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Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing supervises regional development of Mongyai, Kyaukme

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence views production of edible oil with the use of paddy husk fired generator. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, met servicemen and family members at the hall of Mongyai Station on 12 August morning.

They presented sports gear and stationery to them.

At Paw Khant Oil Mill on Pyidaungsu Road in the township, they viewed production of edible oil with the use of paddy husk fired generator. The oil mill can crush 900 baskets of groundnut and 340 viss of groundnut oil per day.

At Mongyai Basic Education High School, they met departmental officials, social organization members and town elders.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing said that there are a lot of cultivable lands in the state. He stressed the need to extend agriculture and livestock breeding tasks for economic development of local national people.

He said that emphasis is to be placed on cultivation of tea and rubber on a commercial scale. Departmental personnel are to join hands with the local people in undertaking rural development tasks, he added. He pointed out that efforts are to be made for extension of acreage of edible oil crops in Shan State (North) to become oil bowl of the State.

He presented stationery, medicines and sports equipment for the township through officials.

At Hoya Village, they viewed thriving groundnut plantations.

In Kyaukme, they looked into sanitation and beautifying tasks of the township and development work.

At the hall of Kyaukme Station, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members and presented sports gear and stationery to the families.

At Kyaukme District Gymnasium, they met athletes of sports teams of the district and gave words of encouragement. Later, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented sports equipment to the sports teams through Chairman of the District PDC U Kyaw Than.

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Four economic objectives
* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments 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
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Weather Forecast for 15-8-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area
Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area
One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area
Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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Strive for more development of national races in border regions

The government has been striving for the progress of national races by undertaking border and rural area development projects. In the past the border regions lagged behind others in development as they had been ignored by the imperialists due to their geographical barriers while Myanmar was under colonial rule.

With peace and stability prevailing in those border regions in the time of the Tatmadaw government, national race development projects have been implemented since 1989, and the national people have enjoyed fruits of political, economic and social improvements.

Now is the time when these development projects have reached the second year of the fourth five-year plan. The government has spent over 231,113 million kyats on the progress of border areas since 1989.

Nowadays, the State is nurturing the youth to become intellectuals and intelligence who are familiar with modern science and technology. In doing so, measures are also being taken for the young national races from the border regions by opening training schools for the development of nationalities youth.

All in all, the State has seen peace and stability in the whole Union including the border areas with sound economic and social foundations. All the national people, therefore, are urged to strive to achieve more development the length and breadth of the nation.
Russians begin pulling back from flashpoint Georgian city

South Ossetian militiamen walk through a Georgian village outside Tskhinvali. Russian forces started withdrawing Thursday from the flashpoint Georgian city of Gori, officials said, adding a new twist to the campaign for a permanent peace between the neighbours.—INTERNET

Tbilisi (Georgia), 14 Aug—Russian forces started withdrawing Thursday from the flashpoint Georgian city of Gori, officials said, adding a new twist to the campaign for a permanent peace between the neighbours. The pullout came as the United States through its full support behind the Georgian government saying that US military aircraft would take humanitarian aid and that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would visit Tbilisi this week.

“The Russians have started to withdraw, the Georgian police and special forces are taking control,” Georgian Interior Ministry Spokesman Shota Uchashvili told AFP. A senior Russian military official said the handover would take two days. The Russian and Georgian leaders agreed a ceasefire late Tuesday under which there was to be a withdrawal of their forces to positions before Georgia launched its offensive on the breakaway province of South Ossetia a week ago. —INTERNET

Gunman shoots to death Arkansas Dem’s party chairman

BEIJING, 14 Aug—A man who claimed he wanted to be a campaign volunteer, instead pulled out a handgun on Wednesday and shot to death the Arkansas state Democratic party chairman, according to police officials in Little Rock. Chairman Bill Gwatney, 48, died four hours after the shooting. The former state senator had been planning to travel to the Democratic National Convention later this month as a superdelegate. Officials said they don’t know the motive of the suspect, who led police on an about 48-km (30-mile) chase before dying in a shootout. They described the man as a 50-year-old, but did not release a name. Moments after the shooting he pointed a handgun at the building manager at the nearby Arkansas Baptist headquarters, police said. He told the manager “I lost my job,” said Dan Jordan, a Baptist convention official.—INTERNET

Nine killed in suicide attack in E Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Aug—Nine people including two police officials were killed when 35 others injured in a suicide attack in east Pakistan, local newspaper The Nation reported Thursday. A suicide bomber blew himself up at Moon Market in front of Iqbal Town police station in Lahore, capital city of Punjab province late Wednesday night, said the report. The bomber came on foot and targeted the policemen deployed at the Moon Market, one of the busiest markets in the city. Police said as many as 20 policewomen were deployed at the Moon Market for security purpose on the eve of Independence Day.

A high alert has been declared in Lahore and more police contingent was called to maintain law and order.—INTERNET

BMW recalling 200,000 vehicles

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—BMW AG is recalling 200,000 vehicles over concerns that the front passenger air bag may not deploy in a crash. The German automaker says the recall involves the 2006 3 Series, the 2004-2006 X3 compact sport utility vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States said in a posting on its website Wednesday that small cracks could develop in a seat detection mat and lead to the front passenger air bags to be deactivated. It would also turn on the passenger air bag “on-off” light. NHTSA (NITSA) says the head protection system would not be affected. The company said last month there had been no injuries or accidents tied to the problem.—INTERNET

Bomb found at bus station in southern Philippines

MANILA, 14 Aug—Authorities defused a bomb planted in a bus station in the southern Philippines on Thursday, just days after the end of brutal clashes between Muslim rebels and government forces in the area. The military said the bomb was found before dawn in abandoned baggage at a bus station in the town of Kidapawan in Mindanao island. It was made of TNT, a mortar shell and a blasting cap, and was surrounded by nails.

