**Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits Model Agriculture Special Zone in Yangon Region**

**Means and ways to be sought for the prosperity of the nation and its people**

Prime Minister U Thein Sein, who was in Yangon, inspected monsoon paddy fields and arrangements for supply of irrigation water at Model Agriculture Special Zone in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

Accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, heads of department and officials concerned, Prime Minister U Thein Sein visited Model Agricultural Project of Dagon International Limited at Block No.1 of Model Agriculture Special Zone (1) in Dagon Myothit (East) Township yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, Director U Kyaw Zaw Aung of the company reported to the Prime Minister on test growing of five new paddy strains sent by International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) of Philippines and three paddy strains commonly grown in Myanmar.

After that, Region Manager U Tin Aung Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service also reported to the Prime Minister on growing of monsoon paddy by companies at Model Agriculture Special Zone (1).

Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials reported on supply of water, growing of summer paddy and monsoon paddy and construction of roads. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a supplementary report.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 25 August, 2010

Spend Metta Sutta Day in contemplation of loving-kindness

Fullmoon Day of Wagaung, which falls today, is the Day of Metta Sutta. The Buddha “Gotama” delivered a sermon of Metta Sutta Paritta to 500 monks at Jetavana Monastery in Savatthi on Fullmoon Day of Wagaung.

In the time of the Buddha, one day, 500 monks altogether asked Him for the approach to Kamathana (meditation) and entered the Raining Season Retreat in a forest. Owing to the power of the high morality of the monks, some deities in the forest could not stay any longer in the trees, and they had to leave their residences. So, they used a variety of ways to frighten the monks. In consequence, the monks could not get on with their doing meditation any longer, and went back to Jetavana Monastery where the Buddha was sojourning in the retreat period.

Just as He got informed about what the monks encountered in the forest, the Buddha delivered Metta Sutta and exhorted them to take the might of Metta (loving-kindness) together with them to try again. Hearing the Metta Sutta recited by the monks who entered the forest, the deities came to admire and hold the monks in high esteem, and welcomed them. That is the result of reciting Metta Sutta.

As loving-kindness represents peace, we all should deal with each other and one another with a sense of loving-kindness.

The traditional flower designated for the month “Wagaung” is Khatta (land lilies), and the traditional festival, “Saryaytanme Pwe” (the festival of charity by casting lots).

On such a say of religious significance, Buddhists are urged to radiate loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy and equanimity to each other and practise meditation in order to lead a peaceful life.

Pediatric Diseases-2 in circulation

The Pediatric Diseases-1 penned diseases for children based on own experiences that doesn’t include in the first book. By reading the book, custodies may get child healthcare knowledge on how to take preventive measures. It is like a family doctor for all custodies.

The book is available at 2000 kyats at No. 103 Wisdom House, Building No. 1191-1192 on Latwe Mindin Road, Myittanyunt Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon (Ph: 09-5058533).—MNA

Safeguard hits skincare market

YANGON, 24 Aug—Pahtama Group Co Ltd introduced Safeguard branded anti-bacterial soap at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here on 15 August.

Operation Director Ko Phyoo Min Kyaw of Pahtama Group extended greetings. Business Manager Ma Mo Mo Phone Maw explained Safeguard products. Safeguard soap can protect from bacteria that cause flu, diarrhea, richness, pneumonia, and cough. The product is available in different scents and colors.

Senior Sales Manager Ko Kyaw Thu Myint explained special sales programmes which was followed by lucky-draw programmes.

MNA
Suicide bomber attacks Somali hotel, killing 31

Mogadishu, 24 Aug—A suicide bomber and gunman stormed a hotel in Somalia’s capital on Tuesday, killing at least 31 people including members of parliament in an attack that set off an hour-long gun battle, a military spokesman and a witness said.

The assault comes after Somalia’s most dangerous group, al-Shabab, declared a “massive war” on “invaders” — an apparent reference to the 6,000 troops from the African Union that protect the weak Somali government.

African Union spokesman Maj. Barigye Bahoku said it wasn’t immediately known how many members of parliament were killed in the attack on the Muna hotel, located a half-mile (1 kilometre) from Somalia’s presidential palace. An 11-year-old shoe shine boy and a woman selling tea in front of the hotel were among the dead, Bahoku said.

Al-Shabab has increased the use of suicide attacks in recent years, though they are still somewhat rare in Somalia. Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts are believed to be helping train al-Shabab fighters.—Xinhua

One soldier killed in western Iraq bombings

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug—An Iraqi soldier was killed and six people injured in two bomb explosions in Iraq’s western province of Anbar on Monday, a provincial police source said.

A soldier was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol in the town of Khalidiyah, some 80 km west of Baghdad, a source from the provincial operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a bomb explosion hit a police patrol near a parking lot in central the provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, damaging a police vehicle and wounding a policeman aboard. Three civilians at the parking lot were also wounded by the blast, the source said.

