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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Singaporean President

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—On the occasion of the 44th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2009, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr. S.R. Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—On the occasion of the 44th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2009, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

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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

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects Yangon-Pathein railroad construction

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials arrived at the railroad crossing of Pathein-Yangon road and Pathien-Hinthada railroad in Kangyidaunk Township on 5 August morning. Officials reported on construction tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected survey of land for the railroad axis near Daka Kyeinchaung bridge and Hsingaung Village. On arrival at Nyaungwai Village in Einme Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on project works and gave necessary instructions. At the post-primary school in Nyaungwai Village, he also

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Developing Bago becoming neat and tidy

Article: Singu Soe Win (Reporter); Photos: Yang Naing Win (Reporter)

Kandawgyi Lake distributing a million gallons of water a day to 12 wards in Bago.

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PERSPECTIVES

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For all national people to wipe out the danger of narcotics

The special meeting (1/2009) of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) took place at the Headquarters of Myanmar Police Force here on 7-8-2009. Secretary-1of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the meeting.

Myanmar is implementing a 15-year drug elimination plan and it has reached the first year of the third phase 5-year plan. For the elimination of poppy cultivation, ways and means are being sought to speed up poppy-substitute agricultural and livestock breeding undertakings.

The drug elimination plan designated as a 15-year plan from 1999 to 2014 is being undertaken with two strategies and three tactics. A total number of 51 townships in Shan State, Shan State (East), Shan State (North), Kachin State, Kayah State and Chin State have been set up as top prioritized regions of the plan and drug elimination tasks are well under way.

In order to expose and destroy poppy cultivation with greater momentum, Myanmar is surveying poppy cultivation in collaboration with UNODC and has been working in cooperation with NNCC since 2006.

Such measures as agricultural and livestock breeding undertakings, creating job opportunities, ensuring better transport for competitiveness of the products in market and disseminating health and education knowledge are being taken so as to dissuade poppy growers from cultivating poppy and enable them to earn more income.

All in all, all the national people are to eliminate the danger of narcotic drugs, the threat to the entire humanity, till it is wiped out of Myanmar's soil.

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**

Yangon Division Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions opened

YANGON, 8 Aug— A ceremony to open the 17th Yangon Division Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (professional level) was held at the University of Culture (Yangon) here this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

Also present on the occasion were the rector of the university and faculty members, guests, contestants and others.

After making a speech, the rector formally opened the ceremony.

This was followed by the presentation of students who were awarded with a flower basket by the commander. *MNA*

Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint presenting prizes to outstanding students.
MNA

FM felicitates Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— On the occasion of the 44th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr. George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore.

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Refresher course for staff officers of EP No. 1 Ministry concludes

***Minister Col Zaw Min addressing the concluding ceremony of refresher course for staff officers.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No. (1) Col Zaw Min attended the concluding ceremony of refresher course for staff officers at the training center for hydropower development (Paunglaung) yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, directors-general, managing directors, officials, lecturers and trainees.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and Director-General of Hydropower Implementation Department U Win Kyi handed over certificates to the trainees. The 4-week course was attended by 20 staff officers (civil).—*MNA*

Customers visit ToTo showroom centre in Diamond Condominium.
MNA

ToTo sanitary wares showroom centre opened

YANGON, 8 Aug— ToTo sanitary wares showroom centre was opened at Diamond Condominium on Pyay road in Kamayut Township here this morning.

Daw Tin Tin Mhwe, Chief Executive Officer of Natural Clay Co, Ltd (ToTo Showroom-Myanmar) explained the purpose of opening of the showroom that was established in 1917. Products of ToTo are of high quality and are sought after by the global nations. Its items include Sanitary Wares such as Basin, Shower Spray Faucet, Bath Tub, Water Closet and Accessories and are distributed in Myanmar by Natural Clay Co, Ltd (Japan Carton Box & PP Strapping Band Manufacturing) as Authorized Distributor.

Customers will enjoy discounts on the products from 7 to 23 August and it will be kept open from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm daily.

For further details, contact the showroom centre (ph-502379, 502412 and Fax.212040). *MNA*

Bolivia not to allow US military bases on its territory

LA PAZ, 8 Aug — The Bolivian government will never allow the establishment of a US military base on its territory, President Evo Morales said on Friday.

"Bolivia has its own dignity even though it is a small country, and we will never allow any foreign military base on our territory," Morales said during the celebration of the country's Army Day in Oruro, a city in southwest Bolivia.

Morales said most of the South American leaders rejected President Alvaro Uribe's plan to expand US military presence in Colombia, which violates national sovereignty and poses a possible threat to regional security.

In recent years, with more and more Latin American left-wing parties coming into power, US military bases in Latin America have shrank continuously.

Washington started to seek the establishment of US military bases in other countries such as Colombia since Ecuador refused last year to renew its contract with the United States on the use of Manta military base.

Xinhua

A resident looks at the site of bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 7 Aug, 2009. A bomb in a parked car near a crowded market killed five people and wounded 30 others in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Thursday, a hospital source said.—INTERNET

NATO probes two Afghan civilian casualties

KABUL, 8 Aug — NATO-led forces are investigating whether they mistakenly killed two civilians in southern Afghanistan, the alliance's International Security Assistance Force said on Saturday.

Afghan and NATO-led troops fired mortars at an insurgent they believed was observing their operations near an Afghan army base in Uruzgan province on Friday, but one of the mortar rounds fell short, the force said in a statement.

The statement said villagers had reported two civilians killed. ISAF had notified local officials and launched a joint investigation.

ISAF includes more than half of the 62,000 American troops in Afghanistan as well as more than 30,000 troops from other countries, under command of a US general.

Internet

A cosplayer performs during the 2009 Youth International Comic and Animation Contest in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 7 Aug, 2009. The 2009 Youth International Comic and Animation Contest drew people from about 30 countries and regions. —XINHUA

Mosul blast casualties rise to 305

BAGHDAD, 8 Aug— Casualties in the car bombing in Iraqi northern city of Mosul rose to 305, source with provincial governorate said on Friday. According to the latest casualties numbers, the car bomb which detonated near a Shiite mosque in the AL-Shelikan village, northwest of Mosul earlier on Friday, killed 38 people and wounded 267 others. The blast happened when worshippers left the Shiite Mosque after their Friday prayer. The source previously put the numbers at 23 people killed and 30 others wounded. Mosul is the capital city of northern Iraq's Nineveh Province.

Friday's attack targeting Shiite Muslims seems to be no coincidence.

Earlier in the day, roadside explosions in Baghdad killed four and wounded 18 Shiite pilgrims, who just finished their religious ritual from holy city of Karbala.

Tens of thousands of Shiite pilgrims across the country congregated to the holy city Karbala in recent days to celebrate the mid-Shaaban visit, which falls on Friday. Shaaban is the eighth month of the Islamic calendar and the month before the holymonth of Ramadan.—*Xinhua*

Guatemalan police seize over one ton of cocaine

MEXICO CITY, 8 Aug — Guatemala's National Civil Police have seized 1.04 tons of cocaine in two separate operations, said news reports reaching here on Friday.

In the first operation, police discovered 830 kg of cocaine in a trailer attached to an articulated truck in the capital Guatemala City.

The police also spotted that three suspected drug dealers were unloading a truck on a suburban street while another one was on a lookout. The smugglers fled when police approached. The army dispatched two helicopters to conduct an aerial search for the suspects, but none of them has been caught so far.—*Xinhua*

Two dead in Inner Mongolia landslide

HOHHOT, 8 Aug— A sand yard landslide on Friday killed two people and injured one in Chifeng City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, local police said on Saturday.

The three people were operating a shovel loader in the sand yard in Hexigten Banner of Chifeng City when a sand hill collapsed and buried them early Friday.

Eight rescuers rushed to the scene. They had to dig with bare hands to avoid harming the buried accidentally.

It took the rescuers two hours to retrieve the three buried, two of whom dead. The injured was immediately sent to a local hospital and is now out of danger.—*Xinhua*

Shootouts in Mexico leave at least 12 dead

PACHUCA (Mexico), 8 Aug — A running battle between police and gunmen has left 12 people dead in this central Mexican city, officials said on Friday.

The dead included three police officers and nine gunmen, said Hidalgo state Attorney General Jose Alberto Rodriguez. Two state police officers and one city officer remained hospitalized Friday after suffering gunshot wounds in the attacks late Thursday on the outskirts of Pachuca. A state officer, who was also wounded, died on Friday at the hospital.

Hidalgo state police director Donanciano Millan said officers were acting on a tip that gunmen were in the area when they stopped four trucks carrying the assailants, who opened fire and fled. Officers pursued them, and the two groups exchanged gunfire.

After the attacks, police seized assault rifles, grenades, federal police uniforms, handcuffs and 3 kilograms (about 7 pounds) of cocaine.—*Internet*

Visitors show interest in a costume during the 5th Reproductive Health Technologies & Products Expo in Beijing, capital of Beijing, on 7 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

World economy finishes free-fall but remains uncertain

PARIS, 8 Aug—The world economy is no longer in free-fall but still remains uncertain, said European Central Bank (ECB) President Jean-Claude Trichet in an interview with France's RTL radio on Friday.

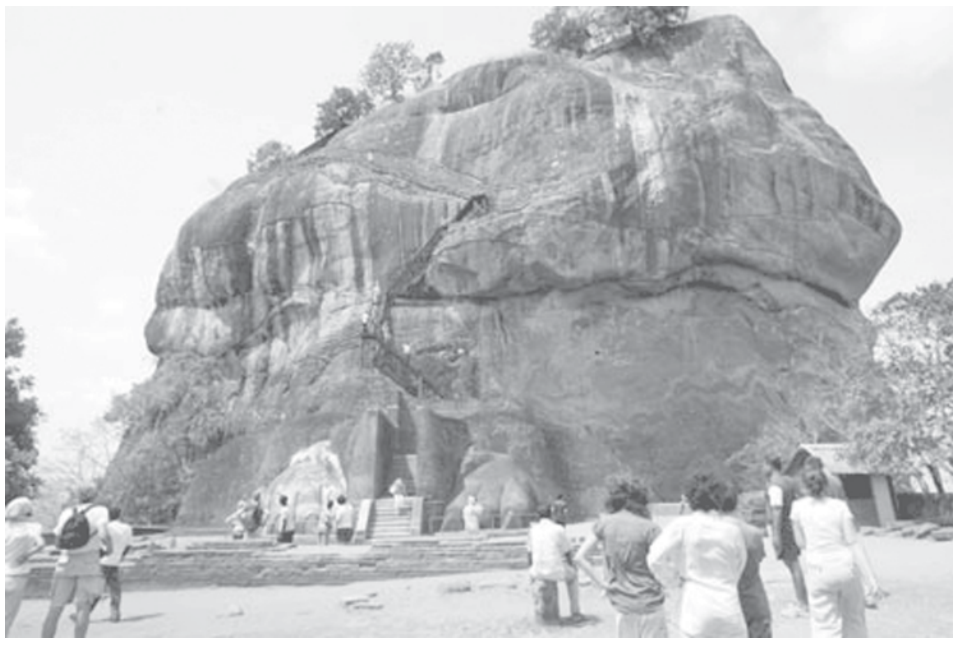
"We're coming out of the period of free-fall," Trichet said. "We are still in a period of contraction of the economic activity."