No one has claimed responsibility for the bomb, which was found a few days after hundreds of Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels began to retreat from areas near Kidapawan following a major military offensive against them. Muslim criminal gangs have bombed buses and bus terminals in the southern Philippines in the past to extort money from bus companies. —INTERNET

Bombs hit northern Iraq, forces expect more

BAGHDAD, 14 Aug—Bombs in four parts of northern Iraq killed at least six people on Wednesday, and Iraqi forces said they expected more attacks as they pursue Sunni Arab militants in the volatile north. With violence falling in other parts of Iraq, the ethnically and religiously mixed provinces north of the capital Baghdad remain the most volatile parts of the country. Al Qaeda Sunni Arab militants driven out of other areas have sought refuge in the fertile river valleys of the north. Tension between Arabs and Kurds has also simmered in cities and villages along the frontier with the Kurdish autonomous region.

In a sign of the ethnic tension, the central government said it had asked ethnic Kurdish forces to withdraw from an area outside their autonomous region. The Kurds said they had not agreed to pull back their troops to Kurdistan. The US military said a suicide car bomber struck an Iraqi army patrol in the northern city of Mosul, killing an Iraqi soldier, two civilians and wounding 15 people.—INTERNET

Tribal clash claims 26 more lives in Pakistan’s tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 14 Aug—At least 26 people were killed and 35 others wounded as sectarian clashes continued for the seventh day in Pakistan’s tribal region on Wednesday. Death toll in clashes in northwestern Kurrum tribal agency has risen to more than 100, News Network International (NNI) news agency reported. Reports said both tribes used automated weapons, artillery, mortar missiles and rockets against each other in the week-long fighting.

Kurrum tribal agency had suffered sectarian violence for the past two years.—INTERNET

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PAKISTANI SECURITY PERSONNEL GATHER AT THE SITE OF A SUICIDE ATTACK IN LAHORE, ON 13 AUG, 2008. XINHUA

File photo shows a colourfully decorated Filipino jeepney. Authorities have defused a bomb planted in a bus station in the southern Philippines, just days after the end of brutal clashes between Muslim rebels and government forces in the area. INTERNET

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Internet scams growing rapidly in US

Los Angeles, 14 Aug—US state and federal officials are scrambling to deal with a rising tide of spam, according to data published on Wednesday.

In 2007, the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported 221,226 Internet-related fraud complaints in the United States, or 16,000 more than in 2006.

Even so, the numbers probably underestimate the total number of complaints, and in many cases consumers are not aware when they have been victimized, said authors of the report published by the San Jose Mercury News on Wednesday. California collected 8,622 individual complaints of Internet-related fraud - almost twice as many as New York, the second-ranking state, the report said. Most complaints (5,629) focused on possible identity theft, service disputes, spam, spyware and "phishing," or e-mail scams that trick recipients into revealing personal information, said the report. —Internet

China industrial output growth eases to 14.7 pct

Beijing, 14 Aug—Growth in China’s industrial output eased to 14.7 percent in July from a year earlier, taking a hit from weakening exports, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Thursday. The figure marked a slowdown from 16.0 percent growth in June and 18.0 percent in July of last year, according to previously published data.

“The deceleration in export growth was the main reason for the slowdown in industrial output,” the bureau said.

It said export growth in July was 26.9 percent, compared with a more robust 42.4 percent in July of last year.

A reduction in external demand brought about by the slowdown in the global economy and the strengthening of the Chinese currency were among key factors in causing export growth to weaken, it said. —Internet

Australia’s central bank signals interest rate cut

Sydney, 14 Aug—Australia’s central bank indicated Thursday that it would soon cut interest rates for the first time in more than six years amid signs of an economic slowdown.

A series of interest rate hikes had cooled demand and households had cut back on spending, Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) deputy governor Ric Battellino told a parliamentary committee.

“That’s why we now find we are in a position to cut interest rates,” he said, underlining the bank’s recent shift way from a bias for tighter credit conditions. A rate cut would be the first since December 2001 and follow 12 hikes, which took the base rate to a 12-year high of 7.25 percent as the central bank fought inflation. —Internet

India’s economy expected to grow 7.7 pct this year

New Delhi, 14 Aug—India’s economic growth is likely to slow to 7.7 percent for the fiscal year that started April 1, due to the drag of higher food and oil prices and tightening in credit and equity markets after the US subprime crisis, a government report said Wednesday.

Growth in agriculture is likely to be at 2 percent, sharply lower than 4.5 percent growth in the last fiscal year, the report from the Economic Advisory Council to India’s prime minister said.

Growth in industry and services will also slow to 7.5 percent and 9.6 percent, respectively, compared with 8.5 percent and 10.8 percent a piece in the last year, it said. —Internet

Retail sales dip in July, import prices up

Washington, 14 Aug—US retail sales edged down 0.1 percent in July on a big drop at auto dealers, the government said on Wednesday in a report suggesting consumers were straining to keep spending up amid rising prices.

Analysts said the fall in retail sales, the first in five months, showed the buying punch from government stimulus checks was fading and raising chances that consumer spending will fall in the second half, further slowing a sluggish economy.

“The consumer is still under enormous pressure as employment is declining, real wages are down, housing and stock market wealth are down and credit conditions continue to tighten,” said economist Nigel Gault of Global Insight in Lexington, Massachusetts. —Internet

File photo shows workers at a textile factory in the eastern Chinese city of Nanjing. Growth in China’s industrial output has eased to 14.7 percent, taking a hit from weakening exports. —Internet

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Bigger, tougher fires bring Calif to the brink

Sacramento (Calif), 14 Aug — Faced with hundreds of big, hard-to-control blazes, California is struggling with what could be its most expensive firefighting season ever, burning through $285 million in the last six weeks alone and up to $13 million a day.

