photo released by China’s Xinhua News Agency, a saleswoman places cans of milk powder produced by Synutra International Inc., onto a shelf in a supermarket in Heifei, east China’s Anhui Province, on 15 Aug, 2010. —INTERNET

Proper training for marathon run takes time, experts say

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—Attempting a marathon is a challenge that can bring a great feeling of accomplishment but runners need to be careful to avoid training injuries and other health problems, experts advise.

Common types of injuries in marathon runners include shin splints, muscle strains, stress fractures, patellofemoral pain syndrome (pain in and around the knee) and iliotibial band syndrome (pain on the outside of the knee and hip).

Dr. Jim Winger said energy requirements increase as the amount of distance you run increases, so proper nutrition during marathon training season and the race is essential.

In general, a marathon training diet should consist of 65 percent carbohydrates, 25 percent protein and 10 percent fat, but this will vary depending on a person’s energy requirements.

“Endurance athletes should consume a small snack or meal at least one to two hours prior to exercising, consisting of carbohydrates with a low to moderate glycemic index. Low glycemic index foods such as bananas and apples are preferable, because they enter the bloodstream slowly and provide sustained energy for longer periods of time,” Choi said.—Internet

Health

US researchers discover genetic link between immune system, Parkinson’s disease

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug—Common genetic variation in the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) region is associated with late-onset sporadic Parkinson’s disease, a team of US researchers has found.

The research team studied more than 2,000 Parkinson’s disease patients and 2,000 healthy volunteers from clinics in Oregon, Washington, New York and Georgia, assessing clinical, genetic and environmental factors that might contribute to the development and progression of Parkinson’s disease and its complications.

In the study, researchers detected a new association with the HLA region, which contains a large number of genes related to immune system function in humans. With the new findings, and link to HLA, researchers will now be encouraged to take a fresh look at the possible role of infections, inflammation and autoimmunity in Parkinson’s disease, according to the study appearing online in Nature Genetics on Sunday.

“Over the years, there have been subtle hints that immune function might be linked to Parkinson’s disease,” said Cyrus Zabetian. “But now we have more convincing evidence of this and a better idea of which parts of the immune system might be involved.”—Internet

Health Tips: Three types of teenagers who are vulnerable to hypertension

High blood pressure is generally regarded as a problem of adults. But teens also can experience this condition. Therefore you should know what causes rise in blood pressure on teenagers.

According to Mayoclinic, hypertension in adolescents is most often caused due to heart and kidney problems. But now the causes can vary, although it can not be identified more clearly. Because various factors can contribute to developing this condition.

There are at least three types teenagers who are vulnerable to hypertension:

1. Teens who have family with hypertension

High blood pressure does tend to be influenced by family descendants. Therefore, if parents or grandparents have hypertension, the risk factor will be higher.

2. Obese Teens

Being overweight or obese can lead to hypertension because it requires more tissues to carry blood, oxygen and nutrients.

Because the blood volume increases, the pressure on the artery wall also increased. Today more and more teenagers do less physical activity that causes obesity.

3. Teenagers with poor eating habits

Most teens have bad diets and rarely wants to eat healthy and balanced diet. Teenagers prefer junk food or foods.

Hormonal changes that occur in adolescents also influence the risk of high blood pressure. The existing hormonal changes includes a surge in testosterone and estrogen sex hormones. However, the effects of these hormonal changes are not yet fully understood.

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Climate change affects geographical range of plants, study finds

The method can also be used to predict what effects climate change of today and tomorrow will have on future distributions of plants and animals.

The researcher Mats Töpel at the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, University of Gothenburg, has studied how climate change has influenced the development of a group of plants in the genus Potentilla, commonly known as cinquefoils.

His research shows that this group of plants developed during a period of climate change in western North America around 25 million years ago, which led to summer drought in California and the largest desert in North America, the Great Basin. The small plant Ivesia baileyi is adapted to living in extremely dry conditions, by seeking shade on north-facing rocks in the Nevada Desert. This lifestyle is believed to have evolved in the genus Potentilla around 20 million years ago.

Pakistan warns of more floods as heavy rains fall

SUKKUR, 16 Aug—Heavy rain lashed the makeshift camps housing Pakistan’s flood survivors Monday and authorities warned of more flooding this week, adding to the urgency of the massive international relief effort.

