Border Guard Forces of South-East Command formed in Paingkyon of Kayin State

BGF members have great opportunity to discharge defence duty of State with Union Spirit

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The government is making arrangements for the national race groups that have returned to the legal fold to be able to discharge duties as Border Guard Forces of the State legally holding arms with the aim of ensuring security of the State and peace and stability of the border regions. A ceremony to launch the Border Guard Forces of South-East Command was held at Htantabin Village in Paingkyon of Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Director of People’s Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of the Ministry of Defence, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Than Soe, Director-General Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint of Central Military Accounts and senior military officers, departmental heads, the vice-chairman of DKBA and members, local people and traditional dance troupes. (See page 8)
Work in concert for emergence of industrial nation

Knowing the fact that a modern nation will emerge only through industrial development, the government is fulfilling the needs for improvement of the industrial sector. Machines and equipment are being manufactured with the use of modern production methods of international standard.

Among the special projects for industrial development, the first project is producing hydraulic presses essential for manufacturing industrial goods in the State and private sectors. The project will be implemented at the hydropower turbine and hydrodropower station in Thagara Industrial Region.

The second project, the 10-15 ton medium truck (TE 31) project, will be implemented at No (1) Automobile Factory in Yangon. The factory will assemble about 3000 vehicles of various kinds according to the market demand by launching new production lines. Moreover, 20-30ton heavy trucks will be manufactured by Magway Automobile Factory.

The third project for producing modern four-seated cars will be implemented by No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway). Each year, 1000 cars will be manufactured and sold at reasonable prices.

While the State is nurturing engineers, technocrats and skilled workers, all are urged to cooperate in the effort for building up a modern industrial nation.

Supercool taking part in Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010

YANGON, 21 Aug—The Supercool is taking part in Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010, which is at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road from 20 to 23 August, to show its tyre products.

Supercool brand retread type tyres are being manufactured at No. 170, U Tayotekyi Street, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone (4), Yangon (Ph: 728351, 685144 and 685778).

The address to contact Supercool tyre in Yangon is No. (B/19), in front of Bayintnyaung Market, Bayintnyaung Brokerage House Street (Ph: 681794), in Mandalay is No. 16, 36th Street between 82nd and 83rd Streets (Ph: 09-8516016), in Mawlamyine is No. 14 in Zaycho express bus compound (Ph: 09-8700177), and in Bago is No. 57/B, Thon Pagoda Road, Thon Pagoda Ward (Ph: 09-5140695).—MNA

Photo shows motor car tyres of Supercool at Tatmadaw Convention Centre in Yangon.—MNA

Commander attends finals of Men’s Table Tennis and Women’s Football tournaments

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The final match and prize awarding ceremony for Universities and Degree Colleges of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Men’s Table Tennis was held at the gymnasium of Mandalay University on 19 August.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, departmental heads, teachers and students.

After the final match, the commander presented prizes to the winning teams.

He later went to Bhaloo Sports Ground to enjoy final match of Women’s Football Tournament (open) and then presented prizes to winning teams.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presents championship trophy to Yadanabon University team.—MNA

Refresher course on office work concludes

MANDALAY, 21 Aug—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han attended a ceremony to conclude the refresher course No.4/2010 for office work held at the city hall here on 30 July morning.

After making a course concluding speech, U Phone Zaw Han awarded the outstanding trainees. The MCDC secretary then presented gifts to the course instructors and the joint-secretary completing certificates to the trainees.

A total of 59 departmental staff attended the course that lasted six weeks.

Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han awarding first prize winner Daw Than Than Hlaing (MCDC) in office work refresher course.—NLM

Ye Yint displays Stallion Lubricants at Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010

YANGON, 21 Aug—Ye Yint Co Ltd is showcasing Stallion Lubricants at Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010 which is being held in Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here from 20 to 23 August.

The company is importing the Stallion Lubricants from Singapore as a sole agent in Myanmar over 20 years.

The lubricants are available at Ye Yint Co Ltd (Yangon Headquarters), No. (128), Kanaung Minthargyi Street, East Dagon Industrial Zone, here, (Ph: 701385, 722498, 585340, 09-5006354); Mandalay Branch, No. (Ya 1/157) 73rd Street, Kywehsekan, Myawady Mingyi Road, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay, (Ph: 02-80467, 09-2035373, 09-8516695); Nay Pyi Taw Branch, No. Pa / 10, Thabyegon Market, (Ph: 09-8516600) and car accessories shop in every townships.—MNA

Stallion brand lubricants and fuel being displayed at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road in Yangon.—MNA

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**Xinhua**

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Canadian, Dutch commanders exchange lessons on troops’ withdrawal from Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 21 Aug—The Netherlands expressed their support of the war in Afghanistan Friday despite beginning their withdrawal earlier this month as the Dutch’s military commander wrapped up a three-day visit of Canada.

Dutch General Peter van Uhm said the Netherlands stands “shoulder-to-shoulder” with Canada in their role in Afghanistan, as well as other conflict zones across the world where both countries are deployed.

“Like we are here, standing shoulder-to-shoulder, our soldiers are on several missions together—shoulder-to-shoulder,” said van Uhm standing next to Canada’s Chief of Defence Staff General Walter Natynczyk in Ottawa at the Ottawa International Airport. The Netherlands ended their mission in Afghanistan at the beginning of August following four years of service. They suffered 24 fatalities. Most of the Netherlands’ 1,950 soldiers are expected to return home by September. Most of their hardware, including four F-16 fighter jets, will remain in Afghanistan until the end of the year.

Three Afghan policemen killed by friendly fire

KABUL, 21 Aug—NATO says coalition forces have accidentally killed three Afghan policemen in a friendly fire incident in northern Afghanistan.

NATO said Saturday that Afghan security forces, who were under fire from an unknown number of militants, called for air support Friday in Jawzjan Province.

It said two helicopters responded and fired a hellfire missile and 30 millimetre rounds.

Rescuers clear off sludge in mudslide-hit Puladi Township of Gonggou County of Nyingchi autonomous county, southwest China’s Yunnan Province on 20 Aug, 2010.—**Xinhua**

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Israel, Palestine to resume direct talks early Sept in Washington

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to announce on Friday that President Barack Obama will invite leaders of the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority to begin direct peace talks on 2 September in Washington.