With the worst of the fire season still ahead, lawmakers are scrambling to find a way to pay for it all and are considering slapping homeowners with a disaster surcharge that asks those in fire-prone areas to pay the most.

On Wednesday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked President Bush to amend a June disaster declaration and declare the state a disaster area, in part because of fire-fighting costs. Since mid-May, 2,096 wildfires have burned more than 1.3 million acres and destroyed 306 homes, Schwarzenegger said.

“The response to these fires has severely taxed California’s resources,” Schwarzenegger wrote.

The crisis comes as California deals with a $15.2 billion budget deficit, and Schwarzenegger cited firefighting costs as a major factor when he ordered wages deferred for state workers and laid off others recently to cut costs. —Internet

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Firemen walk in front of Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif, early on 13 Aug, 2008 after firefighters battled a three-alarm fire that started late on 12 Aug, 2008. —Internet

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Two trapped miners rescued 50 hours after mine cave-in in E China

LUJIANG (Anhui), 14 Aug — Two miners who had been trapped underground following an iron ore mine cave-in in east China’s Anhui province on Monday were rescued on Wednesday night. The two miners had been trapped for over 50 hours in the collapsed mine, when they were carried out by rescuers from a working area 80 meters underground at about 10:00 pm Wednesday.

“Both of them were clear-headed and not seriously injured,” said a doctor with the rescue staff. — Internet

Cheap bus, subway fares “to remain”

BEIJING, 14 Aug — The people of Beijing can look forward to low fares on buses and the subway long after the Olympics has finished, a senior city official said yesterday.

“The current low ticket prices are not just for the duration of the Games ... they will remain in place for a considerable time afterward,” Zhou Zhengyu, deputy director of the Beijing municipal committee of communications, told a press conference.

Keeping prices down is a good way to encourage people to use public transport and will help reduce the numbers of cars on the roads, which in turn will cut emissions, he said.

At the beginning of last year, transport authorities in Beijing cut the standard price of a bus ticket by 60 percent for regular passengers and by 80 percent for students. — Internet

APEC officials discuss migration control

LIMA, 14 Aug — High-ranking Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) officials discussed strategies to apply new technologies to migration control systems at their meeting here Wednesday.

On the second day of their meeting, which runs until 23 Aug in the Peruvian capital Lima, delegates from the 21 member economies reported the technical advances made in border security control in their countries or regions.

Peruvian General Director of Migration and Naturalization Juan Alvarez said the discussions seek to reinforce security controls and guarantee the validity of visitors’ identification documents.

Alvarez said Peru has been working on the implementation of biometric technology in migration control systems, which will guarantee the authenticity of personal identification documents and speed up visitor control.

Equipment with biometric technology capable of reading passports with microchips will be used at the Lima-Callao International Airport during the APEC summit in November. — Internet

US cop suspended for demanding free coffee

A US cop had to give up her badge for demanding free coffee and pastries from six different Starbucks in Chicago.

Officer Barbara Nevers, a 14-year veteran, was suspended from duty for 15 months and has also been ordered to undergo counseling.

The Police Board ruled in May that 55-year-old Nevers intimidated Starbucks employees by screaming at them and flashing her badge, handcuffs or gun when they wanted her to pay. The board released its findings on Thursday.

Nevers’ attorney said her client never used her job to demand coffee. She said some coffeehouses gave it to her for free because she was an officer.

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Work together to keep schoolchildren healthy and fit

Dr Aung Tun (Project Manager-School Health)

School health activities are of paramount importance for the health of schoolchildren that constitute an important force of the nation.

World Health Organization said that investment in school health activities yielded much benefit with low costs for health and fitness of the people. Since 1995, the WHO has launched Global School Health Initiative, calling on all member countries to pursue the common goal to improve the school health around the world.

National discipline and health originates at schools. With the aim of improving the health of schoolchildren, the programme “School Health Activities”, part of the national health plan and community health care plan, is being implemented by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, school health committees, and congenial organizations.

The two ministries designated the month of August for the School Health Activities Week. The School Health Activities Week for this year is from 11 to 15 August.

The purposes of school health activities are: (a) to improve the health and fitness of the schoolchildren, (b) to help schoolchildren understand and practise school health education and behaviours and enjoy healthy living lifestyle, (c) to address health problems of schoolchildren in the early stages, (d) to create healthy and pleasant schools and environments, (e) to nurture schoolchildren into an all-round younger generation, (f) to improve the health standard of schoolchildren and their family members, wards, townships and entire people through effective school health activities.

Under the plan to establish schools with high health standard, previous methods of school health activities are upgraded and school health activities course for principals is conducted in every township.

Functions being carried out by health staff of township school health departments or township Health Departments in schools region-wise include (1) giving school health talks, (2) sanitation tasks, (3) disease control measures, (4) improving schoolchildren’s nutrition and ensuring hygienic foods, (5) school health care, (6) spreading of healthy living lifestyle from schools to the public, (7) consolidation and social welfare tasks, (8) training courses and research, and (9) school sport.

The plan to establish schools with high health standard covers establishment of tobacco free schools, aedes free schools, rubbish free schools, and model schools.

Under the programme of the World Health Organization, a school health delegation from Maldives observed measures for implementation of the plan to establish schools with high health standard in Myanmar in August 2006.

In order to achieve the goal, measures are being taken in collaboration with the Education Planning and Training Department, the Development Affairs Department, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association, parent-teacher associations, school boards of trustees, World Vision, WFP, AMI, WHO and UNICEF.

Now, the plan for keeping schools free from aedes is in progress for protecting schoolchildren from dengue hemorrhage fever. DHF cases are common in all the states and divisions exclusive of Chin State. So, teachers and students have to participate all-year round in preventive measures against aedes.

