**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

**Four economic objectives**
- Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**President U Thein Sein congratulates Mrs. Yingluck Shinawatra on her election as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Mrs. Yingluck Shinawatra on her election as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

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**Bawgatheikdi Hospital opened for public round the clock**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug—Bawgatheikdi Hospital was inaugurated at Ziwa Clinic of Nay Pyi Taw Thabyegon Market, here, this morning.

Bawgatheikdi Hospital comprises out-patient department, in-patient department, three operation theatres, gynecology and maternal room, laboratory, X-ray and Ultrasound, general and specialist care, general patient, renal department, cardiac, dental, eye, ear, nose and throat, mental health, leprosy, cancer, and OG treatments.

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**True patriotism**
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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Work harmoniously to develop tourism industry

Myanmar is blessed with land, water and forest resources, featuring natural scenic beauties. Myanmar still has natural forests where varieties of biodiversities are protected, natural teak forests and ancient cultural heritages.

Global nations are seeking to earn foreign exchange from tourism industry also called smokeless industry, which has become the most popular business of the world. For the promotion of tourism industry in Myanmar, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is cooperating with international tourism entrepreneurs and travel and tour companies by forming Myanmar Tourism Board.

The quality of tourism industry relies on human resources, natural resources and cultural heritages. Development of human resources can lead to systematic development of hotel and tourism services.

Services play a key role in the success of tourism industry. Hotels and tourism need to provide good services for the convenience of travelers. This is why courses on hotel services are being conducted to raise the standards of hotels and tourism.

Myanmar is striving for the emergence of a perfect tourist destination in parallel with the promotion of tourism industry. As development of hotels and tourism is a symbol of State peace and security, all the people are to work together for the success of tourism industry.

Myanmar to step up efforts for intensifying routine immunization

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin participated in the ministerial meeting on intensifying routine immunization in South-East Asia held in New Delhi, India, on 2 August.

At the meeting, the deputy minister said that Myanmar has welcomed the meeting’s declaration “Delhi Call for Action for Intensification of Routine Immunisation”.

The year 2012 was declared as the year of intensification for routine immunization in South-East Asia Region by the World Health Organization, following the meeting.

Agriculturists, farmers to apply experience in works for increasing incomes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning conducted farmers from Sagaing Region and Thandwe District of Rakhine State round paddy and sunflower plantations at the 30-acre special yield model farm in Pobbathiri Township.

The Union Minister urged the agriculturists and farmers to apply their experiences in their practical works for increasing incomes.

Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service explained facts about special yield paddy plantations. Deputy Managing Director U Zaw Tun Myint of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise explained thriving of sugarcane plantations and production of 60-ton of sugarcane per acre.

They viewed 35-day special yield paddy plantation on 40 acres of farmlands near Chaing Village of Dekkinnathiri Township and looked into agricultural machinery.

They also visited the five-acre high yield sugarcane plantation in Zeyathiri Township.

Members of the excursion group visited research hybrid paddy farm being conducted by Yezin University of Agriculture and Agricultural Research Department in Zeyathiri Township and 10-acre high yield sugarcane plantation in Kyi-in Village of Pyinnmana Township.

Ministry of Labour concludes training courses


After delivering an address, the Union Minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

The Director-General of Central Trade Dispute Committee presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Altogether 14 trainees attended by Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung San Suu Kyi.

Myanmar will continue to work together with WHO and South-East Asia nations to step up efforts for intensifying immunization in the country while retaining the achievements in immunization, the deputy minister added.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attends ministerial meeting on intensifying routine immunisation in South-East Asia.—MNA

Donate Blood
NATO service member killed in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Aug—NATO says militants have killed a service member in southern Afghanistan.
The alliance provided no further details on the killing, which took place Friday. The death brings to more than 320 coalition troops killed in Afghanistan this year.
Meanwhile, Afghan police say their troops accidentally killed two civilians on Friday after the Taliban infiltrated an anti-NATO rally and shot dead a police officer in the southern Province of Zabul.
Provincial police chief Mohammad Nabi Ilham says the residents of the town of Qalat were protesting a NATO operation that killed three suspected militants overnight.
He says Taliban fighters shot dead one policeman and wounded two others. Afghan police returned fire, killing the two civilians and also wounding two others.

Typhoons kill 72 in Philippines

BEIJING, 5 Aug—Typhoons Muifa and Nock-Ten have together killed at least 72 people in the Philippines.
The Philippine government says it will continue to strengthen the sewage draining system in the Capital Manila and its surrounding areas.
Typhoon Muifa has caused agriculture and infrastructure losses of about 600 thousand US dollars, which is expected to increase.
Currently, more than 1700 families from 26 communities have been displaced and are now sheltering in refugee camps.
The National Disasters Risk Reduction and Management Council says Muifa is forecast to leave the Philippines Friday afternoon, but monsoon floods are expected to continue over the northern Philippines and may trigger landslides and flash floods.