"We should guard against too much optimistic," he added.

Trichet said the ECB's action against the global financial crisis has been successful, but warning "the zone of uncertainty in which we have been since the crisis intensified in mid-September 2008 is not yet behind us."

According to a statement released by the ECB in this week, the interest rate will remain unchanged at 1.0 percent.

Xinhua



Tourists observe as rescuers with exposure suits are going to help tourists who were trapped by wasp attack at the top of the rock at Sigiriya, a place about 160 km northeast of Sri Lankan capital Colombo, on 7 Aug, 2009. About 65 tourists were injured by wasp attack in this famous tourism site on Friday.—XINHUA

Greek job market resilient despite global financial crisis

ATHENS, 8 Aug—Despite pressure due to the global financial crisis, Greek job market is resilient and dynamic, with strong and healthy resistance to changes in labour relations, Greek Employment and Social Protection Minister Fani Palli-Petralia said on Friday.

She said "We want the ministry to be a shield for the workers, a shield for protection of employment and for reinforcing social cohesion."

The country's labour inspectorate, the Labour Inspection Corps (SEPE), said in a recent report the fact that Greece was resisting the conditions of intense pressure from the global financial crisis was of great significance.

It also said that the "correct political practices" of the ministry, intensification of SEPE inspections and the government's package of measures to boost employment "create a protective shield for the workers in today's difficult conjuncture."

Xinhua

Brazil's industrial employment down

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Aug—The industrial employment rate in Brazil dropped 5.1 percent year-on-year in the first half of 2009, according to official statistics.

The industrial employment fell 0.01 percent in June, a decrease for nine consecutive months, but also the lowest monthly drop in 2009, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics said on Friday.

During the period between July 2008 and June 2009, the country's industrial employment declined by 1.9 percent year-on-year.

The number of hours paid to the industrial workers fell 5.8 percent in the first half of 2009, compared to the same period a year earlier.

Salaries of the industrial workers dropped 1 percent year-on-year in the first half of 2009. In June, the figure registered a 1.7-percent drop from May and a 2-percent drop from June 2008.—*Xinhua*

People walk past human shaped promotion board at the International Berlin Beer Festival in Berlin, Germany, on 7 Aug, 2009. This year's International Berlin Beer Festival, which opened on 7 Aug, attracted nearly 300 breweries from 86 countries and regions to present almost 2,000 different brands of beer.—XINHUA

Oil falls as stronger dollar offsets encouraging jobs data

NEW YORK, 8 Aug—Oil prices fell on Friday as the US dollar rose against the euro, weakening the purchasing power of buyers using other currencies.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery dropped 1.01 dollars, or 1.4 percent, to settle at 70.93 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract initially rose after the release of the encouraging jobs data which showed the US jobless rate unexpectedly dropped to 9.4 percent from 9.5 percent in July, adding to optimism that the economy was turning around.

However, oil prices began to drop as the dollar got stronger against the euro. The Dollar Index rose more than 1.2 percent, undermining demand for dollar-priced assets such as oil used to hedge against inflation.

In London, Brent crude for September delivery dropped 1.41 dollars to 73.42 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.—*Xinhua*

Airbus delivers 288 aircraft this year

PARIS, 8 Aug—Plane maker Airbus said on Friday that it has completed deliveries of 288 aircraft in the first seven months of 2009, including four *A380* superjumbos, local media reported.

The total number of orders during the period from January to July was 118, after cancellation or postponements.

Airbus has set goal to achieve 300 new orders for this year. Its parent company, European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), expected Airbus to deliver the same number of aircraft as 483 in 2008.

Boeing, Airbus' rival, has delivered 279 aircraft this year, including 216 short-haul 737s.—*Xinhua*

A model presents a creation by designer Payal Jain during the "Green Earth 09" fashion show in New Delhi on 7 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

BMW, Daimler see July deliveries decline

FRANKFURT, 8 Aug—Germany's Daimler AG and BMW AG said on Friday that their worldwide car sales fell by more than 10 percent in July as the global economic downturn curbed demand for luxury autos.

The BMW group, which includes the Mini and Rolls Royce brands too, reported a 13 percent year-on-year drop in cars delivered to 110,000 from 126,000 in July 2008.

Daimler's Mercedes-Benz car division, whose brands also include Smart and Maybach, saw an 11 percent drop, with deliveries falling to 93,900 cars from 105,100. The core Mercedes-Benz brand accounted for most of those sales despite a 10 percent fall in deliveries to 83,500 cars last month from 92,700 a year earlier.

Sales of Smart compact cars declined particularly sharply in July, falling 16 percent to 10,400. Daimler said that, despite difficult market conditions, its new Mercedes E-class sedan was being well received.

"We have delivered more than 40,000 units to customers since the market launch in spring," Klaus Maier, a Daimler sales and marketing official said.—*Internet*

UN warns it lacks access to 500,000 hungry Somalis

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Aug— Lack of access has prevented the United Nations from delivering food to 500,000 of its planned 3.3 million beneficiaries in Somalia over the past month, principally in Mogadishu and the south of the battle-scarred country, the UN humanitarian agency reported here on Friday.

At the same time, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) will face critical shortfalls as of October and urgently requires 209,000 metric tons of food worth 208 million US dollars to cover the current aid pipeline until the end of March 2010, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said.

As of the end of July, the Somalia consolidated appeal was 52 percent funded at 438 million US dollars. In July, WFP delivered about 33,725 metric tons of food, 83 percent of the planned tonnage, to 2.8 million beneficiaries in south-central Somalia and Puntland and Somaliland in the north. Lack of access and minor pipeline shortfalls cut off delivery from the full target of 3.3 million, OCHA said.

Mogadishu and the south have been shattered by an upsurge of attacks from Al-Shabaab and other militant groups against the provisional government in a country that has had no functioning central authority and has been riven by factional fighting for nearly two decades.

Xinhua

Huge turbines of wind power plants are pictured in Hinggan League (or prefecture) of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 7 Aug, 2009. Inner Mongolia, covering 1.18 million square kilometers of land, has boasted more than 3 million kilowatts of wind power, the largest of its kind in China. —XINHUA

One Palestinian killed in Gaza tunnel collapse

GAZA, 8 Aug—One Palestinian was killed as a smuggling tunnel under the borderline between southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah and Egypt collapsed, medics and witnesses said on Friday.

The witnesses said that one of the smuggling tunnels under the borderline collapsed overnight, adding that the body of a local worker was pulled out from the tunnel early on Friday morning.

Medics at Rafah Hospital told *Xinhua* on telephone that the local tunnel worker Ahmed al-Debari, 21, was stuck in the collapsed tunnel and was suffocated to death.

The reason behind the tunnel's collapse was not immediately known, according to Gaza-ruling Hamas security sources. However, several tunnels had collapsed and killed around 12 people over the last couple of weeks.

Xinhua

People buy articles on a flea market held in Panjiayuan, the market for folk art, in Beijing, China,on 6 Aug, 2009. Panjiayuan Market will supply 400 free booths for citizens to trade their unused articles on every Thursday.
XINHUA

Indonesian police foil car bomb attack

JAKARTA, 8 Aug — Indonesian police foiled a terrorist plot to launch a car bomb attack on a specific target in the next two weeks, National Police Chief General Hendarso BambangDanuri said here on Friday.

The police chief told reporters after a raid on a terrorist house in Purinusa residence at Jatiasih of Bekasi town in West Java, that they killed two terrorist suspects who were involved in a suicide bombing at Australian embassy in Jakarta in 2004.

Police also seized explosives and hundreds of kilograms of bombs and a truck, Hendarso said. "One car has been prepared for car bomb in the next two weeks," he said. "Thank to God we can foil it," Hendarso said.

The police chief said that the plot was aimed at a specific target but he refused to elaborate.

He said that police were also pursuing scores of other terrorist suspects including two persons, one of them was Amir Abdullah who ordered the room 1808 at JW Marriot Hotel, in which police found an unexploded bomb after the suicide bombings in the hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel opposite of the hotel on 17 July, killing nine people and wounding 55 others.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

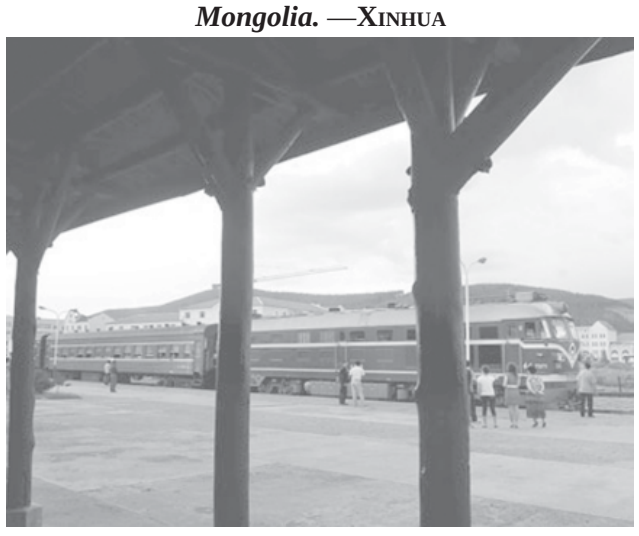
Road crashes kill 11, injure 30 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 8 Aug— At least 11 people were killed and 30 others injured in separate road crashes in three districts in Bangladesh on Thursday and Friday, private news agency *UNB* reported.