Pakistan’s worst floods in recorded history began more than two weeks ago in the mountainous northwest and have spread throughout the country. Some 20 million people and 160,000 square kilometers (61,776 miles) of land — about 1/5 of the country — have been affected.

“Floods seem to be chasing us everywhere,” said 45-year-old Ali Bakhsh Bhaio, as monsoon downpours pounded his tent beside the major highway in Sukkur, a hard-hit area in Sindh Province. “Allah is punishing us for our sins.”

The Sindh irrigation minister, Jam Saifullah Dharejo, said the dam in Sukkur faced a major test of its strength as floodwaters coursed down the Indus River into Pakistan’s highly populated agricultural heartland.

“The coming four to five days are still crucial,” he said.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon flew over the flood-hit area Sunday and said he had never seen a disaster on such a scale. He urged the international community to speed up assistance.

An appealing product? The Apple Peel 520 is an example of China’s growing “shanzhai” products.

Chinese iPod gadget aims to skin Apple

BEIJING, 16 Aug—Have you ever wished that your iPod Touch was an iPhone? Now it can be, thanks to a new device called the Apple Peel 520 and created by a Chinese company.

Invented by a 22-year-old programmer who lives in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, the gadget is comprised of a case that fits around the outside of Apple’s iPod Touch, a popular media player and WiFi-enabled pocket computer with email, maps and other applications.

The Apple Peel 520 case contains a battery, dock connector and SIM card that allows voice calls. Users will also have to install special software to enable a text messaging function, and to allow the device to properly work with the iPod Touch (users will have to break into the software of the iPod in order to download the necessary applications).

Once installed, the Apple Peel gets around five hours of talk time and 120 hours on standby, according to a review posted on Daili Tech.com.
Bhaddawady receives more visitors on weekends

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — The precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda, where White elephant “Bhaddawady” and her shed mates are being kept, was crowded with more visitors on the last weekend. Since its arrival on 9 August, Nay Pyi Taw residents, as well as the pilgrims and students from various regions across the nation, visited the white elephant daily.—MNA

Shed of White elephant “Bhaddawady” teeming with visitors from around the country.—MNA

Public Announcement for Remonstration

1. National Development and Peace Party headquartered at No. 16, fourth floor, 89th Street, Kamauk Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division, submitted its application to register as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law on 16-8-2010. 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 date of the announcement.

Unexploded grenades found in Phayathonezu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Acting on a tip-off that a hand grenade was found in front of the Land Records Department in Phayathonezu Township, Kayin State, on 14 August, officials rushed to the scene and found an unexploded grenade thrown into the office after its pin being removed and a fuse left on the road. Further search led to the finding of another unexploded grenade with exploded cap and eleven 9mm bullets in front of the telecommunications office, about 100 yard from the right side of the Land Records Department. Insurgents are throwing away grenades and planting mines in order to cause public deaths and panic. So, authorities have alerted the public to come forward with information about any suspicious attempts.

Talks on production of long staple cotton of Ngwe Chi 6

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Educative talks on production of long staple cotton of Ngwe Chi 6 of Thayet District Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise took place at district quality strain cotton mill in Aunglan yesterday morning.

On the occasion, after Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Naing had addressed, General Secretary U Myint Swe of Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise (Headquarters) and 3 technicians gave educative talks to be able to produce long staple cotton with unique wonders of Israel and presents stations along the historical-religious route, which are of great significance to religious people with special focus to Christians, Muslims and Jews.

It will be displayed between 17th August and 10th September, 2010 at Beik Thano Art Gallery, 113/3 (B), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon. Public is invited — Free Entrance.

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“The Source” Photo Exhibition

YANGON, 16 Aug—As part of its program “Culture from Israel”, Myanmar August 2010, the Embassy of Israel in Yangon will present a Photo Exhibition named “The Source”; about various sites and traditions of the different religions centered in Israel. Israel is home to many holy shrines of many religions. Among them are Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Baha’i’s Faith. This exhibition shows one of the unique wonders of Israel and presents stations along the historical-religious route, which are of great significance to religious people with special focus to Christians, Muslims and Jews.

