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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence on inspection tour of Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southwest Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials concerned, went to seed farm near Hteikwa village of Danubyu Township in Ayeyawady Division on 31 July and met with local farmers.

Officials concerned and local farmers presented

reports to Lt-Gen Ko Ko on cultivation and production of high yield paddy strains and utilization of modern agricultural methods.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ko Ko made a speech on the occasion, saying that Ayeyawady Division is the one the State can mainly rely on the agriculture sector. Next, he inspected paddy strains, paddy saplings and equipment for soil test.

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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

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

Development tasks in Magway Division in full swing

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)



Roundabout in Minbu.

Having arrived in Magway Division, we, the news crew, witnessed equitable development among towns and villages in the division.

Magway Division made up of five districts,

26 townships, 1,534 village-tracts and 4,774 villages and 160 wards has an area of 17,305.32 square miles. A total of 712,911 households of 4,898,905 families reside in the division.

As the majority of

people in the country live in rural areas, the majority of people in Magway Division are rural dwellers. Therefore, the Magway Division Development Affairs Committee is actively engaged in successful

realization of the five rural development tasks for enhancing the socio-economic status of rural dwellers.

In 2009-2010 fiscal year, the committee has made arrangements to build over 144 miles of gravel roads, earth roads and laterite roads and 35 bridges including eight concrete bridges, wooden bridges and culverts for the development of rural regions. And steps are

being taken to build and upgrade over 34 miles of tarred roads, gravel roads and laterite roads in urban areas plus 43 bridges including 29 concrete bridges and wooden bridges.

Under the 30-year rural road project, the committee has constructed over 1048 miles of tarred roads, gravel roads, laterite roads and earth roads in

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Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—A strong earthquake of intensity (6.1) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about (2800) miles Southeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 15hrs 24min 35sec M.S.T today.—MNA



Beautiful scene of Shwe Chaung roundabout in Pakokku.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 3 August, 2009

Nurture, train the youth into human resources

The conclusion of Special Refresher Course No (68) for Basic Education Teachers took place at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, the other day.

Education staff responsible for nurturing the youth of today are to be equipped themselves with strong moral concept and conviction based on correct national views. At that same time, they are to train students into younger generations capable of charting a prosperous future of the nation, with strong nationalistic fervour.

Teachers have to ensure constant production of human resources, on whom the people can rely in building up a new nation, by sharpening the learning abilities and inculcating a sense of duty into the students.

Younger generations on their part are to take over the responsibilities as a national duty for building a peaceful, modern developed nation, while maintaining sovereignty of the State, the heritage of their forefathers, for enabling the motherland to stand tall as an independent, sovereign nation in the global community.

Now, the education infrastructure is being improved across the nation for the youth of urban and rural areas to enjoy equal opportunities to pursue education with the aim of producing a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia capable of contributing effectively towards the drive of building a modern and developed nation.

Therefore, teachers are duty-bound to see to the national education promotion plan by nurturing and training the youth into human resources with strong conviction and concept.

Executive U Soe Mya presents religious, social and cultural undertakings carried out by the Federation.—NLM



People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Triangle Region Command Commander inspects Kengtung-Tachilek-Monghsat Road

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phylo inspected situation of Kengtung-Tachilek-Monghsat Road and monsoon paddy fields and rubber farms

along the sides of the road on 21 July morning.

The commander visited and viewed round Pyinyeinaye Bridge and Basic Education Primary School in Painkhen Village of Monghsat Township.

MNA

South-West Command Commander's Cup Football Tournament kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Opening ceremony of South-West Command Commander's Cup Football Tournament was held at Division Sports Ground in Pathein on 13 July, attended by Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe. The Commander made a speech at the ceremony and watched the

opening match.

The Commander also attended and delivered an address at the coordination meeting on project of Division Peace and Development Council held at the Pathein Ayeyashwewa Hall on 14 July morning.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe addresses the opening of Commander's Cup Football Tournament.—MNA

Collective donations of Hindu families

YANGON, 2 Aug—With the sponsorship of Thanantanadhammapalaka (Hindu) Federation, the 15th collective donations of Hindu families took place at Mogok refectory on Kaba-Aye Hill here today.

It was attended by Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Pro-Rector (Admin) of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Dr Myint Kyi, Hindu families and guests.

Executive of the Federation U Soe Mya presented religious, social and cultural undertakings carried out by the Federation.

This was followed by the recitation of Mettasutta and Dhamma songs.

After sharing merits gained for pious deeds by executives, Hindu families and donors, those present were served with lunch.

NLM



A delegation led by Vice-Chairman of MHF U Zaw Win sees off at the airport.—MHF

Myanmar Hockey delegation leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 2 Aug — A delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Zaw Win departed to Malaysia to attend Indoor Hockey-Technical Seminar organized by Asia Hockey Federation in Ipoh today.

Officials of the Ministry of Sports, Chairman of MHF Col Htin Zaw Win, Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and Secretary U Khin Maung Lat and executive members saw off the delegation at Yangon International Airport.

International referee U Tin Maung Than comprised as a member of the delegation.—NLM



S Korea first rocket launch set for 11 August



South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak poses with researchers in front of the KSLV-1 rocket at the Naro Space Centre in Goheung, 475 km south of Seoul in June 2009.
INTERNET

French soldier killed in Afghanistan, two wounded

PARIS, 2 Aug—The French presidential office confirmed that a French soldier was killed and two others wounded in an attack by insurgents in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday.

The attack occurred in the Ghayne valley, where French soldiers were in an operation supporting the Afghan troops.

Earlier, the French military in Afghanistan said a French soldier “was hit and died of the injury.”

“The fighting lasted one and a half hour and two other French soldiers were wounded. The insurgents eventually retreated,” it added.

The Elysee Palace confirmed the incident, saying, “The president learned with deep regret of the death today of a French soldier in Afghanistan.”

The death brings the total number of French soldiers killed in the country since 2001 to 29.

Internet

SEOUL, 2 Aug—Korea has rescheduled its first space rocket launch from its soil to 11 August after repeatedly postponing it due to technical reasons, officials said Saturday.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology said South Korea and Russia, a co-builder of the rocket, set the new launch date after talks.

“Both sides have set 11 August for blast-off,” Kim Hong-Gab, a spokesman for the Korea Aerospace Research Institute affiliated with the ministry, told AFP.

He added weather conditions on the day would be “a decisive factor” to determine if the launch would go ahead as scheduled. The previously-scheduled launch for around 30 July was postponed — for a third time — as Russians who had built the first stage of the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 called for more time for testing.—Internet

Russia signs deal to open 2nd base in Kyrgyzstan

CHOLPON-ATA, 2 Aug—Russia clinched a tentative deal Saturday allowing it to establish a second military base in Kyrgyzstan, where the United States also has an important air base.

Under the terms of a joint memorandum, Russia could significantly boost the number of troops it has deployed in the Central Asian nation for a period of up to 49 years. Russian forces will be charged with “protecting Kyrgyz sovereignty” and repelling attacks by international terrorist groups, it said.

A definitive agreement detailing the status of the proposed base and Russia’s existing Kant base will be signed by November.

No specifics on the location of

the base or the amount of troops were given, but the document signed Saturday by the leaders of the two countries indicated that Russia may be allowed to deploy the equivalent of a battalion.

Media reports have suggested a base could be set up in Batken province, near the border with Uzbekistan. That is on the fringe of the Ferghana Valley region that spreads across Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, an area that has been an incubator of Islamic militancy over the past decade.

The memorandum also stipulated that Russian troops stationed at the two bases in Kyrgyzstan may be granted diplomatic status, giving them immunity from local laws.—Internet

An Iraqi woman reacts after learning of her son’s death in a blast outside Al-Shurufi mosque in northeastern Baghdad.

INTERNET



Raul Castro warns US, EU he will defend Cuba socialism

HAVANA, 2 Aug—Cuban President Raul Castro warned the United States and the European Union that the country’s socialist



Cuban President Raul Castro, shown in a file picture, warned the United States and the European Union on Saturday that the country’s socialist political system was non-negotiable, adding he would not “restore capitalism” in Cuba.—INTERNET

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In a speech Saturday marking the end of the annual parliamentary session, which has been dominated by Cuba’s grave economic crisis, Castro said he would be willing to “discuss everything” except the island’s political and social system.