Flooding still threat for Haiti after Emily wanes

L’ESTERE (Haiti), 5 Aug—Farmers in Haiti’s rural centre are keeping a worried eye on rivers dangerously swollen by the heavy rains that fell even as Tropical Storm Emily dissipated, swirling over the mountains.
Some people headed to shelters in the Artibonite valley although most decided to stay in their homes in the region’s isolated villages.
Civil protection authorities could not estimate the danger posed by flooding in the countryside late Thursday, but government worker Max Obad Desir said several villages were threatened. The Artibonite is particularly prone to flooding because the surrounding mountains have been almost completely deforested by people clearing trees for farming and to make charcoal.—INTERNET

29,000 Somali children under five dead in famine

NAIROBI, 5 Aug—The drought and famine in Somalia have killed more than 29,000 children under the age of 5, according to UN estimates, the first time such a precise death toll has been released related to the Horn of Africa crisis.
The United Nations has said previously that tens of thousands of people have died in the drought, the worst in Somalia in 60 years. The UN says 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished, a statistic that suggests the death toll of small children will rise.
Nancy Lindborg, an official with the US government aid arm, told a congressional committee in Washington on Wednesday that the US estimates that more than 29,000 children under the age of 5 have died in the last 90 days in southern Somalia. That number is based on nutrition and mortality surveys verified by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.
The UN on Wednesday declared three new regions in Somalia famine zones, bringing the total number to five. Out of a population of roughly 7.5 million, the UN says 3.2 million Somalis are in need of immediate lifesaving assistance.

Car bomb kills child, wounds 13 in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug—A car bomb exploded in Iraq’s northern City of Mosul when a police patrol was passing by on Thursday afternoon, killing a child and wounding 13 others including 6 policemen, a local police source told Xinhua.
A booby-trapped car parked on a main road at the neighbourhood of Alqisadeen in Mosul was detonated when a police patrol passed by, killing a child who was walking by, and wounding six policemen and seven civilians, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The blast destroyed the police car and several civilian vehicles. Adjacent buildings also suffered damages to different degrees, the source added.
Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, has been long the stronghold of al-Qaeda and other militant groups. American troops and Iraqi security forces have repeatedly carried out operations against militants there, but the stubborn militants proved to be still lethal by having launched sporadic high-profile attacks in recent years.—Xinhua

Four Iraqis killed in attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug—Four people were shot dead and four others wounded in attacks in eastern and western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said on Thursday. A policeman was killed on Thursday afternoon when gunmen using silenced weapons opened fire on him in al-Rubaie thoroughfare in Baghdad’s eastern district of Zayouna, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.
In western Baghdad, a sticky bomb attached to a car went off in Ameriya District in the afternoon, killing the driver and wounding two passers-by, the source said.
Separately, two gunmen were killed and an Iraqi army officer and a soldier were wounded in a clash erupted late on Wednesday night during a raid on a suspected militant safe house in Baghdad western District of Ghazaliyah, the source added.
Sporadic attacks are still common in Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.—Xinhua
NASA poised to launch spacecraft to Jupiter

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug—NASA is poised to launch on Friday a one billion dollar solar-powered spacecraft called Juno on a five-year journey to Jupiter in search of what makes up the solar system’s biggest planet.

The unmanned satellite observatory is set to propel into space aboard an Atlas 4 rocket, blasting off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida at 11:34 am (1534 GMT). Just under an hour after launch, Juno “will separate from the Centaur upper stage of its Atlas V rocket. At this point, Juno will be five years and 1,740 million miles (2,800 million kilometres) away,” the US space agency said.

Once it arrives in July 2016, the spacecraft will orbit the poles of the gas giant, which has more than twice the mass of all planets in the solar system combined and is believed to be the first planet that took shape around the Sun. The mission aims for 30 orbits over a period of one year.

Juno aims to get closer to Jupiter than any other NASA spacecraft and will be the first to undertake a polar orbit of the planet, said Scott Bolton, Juno principal investigator and scientist at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas.

Hints of water spark fresh hope for life on Mars

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug—The evidence of possible liquid water on Mars, announced 4 Aug, has scientists newly excited about the Red Planet’s potential to host some form of primitive life, scientists say.

The discovery comes from the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), which spotted slopes carved into the Martian surface that appear to most likely have been created by the flow of liquid salt water, NASA announced 4 Aug. The slopes appear to change over the course of different seasons on Mars, suggesting that liquid water, if it exists at all, is only present in the Martian spring.

In recent years, evidence has been mounting that Mars has icecaps of frozen water at its poles, but the new discovery is the strongest hint yet that liquid water may also exist on the Martian surface, scientists said.

Liquid water is the Holy Grail for scientists hunting for life beyond Earth. All life on this planet relies on liquid water, and experts think extraterrestrials likely do, too. And Mars, as the planet next in line after Earth from the sun, is one of the top potential habitats for ET.

The new discovery, however, offers the tantalizing hope that life might exist on Mars’ surface, and thus, signs of its presence, such as the release of biologically produced chemicals, could be visible to us.

Microsoft about to deliver some security love with 13 patches

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug—Microsoft’s newest security offering is almost here, which means we’re that much closer to breathing just a bit easier. Next Tuesday, the company is slated to release a set of 13 patches designed to fix 22 security holes in Windows, Internet Explorer and Office.

It isn’t exactly the biggest round of updates Microsoft has put out this year. Oddly enough, Computerworld says what’s unexpected because the company usually delivers the largest updates on even-numbered months. The numbers support it: in July, updates fixed 22 holes, while in June they fixed 34 and in April 64 problems were addressed.

While you’re welcome to come up with your own conspiracy theories as to why there are more bugs to deal with on certain months, the pattern is mostly due to Microsoft’s bi-monthly update schedule for Internet Explorer. And true to form, the first update (or bulletin, in Microsoft-speak) is a patch for IE labeled “critical,” Microsoft’s highest urgency rating.

The patch applies to every generation of IE, including new-fangled IE9, and is probably the most important update of the bunch because the bugs in IE can provide an open window for back attacks.

