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- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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National railroad network to emerge soon

Smooth transport is the lifeblood of regional development. For instance, it gives impetus to trade, education, health and social sectors and cements amicable relations among national brethren.

Now, the setting up of road and railroad networks covering the whole nation is in the process. As a result, Putao in the northernmost part and Kawthaung in the southern tip of the nation are easily accessible by car and by train from each other. And people can travel by car between Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the easternmost end and Sittway in the western part of the nation in all seasons.

Bago Region sees a large number of mountains, ravines and gorges. Due to the mountain range in the central Myanmar which poses a natural barrier to Bago Region, the eastern and western parts had only distant relations to each other in the past. So far, there have been seven roads passing through the mountain range, along with a railroad under construction.

Pyay (Shwedaga)-Paukkuang section of Pyay-Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyaydaw)-Nay Pyi Taw Railroad Project was inaugurated the other day. The 20 miles long section has five stations including Shwedaga station.

Passengers and goods can be transported by train at low costs in a short time. So, the Myamma Railways is improving railroads, passenger and wagons and coaches.

Now, more and more new railroads are being built across the nation. So, in the near future, the nation will see regional economic growth and smooth transport at the unprecedented level with emergence of a national railroad network.

All this needs to be known

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Special Refresher Course No. 72 for basic education teachers opens

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thihla Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and delivering an address.— **MNA**

YANGON, 23 Aug—Special Refresher Course No. 72 for basic education teachers was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phauhgyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region this morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thihla Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made an opening address at the ceremony.

Aiso present on the occasion were M minister for Labour Aung Kyi, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, the rector of the institute, pro-rectors, faculty heads, instructors and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said that the Government, to build up peaceful, modern, discipline-flourishing democratic nation, is endeavoring to bring about booming economy, food security, and sector-wise development.

However, modern developed nation can be established only when the entire nation strive in unison by harmoniously combining powers of knowledge, and strong Union Spirit with powers of science and technology, he said.

Today, each and every global nation of IT Age, he continued, while trying to keep in touch with ever-developing science and technology, had to pay serious attention to secure its national policy, interests and characteristics as a result of globalization.

He went on that it can be seen that the world today was facing conflicts over racism, and religion, civil wars, and terrorism and some certain nations were interfering in internal affairs of other nations to spread its influence over the globe, which resulted in more complicated conflicts and new issues.

Facing these circumstances, powerful national strength became essential to overcome obstacles and challenges in different forms, only then the nation could stand shoulder to shoulder with global nations by its own, maintaining national integrity, and policies, he said.

The government, he said, was working with might and main so as to keep pace with international community as well as for perpetual existence of the Union handed down from ancestors. In other words, the government, as a sovereign nation, was striving on its own for progress of the nation to be able to stand tall in international community without any string-attached.

Teachers were therefore to do their bits in transforming the nation into modern developed one by educating the public to keep going on correct national trend, he stressed.

In conclusion, he stressed the need for success of long-term 30-year national education promotion programme, success of seven-step Road Map, and further study to accomplish tasks for emergence of peaceful, modern and developed nation.

A total of 1,502 teachers from states and regions in lower Myanmar are attending the five-week course.— **MNA**

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20,387.04 acres of poppy fields destroyed

**Nav Pi Taw, 23 Aug**—From 1 September 2009 to 13 August 2010, a total of 20,384.04 acres of poppy fields were destroyed in the 2009-2010 poppy cultivation season. From 14 to 20 August 2010, three more acres of poppy fields near Naotawng Village in Loilem Township, Shan State (South), were destroyed, thus bringing the total acreage to 20,387.04. — **MNA**

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EP-2 & Construction Minister meets staff in Pyay

**Nav Pi Taw, 23 Aug**—Minister for Electric Power No.2 and for Construction U Khin Maung Myint met Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise, Deputy Managing Director U Kyaw. Hlaing of Public Works and service personnel of the ministries at Electrical Engineer’s Office in Bago Region (West) on 21 August.

The minister heard the reports presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Kyaw Thu and urged the staff to shoulder their duties dutifully. — **MNA**
8 killed on hijacked Philippine tourist bus

MANILA, 23 Aug—A 12-hour hostage drama aboard a Philippine bus ended in bloodshed Monday, with at least seven Chinese tourists dead along with the disgruntled ex-policeman who hijacked the vehicle and demanded his job back, officials said.

At least six captives survived, four of whom were seen crawling out the back door of the bus after Philippine police stormed it Monday evening when the hostage-taker was killed along with a sniper shot to the head after he wounded a police sharpshooter. The crisis began when the dismissed policeman, Rolando Mendoza, 55, armed with a M16 rifle seized the busload of Hong Kong tourists to demand his reinstatement in the force.