The Cuban leader, who succeeded his ailing brother Fidel Castro as president three years ago, said he wanted to respond to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s statements linking dialogue

with Cuba to democratic reform in the country.

“With all due respect, in response to Mrs Clinton, but also to the European Union... I was not chosen as president to restore capitalism to Cuba or to renounce the revolution,” he said to applause from lawmakers. “I was chosen to defend, maintain and continue to perfect socialism, not to destroy it,” said Castro.

The former army chief, 78, reiterated that he would be willing to conduct a “respectful dialogue, between equals” with the United States.

Internet



A firefighting helicopter drops water on a forest fire in Jeday on the Canary Island of La Palma, Spain on 1 Aug, 2009. —INTERNET

Fire in Canary Islands forces evacuation of 4,000

LA PALMA, 2 Aug—A forest fire fanned by high winds has forced the evacuation of about 4,000 residents on the Canary Island of La Palma, the Spanish government said on Saturday.

Flames raging on steep hillsides southeast of the island’s dormant San Antonio volcano have engulfed several houses and could damage wildlife habitats, environmental worker Narciso Lorenzo said by telephone.

A plume of smoke rose from the island to an estimated height of more than 1,000 meters (3,300 feet). It could be seen clearly from aircraft landing at La Palma airport.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Several days of high temperatures have contributed to dry conditions on the normally verdant La Palma — one of the least developed and greenest of Spain’s Canary Islands, off the West African coast. Pop singer Madonna praised La Palma by its local name in her song “La Isla Bonita.”

Virtually all the island’s firefighting forces, including several aircraft, have been deployed to combat the blaze at three points around the town of Fuencaliente.

Spain sent a Military Emergency Unit from the nearby island of Tenerife, and a battalion was preparing to depart for La Palma from a mainland military base near Seville, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.—Internet



A visitor looks at a Daihatsu Luxio car during the 17th Indonesian International Motor Show 2009 in Jakarta on 1 August, 2009. Indonesia car sales are expected to reach 450,000 units in 2009, the head of the Indonesian Automotive Association (GAIKINDO) said on Thursday, lifting the industry forecast because of a more stable economy.—INTERNET

Mitsubishi UFJ arranges \$5 bln loan to UAE

TOKYO, 2 Aug — Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFJ) has put together a syndicated loan worth five billion dollars for a sovereign wealth fund in Abu Dhabi, a report said on Sunday.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, part of the MUFJ group, has arranged the multibank credit for International Petroleum Investment Co (IPIC), the business

daily Nikkei reported, without citing sources.

The syndicate also involves 15 other banks, including Santander of Spain, HSBC Holdings Plc of Britain and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp of Japan, the report said.

Japanese banks are hoping to increase their presence in the Middle East, the Nikkei said, adding that many Middle Eastern sover-

eign wealth funds need large loans which major US and European banks have grown cautious about providing in the global financial crisis.

IPIC will most likely use the one-year loan to acquire Canada-based Nova Chemicals Corp and to take a stake in CEPSA, Spain's number two oil company, the Nikkei report said.

Internet

G20 Pittsburgh Summit to promote world economic recovery

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — The G20 summit of world leaders in Pittsburgh this September should help promote the world economic recovery, said Chinese Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei recently.

During the first coordinating meeting, which kicked off on Thursday, the participating countries agreed that they should strengthen the coordination and coopera-

tion to help the summit achieve positive and pragmatic outcomes.

The Pittsburgh Summit should continue to promote all sides to strengthen the coordination of their macro economic policies and to boost the world economic recovery, said He during the two-day meeting.

He also urged the upcoming summit to implement actively the outcomes of the G20 London

Summit, to speed up the reforms of the international financial institutions, and to expand the representations of the emerging and developing countries.

China hopes the summit will pay more attention to the development issue and to boost the world economy to achieve long-term and sustained growth by promoting common development, said He.—Internet

A cargo ship is loaded with coal at the port of Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei Province, on 1 Aug, 2009. The port cargo throughput reached 22.61 million tons in July, the highest record since last September.—INTERNET



Turkey's export decline slows in July

ANKARA, 2 Aug—Turkey's exports in July fell 27.2 percent year-on-year to 8.8 billion US dollars, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Saturday.

Exports increased by 9.6 percent in July compared with June, showing Turkey would be able to reach the 104-billion-US dollar export target for 2009, the agency cited a statement by Turkish State Minister Zafer Caglayan as saying.

Quoting Turkish Exporters' Assembly (TIM) chairman Mehmet Buyukeksi, the agency said July's export volume was the highest monthly figure so far in 2009 and exports to Africa and the Middle East countries saw increases and would continue to grow.—Internet

Air China forecasts profits in first half

BEIJING, 2 Aug—Air China, the country's national flag carrier, is expecting profits in the first half of this year, an unidentified official of the company told Xinhua over the weekend.

The company's profits in the first half were a result of its strategy to reduce costs, said the official, who declined to be identified, without elaboration.

The official also did not give specific figures of the profits.

The company is scheduled to release its first-half report on 26 Aug.

As one of the three major airlines in China, Air China posted a loss of 9.15 billion yuan (about 1.34 billion US dollars) in 2008.

But it enjoyed a business recovering to report a net profit of 981 million yuan in the first quarter.—Internet



Honda expands airbag recall

TORRANCE, 2 Aug—Honda Motor Co says it is expanding a safety recall of driver's airbags to include an additional 440,000 Accords, Civics and Acuras.

The Japanese automaker's US headquarters in Torrance, Calif, said on Friday the recall expansion includes certain 2001-2002 Honda Accord, 2001 Civic and 2002-2003 Acura TL driver's airbags. The recall

was originally initiated in November 2008.

Honda said the recall will require the replacement of the driver's steering-wheel-mounted airbag inflator. It said that in some vehicles, the airbag inflators can produce over-pressurization of the driver's (front) airbag inflator mechanism during airbag deployment.

If an affected inflator deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause its casing to rupture, possibly sending metal fragments through the cloth airbag cushion material and into vehicle occupants. The fragments, Honda said, could possibly cause an injury or fatality to the occupants.

Internet

Three children look a Chinese painting in an exhibition in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province on 1 Aug, 2009. About 400 Chinese paintings were shown in the exhibition.

INTERNET



Officers and soldiers attend flag-rising ceremony on the board of Zhoushan missile frigate (front) and the supply ship Qiandaohu in Gulf of Aden, on 1 Aug, 2009. The Chinese escort flotilla, two frigates and a supply ship from the Chinese navy, held celebrations on Saturday to mark the 82nd anniversary of the establishment of Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). The flotilla is on their escort mission to fend off Somali pirates.—XINHUA

NY's LaGuardia Airport reopens following bomb scare

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—The central terminal at New York's LaGuardia Airport was evacuated for several hours on Saturday after a man with a bag

containing wires and a battery entered the airport, authorities said.

According to a CNN report, port authority said the man is in custody, and

authorities have allowed passengers back into the terminal.

Most of the airport's main terminal was closed at 5:30 am EDT(0930 GMT) and travelers were allowed to return some four hours later.

A law enforcement official close to the investigation said the man is a 32-year-old New Yorker Scott McGann.

Xinhua

China to launch Shanghai-Tianjin high-speed trains

BEIJING, 2 Aug—China will launch the high-speed Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) trains on railway linking the eastern financial hub of Shanghai and northern Tianjin City, shortening the trip to nine hours, Tianjin railway authorities said on Saturday.

The EMU trains, coded D341 and D342, are expected to shorten the trip

time from the current 10.5 hours to nine hours and 14 minutes, said an official with Tianjin Train Terminal.—Xinhua

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Xinhua

Six dead, four missing as tropical storm Jolina leaves Philippines

MANILA, 2 Aug—At least six people were killed and four went missing as tropical storm swept across the Philippine archipelago, the country's disaster-relief agency reported on Sunday.

The six, including two 4-year-olds, drowned in the flood and land-slide triggered by the storm in northern and central Philippine villages, the National Disaster Coordinating Council said in a bulletin.—Xinhua

One dead as light plane crashes in Kenya

NAIROBI, 2 Aug—One person died on Saturday when a light aircraft crashed in Nairobi's residential estate, injuring three others on board. According to eyewitnesses, the Cessna 206 light aircraft belonging to African Inland Air Service exploded into flames 20 metres near High rise residential estate, leaving three others with severe burns.