Google News now features Editor’s Picks

NEW YORK, 5 Aug—Google is now allowing publishers to choose top stories to highlight within the Google News section. The new Editors’ Picks section started as a Google Labs experiment last year and Google has been actively working with more than 20 major publishers on perfecting the new content feed. Publishers get to decide what stories, videos or audio clips are going to be displayed in the feed and send that information to Google with a special RSS feed. The RSS feed requirements include updating at least every 48 hours with new content, short headlines, author names, a minimum of three articles and a limitation of only news content in the feed. Advertising is not allowed within the Editors’ Picks section.

When a user arrives on the main Google News page, they will see a new widget on the right side of the page. Using two left and right arrows, the user scrolls through different publishers which are recognized by the logo of the publication. It’s likely that users will see publications based on geographical location, but also have the choice to customize the feed based on the preferences in a Google user account profile. Organizations already involved in the programme include the Wall Street Journal, Newsday, The Atlantic, MSNBC, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Politico, Reuters and the Washington Post.
Laughing may be bad for the lungs

COLUMBUS, 5 Aug—Having a sense of humour has health benefits but the actual act of laughing can reduce lung function, at least in the short term, US researchers suggest. The researchers evaluated humor and laughter in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Participants who exhibited a greater sense of humor were more likely than others to report fewer symptoms of depression and anxiety, and better quality of life — and tended to report that they had experienced fewer respiratory illnesses in the month before the study.

However, the study published in the journal Heart & Lung, finds patients who watched a 30-minute comedy video and laughed during the viewing had lower pulmonary function afterward than did patients who watched a home-repair video that did not prompt laughter. “This study shows that humor is really more complex than people make it out to be,” senior author Charles Emery, a professor of psychology at Ohio State University, says in a statement. “Yes, humour definitely has benefits, but the behaviors associated with humour in fact may not be good for all people all the time — which is a useful thing to know.”

US ‘Stroke Belt’ may also be ‘sepsis belt’

BRUNSWICH, 5 Aug—People living in a region of the southeastern United States known as the “Stroke Belt” are known to have significantly higher rates of stroke deaths than the rest of the country. New research reveals these residents are also at greater risk for sepsis, a severe illness in which bacteria overpowers the bloodstream.

“In 2010, we examined death rates from sepsis across the United States,” said Dr Henry Wang, associate professor and vice chair for research in the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) department of emergency medicine. “Laying it out on a map, we saw that the states with the highest sepsis mortality formed a cluster in the Southeast United States, closely mirroring the appearance of the Stroke Belt.” The “Stroke Belt” spans 11 states from Louisiana to Virginia.

A mother holds her baby who is suffering from cholera symptoms inside a local hospital in Santo Domingo on 27 June, 2011.

RBS posts $1.1 billion loss, bruised by Greece, Ireland

LONDON, 5 Aug—Royal Bank of Scotland slid to a pretax loss of 678 million pounds ($1.1 billion) in the second quarter, hit by losses on Greek government bonds and Irish customers still struggling to repay loans. The loss compared with a profit of 1.17 billion pounds a year ago and came as impairments on bad loans rose to almost 2.3 billion pounds from 2 billion in the first quarter of this year but eased from 2.5 billion pounds a year earlier.

RBS wrote off 733 million pounds to cover anticipated losses on its 1.45 billion pound Greek bond portfolio. It also said the impairment charge at its Ulster Bank operations in Ireland, where consumers are grappling with a housing market collapse, was 1.25 billion pounds, just 49 million pounds better than in the first quarter.

Earnings at RBS, 85 percent owned by the government after a bailout during the credit crisis, were also undermined by an 850 million pound provision to cover the costs of compensating customers mis-sold payment protection insurance by banks. Overall that left RBS with an 897 million pound net loss, worse than the 424 million pounds forecast by analysts at WestLB and broadly in line with the 800 million predicted by brokers Keefe, Bruyette & Woods. The result followed a grim set of results from larger rival Lloyds Thursday when it reported a first half pretax loss of 3.25 billion pounds on the back of mis-selling charges and losses in Ireland.—Reuters

CBC to buy stake in Standard’s Argentine unit

BEIJING, 5 Aug—China’s biggest lender is expanding its global reach by purchasing 80 percent of a bank in Argentina. State-owned Industrial & Commercial Bank of China said Friday it will pay $600 million for the stake in South Africa-based Standard Bank Group’s Argentina unit. The deal includes buying out ownership stakes of two families and requires regulatory approval.

China’s state-owned banks, flush with cash from its economic boom, are expanding abroad to serve Chinese customers’ rising global activities and take advantage of growing trade. ICBC bought a 20 percent stake in Standard Bank for $4.75 billion in 2008 and the two institutions have collaborated on a series of ventures, including a $1 billion fund to invest in mineral and other resource projects. Argentina is “one of the key focus markets for the bank’s phased expansion in South America,” ICBC’s board of directors said in a statement. The acquisition will strengthen ICBC’s presence in Latin America and “contribute to the fast-growing bilateral trade relations between China and Argentina,” it said. ICBC said it will buy out ownership stakes of the local Werthein and Sielecki families in the bank. Standard Bank will retain a 20 percent stake. The Chinese lender also will buy stakes in an investment fund and a commercial service Provider linked to the bank. Standard Bank Argentina, established in 1917, has 103 branches in Argentina.—Internet

Sepsis, which is typically triggered by infections such as meningitis or bacterial pneumonia, can lead to shock, organ failure and death. In the United States, sepsis causes about 200,000 deaths and 750,000 hospitalizations every year, similar to the number of deaths from breast cancer and heart disease, the researchers said in a UAB news release.

“We said the plans to conduct more research why living in the southeastern United States is associated with this increased risk for sepsis,” said Wang. “There are a host of possible causes for this geographic cluster,” said Wang. “Possibilities include pre-existing medical conditions, health behaviors, diet, genetics and even the environment and air pollution.”