Insurgent attacks continue in the once volatile Province of Anbar, which has been relatively calm for nearly three years after Sunni tribes and anti-US militants groups turned to cooperate with the US troops and Iraqi security forces against al-Qaeda network in Iraq.—Xinhua

Two French soldiers killed in Afghanistan

PARIS, 24 Aug—Two French soldiers were killed and three others wounded in a military operation in Afghanistan, said French President Nicolas Sarkozy’s office on Monday, raising the country’s total fatalities in Afghanistan to 47.

The two dead were a soldier and an officer from the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment. They were fatally wounded by gun fire during an overnight operation in Tagab, north of Kabul, while three others were injured at the start of the operation.

“These soldiers gave their lives in the service of France’s commitment to the peace and security of the Afghan people,” Sarkozy said in a statement.

The French president condemned “insurgents’ murderous attacks” on NATO military forces in Afghanistan, stressing France would continue to be a part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

About 3,500 French troops are deployed in Afghanistan.

An Afghan man sits with his relative who was injured in a landmine explosion in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 22 Aug, 2010. Insurgents in Kunduz Province, one of Afghanistan’s most violent, killed the head of a private security company on Saturday, while one civilian was killed and five wounded by a land mine in Herat’s Anjil District. —Xinhua

Gunmen kill five Iraqi oil workers, steal payroll

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug—Gunmen in Iraq ambushed a car carrying five oil refinery employees transporting the company payroll on Monday, killing them and fleeing with $300,000 in cash, officials said.

The attack just outside Saddam Hussein’s hometown of Tikrit hit the employees after they had picked up the payroll for the Haditha refinery in western Iraq from the main refining headquarters in Beiji, 155 miles (250 kilometres) north of Baghdad, police said.

Three accountants, an engineer and a driver were killed, said an official with the main refinery in Beiji. Hospital officials in Tikrit confirmed the death toll.

The incident was the latest in a growing number of criminal attacks many believe are part of insurgent efforts to raise funds.—Xinhua

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Afghan villagers protest night raid

KABUL, 24 Aug—Hundreds of villagers have blocked a highway in eastern Afghanistan to protest a night raid by NATO and Afghan soldiers that left two people dead.

A statement from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said two “Taleban militants” were killed in the raid in a district near Jalalabad.

But villagers said the men were civilians; their protest temporarily closed the highway connecting Jalalabad to Pakistan on Wednesday.

“The Americans who killed these people should come and see whether it is civilians or insurgents they killed,” Mohammad Gul, one of the protesters, said. “We need an explanation from them.”—Xinhua

Afghan children walk along a street as smoke rises from a building in Kunduz recently, after a suspected militant attack in the northern Afghan city.—INTERNET

32 killed, 18 injured in western Sudan floods, heavy rains

KHARTOUM, 24 Aug—A total of 32 people in western Sudan’s North Kordofan State were killed and 18 others injured in the floods and heavy rains, the official SUNA news agency said.

The agency quoted a report by Sudan’s operations room of rainy season as saying that the casualties were caused by “drowning, thunder-bolts and collapse of houses.” The report said 886 houses completely collapsed, while around 11,000 houses partially collapsed. About 159 government utilities have been affected by the heavy rains and some 4,950 head of cattle died. —Xinhua

A resident talks to his wounded brother who lies at a hospital after a bomb attack in Baghdad recently. At least 47 recruits and soldiers were killed and 77 wounded on Tuesday when a suicide bomber blew himself up outside an army recruitment centre in Baghdad in one of the bloodiest attacks in Iraq this year.—INTERNET

US Drone strike kills 20 in Pakistan

MIRANSHAH, 24 Aug—Missiles fired from a US pilotless drone aircraft killed 13 militants and 7 civilians in Pakistan’s North Waziristan on Monday, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

They said the missiles were fired at a militant hideout. Most of the militants killed were members of the Afghan Taleban. Four women and three children were among the dead, said the officials.

“The missiles hit a militant compound and a house adjacent to it. We have confirmed reports of 20 dead,” said one of the intelligence officials.

MNA/Reuters

One nurse at Medina hospital treats a wounded civilian, at Medina hospital, Mogadishu, Somalia, on 24 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET

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**Science**

Researchers monitoring Hawaii coral for bleaching

surface temperatures of 82 to 84 degrees during another research trip to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands earlier this month.

Kosaki also noted there’s currently a mass of warm water from Southeast Asia that’s pushing into the North Pacific. “It’s warm now. If it cools off we might not have a bleaching event. If it stays warm for an extended period we might have a bleaching event,” he said. Bleaching would be likely if temperatures stay higher than normal for more than two to four weeks, Kosaki said.