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Rinnai Sales & Service Station put into market

YANGON, 16 Aug—An opening ceremony of Rinnai Sales & Service Station (RSS Station) for Japanese Rinnai products kicked off at No 310 on Bogoyke Aung San Street, 5/8 Ward in Shwepyitha Township on 25 July morning. Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd is distributing the Rinnai products—RB-3Si (S) (Built In Hob) and RV-5700 (Table Top). Gas Rice Cookers, Japan Gas Cookers, Single Gas Cookers with high-quality brass, Commercial Gas Cookers, All Steel Cookers, Portable Gas Cookers, Cooker Hood and Water Heaters—through the nation. These products are available at No A-3, north-east wing of Aung San Stadium in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Ph: 245543 for RSS Station (1), No 205-A in front of Yuzana Plaza on Banyadala Street, Tamwai Township here Ph: 294996 for RSS Station (2), No 139 in front of Shwenaga Cinema in 80 Street between 27 Street and 28 Street in Mandalay Ph: 09-6803505 for RSS Station (3), No 310, Bogoyke Aung San Street in 5/8 Ward, Shwepyitha Townshiphere for RSS Station (4). Those wishing to open RSS Station may contact Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd at No 199, 34 Street (Upper) in Kyauktada Township Ph: 246304, 245925, 708382 and 730-07773 for Hot Line.—MNA

Flag of National Development and Peace Party

Seal of National Development and Peace Party

Union Election Commission

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Rinnai Sales & Service Station (RSS Station) seen at No 310 on Bogoyke Aung San Street.—MNA
State benefiting a lot from important…

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Known to all that the committee’s meetings are scrutinizing and giving green light to implement major projects beneficial to the country.

The State has benefited a lot from the important special projects being implemented on a cooperative basis for national development. Nowadays, all global nations are striving their utmost for their own national development. So, our country has to try to develop itself speedily. Like in our time, in the time of future generations, it is necessary to continue implementing special projects. Only then, will our country that lagged behind others in development due to various reasons be able to keep abreast of other nations. Even if our country could develop speedily and catch up with other nations thanks to concerted efforts, we should not become complacent about our progress and must keep making our endeavours. With the rapidly changing world, our nation and the people will always have to try hard.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo reported on facts about Tarli Diversion Weir project, Sarkyo Dam project, Namkyan Dam project and Hsimeegon-3 River Water Pumping project being implemented by the Irrigation Department. Of the above-mentioned projects, the first is being implemented on Tarli Creek in Moemauk Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State. It will irrigate 3486 acres of farmland in Nwelan village in Moemauk Township and contribute to Kachin State’s effort for becoming the fourth granary of Myanmar and regional development.

Sarkyo Dam is of earthen type and the project is being implemented on Sarkyo Creek near Aikgyi village, Chauk Township, Magway Division. It will irrigate 1000 acres of farmland, supply adequate drinking water in the project area and contribute to regional greening.

Namkyan Dam is of earthen type and the project is being implemented on Namkyan Creek near Namkyan village in Lashio Township, Shan State (North). It will irrigate about 179 acres of farmland in Lashio Township and supply water to 20 lakes in Yekantaung in order to distribute water to five wards in Lashio.

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Like in our time, in the time of future generations, it is necessary to continue implementing special projects.
Hsimeegon-3 River Water Pumping project is being implemented to provide drinking water for arid Natogyi Township and supply irrigation water for regional greening by constructing two river-water pumping stations. It is estimated that the project will irrigate 15000 acres of farmland in seven village-tracts of Natogyi Township.

Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein reported on implementation of 20 projects permitted by the Special Projects Implementation Committee and facts about three other projects to be implemented.

The first project will be implemented together with the project for extended production of hydraulic presses essential for manufacturing industrial goods in State and private sectors at the hydropower turbine and station in Thagara Industrial Region. One hundred hydraulic presses ranging from 100, 150, 300, 500, 800 to 1000 tons will be produced each year.

The project for production of 10-15 ton medium truck (TE 31) will be implemented at No (1) Automobile Factory in Yangon to produce about 3000 vehicles of various kinds per year by launching new production lines. 20-30 ton heavy trucks will be produced by Magway Automobile Factory.

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Photo shows Technical Training School (Thagara).—MNA

Production line of No 2 Tyre and Rubber Factory (Bilin).—MNA

Multi-purpose Diesel Engine factory under Ministry of Industry-2. MNA
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Toqungoo in Bago Division has been upgraded to a two-way motor road on it. Mawtinsun-Haiggyun Bridge Project is designed to ensure secure transport between Mawtinsun Pagoda and Haigy Island. On completion, the broad crest type bridge will be 2001 feet long with steel girders.