He said he hopes the new research will lead to new ways to prevent sepsis.
Angola eyes stronger military cooperation with Cuba

HAVANA, 5 Aug—Visiting Angolan Defence Minister Candido Pereira dos Santos Van-Denum said Thursday his country is interested in strengthening military cooperation with Cuba.

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VLADIVOSTOK, 5 Aug—Firefighters in the Russian Far East have extinguished 13 wildfires but are still battling 10 others.

One of the fires is in the Magadan Region, two others are in Yakutia, and seven are in Khabarovsky Krai. Over 350 people and a variety of equipment, including 15 aircraft, are involved in the fire-fighting. Wildfires are common in Russia's forested regions during the dry, hot summer season.

Most of the time, the fires are started by carelessness.

US NOAA forecasts 7-10 Atlantic hurricanes this season

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug—The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted Thursday that 2011 Atlantic hurricane season will produce 14 to 19 named storms, seven to 10 of them becoming hurricanes.

In its updated 2011 Atlantic hurricane season outlook, NOAA’s Climate Prediction Centre raised the number of expected named storms from its preseason outlook issued in May. It said that three to five of the storms could turn into major Category 3 or above hurricanes, with winds of more than 110 miles per hour (177 km per hour).

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Mexico town’s police force quits after attack

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 5 Aug—An entire 20-man police force resigned in a northern Mexican town after a series of attacks that killed the police chief and five officers over the last three months, state officials said Thursday.

The officers’ resignation Thursday left the 13,000 people of Ascension without local police services.

A police statement Thursday says the suspects are connected to a Tuesday attack by gunmen that killed three of the town’s officers, Salas said.

But it wasn’t the first deadly attack on the police department this year.

In mid-May, police chief Manuel Martinez, who had been in office just seven months, was gunned down with two other officers on a nearby highway.

The three had been kidnapped a day before police found their bodies riddled with bullets in the back seat of a sedan.

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Methane gas blast injured 26 in Ukraine

KIEV, 5 Aug—At least 26 miners were injured in a methane gas blast at a coal mine in eastern Ukraine on Thursday, the Emergency Situation Ministry said in a statement.

According to the statement, five miners received burns of moderate severity and 21 others got minor burns.

An explosion went off at the Krasnokutska mine in the Lugansk region at 11:40 am local time (1440 GMT). The case is under investigation.

A handout picture released by the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) shows a UN helicopter in January 2011.

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Private mangrove plantations contributing a great deal to businesses while preventing natural disasters

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Pyindayel forest reserve is located in Amar near Pyapon. Pyindayel River flows the west of Pyindayel forest reserve.

Products of mangrove forest of Pyindayel forest reserve were unsystematically taken out by local people in the past. So, there remained bushes and prawn ponds in the forest.

Thanks to private mangrove plantation founders, the areas of bushes and prawn ponds is covered with dense mangrove forests.

“I am not a native of Pyapon but from Nyankwin Village of Kyunthaya Village-tract Bogale Township. Mangrove forest can be seen at Meinmahla Island in Bogale Township. There is no one to cut off trees,” said U San Tint who established the mangrove forest at Pyindayel forest.

U San Tint establishes 500 acres of mangrove forest at the block 64 of forest reserve.

The forest area has about 100 inches of rainfall on average a year and 90°F. The land is of swamp and wet land with some sandbanks.

The entrepreneurs establish 2150 acres of mangrove forests on block 63, 64 and 65 and 42,000 acres of similar forest on 60, 61 and 62 blocks. They are in a 22-member group of Annawa Kyaw.

Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry adopted disciplines and rights for private mangrove forest founders. The department rented the lands to the founders through 30-year guarantee system. In the prescribed period, the rented area is to be planted with mangrove trees.

The growers are not allowed to construct any building except the hut for those who nurture the plants. They growers may take any assistance from the Forest Department for cultivation, nurturing and protection techniques. The private forest founders are to abide by rules and regulations on forest establishment and nurturing works prescribed by the department.

The forest founders are to levy the tax for forest products of the plantation areas at the department and then they sell the forest products for domestic use in line with the rules and regulations.

Those wishing to export forest products are to abide by the existing procedures and directives of Myanma Timber Enterprise.

U San Tint explained that they cut trees while regrow new plants for prevention of deforestation. In 2011, they will grow more mangrove plantations in the areas of prawn ponds.

In 2009, the group led by U San Tint and Forest Department signed a contract and then they are systematically planting mangrove plants.

According to the great experiences in the tsunami, they know that the village without deforestation cannot suffer bad weather. Meinmahla Island of Bogale Township proved that the prevention of deforestation could encounter natural disasters in the event of cyclonic storm Nargis.

Pyindayel forest reserve is now a symbol for mangrove forest founders not only to conserve environments but also enhance private businesses.
Out and in-patient health care services will be given round the clock. Counselling will be provided at six rooms with out-patient surgeons. X-ray, Ultrasound, modern lab and dental clinic are kept open round the clock. Three surgical specialists will perform surgical treatment at two major theatres and one small theatre. Assistant doctors will participate in the treatments round the clock. If necessary, patients can take consultancy from the specialists. The newly-opened facility is also providing the people with the ambulance round the clock.—MNA

The newly-opened Bawgatheikdi Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw Thabyegon Market.

