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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects education and agricultural measures in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min and officials, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence visited the construction site of War Veterans' housing in Oaktha satellite town in Bago on 6 August morning. He next inspected the

already-built houses and water supply tasks.

At No. 1 Basic Education High School in Bago Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko met with the teachers and left necessary instructions. He also visited No. 3 BEHS and No. 2 BEHS, met with the teachers and gave instructions on academic matters.

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New Yatanarpon to emerge as a technology city

Article: by Myint Maung Soe; Photos: by Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

The government is striving for the development of all parts of the Union including border areas in order to build up a new modern developed nation. Due to the strenuous effort, the entire nation has become developed significantly. Peace and stability plus infrastructures, roads and bridges, dams and reservoirs, hospitals, schools and universities that were all just a dream in some cases in the past can be witnessed across the country today.

The news team of Myanma Alin Daily visited the construction site of Yatanarpon new town near PyiOoLwin to write a byline about developments in Mandalay Division. The project site is situated near Pyinsa Village, 14 miles to the south of PyinOoLwin. Companies concerned have started implementing the Yatanarpon Myothit (North) housing project. Unlike other new towns, Yatanarpon new

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Yatanarpon Teleport in Yatanarpon in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division.

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 18:00 hours MST Today)

A strong earthquake of intensity (7.1) Richer Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Japan) about (2800) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (17) hrs (33) min (20) sec MST on 9th August 2009.

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High time to rise from fantasy

According to their first-hand experiences, today's people know very well that internal and external power-craving elements are just plotting to come to power, exploiting and making as the stepping-stone the people who they claim they love so much at the expense of national interest.

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PERSPECTIVES

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For long-term development of self-reliant rural libraries

The government is improving the infrastructures in various fields for equitable development of all states and divisions in pursuance of the goal of development of the whole Union.

As part of efforts to realize the lofty aim, the government is setting up self-reliant village libraries to expand the horizons of the people, in addition to the rural development programmes on supply of potable water building, health care and education.

It is also carrying out follow-up programmes for sustainable development of the libraries. The donating of building, cash, newspapers and publications took place at City Hall of Taunggyi in Shan State (South) on 2 August.

Today is the Age of Knowledge, so human societies make good use of the technological advancements in productivity, education and health care. So, the government is establishing self-reliant village libraries for enabling rural folks to catch up with the international community through intellectual nourishment with a good habit of reading.

Responsible persons have not only to increase the number of self-reliant rural libraries but also to organize rural residents to turn to reading all the more, maintain the periodicals, raise the funds, and provide buildings for sustainable progress of the libraries.

To build a modern, developed nation also calls for higher intellectual and reasoning power of the people. So the entire people are to work in concert for sustainable development and maintain the libraries in states and divisions with a sense of national duty.

Vice Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thaung Tin and U Tun Aung of UMFCCI receive Chairman Mr Li Jiashou of CCPIT from Yunnan Sub-Council.—MNA



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

Commander attends ceremony to complete ploughing

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win attended the ceremony to complete ploughing held in Mottama village, Paung Township on 31 July morning. The Commander made a speech at the ceremony.

After that, the chairmen of District Peace and Development Council gave reports on completion of ploughing.

The commander together with Mon State level departmental officials released fingerlings into paddy fields and looked into agricultural educative booth.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo addresses the meeting to coordinate boosting of agriculture production held on 5 August. (News Reported)—MNA

Minister inspects development tasks in Ingapu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected development tasks in Ingapu Township on 2 August.

During the tour, the minister attended the opening of the digital auto-exchange offices of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Mezaligon Village and Htugyi Village in the township.

At Konzaung Village, the minister attended the opening of primary school building



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung at digital auto-exchange office at Htugyi Village in Ingapu Township.—FORESTRY

in Kayni Village.

The minister also visited Ingapu Township Hospital and comforted

the patients. On 3 August, the minister inspected the basic education primary school in Htanpinkan

Village and attended the opening of a primary school in Sangyoung Village.—MNA

UMFCCI receives delegation of CCPIT Sub-Council

YANGON, 9 Aug—Vice Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thaung Tin and U Tun Aung of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry together with Joint-Secretaries U Tin Maung Win, Dr Myo That and Dr Pwint Hsan of the

federation received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Li Jiashou of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) from Yunnan Sub-Council at head office here on 25 July.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed

matters on more and more participation of Myanmar businessmen year by year in annual exhibition held in Kunmin, India-Bangladesh-Myanmar-China businessmen meeting to be held in Yunnan Province.

MNA



The portable Castro: Cuba issues Fidel dictionary

HAVANA, 9 Aug — Cubans accustomed to hourslong speeches, thousand-word essays and lengthy interviews can now get Fidel Castro at a glance, thanks to a new dictionary of El Comandante's teachings.

"Unemployment" and "History" are among the myriad words for which the 339-page paperback provides definitions — based on snippets of speeches, columns and statements dispensed by Castro during the 49 years he governed the commu-

nist-run island.

The publication, which the government says is meant to provide guidance to Cuban thinkers, calls to mind the "Little Red Book" of the late Chinese communist leader, Chairman Mao Zedong.

Unlike the Chinese book, however, the Cuban dictionary with the red-dish-brown cover and the photo of an elderly Castro in suit and tie is not small enough — yet — to stuff into one's back pocket.