The project to construct three bridges over three roads for development of Special Region (6) in Bago Division. The three bridges are: 540 feet long bridge on Kywepwe-Myosoe-Zayatkyi Road near Myosoe Village in Ottwin Township, 480 feet long bridge on Pyu-Banlaung-Mwedin-Nyaungpinnyoe Road near Banlaung Village in Pyu Township, and 520 feet long bridge on Khabaung-Myinsu-Htantapin Road near Myinsu Village.

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23 people slain along Mexico-US border

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 16 Aug—Twenty-three people were killed in about 24 hours in Chihuahua state plagued by drug violence on the US border, authorities said on Saturday.

Between late Friday and Saturday 13 people were killed in Ciudad Juarez, across from the US city of El Paso, Texas, Chihuahua state prosecutors said. One of the incidents in which the murders took place involved a car theft, and a couple was killed in a violent assault at a shopping mall, officials said.

Another 10 people were murdered in other locations around Chihuahua state, prosecutors added. Ciudad Juarez is at the heart of a wave of drug attacks which have left some 28,000 dead since 2006, according to official figures.

Most killings in Ciudad Juarez are attributed to disputes between the Juarez and Sinaloa gangs over control of lucrative drug trafficking routes into the United States. With a population of 1.3 million, Ciudad Juarez had more than 2,660 murders in 2009 and 1,850 so far this year, officials say.

Superbug panics world

BEIJING, 16 Aug—A new superbug, known as NDM-1, which stands for New-Delhi-Metallo, is likely to become one of the deadliest pandemics worldwide, media reported on Monday.

The bacterial gene has reportedly become resistant to all known antibiotics, including the most powerful class called carbapenems.

Researchers believe it was transferred through medical surgeries. The superbug has claimed the life of a Belgian man, the first death of its kind. So far, the superbug gene has been identified in 37 people who returned to UK after visits to India or Pakistan.

Three people in Australia were reportedly infected after traveling to India for surgery. “We are potentially at the beginning of another wave of antibiotic resistance, though we still have the power to stop it,” Christopher Thomas, a professor of molecular genetics at the University of Birmingham, said in a statement. “Better surveillance and infection control procedures might halt the gene’s spread,” he said. The superbug was identified last year in a Swedish patient in India.

Superbug claims first life

BEIJING, 16 Aug—A new “superbug” that originated in South Asia has claimed the life of a Belgian man, according to media reports on Monday.

The victim picked up the bug in a hospital in Pakistan and died in June, said a doctor from the Brussels hospital where he had been treated.

So far, 37 people who have returned to the UK alone came down reportedly with the superbug after visits to India or Pakistan.

It was reported last week that the superbug had spread to Australia, infecting three people who had traveled to India for surgery.

The superbug gene is also known as NDM-1, which stands for New-Delhi-Metallo. Researchers have suggested the superbug could potentially spread worldwide.

Fire damages Windsor house

WINDSOR, 16 Aug—An attic fire caused an estimated $10,000 in damage to a Windsor house on Sunday evening.

The fire, at a three-bedroom home in the 900 block of Polaris Drive, was reported by the homeowner about 5:15 pm and contained by firefighters within about 20 minutes, a Windsor Fire Department official said.

The cause was believed to be electrical wiring. There were no injuries and no other structures were affected. Firefighters from Healdsburg and Rincon Valley also responded to help with the fire.

Teen survivor of fatal Alaska plane crash released

Tourists walk past the newly-decorated archway of Yandaijie Street (Tobacco Pipe Lane) in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Aug, 2010. The archway of Yandaijie Street meets the tourists after one-month renovation. The meandering Yandaijie Street, located at the Houhai area, or Rear Lake, in downtown Beijing, is a 300-meter-plus, time-honored twisting road scattered along with many souvenir shops.

Two siblings killed in elephant attack in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 16 Aug—Two siblings were killed and five other people injured in an elephant attack early Monday at a village in Bangladesh’s Bandarban District, a hilly area 316 km southeast of capital Dhaka.