During the school health activities week, state/division and township Health Departments under the Ministry of Health and school health committees are carrying out five school health tasks namely (a) cleanliness of school and environments, (b) medical check-up and treatment, (c) disease control measures, (d) health education talks, and (e) improvement of schoolchildren’s nutrition.

With the contribution of the Nutrition Department and UNICEF, about five million primary schoolchildren are being given medicines against worms for the first time in the townships in states and divisions from July 2008 to the school health activities week. The plan will go for two more years.

Since last year’s school health activities week, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education have launched the Global School-based student health survey with the assistance of the WHO. The survey will be conducted over 2806 students aged between 13 and 15 (seventh to tenth standards) in 50 selected schools in states and divisions in relation to personal hygiene, consumption of nutritious food, physical exercise, use of alcohol and tobacco-based products, mental health conditions and disease preventive measures. The survey has proved successful.

Related ministries, departments, social organizations and the people are urged to work together as a national duty for sustainable achievement of school health activities.

Translation: MS
Minister meets hoteliers and tourism entrepreneurs

YANGON, 14 Aug — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing met members of Myanmar Hoteliers’ Association, Myanmar Travel Association and Myanmar Market Promotion Committee and private hoteliers and travel agencies at Karaweik Palace on 12 August. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said hotel and tourism services will improve if related associations and agencies actively cooperate with the ministry. It is also necessary to seek means and ways to improve the tourism industry learning lessons from the past. Then the minister invited suggestions and advice from those present.

Later, Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung reported on the situations of domestic and international tourism. The minister gave a concluding remark. — MNA

Construction of Thakayta-Thanlyin power grid, Kamanat-Thanlyin power grid supervised

YANGON, 14 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 10 August inspected progress of building the pylons of Thakayta-Thanlyin (230 KV) power grid.

Deputy Superintendent Engineer U Tin Lwin of Bridge Construction Project Special Group-1 of Public Works reported on progress of task and use of manpower and heavy machinery for timely completion of the task. Project Director U Thein Hlaing of Power Supply Project (South) of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise also reported on construction of 36 pylons along 7.34 miles long Thakayta-Thanlyin 230 KV twin bundle double circuit transmission line.

The minister inspected the work site and gave instructions on worksite safety and construction tasks meeting set standards. They also viewed construction of No. 249 pylon of Kamanat (Bago) - Phayagon (Thanlyin) power grid near Sipinkwin village in Thongwa Township.

After inspecting construction of Phayagon (Thanlyin) power station and linkage of power lines, the minister heard reports on progress of work. Arrival of equipment for power station, construction of pylons by private companies. Officials also pre-sented a report on emphasis being made for timely completion of power grid construction and use of manpower and heavy machinery.

After attending to the needs, the minister visited the worksite. — MNA

UMFCCI President meets Thai delegation

YANGON, 14 Aug — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint together with Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Thaung Tin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC members and executives met with Mr Sanchai Inwang, Deputy Director-General of Community Development Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs of Thailand, who led a 68 member delegation, on 7 August.

After a speech of the UMFCCI President, Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint-Secretary-1, explained cooperation in the sectors of trade and investment between the two nations, and Chairman of Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs’ Association U Maung Maung Swe, matters on tourism. Then, they answered the queries raised by the Thai delegation members. — MNA

MWAF donates sewing machines to seven storm-hit townships in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — A ceremony to donate 35 sewing machines, used to work in increasing income, by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation to seven storm-hit townships in Ayeyawady division was held at Shweeya Aung hall in Kyaklat Township, Pyapon district on 10 August. It was attended by Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Ye Ye Aung and members.

Chairperson of Pyapon District WAO and members, Chairperson of seven storm-hit Township WAOs and members, discussed social and health matters with members of WAO and fulfilled the needs. — MNA

Deputy Health Minister inspects Public Health Laboratory (Yangon)

YANGON, 14 Aug — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe inspected laboratories at National Flu Department of Public Health Laboratory (Yangon) yesterday.

During the visit of the department, he inspected the bacteria unit, parasitic unit, toxicological unit, bio-chemical laboratory, plasma unit, immunity unit and microorganism unit and fulfilled the requirements.

He also met with post-graduate trainees at Public Health Laboratory and discussed matters on public health. — MNA
Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects ...

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye planted a mangosteen sapling in the farm and viewed thriving mangosteen plantation, grape plantation and durian saplings.

On arrival at Paung Township Hospital, he presented cash assistance to the patients. He inspected the out-patient department, the medical store and the operation theatre.

At the hall of Paung Township Peace and Development Council, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and town elders.

In his speech, Maj-Gen Tha Aye invited officials and town elders to subscribe the reports on requirements of the region in all sectors. Thanks to concerted efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, progress can be witnessed in various sectors, he said. In conclusion, he urged those present to strive for development of the region with momentum.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party proceeded to the construction site of Yinnyein Station Hospital in Yinnyein Village of Paung Township, and inspected progress of the hospital. Yinnyein Station Hospital is a RCC one-storey building measuring 10 feet high, 127 feet long and 100 feet wide. It is located on three-acre plot. Construction of the building has completed by 20 per cent.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye attended the fertilizer broadcasting ceremony at monsoon paddy plantation in Kyakkaik Village of Thaton Township. Thaton Township Manager of MAS U Toe Hlaing reported on matters related to 200-acre monsoon plantation for 2008-09.

In his instructions, Maj-Gen Tha Aye said that as Myanmar is an agro-based nation, the agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in economic development of the State. Most of rural people are engaged in agriculture task, and he stressed the need to ensure local food sufficiency by boosting production of paddy.