The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, which are home to 69 percent of the coral under US jurisdiction, had bleaching events in 2002 and 2004. In May, marine biologists working for the Wildlife Conservation Society observed coral bleaching off Indonesia’s Aceh Province as surface waters in the Andaman Sea peaked at 93 degrees—7 degrees higher than long-term averages.

Subsequent surveys found 80 percent of the bleached corals had died. —Internet

Pearl Harbor, 24 Aug—Scientists plan to monitor corals in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands next month for signs of bleaching that could harm the reefs.

Coral's become stressed and expel the algae that live inside them when temperatures are warmer than normal. This causes corals to lose their colour and appear white.

Coral's may die if this continues for extended periods, depriving fish of vital food and habitat.

Researchers will be observing coral in the Papahananuokuaena Marine National Monument during September—the hottest month of the year in Hawaii, monument deputy superintendent Randall Kosaki said on Friday. They’re due to leave for the remote atolls aboard the research ship Hualalai in a week, he said. Kosaki measured two to four weeks, Kosaki said.

**Chronic pain may be genetic, and controllable**

Jerusalem, 24 Aug—A group of Israel and international researchers say they may have found a gene responsible for controlling chronic pain from nerve injury.

“Our discovery may provide insights for treating chronic pain through previously unthought-of mechanisms,” said Prof Ariel Darvasi of the Alexander Silberman Institute of Life Sciences at the Hebrew University, according to a report appearing the peer-reviewed journal, Genome Research. Darvasi and his team used the tests to narrow down the possibilities to what they believe may be the genetic culprit, Cacgn2.

“The immediate significance is the mere awareness that differences in pain perception may have a genetic predisposition,” Darvasi said of the discovery. Going up the evolutionary scale, the scientists then analyzed a group of breast cancer patients who experienced chronic pain more than six months after undergoing a full or partial mastectomy. The researchers again found that genetic variants of Cacgn2 were significantly associated with this chronic pain.

Some 20 percent of adults worldwide suffer from some degree of chronic pain, according to the report, whether from recognized sources such as headaches, back pain and arthritis, or psychosomatic reasons with no clear cause.—Internet

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**Technology**

Google acquires visual shopping search engine “Like.com”

BEIJING, 24 Aug—Google has acquired Like.com, whose visual search engine helps people match clothes and other apparel online with a new service that lets them purchase the items they see. The acquisition is Google’s latest diversification effort, and it marks the company’s continued expansion into the retail sector.

Like.com CEO and co-founder Munjal Shah announced the deal on his company’s homepage.

Google’s visual search technology has long been a key component of its search engine, and the acquisition is likely to help the company improve its visual search capabilities. The deal is expected to close in the coming weeks, and the terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Like.com’s technology, which uses computer vision and machine learning to identify and match clothing and other items in images, has been integrated into Google’s search engine for several years. The acquisition is likely to help Google improve its visual search capabilities, and it could also help the company expand into new markets.

The acquisition is also expected to help Like.com expand its reach and increase its visibility. The company’s technology has been used by retailers and e-commerce websites around the world, and the acquisition is likely to help Google expand its reach and increase its visibility.

BlackBerry releases paid apps in Aus

The smartphone maker also announced new security features in the latest version of software that gives users a BlackBerry secure identification marker. The marker will allow users to verify purchases over when switching to a new device.

The company had previously launched a free version of App World in December last year and couldn’t confirm when paid applications would become available. RIM has had its fair share of headlines over the past few weeks, with countries including India and Saudi Arabia raising concerns over the security of messaging data that was prevented government agencies from monitoring user communications. —Internet

BlackBerry users would be able to make purchases starting at US$0.99 using various payment options.

“Customers will be able to purchase applications using PayPal and major credit cards, including Visa and MasterCard,” RIM said in a statement.

**Bloggers crying foul over Philly business tax**

PHILADELPHIA, 24 Aug—Bloggers in Philadelphia are up in arms about what they’re calling an unfair tax. The city’s so-called business privilege license costs $50 a year or $300 for a lifetime. If a blog takes money for advertising, or sells photographs or other goods, it’s a business and must pay for a license—no matter how little it makes—plus taxes on profits.

A spokesman for Mayor Michael Nutter says it’s nothing new and it applies to corporations to neighbourhood pizza joints and mom-and-pop businesses.

Some bloggers are complaining that the fee would impinge on their free speech and would discourage dissent. They also say it’s unfair to require business to pay taxes if they’re making only $25 or $50 a year. —Internet

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**Internet**
### Health

**Health Tip: Four foods which grows chest hair**

Although having a chest hair is no longer a trend, but some people still think men who have chest hair is a ‘real man’. The problem is, not every man can grow hair on their chest. But there are some foods that can help you with that.

According to Foxnews, Here are four types of food that could help grow chest hair:

1. **Eggs**
   - Eggs are high in protein and are believed able to grow hair on your chest. In addition, egg whites are also very beneficial for men’s health, especially for those who want to enlarge the muscles of their body.

