NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 92/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 92/2010
9th Waxing of Wagaung 1372 ME
19 August 2010

Kayin State Democracy and Development Party granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to Kayin State Democracy and Development Party headquartered at No. (Hta Wa/ 80) on Strand Road in No. 7 Ward in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Registration Law as of 19 August 2010.

The registration number of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party is 41.

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Application for registration as political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Among the parties that have applied for registration as political parties, the Union Election Commission found that the Kayin State Democracy and Development Party is in accord with Political Party Registration Rules and Regulations and thus it passed the registration of the party today.

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

MNA

Political parties submit lists of party members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Political parties are to submit the lists of their members organized in accord with Political Parties Registration Rule 13 (a) to the Union Election Commission within 90 days as from the date they have been granted permission to register.

The Kayin State Democracy and Development Party submitted the list of party members to the Union Election Commission today. Up to date, nineteen of 41 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted lists of members of their parties to the Union Election Commission within the prescribed date.

MNA

Yintaw Tank under maintenance for agriculture purpose in Pyawbwe

Although Nay Pyi Taw Lewe is 77 miles far from Pyawbwe, I took two and a half hours for the drive due to smooth road. Pyawbwe of Yamethin District located in the central area of Myanmar has 32 inches of rainfall on average yearly. Thus, (See page 8)
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Friday, 20 August, 2010**

Look forward to perpetual peace for serving national interests

The national consolidation plays a key role in ensuring perpetual existence of the Union. Due to historical experiences, all the national brethren accept the important role of national unity. They are safeguarding the nation through the united strength and participating in the respective sectors in building the nation. At present, peace and stability has been restored across the nation. In consequence, infrastructures of economic, education, health and social sectors have emerged. Construction of roads and bridges contributes to better transport throughout the nation. Such images reflect progress of the Union.

As the government creates the equitable opportunities for the national brethren from both billy regions and plains, border regions are gaining development momentum day by day. National race groups that have returned to the legal fold are also joining hands with the government in carrying out regional development tasks. As a result, local people are enjoying fruits of prevailing peace and development.

With the aim of ensuring security of the State and peace and stability of the border regions, the government is making arrangements for the national race groups that have returned to the legal fold enabling them to discharge duties as Border Guard Forces of the State legally holding arms. A ceremony to launch the Border Guard Forces of the State legally holding arms will take place in Myainggyingu region of Hlaingbwe Township, of South-East Command took place in Mandalay on 9 August.

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**School Health Week Activities held in Kachin State**

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Aug—School Health Week Activities of Kachin State took place at No.1 Basic Education High School in Myitkyina on 13 August.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win made an opening speech. After that, the commander and officials presented awards to the schools that won school health awards.

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**Construction Minister receives Indian Ambassador, IWAI Project Coordinator**

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Aug—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received a party led by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sandararajan Seshadri and Project Coordinator of IWAI Co Mr. Unni Neelakandan at his office here yesterday evening.

Both sides concentrated on construction of the road from Paletha to Mekawa planning in Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project, maintenance of Kyekon-Kalwa road section on Kayay-Tamu road and upgrading of Reed-Tiddin road.

MNA

**Mandalay Circular Road being upgraded**

Mandalay, 19 Aug—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han inspected repaving of Mandalay Circular Road (Dawna-bwa section). On his inspection tour, the mayor called for quality control, effective use of heavy machinery and worksite safety.

He inspected the conditions of Mandalay Circular Road (Kweyaygon-Shwe-gyiin section), and gave instructions on laying asphalt road section-wise.—NLM
Airstrike kills 18 militants in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Aug—At least 18 militants were killed and another ten injured Wednesday during a continued operation by Pakistan army in the northwestern tribal region of Pakistan, reported local media.

According to reports, Pakistani army conducted an airstrike against militants in Kurram agency, a tribal region bordering Hangu District in the northwestern Province Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Pakistani army helicopters also took part in the operation shelling and destroying the hideouts of the miscreants. According to sources, Pakistani army cordoned off the area and started search operation.

In recent weeks, Pakistani army is busy in rescue and relief work in the country’s worst-ever floods which so far has killed 1,540 people and left 20 million people homeless. —Xinhua

16 injured in hand grenade attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Aug—Atleast 16 people were injured in a hand grenade attack on Thursday morning in district Bannu in the northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to the reports, an unidentified person has attacked a shop with a hand grenade in the crowded downtown oil bazaar. Police have cordoned off the area following the attack, but no suspects have been arrested.

All the injured have been shifted to the district headquarters hospital. Hospital sources said most of the injured are in stable condition. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. —Xinhua

Five killed in bomb, gunfire attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug—Five people were killed and ten others were injured in bomb and gunfire attacks in Baghdad and the Provinces of Salahuddin and Diyala in central Iraq on Wednesday, the police said.

A policeman was killed and three people were wounded when a bomb hidden in a garbage container outside a civil court in Tikrit, the capital of Salahuddin Province, detonated in the morning, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In Diyala, three people were killed when gunmen opened fire at a house in the village of Rabia near al-Sa’diyah town, some 60 km north of the Provincial capital city Baquba, a source from Diyala’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Also in Diyala, a joint US and Iraqi force raided a village in the al-Nida area, east of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, and traded fire with gunmen, killing one of them and arresting two others, the source said.

One of the two captured was wounded by the clash, the source added. —Xinhua

Policeman killed in western Iraq suicide car bombing

RAMADI, 19 Aug—A policeman was killed and seven others injured on Wednesday in a suicide car bomb attack at a police base in west Iraq’s Anbar Province, a provincial police source said.