Clinton will issue a statement on the direct negotiations at 11:00 am eastern time (1600 GMT) in the State Department. At the same time, the rest of the Quartet, namely the United Nations, the European Union and Russia, will also announce the coordinated statement. The negotiations are expected to be hosted by Obama, who has urged both sides to resume the direct talks that broke down in December 2008, in order to reach a permanent agreement that could lead to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

**Internet**

Pakistanis crowd around a Pakistan Army helicopter during a drop of much needed food supplies to the flood encircled village of Talin, Sindh Province, southern Pakistan, on 20 Aug, 2010.—**Internet**

Rains batter China anew; 50,000 evacuated in flood

**Beijing, 21 Aug**—Swelled by torrential rains, the Yalu river that marks the Chinese-North Korean border breached its banks on both sides Saturday, inundating communities and forcing the evacuation of more than 50,000 people in China.

Flood waters punctured a dike between the river and an economic development zone in a low-lying part of the Chinese port city of Dandong, Chinese state media reported. The rain and flooding cut rail service out of the city, destroyed more than 200 houses and left at least three people missing, in addition to the 51,000 evacuated to higher ground, local officials said.

**Internet**

Flooding submerges new towns in Pakistan’s south

SUKKUR, 21 Aug—About 150,000 Pakistanis were forced to move to higher ground as floodwaters from a freshly swollen Indus River submerged dozens more towns and villages in the south, a government spokesman said Saturday.

Officials expect the floodwaters nationwide will recede in the next few days as the last river torrent enters empty into the Arabian Sea. Survivors may find little left when they return home, however: The waters have washed away houses, roads, bridges and crops vital to livelihoods.

Already, 600,000 people were in relief camps set up in Sindh Province during the flooding over the past month.

As the latest surge approached, “We evacuated more than 150,000 people from interior parts of Sindh in the past 24 hours,” said Jamil Soomro, a spokesman for the provincial government.

**Internet**

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Foreign soldier, three civilians killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 Aug—A foreign soldier fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan was killed in an attack, while a woman and two children died in an operation aimed at an militant with Al-Qaeda contacts, NATO said Saturday.

The dead soldier’s identity was not revealed, according to NATO policy. A statement from the alliance said the militant attack in which the soldier died took place on Friday in southern Afghanistan, where the Taliban-led militancy is concentrated.

The death brings to 444 the number of foreign soldiers fighting in Afghanistan to die in the war so far this year, according to an AFP tally based on that kept by the icasualties.org website.

NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a separate statement that a civilian woman and two children were “accidentally killed” on Friday in an operation in western Farah Province, another militancy hotspot.

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Science

Australian scientists discover first new chlorophyll in 60 years

SYDNEY, 21 Aug—Australian scientists have stumbled upon the first new chlorophyll to be discovered in over 60 years, according to a study published Friday in journal Science.

Found by accident in stromatolites from Western Australia’s Shark Bay, the new pigment named chlorophyll I can utilize lower light energy than any other known chlorophyll. It is the fifth known type of chlorophyll molecule on Earth.

The new chlorophyll was discovered deep within stromatolites — rock-like structures built by photosynthetic bacteria, called cyanobacteria — by lead author Dr Min Chen from the University of Sydney.

Testing the optical absorption spectrum of the new chlorophyll revealed that it could absorb much longer wavelengths of light than any other known chlorophyll — 10nm longer than chlorophyll d and more than 40nm longer than chlorophyll a.

Chlorophyll is the essential molecule in oxygenic photosynthesis — the process that enables plants, algae and some bacteria to convert carbon dioxide into sugar and oxygen by using free energy from sunlight.— Internet

Big quakes more frequent than thought on San Andreas fault, research shows

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—Earthquakes have rocked the powerful San Andreas fault that splits California far more often than previously thought, according to UC Irvine and Arizona State University researchers who have charted temblors there stretching back 700 years.

The findings, to be published in the 1 Sept issue of Geology, conclude that large ruptures have occurred on the Carrizo Plain portion of the fault — about 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles — as often as every 45 to 144 years. But the last big quake was in 1857, more than 150 years ago.

UCI seismologist Lisa Grant Ludwig.—Internet

Technology

Recession hits smart-phone makers in the chips

NEW YORK, 21 Aug—The seemingly recession-proof smart phone is suffering from a side effect of the rough economy: Manufacturers simply can’t build enough of the gadgets because chip-makers that rolled back production last year are now scrambling to play catch-up.

The chip shortage means Apple Inc.’s rivals are having trouble making enough phones to compete with the iPhone, a problem expected to persist through the holidays. It’s also affecting wireless carriers, some of which are seeing delays in improving their networks, and it could even raise computer prices.

There isn’t an across-the-board shortage of chips, but rather problems with certain components here and there. If just one of the 20 to 30 critical chips that go into a smart phone is unavailable, the whole production line screeches to a halt.

Sprint Nextel Corp., for instance, couldn’t satisfy demand for HTC Corp.’s EVO 4G, the first phone to use a faster “4G” network, in parts of the country. Motorola Inc. said shortages of a wide range of chips, from memory to camera sensors to touch-screen controllers, are contributing to problems supplying enough of the new Droid X phones to Verizon Wireless.

The carrier’s online store reports a two-week wait for shopping orders.—Internet

What could Apple’s ‘unknown hardware’ be?

NEW YORK, 21 Aug—A new beta of Apple’s iOS mobile software reportedly boasts references to a fourth-generation iPod Touch and maybe even a new iPad — not much of a surprise there. It’s the mention of some “unknown hardware” in the iOs beta code that’s raising eyebrows. Are we talking a new Apple TV, perhaps, or something new we haven’t seen yet?

The references to new Apple devices come from the latest beta of iOS 4.1, which is due for release in the “coming weeks,” according to Appleshare and its anonymous tipsters. The USB configuration files of the new beta supposedly include a line of code with the text “iPod 4.1,” which probably refers to a revamped fourth-generation iPod Touch, says Appleshare.— Internet

In other words, we might be in for a true revamp of the Touch next month, especially givn that Apple usually holds its music-focused events in September. The smart money has Apple adding such features as a front- and rear-facing cameras, FaceTime video chat, its speedy A4 processor, and the iPhone 4’s “Retina Display” to the Touch, which — in its current form, anyway — still lacks a camera of any sort. — Internet

LTE Demo will test broadband for oil fields

HOUSTON, 21 Aug—LTE is generating excitement in the world of consumer electronics and ever-faster online video viewing, but the 4G (fourth-generation) mobile network technology may have even greater implications for specific industries that lack a good means of connectivity.