Local people were quoted by private news agency UNB as saying that an elephant entered the village late at night and attacked a house, leaving two siblings in the house dead and their mother injured. The elephant later attacked nearby two houses, injuring four villagers seriously.
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Flaming bull turns the night on fire in controversial Catalonian festival

MADRID, 16 Aug—The beast stands tied to a pole in the center of the village on a hot summer night, flames shooting from its horns into the sky as if it were some kind of shackled devil.
But this is no devil, it is a fire-bull - a ‘toro embolado’ and it is the symbol of both tradition and also a rising controversy.
The ‘toro embolado’ or ‘toro embolat’ in the Catalan language is a strong tradition in the southern part of the Autonomous Community situated in the north-east of Spain. It is strongest around the mouth of the river Ebro in the province of Tarragona, a city formed by the Romans. Indeed many believe that the tradition has its roots in ancient times, having been brought to Spain from the Moors.

Xinhua

Farmer Wei Xiguai transports packs of puddies to home at Guxu Village in Guzhi Mulam County, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 16 Aug, 2010. The local farmers are busy reaping grains in fine weather in recent days to ensure a harvest despite drought this summe.

Xinhua

Canadian parents say WiFi made kids sick

COLLINGWOOD, 16 Aug—Some parents in Ontario, Canada, say they suspect WiFi transmitters at their children’s school made them ill. The group of Simcoe County parents have approached school officials about the issue they believe exists at Mountain View Elementary School in Collingwood, the Toronto Sun reported on Wednesday.
One parent, Rodney Palmer, said his children, ages 5 and 9, and others started getting sick last year. “Six months ago, parents started noticing their kids had chronic headaches, dizziness, insomnia, rashes and other neurological and cardiac symptoms, when their kids came home from school,” Palmer said. “But that somehow on the weekends, when they were at home, it would disappear.” —Internet

Friday 13 unlucky for lightning boy

SUFFOLK, 16 Aug — Friday the 13th is often thought of as an unlucky day and it certainly lived up to its reputation for one youngster. At precisely 13:13, a boy aged 13 was seen by the St John Ambulance team at Lowestoft Seafront Air Festival in Suffolk after he was struck by lightning, a spokesman said. The boy suffered a minor burn and was taken to James Paget Hospital, where he is expected to make a full recovery. Jason Gillingham, county ambulance officer and on scene at the show, said: “This was a very minor burn to the boy’s shoulder, but he was conveyed to hospital and is recovering well.” The incident proves what an important role St John Ambulance plays here at the show every year. We really do our bit to make a difference to the enormous number of people who are out enjoying their day... no matter what the weather, or the date... —Internet

Garlic lowers blood pressure

ADELAIDE, 16 Aug—The humble garlic bulb has a big reputation in herbal lore for curing almost every	hing from the common cold to the plague. Now it is used as an adjunct to conventional drugs for hyper-
tension. “There is a large proportion of people out there who are out medication and some people are on four
different types but they still have high blood pressure, it is uncontrolled,” Dr Ried said.

Internet

Lightning struck an unlucky 13-year-old boy on 13 Friday.—INTERNET

Xinhua

Minor civilisation by Phoenician seafarers.
While some believe it is a connection with the past, others say that the place is where it should now remain as it is a cruel event that has no place in the 21st century.

Xinhua

WiFi made kids sick
Bandage-wrapped man robs Pennsylvania supermarket pharmacy

A man was jailed on charges he robbed a southwestern Pennsylvania supermarket pharmacy while his face was wrapped in medical bandages and a surgical mask. State police said 52-year-old Edward Singer entered the Giant Eagle on Route 31 in Somerset Township about 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Police said Singer gave the pharmacist a note that read, “Don’t do anything stupid, this is a holdup.” Police said the note also demanded Suboxone, which is used to treat opiate addictions, and the prescription painkiller OxyContin. Police said the pharmacist gave the suspect 22 Suboxone pills before he drove away in a pickup that police stopped a short time later for failing to stop at an intersection. Police said they found a gun, bandages and the drugs in the truck.

Online court records did not list a defence attorney.

German singer Nadja Benaissa apologises at HIV trial

DARMSTADT, 16 Aug—A singer from German girl band No Angels has admitted to having unprotected sex with several partners without warning them she was HIV-positive.

Nadja Benaissa, 28, was speaking at the opening of her trial in the German city of Darmstadt. “I am so sorry,” Ms Benaissa told the court. However, she denied deliberately infecting anyone.