Presented to the public

on Saturday, the work was compiled by Salomon Susi Sarfati, an oratory analyst at the Cuban Communist Party's high ideological school.

Castro turns 83 on Thursday. He hasn't been seen in public for three years, but publishes in state media frequent musings on mostly international issues, including the long-standing conflict with the United States.

Castro turned power over to his younger brother Raul in February 2008.—Internet



An Iraqi man stands outside a shop damaged by a car bomb explosion in Kirkuk, about 250 kms north of the capital Baghdad. Despite a marked reduction in violence in recent months, attacks against security forces and civilians remain common in Baghdad, Mosul and the ethnically divided northern oil city of Kirkuk.—INTERNET

NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Aug — A NATO soldier has been killed in an bomb blast in southern Afghanistan, the alliance's International Security Assistance Force announced on Sunday, as the death toll mounts in the fight against the Taliban.

The ISAF troop was killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) on Saturday, it said in a statement. Such homemade bombs are the main weapon of the extremist militants.

The more than 40-nation force does not release the nationalities of its casualties before they are announced by the home country.

There are more than 100,000 international soldiers in Afghanistan, nearly two-thirds of them in the US military with British and Canadian forces also playing a role in the south, the most dangerous battlefield.—Internet

Men are attacked after a right wing demonstration sparked violence in Birmingham, central England on 8 August, 2009.—INTERNET



Suicide attack occurs outside French Embassy in Mauritania

DAKAR, 9 Aug—A suicide bomber detonated a bomb on Saturday near the French Embassy in Mauritania capital Nouakchott, killing the suicide bomber himself and wounding three other people, police said.

Police said the bomb exploded at a location, about 100 meters from the French embassy.

The identity of the suicide bomber, about at the age of 25, was unknown so far, police said.

Police said those injured in the attack had been rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Mauritania has been hit for several times by terrorist attacks since 2006 but the suicide bomb attack was the first of its kind in the country. —Xinhua

Poll shows parents lacking flu info

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — Thirty-nine percent of US parents polled say they've received no flu information from schools, despite the risk of a fall H1N1 outbreak, the Red Cross said.

"The spring H1N1 outbreak was a clear signal that everyone needs to prepare — and that parents and schools should have plans in case the virus returns," American Red Cross spokeswoman Suzy DeFrancis said in a release Saturday.

Parents need to contact schools regarding plans for the H1N1 virus and teach their children the importance of hand-washing and covering their coughs and sneezes.—Internet

Fighting kills at least 17 in Somali pirate port

MOGADISHU, 9 Aug — Gun battles between clan militiamen killed at least 17 people and wounded 30 on Saturday at a pirate stronghold on the coast of Somalia, witnesses said.

The fighting began overnight and intensified in the morning, forcing most of Haradheere's residents to flee, local man Farah Aden told Reuters by satellite telephone.

"The two clans are fighting over land and a girl who was raped in the forest. Unfortunately, the battles spread into town ... Fighting is going on fiercely," he said.

Somalia has been torn by civil war since 1991, and the government of President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed controls only small pockets of the rubble-strewn capital Mogadishu.—Internet

Foreign forces face "unwinnable war" in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Aug. — Foreign forces in Afghanistan are now faced with a tough choice between a "completely unwinnable war" or a peace-making mission that has a very long way to go, a high-ranking UN official said.

"It's a very difficult role," Richard Barrett, head of the UN Al-Qaida-Taliban Monitoring Team, told Xinhua in a recent exclusive interview.

Currently, there are about 60,000 American troops in Afghanistan — the

biggest contingent of foreign forces. But Afghanistan is a huge country that is bigger than Iraq in both population and land size. And because of its geographical conditions, it is a very difficult country to conduct military operations, he said.

The foreign forces, in their efforts to establish security to foster good governance and the growth of institutions, are going to be spread "very thin," Barrett said.

Internet



Filipinos salvage a vehicle as they try to move through floodwater to higher ground in Botolan district of Zambales Province. Rescuers struggled to evacuate hundreds of villagers caught by rampaging flash floods in the northern Philippines on Saturday as the death toll rose to 20, officials said.

INTERNET



A Russian-made MiG-35 flies during an air show in Bangalore in 2007. India will next week start fighter jet trials as the world's six top aerospace giants vie for a 12-billion-dollar military contract, an official said on Friday.—INTERNET

Brazil actively develops green energy

BRASILIA, 9 Aug—Brazil has been focusing on the research and development of renewable energy since the 1970s and has achieved remarkable results.

Latest research results revealed that thanks to the country's application of a variety of renewable energy and its arduous efforts to protect its rain forest, the carbon dioxide emission in Brazil has reduced 2 billion tons over the past four years.

Covering a total area of 8.51 million square kilometers, Brazil has a rangeland of more than 200 million hectares, a farmland of 6.2 million hectares and 100 million hectares of unexploited land. It has the natural resources to expand the plantation of energy crops in addition to ensuring grain production.

The Brazilian authorities have been encouraging its people to use fuel ethanol through

government subsidies, quotas and price interventions as well as helping enterprises get loans from international financial institutions.

In cities and towns with a population of more than 1,500, gas stations are required to install ethanol petrol pumps and those who do not follow the rule will be punished accordingly.