2. **Sardines**
   - With its content-rich of protein and omega-3 fatty acids, sardines are well known with its health benefits, especially to help the heart. In addition, sardines are also considered important for maintaining healthy hair and can help grow chest hair.

3. **Liver and onions**
   - Beef liver are loaded with protein, iron, zinc, vitamin A and C and B vitamins including biotin, folate, B2 and B12. Contents are very important for hair growth. Biotin supplements will normally given if someone experience hair loss.
   - Not only hearts, red onions can also stimulate chest hair growth. Its a source of sulfur, namely minerals known for hair growth.

4. **Chili Peppers**
   - Researchers now believe chili can increase hair growth. Capsaicin, the chemical compound in peppers that makes a spicy flavour, seems to affect the biological pathways that are essential for hair growth.—Internet

**Chinese vaccine shields against hepatitis E**

**PARIS, 24 Aug**—A prototype vaccine devised and tested in China has proven 100 percent effective in preventing hepatitis E, a disease that is widespread in the developing world and can be fatal, investigators reported in The Lancet on Monday. The hepatitis E virus, often transmitted by faecal contamination of water supplies, causes liver inflammation, whose symptoms are jaundice, fever and vomiting. It was only recognised as a distinct disease 30 years ago. Mortality from the disease is low, but people with chronic liver disease and pregnant mothers and their foetuses are badly at risk. The trialled formula, codenamed HEV 239, is a recombinant vaccine, meaning that it includes a protein from the virus designed to stimulate the body’s immune defences. It was administered to 48,000 healthy adults aged 16-65, while an identical group of counterparts received a placebo. Three doses were issued over six months, and the volunteers were then monitored for a year. Fifteen fell ill with hepatitis E in the placebo group, but there were no cases in the vaccine group.

During a hepatitis E outbreak, or for travellers to an endemic area, protection can be quickly obtained by two vaccine doses given within one month,” said the study, headed by Niu Shao Xia, of the Institute of Diagnostic and Vaccine Development in Infectious Diseases in Xiamen.

**Internet**

### Business

**Sinopec says H1 profit rises 6.7% to $5.2 bln**

**HONG KONG, 24 Aug**—Sinopec, China’s top refiner, said on Sunday its net profit in the first half of this year edged up 6.7 percent to reach 35.46 billion yuan (5.2 billion US dollars) from 33.11 billion yuan a year ago.

In a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange, Chairman Su Sulin said Sinopec’s turnover and other operating expenses amounted to 936.5 billion yuan, and the operating profit was 49.8 billion yuan, representing an increase of 75.4 percent and 7.8 percent respectively, over the same period of 2009.

The Beijing-based company attributed “encouraging operational results” in the first half to steady progress of China’s economic recovery, growing demand for petroleum and petrochemical products, continued expansion of Sinopec’s operational scale and rising prices of crude oil, refined oil products and chemicals products. According to the statement, Sinopec’s refinery throughput reached 101 million tonnes in the first half, representing an increase of 16.7 percent year on year. The refining segment and other operating revenues accounted for 60.5 percent of Sinopec’s turnover and other operating revenues, it said. In the exploration and production (E&P) segment, Sinopec produced 149 million barrels of crude oil, flat from a year earlier, and produced 200.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas, an increase of 40.7 percent year on year, it said.

**Vietnam sends 37,068 labourers to work abroad in first half**

**HANOI, 24 Aug**—Vietnam sent 37,068 labourers to work abroad in the first half of this year, up 12.32 percent year-on-year, said a report of the Department of Overseas Labour Management on Monday. The country sent 7,493 workers to foreign markets in June alone, an increase of 15.65 percent from a month earlier, said the department.

The department said Chinese Taipei was the largest export market for Vietnamese labourers in the first six months this year with 12,939 people. The United Arab Emirates came second for receiving 4,416 Vietnamese labourers to work in the country. Vietnam also sent 3,032 workers to work in Libya and another 2,840 to Laos, according to the department. The rest of Vietnamese labourers were sent to Japan, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and other markets, according to the department.—Internet

**AIG pays back $4 billion of US loan**

**NEW YORK, 24 Aug**—Bailed-out insurer American International Group Inc said on Monday it paid back nearly $4 billion in US loans in its single largest cash payment so far to reduce its debt to taxpayers.

The partial repayment of a Federal Reserve Bank of New York credit facility came after International Lease Finance Corp, AIG’s aircraft leasing unit, sold $4.4 billion in debt to investors and used the bulk of the proceeds to repay $3.9 billion in government loans three years early.

AIG said the repayment will trigger an accelerated amortization of a prepaid commitment fee asset, resulting in a roughly $650 million pre-tax charge.