She has also been charged with attempted bodily harm for allegedly infecting one man.

She has also been charged with attempted bodily harm for allegedly having sex with two other men who were not infected.

Ms Benaissa was arrested in Frankfurt last year, shortly before she was due to perform a solo concert, and spent 10 days in custody. According to prosecutors, Ms Benaissa knew she was HIV-positive as early as 1999.

A former lover, who is HIV-positive, has said the singer infected him in 2004 and is due to appear in court in Darmstadt as a co-claimant.

Ms Benaissa’s trial is expected to end later this month.

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WENFORD, 16 Aug—Watch out, Susan Boyle. Here comes Jackie.

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Jackie was one of 12 acts who performed on the show on Tuesday night. Four of those performers will join 20 other semifinalists who are competing for $1 million and a contract to perform in Las Vegas. —Internet

Tila Tequila pelted at Illinois music festival

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“She took her top off and they got really violent,” he said. Soon after rocks and bottles were thrown. Tequila went to her trailer, but the witness said people continued to smash the windows. “The people at Juggalos behaviour was disgusting and I am filing a suit against Them now,” Tequila wrote on her Twitter page on Saturday.

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NC man sent to jail after laughs in courtroom

Court is no laughing matter as far as one North Carolina judge is concerned. A Fayetteville man who was waiting for his case to be heard on Friday drew the ire of Judge Toni King after starting to laugh in a Cumberland County courtroom. Authorities said King asked 47-year-old Johnny Montgomery why he was laughing, but the man refused to say.

King ordered Montgomery to jail on a misdemeanor charge. As deputies were preparing to take Montgomery to jail, they searched him and found more than 3 grams of crack cocaine. Montgomery was charged with felony drug possession. Authorities said he was being processed on Friday evening and does not yet have a court date nor an attorney.

Dog chows down on SC man’s school board petition

The dog really did eat the homework, or, in this case, the petition a South Carolina man was going to file to run for school board. The Beaufort Gazette reported on Friday that Terry Thomas of Lady’s Island had a petition with almost 200 signatures when he went out to check the mail. But when he returned from the mailbox, Spencer, his 8-month-old Labrador and bull mastiff mix, had chewed up the petition. Now Thomas won’t be able to run for a spot on the Beaufort County School Board. The retiree is a substitute teacher and an assistant football coach at Beaufort High.

But he said when students use the old “the dog ate my homework” excuse in class, he just might believe them.

Power cutoff leaves salon customer bald on top

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Bordeaux join Marseille in French league slump

PARIS, 16 Aug — Bordeaux replaced fellow strugglers Marseille at the bottom of the French league table Sunday after suffering a 2-1 home defeat to a spirited Toulouse, their second defeat in as many games.

Champions two years ago and Champions League quarter-finalists last season, Bordeaux went into the 2011 campaign hoping to recover from the departure of much-loved manager Laurent Blanc, who is now coach of France. After just two games, the ‘Girondins’ have yet to put a point on the table, a mire in which crisis Marseille have also found themselves after a similarlyastrous start to the campaign.

Elsewhere on Sunday plucky Caen, who beat Marseille in the league opener last week, produced another giant-killer display to beat former seven-time champions Lyon 3-2 in Normandy. Toulouse’s fortunes meanwhile have taken on a decidedly rosier complexion. They now lead the league table ahead of Sunday’s late game between Lille and Paris Saint Germain.—INTERNET

Overton’s record final round at PGA

SHEBOYGAN, 16 Aug — Jeff Overton pumped his fist on Sunday and broke into a wide smile when he finished the PGA Championship. He is virtually a lock to make his first Ryder Cup team. But that wasn’t the cause of his mock celebration.

Playing alone in the first group off when ailing Ian Poulter withdrew, Overton walked 18 holes at Whistling Straits in 2 hours, 9 minutes, to break the PGA Championship record for quickest round. “Awesome! My first record at a major,” Overton said. It beat the previous mark — by one minute — set by Phil Blackmaar at Crooked Stick in 1991.—INTERNET

Ben Arfa at odds with Marseille over transfer

PARIS, 16 Aug – Marseille midfielder Hatem Ben Arfa has sworn he will leave Marseille for Newcastle even if it means not playing for a season. The 23-year-old French international has been told by the reigning champions that he will not be released to play in the English Premier league with Chris Hughton’s newly-promoted side.