As the interest in fuel ethanol grows in many countries, the Brazilian government has formulated an even more ambitious plan to produce fuel ethanol. Under the project, Brazil's annual fuel ethanol production aims to increase to 35 billion liters in 2013, doubling its current production of 17 billion, and about 10 billion will be exported.—Xinhua

Poland moots sell-down of KGHM stake

WARSAW, 9 Aug—Poland is considering selling 10 percent of its stake in KGHM group, Europe's biggest copper producer, in the coming year, an economic adviser to Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on Saturday.

Speaking on TVN24 television, Michal Boni said the government — which now owns 41.79 percent of KGHM, which is listed on the Warsaw stock exchange — would remain the biggest

shareholder with just over 30 percent of shares.

In the face of recession, the treasury ministry unveiled on 22 July an amended privatisation plan for 2008-2011 — worth 36.7 billion zlotys (8.9 billion euros, 12.7 billion dollars) — that envisioned selling

between 10 and 41 percent of KGHM.

Boni said: "This document, which will be put to the cabinet after a full analysis and recommendations, includes the proposal of privatising KGHM by an appropriate level, that is, up to 10 percent."

Internet



Monetary policy to remain unchanged

BEIJING, 9 Aug—The Chinese government will not change its stimulus policies because it could derail its hard-won economic recovery, though record bank lending in the first half of the year has raised fears over credit risks and asset bubbles.

"The central bank is still committed to a 'moderately loose monetary policy'," said Su Ning, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China (PBOC), at a press

conference in Beijing on Friday.

"When we say 'dynamic fine-tuning', we do not mean the monetary policy but the monetary policy operations. We will sharpen the focus and intensify the pace of the policies," Su said.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed down 2.9 percent on Friday, slipping for a third day, after a PBOC announcement on Wednesday said it would

"actively fine-tune policies" as the economy improves, raising fears that it could check liquidity.

July's major growth figures will be released early next week, and investors are waiting to see more signs of a solid recovery.

The country's banks have lent nearly 7.4 trillion yuan (1.08 trillion US dollars) in the first half of the year - far higher than the initial full-year target of 5 trillion yuan.

Internet



A passenger liner leaves Xiuying port in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 8 Aug, 2009. Shipping services across south China's Qiongzhou Strait, separating the Hainan island and the mainland, resumed on Saturday afternoon as tropical storm "Goni" churned southward.—XINHUA

Released German container arrives in Kenyan port

MOMBASA, 9 Aug—A German container ship, MV Hansa Stavanger, captured by Somali pirates four months ago docked at the eastern Kenyan port of Mombasa on Saturday with all 24 crewmembers on board.

The ship was released after a ransom of 2.7 million US dollars demanded by pirates was paid. It was captured off Somali coast in April and had been under the mercy of the sea gangs until Monday when the payment was made.

MV Hansa Stavanger anchored at the port of Mombasa some minutes to mid-day and took three hours to berth after local

and foreign journalists declined to move away from berth number 11 and 12 where it was destined.

People said to be the ship's agents did not want journalists to take pictures of the ship and the crew at the port.

The ship was escorted off Somali waters by the German naval warship FGS Brandenburg which is part of a naval force under the banner of European Union navies patrolling the Somali coast.

According to FGS Brandenburg's commanding officer Torsten Ites, all the crew members on board were well.

Xinhua

Firefighters mop up hotspots from a wildfire burning southeast of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Despite the 793 fires still burning across British Columbia, the center of Canada's wine industry, some people who earlier fled their homes were able to return, according to provincial fire department spokeswoman.—INTERNET

China's leading developer Gemdale sales volume up 86% in 7 months

BEIJING, 9 Aug—China's Gemdale Group, a leading property developer, announced on Saturday its sales volume had surged 86.22 percent year on year in the first seven month of 2009 to 11.05 billion yuan (1.62 billion US dollars).

Total home sales space of the company rose 88.27 percent to 1.04 million square meters nationwide from January to July, boosted by the robust domestic property market performance, said the developer in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

For July alone, the Shenzhen-based developer sold a total amount of 193,400 sq m of homes, up 156.5 percent year on year, with the aggregate sales volume reaching 2.48 billion yuan, up 157.2 percent year on year.

The Shanghai-listed firm's shares had fallen 5.24 percent to 16.81 yuan a share on Friday before the release of the report.—Xinhua



Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo (L, front) meets with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi, India, on 8 Aug, 2009. Dai is Chinese special representative here attending the 13th meeting of special representatives of China and India on the boundary issue.
XINHUA

Hamas: Re-electing Abbas as Fatah leader reflects deterioration

GAZA, 9 Aug—President Mahmoud Abbas' re-election as Fatah leader reflects a state of political deterioration in the Palestinian party, Hamas movement said on Saturday.

"Selecting Abbas as a leader of Fatah dedicates the political deterioration and independency that Fatah has been suffering from for years," said Sami Abu Zuhri, a spokesman for Hamas.

"Fatah will not be better after electing Abbas," added Abu Zuhri, the spokesman of Fatah's bitter rival.

Delegates at Fatah general conference in the West Bank city of Bethlehem have elected Abbas as a leader in an unopposed voting.

Following his election, Abbas delivered a short speech in which he slammed Hamas for preventing the Gaza-based

Fatah members from traveling out of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip to participate in Fatah's first convention in 20 years. "The conference will succeed in spite of Hamas," Abbas said.

Hamas said it refused to let the 400 Fatah invitees from leaving Gaza as a way of pressure to urge Fatah stop cracking down against Hamas supporters in the West Bank.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Bacterium may play role in babies' colic

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—A bacterium normally found in the mouth, skin and intestines might be linked with colic in babies, a new study has found.