One US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Aug—A US soldier was killed during an operation in Iraq's southern province of Basra on Sunday, the US army said.

"A United States Forces — Iraq — soldier was killed today in Basra Province while conducting operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," a military statement said without giving further details.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to 4,417, since the breakout of the US-led war on Iraq in 2003, according to media account based on Pentagon figures.

The latest death came as the US military is withdrawing its combat troops from the country as planned by US President Barack Obama who set the end of August as the deadline to end combat operations in Iraq.

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 Aug—Two soldiers of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in Afghanistan on Monday in the relatively peaceful northern and restive southern regions, the military alliance said in a Press release issued here on Monday.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in northern Afghanistan today," the statement added.

It also said that the second ill-fated trooper was killed in similar bomb blast in Afghanistan's volatile south, the stronghold of Taliban militants.

33 miners in Chile are alive, but stuck for months

Copiapo, 23 Aug—For 33 men found alive after 17 days trapped deep in a copper and gold mine, the toughest challenge now may be preserving their sanity during the months it may take to carve a tunnel big enough for them to get out.

Chileans were euphoric Sunday after a narrow drill broke through 2,257 feet (688 metres) of solid rock to reach an emergency refuge where the miners had gathered. The trapped men quickly tied two notes to the end of a probe that rescuers pulled to the surface, announcing in big red letters: "All 33 of us are fine in the shelter."

"Today all of Chile is crying with excitement and joy," President Sebastian Pinares said at the mine.

And where many were beginning to give up hope, the scene above ground became a celebration on Sunday night, with a barbecue for the miners' families, roving musicians, lit candles and Chilean flags making the barren landscape seem festive.

Excavators are used to finish repairing the last part of a landslide-hit road in Mianzhu City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 22 Aug, 2010. As rescuers have repaired the road to Qingping village of Mianzhu City on Sunday, relief supplies could be sent to all landslide-hit areas after heavy rain triggered mudslides in Sichuan on 13 Aug.—XINHUA

Four Taliban militants, five civilians killed in N Afghanistan

BAGHLAN (Afghanistan), 23 Aug—Clash and explosion left nine persons dead including four Taliban militants elsewhere in north Afghanistan, officials said on Sunday.

In the first incident which took place early Sunday morning, four Taliban militants were killed as troops stormed their hideout in Baghlan Province.

"Security forces raided Taleban hideout in Karkar area outside provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri early this morning killing four rebels and detained another," spokesman for police in Baghlan Province Jawed Basharat told Xinhua.

He also added that some arms and ammunition including two assault rifles were seized from their possession.—Xinhua

Eight Iraqis wounded, gunmen seize 600,000 dollars in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 Aug—Eight people were wounded in four bomb attacks across Baghdad, while gunmen stole at least 600,000 dollars in cash in a heist outside a government bank in western Baghdad on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Four people were injured in a bomb explosion in Baghdad's southern district of Saidiyah, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A total of four more people were wounded in three bomb attacks across the capital, the source added.

A ship is seen close to the site of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill zone in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana. Nearly 80 percent of the oil spilled from a ruptured oil pipeline is still in the sea there, US scientists have estimated, challenging a more optimistic assessment by the US government earlier in the month.—Xinhua

3 bombs kill 36 in northwest Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 23 Aug—Three bomb attacks in northwest Pakistan — two in tribal regions near the Afghan border and a third near the region's main city of Peshawar — killed at least 36 people Monday, officials and witnesses said.

The attack on the outskirts of Peshawar killed the leader of an anti-Taliban militia, Ihsan Khan, and two aides as he passed through a market in the village of Mahi, said police official Khurshid Khan. Three more people were injured.

The deadliest blast was a suicide attack at a religious school in South Waziristan that killed 26 people and injured 40 more, said an intelligence official in the region. Earlier, a bomb exploded inside a school during a meeting of elders in Kurram tribal region, killing seven people.
Science

Cassini spacecraft photographs three saturn moons

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug—NASA’s Cassini spacecraft swung by three Saturn moons in cosmic triple play and beamed new photos of the satellites home to Earth. The newly released photos from the flyby reveal the surfaces of Dione, Enceladus and Tethys in intriguing detail. The images, taken between Earth and Saturn about the same distance as our own moon is from Earth, show the many craters pocking the moon’s water-ice surface. Dione is about 700 miles (1,120 km) in diameter, and it orbits at 377,000 miles (606,000 km) from Saturn—about the same distance as our own moon is from Earth. Tethys shares many characteristics with Dione; it’s nearly the same size—662 miles (1,066 km) across and is composed mostly of water ice. And like Dione, Tethys boasts a rugged, crater-laden beauty, which the Cassini spacecraft captured in another photo. Cassini was about 24,000 miles (38,000 km) from the surface of Tethys when it photographed Penelope crater, which at 90 miles (150 km) wide is the moon’s second-largest crater. Enceladus, however, is a different beast than Dione and Tethys entirely.—INTERNET