In central district Faridpur, about 100 km southwest from capital Dhaka, six people were killed and 30 others injured as a bus tumbled into a roadside ditch at in Bhanga sub-district on Friday, the news agency said. Police said the accident occurred at about 2 pm local time as the tyre of a front wheel of the bus suddenly got punctured, killing four passengers on the spot and injuring 32 others. Later, two of the injured died on the way to a local hospital.In southern Bagerhat district, about 178 km from Dhaka, two motorcyclists were killed as a bus smashed their bike in Morelganj sub-district on Friday, according to the *UNB*. Police said the bus collided with the motorbike carrying the two friends at about 4 pm local time while they were returning home, killing them on the spot.

In eastern Narsingdi district, about 51 km northeast from Dhaka, three people of a family were killed as a pickup van ran over themin Shibpur sub-district on Friday, the *UNB* said.—*Xinhua*

A train enters a railway station in Arxan, a town in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 5 Aug, 2009. Covering an area of less than 300 square meters, the mini Arxan railway station, built in 1937, still manages to function in the Greater Hinggan Mountains in Inner Mongolia. —XINHUA



Hot weather warning continues in force in Hong Kong

HONG KONG ,8 Aug— Heat and humidity prompted the Hong Kong Observatory to keep a Very Hot Weather Warning in force on Saturday.

The observatory said it was forecasting very hot weather in the southern Chinese territory and that "the risk of heatstroke is high." It advised local residents to take measures to avoid prolonged exposure under the sunlight and drink plenty of water.

More than 600 senior citizens pressed the alarm to seek help by early afternoon and 46 of them were forced to seek medical help at local hospitals. Most of them complained of headache or dizziness, said the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association.

The Hong Kong Observatory typically issues the Very Hot Weather Warning when the peak temperature during the day hits 33 degrees Celsius or above, with the humidity and other factors taken into consideration as well.

Xinhua

Austrian exports, imports in May respectively declined by over 20%

VIENNA, 8 Aug— The Austrian foreign trade continued to decline in May, the imports and exports dropped by 21.4 percent and 22.1 percent respectively compared to the same period last year, amounting to 7.67 billion euro and 7.54 billion euro respectively.

However, according to the figure released by Statistics Austria on Thursday, the situation showed better in May than April.

In April this year, Austria's exports had dropped as much as 27.9 percent.

On the other hand, the Austrian imports in May continued to decline, with 0.5 percent more decline than April (20.9 percent).

Xinhua

Passengers including ferry accident survivors board a plane at Pangai on Tonga's Lifuka Island, for a flight to Nuku'alofa on 7 Aug, 2009, after a ferry carrying 117 passengers and crew sank around midnight Wenesday, northeast of the Tongan capital, Nuku'alofa.—INTERNET

Tonga police fear ferry toll may rise further

NUKU'ALOFA, 8 Aug—The number of people missing and feared dead after a ferry sank in Tonga rose Friday to more than 60 and could jump further, police said, as the prime minister called the tragedy a "major disaster" for his tiny country.

Police Commander Chris Kelly said the latest information was that the Princess Ashika was carrying 117 passengers and crew when it went down around midnight on Wednesday, again hiking a figure that has steadily risen as authorities investigate.

Fifty-three survivors and two bodies were plucked from the Pacific, leaving 62 people unaccounted for, according to the latest count. But the number of missing could still rise because authorities have not been able to reconcile the list of passengers and crew with the accounts of survivors.—*Internet*

Brazil's grain output expected to fall 7.9% in 2009

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Aug— Brazil's grain output will fall from 146 million tons to 134.4 in 2009, a 7.9 percent decrease from last year, a Brazilian agency reported on Thursday.

The projection by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) is 0.8 percentage points lower than the institute's figure in its last month's report. It said that by year's end, Brazil would register the second highest yield of grain in history.

According to the IBGE, rice production in 2009 would rise by 4.2 percent from 2008, while soybean and corn would see a 5.2 percent and a 14.2 percent drop respectively.

The total cultivated area in Brazil would fall slightly from last year's 47.4 million hectares to 47.2 in 2009. The land for rice and corn production would increase by 2.1 and 1 percent respectively, while soybean fields would decrease by 4.6 percent.

In all, 81.3 percent of Brazil's arable land is used for the production of rice, corn and soybeans.

The IBGE said all the five grain-growing Brazilian regions would see drops in output from last year. The southern region would have the largest gross output of 53.6 million tons, a 12.6 percent drop from 2008. By contrast, the northern region would see the smallest output of 3.7 million tons, down 1.8 percent from 2008..—*Xinhua*

Turkey, Russia sign deal on South Stream pipeline

ANKARA, 8 Aug— Turkey and Russia signed a deal here on Thursday to allow the planned Russian-backed South Stream gas pipeline to go through Turkey's Black Sea waters, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Inked by Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, who is in the Turkish capital of Ankara for a one-day working visit, the agreement is viewed as an attempt of Russia to compete with the European-supported Nabucco gas pipeline and weaken Europe's efforts to diversify its energy sources.

According to the agreement, Turkey permitted Russia to carry out feasibility studies to pass the South Stream pipeline through Turkey's exclusive economic zone.

The South Stream pipeline is designed to carry natural gas from the Russian coast through the Black Sea to Europe.

Russia has been seeking Turkey's support for the project so that the pipeline could go through Turkey's territorial waters under the Black Sea instead of crossing Ukraine's waters.

Xinhua

Japan's robotics venture Cyberdyne employee wearing the robot-suit "HAL" (Hybrid Assistive Limb) walk on a street in Tokyo for the demonstration. Two men and a woman, wearing what looked like white plastic exoskeletons over black outfits, were testing — at a pace of 1.8 kilometres (1.1 miles) an hour — robotic suits designed to give mobility to the injured and disabled.Japan's robotics venture Cyberdyne employee wearing the robot-suit "HAL" (Hybrid Assistive Limb) walk on a street in Tokyo for the demonstration. Two men and a woman, wearing what looked like white plastic exoskeletons over black outfits, were testing — at a pace of 1.8 kilometres (1.1 miles) an hour — robotic suits designed to give mobility to the injured and disabled.

Cloverleaf turns unlucky for alleged Min crook

The cloverleaf turned out to be unlucky for one alleged robber in the St Paul area. Ramsey County sheriff's deputy Jeremy Bolen identified the 32-year-old St Paul man by the cloverleaf tattoo on his left arm, the cloverleaf on his cap and the Celtic cross tattooed on his right bicep.

Bolen used descriptions from witnesses to connect the man to two St Paul convenience stores and a gas station robbery in Eagan. The suspect was tracked down after being arrested on Monday for alleged drunken driving and crashing into another car. He injured himself and two others.

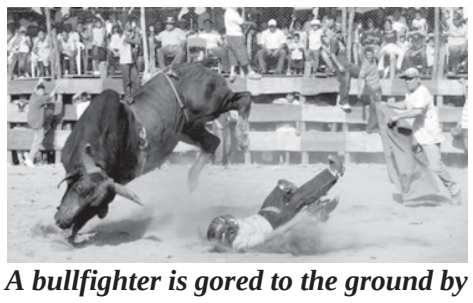
The Dakota County attorney's office charged him Friday with one felony count of aggravated robbery. He's being held on $150,000 bail. The case is still under review in Ramsey County.

Wal-Mart worker bitten by accused shoplifter

Police said a Wal-Mart employee was bitten while confronting a customer about shoplifting. Officers said a 44-year-old woman bit the employee on the arm while trying to leave the store's garden centre without paying for items in her purse.

The woman was arrested on charges of theft and assault.

According to the *Kingsport Times-News,* items recovered from her purse were valued at about $32.



A bullfighter is gored to the ground by a bull during a bullfighting to celebrate the closing of the Santo Domingo Festival on the outskirts of Managua, capital of Nicaragua, on 3 August, 2009.

NEWS ALBUM

This undated picture released by the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) shows fossilised tracks in the Cabaneros National Park of central Spain, lasting evidence of a type of an ancient giant worm that lived 475 million years ago and was up to one metre (three feet) in length.

Police find train "suicide" woman in bed

French police called off their search for a woman who threw herself in front of a speeding train when they found that she had dragged herself home and gone to bed, a court source told *Reuters*.

The 58-year-old, who suffered from depression, jumped in front of the train as it sped through the station at Herrlisheim near Strasbourg at around 150 km per hour, prompting the driver to alert the police.

Discovering only a small blood stain on the train and the platform, police called in helicopters to find the woman who they presumed had been sent flying by the collision, public prosecutor Laurent Guy said.

But the search was called off when the woman's partner, returning from a night shift, found her lying in bed with a broken arm and other injuries and rang the emergency services.

The woman, who had attempted suicide in the past, was subsequently hospitalized.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects Yangon-Pathein railroad…

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heard reports on construction of a new school building and stressed the need for timely completion of the construction.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected developments of Einme Township by car and visited Shwe Ein Yadana Home for the Aged where he made cash donation.

After inspecting the site chosen for construction of Daka-Einme railroad section, Lt-Gen Ko Ko went to Thonegwa Creek Bridge in Pantanaw Township and looked into the durability of the bridge.

Later, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected Yangon-Pathein railroad section, Einme-Pantanaw railroad section, Pantanaw-Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Naungdon-Hlinethaya road section.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Ko Ko viewing progress of new building at BEPS in Nyaungyan village of Einme Township.

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Developing Bago becoming neat and tidy

Article: Singu Soe Win (Reporter); Photos: Yang Naing Win (Reporter)

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About five miles to the east of Singu lie Pyinchaung Village and Montaing Village that had to experience water shortages for many years.

Since the Tatmadaw government started assumption of State duties after 1988, all the regions and villages including Pyinchaung and Montaing villages with scarcity of water have enjoyed enough water thanks to the tube well projects.

When we, the news team of the Myanma Alin Daily, visited Bago, Executive Officer of Bago Township Development Affairs Committee Deputy Director U Tun Myaing, Assistant Director Daw Myint Myint Aye and Assistant Engineer U Lay Lwin conducted us around Bago to witness its developments.