In the study published in the August issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics*, researchers at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston analyzed data of 36 babies, both breast- and bottle-fed. About half had colic.

The researchers found the bacterium *Klebsiella* along with gut inflammation in the intestines of all babies who had colic, a condition characterized by uncontrollable crying.

"We believe that the bacterium may be sparking an inflammatory reac-

tion, causing the gut inflammation," said Dr J Marc Rhoads, a pediatrics professor and the study's lead investigator.

"Inflammation in the gut of colicky infants closely compared to levels in patients with inflammatory bowel disease," he said. Babies without colic had more types of bacteria in their intestines, a sign that certain types of bacteria are beneficial to people, Rhoads said.

Colic, which causes an otherwise healthy baby to

cry and scream often and for long periods without any noticeable reason, has no medically grounded treatment or known cause, although bottle-fed babies seem to get it more often than breast-fed infants, according to the study.

Also, colic could possibly lead to other gastrointestinal conditions in later life, such as irritable bowel syndrome and celiac disease, the study said. The condition often disappears as suddenly as it presents itself.—Xinhua

China, India hold 13th Boundary Talks in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug—The 13th China-India Boundary Talks were held on Friday and Saturday in the Indian capital. Chinese Special Representative, State Councilor Dai Bingguo and Indian Special Representative, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister MK Narayanan exchanged in-depth views about relevant issues in an atmosphere of frankness and friendliness.

Dai also met with Sonia Gandhi, Chairper-

son of the Indian Congress Party and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during his visit in India.

Both sides agreed to press ahead with the framework negotiations in accordance with the agreed political parameters and guiding principle so as to seek for a fair and reasonable solution acceptable to both countries. Prior to that, both sides should work together to maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas.

During the talks, the

two sides exchanged in-depth views on the further development of China-India Strategic Cooperative Partnership, as well as regional, international and global issues of mutual interest. The Chinese side pointed out that the Chinese Government and people value the strategic and cooperative partnership between China and India, the largest two developing nations with a combined population accounting for 40 percent of the world's total.

Xinhua

Three bodies recovered from NY Hudson River midair collision

NEW YORK, 9 Aug—Three bodies had been recovered before search operations were called off for the day after a helicopter collided with a plane over the Hudson River with altogether nine aboard, the National Transportation Safety Board said late Saturday.

The nine passengers were believed all killed during the collision.

According to local reports, search and recovery operations will resume on Sunday morning.—Xinhua



Rescue officials search the site of a crash between a helicopter and an airplane over the Hudson River, between Hoboken, New Jersey, and New York on 8 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Japan marks 64th anniversary of Nagasaki atomic bombing

NAGASAKI, 9 Aug—More than 5,000 people gathered on Saturday in the Peace Park in Nagasaki to mark the 64th anniversary of the US atomic bombing of the southwestern Japanese city.

At the memorial ceremony, Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue read the Peace Declaration, calling for worldwide nuclear disarmament and

enhanced measures for nuclear nonproliferation.

Lauding US President Barack Obama's statement on a world without nuclear weapons this April in Prague, Taue said: "...the government of Japan, a nation that has experienced nuclear devastation, must play a leading role in international society."

"In a bid for thorough elimination of nuclear armaments, we urge the

strongest efforts towards the Nuclear Weapons Convention, which the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon last year called on governments to negotiate actively," said the Mayor.

In his speech at the ceremony, Prime Minister Taro Aso reaffirmed Japan's three principles of not producing, possessing or allowing nuclear weapons on its soil.—Xinhua

At least 12 killed in N India landslide

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug—At least 12 people were killed and 26 others trapped in a massive landslide in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand early Saturday, reported the *Press Trust of India*. The landslide, triggered by heavy rains, took place in the district of Pithoragarh, where at least seven houses were washed away, trapping 38 people in two villages, said the report.

Twelve bodies have been recovered so far while rescue and medical teams were rushing to the spot. Operation to clear the debris was hampered due to bad weather and bad light, according to the report.

Xinhua

Affected by typhoon "Morakot", strong tides surge on the Qiantang River in Haining, a city of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA



Boats crash off Algerian port, one dead

ANNABA, 9 Aug—One person died and at least 11 were missing after an Algerian coast guard boat collided with boats filled with possible migrants, officials said.

The collision occurred off the Algerian port city of Annaba after three migrant boats ignored calls that they stop, the *BBC* reported on Saturday.

More than 70 people have unsuccessfully tried to escape Algeria by boat during the past two days, Algerian radio said, adding that more than 400 people had been intercepted by the Annaba coast guard this year. The Algerian newspaper *El Watan* reported two migrant boats sank in the stand-off with the coast guards that began on Saturday.—*Internet*



A baby Japanese monkey is nursed by its mother at the Yokohama zoological gardens Zoorasia, south of Tokyo, Japan, on 9 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

ETA claims Spanish police deaths

MADRID, 9 Aug — The Basque separatist organisation ETA claimed responsibility in a statement issued on Sunday for several attacks, including those that killed two Civil Guard officers and a police inspector it called a “torturer”.

In the statement released to the pro-independence Basque daily *Gara*, a regular channel

for ETA communications, the group claimed the 19 June car bomb attack that killed 49-year-old police inspector Eduardo Puelles Garcia in the Basque town of Arrigorriaga.