But after staying away from training on Thursday and Friday and not travelling to Valenciennes for Saturday’s league game, Ben Arfa told L’Equipe newspaper he is ready to continue his strike action.—INTERNET

Marseille midfielder Hatem Ben Arfa celebrates after scoring a goal during a friendly match against Norway.—INTERNET

Cardiff eye Bellamy swoop

LONDON, 16 Aug — Manchester City’s Welsh international striker Craig Bellamy has been linked with a switch to Championship side Cardiff City, the club he supported as a boy, reports suggested on Sunday.

Cardiff would not confirm a deal had been agreed with the Wales captain, but it is believed the 31-year-old striker could complete a loan move on Monday. A Cardiff spokesman told the Press Association: “With the number and the names of the clubs being mentioned in connection to Craig it is flattering that we are an option, but at this stage it is pure speculation.”

“Being connected to a player of this calibre shows how far we have come, to be even considered in a deal like this.”—INTERNET

Ballack loses German marketing crown

BERLIN, 16 Aug — German international midfielder Michael Ballack’s woes know no end as it was revealed on Sunday he has been dethroned as the most marketable German player according to Wirtschaftswoche magazine.

The 33-year-old who is in danger of being permanently replaced as German captain after missing the World Cup through injury — is ranked only the 11th most marketable player in German football according to consultancy firm Batten & Company. Ballack - who has moved to one of his former clubs Bayer Leverkusen after being released by English Premier League champions Chelsea - has been replaced as the king of German football by his former Bayern Munich team-mate Bastian Schweinsteiger.

Bremen and Company estimate that Schweinsteiger’s potential earnings per year in commercial and sponsorship is 20million euros ahead of Bayern team-mates Dutch star winger Arjen Robben (17.5million euros) and French playmaker Franck Ribery (15.8million euros).—INTERNET

english coach to follow Capello, FA says

LONDON, 16 Aug — Fabio Capello’s eventual successor as England manager looks set to be a home-born coach following comments on Sunday from a top Football Association (FA) official.

The Italian, who failed to spark an England side in the World Cup in South Africa this summer, will remain in charge until after the Euro 2012 finals in Poland and Ukraine. But the FA’s Club England managing director Adrian Bevington said that when he goes, the plan is to return the position to an Englishman. “That is the view in the discussions I have been involved in.” Bevington told BBC Radio 5 Live Sportsweek. “We enjoyed working with Sven-Goran Eriksson, and we have Fabio Capello now. “I think the English team should be managed by an English manager in the future.”—INTERNET

International club friendly

Rayo Vallecano 1–0 Osasuna
England - Premier League
Liverpool 1–1 Arsenal
England - League Championship
Nottingham F. 1–1 Leeds U.
France League 1
Bordeaux 1–2 Toulouse
Caen 3–2 Lyon
Lille 0–0 Paris S.G.

English football manager Fabio Capello.—INTERNET

US NBA stars trim McGee, Green off world roster

NEW YORK, 16 Aug — Washington center JaVale McGee and Oklahoma City forward Jeff Green were trimmed from the US roster of NBA talent for the World Basketball Championships on Sunday, USA Basketball announced.

Neither player took part in a scrimmage against China on Saturday ahead of an exhibition game Sunday against France at New York’s Madison Square Garden.

Ballistic Loses German marketing crown

Germany’s midfielder Michael Ballack

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The possibility that one or even both of them could lose their lives on 14 Aug, 2010. The sisters, who are joined at the liver, will undergo an operation on 23 Aug that aims to separate them.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye felicitates Indonesian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Boediono, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2010.—MNA

Prime Minister felicitates President of Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2010.—MNA

Applications for registration as political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Groups permitted to establish as political parties are submitting their applications to the Union Election Commission to register as political parties. National Development and Peace Party submitted the application to the commission to register as a political party today.

Up to date, there have been 47 groups that submitted applications to form and to subsist as political parties. Of the 42 parties that submitted application for registration as political parties, forty parties have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-8-2010)

- An (3.19) inches
- Bhamo (2.83) inches
- Paung (1.97) inches
- Putao (1.61) inches
- Myitkyina (1.42) inches
- Shwegyin (1.14) inches
- Bilin (1.10) inches