Astronomers use galactic magnifying lens to probe elusive dark energy

New York, 23 Aug—An international team of astronomers using gravitational lensing observations from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has taken an important step forward in the quest to solve the riddle of dark energy, a phenomenon which mysteriously appears to power the Universe’s accelerating expansion. Normal matter like that found in stars, planets and dust clouds only makes up a tiny fraction of the mass-energy content of the Universe. It is dwarfed by the amount of dark matter, which is invisible, but can be detected by its gravitational pull. In turn, the amount of dark matter in the Universe is itself overwhelmed by the diffuse dark energy that permeates the entire Universe. Scientists believe that the pressure exerted by this dark energy is what pushes the Universe to expand at an ever-increasing rate. Probing the nature of dark energy is therefore, one of the key challenges in modern cosmology. Since its discovery in 1998, the quest has been to characterise and understand it better. This work presents an entirely new way to do so.

Eric Jullo, lead author of a new paper in the journal Science explains: “Dark energy is characterised by the relationship between its pressure and its density; this is known as its equation of state. Our goal was to try to quantify this relationship. It teaches us about the properties of dark energy and how it has affected the development of the Universe.”

Technology

Apple files for patent to disable jailbroken iPhones

BOSTON, 23 Aug—Find dusting those tables and dressers a chore or a bore? Dread washing the windows? Imagine keeping dust and grime off objects spread out over an area of 25 to 50 football fields. That’s the problem facing companies that deploy large-scale solar power installations, and scientists have now presented the development of one solution — self-dusting solar panels — based on technology developed for space missions to Mars.

In a report at the 240th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) on 22 August, they described how a self-cleaning coating on the surface of solar cells could increase the efficiency of producing electricity from sunlight and reduce maintenance costs for large-scale solar installations.

“We think our self-cleaning panels used in areas of high dust and particulate pollutant concentrations will highly benefit the systems’ solar energy output,” study leader Malay K. Mazumder, PhD said. “Our technology can be used in both small- and large-scale photovoltaic systems. To our knowledge, this is the only technology for automatic dust cleaning that doesn’t require water or mechanical movement.”

Researchers have developed technology for large-scale solar power installations to self-clean.—INTERNET

Self-cleaning technology from Mars can keep terrestrial solar panels dust free

Wind turbines operate at the newly built Capital Wind Farm near Tarago, about 35 kilometres (22 miles) north of Canberra in this 30 October, 2009 file photo. Australia plans to build the southern hemisphere’s biggest wind farm by 2013 as it scrambles to harness its abundance of clean energy sources. —INTERNET
**Health**

**Adding fish oil to low-fat/high-carb diet may improve cholesterol**

**NEW YORK, 23 Aug**—For people with the metabolic syndrome—a cluster of risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure, high levels of blood fats or triglycerides and high blood sugar—adding little fish oil to a diet low in saturated fats and high in complex carbohydrates might be just the ticket, a new study suggests.

"When you add omega-3 to a high carbohydrate, low-fat diet, you can prevent the long-term adverse effect that a high-carbohydrate diet induces on [blood fats],” said study author Dr. Jose Lopez-Miranda, a professor of medicine at the Reina Sofia University Hospital and the University of Cordoba, Spain.

The study is published in the September issue of the Journal of Nutrition.

Lopez-Miranda and his team looked at 117 people with metabolic syndrome, which raises the risk of heart disease and stroke. They assigned them to one of four diets for 12 weeks.

The diets were: high fat/rich in saturated fats (such as fish and olive oil), low fat and high in complex carbohydrates (such as whole grains, fruits, vegetables), low fat and high in complex carbohydrates but with the fish oil supplement included.

**Inner workings of gene tied to breast, ovarian cancer revealed**

**NEW YORK, 23 Aug**—For the first time, scientists have succeeded in isolating the lengthy protein encoded by the BRCA2 gene. Dysfunction of this gene can up the risk for both breast and ovarian cancer. By separating the protein from the rest of the components of human cells, researchers were able to study it more closely and figure out exactly what it does in the body.