Texas Energy Network, a startup in Houston, will focus on the oil and gas industry in an LTE (Long-Term Evolution) test next week. Using equipment from Alcatel-Lucent, TEN hopes to demonstrate that LTE can bring more economical Internet access to drilling and exploration sites in the vast oil fields of the Permian Basin, which spans western Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

Most of the oil drilling in this region of about 25 counties takes place far from the populated areas where most cellular networks are concentrated, said TEN Chief Technology Officer Stan Hughey. As a result, oil and gas companies often are on their own when it comes to sending critical real-time data such as flow, pressure and volume from equipment in the field, he said. When mobile exploration teams are out looking for new fields, they need to make audio and video calls and generate large amounts of geological data that needs to be sent back to headquarters.—Internet

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Apple CEO Steve Jobs announces iAd, part of the iPhone OS4 software, during an Apple special event April 2010 in Cupertino, California.— Internet
Health

Health Tip: Three Tricks to Grow Hair Faster

long and beautiful hair Do you want to grow your hair long? What is needed is to maximize its growth, because the hair on the head basically grows about 1-3 inches each month.

To maximize hair growth, regularly consume foods containing vitamin A, vitamin B and biotin which are found in bananas, nuts, eggs and grains. However, besides treatment from the inside by eating foods rich in nutrients, also do treatments from the outside. Here are three ways of hair treatment from the outside, so that your hair grows faster.

1. Massage the Scalp
Do not just clean your hair with water. Your scalp needs to be cleaned intensively by hand. “New hair will have difficulty in growing if they have to go through layers of dirt, oil and dead skin cells,” said Kingsley, a hairdresser, according to Shine.

He also suggested gently massage the scalp when using shampoo. Do massage with your finger at least two minutes during shampooing. This will not only remove impurities that inhibit hair growth but also gives a good blood circulation in the scalp. Blood circulation will stimulate faster hair growth.

2. Treat your hair with quality care products
To stimulate hair growth, select shampoos and conditioners that contain moisturizers like avocado oil. Sunscreen will make hair not dry and keep it from loss and fracture.

3. Minimize exposure to heat
Heat from styling tools and friction from the comb can damage the hair cuticle. It makes hair brittle. Use a comb with wide teeth when styling your hair. If you really want your hair done with a tool vice, always use hair cream protective from heat. —Internet

“Active cities” may help reduce obesity rate

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—US researchers have found that residents who live in cities with more sidewalks and bike paths tend to be slimmer.

To determine how “active cities” influence the obesity rate, researchers at University of Tennessee (UT) analyzed data from all 50 US states and 47 of the 50 largest US cities, along with international data from 14 countries.

While the international data included the percentage of all trips taken by walking and cycling, the city and state comparisons used the percentage of work trips that were active. They also looked at overall physical activity, obesity and diabetes.

Results showed that cities and states with more sidewalks and bike paths tend to have slimmer residents than locations where people must rely on non-active, car transportation.

Walking and cycling rates could explain more than half of the differences in obesity rates among countries, and about 30 percent of the difference in obesity rates among cities and states, according to the study published online on Friday in the American Journal of Public Health. —Xinhua

Gorilla saved by French doc’s hip op

PARIS, 21 Aug—A French surgeon may have entered the record books by saving a 70-kilo (154-pound) female gorilla that sustained a crippling injury after falling from a tree in a safari park.

Louis-Etienne Gayet, an orthopaedic surgeon at the University Hospital Centre in Poitiers, central France, was called in to help eight-year-old Kwanza after the ape snapped her thighbone at Vallees des Singes (Valley of the Apes) in Romagne.

The break occurred very close to where the thighbone, or femur, enters the hip, where its ball-like end is enclosed by a ring of bone, the park said in a press release on Friday.

The problem was that, because the femur had been completely fractured, the ball end twisted around in the hip casing. As a result, the two bones were left back-to-front. Delicate cases such as these are relatively common in human surgery but almost unheard-of for veterinarians.

Business

Regulators close ShoreBank in Chicago

CHICAGO, 21 Aug—US regulators on Friday seized notable Chicago-based community development bank ShoreBank after Wall Street backers failed to rescue the institution, and its deposits will be taken over by a newly chartered bank.

ShoreBank, a privately owned bank known for its philanthropic activities, had received multi-million dollar investment commitments in recent months from Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, JPMorgan and Bank of America, as well as from General Electric. But the bank, which was put on the ropes when the recession hit its lower-income borrowers especially hard, was unable to secure the funds it was seeking from the government’s Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, it needed to match private-sector pledges.

ShoreBank’s deposits will be taken over by a newly chartered institution called Urban Partnership Bank (UPB). Its 15 branches also will shift to the new bank. William Farrow, a former banker with First Chicago Corp, will be president and chief executive of UPB and David Vitale, former executive chairman of ShoreBank, will be chairman. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said ShoreBank had $2.16 billion in assets and $1.54 billion in deposits as of 30 June.—Internet

Smucker 1Q net income rises 5 pct on lower costs

CHICAGO, 21 Aug—Smucker Co.’s net income rose 5 percent during its fiscal first quarter on lower costs, though the company was squeezed by higher coffee bean prices and price competition on store shelves. The maker of Jif peanut butter, Folgers coffee and other foods said Friday that it earned $102.9 million, or 86 cents per share, for the quarter. That’s up from $98.1 million, or 83 cents per share, earned in the same quarter last year.

Net income was $1.04 per share excluding restructuring and other charges. Analysts expected 96 cents per share. But most of the improved profit came as the company cut costs and recorded lower integration costs for acquisitions. The company acquired the Folger’s brand from Procter & Gamble in 2008.

Smucker’s revenue was nearly flat at $1.05 billion. That’s just shy of the $1.07 billion expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters.—Internet

S&P and Dow fall for second week on recovery woes

New York, 21 Aug—US stocks slipped on Friday and the S&P 500 and Dow fell for a second straight week on persistent concerns the recovery has tapered off. “The flip side is the economic data this week has been very, very poor. No one’s making a big bet either way, it’s just short-term moves.”