“A suicide bomber rammed his booby-trapped car into the checkpoint at the entrance of the rapid reaction police base in the northwest of Ramadi, the provincial capital, some 110 km west of Baghdad,” the source from the Provincial operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the area as ambulances were rushing the victims to hospitals in Ramadi, the source said. Insurgent attacks continue in the once volatile Anbar.

The Province has been relatively calm for nearly three years since Sunni tribes and anti-US insurgent groups turned to cooperate with the US troops and Iraqi security forces against the al-Qaeda network in Iraq. —Xinhua
Science

Space station cooling normally after spacewalk fix

In this photo taken from NASA television, Expedition 24 astronauts work outside the space station, on 16 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 19 Aug—The International Space Station is operating normally again following a series of spacewalking repairs.

The crew installed a new ammonia coolant pump Monday. That enabled flight controllers to activate the coolant loop that was turned off following the spacewalks on July 29.

Science research should resume Thursday.

The two US astronauts who performed the three spacewalks got some time off Wednesday. On Tuesday, they will remove a jumper cable that provided cooling to equipment on the Russian side.—Xinhua

La Nina strongly predicted lasts longer in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—La Nina is strongly predicted lasts longer to January 2011 in Indonesia than previous forecast of August-September 2010, Kompas.com quoted an official as reporting on Thursday.

Manager of Earth System Technology Laboratory and Disaster Mitigation at the Technology Study and Implementation Agency (BPPT) Fadli Syamsudin said that the phenomenon will trigger higher rain intensity.

“Thus, risks of flood and landslide in rainy season will be higher,” Fadli said, adding that even though the peak of La Nina will occur in January, potential of heavy rain will remain after the period.

Head of Sub-division on Extreme Climate at the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency Kukuh Ribudiyanto confirmed that it is strongly predicted La Nina will occur in eastern Indonesian waters, causing higher rain intensity.—Xinhua

Vietnam to hold int’l sci-tech contest

HANOI, 19 Aug—Vietnam will hold an international contest on science and technology from 16 to 18 Dec, according to the Vietnam Fund for Technical Creativeness (VIFOTEC) at a press conference here on Thursday.

The contest, expected to draw 700 competitors from about 40 countries and regions, aims to promote the creativity of Vietnamese and foreign teenagers.

The participants, at the age of between six and 19, will compete in the creation of learning equipment, software, toys, and proposals of environment protection and energy saving solutions.

The skeleton of a petrified primitive whale.

Technology

S Korea flooded with preorders for iPhone 4

A customer looks at an iPhone 4 at the Apple Store 5th Avenue in New York on 24 June, 2010.—Xinhua

SEOUL, 19 Aug—South Korea faced a larger-than-expected wave of preorders for the iPhone 4 on the day to start receiving reservations for the latest model of Apple Inc.’s smartphone, the local distributor said Wednesday.

According to South Korea’s state-run KT Corp, it has received more than 60,000 preorders for the iPhone 4 in less than four hours since local time 6:00 am (2100 Tuesday GMT) when the preorder process began.

Due to greater-than-expected influx of visitors which caused an overloading of the server, the KT’s preorder website went through a delay for around an hour, the company said.

With continued preorders made throughout the day, KT said the actual shipment of the ordered smartphones will be made in September, without clearly settling the exact date.

The local telecommunication giant originally planned to release the iPhone 4 in July in South Korea, but later postponed the launch due to regulatory requirements.

Upon the arrival of Apple’s new model in South Korea, local mediaexpecting a more intense tug of war between Apple Inc.’s iPhone 4 and South Korean brand Electronics Co’s Galaxy S.

Sales of Apple’s previous model, the iPhone 3GS, have totalled to 850,000 since its launch in the nation at the end of 2009.

Xinhua

Top Indonesian telecommunication companies to team up in satellite service

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—Two giant Indonesia telecommunication operators PT Telkom and PT Indosat have agreed to jointly provide a satellite service in the country, the Jakarta Post quoted officials as saying on Thursday.

Under the agreement signed in Jakarta on Wednesday, the new satellite would replace Indosat’s satellite, Palapa C-2 that will stop orbiting in 2014, Telkom president Rinaldi Firmansyah said following the signing of the agreement.

He said that Telkom and Indosat would spend up to 200 million US dollars to procure the new satellite, which would be also operated to meet the future need for high definition television (HDTV), and other telecommunication activities that require more bandwidth.

Telkom spent about 200 million dollars for its latest satellite, which has 48 transponders, while Indosat had spent around 2 trillion rupiah (about 223 million dollars) to buy a Palapa C-2 satellite, which only has 36 transponders.

Fadzi Sentosa, Indosat director and chief wholesale and infrastructure officer, said that both companies would do some preparation on the project starting this year, expecting the project to be accomplished in 2014.

Visitors play ‘World of Warcraft’ at their exhibition stand at the Gamescom 2010 fair in Cologne on 18 August, 2010. The Gamescom convention, Europe’s largest video games trade fair, runs from 18 August to 22 August.