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World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month commemorative ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is carrying out World Breastfeeding Week activities-2011 nationwide in cooperation with its central, region/state, district and township level associations and branches and health departments starting 1 August. Heartfelt thanks are due to the MMCWA for its tasks for community-based nutrition promotion. Only if the nutritional status of the people develops, will the citizens be fit, healthy and intelligent, and their physical and mental strengths can be applied for the wellbeing of the State. A modern and developed nation can be built only through development of human resources. So, departments and organizations are to work together for the emergence of healthy and strong citizens, urged Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at a commemorative ceremony of World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month held at MMCWA (Central) in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were MMCWA World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month commemorative ceremony held President Daw Nilar Thaw and CEC members, wife of Union Health Minister Dr Mon Mon Aung, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the departments under the Health Ministry, President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Dr Thet Thet Zan and CEC members, Child Survival Specialist of UNICEF Dr Siddharth Nirupam and officials and others.

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9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — The 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting continued for the final day at Amara Hotel here this morning, attended by AFOC chairman and members of ACE, departmental heads, representatives of ASEAN countries and JCOAL. Alternate Chairman of AFOC Director-General of Mines Department U Win Htein presided over the meeting and General Manager of Resource Department of JCOAL Mr Haruo Inoue explained cooperation of JCOAL, AFOC/ACE and future tasks.

Next, the participants discussed formulation and discussion on work plan 2011-2012 for coal cooperation and holding of ASEAN Energy Business Forum 2011 in Brunei and passed the resolution to hold the 10th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting in the Philippines.

Then, those present made reviews on the meeting and the alternate chairman gave a concluding remark to close the meeting.

The final day of 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting in progress at Amara Hotel.

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Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Construction Ministry team routed Livestock and Fisheries Ministry team 6-0 while Transport Ministry beat Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Ministry team 1-0 at second group stage of fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011 here this evening.

Hotels and Tourism Ministry team plays against Forestry Ministry team and Commerce Ministry team meets Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry team tomorrow.

Later, the participants visited Uppatasanti Pagoda, Myanmar Gems Emporium and National Landmark Garden. Myanmar mines entrepreneurs hosted a dinner to the participants at Amara Hotel.

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The English Language Proficiency Course No. 1/2001 of NPE concludes

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win awards second prize winner U Htin Kyaw Aye.

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at the hall of the New Light of Myanmar Daily in Zeyathiri Township this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win.

Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister said that the enterprise placed emphasis on conducting the training courses with the aid of outsider instructors for uplift of English proficiency of staff. He noted practices in English by reading, writing, listening and reading more. The deputy minister awarded first, second and third prizes to staff of NLM.


department regarding the training course, the deputy minister cordially greeted the trainees.

A total of 24 trainees of NPE attended the 10-week course.

Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Khin Zaw presents fishery equipment and loans to a local marine worker.—MNA

Cambodian landmine casualties decline 33% in H1

Phnom Penh, 5 Aug—Cambodia on Thursday reported 112 landmine casualties in the first half of this year, representing a decrease of 33 percent from 167 casualties in the same period last year, according to the report from the Cambodian Mine and Explosive Remnants of War Victim Information System.

From January to June this year, landmines had killed 25 Cambodian people and injured 87 others, said the report, adding that 75 percent of the victims were men, 18 percent were boys, and 7 percent were women and girls.

Since 1979 to June 2011, a total of 63,918 mine/ERW casualties were recorded. Of the casualties, 19,600 were killed and 44,318 injured from mine/ERW accidents.—Xinhua

Union Minister receives Director-General of International Affairs Department of Ministry of Defence of Japan

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Aug—Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min received Director-General Mr Kazuo Sunaga of International Affairs Department of the Ministry of Defence of Japan at the ministry, here, this morning. Likewise, the Union Minister received UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha at the ministry, here, in the afternoon. Also present at the calls was Deputy Minister for Defence Captain Aung Thaw.

Ministry of Defence of Japan

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Aug—Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Khin Zaw on 3 August addressed ceremony to allocate capitals, provide fishery equipment and disburse loans at Kyunsu Township General Administration Department.

Region Finance and Revenue Minister U Myat Ko explained planned measures to realize eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

The chief minister visited Kyunsu Township People’s Hospital, Kyunsu Dam and Kattalu hydropower plant.

On 4 August, the chief minister visited women’s domestic vocational training school and No (1) Basic Education High School in Myeik.—MNA

Capitals and loans allocated in Taninthayi Region
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**Japanese parents live with radiation fear**

Children evacuated from Fukushima Prefecture near the stricken number one Daiichi nuclear power plant are seen here receiving meals for their dinner at a shelter in Tokyo, in April.—INTERNET

**China regulator urges banks to support public housing projects**

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A man watches televisions in a shop in Glasgow, Scotland, on 19 July, showing News Corporation Chief Rupert Murdoch giving evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee on the phone hacking scandal.—INTERNET

**Genes more than lifestyle determine longevity**

**Infant, child mortality high in Pakistan**

Islamabad, 5 Aug—Seventy-eight infants out of 1,000 live births die every year in Pakistan while under-five mortality in the country is 94 deaths per 1,000 live births, a local media quoted a UN official as saying on Friday.

“The situation of children in Pakistan is serious with immunization, nutrition and sanitation issues, in particular, needing urgent attention,” said Dan Rohrmann, UNICEF Country Representative for Pakistan.

Rohrmann made the remark in Islamabad on Thursday while attending a function co-organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Children Fund (UNICEF) to celebrate the World Breastfeeding Week.

“This is illustrated by only one in five children under one year of age being immunized and 31 percent being born with low birth weight. With a national average stunning rate at 37 percent and acute malnutrition at 13 percent,” said Dan Rohrmann, while calling for urgent action to tackle the problem.

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SADC countries register a turnaround in major macroeconomic indicators

Gaborone, 5 Aug—Most countries in Southern Africa are said to have registered a turnaround in the major macroeconomic indicators, notwithstanding some challenges in the area of economic development which had deteriorated following the global economic and financial crisis.