The Nasdaq fared better than the other indexes to finish up. The Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) slipped 57.59 points, or 0.56 percent, to 10,213.62. The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index (.SPX) was off 3.94 points, or 0.37 percent, to 1,071.69. The Nasdaq Composite Index (.IXIC) added 0.81 points, or 0.04 percent, to 2,179.76.

For the week, the S&P 500 was down 0.7 percent, the Dow slipped 0.9 percent, while the Nasdaq gained 0.3 percent. It was the second week of declines for the S&P and the Dow.—Internet

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Moon may be shrinking, but very, very slowly

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—The moon may be shrinking.
Not to worry though, lovers and crooners, it won’t be disappearing any time soon.

New research indicates cracks in the moon’s crust that have formed as the interior has cooled and shrunk over the last billion years or so. That means the surface has shrunk, too, though not so you’d notice just from gazing at it.
The scars had previously been noted at the moon’s equator, but this is the first evidence in other areas, indicating they result from a global process.
The study calls the scars “evidence of recent thrust faulting on the moon.” But this is planetary science, where “recent” can mean a billion years ago. “One of the really cool parts of this ... the faults that have formed as the interior has cooled and shrunk, too, though not so you’d notice just from gazing at it. The scars had previously been noted at the moon’s equator, but this is the first evidence in other areas, indicating they result from a global process. The study calls the scars “evidence of recent thrust faulting on the moon.” But this is planetary science, where “recent” can mean a billion years ago. “One of the really cool parts of this ... the faults
Landslide obstructs transport in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 21 Aug—Landslides triggered by incessant rain have obstructed transport services in various western districts of the country on Friday.

The Salayan-Dang section of road that occurred at Daba of Kapilvastu District, according to police at Bhaluwang. Likewise, transport services have been halted along the Ridi- Ruduwani section road due to a landslide at Saghure of Gulmi District, said the District Police Office.

Mexico catches suspects with 3,756 sea turtle eggs

ACAPULCO, 21 Aug—Police in Mexico say six suspects have been detained on the southern Pacific coast with 3,756 illegally harvested eggs from protected sea turtles.

The eggs were stuffed in sacks and were apparently being transported for sale or consumption.

Olive Ridley turtles are protected under Mexican law.

Mexico, Colombia launch commissions to reboot ties

CARACAS, 21 Aug—Venezuela and Colombia established five bilateral working commissions on Friday to reboot diplomatic relations which were resumed 10 days ago. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro and his Colombian counterpart Maria Angela Holguin inaugurated the commissions on debt payment and trade, economy, social investment work plan at the border zone, joint development of infrastructure and security.

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Meanwhile, Colombian Senator Carlos Barriga said the two countries agreed to expand the Simon Bolivar bridge in Venezuela’s western state of Tachira on the border with Colombia.

The two neighbours also proposed to renovate the Urena bridge, which connects Tachira state with Colombia’s Cucuta town, and construct two roads in Tachira.

On 22 July, Venezuela severed ties with Colombia and beefed up its military deployment at the border in response to Bogota’s claim that its rebel militants were hiding in the Venezuelan territory.

Indian Navy warships leave for African visit

MUMBAI, 21 Aug—An Indian Navy’s task group left the western port of Mumbai for African visit on Friday, local media reported.

The visiting group consists of four modern warships in the Indian Navy’s Western Fleet based in Mumbai, including Guided Missile Destroyer INS Mysore, guided missile frigate INS Tabar and INS Ganga and the replenishment ship INS Aditya, the Press Trust of India quoted a defence spokesperson as saying. The Task Group will hold naval exercises with the navies and coast guards in some countries of Africa, such as Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Seychelles and Mauritius, according to the report.

Among the exercises, the biennial trilateral exercise “IBSAMAR” will be conducted in September by the navies of India, South Africa and Brazil, and will perform advanced coordinated aspects of naval warfare.

Air India plane forced to land in Oman after bomb hoax

ABU DHABI, 21 Aug—An Air India passenger plane traveling from Kuwait to Mumbai, India, was forced to make an emergency landing at Muscat Airport on Friday after a passenger falsely claimed there was a bomb on board, Oman’s official OANA news agency reported.

The Boeing 737, carrying 160 passengers, was mid-air in the Omani airspace when a passenger told crew members there was a bomb on board, spurring the plane pilots to request an emergency landing at Muscat Airport, an Omani police source quoted a defence spokesperson as saying.

After landing in Muscat, all the passengers and pilots were detained.

Iran begins fueling first nuclear reactor

BUSHEHR, 21 Aug—Iranian and Russian engineers began loading fuel into Iran’s first nuclear power plant on Saturday, a major milestone as Teheran forges ahead with its atomic programme despite UN sanctions. The weeklong operation to load uranium fuel into the reactor at the Bushehr power plant in southern Iran is the first step in starting up a facility the US once hoped to prevent because of fears over Teheran’s nuclear ambitions.

“Despite all pressure, sanctions and hardships imposed by Western nations, we are now witnessing the startup of the largest symbol of Iran’s peaceful nuclear activities,” Iranian Vice President and nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi told reporters inside the plant.

Russia, which helped finish building the plant, has pledged to safeguard the site and prevent spent nuclear fuel from being shifted to a possible weapons programme.

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Indian Navy warships leave for African visit

MUMBAI, 21 Aug—An Indian Navy’s task group left the western port of Mumbai for African visit on Friday, local media reported.

The visiting group consists of four modern warships in the Indian Navy’s Western Fleet based in Mumbai, including Guided Missile Destroyer INS Mysore, guided missile frigate INS Tabar and INS Ganga and the replenishment ship INS Aditya, the Press Trust of India quoted a defence spokesperson as saying. The Task Group will hold naval exercises with the navies and coast guards in some countries of Africa, such as Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Seychelles and Mauritius, according to the report.

Among the exercises, the biennial trilateral exercise “IBSAMAR” will be conducted in September by the navies of India, South Africa and Brazil, and will perform advanced coordinated aspects of naval warfare.

Mexico, Colombia launch commissions to reboot ties

CARACAS, 21 Aug—Venezuela and Colombia established five bilateral working commissions on Friday to reboot diplomatic relations which were resumed 10 days ago. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro and his Colombian counterpart Maria Angela Holguin inaugurated the commissions on debt payment and trade, economy, social investment work plan at the border zone, joint development of infrastructure and security.