Xinhua
Health

Teeth whitening picture having a sweet smile with bright white teeth would be a dream of every person. To get it, many people did tooth whitening or bleaching. What are really the health of advantages and disadvantages of bleaching/whitening your teeth? Teeth bleaching is usually done to eliminate the color yellow or dull teeth due to food scraps such as coffee, chocolate, cigarettes, drugs, or there is also a color change due to changes in the structure of teeth. According to Health24, there are some advantages and disadvantages of tooth whitening, which are:

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Patients in the Tai Chi group also reported better sleep quality and improved physical conditions, according to the researchers who published the findings in the 19 Aug issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. As only 66 patients were involved in the test, larger studies are needed to confirm the findings. But Tai Chi looks promising as an alternative treatment to fibromyalgia, the researchers noted. Fibromyalgia is characterized by widespread pain, fatigue, insomnia and multiple tender points. The syndrome can also cause psychological issues, including anxiety, depression, and memory and concentration problems, sometimes called the “fibromyalgia fog.” Xinhua

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Business

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The bond sale has been approved by the People’s Bank of China, China’s central bank, the statement said. The mid- and long-term bonds will be sold on the inter-bank bond market.—Xinhua

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A man walks out of the headquarters miner BHP Billiton in Melbourne. Shares in mining giant BHP Billiton fell 1.46 percent in London after it unveiled a 40 billion dollars hostile bid for Canada’s Potash Corp. Internet

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MOSCOW, 19 Aug—Gas production in Russia rose by 19.3 percent to 379 billion cubic metres from January to July in 2010 year-on-year, RIA Novosti news agency reported on Monday.

In July 2010, Russia’s gas production rose 0.5 percent month-on-month. Compared to July 2009, gas production rose 5.8 percent, to 43.885 billion cubic metres. Gazprom, Russia’s largest gas producer, increased its output in July by 3.2 percent year-on-year to 33.496 billion cubic metres.

Russia’s gas export for seven months of 2010 rose 36 percent to 103.604 billion cubic metres. Meanwhile, gas export dropped in July by 21.9 percent, down to 11.862 billion cubic metres.

Study shows negative lifestyle raise teen headache risk

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug—Teens who are overweight, get little exercise or who smoke may be more likely to have frequent headaches and migraines than teens with none of these factors, according to a study published on Wednesday in the online issue of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

As part of the study, 5,847 students age 13 to 18 in Norway were interviewed by nurses about their whereabouts with friends while on the morning in a bid to wean Russia off one of its biggest health scourges.

Facebook offers location-based service to users

CHICAGO, 19 Aug—Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg talks about the social network site’s new localization services called “Places” during a news conference in Palo Alto, Calif on 18 Aug, 2010.—Xinhua

Facebook on Wednesday announced the introduction of a location-based service called “Places” for the popular social network. With the help of the Places, users with smartphones could share their whereabouts with friends while on the move.

“A Facebook member can ‘check-in’ at restaurants, bars, or other social venues and let their friends at the social network instantly know where they are and with whom."

Given the large number of Facebook users, the new services could help Facebook grab a bigger piece of a local advertising market driven by small businesses like restaurants and stores.

A customised Harley-Davidson motorcycle is pictured during the Friendship Ride Germany 2010, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle meeting in Gersfeld near Fulda, on 15 August, 2010. —Internet

Gold extends gains on fund-buying

CHICAGO, 19 Aug—Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange climbed for the third consecutive day on Wednesday on a new round of fund-buying, despite a stronger US dollar. Silver and platinum both dropped.

The most active gold contract for December delivery rose 3.1 dollars, or 0.3 percent, to finish at 1,231.4 dollars per ounce.

The dwindling fears over a global economic slowdown, along with profit-taking triggered by the recent spike in gold prices, weighed on the bullion early Wednesday, and the rebound in the dollar also applied some pressure on the precious metal. Gold opened lower while the dollar rallied off its lows.

However, the fact that gold has managed to bounce off a key technical level triggered a steady stream of fund-buying, which supported the bullion to offset the negative influence of the weakness in crude oil as well as in the general commodities markets and surge during the mid-session.

Meanwhile, the early weakness in the US equity markets also fostered some flight to quality anxiety on Wednesday and helped gold to end moderately higher.

September silver lost 19.6 cents, or 1.1 percent, to settle at 18.399 dollars per ounce. October platinum dipped 10.1 dollars, or 0.7 percent, to 1,536.5 dollars per ounce.—Xinhua

Secondhand smoke levels up

BEIJING, 19 Aug—A tobacco usage survey of Chinese people released on Tuesday shows a big increase in the rate of exposure to secondhand smoke among Chinese people. The rate jumped from 53 percent in 2002 to about 73 percent in 2010. Nearly 770 million non-smokers are exposed to secondhand smoke, the survey said.

“It seems that little improvement was made in the exposure to secondhand smoke,” said Yang Gonghuan, director of the tobacco control office of the CDC. “The exposure rate in China is increasing sharply and the number is amazing,” said Douglas Betcher, director of the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative.

The statistics from the WHO show secondhand smoke kills 600,000 people around the world. The number in China is estimated at 100,000.

“If no improvement is made, the deaths due to smoking in China will grow to 2 million by 2030 and it will keep increasing to 3 million in 2050,” Yang said.

“There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. If non-smoking areas are not completely separated from the smoking areas, the harm to our health will be the same,” said Zhi Xiuyi, a professor at the Capital Medicine University.—Xinhua

China’s yuan weakens against US dollar

BEIJING, 19 Aug—The value of China’s currency Renminbi (RMB) weakened against the US dollar Thursday as the central parity rate of the yuan was set at 6.7895 per US dollar, higher than the 6.7895 Wednesday, according to the data released by the China Foreign Exchange Trading System.

China’s central bank announced on 19 June this year that it would further the reform of the formation mechanism of the yuan exchange rate to improve its flexibility.
Agricultural fair opens in Changchun

CHANGCHUN, 19 Aug—The ninth China International Agricultural and Food Fair opened on Wednesday in Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province, underscoring the country’s efforts to ramp up agricultural production and trade in the wake of the deadliest floods in a decade.

The 10-day fair attracted more than 600 agricultural enterprises from home and abroad to participate and over 40 projects were expected to be signed during the 10 days. The fair’s organizing committee said it expected the fair would further boost growth in the province’s agricultural sector.

Jilin is one of the most important commodity grain bases in China. However, recent flooding, which affected 1.25 million hectares of crops as of 10 Aug, raised public expectations of higher food prices during the second half of the year.