"Since BRCA2 is such a large protein, it has a lot of different domains and it has never really been clear how the different domains work together,” explained Wolf-Dietrich Heyer, senior author of a paper appearing online in the journal Nature Structural & Molecular Biology and co-leader of the Molecular Oncology Programme at the University of California, Davis, Cancer Centre.

"With having the entire protein purified now, one has chance to actually understand the whole protein,” he said. “It’s a huge protein. People were studying individual pieces but never got the full picture. Now we can really start to analyze its mechanisms.”

That analysis should help illuminate the underpinnings of breast and ovarian cancers and point the way, someday, to better prevention and treatment.

**Sneezing again? avoid ragweed**

**WASHINGTON, 23 Aug**—If you’ve been sneezing your way through August, ragweed may be the culprit.

Ragweed season usually starts around mid-August and tends to torment allergy sufferers until the first frost sets in. Because ragweed counts are the highest between 5 am and 10 am on hot, dry and windy days, consider avoiding outdoor activities during that time, says an expert from the Saint Louis University Medical Centre.

Seasonal allergy triggers abound, and knowing which ones affect you can help you avoid them to reduce the risk of annoying symptoms such as sneezing, stuffy nose and itchy eyes.

Dr. James Temprano, assistant professor of internal medicine at the university, said in a university news release.

**Business**

**Oil rises above $74 in Asia amid hurricane risks**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Aug**—Oil prices rose above $74 a barrel on Monday in Asia as Tropical Storm Danielle in the Atlantic threatened to become a more potent storm, providing a reminder that hurricane season can disrupt crude production in the Gulf of Mexico.

Benchmark crude for October delivery was up 36 cents to $74.18 a barrel at midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

**The contract lost 97 cents to settle at $73.82 on Friday.**

Crude prices rose amid concerns that Tropical Storm Danielle is strengthening in the Atlantic and could become a hurricane by late Tuesday.

But forecasters have said it appears to be heading toward Bermuda and will not threaten any major land area.

**SABMiller and Asahi eye foster’s beer unit**

**SYDNEY, 23 Aug**—Beverage giants SABMiller (SAB.L) and Asahi Breweries (2502.T) are looking at Foster’s Group’s (FGL.AX) beer operations, valued at more than $10 billion, but have not yet made any formal offers, sources said.

Long-running interest in the Australian brewer’s beer business resurfaced on Monday after Britain’s Sunday Times reported that SABMiller was considering buying the unit.

Funds managers are divided over whether a suitor would emerge before Australia’s largest brewer formally splits off the wine division in 2011 or wait, with complex debt and structural issues to be resolved.

Foster’s has one of the highest-margin brewing operations in the world, with brands including Foster’s Lager, Victoria Bitter and Pure Blonde.

Analysts say Foster’s beer business is an attractive target for drinks firms such as Molson Coors (TAP.N), which owns a 5 percent stake in Foster’s, and Coca-Cola Amatil (CCL.AX).

“SA and Asahi are the two names that keep popping up and given the demerger process is in train you would expect people who ever thought they might look at Foster’s to get teams together to do so,” said one source familiar with the situation.

He declined to be named as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Another source said Asahi, Japan’s No. 2 brewer after Kirin Holdings (2503.T), remained interested.

Nomura and Rothschild are advising Asahi on this. Asahi declined comment.

**Bottles of Fosters beer are seen in a refrigerator at a liquor store in Melbourne in this 16 February, 2010 file photo.**
Suspected anthrax outbreak in Bangladesh, 112 affected

DHAKA, 23 Aug—At least 112 people have so far fallen ill with suspected anthrax contracted from consuming meat of ill domestic animals recently in northwestern Bangladesh, health officials said on Monday.

"Some 89 residents in Sirajganj District, some 134 km northwest of capital Dhaka, are suspected to be affected with anthrax after they consumed beef from sick cows recently," Ramiz Uddin Ahmed, programme officer of the district’s civil surgeon office, told Xinhua on Monday.

Some 23 additional people in the neighbouring Pabna district, some 216 km west of capital Dhaka, are also undergoing treatment. K M A Shafuzzaman, civil surgeon of Pabna, told Xinhua Monday that preliminary tests showed that these people may also have been infected with anthrax.

Ahmed said about four days ago some residents of a village in Sirajganj came first to the hospital with anthrax symptoms. "We sent health officials to the village and found more people having the similar symptoms," he said.

China’s largest port posts 52% growth in profit for H1 on foreign trade recovery

SHANGHAI, 23 Aug—Shanghai International Port Group (SIPG), China’s largest commercial port and one of the country’s major gateways for foreign trade, reported a 52 percent increase in profits during the first half of the year.