At a media briefing for the coming 31st Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government Thursday, SADC Executive Secretary Tomaz Augusto Solomao said the situation in 2010 indicated an improved overall picture for the region, with economic performance recording an average real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 4.9 percent.

“Average national savings improved from 13 to 15.6 percent while average investments as a percentage of GDP increased from 22 to 24.9 percent,” he said. Moreover, Solomao said that a number of SADC member states recorded improvements in government revenue and hence the region’s average government revenue increased from 29.3 to 30.2 percent of GDP.—Xinhua

Nepal Telecom to introduce new technology based services

Kathmandu, 5 Aug—Nepal Telecom (NT) is preparing to distribute new telephone lines through Optical Network Unit and Multi Service Access Node (MSAN) in the newly expanded residential areas, local media reported on Friday.

“NT has already started to distribute the telephone lines under the Optical Network Unit technology in the pocket areas where 100-500 telephone lines are demanded,” NT spokesperson Surendra Prasad Thike was quoted by The Himalayan Times as saying, adding that Optical Network Unit is a network element that is part of a fibre-in-the-loop system interfacing the customer analogue access cables and the fibre facilities.

NT has started to provide the telephone line through Optical Network Unit, he said, adding the company has installed the technology based on the demand from consumers.

NT will introduce the Multi Service Access Node technology after installation of Next Generation Network, he said.—Xinhua

Environment Canada to cut over 700 jobs

Ottawa, 5 Aug—Environment Canada is among the first government departments to face big job cuts as it struggles to make ends meet.
A total of 776 employees have been notified that they will be affected by the job cuts, though not all of them will ultimately end up leaving the department, Gary Corbett, president of the labour union, the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PI PSP), told the CTV television network in an interview Thursday. The union represents about half of the workers who will lose their jobs.—Xinhua

Japanese children visit the Binglanggu scenic spot in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, on 5 Aug, 2011. A total of 100 Japanese children from the areas damaged by the 11 March earthquake arrived in China on Monday for a week-long vacation in south China’s Hainan Province.—Xinhua

More than half Singaporeans want to change jobs in next five years

SINGAPORE, 5 Aug—More than half Singaporeans expect themselves to switch careers in the next five years, a latest survey has showed.

The Global Workforce Index survey by human resources firm Kelly Services also finds that Some 32 percent of respondents chose the need for higher income as the main reason for changing jobs, local Channel NewsAsia reported on Thursday.

The survey also finds that 25 percent of the respondents would like to change their jobs because their interests are changing, while another 25 percent cited the need for improved work-life balance.

The sectors where employees will face the greatest likelihood of career change are government, engineering and information technology, the survey finds.

About 68 percent of employees polled believe they could resume their career at the same level after taking a break for things such as maternity or paternity leave, illness or an extended holiday.

Baby boomers aged between 48 and 65 are the most confident group, with 70 percent confident in resuming their career following a break, compared with 69 percent for those aged 18 to 29, and 66 percent of those aged 30 to 47, respectively.—Xinhua

Japan’s exports fall 3.4 pct on year in 1st 20 days of July

Tokyo, 5 Aug—The value of Japan’s exports fell 3.4 percent in the first 20 days of July, according to preliminary data released by the Ministry of Finance on Friday.

The ministry’s figures showed the value of exports in the recording period totaled 3,423.2 billion yen (43.31 billion US dollars), down from 3,554.8 billion yen booked in the same period a year earlier, as the nation continues to recover to optimum industrial output levels following the adverse impact of the 11 March quake and tsunami still hampering factory output to a degree, although disruption to key domestic supply chains is improving.—Xinhua

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London, 5 Aug.—A technology to extract fingerprints from a crime scene could show if a criminal suspect has taken drugs or been in contact with explosives. Researchers at Sheffield Hallam University have developed a way to capture fingerprints that can identify substances touched, and secretions from a person’s body. This could provide new information about a suspect’s actions and habits.

Scientists hope the technology will be available to police within three years. A fingerprint contains not only a pattern of ridges, but also material from the skin surface and human gland secretions. Current police methods can only scan the ridge pattern to compare with database records. This has limited value, according to lead author Dr Simona Francesc: “Someone with a clean criminal record won’t be found, and the print can often be distorted.”—INTERNET

Lack of oxygen ‘killed off insects’

London, 5 Aug.—One of the smallest modern-day descendants of the huge creatures, which included dragonflies with wingspans of almost a metre, believe they have solved a question which has puzzled experts for millions of years. Scientists studying the smaller modern-day descendants of the huge creatures, which include dragonflies with wingspans of almost a metre, believe they have solved a question which has puzzled experts for millions of years. Scientists believe that dragonflies with wingspans up to 75cm lived about 300 million years ago.—INTERNET

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Rapper Lil Wayne slapped with $15 million lawsuit

Los Angeles, 5 Aug—Rapper Lil Wayne has been slapped with a $15 million lawsuit by a Georgia company that claims he stole the song “BedRock,” according to a lawsuit filed in New York.

Georgia-based production company Done Deal Enterprises accuses the rapper, whose real name is Dwayne Carter, of copyright infringement for the song that Done Deal claims it created in 2009. The lawsuit, filed in District Court for the Southern District of New York on 29 July, also names Universal Music Group, Cash Money Records and Young Money Entertainment as defendants.