The statement also claimed the 30 July car bomb attack outside a police barracks on the Mediterranean island of Majorca that killed two members of the Civil Guards paramilitary police.

It said Puelles was “the chief of police operations against numerous leftist independence activists and against pro-independence youths for the past decade, and the coordinator of different operations against ETA.”

“Sometimes, as the most experienced and despicable torturer in the commissariat ... he was also pressured independence activists into collaborating by threats,” said the group.

Internet

Organic food movement grows in China

BEIJING, 9 Aug — China's organic produce movement is growing steadily amid recurring health scares and a desire for a return to natural food, some growers say.

“The Chinese people are very aware that their food is rubbish,” said Romuald Pieters, director of Sustainable Development & Agriculture Creation, a consulting firm working in China.

Last year's contaminated-milk scandal reinforced fears about China's food supply, a legitimate concern in a country where most farms rely on toxic sewer sludge to fertilize fields, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Saturday. Fearful of the sludge, pesticides and chemical fertilizers, a small group of growers have established organic farms to sell produce and educate the public about healthier food, said Lejen Chen, owner of Green Cow farm, about 20 miles from downtown Beijing.—*Internet*

Health-care outbursts foreshadow a hot August

DES MOINES, 9 Aug — Loud outbursts, hot tempers and pleas for civility at town hall meetings around the country on Saturday foreshadowed a long, hot August as Democratic lawmakers returning home faced resistance to proposals to reform the nation's costly health care system.

At a meeting in Des Moines, Sen Tom Harkin of Iowa, was interrupted several times by people in the audience shouting criticism and questions, even though he said he didn't expect Iowans to take part in what he called “scare tactics, misinformation and obstruction.”

“As we have seen in recent days, opponents are pulling out all stops to kill the reform effort. This is a shame,” Harkin said.

But his words didn't stop some in the estimated crowd of 200 from disrupting

the meeting, where uniformed police officers were present. Des Moines police said no one was arrested.

At one point, a man from the audience yelled: “This is not health reform, this is control, control over our lives.”

Harkin responded to one man shouting criticisms by saying, “As I said, there is a nationally coordinated effort to disrupt these meetings.” The man responded that no one had sent him to the meeting.

Similar exchanges have recently taken place at town halls nationwide, as Democratic lawmakers return home for the August recess to rally support for President Barack Obama's top domestic priority — revamping a costly health care system that leaves millions without insurance.

Internet

Ciqikou, an ancient town of Chongqing



An ancient gate tower in Ciqikou, in southwest China's Chongqing municipality.

Ciqikou is an ancient street located in a suburb of Chongqing. Porcelain was produced and exported from here during the Ming and Qing Dynasties, that's how it got its name Ciqikou. Houses in Ciqikou are made from bamboo and wood and are typical of the type found in east Sichuan. The paintings on the houses are beautiful and delicate. Ciqikou was upgraded to the status of an ‘ancient street’ under Chongqing's state protection in 1998.

People watch bullfight game in Lianglong Village in Hongshui Township of Rongshui County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Loudmouths gather for Thai screaming contest

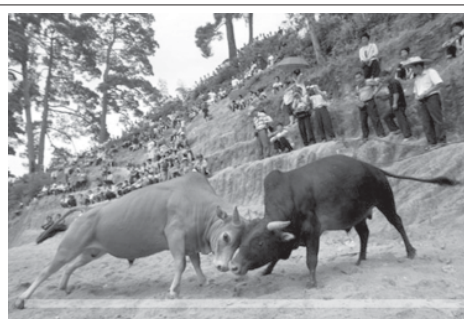
Short shrieks, high-pitched yelps, and drawn-out wails rang out in Thailand at an international competition aimed at setting a new record for the loudest scream.

Russian Sergey Savelyev chimed in at 116.8 decibels — roughly as loud as an ambulance siren — to win Saturday's competition in the seaside town of Pattaya.

His effort fell short of breaking the 129-decibel Guinness World Record for the loudest scream set in 2000 in London.

“I was only getting warmed up,” said 33-year-old Savelyev, who said he'll be back next year to compete in the competition hosted by Thailand's Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum.

The Russian, who walked away with a check for 30,000 baht (US\$900), was one of 11 finalists from a field of 1,500 competitors.



UAE ‘magicians’ arrested for bank note swindle

Two men were arrested in Abu Dhabi for swindling a large number of people with claims they possessed “magic powder” that doubled bank notes, a local newspaper reported.

The men would show their victims what they said were the supernatural powers of the powder, which if sprinkled over a banknotes in a bag, would double the amount, The National cited the interior ministry as saying.

After the victims handed over a large number of notes, the “magicians” would swap the money with fake notes covered with the powder, which lab tests showed consisted of flour and washing powder, the paper reported.

“Caveman” fugitive caught after 16 years

Portuguese police have recaptured a convict who had escaped in 1993 and had been hiding in the caves in the mountains for 16 years receiving help from villagers nearby, local media said.

The 54-year-old former shepherd, thin and heavily bearded but healthy, was arrested in the north of the country in a police operation dubbed “Cro-Magnon” in reference to Europe's early humans who lived in caves thousands of years ago, *Diario de Noticias* daily said.

He had been convicted and sentenced to a 10-year term for accidentally killing a neighbor in a discussion over a sheep flock, but escaped after about 2 years in prison.