“Such a large fair will help boost farmers’ enthusiasm about agricultural production and ease consumers’ expectations of a hike in food prices,” Zhang Zhenghe, professor with China Agricultural University said.

The agricultural trade and investment promotional event was jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Jilin provincial government and Changchun municipal government. —Xinhua

Heidi Montag’s plastic surgeon killed in car crash

MOSCOW, 19 Aug—Over 100 descendants of Russia’s world-famous novelist Leo Tolstoy have flooded his famous estate in the Tula region to commemorate the centenary of his death, reported Interfax news agency on Tuesday.

Russian media said that Tolstoy’s descendants, whose total number is some 350, live in more than 25 countries currently. On Monday, they come to Yasnaya Polyana, the birth place and the famed estate of Tolstoy, to participate in the commemoration.

A museum and a nature reserve were established in Tula, where is now one of the most popular places of tourist attraction. Leo Tolstoy, or Lyev Nikolayevich Tolstoy, was born in 1828 and died in 1910. He was widely regarded as one of the world’s greatest novelists, whose masterpieces include “War and Peace” and “Anna Karenina.”

20 Macao students receive gov’t scholarships for further studies

Macao, 19 Aug—Macao’s education authority has announced the list of 20 student applicants who received the government scholarships that will help them further their studies at top universities worldwide, the Macao Post Daily reported on Thursday.

The scholarship was jointly established by Macao’s education and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Macao Foundation.

The aim of this scholarship programme is to offer more chances for local students to achieve their educational goals in Macao and other regions, the daily quoted Sou Chio Fai, director of the Bureau, as saying.

A total of 96 local students have received the scholarships ever since 2006, according to the Bureau. Sou also said that the Bureau will review the situation every year to update the subjects that encourage students to study. —Xinhua
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Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe receives Ambassador of the United Kingdom Mr Andrew Richard Heyn and DFID’s Asia Director Group.

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe receives Ambassador of the United Kingdom Mr Andrew Richard Heyn and DFID’s Asia Director Group at the Ministry here, this morning.

They cordially discussed matters related to social welfare, relief and resettlement.

Secretary of Kayah State Election Subcommission meets township/ward/village subcommissions

YANGON, 19 Aug—Secretary of Kayah State Election Subcommission U Khin Maung Yi yesterday met members of Dimawhso Township and Ward/Village Election Subcommissions, polling booth officers, deputy polling booth officers and members in Dimawhso and called for timely completion of polling stations and elaborated on duties and functions to be carried out at the stations.

Later, they viewed the demonstration of voting.—MNA

New Mobile phone accessories in Life Style & Car Expo 2010

YANGON, 19 Aug—New Mobile will exhibit its accessories in Life Style & Car Expo 2010, which will be held at Tamaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here from 20 to 23 August.

Its displays are CDMA (800MHz), CDMA (450MHz), GSM and variety of handsets. New Mobile offers customers any discount in buying phone accessories.

Those wishing to buy New Mobile handsets may contact No 271/273, Bo Aung Kyaw Street (Middle Block), Kyauktada Township, Ph: 01-386594 or 09-5091282.—MNA

Talks on New Perspectives on Tuberculosis on 28 August

YANGON, 19 Aug—The Society of Microbiology under Myanmar Medical Association will organize the talks on New Perspectives on Tuberculosis at the hall of MMA on Theinbyu Street, here, from 9 am to 12 noon on 28 August.

Professor Dr Kyi Kyi Thin and Professor Dr U Win Naing of University of Medicine-1, Professor Dr U Saw Win of University of Medicine-2 and Specialist (Rt) Dr Daw Ti of National TB Control Project will give talks.

Those wishing to attend the talks may register at Microbiology Department of U-1 in Lamdawad Township and U-2 in North Okkalapa Township and Auditorium-A of MMA.—MNA

Yintaw Tank under maintenance for agriculture...

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the local people need water for consumption and for agricultural purpose.

In mid-May 2010, I made a visit to Nay Pyi Taw and Meiktila. On my way passing Pyawbwe, I saw the land preparations for construction of the earth embankment with the use of heavy machinery. I have learnt that the ground works were being undertaken for maintenance of Yintaw Tank. Therefore, I took photos on progress of work and presented them as photo news in the Myanma Alin daily recently. Now, I heard good news that the maintenance of the tank has completed in a short period, I visited the place again.

Yintaw Tank was maintained by Irrigation Department (Maintenance) of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township. The bund of the tank is 24100 feet long and 20 feet high. The space on the bund is 14 feet in width. The bund is not only for the strolling of people but also for the drive of motor vehicles.

The interior of the bund is decorated with gravel-filled walls. In charge of Yintaw Tank Chin National Staff Officer U Talang Kyar explained maintenance of the tank.

He said, “Yintaw Tank was built in the time of Myanmar monarchs and it had been maintained through concerted efforts of local people in the successive eras. Only manpower was used, the bund was not strong enough and it often gave away in the rainy season. In consequence, the Yangon-Man-dalay Highway was inundated, and only emergency repair and maintenance works could be undertaken for the tank. At present, the bund of the tank is under reconstruction with the use of heavy machinery. So, it is no longer necessary to worry about damages of the bund. If the tank overflows, water can be drained out through the spillway.”

Yintaw Tank is not like a lake, but like a dam. It has a water control tower and a spillway. The bund is systematically constructed with the conduit, canal, water depth measurement post and the drain, which often give away in the single night.

Greening grass is being nurtured along the slope of the bund with the use of showers by a water bowser daily. I witnessed a figure 1952 at the old sluice gates, and so it is 85 years old. On arrival at the tank, I saw a small area of the tank covered with water. According to the local people, during the heavy rain, the region can store a large amount of rainfalls in a single night.