Net profits for SIPG were 2.6 billion yuan (385 million US dollars) from January to June, up 52.4 percent year on year, the company said in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange on Saturday.

Further, earnings per share rose 52 percent from a year earlier to 0.12 yuan, according to the statement.

The company attributed the growth mainly to China’s robust trade performance in the first half of the year.

During the first half of 2010, China’s exports rose 35.2 percent to 705.09 billion US dollars while imports increased 52.7 percent to 649.79 billion US dollars, according to the General Administration of Customs.—Xinhua

Japan festival begins in ancient Vietnam town

TOKYO, 23 Aug—A festival to introduce Japanese culture has begun in the central Vietnamese town of Hoi An.

The World Heritage town prospered from trade in ancient times and has historical ties with Japan. Japanese merchants visited Hoi An during the 16th to 17th century and some of them lived there.

The annual event commemorates Japan’s assistance in efforts to preserve its townscape, including the relics of the so-called Japanese Bridge. On Saturday, 600 locals and tourists attended the opening ceremony.

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During the event, Vietnamese people will have a chance to learn how to wear Japanese cotton summer kimonomos, try calligraphy and traditional tea ceremony.

Internet

Personal information of participants are displayed during Tujia ethnic group’s traditional blind date event in the Minzu Square of Enshi, central China’s Hubei Province, on 21 Aug, 2010. Nearly 10,000 young men and women took part in the event. —Xinhua

Rain battters China; 250,000 evacuated in flood

BEIJING, 23 Aug—Flooding has forced the evacuation of more than a quarter-million people in northern China along its border with North Korea, state media said on Monday.

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Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin) commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — The opening ceremony of Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin) built by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the compound of the factory in Oakshippin in Padaung Township, Pyay District of Bago Region this morning with an address by Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint.

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint look around production process of slippers in Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin). — MNA


Upon completion, 2.2 million concrete sleepers will be produced per year. Five sleeper factories—Myitnge, Pyuntaza, Mottama, Pakokku and Oakshippin—will produce 1 million concrete sleepers yearly. It took two years to complete the construction of Oakshippin concrete sleeper factory which is located on the area of 15.09 acres. The factory will produce 200,000 concrete sleepers per year. Concrete sleepers of the factory will be used in Kyangin-Pakokku, Hinthada-Nyaungdon and Pathein-Hlinethaya railroad projects, he said.

Then, Brig-Gen Sein Myint gave a speech. U Thaung Myint, a native of Oakshippin expressed thanks and the minister and party cordially greeted the local people. Later, the minister, Brig-Gen Sein Myint and the deputy ministers formally opened the Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin).

— MNA

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint and Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than formally open the factory. — MNA

In his address, the minister called for national consolidation and genuine national patriotic upholding Our Three Main National Causes adopted by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

Motor ways and railroad are essential for all national races to contact each others, he added. So the Head of State called for construction of railroads that links all states and regions. Upon completion, a national railroad network will emerge. The ongoing railroad projects are 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku, 257-mile Minbu-An-Sitway, 98-mile Katha-Bhamo, 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway, 226-mile Mongnai-Kengtung, 132-mile Dawei-Myeik, 89-mile Pathein-Begar-Hlinethaya, 48-mile Hinthada-Nyaungdon, 120-mile Pyay-Tonggou, 120-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Pinlaung, 475-mile Myitkyina-Bhamo-Hsipaw-Namhsan, 135-mile Kalay-Kalewa-Yaygyi-Monywa, 150-mile Toungoo-Yadoi-Loikaw railroad projects. Out of 2265 miles, 321 miles have been put into service so far and 1944 miles are under construction.

With the aim of substituting wooden sleepers with concrete
Officials to distribute quality strains to farmers...

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Next, he spoke of the need for working hard for improvement of their socio-economic life, practising thrift and for the children to complete basic education. He then viewed spreading of fertilizers for growing monsoon paddy and cordially greeted local farmers.

The Prime Minister and party attended a ploughing and fertilizer-spreading ceremony held at farmer U Win Oo’s farm in Pantin village, Okpo Township, Thayawady District. In the meeting with local people, the Prime Minister stressed the need for extensive practice integrated farming, maintenance of infrastructures built by the State for regional development and maintenance of already achieved peace and stability in cooperation with administrative bodies.

Pyay and Thayawady districts have grown 12,37,384 acres of monsoon paddy accounting for 97.88 percent. The Prime Minister and party went to Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Painzaloke (Penwegon) road project briefing hall in Minhla Township. The construction minister reported on the facts about the project and the Prime Minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project and systematic implementation of the project tasks.