Local residents were quoted as saying the man, who only had a dog for company during his hiding, never harmed anyone while on the run. A local mayor said the village would hire a lawyer to try to alleviate his sentence.

NEWS ALBUM



Contestants assemble the navigation models in the National Navigation Model Education Competition in Lingshui, south China's Hainan Province. More than 500 teenagers from 31 teams all over the country took part in the competition here.



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

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party inspected scattering of natural fertilizers into Pauktapin quality strain plantation in Daik U Township.

After hearing reports by officials concerned, Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on extending cultivation of quality paddy strains and distribution of those strains to farmers. They then viewed display of quality paddy strains, beans and pulses and various kinds of oil crop seeds.

Later, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party visited a monsoon paddy plantation at the entrance to Naunglaybin Township and inspected spreading of fertilizers and paddy cultivation tasks.—MNA



Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspects the quality paddy strains, beans and oil crop seeds on display.—MNA

New Yatanarpon to emerge as a technology city

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



A technological building emerging together with new Yatanarpon town project.

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town is being built with the use of high technology. The town lies near Mandalay-Lashio Road and can overlook the sceneries of Mandalay. The weather was cool and pleasant when we, the news team, arrived in PyinOoLwin although it was in the afternoon. Then we went along the concrete road

and saw a large building. At the top of the building is a signboard reading 'Yatanarpon Teleport'.

Entering the building, we first saw a stone plaque which says 'The construction of the teleport started under the directive of the State Peace and Development Council on 30 June 2006 and successfully opened in December 2007. This

means the most important main building of Yatanarpon new town could be constructed. Apart from Yatanarpon Teleport, there are other technological buildings under construction. The project includes a hardware factory, software factory and production factories. Many of modern and marvelous technological

buildings have been constructed near Yatanarpon Teleport.

Now, 16 companies are investing in construction of the town together with housings. The project area is 10000 acres and 2200 acres are being used as the first phase of the project. Roads and bridges at some construction sites have been built.

Upon completion

of the new town project, software and hardware factories will emerge. So in the future, the sectors of producing and distributing technological equipment and technological teaching will improve there.

Inside Yatanarpon Teleport building, maps are displayed showing connection of domestic phone lines and international phone lines

and the towns and villages where GSM, cellular and CDMA services are being provided.

As Yatanarpon new town project is being undertaken in Myanmar, a technology city will emerge soon, creating technological opportunities for the local people to pursue.

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Clean and tidy road in new Yatanarpon town project.



Beautiful scene of New Yatanarpon Town.





High time to rise from fantasy

Ko Myanmar

Everyone has their dreams and they have the right to fulfil their dreams. Here, they are required to take care in realizing their dreams but not at the expense of others.

I would like to present a well-known tale that is about the experience of a young monk who indulged himself in a fantasy, while giving a massage to the presiding abbot.

In his fantasy, the monk thought that the abbot was at the old age, so the abbot might present the silk robe a rich disciple had offered him recently to him as he always gave him a massage; that if so, he should not use the robe as it was very expensive; that so he would leave the religious order after getting rid of the robe; that he would make an investment in a business with the money he would gain from sale of the robe; that later, he became to get on with his business and got married to a woman; that then he enjoyed economic development with a paddy field and got children; that one year he gained a bumper harvest of crops, and in the end of Buddhist retreat, his wife, his baby and he went by bullock cart to the monastery to offer a bag of rice and a tin of edible oil to the abbot; that at a uphill site on their way, the bullock cart moved quickly, and unexpectedly the baby his wife was holding in her arms dropped off the cart; and that then he was angry and struck his wife's nape with his elbow for her recklessness ...

While giving a massage with his two elbows over the nape of the abbot, his fantasy went too far and he accidentally hit the abbot's nape with his elbow.

So, the abbot reminded him, saying, "Hey, hey, monk, the one who is negligent is your wife, but the one who hurts in his nape is me."

Then, he was shocked and frightened and ran away as the abbot knew all of his fantasy.

Similarly, some are indulging themselves in their fantasy; some, in the fantasy of the 2010 election; and some in the fantasy to disrupt the 2010 election.

I also have heard of a clandestine scheme to incite mass protests taking advantage of Daw Suu's case.

It seems to me that a budget allotment has been passed for a project. Some expatriates are making rally cry and showing off their prowess going around the world. They are like a drunkard Po Htwar who stays inside the house while he is broke, but when he has some money, he is drunk himself into oblivion walking with a stagger along the street with his

They should have chosen a peaceful way to democracy to win the heart of the people so as to serve the public interest, instead of unfair means to seize power, sacrificing the people. If so, that will be beneficial to all, the nation, the people and themselves. I wish they gave up the fantasy of coming to power through the conspiracies that pose great threat to the nation.

longyi (nether garment) around his shoulder and using bad language.

I learnt from a foreign radio broadcast that a so-called veteran leader of 1988 mass protest as well as an ex-BCP UG who a western country provided fertile soil said that he was very active in all the protests; that their revolution has been mature enough; that he would take a leading role in the forthcoming protest; and that he had contact with internal networks.

In the website he has put on the Internet, he says regarding underground activities that when the crowd take to the streets, do not take frontlines; watch and see the conditions staying a little distant from the crowd; go into hiding as soon as possible if the situation is not favourable; never let yourself caught; take the last seat while taking a bus in order that no one can shadow you; you can carry on the revolution only if you are not arrested; it is important to leave others in the lurch; and ask the persons you have organized and dear-devils from your ward to hold the flag in the frontline of the crowd.