After a close-door meeting, Maduro said his country hoped these commissions would open a road for stable and lasting bilateral ties after years of often thorny relations under former Colombian president Alvaro Uribe.

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Air India plane forced to land in Oman after bomb hoax

ABU DHABI, 21 Aug—An Air India passenger plane traveling from Kuwait to Mumbai, India, was forced to make an emergency landing at Muscat Airport on Friday after a passenger falsely claimed there was a bomb on board, Oman’s official OANA news agency reported.

The Boeing 737, carrying 160 passengers, was mid-air in the Omani airspace when a passenger told crew members there was a bomb on board, spurring the plane pilots to request an emergency landing at Muscat Airport, an Omani police source quoted a defence spokesperson as saying.

After landing in Muscat, all the passengers and pilots were detained.

Iran begins fueling first nuclear reactor

BUSHEHR, 21 Aug—Iranian and Russian engineers began loading fuel into Iran’s first nuclear power plant on Saturday, a major milestone as Teheran forges ahead with its atomic programme despite UN sanctions. The weeklong operation to load uranium fuel into the reactor at the Bushehr power plant in southern Iran is the first step in starting up a facility the US once hoped to prevent because of fears over Teheran’s nuclear ambitions.

“Despite all pressure, sanctions and hardships imposed by Western nations, we are now witnessing the startup of the largest symbol of Iran’s peaceful nuclear activities,” Iranian Vice President and nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi told reporters inside the plant.

Russia, which helped finish building the plant, has pledged to safeguard the site and prevent spent nuclear fuel from being shifted to a possible weapons programme.
Border Guard Forces of South-East Command formed...

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First, the State Flag was hoisted. Next, the members of the Border Guard Force recited oaths as a member of Tatmadaw. Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Director of PMFF Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Director of PRPW Maj-Gen Than Soe and Director-General of CMA Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint decorated officers of the Border Guard Force with military insignia of the Tatmadaw.

The commander and the director of PMFF delivered opening addresses. They handed over cash assistance for the Border Guard Forces provided by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to the commandants of the BGFs. Members of BGFs together with Kayin, Mon and Pa-O damsels and local people sang the song in chorus and enjoyed the traditional dances.

Eight traditional Kayin don dance troupes from Twambi, Naungbogyi, Htantabin, Kywettuyway, Upper Paingkyon, Daingbya, Winsein and Tawwun villages performed the traditional dances. The commander and party, U Kyaw Than and U Tun Hlaing unveiled the stone inscription to mark launching of the BGF and sprinkled scented water on it.

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Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Director of People’s Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Ohn decorate an officer of Border Guard Force with Tatmadaw insignia.

Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials attend launching of Border Guard Forces of South-East Command.—MNA

Local people seen at launching ceremony of Border Guard Forces of South-East Command.

MNA

Don dance troupes of local villages perform traditional dances at formation ceremony of Border Guard Forces of South-East Command.

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Border Guard Forces of South-East Command formed...

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To mark the formation of border guard forces a lunch was hosted at the pavilion near the parade ground. Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Director Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn made speeches and cordially greeted them.

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Moreover, the local people heartily welcome and encourage the formation of the border guard forces for their peace and stability, for their social-economic status and development and security and perpetual peace of border area.—MNA

Don dance troupe of local villages attending formation of Border Guard Forces of South-East Command.

Members of Border Guard Forces, Kayin, Mon and Pa-O damsels together with local people joyfully participating in traditional dances in Htantabin Village of Paingkyon.

Star Resources to conduct courses for receptionists in August

YANGON, 20 Aug—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy is going to launch Receptionist & Flight Attendant course in the last week of August for the enthusiasts in the fields of hotel and cruise ships as a receptionist.

The instructors having a lot of international teaching experiences will supervise the trainees in line with special course guideline practically and systematically.

The Star Resources has a plan to run a course on IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course at the same time. The course will last three months and those interested may contact on phone or in person at No. 302 of Building 267 on Pyay Road, Myenigone in Sangyoung Township, Yangon, and Phone: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 09-5020302.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.
Kaytumadi Cup football final match kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The Kaytumadi Cup football final match and prize presentation ceremony took place at Toungoo District sports ground on 17 August, attended by Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min. Having took pleasure in the final match, the commander and officials presented first, second and third prizes to respective winning teams. MNA

Basic Work Proficiency Course of EP-2 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Myint yesterday attended the concluding ceremony of Basic Work Proficiency Course No (1/2010) for electricitians at the ministry here.

Also present were heads of department and enterprise under the ministry, officials and trainees.

The minister gave an opening speech and Managing Director U Aung Than Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise presented completion certificates to a leader of trainees. The minister awarded the prizes to outstanding trainees. MNA

Ready made floor tiles displayed at Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010

YANGON, 21 Aug—Home Distribution Group displays the ready made floor tiles at the Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre here.

Quality of grade A, B, C and D ready made floor tiles are fixed at different prices.

In addition, wall paper is available there for cleaning the walls and it can be used at advanced hotels.

The group can decorate the housings of customers with ready made kitchen & furniture.

The goods sold by Home Distribution Group are available at No. F-2 to 6, on the 1st flr, northern wing of Aung San Stadium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 73084840—3, and No. 427 on 82nd Street between 34th and 35th Streets in Mandalay, Tel: 02-36826.—MNA

Yazudaing Bridges...

Chairman of Mawlamyine-gyun Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Khaiing.

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So far, the earth works of Mawlamyinegyun-Hlaingphone-Danon road construction project has completed by cent per cent. A total of 17 bridges out of 22 have been built along the road.

Construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 on Maubin-Yelegale-Techau Village-tract road started on 14 February 2009 and it was opened on 9 January 2010 successfully.

Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 is of reinforced concrete type. The 540 feet long facility has 20 feet wide motor way flanked by two feet wide pedestrian ways. Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 was constructed on 1 April 2009 and it was successfully put into service on 22 July 2010. The main bridge is of steel truss type. The approach bridges are RC beam and floor. It is 1835 feet and nine inches long facility including 998 feet and three inches long main bridge, 660 feet long approach bridge on Mawlamyinegyun bank and 177.5 feet long approach bridge on Kyaukpi bank. The bridge has 20 feet wide motor ways and two feet wide pedestrian ways on either side.

Two Yazudaing bridges help uplift the living standard of the local people.