Situated about five miles to the northwest of Bago, the Kandawgyi Lake stores water by damming Thephyu Creek that rises from the Bago Yoma as well as rainwater. Then the lake supplies water to the town through the pipelines. Through the 18-, 14- and 12-inch diameter main pipelines, the Kandawgyi Lake has provided water to 1256 home taps, 52 taps for public use, 42 emergency taps and 59 brick tanks in 12 wards since 1924.

The Kandawgyi Lake is 95 feet in height, 750 feet in length and 10 feet in thickness. Its storage area is 141 acres and catchments area 1380 acres. Its intake structure is 97 feet high. The lake is providing a million gallons of water to 12 wards out of 22 in the town.

Bago needs 1542000 gallons of water a day. Out of 31 wards -- 22 in the town and nine in Oaktha new town -- 21 wards are being provided with water through twenty-five artesian wells. By digging 180-370 feet-deep wells, Bago stores more than a million gallons of water and supplies over 700000 gallons to the local people.

Signboard at the entrance to Bago.

Garbage trucks that collect rubbish in the wards of Bago two times a day.

Moreover, the dwellers of Bago are not concerned about their water supply, as the water of Mazin Dam has been stored as a reserve.

For fire prevention, there are 42 hosepipes, two tanks with storage capacity of 20000 gallons each, seven tanks with storage capacity of 10000 gallons each, 15 tanks with storage capacity of 5000 gallons each, Leikpya Lake, Hmaw Lake and Oaktha Lake. In addition, 59 brick tanks have been built.

"Kandawgyi Lake is providing a million gallons of water a day ; for Bago." U Tun Myaing. (Deputy Director).

Township DAC sinking a tube well for Taunggyikwe Village in Bago Township.

Braving the heavy rain, we visited the natural fertilizer plant in Pephaungdaw field together with U Tun Myaing and officials. The area of the garbage disposable site is 10 acres. The plant building measures 20 ft by 40 ft. The warehouse measures 60ft x 40 ft.

Bago Township looks neat and tidy thanks to the seven garbage trucks of the township Development Affairs Committee. We were impressed by the systematic plan of the executive officer and his staff to make all the garbage useful.

After all the garbage has been kept, plastics, tree branches and leaves are sorted out. The remaining garbage is piled in layers which are one feet apart. Then the solution of EM containing mushroom fibres and helpful bacteria is poured into the garbage piles and they are kept for 30 days. Then they become natural fertilizers for plantations.

The process of turning waste products into natural fertilizers is indeed contributing to the cleanliness and economy of towns and villages.

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No other way but democratic practice

Maung Pwint Lin

Some say they practise politics, and some say they get involved into democracy movements, but for whom are they doing so?

Surely, their answer will be the same: in the interest of the people and the nation.

This answer is quite correct, but what is needed is that they all have to practise their words into deeds. The people hate to live under the yoke of aliens, as Myanmar is gifted with natural resources alongside land and water sources.

Aliens became rich by unfairly taking such invaluable resources from the nation, whereas the people, real owners, remained impoverished. Being exploited by the colonialists became intolerable strains, so the people were desperate to regain independence. Therefore, the people threw themselves to independence struggles. Independence of nation can be lost in no time, but it calls for a great deal of efforts, challenges and lives to regain the lost independence.

It is on 4 January 1948 when the entire people of the Union of Myanmar were happy to the marrow to shout "We regain independence, we are independent". They celebrated the regaining of independence at the national level. I think, today's senior citizens still remember that they shouted and claimed so.

Then, the people relished the hope and thought of leading a life of luxury and enjoying the independence to the core. In contrast, in the pragmatic world, they were always in a state of panic, moving and running constantly for their lives, let alone development, prosperity, and higher living standard, stemming from so many roaring political parties: seven or eight communist groups, nine or ten socialist groups, and about a dozen of democratic, liberal and conservative groups with a variety of policies, the groups trying to secede their states from the union, and armed groups getting involved in armed rivalry for their own parties, policies and sects to come to power.

In the post-independence period, the people went through the hell of internal armed insurgency or multicoloured armed insurgency, or exploiting of man by man, rivalry for regions and power. So many times, the union built by sweat, blood and lives of mass of people of various national races was on the verge of collapse. Today's medium-aged people have first-hand knowledge, and younger generations have second-hand knowledge of such untold miseries.

Myanmar had regained independence, but fate never smiled on her. The nation was in a real fix due to underground insurgents, too many political parties with diverse policies, dogmatisms that had been all troubling the motherland at the alien instigation throughout successive governments. Those with an anarchic sense indulged themselves in anarchic activities with the hope of meeting their wishes and hopes, whereas the people fall victim to the evil consequences.

The nation saw riots occurring both underground and aboveground in AFPFL parliamentary democracy government, the Revolutionary Council government and the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party government. The 1988 unrest is far worse than any other one. All the aboveground and underground elements, leftists, rightists, internal and external destructive elements combined into a very strong force. So, the union was on the point of collapse and sovereignty (independence), on the brink of loss.

Once the people turn violent and wild, they all discarded democratic practices and the law and put aside any forms of public interest. A mass protest is by nature gentle at first: demonstrators take to the streets and walk in procession. But before long, the crowds become mobs, which is a tradition. Protesters turn over whatever automobiles they find and burn them down, demolish and rob shops. For opportunists, a demonstration is like an occasion in which they can do as they wish: they ravage offices, schools, police stations and buildings, throw stones at embassies, and set fire to some buildings.

Can such destructive acts be called democracy movements? Actually, they are none other than anarchic sense. In the 1988 affairs, mobs even destroyed tombs in the cemeteries. What was the most inhumane was that they beheaded many poor innocent citizens, accusing them of saboteurs. To make matters worse, a five-warship fleet including an aircraft carrier from a military power intruded into the Myanmar's waters. Pamphlets stating power had to be handed over to an interim government, or certain places would come under artillery fire or the threat of bomb attacks were swarming about like locusts everywhere. The rioters did push the nation almost falling to the aliens.

With political attacks, subversives tried to destroy the nation, thus attracting complete abhorrence from the public. In the 1988 affairs, the conflicts between rioters and local people were growing. The people wanted the government to suppress the anarchic movements of opportunists and power-craving elements. That was why the Tatmadaw assumed charge of State duties and focused on community peace, the rule of law, secure and smooth transport, and measures for the people to be able to lead a peaceful life with freedom of business.

Today, the people's ardent desire is to maintain the priceless internal peace. And they are very sensitive to sanctions against the union to slow down the all-round development momentum.

Every country has their laws and governments, and courts. No country lets their State stability, administrative machinery and judicial system to be harmed. When demonstrations go too much and hurt the interest of the nation, the government concerned has to disperse the crowds, throwing water at them with fire hoses and using teargases. If those ways show still ineffective, security members throw pepper liquid to the faces of the demonstrators and seize them, strike them with police batons. And those ways are not still enough, security members have to open fire at the mobs. **In any country, politicians and political leaders are not licensed to violate the law, and do activities outside the framework of the law.**

The people noticed that today, some political opportunists and power-craving elements are trying to incite riots under the pretext of Daw Suu Kyi's case. Today, the youth are no longer vulnerable to exploitation by political opportunists, on the ground that the parents do not let their children to be exploited and the youth concentrate on nothing but their studies. So, the tactics of the political opportunists are no longer effective. It has been common knowledge that many youngsters went underground and encountered real hard times, were at a dead end, and became expatriates.

Such power-craving opportunists do not spare monks, who have renounced the world and are shouldering religious duties, for political games. No matter how much certain foreign radio stations under the influence of the colonialists, national traitors, renegades and local axe-handles are provoking protests, the people no longer show their interest in destructive acts, because they favour stability, peace, development but oppose unrest and violence. **The nation can develop only with stability and peace. And democratization can be put into reality only if the nation sees stability and peace.**

Therefore, I would like to suggest that they should give up inciting riots if they think they really love their country, and they should stand for election in the 2010 multiparty democracy election to know public decision if they are in favour and support for democracy. There is no other way, except democratic practice.

Translation: MS

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Myanmar delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug – A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back Yangon on 6 August by air after attending the Second Meeting of the Myanmar-Sri Lanka Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 3 to 5 Aug.

The Second Meeting of the Joint Meeting was preceded by the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) held on 3 Aug at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sri Lanka in Colombo where wide ranging bilateral matters discussed at the Senior Officials Level.

In the afternoon, Minister U Nyan Win visited Myanmar Embassy in Colombo to meet with Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka and staff of the Embassy and gave necessary instructions on the work of the Embassy.

Minister U Nyan Win and members of the Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted in their honour by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka HE Mr Rohitha Bogollagama at the Water Edge Hotel.

On 4 Aug, Minister U Nyan Win attended the Ministerial segment of the Second Meeting of the Joint Commission held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Colombo. At the meeting Myanmar delegation led by Minister U Nyan Win held bilateral discussions with the Sri Lanka delegation headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka. They exchanged views on wide-ranging bilateral issues including strengthening of friendly relations, promotion of trade, investment and cooperation at the regional and international arena. They also discussed the follow-up matters of the recent visit to Myanmar of HE the President of Sri Lanka in June 2009. The two Ministers then signed the Agreed Minutes of the Joint Commission.

Myanmar delegation headed by Minister U Nyan Win paid a courtesy call on HE Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the Temple Trees, Residence of the President at 11.30 am on 4 Aug. In the evening, Myanmar delegation led by Minister U Nyan Win visited Kandy and attended the Esala Perehara.

On 5 Aug, Minister U Nyan Win and party paid homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Lord Buddha in Kandy and met with the visiting Myanmar business delegation at the Earl's Regency to encourage them to strive for promotion of bilateral trade.

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Minister U Nyan Win and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka Mr Rohitha Bogollagama exchanging Agreed Minutes of Joint Commission.
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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min addresses coordination meeting for observance of World Teachers' Day.—MNA

Coord meeting for observance of World Teachers' Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug — The first coordination meeting for observance of World Teachers' Day which falls on 5 October took place at the Ministry of Education here this morning with an address by Chairman of leading committee for observance of World Teachers' Day celebration Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min.

Secretary U Bo Win of the leading committee, Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department, explained work plan, chairmen of work committees works to be done. After hearing reports, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, those present made proposals for the celebration and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the deputy minister.