The latest payment reduces the size of the Fed credit facility to about $30 billion from $34 billion.

In this undated file photo, an AIG banner flies at the office building in New York. American International Group Inc. said on 23 Aug, 2010, it is repaying nearly $4 billion in federal bailout loans.—Internet
Buckwheat shortage detected in Moscow

Moscow, 24 Aug—Buckwheat disappeared from all food stores across Moscow city, the Interfax news agency reported on Monday. As one of the basic staples for Russians, buckwheat has been absent from the shop shelves in all the capital’s major supermarkets, said the report. Shop managers have been uncertain when the supplies could be restored.

Meanwhile, on the city’s free markets, prices for buckwheat jumped from 20 to 76 rubles (from 0.65 to 2.5 US dollars) per kilogram during the last weekend. The report said buckwheat also disappeared from the supermarkets in Ukraine. An official in the Russian Ministry of Economic Development told Interfax that he did not see any reasons the government should regulate the prices of buckwheat. Market prices for that grocery rose over 60 percent during the summer.

According to head of Moscow’s trade association, Ilya Belonovsky, a hike was expected also in the prices of honey, beer, salt, cheese, sugar and milk. “Salt traders explain they have suffered from the drought — it is ridiculous,” he told local media. A buckwheat and milk shortage was expected, the agency reported on Monday citing a head of one of Russia’s biggest supermarket chains. The source said, the retailers have already been facing 20 to 30 percent supply shortage of their orders for milk. Price hike for buckwheat was expected up to 60 percent, he added.—Xinhua

Malaysian shoppers are seen at an outlet of the French supermarket giant Carrefour in Kuala Lumpur. The retail firm is planning to sell its business in the south east Asian nation, a minister said, amid speculation the firm will also offload its Singapore and Thai stores and exit the region altogether.

INTERNET

Arthritis protein may reverse Alzheimer’s disease

BEIJING, 24 Aug—A protein triggered by rheumatoid arthritis appears to protect against the development of Alzheimer’s disease, according to a new study on Monday.

Scientists from the University of South Florida found that memory loss associated with Alzheimer’s was partially reversed by the protein GM-CSF, which is an attacking protein produced by the immune system in cases of rheumatoid arthritis.

In some cases the memory impairment was completely reversed after treatment, said the research published online in the Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease.

As people with rheumatoid arthritis suffer swollen joints, the protein stimulates scavenger cells in the body. In tests on mice, these cells removed deposits left by Alzheimer’s in the brain, according to the study.

A synthetic protein of GM-CSF, known as Leukine, is commercially available and is already used in cancer treatment.

“Our findings provide a compelling explanation for why rheumatoid arthritis is a negative risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease,” said Prof Huntingtondon Potter, a molecular medicine expert involved in the study.

Potter hoped the treatment could soon be tested on humans.—Xinhua

Macao’s visitor arrivals up 23.2% in July

MACAO, 24 Aug—Macao’s visitor arrivals in July went up by 23.2 percent over the same period of last year to 2.68 million, according to the figures released on Monday by Macao’s Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Chinese mainland remained Macao’s major source market, accounting for 52.8 percent of the total, standing at 1.14 million, with 477,119 traveling to Macao under the Individual Visit Scheme, up by 40.3 percent from July 2009. Visitors from Hong Kong and Taiwan rose respectively by 15.4 percent and 3.5 percent year-on-year to 670,953 and 121,273, the figures indicated.

As for the seven months of 2010, visitor arrivals reached 14.39 million, rising by 18.7 percent over last year, with the majority of visitors coming from the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong, according to the DSEC.

Sameday visitors accounted for 51.8 percent of the total visitor arrivals, at 7.45 million in the first seven months of 2010, the DSEC also said.—Xinhua

Ratan Tata regrets the company could not do Singur project

MUMBAI, 24 Aug—Tata Group Chairman Ratan Tata said on Monday he regrets Tata Motors could not do the Nano car project, which it wanted to do in West Bengal, but the state would always be there as a part of the group’s corporate identity. “We regret we have not been able to do what we wanted to do over here,” he said, without mentioning the Singur project in the annual general meeting of the company.

Tata Motors in October 2008 moved the small car plant to Sanand in Gujarat in the face of continuing agitation by Trinamool Congress demanding return of 400 acres acquired from farmers.

“We are dedicated to the cancer hospital that is coming up. It is hoped that it will start this year. West Bengal is very much a part of our total corporate identity,” Tata said.

The company is constructing a cancer hospital in Rajarhat in the northeastern fringes of the city.