So, I wonder what sort of frontline so-called democracy activists will take. It seems to me they will take the frontline or front row in front of TV to watch the programmes when Myanmar sees riots, or they will deceive the people into taking to the streets, and create anarchic riots across the nation, and when the administrative machinery of the government is no longer effective, and the government of democracy activists is formed, they will rush back to the nation from abroad to take the frontline.

While the renegades are with the hope of coming to power, sacrificing the lives of others, a group of people in the nation are plotting to seize the power. Their tactics are that they make unreasonable demands to persuade the people to take to the streets, using

monks as a human shield. Then, following the practice of hunter Sonuttho, they plan to shoot with an arrow through the body of Elephant King Hsaddan which is like the country and seize the tusk which is like the power and hand it over to Queen Cula Subhadda.

According to their first-hand experiences, today's people know very well that internal and external power-craving elements are just plotting to come to power, exploiting and making as the stepping-stone the people who they claim they love so much at the expense of national interest.

In fact, the entire people and members of the Sangha except those who are completely under the influence of covetousness, envy, ill will and animosity know well that every time Myanmar sees attempts to seize power through mob rules and anarchic sense cause untold miseries, and harm the life of the people.

As the saying that goes "Happy with what others tell", some are indulging themselves in the fantasy of getting rich, thus bothering themselves. That does not harm others much, so it can be said that is not too bad.

It is rather foolish of those, who are power-craving with the hope of coming to power one way or another by stirring up unrest and deceiving the people into their schemes, to create strong negative impact on the entire nation. They should have realized that their plants will never come to fruition in practice.

In reality, they do not have their ways blocked to that degree at which they have no choice but to provoke public outrage and use violent means to come to power. They have an opportunity to come to power by organizing the people, recognizing their true desire through the election to be held in accordance with the constitution approved with the support of the vast majority of the voters.

So, they should have chosen a peaceful way to democracy to win the heart of the people so as to serve the public interest, instead of unfair means to seize power, sacrificing the people. If so, that will be beneficial to all, the nation, the people and themselves. I wish they gave up the fantasy of coming to power through the conspiracies that pose great threat to the nation.

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Central Command Commander attends workshop on educating traffic rules in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug —Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central

Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe addressed the workshop on educating traffic rules in Mandalay Division at No 14 Basic

Education High School in Mandalay on 26 July.

The commander picture cosmic books on traffic rules.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presenting picture books to an official.

MNA

Commander, Minister attend opening of new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the production process of various kinds of steel wares, steel medical equipments and steel pipes produced by the Enamel Ware and Steel Ware Factories (Minsu) of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries on 7 August morning.

The Minister visited the Pharmaceutical factory (Innyoung) of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries and looked into production process of the factory and he also

inspected the production of purified drinking water at the Mya Thida purifier.

Then he inspected the production process of the Finished Textile Factory Paleik and flannel and poplin samples of the factory of Myanmar Textile Industries.

Afterwards, the minister together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and wife the Mandalay Mayor and wife attended the opening ceremony of

new school building of No 19 Post Primary School in Pyigyidagub Township. The donor U Kyaw Win (Kyaw Padetha Company), Head-mistress Daw Khin Thuza and member of school board of trustees U Thein Hla cut the ribbon to open the new school building.

The Commander pressed the button to open the stone inscription, and the Commander, the Minister and the Mayor grew trees at designated places to commemorate opening of new school building.—MNA

Minister inspects upgrading tasks of Yangon-Pyay-Kyaukpadaung-Myingyan railroad section

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than arrived at Inntawkywe station in Kyaukpadaung Township and inspected stockpile of gravels to be used in paving Yangon-Pyay-Kyaukpadaung-Myingyan railway line

and grinding of gravels on 7 August.

Upon arrival at Nyaungto station in Kyaukpadaung-Hsathwa railroad section, the minister and party looked into progress in paving the railroad and substituting 60 pound weighing rails with 75 ones.

On arrival at Pynmakan station, they

oversaw stockpile of gravels and the worksite of paving rail lines between Ngaminmay and Kanthaye stations.

At Ngaminmay station, the minister and party inspected progress in carrying out the earthwork. After inspections, the minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects upgrading tasks of Kyaukpadaung-Hsathwa railroad section.—MNA

CPT Minister meets officials from Yatanarpon Teleport Company (Yangon Branch)

YANGON, 9 Aug—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 7 August attended a work coordination meeting on ensuring better communication systems of auto-telephones held at the International Tele-

communication Centre in Mayangon Township here and gave necessary instructions.

On 8 August, the minister met with those from Yatanarpon Teleport Company (Yangon Branch) touched upon works to be carried out there and inspected the

autorooms.

On 9 August morning, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding and made a speech.

After that, the minister and officials concerned prizes to outstanding students.—MNA

Coord meeting on organizing Myanmar Health Research Conference held

YANGON, 8 Aug —The coordination meeting on organizing Myanmar Health Research Conference took place at Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) on Ziwaka Street in Dagon Township here yesterday, attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe,

rectors of the Universities of Medicines, Universities of Pharmacy, Universities of Medical Technology, Universities of Dental and Universities of Nursing.