The three injured were rushed to hospital as the police secured the area to prevent the public from tampering with the scene before any investigations were done.

Josephat Kariuki, an area resident, told Xinhua that the plane developed problems while airborne, knocked down an electricity post before crashing into the flat, damaging part of the building.

Kariuki who witnessed the incident said the plane was preparing to land at the Wilson Airport, one of the busiest airports in East and Central Africa, before it crash-landed.—Xinhua



Locals gather at the spot of the crashed small aircraft in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 1 Aug, 2009. XINHUA

Fatah decides to hold its congress on 4 Aug in Bethlehem

RAMALLAH, 2 Aug—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Fatah party Central Committee decided on Saturday to hold the long-awaited General Assembly on 4 August, in the West Bank city of Bethlehem for three days.

President Abbas, who is also Fatah chief, chaired a meeting of his group's central committee in Ramallah on Saturday, to prepare for holding the conven-

tion in Bethlehem on Tuesday.

At the end of the meeting, Fatah central committee decided that the number of the General Assembly members, who have the right to attend and to vote is 2,260 members, representing the Palestinian territories and the Diaspora.

Apparently, the group's congress will be held in the West Bank without the participation

of 400 Gaza Strip members, after Hamas rulers of Gaza decided not to lift the travel ban on them unless Abbas frees Hamas prisoners in West Bank.

The committee said in a statement sent to reporters that it discussed the mechanism of Gaza Fatah leaders' participation in the conference "if Hamas insists to prevent them from leaving the Gaza Strip."

Xinhua



A steward loads a baggage for a passenger in a train of the Beijing-Tianjin Intercity Railway, on 1 Aug, 2009. China's self-developed Beijing-Tianjin Intercity Railway, which runs at more than 300 km/hr, has opened to traffic for one year since last August.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

More than 500 wildfires burn in Canadian British Columbia

VANCOUVER, 2 Aug—An aggressive wildfire is ravaging near Lillooet in Canada's western British Columbia, leaving nearly 3,000 residents at evacuation alert, local media reported on Saturday.

Meanwhile, more than 500 wildfires are burning in the province, fueled by record-high temperature combined with lightening.

The fire near the southwest interior town of Lillooet is nearly tripled in size from an estimated 1,000 hectares last Monday to about 2,600 hectares on Saturday. Officials said the blaze is less than one kilometer from the town and is in danger of growing even larger given the tinder-dry conditions and thunderstorms in the forecast.

The fire is one of the most serious among hundreds of wildfires the province is suffering.

British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell issued a rare warning on Friday, saying the wildfire risk across the province has reached a critical level due to continued hot and dry weather and urging people to refrain from entering the forest in order to avoid any risk.—Xinhua

Three killed in Tel Aviv club shooting

JERUSALEM, 2 Aug—A shooting incident happened in a Tel Aviv club on Saturday night, causing three dead and at least 10 wounded, local media reported.

A police spokesman

told Israeli television Channel 10 that a man and a woman were killed on the spot.

A third victim died in hospital, Israeli emergency services said.

Medical care workers

said that at least ten people were wounded, six of whom seriously, local news service *Ynet* reported.

Witness said that a man dressed in black entered the club and began to shoot in every direction with a handgun, and then fled.

The incident was “criminal, rather than nationalistic,” the police spokesman said.

Internet



An Israeli paramedic rushes a wounded man to an ambulance after a shooting incident in a basement club in central Tel Aviv on 1 August, 2009. —INTERNET

10 dead in rebel attacks in Central Africa

BANGUI, 2 Aug — Members of a Ugandan rebel group have launched attacks against towns in the Central African Republic that have left at least 10 people dead in the last two weeks, humanitarian groups said on Saturday.

The attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), launched from its rear bases in the Democratic Republic of Congo, have also forced hundreds of people to flee their villages, UN and aid group officials said.

In the worst incident, LRA rebels stormed the market of the city of Mboki on 24 July, the groups said.

Some of the shopkeepers fought back and chased the rebels into the bush, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Two traders and three Ugandan rebels were killed on the spot while the bodies of four other soldiers were found in the bush, the UN agency said. Six shopkeepers and an unknown number of rebels were also injured.

At least one other person has been killed since the LRA began its attacks on 15 July, said Alexis Mbolinani, coordinator of the non-governmental organisation Jupedec.

Internet

Japan's tobacco habit runs into court challenge

YOKOHAMA, 2 Aug—One plaintiff is a cancer patient. Another is represented by his widow. The third, has emphysema and rolls into the courtroom on a wheelchair with tubes trailing out of his nose. The three Japanese are waging a minnow-vs.-whale battle against Big Tobacco in one of the world's most smoker-friendly countries. But precedent suggests they're likely to lose, and they hope their suit will at least draw attention to the dangers of smoking.

Even if they win, they're unlikely to dent the finances of Japan Tobacco Inc, a former monopoly still half-owned by the government. The three are asking for a total of 30 million yen (\$320,000) from a company with 6.8 trillion yen (\$72.8 billion) a year in sales.—*Internet*

Hand bomb explosion kills two in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 2 Aug—Two people were killed by a hand bomb explosion in western Sri Lanka, the police said on Sunday.

The police at Baduraliya, about 48 km south of the capital Colombo, said the explosion occurred on Saturday night in a jungle patch in the rural part of the Western Province near Baduraliya.

Another seriously wounded woman was admitted to the hospital, the police said.

Internet

Tourists miss isle after GPS blunder

Two Swedes expecting the golden beaches of the Italian island of Capri got a shock when tourist officials told them they were 650 km (400 miles) off course in the northern town of Carpi, after mistyping the name in their GPS.

“It's hard to understand how they managed it. I mean, Capri is an island,” said Giovanni Medici, a spokesman for Carpi regional government, told *Reuters* Tuesday. “It's the first time something like this has happened.”

The middle-aged couple, who were not identified, only discovered their error when they asked staff in the local tourist office how to drive to the island's famous “Blue Grotto.”

“They were surprised, but not angry,”



Tourists take a swim on an island beach in Italy in a file photo.

Medici said. “They got back in the car and started driving south.”

The picturesque island of Capri, famed as a romantic holiday destination, lies in the Gulf of Naples in southern Italy and has been a resort since Roman times. Carpi is a busy industrial town in the province of Emilia Romagna, at the other end of Italy.

Ancient warrior's skeleton found near Rome

Archaeologists have found the skeleton of a warrior from up to 5,000 years ago floating in a tomb filled with sea water on a beach near Rome, Italy's art squad said.

The bones — believed to date from the 3rd millennium BC — were discovered in May as art hunters were carrying out routine checks of the region's archaeological areas, Carabinieri art squad official Raffaele Mancino said.

Archaeologists believe the warrior was likely killed by an arrow, part of which was found among his ribs, Mancino said. There was also a hole in the back of the skull, and six vases and two daggers were found buried nearby.

The tomb of the warrior, nicknamed “Nello” after the archaeologist who found him, could be part of a wider necropolis lying just a few steps from the sea, Mancino told a news conference.

“We will check the area to see whether this tomb is isolated and the warrior was buried here because this was the battlefield where he died,” Mancino said. “Or maybe there is a bigger necropolis, as we indeed believe.”

Foot-long baby croc causes scare in the air

An official at Cairo airport says a foot-long baby crocodile wriggled out of a passenger's hand luggage and caused panic on a flight from the United Arab Emirates.

A crew member on the EgyptAir flight from Abu Dhabi rounded up the wayward reptile and calmed passengers. The airport security official says the animal was seized and given to the Cairo Zoo.

Transporting exotic animals in and out of the Egypt is illegal, and none of the passengers on Friday's flight claimed ownership of the baby croc.

The airport official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the press.

Alcohol-fueled brawl clouds Maine cod fish races

The annual Cod Fish Races in coastal Maine were disrupted when police say alcohol-fueled fighting led to a brawl involving up to 60 people, sending two to the hospital. State Police Trooper Barry Curtis said Saturday's melee in Milbridge stemmed from a dispute earlier in the afternoon over someone's driving.