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MWAF marks World Breastfeeding Week

YANGON, 7 Aug— A ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the federation on Thanlwin Street, Bahan township, here this afternoon.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads and personnel, patrons, presidents, central executive members of MWAF, vice president, central executives of MWAA, personnel from UN agencies, personnel of Yangon Division Health Department, president of Yangon Division MWAA, members of social organizations and guests.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo delivered an address. Dr Daw Myint Kyi, president of MWAF gave a speech.

After the ceremony, Dr Daw Aye Aye Myint, Associate-Professor of Yangon Children's Hospital gave talks on "Breast Milk the best in case of Emergency".—*MNA*

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo addressing ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week.
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Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug — Acting on a tip-off, a local combined security force of Tachilek Township, Shan State (East) seized 37, 600 stimulant tablets from a house on Mekong (2) Street in Mekong Ward in Tachilek at 2 p.m yesterday. A total of four culprits including Sai Lon Myint were arrested together with the stimulant tablets.

Authorities concerned are taking actions to expose their accomplices.

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Cash donated for health care services

YANGON, 7 Aug— On behalf of RMH Singapore Pte Ltd in Singapore, U Jock Yin Son donated K 12 million to Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and K 10 million to Inner Hospice (Cancer) Central of U Hla Htun Mitta Yeikmon (Cancer) Foundation at Parkroyal Hotel here today.— *MNA*

U Jock Yin Son of RMH Singapore Pte Ltd donating to U Hla Htun Mitta Yeikmon (Cancer) Foundation.
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Lush and green plains from Yaksawk Township

***Article and Photos: Nyein Maung* (Kyemon)**

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Tanunggyi is surrounded by Heho, Hopon, Aungban and Yaksawk regions. We news crew of Kyemon daily went to the environs of Taunggyi to write a byline about developments of Shan State (South). On the way, we saw the vast plains of the regions.

Now those plains have become green and lush although they were barren and dry in the past. We could see lush and green plains as national entrepreneurs have succeeded in growing crops after land reclamation in accord with the market-oriented system.

National entrepreneur are engaged in growing perennial trees in the plains of Kyaukgu region in Taunggyi District of Shan State (South). We saw thriving perennial trees and seasonal crop plantations.

We also saw thriving perennial trees and seasonal crop plantations in Sesonganaing region and four private-owned plantations in Intaw region. Cultivation of perennial trees such as mangoes, avocado and jack fruit that are in great demand is gaining success in the regions with favorabl weather conditions. It is also learnt that seasonal crops such as corn and sesame are being grown successfully in order to cover expenses in growing perennial trees. Out of 32000 acres of vacant lands allotted by the government to be reclaimed for agricultural purposes, 4000 acres have been reclaimed and perennial trees grown. Reclaimed lands have been put under perennial trees such as Seintalon mango, orange, avocado and coffee plus seasonal crops like corn, jute, sesame and groundnut.

The Union of Myanmar has a lot of vacant lands. The government is rendering assistance for effective use of those vacant lands. Intaw Kyaunkgu region in Yaksawk Township is a nice place for national entrepreneurs to engage in agricultural businesses. On my return from Kyaukgu region, I wished national entrepreneurs a success in their agricultural undertakings to serve the best interests of the State as well as theirs.

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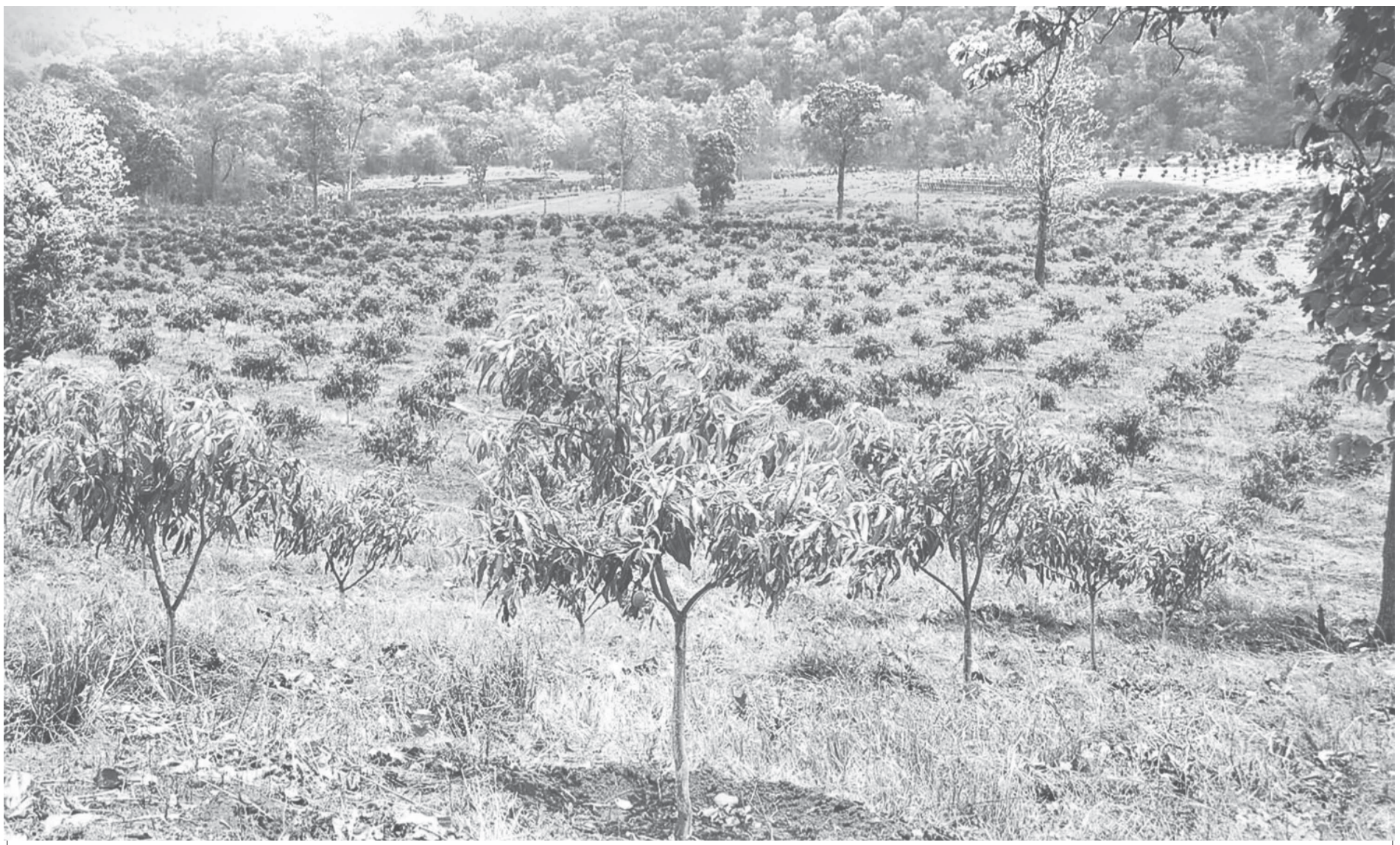

Thriving perennial and seasonal crop plantations in the plain of Kyaukgu region in Yaksawk Township.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.

Mingaladipa light offering ceremony of Hindu famalies in progress.
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Mingaladipa light offering ceremony held

YANGON, 8 Aug—The Mingaladipa light offering ceremony was held at Sri Ramakarishana Hall on Botahtaung Pagoda Road here on 26 July.

Secretary of Hindudhamma Propagation Women Committee Dr Than Than Nu formally opened the ceremony and Chairman of Tooth Relic Pagoda Board of Trustees U Htin Myo made an opening speech.

Patron of Hindudhamma Propagation U Tin Maung Win and Patron of Hindudhamma Literature Lecturing U San Myint explained the purpose of organizing the ceremony. After explaining the salient points of the ceremony, Chairman of All-Myanmar Hindu Brahmin Pujari Monks Association U Maung Myint offered the light as a taken of opening the ceremony followed by a variety of traditional dances.—*NLM*

ASEAN U-19 Youth Football Tournament continues

YANGON, 8 Aug—The ASEAN U-19 Youth Football Tournament continued at Ho Chi Minh City in Vitenam this evening.

In the Group (B), Malaysia youth football team beat Myanmar football teamm 2-0 in the last of the group match.—*MNA*

US faces gaps in implementing Afghanistan strategy

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug—Gaps are emerging between the US strategy in Afghanistan and its implementation in towns and villages across the embattled nation.

While US plans make sense on paper, ground personnel are running into unexpected snags that hamper operations, said David Kilcullen, an incoming adviser to General Stanley McCrystal, the top US commander in Afghanistan. With the US role in Iraq coming to a close, the United States has shifted its focus to the war in Afghanistan. US forces are slated to reach 68,000 by year-end, more than double the 32,000 troops at the end of last year.

The switch comes with a much-touted new strategy that emphasizes gaining support from ordinary Afghans and minimizing Taleban influence in the war-torn country. One of the plan's major tenets is "clear, hold, build"—troops "clear" an area of insurgents, "hold" the location and conduct economic development projects in order to "build" the economy and gain Afghan loyalty.