Chairman of Mawlamyinegyun Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Khaiing explained, “Although Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 was opened, the local people continued to rely on Z-craft for waterway transport because Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 was yet to complete. Now, Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 has completed. After the opening ceremony, the local people go to the bridge by bicycle, motorbike and small vehicle in the evening.”

Senior Engineer U Aung Soe of Mawlamyinegyun Township Development Affairs Committee said, “At present, the local people have enjoyed fruits of better transport as the government built two Yazudaing bridges. Therefore, emphasis will be placed on maintenance of the rural roads due to the fact that the number of vehicles will increase in Mawlamyine-gyun in the future.”

Mawlamyinegyun Township Development Affairs Committee undertook construction of urban and rural roads and bridges.

The committee constructed 13 miles and two furlongs long 35 asphalt roads, five miles and three furlongs long 18 gravel roads, 20 miles and four furlongs long 92 earth roads, 132 concrete bridges, seven wooden bridges and 38 conduits in the urban area, and six furlongs long two asphalt roads, 11 miles and five furlongs long nine gravel roads, 31 miles and two furlongs long two earth roads, one concrete bridge and 15 wooden bridges in the rural area. Moreover, the committee made concerted efforts in carrying out proper flow of drains and sanitation tasks in markets. In addition, traffic islands in the downtown area have been decorated with lights and flowery plants.

At present, a 100-bed Township People’s Hospital is under construction in Gyonyonyuka Village of Techau Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township. It is located on 25 acres of land. The hospital will have four one-storey RC patient wards. Construction of the hospital started on 20-9-2009, and so far, the hospital has completed by 79 per cent.

The local people of Mawlamyinegyun Township attended the inauguration ceremonies of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 and No. 2. When officials cut the ribbon to open the bridge, the applause of the local people echoed over the Yazudaing River.

Translation: TTA

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Photo shows Maha Bandoola Road decorated with lights and landscaping in Mawlamyinegyun.
Paul the octopus backs England 2018 bid

LONDON, 21 Aug—Paul the octopus, the oracle of the World Cup in South Africa, has become an official ambassador for England’s bid to host the tournament in 2018, organizers said on Friday.

Paul, who was hatched in England but has spent the last two years in an aquarium in western Germany, joins footballers David Beckham and Rio Ferdinand, Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton and singers Noel Gallagher and Sting in backing the bid.

“The World Cup has driven Paul’s career. It has been a thrill for him to be part of the building process in South Africa, and he is now ready to help put his mark of support towards England’s bid to host the tournament in 2018,” said Nicola Hamilton, manager at the Weymouth Sea Life Centre in southern England, where Paul was born.

“We have had a number of football approaches from around the world but Paul was only ever going to choose his homeland.”

She said Paul had officially retired from predicting matches, a skill that won him worldwide fame during this year’s World Cup when he correctly predicted the outcome of seven Germany games and that Spain would win the final.

He did this by choosing one of two boxes lowered into his tank, each of which contained a mussel and the flags of the opposing team.—Internet

Drought lowers world plant productivity

MISSOULA, 21 Aug—Plant productivity around the world, once on the rise with warming temperatures and a longer growing season, is declining because of droughts, researchers say.

Researchers at the University of Montana analyzed NASA satellite data to discover the global turnaround of productivity, a NASA release said Friday.

Plant productivity is a measure the photosynthesis process green plants use to convert solar energy, carbon dioxide and water to sugar, oxygen and eventually plant tissue.

Researchers Maosheng Zhao and Steve Running said they expected to see similar results as global average temperatures continued to climb. Instead, they found the negative impact of regional drought overwhelmed the positive influence of a longer growing season, driving down global plant productivity between 2000 and 2009.

Xinhua

23K workers affected by Gulf oil drill ban

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—The deepwater drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico costs at least 23,000 jobs, according to a federal document that weighed the economic impact and alternatives to the drilling ban.

A six-month suspension would directly put 9,450 people out of work and indirectly affect nearly 14,000 other jobs, according to a memo from Michael Bromwich, the nation’s top drilling regulator.

The Obama administration issued a new moratorium July 13 — three days after the memo that stressed new evidence of safety concerns.—Internet

58 stranded whales die in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 21 Aug—Fifty-eight pilot whales have died after a mass stranding on a beach in northern New Zealand, wildlife officials say.

The 15 surviving whales were said to be in poor condition, the BBC reported on Friday.

Forty people tried to move the 3,300-pound whales back into the water on Friday but failed. Conservation officials said more attempts would be made.

A plan was under way to move them about a half mile by transporter to a different bay where conditions are better and attempt to re-float them there, Kimberly Muncaster, chief executive of the Project Jonah whale group, said.—Internet

Millions of livestock dead in danger in flood-hit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 Aug—Millions of livestock have been affected by the floods in Pakistan and are badly in need of food and medicine, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) said on Friday.

According to FAO, around 200, 000 cows, sheep, buffalo, goats and donkeys have been confirmed as dead or missing in Pakistan but the final numbers will be much higher, possibly into millions. If taking into account poultry losses, millions of animals have died with the entire poultry stock wiped out in some areas.

FAO estimates that millions of surviving animals are now facing severe feed shortages, threatening generations of Pakistan’s livestock. Many animals died because people had to leave them behind when they were rescued by the Pakistani military and other rescue services.—Xinhua

A handout photo released by England 2018 shows Paul the octopus in his tank at the Sea Life Centre in Hamburg, Germany. Paul, the oracle of the World Cup in South Africa, has become an official ambassador for England’s bid to host the tournament in 2018, organizers said.—INTERNET

A young boy splashes water directing it towards passengers of a bus as monsoon rains cause waterlogging on a road of New Delhi, India, on 24 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET

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**Claims Day Notice MV Kota Tampan VOY NO (341)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (341) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. 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.

**Shipping Agency Department MYANMA Port Authority Agent For: M/S Advance Container Line**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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**Claims Day Notice MV Ratha Bhum VOY NO (528)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (528) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.8.2010 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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**Missing kangaroo causes stir in Austria**

**Vienna, 20 Aug —** Thieves steal a $550,000 (£354,000) gold bar from the La Nuestra or Señor Velden museum in Key West, Florida, in what director Melissa Kendrick called “a very quiet smash and grab”. The 11-inch (28-centimetre) gold bar was stolen from the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West, Florida, in what director Melissa Kendrick called “a very quiet smash and grab”.