The road is 86 miles and 6 furlong long passing through Bago Yoma.

Aftewards, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the briefing hall of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago road project in Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region. Minister U Khin Maung Myint reported on construction of the tarred road by Public Works and Chairman of Yangon Region PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Maung Myint gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister instructed the officials to distribute quality strains to farmers and educate them to use correct cultivation methods. Later, the Prime Minister and party left there and arrived in Yangon in the evening.

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New Perspectives on Tuberculosis on 28 August

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Professor/Head Dr Kyi Kyi Thin of Microbiology Department of University of Medicine (1), Professor/Head Dr U Win Naing of Lung and Respiratory Medicine Department, Professor/Head Dr U Saw Win of Pediatric Medicine Department of University of Medicine (2) and Specialist (Retd) Dr Daw Ti Ti of National Anti-tuberculosis Project will give educative talks.

Enthusiasts may register at Microbiology Department of University of Medicine (1), Lanmadaw Township and Microbiology Department of University of Medicine (2), North Okkalapa Township during office hours and Hall (A) of MMA on 28 August morning.

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Insurgent’s landmine wounds innocent civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — The explosion of an old, landmine planted by insurgents injured a civilian of Thabyegon village in Thandaunggyi Township of Kayin State on 20 August afternoon.

U Sein Mya’s right ankle was cut in the blast caused on his trip to catch fishes between Thabyenyunt and Moketi villages 8 miles far from Thabyenyunt village. The victim is being hospitalized at Toungoo Township Hospital. From 1 January till 20 August, eight civilians including six men and two women lost lives and 48 people including 42 men and six women were injured in land mine blasts nationwide.—MNA

MWJA to start new journalism course on 1 Sept

YANGON, 23 Aug—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will launch one month long Journalism Course No. 1/2010 for reporters from periodicals on 15 September. Journalists who are eager to take the class may bring together with the recommendation letter of CEO or Chief Editor of respective periodical and the fee is K 30,000 for enrollment. The class hours are designed to be from 8 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The designated application form may be send to MWJA, No. (529), Upper Floor, Merchant Street, Sarpay Beikman Building, here, not later than 4 p.m. on 26 August.

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Director-General of Central Military Accounts Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint, senior military officers, heads of department, the vice-chairman of DKBA and members, war veterans, local people’s militias, members of Fire Brigade, service personnel, townelders, members of women’s affairs organization, maternal and child welfare association, Red Cross Society, traditional dance troupes, bands and troupes. Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn delivered speeches and presented cash assistance to the members through the commander of the border guard force.

Members of the border guard force enjoyed themselves in dances and songs together with troupes, students and local people. The commander and party and local national race leaders posed for documentary photos. The commander cordially greeted local people and presented cash awards to local Kayin traditional dance troupe. A luncheon was hosted in honour of the border guard force members. On the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn delivered addresses and cordially conversed with the attendees.

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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 Maung Ohn decorate an officer of Border Guard Force with Tatmadaw insignia.—MNA

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Iran launches production lines of two high-speed assault boats

IRAN, 23 Aug—Iranian Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi opened on Monday the production lines of two home-made, high-speed assault boats, the local satellite Press TV reported.

The production lines for the Seraj (Lamp) high-speed boat and a new generation of the high-speed Zolfaghar (named after Shirite Imam Ali’s sword) boat were launched on Monday by the minister, the report said.

The boats have been designed to conduct immediate strikes on enemy ships, said the report. The new version of Zolfaghar boat is capable of launching missiles and sailing at a speed of 70 knots (82 mph), according to the report.

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Somalia rebels looking increasingly like Taleban

MOGADISHU, 23 Aug—Men are forced to grow beards. Women can’t leave home without a male relative. Music, movies and watching sports on TV are banned. Limbs are chopped off as punishment — and executions by stoning have become a public spectacle.

Somalia is looking more and more like Afghanistan under the Taleban — two rugged countries 2,000 miles apart, each lacking a central government, each with a hard-line militia that cowls the public into submission.

Al-Shabab in Somalia and the Taleban in Afghanistan — their tactics increasingly mirror each other. Those tactics worked for the Taleban until the US invasion overthrew it in 2001, and now they are making a comeback.

Meanwhile, al-Shabab has gained control over large swaths of this arid Horn of Africa country.

In the latest adoption of tactics long used by the Afghan militants, al-Shabab is ordering households in southern Somalia to contribute a boy for the militants’ ranks. Childless families have to pay al-Shabab $50 a month. That’s Somalia’s per capita income.