INTERNET

Construction of world’s largest deep-water drilling vessel kicks off in NE China

DALIAN, 24 Aug—Construction of the world’s largest deep-water oil drilling vessel has started in northeast China’s Liaoning Province. Under a contract signed with Germany’s Deutsche Verkehrs-Bank (DVB), COSCO Dalian Shipyard Co Ltd is building the “Dalian Pioneer” in Dalian City. “The vessel will cost more than 500 million US dollars and will be the first deep-water drilling vessel built by China,” said Wang Xingru, general manager of COSCO Dalian. Construction, which started on Sunday, is expected to be completed in 2012, he said.—Internet
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After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister fulfilled the needs and gave instructions on agricultural production. Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected nurturing young plants, supply of water to fields through main canal and growing of monsoon paddy.

The Prime Minister inspected growing of monsoon paddy by the companies at Model Agricultural Special Zone (1) on a motorcade.

The Prime Minister and party then proceeded to Model Agricultural Project of Shwe Nagar Min Co Ltd in Model Agricultural Special Zone (2).

After hearing reports on work progress presented by officials of the companies, arrangements made for availability of irrigation water and construction of roads by Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and a supplementary report made by Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

The Prime Minister oversaw growing of monsoon paddy of the companies.

On his arrival at sluice gate in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, the Prime Minister heard reports on construction of the sluice gate which was built to supply water to summer paddy plantations in the zone No (2), to prevent tidal wave of Bago River and flood and to grow monsoon paddy presented by Director U Kan Nyunt of Yangon Region Irrigation Department and attended to the needs.

In meeting with officials of the companies in Model Agricultural Special Zones, the Prime Minister called for production of quality paddy strains, utilization of skill and expertise of agriculturists and greater collaboration among companies, growers and agriculturists for success of paddy production.

He stressed the need to seek means and ways for the prosperity of the nation and its people, to set the ambition for setting up rice exporters and to widely educate the farmers to run organic farming.

Prize presentation for 2010 World Cup forecaster

YANGON, 24 Aug—The prize presenting ceremony for the winners who can forecast the World Cup champion team for 2010 took place at Casabella Home Furnishing Center at 9th mile on Pyay Road, Mayangon Township here today. It was jointly organized by Myanmar Times’ World Cup Daily newsletter published by the Myanmar Consolidated Media and Nat Ray Co Ltd (Casabella Home Furnishing Center).

Editor-in-Chief Mr Ross Dunkley of the Myanmar Times explained aim of organizing the contest and Managing Director Daw Khin Malar of Nat Ray Co Ltd, aim of prize presentation. After presented to the winners by responsible persons, a winner expressed thanks.—MNA

Managing Director Daw Khin Malar of Nat Ray Co Ltd present OSIM uDesire Massage Chair to winner U Khin Maung Lwin.—MNA

Introduction and Implementations to Bar Code for Business Efficiency course on 1 Sept

YANGON, 24 Aug—With a view to export products of Myanmar to international market, Introduction and Implementations to Bar Code for Business Efficiency course jointly conducted by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Department of Export Promotion, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand will be held on 1 September. The course is free of charge and interested person may register at the UMFCCI.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein views plantation of monsoon paddy grown by Shwe Nagar Min Co Ltd in Model Agriculture Special Zone (2) in Yangon Region.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects nurturing of young plants by Dagon International Limited at Model Agricultural Special Zone (1) in Yangon Region. —MNA

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In the world, the great majority of the countries are multicultural ones. In particular, each of Union nations is home to various national races with different religions, cultures and traditions. For Union nations, national unity is essential for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty. The world history shows that even many powerful countries split into pieces, following disunity among national races.

So, lessons must be taken from the miseries being faced by the Union countries that collapsed into many parts and small countries without peace and stability after seceding from the Union countries concerned due to lack of national cohesion. For a Union country, national unity is the might to defend the country as well as the driving force behind development of the whole Union. That is the reason why every Union country gives top priority to ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and national solidarity.

The Union of Myanmar once stood tall with own monarchs in the global community. However, it fell under the yoke of colonialism due to lack of national unity. In colonial days, various national races misunderstood one another in consequence of the "Divide and Rule" policy practised by the colonialists. Diverse forms of problems sparked intentionally by the colonialists led to internal armed insurrection following independence, as an evil legacy. The nation had regained independence, but internal armed insurgency persisted long. Therefore, the nation lagged behind other countries in development in various fields. In particular, border areas faced untold miseries caused by the armed strife, let alone development.

Successive governments did everything possible in vain to put an end to the armed insurgency. Only in the time of the Tatmadaw government, did the evil legacy meet its end. As an evil legacy, the Union of Myanmar has enjoyed unprecedented peace and unity of national races at the unprecedented level. The government formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs with intent to speed up tasks for development of the regions where peace has just been restored. At the same time, it designated special regions with the aim of encouraging national race peace groups to throw themselves to regional development undertakings in line with the procedures.

National race peace groups have worked as planned by the government, and local people have enjoyed the fruits of regional stability, peace and development, as a result. National race armed groups’ returning to the legal fold was followed by incredible development of border areas. Enjoying the taste of peace, local people have a thirst for perpetual peace in order that they can lead a peaceful life.