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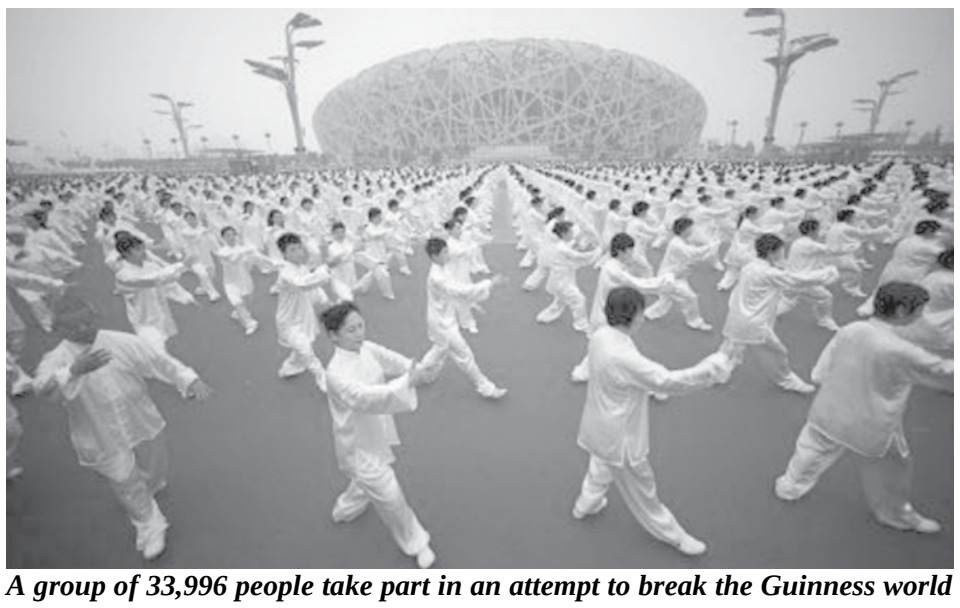


A group of 33,996 people take part in an attempt to break the Guinness world record for the largest number of people practising Taiji in multiple locations, outside the National Olympic Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, to mark the one-year anniversary of the Beijing Olympic Games in Beijing on 8 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

A woman watches waves triggered by typhoon Morakot batter the shore in Wenling, Zhejiang Province on 7 Aug, 2009. More than 20,000 people have been evacuated from their homes in southeast China's coast of Fujian Province where strong typhoon Morakot is predicted to land on Saturday, according to Xinhua News Agency.—INTERNET

China starts building its first 10 million-kw wind power station

JIUQUAN, Gansu, 8 Aug—Construction started Saturday on China's first 10 million-kw wind power station in the far northwestern city of Jiuquan in Gansu Province.

China's wind power industry was entering a new stage, said Zhang Guobao, vice minister of the National Development and Reform Commission and head of the National Energy Administration, at the groundbreaking ceremony.

After years of growth, China's wind power installation ranked fourth in the world and subsidiary equipment manufacturing had turned into a booming industry, Zhang said.

But China's wind power sector was dampened by distribution imbalances between resources and markets, difficulties in connecting wind power to power grids and construction policies that produced stations of only small generation capacity, he said.

To solve the problems, the government decided to build the 10 million-kw-level wind power station, a "Three Gorges in the Air", to maximize wind power efficiency through large-scale construction and transmission, Zhang said.

With a 120 billion yuan (17.57 billion US dollars) investment, the station was designed to have an installed capacity of 5.16 million kw by the end of 2010 and 12.71 million kw by the end of 2015. It will be China's largest wind power facility upon completion.

Internet

Vietnamese people urged to use more local products

HANOI, 8 Aug—The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee encouraged Vietnamese people to use more made-in-Vietnam goods to boost domestic consumption, local newspaper the *People* reported Friday.

The move is to nurture the consumption habit of Vietnamese people and encourage local producers to produce high-quality products, said the newspaper.

Vietnamese Government will work to provide consumers with correct information on the quality of Vietnamese products and support local companies in certain activities such as market survey, product exhibition and promotion, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

China's leading shipbuilder CSSC net profit down 38.4% in 1H

BEIJING, 8 Aug—China CSSC (China State Shipbuilding Corp.) Holdings Ltd, the country's leading shipbuilder, announced on Saturday it had made a net profit of 1.2 billion yuan (175.6 million US dollars) in the first half of the year, down 38.42 percent year on year.

Net assets profitability ratio was 9.53 percent in six months, declining by 10.25 percentage points year on year, due to waning demands and rising material prices, said the company in its half-year report to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The Shanghai-listed firm's shares had plummeted 6.76 percent to 92.96 yuan a share Friday before the release of the report.—*Internet*

NATO air raids wound six Afghan policemen

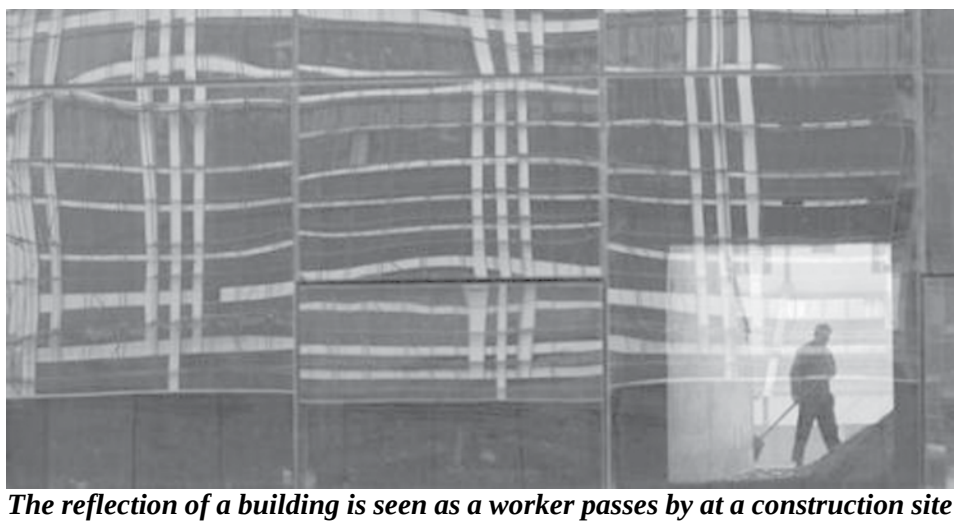
KABUL, 8 Aug—Six Afghan policemen were wounded in a NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) aircrafts attack targeted suspected hideouts of militants in the southern Ghazni Province early Saturday, a local official said."ISAF aircrafts carried out air raids against suspected hideouts of militants in Qarabagh district this morning wounding six policemen," the governor of Qarabagh District Mohahibullah Khupulwak told *Xinhua.*

He also added that the troops took with themselves four more policemen.Meantime, a joint statement of ISAF and Afghan Interior Ministry released here said that, "Several personnel of Afghan National Police (ANP) were wounded when two AH-64 Apache helicopters responded to small arms fire from insurgents in the early morning hours in Ghazni Province, on 8 August."—*Internet*

Bomb hidden in motorcycle kills six in west Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Aug—A bomb hidden in a motorcycle killed six people and wounded 35 in a market in western Baghdad on Friday, police said. The attack took place in the mostly Sunni Muslim district of al-Khadhraa, they said.

Earlier on Friday, a series of bombs in Baghdad killed six Shi'ite pilgrims. In Mosul, a suicide car bomber also killed 38 people as they left a Shi'ite Muslim mosque near the restive city of Mosul, police said.—*MNA/Reuters*



The reflection of a building is seen as a worker passes by at a construction site in Changzhi, Shanxi province on 7 Aug, 2009. China's gross domestic product is expected to grow about 8 percent this year as the economy recovers, an influential government think-tank said in a report released.—INTERNET

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MV VASCO DA GAMA NO (179)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA NO.(179) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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China's new policies on cards to spur used car sales

BEIJING, 8 Aug— China's second-hand vehicle market is expected to get a new lease of life with a slew of policies likely over the next few months, thanks to the record sales of new vehicles in the past few months and the stimulus measures announced by the central government.

"The long-expected policies will come out soon, which will regulate and encourage the second-hand vehicle trade in China. The era of second-hand vehicles is coming," Shen Rong, deputy secretary-general of the China Automobile Dealers Association, was quoted by China *Daily* on Saturday.

Shen said the Ministry of Commerce has worked out a policy jointly with the Ministry of Finance to establish standard second-hand vehicle trading markets in 10 cities and provinces from this month forwards.—*Xinhua*

People dressed up in traditional costumes take part in the Gaijatra festival parade in Kathmandu on 6 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Polish Embassy protests against BBC presenter's joke

WARSAW, 8 Aug—The Polish Embassy in London have sent a protest to BBC against joking about a German invasion of Poland, Polish news agency *PAP* reported on Thursday. On Sunday BBC2 Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson made a joke about a German invasion of Poland having presented a spoof advert for the German-made Volkswagen Scirocco TDI.

The clip showed people in Warsaw panicking and rushing to board trains and buses as a mass exodus gripped the city. It ended with the line "Volkswagen Scirocco TDI. Berlin to Warsaw in one tank".

"We understand that Mr Clarkson often jokes about various European nations, about Germans or the French. But we believe that a joke about the Nazi German invasion of Poland is not a proper way to make people laugh," *PAP* quoted the letter as saying. Clarkson reportedly landed the BBC in trouble with German diplomats in 2005, when he gave a Nazi salute on Top Gear while discussing a new version of the German-made Mini.—*MNA/Xinhua*

The new 90 foot high tech catamaran of the America's Cup defender Alinghi is airlifted over the Alps near Martigny, Switzerland. Alinghi began a spectacular airlift of its giant yacht from landlocked Switzerland over the Alps to the Mediterranean Sea, dangling beneath the world's biggest helicopter.—INTERNET

NASA steps closer to Nuclear Power for Moon Base

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug—NASA has made a series of critical strides in developing new nuclear reactors the size of a trash can that could power a human outpost on the moon or Mars.

Three recent tests at different NASA centers and a national lab have successfully demonstrated key technologies required for compact fission-based nuclear power plants for human settlements on other worlds."This recent string of technology development successes confirms that the fission surface power project is on the right path," said Don Palac, NASA's fission surface power project manager at the Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, in a statement.

NASA's current plan for human space exploration is to return astronauts to the moon by 2020 on sortie missions that could lead to a permanent outpost for exploring the lunar surface and testing technologies that could aid a manned mission to Mars.

Internet

13-year-old girl kept in Dallas jail for 2 weeks

DALLAS, 8 Aug—A 13-year-old girl arrested for shoplifting was held in the Dallas County Jail for nearly two weeks before it was determined that she is underage, a police sergeant said on Thursday.

An internal affairs investigation has been launched to review the matter, police Sgt Warren Mitchell said Press on Thursday night.

The girl, who had run away from home, was arrested 10 July at a Target department store for shoplifting. She held no identification and gave a false name and age, Mitchell said.

The sergeant said the arresting officer attempted to contact the police youth division to confirm the information but found no record of her. The arresting officer assumed she was 17 and took her to jail, Mitchell said, but did not say how he made that assumption.