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Man jumps to death at US concert

SANTA CLARA, 23 Aug — A 32-year-old man has jumped at least 20 feet (6 metres) to his death onto the stage of a Northern California concert in front of hundreds of horrified music fans, the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office says. The Swell Season was playing an outdoor show at the Mountain Winery in Saratoga in front of a crowd of about 1,900 when Michael Edward Pickels of San Jose jumped on Thursday night. Authorities are treating Pickels’ death as a suicide, sheriff’s spokesman Sgt. Rick Sung said.

Sung said the man left a friend in the audience and soon appeared on a roof that covers the stage. Witnesses say he jumped off the roof and landed on stage near the band’s lead singer, Glen Hansard.

Woman breaks text message record

MANCHESTER, 23 Aug — A British woman is feeling “GR8” after smashing the world record for typing the fastest text message, a mobile phone company said. Melissa Thompson, 27, wrote “the razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality they seldom attack a human”, in 25.94 seconds. The official Guinness World Record is currently held by American Franklin Page, 24, who wrote the same passage in 35.54 seconds in March this year.

Scientists’ trial brings them ‘closer to Ebola drug’

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — A drug to treat the Ebola virus is reported to be one step closer after US scientists were given permission to conduct human trials.

Clinical trials have been approved after a new drug was proven to be effective on monkeys. Ebola causes death in 90% of human cases, but is always fatal to apes. Around 1,200 people have died of the disease since 1976, but it is feared that it could be used as a bioweapon by terrorists. Ebola is transmitted via bodily fluids. Survivors experience nausea, vomiting, internal bleeding and organ failure before they die. In the latest tests, scientists found that the new drug cured the virus in 60% of rhesus monkeys. It proved 100% effective in treating the closely-related Marburg virus in cynomolgus monkeys.
‘Little Leaguers’ make up 1973 game

Carolyn King says she had “a blast” playing in the outfield at the replay of her 1973 Little League all-star game in Michigan.

“We knew we were going to win,” The 49-year-old Toledo resident told the Detroit Free Press. “It was absolutely a blast.”

King may not have been the star of the softball game held on Hog Island and Ypsilanti, but it probably would not have been played had she not been at the centre of a controversy over allowing girls on the field back in the 70s.

Ypsilanti lost its Little League charter when local organizers allowed King to play. The move came shortly before the all-star game and created a national controversy, the Free Press said.

A bout 100 spectators watched Saturday’s game, which was played in a steady rain.

There was plenty of good-natured razzing about receding hairlines and pitching to girls, but the contest ended with a lot of smiles and King’s side taking a narrow 15-14 victory.

Woman gets third tattoo at 101

It took a while to get going, but 101-year-old Mimi Rosenthal now has her third tattoo, courtesy of a Florida tattoo artist.

This one went on her left arm, and next time she might get one on her butt, she said in an interview in the St Petersburg (Fla.) Times.

The first tattoo came at 99: it was a dime-sized butterfly; at 100 she had a small flower tattooed on her other leg. This time she picked a sunflower, perhaps in recognition of Kansas, where she was born.

“Her skin is so fragile, it’s like uncharted territory,” said Spring Hill, Fla. tattoo artist Michelle Gallo-Kolahs, who is responsible for all of Rosenthal’s inking.

The work took longer than expected, but Rosenthal liked the results. “It’s pretty,” she said in the interview. So, will there be a next time?

Will “Glee” hit a sour note at TV’s Emmys?

That’s because Emmy voters tend to be older and more conservative than the fans that have helped make the Fox high-school comedy the most-talked-about TV show of the year.

Although “Glee” is a leading contender for the best comedy Emmy — and actress Jane Lynch is seen as a shoo-in to win best supporting comedy actress for her role as scheming cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester — the quirky show faces a tough challenge from the more traditional “Modern Family” (14 nominations) and three-time Emmy champion “30 Rock.”

Faith Evans arrested on drunken driving charge

Los Angeles, 23 Aug— Grammy-winning singer Faith Evans has been arrested after being stopped at a drunken driving check-point in the Los Angeles area.

Officer Cleon Joseph of the LAPD says the 37-year-old Evans was held for a few hours and released on bail Sunday morning. Her car was impounded.

The R&B singer is the widow of rapper Christopher Wallce, also known as the Notorious B.I.G. She won a Grammy in 1998 for the song “I’ll Be Missing You.”

A reality series chronicling Evans’ life is reportedly in production, and a new album is scheduled for release in October.

A message left with Evans’ agent Sunday was not immediately returned.
US soccer coach Bradley ‘keen to manage Aston Villa’

**LONDON, 23 Aug—** United States coach Bob Bradley would be honoured to manage English Premier League club Aston Villa, he told the BBC.