Next, he viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation with the use of fertilizers. At Kyakhto Station hall, Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence met servicemen and family members of regiments and units. Afterwards, he paid homage to Kyakhto-pawlaw Hmeshinadaw Pagoda in Gangaw Ward in Kyakhto and made cash donations there.

Tatmadaw Judo/Gymnastics Competitions held

YANGON, 14 Aug—The opening ceremony of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Judo/Gymnastics Competitions 2008 was held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, here, on 12 August.

On behalf of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief, Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an address and opened the competitions.

After the opening ceremony, selected Judo athletes and new generation gymnastic athletes demonstrated their skills. A total of 26 teams are taking part in the competitions to be held up to 18 August.

Energy Minister attends work coordination meeting for reconstruction of Kungyangon Township

YANGON, 14 Aug—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended work coordination meeting for rehabilitation of Kungyangon Township, held at central control camp of Kungyangon Township here on 10 August.

The officials reported on reconstruction of hospitals, schools, rural health care centres, houses, Myoma market and religious buildings and work to be carried out. After hearing the reports, the minister left the necessary instructions and laid down the work to be done.

The minister inspected sites for construction of houses, donated by director U Kyaw Khan of Myanmar Ahla Co. and repairing of religious buildings damaged by the storm.

Forestry Minister meets Australian Ambassador

NAIPATTAW, 14 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Australian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Ms Michelle Su Wen Chan. It was also attended by Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Tun.
Transplanting competition held in Sittway

**Yangon, 14 Aug** — Sittway Station, Rakhine State conducted a transplanting competition in Sittway on 9 August.

Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, departmental officials and local farmers attended the opening of the competition.

Six teams from Sittway Station, one team representing Sittway Township USDA and one team representing Sittway Station, one team opened the competition. Townships participated in the competition.

The commander and the minister watched the transplanting competition and inspected paddy strains, transplanting methods for making fertilizer, tilling machines and harvesting machines displayed at the booth.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented awards to winning teams.

After the competition, the commander and the minister went to the office of Rakhine State USDA and met with USDA members of township USDA's in Sittway and Maungdaw districts.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and USDA CEC Member Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect No-1 Phaungdawgyi Jetty. — TRANSPORT

**Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese delegation, Lao Minister**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug** — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Director Mr Wang Zhiqiang and party of Shandong Shantui Construction Machinery Import and Export Co Ltd, the People’s Republic of China at his office, here, at 10 am on 11 August.

They discussed matters on the projects of the Ministry of Industry-2 and the Chinese company. Likewise, the minister received Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr Nam Viyaketh of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at his office on 11 August afternoon.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials. — MNA

**MWAF organizes educative talks**

**Yangon, 14 Aug** — The Administration Department, the Information Department and the Social and Cultural Working Group of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation jointly held the educative talks at No. 8 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Zawana Ward of Thingangyun Township this morning.

Secretariat Member of the federation Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin gave talks on sanitation and prevention against DHF and Leader of the Cultural Working Group Dr Daw Khin Then on the culture and patriotic spirit to the students.

Also present at the talks were Secretariat members, regional organizers, members of the school board of trustees and teachers.

Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Htan Nwe and party cordially met with students.

Head of Department Dr Daw Khin Htan Nwe handed over 50 dozens of exercise books donated by the Information Department and five garbage bins and 150 bags for garbage collection to Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Shwe.

Leader of the Education Working Group Daw Khin Htar May presented various kinds of books donated by Social and Cultural Working Group to the headmistress.

Eye specialist Dr Daw Nilar Thet and pediatrician Dr Daw Khin Mar Aye provided free treatment to the students. Likewise, workers of YCDC carried out sanitation and fumigated the environs of the school.

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**Flood News**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug** — According to the 11.30 hr MST observation issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today, the water level of Bago River at Bago is 925 cm and it has exceeded by 15 cm (about 0.5 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 910 cm during the next 2 days.

According to the 11.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is 705 cm and it has exceeded by 3 cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 700 cm during the next 2 days. — MNA

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Hiking and mountaineering uplift the spiritual and physical fitness. Regarding the recent journey to Kelatha and Weponla mountain ranges, an interview was conducted with Chairman U Myo Thant of Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association.

In the interview, U Myo Thant said, “The journey was aimed at enabling new members of the hiking and mountaineering team to participate in the team work, sharpen diligence, perseverance, courage and tenacity, nurture obedience and enhance the esprit de corps, uplift national health and fitness by hiking and mountaineering and possess the courage to overcome difficulties in life.”

Members of the hiking and mountaineering team led by U Myo Thant scaled Mount Weponla and Mount Kelatha between Yekkanthema and Winka villages in Bilin Township of Mon State from 17 to 20 July this year.

He recounted his experiences to the news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily. He said, “Our team comprised 42 men and 25 women, totalling 67. They were students from Yangon University, Yangon East University, Yangon Cooperative Degree College, Maubin University, Yangon University of Computer Studies, Yangon University of Foreign Languages, Mandalay Yadanabon University and Mandalay University of Distance Education. To enable the team members to gain practice of endurance, arrangements were made to go on the journey because the area was accessible and it would save money. In addition, the mountains in the area have appropriate heights for the beginner mountaineers.”

The Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Team left Yangon by train at 7 am on 17 July and arrived at Mayangon Station beyond Kyaikto of Mon State. In the afternoon, they proceeded to Weponla Hill from Mayangon Station on foot. Although Weponla Hill is about 1,000 feet high, the team members passed through ridges and hillocks along the route. At 5 pm on 17 July, they arrived on the hill and stationed there at night.

On 18 July morning, the team members donated Waso robes to members of the Sangha at Tawya monasteries passing through ridges and spines of the hill. Along the ridges of the route, they assisted each other and cemented friendly relations among them.