Yintaw Tank is located on Maw Creek near Yintaw Village of Pyawbwe Township. It can store 3664 acre-feet of water and it has 840 acres of water surface. It has been installed with six conduits and is irrigating 2400 acres of farmlands and supplying drinking water to the local people. There are three spillways. Maintenance of the tank commenced on 28 January and completed on 15 May. During the period of three and a half months, all maintenance works completed with K 282.14 million allocated by the State.

Maintenance of the tank has been undertaken thoroughly to be able to supply potable water for local consumption and for agricultural purpose by spending a large sum of money. The local people are to cooperate with departmental personnel in maintaining the water tank for its durability.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Ambassador of the United Kingdom Mr Andrew Richard Heyn and party.—MNA

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint left Yangon on 15 August to attend Seminar on High Efficient and Convenient Coordination Mechanism on GMS Logistics held in Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region of the People’s Republic of China on 18 August. They were seen off by President of the UMFCCI U Win Myint and responsible persons at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation will continue to attend 16th GMS Ministerial Conference in Hanoi of Vietnam on 19 August, GMS-BF Board of Directors Meeting in Vietname of Laos on 23 August and Japan-Mekong Industry Government Dialogue in Dangnan of Vietnam on 25 August.—MNA

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Indian Ambassador Dr Villur Sundararajan at the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Their discussions focused on cooperation in health sector between the two countries, matters related to the projects to be undertaken at Children’s Hospitals in Yangon and Sittway and prospect to cooperate with India in health sector.

Likewise, Ambassador of the United Kingdom Mr Andrew Richard Heyn and party called on Minister Dr Kyaw Myint at 10.30 am today.

They discussed continuous programme for health care services to be cooperated with 3D Fund. Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads and officials.—MNA

Town Hall, glory of Bogale...

(from page 16)

I saw a new building, decorated with landscape and Shorea robusta (Ingin) park which is a glory of Bogale, at the corner of Shwethweyin road and Seinpan road. I had an interview with Township Chairman and townswelders about the Town Hall. The chairman said that Minister for Forestry arrived here soon after the Nargis hit the township. “Under the leadership of the Minister, rehabilitation of the township was carried out day and night, and it has returned to normal condition soon. The emergence of the Town Hall witnessed that how the township become more developed. In order to carry out resettlement, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks with close supervision, the ministers were sent to the storm-affected regions as region’s incharges,” he added.

U Mya Thein, a townswelder, said, “This town Hall was donated and built by MRT Co. Local residents pay gratitude to MRT Co for construction of the hall.” It is a RC structure measuring 137x82x20. Its hall area is 98 feet in length and 66 feet in width and can hold 700 people. Hall construction started on 2 July, 2009 and was completed on 31 December. Myanmar Rice Trading (MRT) Co built it at a cost of K 337 millions. Before the Nargis, there was a concrete building roofed with CI sheets in the township. The building which was not in conformity with town characteristics collapsed due to the Nargis. The building said in conformity with town characteristics collapsed due to the Nargis. The building made in order that VIP ceremonies could be held on a grand scale. The Co built the Town Hall with installment money after receiving money from them. After that, they designated a place to build a Town Hall. An arrangement was being made by the State to build a Gymnasium in collapsed Town Hall. So, a block measuring 365 feet long and 108 feet wide was chosen. And the town hall was decorated with landscape, flowering plants and Shorea robusta (Ingin) park on the facade of the Town Hall. A total of 3317 shade trees were planted around the Town Hall environs and installed with tree guards.

Thanks to the emergence of the Town Hall, wedding and other ceremonies could be held there on a grand scale. Arrangement has been made in order that VIP can stay there. Likewise, gymnasium and 100-bed hospital will emerge soon. After the 1990s, socio-economic status of local people became improved and developed. But, the Nargis crippled the development of the township. Thanks to state, donors and local people, the township regains its more superb condition rather than before in the short run. So, Bogale Township is like phoenix Bird.

Translation: MT Kyemon: (16-8-2010)
10 Indonesian gov’t invites private sector to build 14 new airports

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—Indonesia’s Transportation Minister Freddy Numberi said on Wednesday that the government encourages private sector to take part in the construction of 14 new airports that it plans to build starting next year.

“Principally if the private sector wants to join, just go ahead,” Freddy said.

Freddy explained that the new airports will mostly be built in the eastern parts of Indonesia, such as West Nusa Tenggara and Bali Provinces.

“In West Nusa Tenggara it is still in process. In Bali we will build another one since the existing Ngurah Rai airport has already been over capacity,” he said.

Meanwhile in the same occasion, the ministry’s spokesperson Bambang S Ervan added that the 14 new airports were planned to be built in Seram (Kuffar), Bone, Enggano, Mura Bungo, Mura Teweh, Morowali, Saumlaki Baru, Sinak Baru, Tojo Una-Una, Tual Baru, Wagete Baru, Waisa-Raja-Ampat, Nam Niwel and Sumarorang.

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Profit was $55 million for the three months ending on 30 June, or 54 cents per share, compared with a $16 million loss last year, the company said.

Lenovo has tried to build on its dominance in China and expand in other developing markets to offset weakness in Western economies amid the global crisis — a tactic that chairman Liu Chuanzhi said was working.

“Our performance was strong globally. Lenovo has a clear strategy when and where to focus on gaining market share, and when and where to focus on maximizing profit, and we executed that strategy well,” Liu said in a statement.

The company said its share of the global PC market rose to 10.2 percent, its first double-digit figure to date.

Lenovo was hit hard by the global economic crisis, which prompted its core corporate customer to slash purchases.