The Bangor Daily News reported that Town Manager Lewis Pinkham — also the police chief — and another person were treated for minor injuries.

NEWS ALBUM



The world's biggest heavy metal festival opened in northern Germany. Over 75,000 fans are expected to drop by for the 20th anniversary of the Wacken Open Air for three days of serious headbanging. This year's lineup includes bands such as Machine Head, Motörhead, Gwar and Anthrax.



Two goats fight during a competition on a folk acrobatics art festival held in Wadian Township in Linquan County, east China's Anhui Province. Over 140 goats took part in the fight competition.



Ministers, deputy ministers and high ranking officials and delegates tour PyinOoLwin and Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Ministers, deputy ministers, high ranking officials and delegates from ASEAN countries and dialogue partners who had attended the 27th ASEAN Energy Ministerial Meeting led by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi toured PyinOoLwin and Mandalay on 30 July.

They studied National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin. Upon arrival at Yatanarpon Teleport, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun explained progress in performing IT development and functions of Yatanarpon Teleport to them and the deputy minister replied to the queries raised by those present.

In the evening, the study group paid homage to Hsutaungpyae Pagoda on Mandalay Hill and enjoyed scenic beauty of Mandalay from the observation deck.

Paying homage to Maha Lawkamarazein Kuthodaw Pagoda, they observed the stone inscriptions and Myanansankyaw Shwenandaw in a motorcade.—MNA



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun explaining progress of Yatanarpon Teleport at the hall of the teleport.—MNA



Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung formally opens the new school building.

MNA

Deputy Minister for Transport attends opening ceremony of new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung attended the opening ceremony of new two-storey school building of Basic Education High School (branch) in Minywa Model Village of Nahtogyi Township on 28 July morning.

Division education

officer and donor of the school building formally opened the school building.

The deputy minister unveiled the inscription and sprinkled with scented water. The donor of the school handed over the documents related to the school building to the division education officer.

The deputy minister also attended the opening ceremony of U Kyine Ye Kyaw Bridge.

The deputy minister and wife attended prize presentation ceremonies in BEHSs (branch) of Minywa Model Village and of Pechet Village and awarded prizes to the outstanding students.

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Development tasks in Magway Division in full swing

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)



Water lily roundabout at the junction of Taungyi Road and Ring Road.

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the 2008-2009 fiscal year, thereby enabling local people to travel from one place to another with peace of mind.

Meanwhile, under the 10-year project for ensuring the availability of potable water in rural regions, water supply

tasks were carried out in 1,469 villages in the 2008-2009 fiscal year and rural people in Pakokku and Thayet Districts are now enjoying the fruits of the project to the fullest. So also, plan is well under way to set up 164 urban water supply facilities and 254 rural water supply

facilities in 2009-2010.

Tasks for water supply to urban and rural areas are being carried out through water pumping stations, tube-wells, artesian wells, reservoirs, lakes and water tanks.

For the greening and beautifying townships, the

Township Development Committees established nursery gardens and parks and grew shade trees, windbreakers and flowering plants on either side of downtown roads.

I have been almost all the towns and villages in Magway Division on duty.

And I found the equitable development among urban and rural regions in Magway Division. At present, there is no difference in the development of east and west regions of Ayeyawady River. Towns and villages in the divisions are in

possession of their own features and styles highlighting remarkable progress. And it is safe to say that towns and villages in Magway Division are enjoying harmonious development.

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Fountain roundabout at the head of Anawrahta Bridge in Chauk.



Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence...

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Afterwards, he attended the ceremony of the collective scattering of fertilizer in the field. At Danubyu Town Basic Education High School, he visited the students who were pursuing education and the library.

At the office of schoolhead, the headmistress briefed on academic matters. Lt-Gen Ko Ko instructed the teachers to nurture their students to become versatile ones.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party went to Danubyu People's Hospital and comforted the patients and inspected the hospital.

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Lt-Gen Ko Ko views collective scattering of fertilizer in the field in Htakewa Village.—MNA

Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty is the heart of the nation

Special Refresher Course No 34 for Basic Education Teachers concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—A ceremony to conclude Special Refresher Course No 34 for Basic Education Teachers was held at Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Division yesterday,

Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, the Deputy Chief Justice of Upper

are under a duty to further enhance the development of human resources by promoting the education standard and uplifting the morale and morality of the youth.

The Union of Myanmar is a multicultural country with rich natural resources, human resources, and tradi-

ening the nation from one generation to the next. So, today the nation stands tall as an independent and sovereign one in the world.

Today's younger generations are to materialize the national duty of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, maintaining sovereignty of the mother country.

The government is improving the education infrastructure throughout the nation in line with the motto "To build a modern, developed nation through education" to ensure equal opportunities between urban and rural areas for the youth to pursue education, in its bid to produce a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia capable of transforming the Union of Myanmar into a modern, developed nation.

Only with all-round development of all states and divisions of the Union will the public's goal of building a modern nation be achieved. At a time when the government is working hard for progress in various spheres including the agricultural sector, teachers on their part are improving the education of younger generations in the region concerned to speed up development of states and divisions.

Simultaneously, teachers getting involved

in the national education promotion plan and education staff have to make sustained efforts to be able to catch up with the education standard of other countries.

In addition, they have to stay in touch with new technological changes, uplift the dynamism of the students and enable the students to apply what they have studied at school in related fields.

Teacher-centered approach and conventional approach have adverse effect on the goal of promotion of national education, so teachers are to implement the programmes in the basic education section with all seriousness, keeping in touch with the Myanmar education goal.

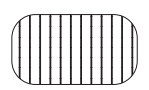
He urged the teachers to comply with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in implementing the tasks in the basic education sector:

- to improve the teaching skills of teachers,
- to upgrade the curriculum and syllabuses to international level ones,
- to use pedagogical aid effectively,
- to enforce law, rules and regulations, and
- to uplift dynamism of patriotic spirit and Union Spirit of the people.

Minister U Thaung

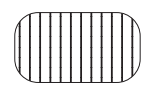
presented the outstanding trainee awards to trainee No E-147 to U Min Min Thein, primary assistant teacher, Affiliated Nyaunggwaywa village Basic Education Primary School in Seikphyu Township, Magway Division and trainee No A-187 Daw Nan Thuza Htay, senior assistant teacher, Monglon village BEHS, Kyaukme Township in State State (North), perseverance and diligence awards to trainee No E-154 U Tin Maung Tun, junior assistant teacher, Htichaing town No 2 Post Primary School of Sagaing Division, trainee No A-56, senior assistant teacher, Yadanapon village Affiliated BEHS, Yetsauk township, Shan State (South) and trainee No D-140 Daw Myint Myint Yi, junior assistant teacher, Uhmigon village Post-Primary School, Kawlin Township, Sagaing Division, and model hostel awards to leaders of No 1 men's company and No 1 women's company.

Completion certificates were presented to the trainees through the leaders of the companies. A total of 1308 trainees from Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions and Chin, Kachin, Kayah, Shan State (North), (East), and (South) attended the five-week course.—MNA



Minister U Thaung presents prize to an outstanding trainee.

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attended by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made a speech on the occasion.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-

Myanmar, members of CSSTB, heads of department, the rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar), the pro-rectors, heads of department and lecturers, demonstrators, trainees and teachers.

Minister U Thaung in his speech said that teachers are to imbue firmly themselves with correct concept and conviction based on national outlook, and to train the youth into new generation forces capable of generating a brighter future of the nation with high nationalist spirit.

In addition, teachers

tional culture and heritage. National races have been living in the motherland as a people with own monarchs, fine traditions, customs and culture, while safeguarding the territory of the nation for millions of years.

In the colonial days, national brethren did their bit in national liberation movements to help the nation return to a sovereign one. Since time immemorial, the people have been convinced that perpetuation of independence and sovereignty is the heart of the nation and have related the duties of strength-



Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week ceremonies held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—A ceremony to mark Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week, jointly-organized by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mines, WHO and UNICEF, was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, delegates of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, heads of department, officials of WHO and UNICEF, chairmen of social organizations and guests.

First, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech on the occasion, saying that nutrition development week and world breastfeeding week ceremonies would be held on a grand scale in August. The world breastfeeding week activities with the national awareness would be held in the first week of August and the nutrition development week from the first week to the last week of August. With the purpose of performing health care services to the children under five years and their mothers, the nutrition week activities were carried out across the nation at the same time. The present one would be the 18th activity. Activities such as breastfeeding in the first week, U-5 children nutrition development in the second week, pregnant women and breastfeeding mother nutrition development in the third week and eradication of

iodine deficiency in the fourth week would be carried out. A total of 474 hospitals were recognized as baby friendly hospital initiative and 172 townships as baby friendly home delivery. The motto for this year was "Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response, Are You Ready".

Next, Acting Resident Representative of WHO Mr. Leonard Otega and Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr. Ramesh Shretha made speeches on the occasion.

Afterwards, prizes were presented to hospitals

and townships that were recognized as breastfeeding. After that Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe presented prizes to breastfeeding-recognized hospitals.

After the ceremony, the ministers and guests fed vitamin A-tablets to 35 children and iron tablets and vitamin B-1 tablets to 30 women. Director-General of Health Department Dr Win Myint and officials then presented prizes to 39 breastfeeding-recognized township hospitals and health staff.—MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the ceremony to mark Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week.—MNA

F&R Minister attends opening ceremony of new school building



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the opening ceremony of new school building of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Nyaungchaitaung Village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the opening ceremony of new school building of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Nyaungchaitaung Village of Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division on 1 Aug morning.

Division Education Officer U Aung Swe, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Myint Thein and Manager U Sai Naing on behalf of donor the Chairman of ACE construction Co Ltd formally opened the school building.

The minister unveiled the inscription and sprinkled it with scented water. He delivered an address at the ceremony.

Manager of ACE construction Co Ltd U Soe Naing handed over documents related to the new school building to the division education officer.

Resident U Aung Thein of Nyaungchaitaung Village spoke words of thanks.

Next, the minister inspected the progress in construction of earth road on Kyaukpon-Netkanle-Sonekone Road.—MNA

Toshiba Notebook "New Art Collection" & Launch 2009

YANGON, 2 Aug—The Toshiba Notebook "New Art Collection" & Launch 2009 sponsored by Toshiba Singapore Pte Ltd and Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd took place at Sedona Hotel here yesterday with an address by Managing Director of Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd U Htin Aung Khaing.

Those present on the occasion viewed Toshiba Notebook produced in 2009 on display. Those modern items include Latest Model TOSHIBA SATELLITE L 510, TOSHIBA

SATELLITE M 500 (Premier Series), TOSHIBA Portege M 900 (Signature Series), TOSHIBA Portege R 600 and Toshiba MiniNotebook NB 200, and they will soon be on the market. For more information and services, contact No(355) on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 01- 379875, 248167 and 09-99-27729), No (5) 26th Street between 78th and 79th streets in Mandalay (Ph: 02-21572) and Northwest section of Nay Pyi Taw Thabyaegone Market (Ph: 067-414113).—MNA



Managing Director U Htin Aung Khaing addresses the Toshiba Notebook "New Art Collection" & Launch 2009.

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Large vegetables plantations reflecting vigour of Ayeyawady dwellers

Article: *Mg Mg Myint Swe*; Photos: *Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)*



An arbour of ridged gourd in Po Tha Aye Village.



U Inn Htay , creeper farmer in Po Tha Aye Village.

village distributed its rich agricultural produce by water to nearby townships every day. So, it is fair to say that Po Tha Aye Village makes dominant con-

tribution to the sufficiency of greens of the regions.

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Female workers plucking radish leaves.



Agricultural produce of Po Tha Aye Village is distributed to nearby regions.

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In response to my question, a farmer at a creeper patch told the Myanmar Alin, "I am U Inn Htay . My creeper farm is 250 feet long and 80 feet wide.

"Indeed, running a creeper farm doesn't take long, so we can harvest it in a short term. And we don't need much investment to grow creeper. So, creeper is grown on a commercial scale here."

The lifespan of a creeper plant is short. It can be at harvest when it is 25 to 30 days old. Farmers pick creepers once every four days.

He collected about 4500 creepers from his

farm in a season.

Po Tha Aye Village has about 35 creeper farms. The village's vegetables surpluses go to Pyapon, Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun townships.

There radish plantations stretched as far as we could see. According to farmers, the village produced millions of viss of radish a season.

After observing the vegetable plantations of Po Tha Aye Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township, I was deeply impressed by the hard work and resilience the dwellers had showed to recover from the catastrophe.

I witnessed that the



Flourishing radish and bitter gourd patches in Po Tha Aye Village.



Study finds that lung cancer patients respond to erlotinib following cetuximab therapy

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Aug—Non-small cell lung cancer patients who have progressed on a cetuximab-containing regimen may respond to erlotinib, Fox Chase Cancer Center researchers reported today at the annual meeting of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer.

Both cetuximab (Erbix) and erlotinib (Tarceva) inhibit the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) and the assumption has been that once a patient progresses on one EGFR inhibitor

they will not respond to another EGFR inhibitor. The new data suggests that may not be the case.

“Just because a patient received and progressed on one EGFR inhibitor doesn’t necessarily mean they will not derive clinical benefit from another one,” says Hossein Borghaei, D.O., medical oncologist at Fox Chase. “And for patients who don’t have a lot of treatment options, we think this is a good thing. It gives them one more drug to try when their disease is progressing.”

To find out if patients whose disease is no longer

controlled by cetuximab can respond to erlotinib, Borghaei and colleagues examined the treatment and clinical outcomes for a subgroup of patients who had participated in a Fox Chase clinical trial that tested a combination of carboplatin, paclitaxel and cetuximab as first-line treatment for advanced non-small cell lung cancer. Out of 53 patients who had participated in that trial, the investigators identified 15 individuals who had received erlotinib during subsequent therapy.

Internet

Windows 6.5 mobile phone OS hands-on preview

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—The long-awaited Microsoft Windows phone OS, formerly Windows 6.5 should see the Redmond group back in the mobile pack. Weeks away from the official launch The Inquirer bagged a hands-on preview.

Completely redesigned, the OS looks set to rival Android and quite possible the iPhone OS. Gone are the folder views to be replaced by 24-bit menu icons, and there’s also a glimpse of the Market Place for Windows Phone.

Also in the preview see a walkthrough of the My Phone synchronisation features of the Windows Phone OS. A brand spanking new feature with which the mobile’s contents can all be backed-up to the cloud via a Windows Live



A phone with Windows 6.5 OS now named Windows Phone OS.—INTERNET

account. The My Phone PC client software can also remotely wipe the handset if it is lost or stolen and can download all the SMS, emails and contacts to a replacement mobile. No

on-sale confirmed yet, but rumour has it that it will be before Christmas and quite possibly on the 22 of October to coincide with the Windows 7 launch.

Internet

Man dies from plague in China, 11 others infected

BEIJING, 2 Aug — Thousands of people have been placed under quarantine in a town in northwest China after a man died of pneumonic plague and 11 others were confirmed infected with the deadly lung infection, health authorities said.

The 32-year-old herdsman died in Ziketan in Qinghai province, the provincial health bureau said in a statement posted on its Web site on Saturday. It did not say when he died. Most of the others infected are relatives of the deceased and are in stable condition in a hospital, the bureau said. The town of 10,000 people has been placed under quarantine and a team of experts has been sent to the area, it said.

Internet



Visitors (R) wait to ride the “Chaos” at the Fetes de Geneve, an annual street festival, in Geneva on 1 August, 2009.—INTERNET

Floods leave thousands homeless in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 2 Aug—Thousands of people were rendered homeless in India’s eastern state of Bihar after a river driven by monsoon rains breached its embankment, flooding nearly 200 villages, news reports said on Sunday. An estimated 100,000 people were affected after the swollen Bagmati river inundated the northern Sitamarhi district bordering Nepal, the IANS news agency reported.

The stranded villagers were living under open skies without food and drinking water, waiting to be rescued.

Teams from the National Disaster Response Force began rescue on Sunday morning as the river breached over a 100-foot embankment in Sitamarhi a day earlier. More villages were likely to be flooded, authorities said.