In the afternoon on the same day, they climbed up Myatheindan Hill, west of Weponla Hill. A plaque of stone inscriptions in Mon language of King Kyansittha was there on Myatheindan Hill. It was learnt that the original stone plaque had been kept at Myanmar Affairs Studies Department of the Library of Yangon University.

On 19 July, they went down Weponla Hill and passed through Winka Village to scale about 2,000 feet high Kelapha Hill. After that, members of the team continued climbing Kelatha Hill. It was learnt that Kelatha Hill is over 2,000 feet high and the team members climbed up the hill without tiredness. After taking a break on Kelatha Hill, they went up Myathabeik Hill in the afternoon. It was a mountain of about 1,500 feet high. On the hill, they took a break and then went back to Weponla Hill where they set up their camp. In the evening, they arrived back at Weponla Hill.

On 20 July, the team members proceeded to Mayangon Station from Weponla Hill. They left the station for Yangon by train and arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

Leader of the hiking and mountaineering team U Myo Thant said, “Such journey made the new members to take interest in hiking and mountaineering trips. Moreover, they gained the first-hand experience of mountaineering.”

As a result, “the journey to Kelatha and Weponla mountain ranges” of members of Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association was a trip that refreshed the youth.
US underwater robot completes seafloor survey mission

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—The newly-developed underwater robot Sentry has successfully completed its first scientific mission, the US National Science Foundation reported on Wednesday.

Capable of diving as deep as 5,000 metres into the ocean, Sentry has surveyed the seafloor of the northwest Pacific during the July 22 to August 5 expedition. Scientists from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the University of Washington are in charge of the mission.

Sentry surveyed 312 linear kilometres of seafloor, or about 53 square kilometres, as it traced parallel lines like a lawn-mower making a pattern across a yard.

It gathered the most precise maps to date of seafloor features known as Hydrate Ridge and Axial Volcano off the coast of Oregon and Washington. It helped pinpoint several proposed deep-water sites for seafloor instruments that will be deployed in NSF’s planned Ocean Observatories Initiative.

Sentry is a free-swimming underwater robot that can operate independently, without tethers or other connections to a research ship. The autonomous underwater vehicle, or AUV, is pre-programmed with guidance for deep-water surveying, but it can also make its own decisions about navigation on the terrain of the seafloor.

Colombia to extradite 16 nationals, one foreigner to US

BOGOTA, 14 Aug — Colombia will extradite 16 of its nationals and a British-Cuban to the United States, the government said on Wednesday.

The 17 will be extradited to the United States for drug-trafficking, government sources said in a statement. It will also extradite Angelmiro Caceres, an Argentine, to his native country, but did not mention the crime he is accused of, it said. Colombia, one of the world’s biggest cocaine producers, adopts extradition as one of the measures to combat drug trafficking.

The Colombian Government has received fund from the United States to fight against drug-related crimes. Both countries are exploring possibility of tougher penalties for the extradited criminals in accordance with their crimes.

Ban says UN ready to help with Georgia peacekeeping

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Aug—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Wednesday he was prepared to contribute to peacekeeping arrangements in Georgia's two breakaway regions and to help organize peace talks.

"The UN stands ready to facilitate international discussions as well as to contribute to possible peacekeeping or other arrangements for Abkhazia and South Ossetia," Ban said in a statement.

Ban added he was ready to use his "good offices" to help restore peace and security in the region after a six-day-old war between Russia and Georgia.

New UN arrangements, including the sending of armed peacekeepers to Georgia, would require approval of the Security Council. The United Nations has played a minor role since the conflict began on August 7. Diplomats said this was mostly because Russia -- like the United States, Britain, France and China -- holds a veto on the Security Council as a permanent member.

Ban welcomed Georgian and Russian acceptance of Sarkozy's proposed truce deal, but added that "the resolution of the conflicts in Georgia requires a comprehensive approach through a concerted effort by the international community".

Gold medalist Zhang Juanjuan(C) of China, silver medalist Park Sang-Hyun(R) and bronze medalist Yun Ok-Hee, both of the Republic of Korea, stand on the podium at the awarding ceremony of the women's individual final of archery at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 14 Aug. 2008. Zhang claimed the title in this event with a total of 110.

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Brown agrees on reviving Doha Round
BRASILIA, 14 Aug—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and British Prime Minister Tony Blair agreed on Wednesday on the possibility of saving the Doha Round of World Trade Organization (WTO) talks, official sources from the Brazilian presidential office said. During a 10-minute telephone conversation, the two leaders “agreed that there must be bigger efforts to summon a new round of negotiations in September”, the sources said. Brown told Lula that he had discussed the issue earlier with US President George W. Bush, within the framework of a series of political initiatives intended to revive the deadlock negotiations.—MNA/Xinhua

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Qantas airplane suffers engine problem in flight
WELLINGTON (New Zealand), 14 Aug.—A Qantas Airways flight landed safely Wednesday night after a problem with one of its engines on a flight from Australia to New Zealand, the company said, the latest in a series of mechanical incidents for the airline.
One of four engines on a Boeing 747-300 from Melbourne was “reduced to idle” speed while the airplane approached Auckland Airport on Wednesday night, Qantas spokeswoman Holly Williams said.
However, the pilot managed to land the aircraft with 219 passengers and 16 crew safely, she told The Associated Press, warning the public on a “faulty fuel-flow regulator.”
Also Wednesday, Australia’s airlogue safety body expanded an investigation of Qantas after the company announced it temporarily pulled six Boeing 737-400 airplanes from service because of irregularities in maintenance records.
Wednesday’s problems were the latest in a spate of incidents for the airline since one of its planes made an emergency landing in Manila last month after an explosion tore a large hole in the fuselage. Nobody was hurt in that mid-air incident.—Internet