"BedRock" also features singers Drake, Nicki Minaj and Lloyd, and it reached No 2 on Billboard’s charts in 2010.—Reuters

Michelle Williams in “Marilyn” film gets NY debut

Los Angeles, 5 Aug—“My Week with Marilyn,” starring Oscar-nominated actress Michelle Williams as 1950s sex symbol Marilyn Monroe, will see its world premiere at the New York Film Festival in October, organizers said on Thursday. Directed by Simon Curtis, the film is based on a week that writer Colin Clark worked as an assistant with Monroe while she was filming “The Prince and the Showgirl” in the United Kingdom in the early summer of 1956. That film featured Monroe working opposite Sir Laurence Olivier and was shot when Monroe was on a honeymoon with her husband, playwright Arthur Miller. When he left England, Clark was assigned to introduce Monroe to British life. “My Week with Marilyn” is based on a diary Clark kept, excerpts of which were published in two books in 1995 and 2000.—Reuters

Parks workers help deliver baby girl

A pair of parks workers in Wisconsin said they helped deliver a baby when an expectant mother went into labour in a car near a park.

Milwaukee County Parks employee Laura Haugen, 26, and her boss, Nestor Rodriguez, 45, said they were working Tuesday morning at Kosciuszko Park when they saw John Negron pacing outside of his car on the street and calling 911 for help with his pregnant wife Tiffany, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on Wednesday.

Haugen, who worked for seven years as a certified nursing assistant, and Rodriguez offered their help to the couple and the baby, Rosalida Nelida Negron, was born only moments later.

The parks workers said emergency responders soon arrived and took the family to the hospital. Haugen said she checked in with hospital workers and was told the mother and baby girl were doing well. Haugen and Rodriguez said John Negron stopped by again later in the day to thank them for their assistance.

Haugen said the birth was “the most scary and amazing thing I have ever seen.”

Sister stabs brother

North Carolina police said a 21-year-old woman stabbed her 15-year-old brother with a kitchen knife while arguing about changing the channel on the TV.

Ward County sheriff’s deputies and Border Patrol Units said they responded to a report of an assault Monday night at a home near Minot and found Damiah Johnson had stabbed her brother, whose name was not released during an argument about the TV channel, KFYR-TV, Bismarck, NC, reported Thursday.

Investigators said the 15-year-old then attacked his sister with a wooden pole.

Both siblings were treated for their injuries at a hospital, authorities said.

Johnson was booked into the Ward County Jail and her brother was referred to Juvenile Court.

Action director Brett Ratner to produce Oscars

Los Angeles, 5 Aug—Forget song and dance at the Oscars. Get ready for action, adventure and special effects when the world’s top movie honours are given away in Hollywood next February.

Oscar organizers on Thursday picked Brett Ratner, the director of movies such as the “Rush Hour” cop series and comic book flick “X-Men: The Last Stand” to co-produce the upcoming Academy Awards alongside veteran Don Mischer.

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Academy President Tom Sherak said Ratner had a love of film and possessed a knowledge of showbusiness that made him an impressive candidate when Sherak discussed the producing duties with him.

“He’s unbelievably creative and knows how to take risks that are both interesting and inspiring,” Sherak said in a statement.


INTERNET

Rapper Lil Wayne poses on arrival at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California in this 13 Feb, 2011 file photo. Reuters

World’s most appalling faces.

Boats gather around a sculpture of a mermaid in the inner city ‘Alster’ lake in Hamburg on 3 August, 2011. The four-metre-high sculpture made by Oliver Voss will be in place until on 12 August.

Couple offer $500 for return of toy monkey

A New York couple is offering a $500 reward for the return of the stuffed toy monkey they have thought of as a “child” for 10 years.

Jack Zinzi, 58, and Bonni Marcus, 47, said they think Bongo, an 8-inch-tall Beanie Baby, Zinzi bought as a gift for Marcus 10 years ago, fell out of Zinzi’s pocket around 7 pm Sunday while they were on their way to the El Viejo Yayo restaurant in the Park Slope neighbourhood, the New York Post reported Thursday.

“It’s heartbreaking,” Zinzi said.

“We take him everywhere we go, we talk to him. We even love to stand outside, the Eagle-Tribune, An- dover, Mass, reported Thursday.

“When she opened the door, he said he was sorry, put the stuff down and ran away. He knew where she lived from the items he stole from the wallet,” Jones said.

Police in Massachusetts said a man who stole a 61-year-old woman’s wallet and GPS returned the device and money to the woman with a letter of apology.

Plaistow Deputy Police Chief Kathleen Jones said the woman, whose wallet and GPS were taken by a man 18 July while she was shopping at the Plaistow Market Basket, received a knock on her door 26 July and found the man standing outside, the Eagle-Tribune, An- dover, Mass, reported Thursday.

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“We put the broadcast rights for the women’s French league out to tender, and the winning offer came from France Television and Eurosport,” said Le Graet. “I’m happy because for the first time this league is going to be shown on television and is going to be given media coverage.”

The broadcast rights to France’s national women’s team, however, remain the property of Direct 8 channel. — Internet

Klinsmann mixes it up with 1st roster as US coach

CHICAGO, 5 Aug — New coach Jurgen Klinsmann isn’t the only one who could use name tags when the US men play Mexico next week. Klinsmann left no doubt this is a new era Thursday when he announced the roster for his first game as head coach, mixing veteran mainstays such as Landon Donovan, Tim Howard and captain Carlos Bocanegra with up-and-comers Brad Guzan, Edgar Castillo, Michael Orozco Fiscal and Bill Hamid. — Internet

Inter coach coy on Sneijder

MILAN, 5 Aug — Inter Milan coach Gian Piero Gasperini on Thursday batted away persistent questions about his Dutch midfielder star Wesley Sneijder, who is wanted by Manchester United.

The Italian giants play their great rivals AC Milan in the Italian Super Cup Saturday in Beijing, but speculation about Sneijder is set to overshadow the action on the field.