Bradley, who led the United States to the last 16 of the World Cup, has had no formal talks with Villa’s American owner Randy Lerner but his representatives have made contact with the club, he said.

A sked on BBC Radio Five Live’s Sportsweek programme whether he would be interested in the job, Bradley said: “Of course, I think Aston Villa is a massive club with great history and a great following and those types of opportunities would of course be of interest. “I would certainly be honoured to have that conversation but I’m impressed with the way things have been handled so far and we’ll see what the future holds.”

**Celtic join Rangers and Aberdeen on top**

**GLASGOW, 23 Aug—** Celtic joined rivals Rangers and Aberdeen at the top of the Scottish Premier League with a comprehensive 4-0 win over St Mirren at Celtic Park on Sunday.

The Hoops gained revenge for their 4-0 defeat last season as goals from Jamie Forrest and Ki Sung-Yeung and a double from Shaun Maloney saw the visitors a 12th minute lead and paid credit to Fulham’s resilience in fighting back.

But Ferguson believes Nani’s penalty, which was saved by Fulham keeper David Stockdale, proved to be the turning point and expressed his surprise the Portugal winger had taken the kick when Ryan Giggs was on the pitch.

**Joe Hart ‘to be offered £18 mln pay deal’**

**BERLIN, 23 Aug—** Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson conceded Wednesday’s 2-2 draw against Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Fergie fears United will regret Fulham frustration

**LONDON, 23 Aug—** Sir Alex Ferguson conceded Manchester United could have regretted their frustrating 2-2 draw against Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Nani’s late penalty miss denied Ferguson’s side the opportunity to establish a 3-1 lead with six minutes remaining and was punished when Fulham defender Brede Hangeland headed home an equaliser in the 89th minute.

Unperturbed Ferguson admitted his side deservedly to claim all three points after falling to build on Paul Scholes’ low drive that gave the visitors a 12th minute lead and paid credit to Fulham’s resilience in fighting back.

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**Fish, Pavlyuchenkova withdraw from rain-hit event**

**NEW HAVEN, 23 Aug—** American Mardy Fish, coming off a runner-up showing at the ATP Cincinnati Masters, pulled out of the rain-hit ATP and WTA New Haven hardcourt event on Sunday, citing fatigue.

**Results on 22 August**

**English Premier League**

Newcastle U. 6-0 Aston Villa

Fulham 2-2 Manchester U.

**Germany Bundesliga-1**

Mainz 2-0 Stuttgart

Bochum 0-2 Bayer Leverkusen

**France Ligue-1**

Monpellier 0-0 Caen

Sochaux 0-0 Lille

Paris S.G. 1-2 Bordeaux

**International club friendlies**

Oasis 0-0 Real Sociedad

Catania 0-3 Athletic Bilbao

A.C. Milan 0-0 J uventus *

Hercules 1-3 Real Madrid
**WEATHER**

**Monday, 23rd August, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, Ayeayawady Region, scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon on States, Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing and Magway Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.95) inch, Bilin (3.23) inches,  Thelinzayat (3.19) inches, Myeik (2.72) inches, Pakokku (2.48) inches, Kawthoung (2.40) inches, Monywa (2.32) inches, An (2.17) inches, Thandwe and Zaungtu (1.81) inches each and Putao (1.66) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 22-8-2010 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 23-8-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-8-2010 was (92%)

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather**

Maximum temperature on 22-8-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 23-8-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-8-2010 was (47%).

**Federer ends periodical title drought**

BEIJING, 23 Aug—Roger Federer is looking to return to form in the men’s tennis masters series. The Swiss faced local hero Marty Fish in the final at Cincinnati. Fish is playing the best tennis of his career. He’s gone 17-2 since July with titles at Cincinnati, Newport and Atlanta.

The 28-year-old American had won five in a row against top-10 opponents and gained confidence with each upset. This time, Fish forced a break against Federer, and tied it at 5-all with this volley:

Fish then closed out the opening set 7-6 when Federer’s shot went wide. The second set was even tighter. Federer fought off the only break point, and scored a decisive break point in the third set. He went on to win 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (2).

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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

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**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.**

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, Ayeayawady Region, scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon on States, Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing and Magway Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.95) inch, Bilin (3.23) inches, Thelinzayat (3.19) inches, Myeik (2.72) inches, Pakokku (2.48) inches, Kawthoung (2.40) inches, Monywa (2.32) inches, An (2.17) inches, Thandwe and Zaungtu (1.81) inches each and Putao (1.66) inches.

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
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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

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