Unknown disease kills nine in western Uganda
KAMPALA, 14 Aug—Nine people out of 27 cases have so far died of an unidentified epidemic that has hit the western Ugandan district of Kasese in recent weeks, a district official has said.
Peter Mukobi, the district health officer, told Xinhua by telephone on Wednesday that preliminary investigations show that the outbreak may be typhoid but he is awaiting confirmatory results from the country’s central public laboratory.
He said that the victims showed signs and symptoms of fever, abdominal pain, diarrhea and later constipation.
A medical team from the health ministry is already in the district carrying out various tests and promoting proper hygiene and sanitation as one of the measures to contain the spread of the disease, he said.
“We are advising people to drink boiled water, wash hands after going to the toilet, dispose off fecal matter properly and generally maintain proper hygiene,” said Mukobi.
The East African country has recently been hit by a string of epidemics since late last year including Ebola, meningitis, cholera, Hepatitis E.—Internet

Kenyan airline confirms plane crash near Mogadishu
NAIROBI, 14 Aug.—A small plane of Kenya’s Fly 540 company destined to Mogadishu, the Somali capital, from Nairobi’s Jomo Kenyatta International Airport has crashed, killing all three occupants on board, the airline confirmed here Wednesday.
A statement from the airline confirmed the early Wednesday accident, attributing it to bad weather around K50 Airport near Mogadishu.
“The crew consisted of two pilots and an engineer and there were no passengers. We are concerned for the safety of our staff and a rescue team is flying to Mogadishu,” the statement said.
“We are still gathering the facts and we are working with the aviation authorities. Our crisis management plan has been activated,”
The flight carrying a consignment of Miraa, a mild stimulant herb which is also known as Khat in Somali, is said to have hit a telecommunications tower near an airstrip in Afgooye town, 30 km west of Mogadishu before bursting into pieces.—Internet

Over 3,000 Bhutanese in Nepal resettled
KATHMANDU, 14 Aug.—Over 3,000 Bhutanese refugees in Nepal has been resettled in Western countries, The Kathmandu Post reported on Thursday.
The refugees have been resettled in the United States, Denmark, Australia and other countries under the third country resettlement programme. An official at the International Office for Migration (IOM), which is playing a key role in the resettlement process, said that the process is continuing smoothly and as planned.
“So far, altogether 3,247 Bhutanese refugees have been resettled in various countries,” he said. Among them, 3,034 were taken to the US, 102 went to New Zealand and 19 headed for Norway. Likewise, 13 and 62 others were taken to Denmark and Australia respectively, while 17 refugees were resettled in the Netherlands. IOM plans to resettle over 8,500 refugees under the third country resettlement programme, most of whom will go to the US.—MNA/Xinhua
**White Americans no longer a majority by 2042**

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—White people will no longer make up a majority of Americans by 2042, according to new government projections. That’s eight years sooner than previous estimates, made in 2004.

The nation has been growing more diverse for decades, but the process has sped up through immigration and higher birth rates among minority residents, especially Hispanics. It is also growing older. “The white population is older and very much centered around the aging baby boomers who are well past their high fertility years,” said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. “The future of America is epitomized by the young people today. They are basically the melting pot we are going to see in the future.”

The Census Bureau Thursday released population projections through 2050, based on rates for births, deaths and immigration.

They are subject to big revisions, depending on immigration policy, cultural changes and natural or manmade disasters. The US has nearly 305 million people today.—**Internet**

**World’s tallest woman dies in Indiana at age 53**

In this Sept 2, 1995 file photo, Sandy Allen, poses for a picture with Will Denk, at the library in Shelbyville, Ind. The 7-foot-7 Allen considered the world’s tallest woman died early on 13 Aug, 2008, at a nursing home in her hometown of Shelbyville. She was 53.—**Internet**

**Intel South Asia, Director Sales, R Ravichandran, unseen, shows newly launched Intel Centrino 2 processor technology in the planner (mother board) of a laptop, at a press conference, in New Delhi, India, in this on 15 July, 2008 file photo. Intel Corp is unveiling new technology on 14 Aug, 2008 that will let computers wake up from their power-saving sleep state when they receive a phone call over the Internet.—**INTERNET**

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**Childhood dairy intake improves adolescent bone health**

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—A team of US researchers reported on Wednesday that their new study results show that childhood dairy intake can improve adolescent bone health.

Dairy is recognized as a key component of a healthy, balanced diet. However, until now it was unclear how long-term dairy intake contributres to the many aspects of bone health in children, including bone density, bone mineral content, and bone area.

In the study, researchers from Boston University gathered information from 106 children, 3 to 5 years of age at the beginning of the period, over a 12-year period. The families enrolled in the study were given food diaries to complete for the child and were asked to record everything the child ate and drank for several days each year. The researchers used these diaries, along with other standard information, to calculate the children’s average daily intake of dairy and other foods.

At the end of the 12-year period, the authors assessed the bone health of the non-adolescent study participants. They found that the adolescents who had consumed 2 or more servings of dairy per day as children had higher levels of bone mineral content and bone density.

Even after adjusting for factors that affect normal bone development, including the child’s growth, body size, and activity level, the authors found that these adolescents’ average bone mineral content was 175 grams higher than the adolescents who had consumed less than 2 servings of dairy per day.—**Internet**

**China raises tax on big cars to cut pollution**

SHANGHAI, 14 Aug—China is raising its sales tax on big cars to as high as 40 percent, and drastically cutting taxes on small cars, in its latest attempt to combat emissions that contribute to heavy blankets of smog over most of its cities.

The tax on passenger vehicles with engines at or smaller than 2 liters will be cut to roughly 5 percent, while the tax on cars with engines at or smaller than 1 liter will be cut to 3 percent, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday in a statement on its Web site.

Those buying vehicles with engines sized from 2 liters up to 4 liters will have to pay a 25 percent tax, up from the current 15 percent, it said.