“Whether Sneijder will play or not play is a question I cannot answer right now. He’s played many positions in the past and I’m sure he can find a position on my team,” Gasperini said, smiling. — Internet

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“We put the broadcast rights for the women’s French league out to tender, and the winning offer came from France Television and Eurosport,” said Le Graet. “I’m happy because for the first time this league is going to be shown on television and is going to be given media coverage.”

The broadcast rights to France’s national women’s team, however, remain the property of Direct 8 channel. — Internet

Klinsmann mixes it up with 1st roster as US coach

CHICAGO, 5 Aug — New coach Jurgen Klinsmann isn’t the only one who could use name tags when the US men play Mexico next week. Klinsmann left no doubt this is a new era Thursday when he announced the roster for his first game as head coach, mixing veteran mainstays such as Landon Donovan, Tim Howard and captain Carlos Bocanegra with up-and-comers Brad Guzan, Edgar Castillo, Michael Orozco Fiscal and Bill Hamid. — Internet

Inter coach coy on Sneijder

MILAN, 5 Aug — Inter Milan coach Gian Piero Gasperini on Thursday batted away persistent questions about his Dutch midfielder star Wesley Sneijder, who is wanted by Manchester United.

The Italian giants play their great rivals AC Milan in the Italian Super Cup Saturday in Beijing, but speculation about Sneijder is set to overshadow the action on the field.

“Whether Sneijder will play or not play is a question I cannot answer right now. He’s played many positions in the past and I’m sure he can find a position on my team,” Gasperini said, smiling. — Internet

Brazil, Argentina advance at Under-20 World Cup

BARRANQUILLA, 5 Aug — Argentina and Brazil won easily to reach the second round of the Under-20 World Cup, while England is likely to advance despite drawing all three matches 0-0. Brazil routed Panama 4-0 and Argentina beat North Korea 3-0, winning their groups and securing a berth in the knockout phase.

Mexico tied England and also advanced, while Egypt progressed by beating Austria 4-0. Panama, North Korea, and Austria were eliminated. — Internet

Nuno Gomes returns to Portugal football squad

LISBON, 5 Aug — Veteran former Benfica striker Nuno Gomes, now of Braga, has been called up by Portugal for the first time in almost two years ahead of the friendly against Luxembourg in Faro on 10 August.

Coach Paulo Bento has named a 21-man squad for the match. Goalkeepers: Eduardo (Benfica), Quim (Braga), Rui Patricio (Sporting Lisbon)

Defenders: Bruno

Midfielders: Andre Castro (FC Porto), Andre Santos (Sporting Lisbon), Joao Moutinho (Real Madrid/ESP), Silvio (Athletico Madrid/ESP)

Woods off to strong start at Bridgestone with 68

AKRON, 5 Aug — Tiger Woods appeared to face a big test Thursday in his return to golf.

It was a 3-wood around the trees on the 658-yard 16th hole at Firestone that required him to go at it hard, cut short his back swing to produce the sharp fade, then let the momentum of his motion carry his body forward with an awkward step. Only it didn’t feel like that big of a deal to Woods.

“I was just trying to hit a cut,” he said. “I didn’t feel any problem with that.” — Internet

Tiger Woods hits from the rough to the ninth green during first round play in the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. — Internet
**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Braylon Edwards runs a drill during NFL football training camp # Aug, 2011, in Santa Clara, Calif.**

**Myanmar**

**Saturday, 6 August View on today**

**7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayawad
2. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 (Live) (France Vs Mali)

**11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
2. Musical Programme
3. Game for Children
4. Round Up of the Week’s TV Local News
5. Van Can Cook
6. TV Drama Series
7. Songs Of National Races Documentary
8. International Science News
9. Teleplay (Health)
10. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
11. Teleplay
12. International News
13. Weather Report
15. Teleplay (Health)

**1:30 pm**
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. Cartoon series
12. Story honouring Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition “Ah Lin Kar Pankalay Lan Say Chin”
13. Gitadagale

**4:00 pm**
7. News
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**6:30 pm**
6. Yindagomae
7. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
9. News
10. International News
11. Weather Report
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**6:45 pm**
5: Ahlashamae
6: Hlagabawai

**Bereaved Family**

**Weather forecast for 6th August, 2011**

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful
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People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
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- 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

Township revenue officials conclude on-job training course

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — An on-job training course No. 40 for heads of township Internal Revenue Departments under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded here today.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun delivered an address at the ceremony to conclude the course held at the Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here.

In his remarks, Union Minister U Hla Tun called on the trainees and employees of the ministry for making efforts for achieving the aims and targets of the ministry.

The Union Minister urged the trainees to carry out the tasks of the department correctly as they have already learned the rules and regulations on finance, revenue and account.

He also stressed the need for collecting revenues exceeding the target and urged the trainees to carry out the tasks in accordance with the law, principles, instructions and rules and regulations of the ministry.

The Union Minister awarded the outstanding trainees and presented the completion certificates to the trainees through Assistant Director of the Internal Revenue Department U Paing Soe.

A total of 45 heads of township revenue department participated in the five-week course. During the training course, they learned subjects on management and administration, law, rules and regulations for finance and revenue, orders and instructions.

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwyn River in Hpa-an (905) cm has exceeded by (155) cm (about 5.1 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

The water level of Thanlwin River in Hpa-an (925) cm observed at (6.30) hr MST today, is the second highest of 46 years (1966-2011) record. The highest water level of Thanlwin River in Hpa-an is 936 cm observed on (18-8-2002).

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1124) cm has exceeded by (54) cm (about 1.8 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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