At least half a dozen people were feared drowned but officials confirmed only a woman was killed. Major rivers in north Bihar, especially the Kosi, Gandak, Budhi and Bagmati are in spate following heavy rains in their catchment areas. With heavy rainfall recorded in the catchments areas in neighbouring Nepal, the water levels of these rivers have risen to dangerous levels in the last four to five days.—Internet

American Air inspects jets after FAA audit

WASHINGTON/NEW YORK, 2 Aug—American Airlines pulled three Boeing 737 jets from service this week and is inspecting the rest of its fleet after a routine safety audit flagged unusual scratches found on some planes, a spokesman for a federal regulator said on Friday. The damage was found on the “skin” of jets above the main passenger doorway, and was caused by a bolt or piece of metal protruding from a jetway

curtain in Phoenix, Arizona, said Lynn Lunsford, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

“American is voluntarily doing the inspections, but it’s with the full concurrence of the FAA,” Lunsford said. Scratches on the outside of jets are of concern because, left unchecked, they can weaken the metal and turn into a hole in the fuselage, Lunsford explained. “Because the skin at that part of the

aircraft is pretty thin, the tolerances for how much damage you can have there is pretty small,” he said.

The problem came to the light this week when an FAA inspector noticed an “unusual repair” in a log for one of American Airline’s jets, Lunsford said. Further review of records turned up a “handful” of similar repairs, he said, with the first one logged in February. The precise number is still under investigation, he said.

MNA/Reuters



Safety marshals watch over competitors as they compete in a triathlon during the London Triathlon in the docklands area of East London on 1 August, 2009.

INTERNET

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Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 2 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale rocked eastern part of Indonesia on Sunday morning, but there was no report of damage or casualties, said the local meteorology and geophysics agency.

The quake struck at 08:07 Jakarta time (0107 GMT) with epicenter at 161 km northwest Saumlaki of Maluku Province and 10 km in depth, the agency said.—*Intrnet*



Nissan Motor Co's prototype of the first mass-volume electric car "Leaf" is showcased to the media after an opening ceremony of the company's new global headquarters in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 2 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Nissan unveils 'Leaf' electric car

YOKOHAMA, 2 Aug—Nissan unveiled on Sunday its first all electric car, the Leaf, vowing to open a new chapter for the troubled auto industry and take a lead over its bigger rivals in zero emission vehicles.

The mid-sized hatchback, which will go on sale in late 2010 in Japan, the United States, and Europe, represents a bold bet by

Nissan that hybrids are merely a passing fad on the road to pure electric vehicles. The Leaf, described by Nissan as "the world's first affordable, zero-emission car," can travel more than 160 kilometres (100 miles) on a single charge, at a top speed of 140 kilometres per hour, the company said.

It will "lead the way to

a zero emission future, opening a new era in the automotive industry," chief executive Carlos Ghosn said, unveiling the car at the group's new headquarters in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo.—*Internet*

Six mourners wounded in funeral shooting

CHICAGO, 2 Aug—A gunman opened fire on Saturday outside a gang member's funeral in Chicago, putting six people in the hospital, police said.

The shooting occurred as mourners gathered at the Gospel Truth Life Changing Ministries for a funeral service for Cornelius Robinson, 28, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

Robinson, described as a "self-admitted" gang

member, died of natural causes last week.

Police Officer Kevin Kilmer, a spokesman for the department, said a group of people were on the sidewalk outside the church on the city's West Side. "An offender approached on foot, walked up to the intended target and shot multiple times," Kilmer said. "The offender then proceeded to fire at the crowd as he fled the scene."—*Internet*

2000-year-old ancient tombs discovered in C China

BEIJING, 2 Aug—More than 80 ancient tombs, which can be dated back to more than 2,000 years ago, have been discovered recently in Xiangfan city, south-central China's Hubei Province.

Up to now, nearly 1,000 tombs between West Zhou Dynasty (about 1029 BC to 771 BC) and Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) have been unearthed at the site named Shengang Tombs.

The newly discovered tombs on a construction site buried low-class aristocrats and civilians during the Spring and Autumn and the Warring States Periods, covering an area of 61 mu (about 4 hectare).

The archaeologists said that it was probably a cem-

etry. Some of the tombs that were placed in the same direction, side by side, of the same size, were probably the couple's tombs. Soundbite: Wang Xianfu, vice-director of Xiangfan Archaeological Institute "The tombs' distribution is special, as part of the graves were comparatively centralized. In that way, that part could belong to a certain family of Chu Dynasty."

The discovery is believed to push forward the archeological research in Hubei Province, especially its ancient culture studies.

Hubei is home to the ancient state of Chu, a state during the Spring and Autumn and Warring States Period with its unique culture.—*Internet*



Local people fight against forest fire in Avila, Spain on 30 July. A total of 75,000 hectares of forests were destroyed and 11 people, mostly fire fighters, were killed in forest fires in Spain in the first seven months of this year.—INTERNET

Rain storms hit China, leaving three dead, one missing

KUNMING/WUHAN, 2 Aug—Rain storms hit southwest and central China, leaving three dead, two injured and one missing, local authorities said on Saturday.

The landslide triggered by rain storm hit Fugong County in southwest China's Yunnan Province at 5:30 am Saturday, leaving two dead, two injured and one missing, said Hu Rong, head of the county.

Rescuers had arrived at the county to search for the missing, Hu said.

Another death was caused by flood amid heavy rain from Thursday to Fri-

day in Shiyan City of central China's Hubei Province, said an official of the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarter.

More than 43,000 people had been affected by the rain which triggered flood and landslide and the direct economic loss was estimated to be 18.35 million yuan (About 2.7 million US dollars), the official said.

Nearly 1,500 people had been evacuated, the official said. Other areas in north, east, southwest and central China, including Beijing and Shanghai had also been hit by heavy rain.

Internet



People release turtles to the sea during the celebration to resume the annual fishing season in Yangjiang City, south China's Guangdong Province, on 1 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA



Men stir porciuncula soup during La Porciuncula, a religious event in which the Franciscan community serves food to the poor at Los Descalzos Convent in Lima, on 1 Aug 2009.—INTERNET

Scientists discover secrets of red wine's health benefits

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—Red wine's health benefits lie in resveratrol which works as an effective therapy for life-threatening inflammation, a new study has found.

The study not only explains resveratrol's one-two punch on inflammation, but also shows how it, or a derivative, can be used to treat potentially deadly inflammatory disease, such as appendicitis, peritonitis, and systemic sepsis, said a team of scientists from Scotland and Singapore.

The study was published in the August 2009 print issue of *Journal of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology* (The FASEB Journal).

In the study, the researchers administered an inflammatory agent to

two groups of mice. One group was pretreated with resveratrol and the other group was not. The mice that were not pretreated with resveratrol experienced a strong inflammatory response, simulating disease in humans, while the group pretreated with resveratrol was protected from the inflammation.

The scientists then examined the tissues of the mice to determine exactly how resveratrol was able to protect the mice from inflammation. They found that resveratrol used a one-two punch to stop inflammation in the mice by preventing the body from creating two different molecules known to trigger inflammation, sphingosine kinase and phospholipase D.

This finding suggests that

resveratrol may be harnessable as a treatment for inflammatory diseases and may also lead to entirely new resveratrol-based drugs that are even more effective, said the researchers.

"Strong acute inflammatory diseases such as sepsis are very difficult to treat and many die every day due to lack of treatment," said Alirio Melendez, senior lecturer on the faculty of medicine at Glasgow Biomedical Research Centre in Scotland and one of the researchers involved in the work.

Internet

Sperm bank rejects single woman

BEIJING, 2 Aug — The Shanghai Sperm Bank has turned down several requests from single woman wanting to have a baby. The city's only sperm bank, at Renji Hospital, is always short of donated sperm, which must be provided to infertile couples according to Ministry of Health rules.

Officials said yesterday that they had received a few requests

earlier this year for sperms from single woman, who were either celibate or couldn't find a suitable partner. The centre refused all these requests, since the ministry has clear regulations on recipients of donated sperm, said Dr Li Zheng, the sperm bank's director. Giving sperm to single woman could result in social problems frustrating both the woman and such

children, he added.

In fact, delivering an extramarital baby itself violated the nation's population and family planning law and was punishable by a fine.

According to the law, only a legal couple are allowed to have children and there are detailed rules on the number of children allowed by provincial population authorities.