The company acquired IBM Corp’s PC unit in 2005 and expanded into wireless computing this year, launching its first smart phone and two Web-linked portable computers in January.

In China, sales rose to $2.5 billion, accounting for 48.7 percent of worldwide sales, said the company, which has headquarters in Beijing and in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

BEIJING, 19 Aug—A Healdsburg woman convicted of first-degree murder today for killing her boyfriend, after jurors rejected her defence that she had been battered by the victim.

Sheyna Douprea, 25, stabbed 46-year-old Daniel Gerard Mooney numerous times in the neck on 14 Dec 2008, at his Mason Street apartment in Healdsburg. Investigators said she had been enraged that Mooney had a history of violent, unpredictable behavior, including gouging people with her fingernails and assaulting her mother’s boyfriend with a kitchen knife.

Douprea faces 26 years to life in prison when she is sentenced 20 Sept in Sonoma County Superior Court.—Internet

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**Six people killed in house fire in US state of Oklahoma**

HOUStON, 19 Aug—Six people were killed Monday morning in a house fire in the US state of Oklahoma, authorities said.

Those killed in the fire in Weleetka county, east Oklahoma, included two adults and four children aged between a few months and 11, said JoAnne Sellars, assistant state fire marshal. A 9- or 10-year old boy escaped the fire and ran to a neighbour’s house to call the fire department, said Sellars.

Authorities were investigating the cause of the fire which gutted the single-storey family house, she said.—Xinhua

**German stocks open higher**

BEBERIN, 19 Aug—German stocks opened higher on Thursday at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

The DAX, index of 30 big companies, climbed 38.08 points, or 0.62 percent, to 6,224.39 at 09.02 local time (0702 GMT).

The index of medium-sized firms, MDAX, added 40.05 points, or 0.48 percent, to 8,470.67.

The TecDAX, the index of technology companies, gained 3.09 points, or 0.41 percent, to 760.58.

**Drivers with their autos from Germany, Switzerland and Australia (from L to R) wait for the start of the Zero Race in front of the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, on 16 Aug, 2010. Four Teams from German, Switzerland, Australia and South Korea begin the race with their zero emission autos. The Zero Race will last 80 days and cover a distance of 30,000 kilometres in 150 cities of 16 countries and regions, including China’s Shanghai.—XINHUA**

Two bodies of Philippine pilots recovered after crash

MANILA, 19 Aug—Rescuers on Thursday discovered the bodies of two pilots of a Philippine Navy helicopter that crashed in the sea on Tuesday in southern Philippines.

Philippine Navy Spokesman Lt Col Egard Arevalo said the body of Lt Gerald Tamayo was found floating two nautical miles west off Little Santa Cruz Island, while that of Lt Tristan Joseph Corpus was 350 yards off Great Sta. Cruz Island.

“The Navy mourns for this great loss of two distinguished naval aviators who have participated in many combat missions and search and rescue operations until this air mishap,” Arevalo said.

The remains of the two pilots were brought to the headquarters of the Naval Forces in Zamboanga City.

The helicopter, with two pilots, a crew member and two Navy passengers on board, crashed on Tuesday morning between great Sta. Cruz and Little Sta Cruz Islands in the south. The crew member and the passengers were rescued earlier and are now at the Camp Navarro General Hospital.—Internet

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**Comedians perform during the International Clown Festival and Comedian Show at Kuklachov cat’s theater in Moscow, Russia, on 16 Aug, 2010. The week-long festival kicked off here on Monday.**

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**Moderate quake hits Java, Indonesia**

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The Claims Day Notice

MV SANG THAI RADIUM VOY NO (13)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI RADIUM VOY NO (13) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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‘Terror bird’ was prize fighter

SYDNEY, 19 Aug — The giant, flightless beasts that roamed South America for more than 50 million years following the demise of the dinosaurs were fearsome predators.

New research shows the birds’ huge beaks could deliver swift and powerful pecks, very probably killing their victims in one blow before ripping the flesh from their bodies. “They had the full kit,” said palaeoecologist Steve Wroe.

“These birds had enormous beaks with big hooks on the end. But we’ve shown they had to use those beaks with some precision and caution,” Dr Wroe, a researcher from the University of Sydney, Australia, told BBC News.

Dr Wroe was part of an international team that has been investigating the predatory behaviour of these extraordinary creatures.

Most China smokers doubt cancer link

Beijing, 19 Aug — Only a quarter of Chinese people believe that smoking tobacco increases the risk of cancer. And anti-smoking campaigns are failing to influence them, according to a government survey. Three quarters of people in China are regularly exposed to second-hand smoke, often in the workplace, in a country that puffs its way through around a third of the world’s cigarettes. The survey, conducted by the country’s Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, showed that barely one in four adults believes smoking increases the risks of lung cancer, strokes and heart attacks. In a country where 301 million people smoke, only 16 percent are looking to quit in the coming year, perhaps due to a lack of understanding about the dangers. Over half of Chinese men smoke, compared to just 2.4 percent of women, according to the China section of the “Global Adult Tobacco Survey.”

PEARL HARBOR HONOLULU OAHU HAWAII USA

The remains were wrapped in newspapers printed in Los Angeles in the 1930s.
Man makes shrimp pizza, trashes restaurant

Police in a North Carolina city arrested a man for breaking into a restaurant, but not before the suspect filled his belly. Multiple media outlets reported that 22-year-old Bradley Michael was charged with breaking and entering, vandalism and larceny.

Greensboro police said the suspect broke through the front door of a Red Lobster restaurant around 7 am on Monday. The restaurant manager said Michael destroyed an estimated $30,000 worth of computers, benches and liquor bottles.