**Theft**

Thieves stole a $550,000 (£354,000) gold bar from a treasure museum in Key West, Florida, in what director Melissa Kendrick called “a very quiet smash and grab”. The 11-inch (28-centimetre) gold bar was inside a glass case with a small opening where visitors could stick a hand inside and lift the bar to examine it. Footage from the museum’s security camera showed two culprits making off with it. Police are investigating.

**A ball runs toward and jumps into the stands during a ‘recortadores’ competition in Tafiata in this video grab on 18 August, 2010.**

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**First sailor from Aruba proud to join Olympic family**

**Singapore, 21 Aug —** Byte sailor Nicole Van der Velden is writing her own chapter of Olympic history as the first to sail for Aruba since her country became full member of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). Aruba is a small island at the Lesser Antilles in the southern Caribbean Sea, and Nicole is the only sailor in the country’s four-member team at Singapore 2010.

“To represent Aruba in the first Youth Olympics ever is an amazing feeling and really cool,” said Nicole, who received an IOC universality place to compete here, and made a late switch from windsurfing to compete in the Bytes. Nicole was born in the Spanish capital, Madrid, but has lived in Aruba for six years.

She is currently in fourth grade at the Colegio Arubano and sails with the Windracers and Sunfish Clubs.

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**Traffic control fault delays 700 flights**

**Maastricht, 21 Aug** A regional air traffic control system outage sharply limited flights around much of northern Europe yesterday, causing delays for some 700 flights. The outage at the Maastricht, Netherlands, radar facility of the continent’s Eurocontrol system lasted about an hour and a half, the Eurocontrol spokeswoman Lucia Pasquinli said. Eurocontrol estimated that 700 flights would be affected in total.
**Vuvuzelas make it into the Oxford dictionary**

The ever-present hum of the vuvuzela during this year’s soccer World Cup catapulted the plastic trumpet to prominence and now it has earned a place in the Oxford Dictionary of English.

Vuvuzela is among 2,000 new words and phrases added to the third edition of the dictionary, published on Thursday, which is compiled from analysis of two billion words used in everything from novels to internet message boards.

**Medieval clock getting electric motor**

Officials with a British cathedral said a clock that has been wound by hand every week since the late 1380s is being fitted with an electric motor.

Administrators at the Wells Cathedral in Somerset, England, said the clock, which has run continuously for more than 600 years, is being fitted with an electric motor because they were unable to find a suitable replacement for retiring winder Paul Fisher, 63, whose family has performed the job for more than 100 years. The Daily Telegraph reported on Friday. “Mr Fisher’s leaving is a reminder that we are responsible for caring for the cathedral and other spiritual and heritage treasures for this and future generations to come,” said Paul Richards, an administrator at the cathedral.

**Musical “Eden Garden of Love” stages in Beijing**

**BEIJING, 21 Aug—A grand musical show, “Eden Garden of Love”, was staged in the National Centre for Performing Arts in central Beijing on Friday.**

The show fully utilized modern technologies to express its theme of the universal human aspiration for creating a harmonious and happy home.

**Madonna sued over “Material Girl” clothing line**

**LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—Madonna has been hit with a lawsuit over her new “Material Girl” fashion line for teenagers by a California clothing company that says it has been using the name since 1997. LA Triumph filed a lawsuit against the pop superstar in the California Central District court on Thursday, just two weeks after the Madonna line went on sale in Macy’s.**

**Jennifer Aniston criticized for using “retard” for disability**

**BEIJING, 21 Aug—“Friends” actress Jennifer Aniston was criticized by a disability group for using the word “retard” on the “Live with Regis and Kelly” talk show.**

This occurred on Thursday as she promoted her new romantic comedy film “The Switch,” according to media reports.

When talking about her dressing up like singer Barbra Streisand for the upcoming issue of Harper’s Bazaar magazine, Aniston joked, “We had all these fun wigs. It was just fun. I played dress-up. I do it for a living, like a retard.”

Her off-hand remark has been lashed out by officials of The Arc of the United States, a non-profit group for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Ad offers free baby-sitting as punishment**

The parents of a Texas 16-year-old caught violating her curfew took out a newspaper ad offering their daughter’s services as a free baby sitter.

Wendy Rausch, 16-year-old Kirstin Rausch’s stepmother, said her husband came up with the 30 hours of free baby-sitting scheme after Kristin was caught with friends out later at night than allowed.

**Miss Russia Irina Antonenko poses for the judges in an evening gown of her choice during the 2010 Miss Universe Presentation Show at Mandalay Bay Event Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada on 19 August, 2010.**

**Fans hold vuvuzelas ahead of the 2010 World Cup Group A soccer match between South Africa and Uruguay at Loftus Versfeld stadium in Pretoria in this on 16 June, 2010 file photo.**

**Crazy photographers!**

**A trash mosaic portrait of Mariah Carey by San Francisco-based artist Jason Mecier.**

**AKansas travel writer says preparation for his 6-week trip around the globe doesn’t involve much packing as he won’t be bringing any bags.**

Rolf Potts, who is due to begin his trip Saturday in New York, said he will not be bringing any checked or carry-on bags on his voyage, which will include stops in London, Morocco, Cairo, South Africa and Bangkok. ABC News reported on Friday. “Not even a purse or a fanny pack,” Potts said. “Just things in my pockets.”

Potts said his luggage usually involves only a small backpack and a day pack.

“I’ve always been big on travelling light,” he said. “This is just the ultimate manifestation and test of that habit.”

**Dancers perform modern dance during the 29th Downtown Dance Festival in Manhattan of New York, the United States, on 20 Aug, 2010. The week-long annual dance festival dropped its curtain on Friday. —XINHUA**

**INTERNET**

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The teenager’s parents said they are screening responders to the ad to pick the right candidates for a night of free baby-sitting. They said Kristin has completed about half of her required hours.
Late Schweinsteiger goal sees Bayern slay Wolves

MUNICH, 21 Aug — Bayern Munich’s Bastian Schweinsteiger scored an injury-time winner on Friday night as the German champions beat Wolfsburg 2-1 in the opening match of the new Bundesliga season.

Ex-England manager Steve McClaren and his Wolves side were denied a point as Germany’s vice-captain latched onto Franck Riber’s cross for the winner with seconds remaining.