Internet



Workers repair an ancient kiln of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), in China's porcelain capital, Jingdezhen City, eastern Jiangxi Province, on 1 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Infrared cameras reveal ancient city

VENICE, 2 Aug —An ancient Italian city destroyed by Attila the Hun and now hidden underground has been

mapped for the first time via infrared photography, officials said.

Infrared aerial photography, combined with 3D reconstruction techniques, has revealed Altinum's spectacular coastal architecture, complete with bridges, walls, canals, houses and large public buildings, the Italian news agency ANSA reported on Saturday.

"Until now we only knew that Altinum was there, we didn't know

what it was like," team leader Paolo Mozzi said.

Writing in the journal *Science*, Mozzi said the maps show the existence of a complex urban structure and how inhabitants adapted to life on a lagoon.

The maps suggest the Romans exploited the watery environment centuries before the city of Venice began to emerge on the archipelago in the middle of the lagoon," he said.—Internet

Pesticide linked to leukemia

BEIJING, 2 Aug—Patients with childhood leukemia have elevated levels of household pesticides in their urine, according to a new study by the Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The researchers compared urine samples from 41 pairs each of children with ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia)

and their mothers with healthy children and their moms.

"We found elevated levels of common household pesticides more often in the mother-child pairs affected by cancer," said lead researcher Offie Soldin. "We shouldn't assume that pesticides caused these cancers, but our findings support the need for more research in this area." —Internet



The main stage at the site of the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose, Alberta Canada on 1 August 2009. A vicious storm ripped through an outdoor country music festival in central Alberta around suppertime on Saturday, toppling the concert stage and killing one person and injuring 15 others. Camrose Police Chief Darrell Kambeitz confirmed the one death and said all 15 injured were taken to hospitals.—INTERNET

More natural redheads avoid dentist

CLEVELAND, 2 Aug — Natural redheads tend to fear the dentist more than most because of a genetic variant that makes them sensitive to pain, a Cleveland Clinic researcher said. The variant responsible for red hair stimulates a brain receptor that makes them more aware of pain, Dr

Daniel Sessler told The Plain Dealer in a story published on Saturday.

The variant also makes natural redheads more resistant to general and local anesthesia, Sessler said, noting redheads need about 20 percent more anesthesia than others.

Internet

SPORTS

Promoted Parma sign Panucci

ROME, 2 Aug—Promoted Serie A side Parma announced on Friday to have signed with Christian Panucci as the former Italian defender's contract ran out at AS Roma.

"Parma announces that we have reached an agreement with defender Christian Panucci," the club told their website without giving details of the contract.

The 36-year-old had played for Roma for eight years but fallen out with coach Luciano Spalletti last season. He had also played with former Serie A champions AC Milan.—*Internet*

Torres says big-spending Spanish clubs have much to learn from Premier League

LONDON, 2 Aug—Big-spending Spanish clubs Real Madrid and Barcelona still have much to learn from English Premier League, Liverpool striker Fernando Torres said on Saturday.

"English football has an enormous following across the world, not just because of the players but because of its history, its tradition, the excitement, the capacity crowds," the 25-year-old Spaniard, who spent six years in the Spanish top flight with



Liverpool striker
Fernando Torres

Atletico Madrid, told Liverpool's website.

—*Internet*

Double-up Arshavin leads Arsenal to victory



Abdrei Arshavin
of Arsenal

LONDON, 2 Aug—Russian international Andrey Arshavin came off the bench to score twice as Arsenal beat Atletico Madrid 2-1 in the Emirates Cup on Saturday. All three goals came in the last five minutes. Cesc Fabregas lofted the ball over to the back post from the right, where Arshavin arrived to volley past Sergio Asenjo.

However, German Pacheco then beat the off-

side trap to slot in an equaliser with just two minutes left. In one final twist, Arshavin latched onto a poor backward clearing header from Tomas Ujfalusi to slot the ball in from the tightest of angles. Arsenal welcomed back Czech winger Tomas Rosicky, who had been out of action for some 18 months with a string of niggling injuries, and his return was a welcome boost for manager Arsene Wenger following the loss of Samir Nasri to a broken leg.—*Internet*

Spurs confirm mild sprain in Parker's ankle

SAN ANTONIO, 2 Aug—Tony Parker will miss the next game for the French national team after the Spurs confirmed a mild right ankle sprain in their star point guard.

The Spurs brought Parker back to San Antonio for tests after their leading scorer injured his ankle and thigh in a collision with an Austrian player last week. Parker is not expected to play when France plays Italy on Wednesday in a European championship qualifier.—*Internet*

Juventus beat Real to reach Peace Cup final



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (left) vies with Juventus's Tiago Mendes during a semi-final of the Peace Cup Andalusia match at Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Sevilla.—*INTERNET*

SEVILLE, 2 Aug—Juventus beat Real Madrid 2-1 to reach the final of the Peace Cup as the big-spending Spanish club failed to shine in its first major pre-season test.

The Italians will meet Aston Villa on Sunday after the English Premier League side beat Porto of Portugal by the same score in Malaga. Juventus got off to a flying start in Friday's match in Seville when Fabio Cannavaro connected with a free kick from Alessandro del Piero to head the ball past Jerzy Dudek in the third minute.—*Internet*

China breaks world record in winning relay gold

ROME, 2 Aug—China beat Olympic champions Australia with a world record finish to win the women's 4x100m medley relay at the world swimming championships on Saturday. China battled it out with Australia all the way before Li Zhesi touched home in three minutes, 52.19 seconds to shatter the mark of 3:52.69 set by the Australians at the Beijing Olympics.

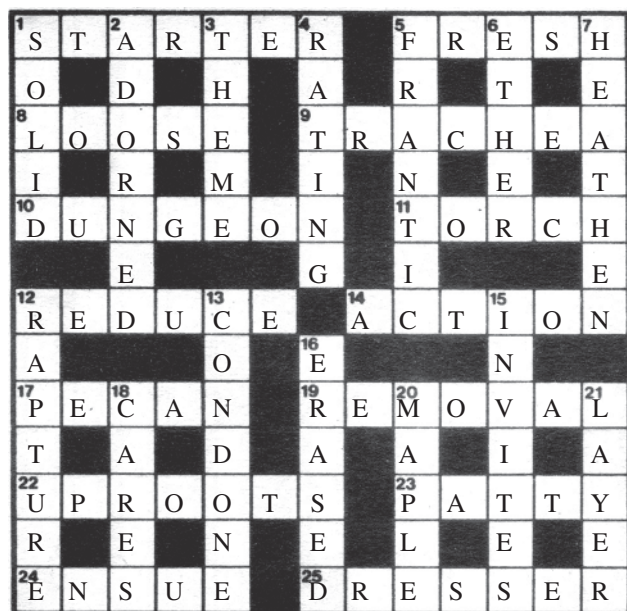
Australia had to settle for silver in 3:52.58, with Germany taking bronze in 3:55.79. American Michael Phelps won a showdown with Serbian Milorad

Cavic to claim the men's 100m butterfly gold. Phelps clocked 49.82 seconds to snatch the world record back from Cavic, who shattered the American's mark in Friday's semifinals.—*Internet*



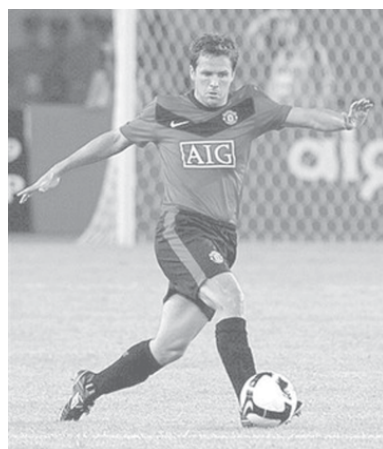
Zhao Jing, Chen Huijia, Jiao Liuyang (from L to R) cheer for their teammate Li Zhesi at the women's 4x100m medley final during FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy, on 1 Aug, 2009. China won gold and set a new world record with 3:52.19.—*INTERNET*

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Rejuvenated Owen targets World Cup

LONDON, 2 Aug—Michael Owen believes his move to Manchester United can help propel him into Fabio Capello's England squad for the World Cup finals.



Michael Owen

The 29-year-old striker has no doubt that he can still force his way back into the set-up despite an injury-plagued spell at relegated Newcastle which contributed to his international exile.