The manager said Michael also made himself a shrimp pizza and ate some cake. Officers found Michael inside the restaurant. Michael was in the Guilford County Jail on Tuesday afternoon on a $30,000 bond. It wasn’t clear whether Michael had an attorney.

Police warn man against undressing while driving

A driver who tried to change his sweaty clothes while driving through a Milwaukee suburb was stopped by police but let off with a warning. Police said that when they pulled the 54-year-old over in Brookfield on 13 Aug, he complained he was uncomfortable in his clothes because he had spent a sweltering day at the Wisconsin State Fair.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that police warned the man against indecent exposure and advised him to finish changing at home.

Tsai Chin to start new concert tour

Many old films produced in Hong Kong in the 1960s and finally made her song list. Old melodies like “Beside the Suzhou River” (“Suzhou He Bian”), “Evening Bell at Nanping Hill” (“Nanping Shan Zhong”) and “River of Tears” (“Xiang Si He Bian”) will be heard during the shows. The concert series will kick off in Shanghai on 6 November and it will move to Beijing on 20 November.

Impossible IV could be filmed in Dubai

EXECUTIVES FROM US film company Paramount Pictures are in Dubai for talks regarding the possibility of shooting part of Mission: Impossible IV starring Tom Cruise, an English daily of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reported Tuesday.

“I’ve heard they are in town and are scouting (for locations). They are in serious discussions with (Dubai) Studio City,” said Batal, the executive producer at All Media, a film and TV production company based in the UAE, was quoted by The National as saying.

However, Jamal al Sharif, the executive director of Dubai Studio City, declined to give further details regarding Mission: Impossible IV.

“I have heard some rumors. There’s not much more I can say about it,” al Sharif told the paper.

Only a few big-budget films have been shot in the UAE, the most notable being the Hollywood movies Syriana and The Kingdom.

Jerry Lee Lewis to perform with ‘Quartet’ cast

NEW YORK, 19 Aug—Jerry Lee Lewis will join his likeness onstage when he performs with the cast of the hit Broadway musical “Million Dollar Quartet” for a one-time jam session. Producers say the artist will perform an undisclosed song on 10 Sept during the show’s finale.

Levi Kreis won a Tony Award for his portrayal of Lewis, and they recently recorded the classic 1959 song “Money” for Lewis’ upcoming album “Mean Old Man.” That raises the probability it’s what they’ll perform onstage. “Million Dollar Quartet” tells the story of an actual impromptu jam session in 1956 among Sun Recording artists Lewis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley. The 74-year old Lewis is the only one still living.
Blanc rues France suspensions

PARIS, 19 Aug — France coach Laurent Blanc on Wednesday expressed his regret over the suspensions handed to four of his players for their roles in France’s World Cup fiasco. Nicolas Anelka was handed an 18-match ban by the disciplinary commission of the French Football Federation (FFF) on Tuesday, with Jeremy Toulalan, Franck Ribery and Patrice Evra banned for one, three and five games respectively.

Eric Abidal was also summoned by the commission, but avoided punishment. The players were punished for their roles in the infamous player revolt in South Africa, when the entire squad refused to train in protest at the FFF’s decision to send Anelka home for swearing at coach Raymond Domenech. — Internet

Henin calls time on season, targets 2011

BRUSSELS, 19 Aug—Justine Henin, struggling with an elbow injury suffered at Wimbledon, announced on Wednesday she was calling time on this season. The former world number one, in a statement on her personal website, insisted this decision did not spell the end of her career as she would now set about preparing for a comeback in 2011. Henin told her fans: “I’ve had a series of medical tests in the past few days. The healing process is taking its course and is heading in the right direction. Unfortunately though it is taking time. This means I must be patient.

“In order to be at my best in 2011 and so as not to take any risks I hope to resume training at the start of October and continue to work flat out to attack the new season.” The 28-year-old Belgian star suffered a partial ruptured ligament in her right elbow in a fall at Wimbledon six months after her return from retirement. She returned with all guns blazing, making the final of the Australian Open. — Internet

Remy close to Marseille move

NICE, 19 Aug — France international striker Loïc Remy. Remy is also being courted by German outfit Hoffenheim, who have tabled an offer of 16 million, but Remy, the 23-year-old former Lyon forward, prefers a move to the French titleholders with their promise of Champions League football.

The France international dined with the Hoffenheim sporting director and coaching staff on Tuesday evening and held talks with Marseille coach Didier Deschamps on Wednesday afternoon. The selling club’s president Gilbert Stellardo insisted that despite Hoffenheim offering more money Nice would not go against the wishes of their player.— Internet

French side Nice are close to concluding a 15 million euro deal with Marseille for their France international striker, Loïc Remy. — Internet

Germans want Lahm to remain captain

BERLIN, 19 Aug—Six out of ten Germans think Philipp Lahm should keep the captain’s armband for Germany’s national side, rather than see Michael Ballack retain the captaincy. German sports agency SID, an AFP subsidiary, authorised a poll which saw 60.5 percent of those surveyed say Bayern Munich defender Lahm should remain captain having led Germany to the World Cup. Only 26.2 percent of those polled thought Ballack, who missed the 2010 World Cup with an ankle injury, should be made captain for Germany’s first Euro 2012 qualifier against Belgium in Brussels on September 3. According to the survey, Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger is the best player in the team after winning 20.9 percent of the vote, ahead of Thomas Mueller (11.9) and Lahm (13.4). Ballack, back in the Bundesliga this season after four years at Chelsea, was voted fourth with 10.4 percent. — Internet

City seal Milner multi-million pound deal

MANCHESTER, 19 Aug—England midfielder James Milner completed his transfer worth a reported 25million pounds from Aston Villa to English Premier League rivals Manchester City on Wednesday. Former Republic of Ireland midfielder Stephen Ireland moved in the other direction as part of the deal which saw Villa manager Martin O’Neill resign over a week ago as he was dissatisfied with the club selling their best players.