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Today, the government is trying its utmost to shape the nation into a democratic one, as inspired by the entire people. When the forthcoming elections are held, the nation will see a democratic government in accordance with the 2008 State Constitution that has been approved by the great majority of the voters.

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After that, Vice Adjutant-General of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Hla Shwe delivered a speech. Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and the Chairman of Kayin State PDC presented cash assistance provided by the Head of State to the members through the commandant of the border guard force. Members of the border guard force enjoyed themselves in dance and songs together with troupes and local people.

The Vice Adjutant-General and the Chairman of Kayin State PDC presented cash awards to the traditional dance troupes and posed for documentary photos together with them.

On the occasion of a luncheon hosted in honour of the border guard force members, the Vice Adjutant-General delivered an address and cordially greeted the members of the border guard force.

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Lightning strikes house in DaikU

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—A house caught fire when lightning struck the wires in it, setting fire to the duck egg box and a pile of paddy stalks on the upper floor on Min Street, Ward (1), DaikU, Bago Region, at about 9 pm on 21 August. The fire was put out at about 9.30 pm. Two houses and one building were burnt down in the incident, and there were no casualties. MNA

Tobacco Kills

MNA
Political parties submit lists of members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Political parties are to submit the lists of their members organized in line with Political Parties Registration Rule 13 (a) to the Union Election Commission within 90 days as from the date they have been granted permission to register. The Wunthatu NLD (Union of Myanmar) submitted the list of its members to the UEC today.

Up to date, 26 of 42 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted member lists of their parties to the UEC within the prescribed date.

MNA

Artistes honoured for composing and presenting songs featuring Dhamma and national interests

YANGON, 24 Aug—A ceremony to honour the artistes who compose and presented religious songs and songs composed in the national interest under the supervision of the Ministry of Information took place at the Studio-A of Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road.

The ceremony was attended by the artistes, their guests, staff members of the Ministry of Information, administration heads of the ministries and the technical heads of the ministries.

The minister said the programme for presenting religious songs is composed in the national interest, through music and to serve the national interest. He said that the artists, by working together, helped produce programmes for religious songs that will be presented at today’s ceremony.

The minister said he was pleased that the artistes, with the help of the Ministry of Information, have been presenting religious songs featuring Dhamma and national interests.

Then Director-General U Khin Maung Maung of Myanma Radio and Television presented medals and certificates of honour to artists who participated in writing songs composed in the national interest.

On behalf of the artistes, Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon U Maung Maung Latt spoke words of thanks.

Next, the artistes sang songs composed in the national interest accompanied by Alinka Wutty Music Band and Aurora Music Band.

After the ceremony, Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted the artistes and guests.

MNA
**Myanmar, Timor Leste to promote cooperation**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug**—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back in Yangon yesterday after paying an official visit to Democratic Republic of Timor Leste from 19 to 23 August, at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs of Democratic Republic of Timor Leste Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa.

During the visit, the minister paid a courtesy call on President of Democratic Republic of Timor Leste Mr Jose Ramos-Horta at the latter’s residence on 20 August. At the call, they discussed matters pertaining to the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation and Timor Leste’s aspiration of joining ASEAN. The minister also called on Mr Fernando Lassama de Arosojo, President of the National Parliament of Timor Leste on the same day at the latter’s office and Mr Jose Luis Gutieres, Vice-Prime Minister at the office of the vice-prime minister. At the meetings, they discussed matters related to the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. Also present at the meetings was U Nlynn, Ambassador of Myanmar to Timor Leste.

Minister U Nyan Win attended a dinner hosted by Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Timor Leste, at Discovery Inn Hotel.

**Health Minister inspects hospitals in Yangon**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug**—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint on 22 August visited North Okkalapa General Hospital in Yangon. The minister inspected ophthalmology department, pediatric ward, pathology department, lecture hall of law and medicine department, X-ray department and surgical ward at the hospital.

He heard reports on teaching medicine and construction of buildings submitted by Rector Dr Tint Swe Latt and professors of the Institute of Medicine (2) at the meeting hall of the institute. The minister called for training medics to become good physicians, helping them to pursue medicine in an atmosphere of serenity and nurturing patriotic physicians who can fully handle health care responsibility.

He inspected the progress in construction of new building of the institute. He then viewed men’s ward, women’s ward and intensive care unit and cardiac ward in Yangon People’s Hospital.

On arrival at Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu and officials conducted the minister around the hospital where he left necessary instructions.

**Deputy Transport Minister meets ADPC officials**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug**—Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Executive Director Dr Bhichit Rattakul of Thailand-based Asia Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and party at his office here this morning.

They discussed matters related to disaster preparedness measures.