Internet

Models present wedding dresses during a wedding dress show at Shanghai Everbright Convention & Exhibition Center in Shanghai, east China, on 7 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Beijing's environment best in a decade

BEIJING, 8 Aug—Beijing's air quality is now at its best level in a decade, the city's top official said on Friday.During the first half of the year, Beijing had 23 more "blue sky" days than for the corresponding period last year, said Liu Qi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Beijing's Party chief.On 80.7 percent of the days in the first half of this year, air quality of Beijing was above level II, he said.Beijing uses a five-grade classification of air quality on the basis of pollution indices, with Grade I being the best and Grade V the worst. Days with Grade I and II air quality are regarded as "blue sky" days.Liu made the remarks at an Olympic Games' city forum organized by the Beijing municipal government a year after the games' opening ceremonies.—*Internet*

Heart blood transfusions, last resort

ROCHESTER, 8 Aug— Blood transfusions for hospitalized cardiac patients should be a last resort because they double the risk of infection, US researchers found.

The study, published in BMC Medicine, found the risk of death following cardiac blood transfusions increased four-fold.

The analysis of 30-day outcomes for nearly 25,000 Medicare cor-onary artery bypass graft surgery patients from 2003-2006 in 40 Michigan hospitals found transfusion practices vary substantially among hospitals.

Study co-author Dr Neil Blumberg of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York said the finding suggests a number of doctors may be doing what they were trained to do - avoiding anemia and helping oxygen delivery - rather than what has been clinically proven to be necessary.

"Blood transfusions are certainly necessary in life-threatening situations," Blumberg says in a statement. "But this study and other studies confirm they should be a last resort, not a first resort, as they often are."

Blumberg suggests when a transfusion is necessary the chances of infection and inflammation may be lowered through leukoreduction - removing the donor's white blood cells from the blood. *Internet*

***Job seekers check in to use computers at a career centre in California. The US budget deficit reached 1.3 trillion dollars for the current fiscal year in July, official data showed.—*INTERNET**

***Indian workers repairing wooden boats or dhows in Gujarat in June 2009. Indian sailors fear that a spate of hijackings by heavily-armed pirates off the Somali coast will be repeated when the boats are put to sea once more after the monsoon.—*INTERNET**

High-risk women remove breasts, ovaries

MANCHESTER, 8 Aug— Forty percent of women who have a high risk of breast cancer had risk-reducing mastectomies and 45 percent had ovaries removed, British researchers said.

These surgeries are widely used by carriers of BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations to reduce the risk for breast and ovarian cancer. BRCA1 and BRCA2 are gene mutations that indicate an increased risk for breast cancer."Women have their breasts or ovaries removed based on their risk. It does not always happen immediately after counseling or a genetic test result and can take more than seven years for patients to decide to go forward with surgery," lead researcher Dr D Gareth Evans of the University of Manchester in England said in a statement.

"We found that older women were much less likely to have a mastectomy, but were more likely to have their ovaries removed."

The finding is published in the journal Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention.—*Internet*

2,065 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 8 Aug—A European health agency said on Friday that 2,065 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 594 were confirmed in Germany, 558 in Britain, 395 in Netherlands, 263 in Italy, 71 in Norway, 44 in Portugal, 37in Switzerland, 26 in Luxemburg, 18 in Denmark, 10 in Romania, nine respectively in Iceland and Slovenia, six in Hungary, three in Estonia, three respectively in Slovakia, Slovenia and Hungary, two respectively in Slovakia and Bulgaria, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.—*Xinhua*

US A/H1N1 flu deaths reach 436, hospitalizations over 6,500

HOUSTON, 8 Aug—The A/H1N1 flu death toll in the United State has reached 436 with hospitalizations of 6,506, according to the latest statistics released by the federal Centersfro Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta on Friday.

The CDC said that 83 more deaths have been reported in the past week, a 24-percent formidable jump from the previous record of 353 released a week ago by the agency.—*Xinhua*

One-third of cancer deaths preventable

HOUSTON, 8 Aug— If people ate healthier meals and increased daily exercise 186,000 cancer deaths, one-third of the annual US total, could be prevented, an expert says.Michele Forman of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston says there are low cost ways to to prevent cancer.

"Cancer is a disease that is cheaper to prevent than treat," Forman says in a statement.

Forman admits eating five or more servings of fruits and veggies can be costly and advises checking out a list of farmers' markets and eligibility for nutrition assistance at www.usda.gov.

Formal suggests-cancer risk can be reduced by:

— Avoiding tobacco. Quitting saves up to $4,000 a year. Free programs and/or information are available at Web sites: mdanderson.org/preventionstudy; smokefree.gov; and yesquit.com.

— Being sun-safe. Use sunglasses and sunscreen at least sun-protection factor 15 can be almost as good as more expensive SPF 70, if applied and reapplied properly.

— Getting checkups so cancers are found early when most treatable. Some states offer free or low-cost screening. Call 1-800 4-Cancer.—*Internet*

***A crane lifts a flattened van to a shredder at Gershow Recycling Corp in Medford, NY, on 6 Aug, 2009. Many of the scrapped vehicles are part of the 'cash for clunkers' programme.—*INTERNET**

138 children tested of excessive lead in blood in NW China

FENGXIANG, 8 Aug— Doctors found excessive lead in the blood of 138 children in two villages in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, said local authorities Friday.The Madaokou village and Sunjianantou village of the Changqing Township are located near an industrial park, and villagers suspect that the excessive lead is caused by pollution, said an unnamed official with the publicity department of Fengxiang county government.Miao Fan, a six-year-old girl, was diagnosed as gastritis resulted from lead intoxication in March. Other anxious villagers soon took their children aged between one to 14 to local hospitals for tests. A total of 239 children were checked.

Villagers staged a protest on Monday asking for reply from the Dongling Smelting Plant, which they suspect to be the origin of pollution. But a staffer with the plant insisted their waste was discharged according to national standard.—*Xinhua*

SPORTS

American Hardy sets 100m breaststroke world record

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug—American Jessica Hardy set a new world record in the women's 100 meters breaststroke at the US Open after coming back from her doping ban on Friday.

Hardy clocked a winning time of one minute, 4.45 seconds, beating the previous world best of 1:04.84 set by American Rebecca Soni at last month's world championships in Rome.—*Xinhua*

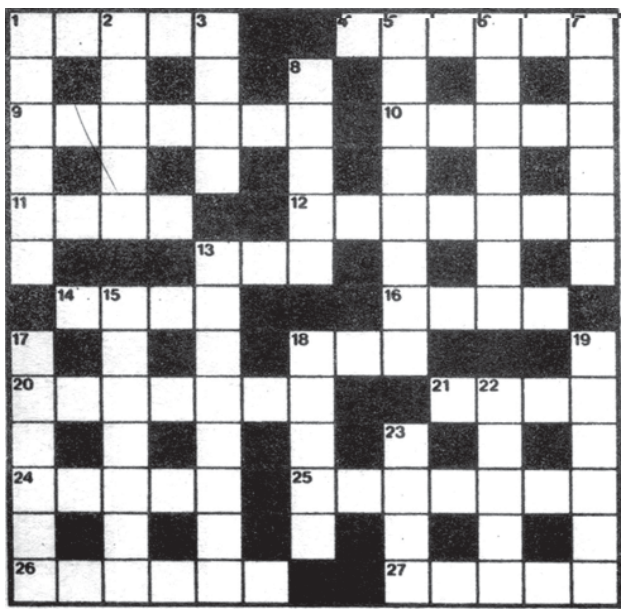
Villa sign Newcastle defender Beye

LONDON, 8 Aug—English Premier League side Aston Villa signed Senegalese international defender Habib Beye from relegated Newcastle on Friday on a three-year deal, the Premier League club confirmed.The 31-year-old had appeared to be on the brink of joining Hull City on Thursday before Villa boss Martin O'Neill made his move.

Habib Beye

Beye, who spent four years with Marseille before joining Newcastle in 2007, is Villa's third major signing of the summer, following Stewart Downing from Middlesbrough and Fabian Delph, who was tempted away from Leeds."I think Villa is a great football club," Beye told the club's official website."I was really happy when my agent told me Villa were interested. I just said 'Get it done'. I wanted to sign for this club.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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22 Cutting instrument
23 Girl

Roy Keane backs himself for promotion

LONDON, 8 Aug—Roy Keane, once the heartbeat of Manchester United, begins his new life in the Championship on Sunday when Ipswich take on Coventry.And the colourful and controversial Irishman is in no doubt that his team have the players and the ability to climb into the Premier League.

Ipswich manager Roy Keane

"I believe we have a very good chance of promotion and I want to be looking ahead to the Premier League this time next year," said Keane, who may include new 1.7-million-pound Hungarian striker Tamas Priskin, who has moved from Watford, in his team on Sunday. But before a ball is kicked, he knows where Ipswich need to improve. "We need to show a lot more energy and pace. Ipswich were too predictable last season," the manager told the *East Anglia Daily Times.*

Internet

Pierse breaks 200m-breaststroke short course world record

LONDON, 8 Aug—Canadian Annamay Pierse improved her own world record in the women's 200m breaststroke at the British Short Course Grand Prix in Leeds on Friday.

Pierse clocked two minutes 16.83 seconds to beat her previous best of 2:17.50, beating compatriots Martha McCabe and Hanna Pierse.—*Xinhua*

Van Bommel determined to lead Bayern back to top

BERLIN, 8 Aug—Midfielder tough-guy Mark van Bommel leads Bayern Munich into the new Bundesliga season on Saturday determined to stamp his authority and that of new coach Louis van Gaal on the Bavarian giants.

***Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel (right) and defender Philipp Lahm take part in a training session overseen by Bayern Munich's head coach Louis van Gaal, in July, in Munich.—*INTERNET**

The two Dutchmen are key to Bayern's hopes of wresting the title back from Wolfsburg after finishing an agonising two points behind the shock champions last season. Van Gaal, who has followed the sacked Jurgen Klinsman into the Bayern hotseat, believes van Bommel is the right man for the job as another marathon league and European Champions League season beckons.—*Internet*

Harrington hangs onto Bridgestone lead

AKRON, 8 Aug – Having played two of his best rounds of the year at the Bridgestone Invitational, Padraig Harrington is willing to settle for something less on the weekend.