City had bought another of their midfield stars, English international Gareth Barry, in the close season last year. City manager Roberto Mancini was delighted to have secured his sixth big money signing since the end of last season. — Internet

 Germans want Lahm to remain captain

Belgium’s Justine Henin

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England midfielder James Milner

Beckham urges support before World Cup inspection

LONDON, 19 Aug — David Beckham urged English football fans Thursday to show their support for the country’s bid for the 2018 or 2022 World Cup by getting involved in events aimed at impressing a FIFA inspection team.

The LA Galaxy midfielder threw his weight behind “Back the Bid Week”, which will see a series of events held around the country, and flags and banners put up at football grounds to show the country’s desire to stage the tournament. The delegation from FIFA arrives on Monday for the four-day visit to assess England’s bid.

“The support we have had for the bid from the public over the past year has been incredible,” said the former Manchester United and Real Madrid star. “I’ve no doubt that fans from all over the country will unite and show the FIFA inspection team the type of passion and festival of football we could create if we staged the world’s greatest sporting event.” “Back the Bid Week” gets under way on Thursday, with events taking place in 12 cities across the country to boost England’s chances of staging the World Cup for the first time since 1966. — Internet

Skrtel extends Liverpool contract

LONDON, 19 Aug—Liverpool centre-back Martin Skrtel has signed a two-year contract extension, the club announced on Wednesday. The Slovakian international defender is now commit-

Nadal, Federer, Murray, Djokovic move on at ATP

Cincinnati Masters. Reigning Wimbledon and French Open champion Nadal advanced with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over big-serving 83rd-ranked American Taylor Dent to reach the third round of the three million-dollar hardcourt event, a tuneup for the US Open.

“I was waiting to have my chances, but you are out of the rhythm from the baseline because he’s not giving you to the long point, and it’s difficult to have the feel of the ball,” Nadal said. — Internet

Switzerland’s Roger Federer is seen hitting Uzbekistan’s Denis Istomin on 18 Aug, 2010 in Cincinnati, Ohio. — Internet

CINCINNATI, 19 Aug—Top-ranked Rafael Nadal, number two Roger Federer, third-ranked Novak Djokovic and Britain’s fourth-ranked Andy Murray have all won to advance at the ATP
WEATHER

Thursday, 19th 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 Magway Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.06) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.74) inch, Mawungaw (3.78) inches, Paya (2.68) inches, Zaungtu (2.40) inches, An (2.21) inches, Kaykyar (2.17) inches, Thandwe and Thayawady (2.05) inches each, Taungtwinyi (2.79) inches, Thandawgyi (1.77) inches and Sagaing (1.03) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather
Maximum temperature on 18-9-2010 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 19-8-2010 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-8-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 19-8-2010 was (0.74) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather
Maximum temperature on 18-8-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 19-8-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-8-2010 was (79%). Total Sunshine hours on 18-8-2010 was (Nil).

Tenn rain washes away home, derails train

NASHVILLE, 19 Aug—Drenching rains swept away a home, trapped drivers in their vehicles and derailed a train in Tennessee, and forecasters expected more heavy showers to fall Thursday over the Southeast.

The downpours Wednesday hit some of the same parts of Middle Tennessee that were inundated with severe flooding in May, but forecasters don’t foresee it wreaking the same kind of havoc. Portions of Middle and East Tennessee as well as areas of southern Kentucky and western North Carolina and Virginia have been under flash flood warnings or watches.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (20-8-2010) (Friday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (20-8-10 09:30 am ~ 21-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Travelogue in Popa
* Brighter Future for Myanmar Athletes
* Disabled...But A ble
* News
* Blind Mas seur
* Myanmar Traditional Festival
* Myanmar Alternative Medicine “Noni”
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* Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony (Pindaya Region)
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News
Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony (Pindaya Region)
News
Culture Stage
Let’s Wear Stylish & Trendy Fashion Designs
News
Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)
(11)
Music Gallery
News
New Movie: The Night of Heartthrob Pho Chit
Shwe Inn Tha, Eco-friendly Resort
News
Global Warming & World Climate Change (Interview)
News
Myanmar Movie “Good-Hearted Bad Guy”

In this photo provided by the Cookeville Police Department, a train carrying sand derails after water washed away the tracks in Cookeville, Tenn on Wednesday 18 Aug, 2010. —INTERNET

Rainfall on 19-8-2010 was (0.31) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (52.24) inches at Mingaladon, (58.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (70.59) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 18-8-2010.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 20th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Town Hall, glory of Bogale Township

Bogale is a town located in Pyapon District of Ayeyawady Division. It is the second worst-affected township out of the seven townships in Ayeyawady Division hit by the storm Nargis. The storm Nargis caused a lot of damages. And it devastated a lot of lives and property. Among them, Town Hall is one of them. I recently visited Bogale two times. During my second visit there, I looked round development of the town. I noticed the township has become more developed than before during two years after the Nargis. (See page 9)

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—According to the 12:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge is 829 cm. It may reach its danger level of 8720 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. —MNA

This artist’s impression shows the magnetar in the very rich and young star cluster Westerlund 1. This remarkable cluster contains hundreds of very massive stars, some shining with a brilliance of almost one million suns. European astronomers have for the first time demonstrated that this magnetar — an unusual type of neutron star with an extremely strong magnetic field — was formed from a star with at least 40 times as much mass as the Sun. The result presents great challenges to current theories of how stars evolve, as a star as massive as this was expected to become a black hole, not a magnetar. —INTERNET