“It is not my main task to score goals in games and I don’t manage it very often, but it was nice to get the winner,” beamed Schweinsteiger. — Internet

Wolfsburg’s defender Mario Mandzukic (R) stops Bayern Munich striker Thomas Mueller (L). — Internet

I’m too old for nerves, says Benitez

ROME, 21 Aug — Inter Milan coach Rafael Benitez brushed off talk of nerves on the eve of his debut on the nerazzurro bench for Saturday’s Italian Supercup against AS Roma.

Benitez took over from Jose Mourinho in the summer and will be looking to continue the success he achieved at his previous clubs now he has come to Italy.

The 50-year-old Spaniard won two titles and the UEFA Cup with Valencia in Spain while leading Liverpool to the Champions League and FA Cup crowns.

Now, just over a month since the World Cup final, he faces the task of motivating his team to concentrate on the new season.

“We’re happy to be playing this match against Roma tomorrow,” he told reporters.

“After a World Cup it’s of course never easy to start the new season but we’ve been working over the summer to be ready.” — Internet

Zanetti, Cambiasso back for Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 21 Aug — Interim Argentina coach Sergio Batista on Friday recalled Javier Zanetti, Esteban Cambiasso and Andres D’Alessandro to face world champions Spain in a 7 September friendly in Buenos Aires.

Inter Milan pair Zanetti and Cambiasso were left out of the World Cup squad by then coach Diego Maradona despite coming off a treble-winning season topped off by a Champions League triumph.

D’Alessandro also had a fine club campaign with Brazilian outfit Internacional, but the trio were not to Maradona’s taste and missed out on the team’s run to the quarter-finals in South Africa. — Internet

Olympiakos announced on Friday that Serbian striker Marko Pantelic has joined the club on a two-year contract.

No financial details of the deal were revealed by Olympiakos but local press reports said Pantelic would be earning 1.4 million euros a year.

Pantelic, 31, began his career with Greek club Iraklis Salonica in 1995 and has since represented a number of teams, including Paris Saint-Germain, Red Star Belgrade, Hertha Berlin and Ajax.

He spent the 2009-2010 season at Ajax, playing in 25 matches and scoring 16 goals before being released. — Internet

Interim Argentina coach Sergio Batista on Friday recalled Javier Zanetti. — Internet

Ballack happy to work his way back with Bayer

BERLIN, 21 Aug — Michael Ballack admits he is still short of match practice after his first competitive appearance of the season for new club Bayer Leverkusen as he looks to regain the captivity of the national side.

Ballack, 33, suffered an ankle injury in May that kept him out of the World Cup and allowed Bayern Munich defender Philipp Lahm to take over the captivity of the national side as Germany finished third in South Africa. — Internet

Former Germany captain Michael Ballack. — Internet

Jimmie Johnson wins pole for Bristol night race

BRISTOL, 21 Aug — Jimmie Johnson crossed winning at Bristol Motor Speedway off his to-do list in March. Now he’ll try to make it two in a row by starting from the pole in Saturday night’s race.

The four-time defending NASCAR champion turned a lap at 123.475 mph in Friday’s qualifying to put his Chevrolet on the front row.

“No one ever wants to win here,” Johnson said. “We all know how hard I fought this track myself, my own demons, whatever it is that we finally got over in the spring to win here. I would love to go out and win again. If not, just have a really solid race.” — Internet

Fish, Roddick advance at Cincinnati semis

CINCINNATI, 21 Aug — Americans Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick posted quarter-final victories at the three million dollar Cincinnati Masters tournament on Friday.

Former world number one Roddick defeated Serb second seed Novak Djokovic 6-4, 7-5 in a 83 minute match.

“Novak probably didn’t play his best today,” Roddick said. “I was missing a lot in the first set, but my second serve got me through.

“Then the second set I was able to kind of land a couple more fist serves.”

Roddick hammered eight aces against Djokovic who appeared in the last two Cincinnati finals, losing to Roger Federer last year and Andy Murray in 2008. — Internet

US Mardy Fish returns a forehand to Andy Murray of Great Britain during Day 5 of the ATP Cincinnati Masters. — Internet

**CROSSWORDS PUZZLE**

Across
1. Worn by rubbing
4. On the move
8. Leisuredly gait
9. Censure
10. Pharmacist
11. Mimics
12. In what manner
19. Practical joke
20. English river
21. Thread in candle
23. Maigret (anag.)
24. Power of seeing
25. Stretching
26. Abnormally fat
28. US inventor

Down
1. European country
2. Surrounding
3. Power of seeing
4. Mountain range
5. Body of boy scouts
6. Rubbish
7. Venetica
13. English pottery
14. American state
15. Oriente
18. Graffiti
21. Thread in candle
22. Clergyman
23. Magical (anag.)
24. Common grain food
27. Joint allowing door to open

**S P O R T S**
Correctional officers were hurt.— says at least one injury appears to be serious. No another was treated at the prison. The spokesman their sentences.

prison houses inmates with two years or less on

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 20-8-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 21-8-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-8-2010 was (65%), Rainfall on 21-8-2010 was (Nil)

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 20-8-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 21-8-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-8-2010 was (84%). Total Sunshine hours on 20-8-2010 was (7.6) hours. Rainfall on 21-8-2010 was (0.04) inch at

Several inmates stabbed at Maryland prison

JEFFERSON, 21 Aug—Maryland prison officials say several inmates have been stabbed after several fights broke out at the same time at the facility. Mark Verrelli, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, said the stabbings happened late on Friday at the Brockbridge Correctional Facility in Anne Arundel County. The prison houses inmates with two years or less on

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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People’s Desire
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Yazudaing Bridges contribute to uplifting living standard of Mawlamyinegyun populace

Yazudaing River is reliable for transportation of passengers and commodities in Mawlamyinegyun Township. However, the river surrounds Mawlamyinegyun making it an island town, so it is a natural barrier.

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Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that a moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Simeulue, Indonesia) about 1000 miles south of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 12 hrs 19 min 29 sec MST on 21 August 2010.—MNA

Dokhtawady water level at 881 cm in Myitnge

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—According to the observations recorded at 12.30 pm today, water level of Dokhtawady River has reached 881 centimeters in Myitnge and it will continue to rise till exceeding 870 centimeters, danger level this afternoon in the coming 24 hours, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (21-8-2010)

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