"I'll take two more times under 70 on the weekend and we'll see how we get on," Harrington said Friday after following a 64 with a 1-under 69 to grab a one-shot lead over Tim Clark. Harrington, winless in official tour events since last year's PGA Championship at Oakland Hills, was at 7-under 133. He led by two strokes after an opening 64, then came back with a 69, putting up subpar scores in consecutive rounds for the first time in four months.—*Internet*

***Padraig Harrington, from Ireland, hits from the sand to the fourth green during the second round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament on 7 Aug, 2009, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.—*INTERNET**

Nadal, Federer both enter Montreal Masters

OTTAWA, 8 Aug—World number one Roger Federer and Spanish ace Rafael Nadal both will make appearance at the Montreal Masters next week.

Tournament director Eugene Lapierre said he was happy to have 19 of the top 20 players confirmed their participation in the tournament celebrating its 30th anniversary.

New dad Federer would return to competition one month after his wife gave birth to twin girls Charlene Riva and Myla Rose.

Federer has bagged a record 15 Grand Slam titles after winning at Wimbledon in July.—*Xinhua*

***Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts during his Gentlemen's Singles finals match against Andy Roddick of the US. Federer beats Andy Roddick of the US 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 16-14, in the Men's Singles Final of the 2009 Wimbledon Tennis Championships at the All England Tennis Club, in southwest London, on 5 July, 2009.—*XINHUA**

Roddick defeats Karlovic to advance at DC

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug—Andy Roddick defeated big-hitting Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) in the quarterfinals of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic on Friday. Fourth-seeded Fernando Gonzalez defeated Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4 in his quarterfinal match and will play second-seeded and defending champion Juan Martin del Potro, who advanced after Robin Soderling withdrew before their match with a right elbow injury.

Playing in his first tournament since losing in the Wimbledon final, the fifth-ranked Roddick is two wins away from his fourth Washington title after overcoming the first two breaks of his serve in six career matches against the 6-foot-10 Karlovic.—*Internet*

Stosur, Sharapova advance at Los Angeles tennis

LOS ANGELES, 8 Aug—Aussie Samantha Stosur continued her impressive play at the Los Angeles Women's Tennis Championships, rallying to beat China's Zheng Jie 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the quarter-finals.

Stosur, who is seeking her first career singles title, has enjoyed a good run of success the past few months, improving her world ranking to 18. Stosur moves on to the semis where she will face Romania's Sorana Cirstea who beat eighth seeded Agnieszka Radwanska 7-6 (7/4), 1-6, 7-5."It's definitely a goal of mine to try and win a singles title," Stosur said. "I've been in four finals and lost every one of them in three sets.—*Internet*

United and Liverpool battle for Silva

MANCHESTER, 8 Aug —Manchester United are believed to have entered the race to sign Valencia winger David Silva.Liverpool have long courted the Spaniard, and Rafa Benitez is known to be a big fan, but a price tag somewhere in the region of £23 million has put off the Anfield club.

That coupled with the imminent signing of Alberto Aquilani means that Liverpool's interest has quelled, but with Manchester United appearing to be in the hunt for his signature, the Reds might come back to the table for the player.

Sir Alex Ferguson had claimed that his summer spending was over, but his European scouts have been monitoring the player, and they are believed to be very impressed.United fans saw Silva at first hand in a pre-season friendly last week, and there is no doubt that the talented youngster would be a favourite at Old Trafford.—*Internet*

Silva would be a great addition to either side.

INTERNET

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(9-8-2009) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
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Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Pleasant Pindaya
* Inlay Orchid's Images
* Myanma Longyis and Changing Fashion Trend (Part-I)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Pleasant Pindaya
* Colourful Lotus-shaped Candles
* The Walking-sticks Industry of Ywalut Village
* National Dance
* Inlay Orchid's Images
* Songs on Screen
* Myanma Longyis and Changing Fashion Trend (Part-I)
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Coffee-shop Culture
* Making Myanmar Marionette
* Wall-hung Giant Lobsters
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Rakhine State Cultural Museum
* Travel & Description (Lashio to Muse)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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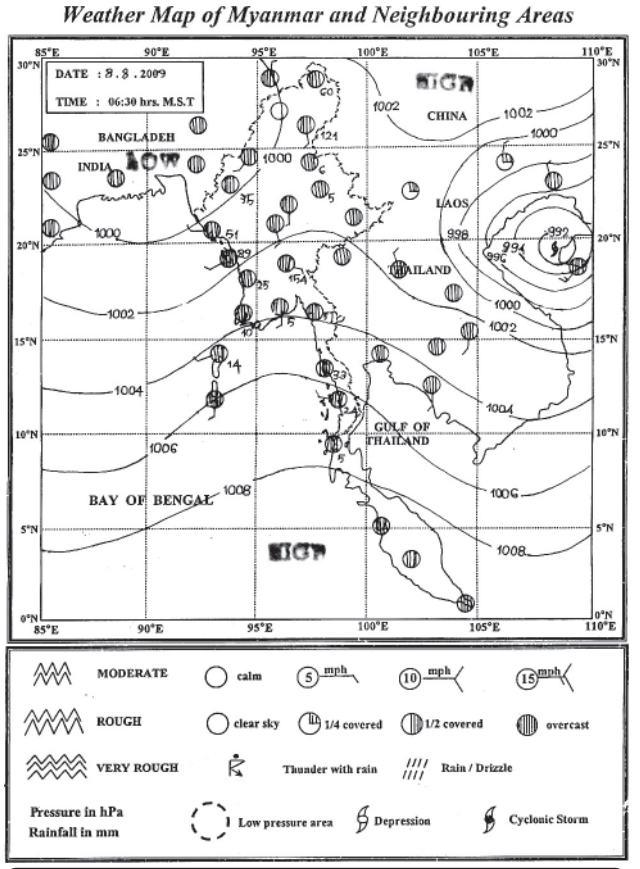
TV Myanmar

Sunday, 9 August
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. မြတ်ဝုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
7:45 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
8:10 am
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:20 am
8. Musical Programme
8:35 am
9. "လင်ပန်းရေလျှောင်တမံ"
8:40 am
10. International News
8:45 am
11. "အေးမြသောလေညင်းလေများ"
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:10 am
2. Musical Programme
11:30 am
3. Round up of The Week's International News
11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
12:40 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
12:55 pm
6. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ယုံတယ်နော်" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ နန္ဒလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)
2:25 pm
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:40 pm
8. International News
2:45 pm
9. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Song of National Races
4:20 pm
3. တီးကွက်ညီညာညွှန့်သံသာ(၁)
4:35 pm
4. Dance of National Races
4:45 pm
5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:50 pm
6. "ဆွာချောင်းတံတား"
4:55 pm
7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)
5:10 pm
8. Songs to uphold National Spirit
5:15 pm
9. "တားဆီးကာကွယ်လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်"
5:25 pm
10. Sing & Enjoy
6:00 pm
11. Evening News
6:10 pm
12. Weather Report
6:15 pm
13. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် Pocket Dragon Adventure
6:35 pm
14. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ခေတ်ပေါ်အပေါင်း" (ကင်းကောင်၊ လှလှ၊ ခိုင်ပွင့်၊ ဖြိုးဖြိုး၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်နှင်းဆီ)
7:15 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 8th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Bago Division and isolated heavyfall in Kachin State.The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.43) inch, Nyaunglaypin (7.76) inches, Taungup (7.55) inches, Maungtaw (7.40) inches, Taunggu (7.05) inches, Shwegyin (5.99)inches, Taunggu(Aviation) (5.55) inches, Phyu (5.32) inches, Myitkyina (4.76) inches, Theinzayat (4.13) inches and Magway (1.41) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-8-2009 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 8-8-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8 -8-2009 was 92%. Total Sun shine hours on 7-8-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 8-8-2009 was (0.35) inch at Mingaladon, (0.86) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (77.52) inches at Mingaladon, (86.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (88.97) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 7-8-2009.

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

Special feature: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's land depression "GONI" move into Gulf of Tonhking and centered at about (80) miles from West of Hainan Island (China).

Forecast valid until evening of 9th August 2009: Rain will be scatterd in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Bago 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: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-8-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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★ **Anarchy begets anarchy not democracy**
★ **Riots beget riots not democracy**
★ **Democracy can be introduced only through constitution**

- **VOA, BBC - sowing hatred among the people**
- **RFA, DVB - generating public outrage**
- **Do not allow ourselves to be swayed**
- **By broadcasts designed to cause troubles**

INSIDE

Every country has their laws and governments, and courts. No country lets their State stability, administrative machinery and judicial system to be harmed.

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Lush and green plains from Yaksawk Township

Thriving perennial and seasonal crop plantations on the plain of Kyaukson region in Yaksawk Township.

***Article and Photos: Nyein Maung* (Kyemon)**

Kyaukson, Intaw, Kyaukgu and Sesonganaing regions in Yaksawk Township are blessed with sound topographical conditions, wet and cool weather and fertile soil. The vast plain of Intaw Kyaukgu region is situated 28 miles north of Yaksawk Township. Near Intaw village in that region lies Zawgyi Dam that benefits 100,000 acres of farmlands.

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Flood Warning

YANGON, 8 Aug— Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Thanlwin river at Hpa-an is 738 cm. It may reach its danger level 750 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

According to the12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung river at Tounggu is 572 cm. It may exceed above its danger level 600 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin river at Shwegyin is 773 cm and it has exceeded by 73 cm (about 2.5ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 700 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

According to the12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung river at Madauk is 1182 cm and it has exceeded by 112 cm (about 3.5ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.—*MNA*

One more person found infected with A (H1N1)

Sixteen have been infected with virus in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—The 27-year-old man, who arrived from Singapore by 3K-585 Flight on 7 August was transferred to Waibagi Specialist Hospital through airport Health Department the same day after he had been found to have been ill. National Health Laboratory detected him and he was found to have been infected with the A (H1N1) virus.

Authorities concerned have put surveillance measures against 110 passengers who had arrived on the same flight with the patient and 135 airport staff in their respective places.

Of the sixteen A (H1N1) infected-patients, ten were discharged from the hospitals as they have fully recovered from their illness and the remaining six are being given special treatment by specialists.

Up to now, National Health Laboratory detected 138 flu-suspected persons and 16 were found to have been infected with the virus. New influenza A (H1N1) cases found in Myanmar were imported cases. No spread of virus was found among the public as preventive measures are being taken by the Ministry of Health. So the ministry called for public cooperation in preventive measures against the virus.—*MNA*