"My mind's been thinking about that since I was three years old in the back garden, and nothing has changed," Owen told *FourFourTwo* magazine. "Winning the World Cup is the ultimate - it's still my dream." Owen also hit back at his critics who insist he is past his best and could struggle at Old Trafford where the summer exits of Cristiano Ronaldo and Carlos Tevez have piled more pressure onto his shoulders.—*Internet*

Argentine striker Cruz moves to Lazio

ROME, 2 Aug—Lazio announced on Friday that the Italian Serie club has signed with Julio Cruz and called up the Argentine striker for the Italian Super Cup match against his previous side Inter Milan on 8 August. The 34-year-old was released by champions Inter at the end of last season and has taken his time choosing Italian Cup holders Lazio after several clubs expressed an interest.—*Internet*



A diamond encrusted golf ball is put on display prior to the Moravia Silesia Open golf tournament in Celadna 1 August, 2009.—INTERNET

Americans ready to buy Indian, Chinese cars

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—Americans are ready to buy cars from India and China, a survey in the US has revealed. Results of the survey called ‘Opportunity for Chinese and Indian Brands in the USA’ shows that 15 per cent of the new car buyers in the US say they would consider purchasing their next vehicle from China, and 11 per cent would consider buying a car from India.

More than 30,000 buyers from around the country were interviewed in this survey conducted by AutoPacific. “As Hyundai and Kia have been on the American scene for decades now, it’s surprising that consideration for Chinese and Indian brands would be about as strong as it is for the Korean brands,” automotive research firm AutoPacific President and author of the study George Peterson said.

“It appears that buyers in America are willing to give Chinese and Indian vehicles a chance right out of the box. Understanding these consumers will be critically important to the success of any newcomer,” he said. “Not only are a significant number of people willing to consider Chinese and Indian brands, this group consists of highly desirable buyers who would be coveted by any manufacturer,” Peterson said.

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MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (3-8-2009) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

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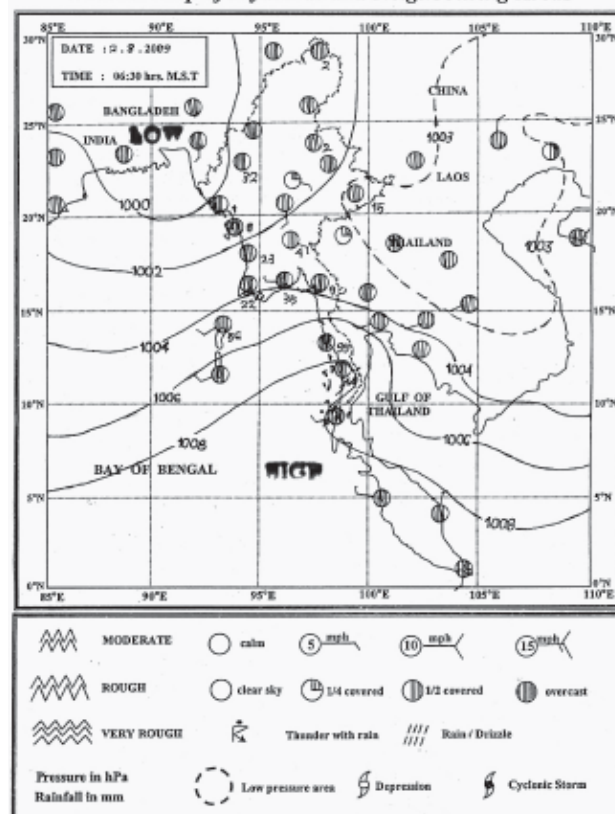
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- * Ayeyarwady's Second Defile
- * A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
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- * Maungmagan, The Seaside Village
- * A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
- * Culture Stage
- * National Herbal Park (Part II)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * A Glimpse at the Mighty loggers
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
- * Memorial Stones from Chin Mountain Ranges
- * Poem Garden “The Moon”
- * Myanmar Natural Resource Spirulina
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Innovative Skills of Myanmar Handicrafts (Part-2)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 2nd August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been scattered in Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sgaing, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (5.95) inches, Lounglon (5.04) inches and Dawei (3.90) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-8-2009 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 2-8-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-8-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 1-8-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 2-8-2009 was (1.26) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.95) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (73.23) inches at Mingaladon, (81.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (83.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 1-8-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3rd August 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-8-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-8-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 3 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. “ကောင်းခြင်းဝေဖြာ”

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာ၊မြန်မာစကား

4:35 pm

4. Dance of National Races

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:35 pm

9. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွယ်ကြွယ်အိတ်

5:45 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

14. “တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်” (ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ နှင်းကူကို) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တစ်ရေးနိုးဖူးစာ” (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မေ့မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwepyin River at Shwepyin is (726) cm and it has exceeded by (26) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (700) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1139) cm and it has exceeded by (69) cm (about 2.5 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

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Large vegetables plantations reflecting vigour of Ayeyawady dwellers

Article: *Mg Mg Myint Swe*; Photos: *Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)*



Radish is grown on a vast scale in Po Tha Aye Village, Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Just as news crew members of us disembarked the motorized boat and got to the bank in Bogale Township, seven miles from Mawlamyinegyun, we were impressed by thriving vast stretches of plantations of vegetables.

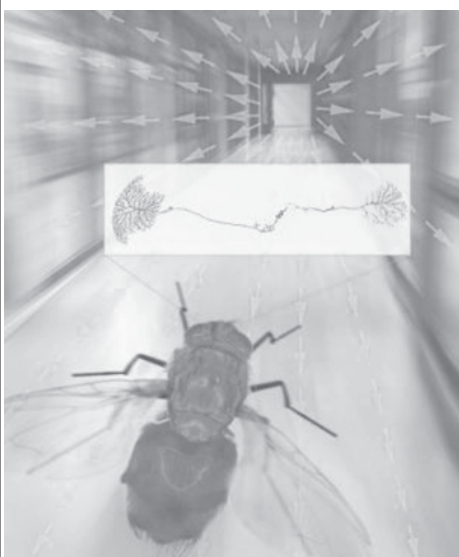
Many of the villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township were hit hard by not only the cyclone "Nargis" but also huge tidal waves it triggered, one of which is Po Tha Aye Village.

The whole scene looked incredible as if the miseries the village encountered in the natural disaster last year were just a dream. The faces of the farmers showed that strong impact of absolute nightmare on them was no more, thus supporting the motto "Ayeyawady Delta, hardworking dwellers".

Along the bank just outside Po Tha Aye Village were so many large-scale patches of such vegetables as radish, creeper, bitter gourd, cucumber, roselle, and ridged gourd.

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Robotics insights through flies' eyes



Specific flight patterns are simulated by controlling optical "flux fields" presented to the fly.

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 Aug—Common and clumsy-looking, the blow fly is a true artist of flight. Suddenly changing direction, standing still in the air, spinning lightning-fast around its own axis, and making precise, pinpoint landings – all these maneuvers are simply a matter of course. Extremely quick eyesight helps to keep it from losing orientation as it races to and fro. Still, how does its tiny brain process the multiplicity of images and signals so rapidly and efficiently?

To get to the bottom of this, members of a Munich-based "excellence cluster" called Cognition for Technical Systems or CoTeSys have created an unusual research environment: a flight simulator for flies.—Internet

Three more persons found infected with A (H1N1)

13 have been infected with virus in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug —The Ministry of Health is screening those who have arrived here from abroad for new influenza A (H1N1). Three men, who arrived from Malaysia, were transferred to hospitals after they had been found to have been ill. National Health Laboratory detected them and they were found to have been infected with the A (H1N1) virus. The patients are receiving treatment at Yangon General Hospital, Insein General Hospital and Waibagi Hospital.

Seventeen family members of the patients are kept in home quarantine and under surveillance. Authorities concerned have put under surveillance all those who had arrived on the same flight with the patients in their respective places. They are 172 passengers who arrived by TG-303 Flight, 151 by MH-740 Flight and 118 by 8M-502, and 138 airport staff.

There have been 13 A (H1N1)-infected persons in Myanmar. Six have been discharged from the hospitals as they have recovered fully from their illness and the remaining seven are being given special treatment by specialists. The National Health Laboratory detected 120 flu-suspected persons and 13 were found to have been infected with the virus.—MNA