“Autos are the giants of energy consumption and pollution emissions and this is a major part of the effort to conserve resources and reduce emissions,” the ministry said.

The sales tax for cars with engines at or smaller than 1 liter would drop to 1 percent from the current 3 percent, the Finance Ministry said.

Tax rates of 5 percent to 9 percent for vehicles with other-sized engines remain unchanged.—**Internet**

**Israel finds sculpted skulls of New Stone Age**

JERUSALEM, 14 Aug—Israel found three skulls from the New Stone Age at a north archaeological site, Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) announced Wednesday. The 9,000-year-old skulls, which were found sculpted, were apparently placed on benches in a house to be worshipped by younger generation, the IAA said. Similar custom was also identified in Syria, Turkey and Jordan.

Dr Hamoudi Khalian, director of the excavations, said the sculpted skulls were identified as a phenomenon of the New Stone Age.

The practice included the reconstruction of all of the facial features of the deceased through sculpting the skull with a variety of materials such as plaster, according to Khalian.

The excavations, which are also being conducted by the IAA, are part of work initiated by the Israel National Roads Company, prior to the construction of an interchange at the Movil Junction in the north.
English football clubs spend big ahead of new season

London, 14 Aug — English football clubs are spending hundreds of millions of pounds on new players ahead of the 2008/09 Premier League season but are also selling big stars to balance their books amid the credit crunch. 

Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool are among the biggest spenders this close season as they seek to snatch the Premier League crown from Manchester United, but all three have also sold key players for large sums.

Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood warned in July that the ongoing credit crunch, which has caused banks around the world to substantially reduce their lending, should be a serious concern for England’s biggest clubs.

“People need to be waking up to the realities of the world and that the days of easy money have come to a pretty sudden end,” Hill-Wood told Arsenal.com.

“There is an awful lot of talk about big transfers and major demands of players but you will find throughout the UK and Europe that money is not quite as easy to obtain as it used to be.”

Juventus thrash Artmedia on European return

Turin, 14 Aug — Juventus made a confident return to European action here on Wednesday, thrashing Slovak champions Artmedia Bratislava 4-0 in the first leg of their Champions League third qualifying round tie.

Mauro Camoranesi, Alessandro Del Piero, Giorgio Chiellini and Claudio Marchisio all scored as the Turin giants ended a two-year absence from the competition they won in 1985 and 1996 after having earned promotion back to the top flight following relegation in 2006 for match-fixing and finishing third in Serie A last season to qualify. “Scoring four goals was important, it was a European return, the lads cared about it, they played a good match,” Juventus coach Claudio Ranieri said after the match.

They showed no signs of being rusty from the time away from Europe and Italy, Camoranesi rifled home a loose ball in only the seventh minute after Zdenek Grygerya’s run in the box.

French striker David Trezeguet almost scored 10 minutes later when he slid in to direct a deflected Cristian Molinaro cross just past the near post.

Captain Del Piero doubled the advantage in style in the 26th, finding the net with a powerful right-footed shot from outside the area.

Juventus kept up the pressure and Vincenzo Laquinta should have scored in the 33rd after Del Piero put him through on goal, but a moment of hesitancy allowed the Slovak defender to clear the danger.

Frenchman Thierry Henry, who had not found the net once in the pre-season friendlies, got a confidence boost by scoring the third in the 50th minute.

Qualification for the group stages of football’s richest and most prestigious club competition should be a formality for Barca following the second leg of the tie in Poland in a fortnight.
10,000 gallons of crude residues spill in Ecuador

QUITO, 14 Aug—At least 10,000 gallons (37,854 litres) of petroleum residues were spilled into a river in Ecuador along the border with Colombia, local media reported on Wednesday.

The accident occurred when a tanker travelling from the industrial region of Shushufindi to the Ecuadorean capital Quito tipped over in the Aguarico River, local TV Ecuavisa reported.

The crude spilled over an area of 800 square metres contaminating both the water and the tideland along the river. The possible consequences for the communities living in the area were not mentioned.

The Environment Protection Management of Petroecuador, a subsidiary of the national oil company Petroecuador, activated an emergency plan overnight, the Russian Defence Ministry said. “Despite the assurances from the Georgian side that they have ended all military activities, three Georgian drones have been shot by Russian forces — one overnight and two during the course of today,” a ministry spokesman said.

Russia accused Georgia of Wednesday's break of a European Union brokered ceasefire, a charge denied by Moscow. Fighting erupted last Thursday when Tbilisi sent forces to retake Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia, which threw off central rule in the 1990s and declared itself independent, albeit without international recognition.

Oil prices rebound on US inventory drop

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Make donations to the storm victims

-Everybody may make donations freely.
-Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.
- Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects construction of Yinnyein Station Hospital, thriving monsoon paddy plantations

CI sheets for storm-hit monasteries, houses

Yangon, 14 Aug — A group of donors led by the Chairman of Dhammacakka Children’s Fund of Sri Lanka, the Chairman of China (Taipei) Sri Lankan Theravada Madhi Education Group and Rev Dr Bodha Gama Candida, a Sayadaw of Buddh Vihara Monastery in Malaysia, donated robes and CI sheets to monasteries in Kungyangon Township on 11 August.

First, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung extended greetings and Sayadaw Dr Bodha Gama Candida explained the purpose of the donation.

At the donation ceremony held at Myoma East Monastery in Kungyangon, Sayadaw Dr Bodha Gama Candida handed over 10,135 CI sheets to be used in reconstruction of 128 monasteries through Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Sayadaw Kirendhamma Ratana of Malaysia 10,500 CI sheets for reconstruction of houses through Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi.

The ministers, Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr PAD Samarasekera and donors presented robes to members of the Sangha at the ceremony. —MNA