**Mayor inspects upgrading work**

**Yangon, 24 Aug**—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected laying of concrete up to nine inches thick on the road section from Bogyoke Aung San Road to lower Pazundaung Street in Pazundaung Township here yesterday morning. The road is 950 feet long and 48 feet wide.

The mayor, together with Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, attended the opening of Kachin Baptist Association in Shweswaiyo Street, Kyundaw Yard, Sangyoung Township.

Later, they inspected arrangements for paving concrete on Ingapu Street, Shan Street and U Shwe Hman Street in Sangyoung Township and Myakyntha Park on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.
**Copter ends up in San Diego Bay**

**SAN DIEGO, 24 Aug** — A helicopter trying to make an emergency landing on a bridge wound up splashing into San Diego Bay on Sunday evening, authorities said. The pilot, who was the only person on board the aircraft, was pronounced dead at a hospital in unknown condition.

**MEXICO CITY, 24 Aug** — A US citizen known as Barbie for his blonde hair, is a leading contender to take over as the head of the gang. But Hector Beltran Leyva, the former leader’s brother, is also vying for that position. His other brother Carlos, another contender for the leadership, was arrested in January.

**At least 150 women raped in east DRC**

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Aug — Militants raped at least 150 women last month during a weekend raid on community villages in eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), United Nations spokesman Martin Nesirky reported at a press briefing here on Monday.

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**Bodies hung from bridge in Cuernavaca, Mexico**

**MEXICO CITY, 24 Aug** — Police in Mexico say they have found four bodies hung from a bridge in an affluent town south of Mexico City. The four men had been decapitated and mutilated before being hung by their ankles from a bridge outside Cuernavaca, in the state of Morelos. A message had been left with their heads warning that anyone supporting Edgar Valdez would risk a similar fate.

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**Trapped Chile miners receive food and water**

**LONDON, 24 Aug** — Rescue workers in Chile say they have sent the first supplies of water and food to 33 miners who have been trapped underground for 17 days.

Capsules containing the supplies were sent down a tube, which is the miners’ only lifeline.

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**It could take that long to drill a new shaft wide enough to pull the men to safety.**

A specialised drill is on its way to the San Jose copper and gold mine, near the city of Copiapo, for the task.

If more specialised equipment was sent from outside Chile, the operation would still take at least two months, mining minister Laurence Golborne said.—INTERNET
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MANCHSTER, 24 Aug — Carlos Tevez scored twice as Manchester City overpowered Liverpool 3-0 at Eastlands here on Monday.

James Milner, on his City debut, set up his former Aston Villa teammate Gareth Barry to side-foot in the first goal in the 13th minute.

And the Argentina striker got on the end of Micah Richards’s header seven minutes into the second half.

Liverpool — without Javier Mascherano amid reports the Argentina international was on his way to Barcelona — saw captain Steven Gerrard hit the post with a powerful shot.

And in the ensuing scramble City goalkeeper Joe Hart made a fine double save to deny both David Ngog and Fernando Torres.

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ATHENS, 24 Aug — French international striker Djibril Cisse has been ruled out of action for at least two weeks because of injury, his club Panathinaikos announced on Monday.

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Gallas ready to give Spurs his all

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Nay Pyi Taw Weather
M aximum temperature on 23-8-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-8-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T on 24-8-2010 was (77%). Rainfall on 24-8-2010 was (1.26) inches at M ignalogadon, (1.22) inches at K a-ba-aye and (0.24) inch at C entral Y angon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (53.74) inches at M ignalogadon, (60.04) inches at K a-ba-aye and (71.42) inches at C entral Y angon. M aximum wind speed at Y angon (K a-ba-aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (17:30) hours M.S.T on 22-8-2010.

Special Features: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday’s tropical storm ‘M indulle’ over South China Sea (Gulf of Tonkin) is crossing North coast of Vietnam.

Bay Inference: M onsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 25th August 2010: Rain or thunderstorms will be scattered in lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagain, Mandalay and Ayeayawady Regions, widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Stated weather in the coastal zones is likely at time Gulf of Mottama, off and along Myan-Thaninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-8-2010: One or two rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

National Development and Peace Party granted permission to register as political party

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug—The Union Election Commission issued the Notification No. 95/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:

Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 95/2010
14th Waxing of Wagaung, 1372 ME
(24 August 2010)
National Development and Peace Party granted permission to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 24 August 2010.

The registration number of National Development and Peace Party is (42).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Border Guard Force of DKBA was held on a grand scale at Atwinkwinkalay region, Myawady Township in Kayin State, on 21 August evening.

(Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug—With the aim of ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union, the government of the Union of Myanmar is making arrangements for the national race groups that have returned to the legal fold to be able to perform duties as border guard forces. A ceremony to constitute the Border Guard Force of DKBA was held on a grand scale at Atwinkwinkalay region, Myawady Township in Kayin State, on 21 August evening.

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