The deputy minister made an opening address. After hearing a report and review of previous conference presented by Deputy Director-General

of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), the deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, those present reported matters related to holding the conference and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the deputy minister.—MNA

Launch of book borrowing card system discussed

YANGON, 9 Aug —Head of Maubin Township Information and Public Relations Department U Htein Lin visited Bawa Alinyaung Library in Kawatkin Village on 6 August and operation of book borrowing card

system.

He met with members of library committees of the libraries in the village-tract and discussed maintenance of the library buildings, books and furniture and use of book borrow card system.—MNA

TB Control Course opened

YANGON, 8 Aug—Yangon City Development Committee and Yangon Division Tuberculosis Department jointly conducted TB Control Course at Phyo Cetana (Free) Clinic at the corner of Insein and Kyaikwaing Pagoda Roads in Mayangon Township in Yangon (North) District this afternoon.

Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin delivered an opening address.

Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint touched upon National TB Control Plan. Fifty trainees are attending the two-day course.—MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin addresses opening ceremony of TB Control Course.

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Hopang has risen from obscurity to urban life

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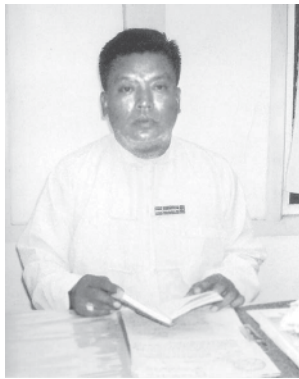
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Hopang in Kachin State used to be a village. Now, it has been urbanized as a result of the Tatmadaw government's drive for national reconsolidation.

Seeing Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad and Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, Hopang enjoys smooth transport. Hopang in Mohnyin District is the closet region to Indawgyi region, with a distance of only 27 miles between the two regions. Mogaung is 40 miles north of or an over-one-hour train drive from Hopang. Phakant and Lonkhin, the lands of jade, are accessible from Hopang. On our way from Mohnyin to Mogaung, we dropped in Hopang.

Now, Hopang has become an affluent town with all characteristics of a town such as fine roads, markets, houses and large buildings. It sees a good number of sites where buildings are under construction, which reflects the arrays of urbanization.

When asked about regional development, Head of Hopang General



U Khaing Min, Staff Officer of Hopang General Administration Department.

Administration Department U Khaing Min told the Myanmar Alin, "Our township is constituted with four wards, eight village-tracts, and 22 villages. It was upgraded to a town from a village on 1 October 2002 due to peace and progress. Now, our township's development in the health care, education, communication and transport sectors is far beyond the development long ago."

Head of Hopang Information and Public Relations Department Daw Mya Tin conducted our news crew round the town. On arrival at the basic education high school, we saw a new two-storey building under construction. We learnt that in 2009, the

matriculation pass rate of the school was 40.94 per cent, and many of the successful candidates were distinction winners. Now, the youth of the town have easy access to education.

Next, we proceeded to Nantyin Creek crossing wooden bridge that links Hopang and Hsinbo Townships. Daw Mya Tin explained that due to the wooden bridge, it had become very convenient for local people to travel between Hsinbo Township

and Hopang; that previously, local people of Hopang had to pass through Myitkyina when they traveled to Hsinbo Township; and that then, it took passengers only about two hours to travel to Hsinbo Township.

An itinerary took us to Hopang People's Hospital, which used to be a station hospital. Now, it has been upgraded to a 16-bed facility providing better health care to local residents.

On a visit to Hopang Microwave Station, we learnt that it was put into commission on 28 July 1998; and that Hopang auto exchange equipped with 700 exchange phones was opened on 18 February 1996, and cellular phone line providing service for 527 phones, on 28 April 2008.

Hopang's main business is agricultural farming. Now, it has launched the practice of growing paddy two times in a rainy

season to achieve its goal of being the fourth granary of Kachin State. Other businesses include jade mining in Phakant and Lonkhin, gold mining and trading goods.

Thus, it is no exaggeration to say that the collaborative efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been exerting earnestly have plucked up Hopang obscurity from.

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A new two-storey building under construction in Hopang Basic Education High School.

Myanmar delegation on tour of Malaysia, Singapore

YANGON, 9 Aug—Central executive of Myanmar Floriculturists Association orchid expert Dr Saw Lwin and member of Research Committee U Nyan Tun, on 3 August, left here by air to attend Jahor International Orchid Festival 2009 to

be held in Jahor Bahru, Malaysia. They will exhibit Myanmar Orchid Species and read a paper on "Booming orchid-based tourism in future Myanmar" at the paper reading session at the festival.

The Myanmar delega-

tion then will proceed to Singapore from 8 to 11 August to hold discussions about follow-up measures with Singaporean orchid experts from Singaporean Botanical Garden for orchid research tour of northern Myanmar in 2010 and study tour.—MNA

A&I Minister meets French Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with French Ambassador to

the Union of Myanmar Mr Jean Pierre Lafosse at his office here on 4 August.

They held discussions

on development of agricultural sector.

Also present at the call were departmental heads.

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo holds discussions with French Ambassador Mr Jean Picrre Lafosse and party.—MNA

Corrigendum

Please read "Kayin State" instead of "Kachin State" that appears in the byline on column (1) on the front page of this daily on 6 August 2009. Error is regretted.—Ed

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at (12:30) hrs MST on 9th August 2009)

The amounts of rainfall (199) mm (7.83) inches observed at (09:30) hours MST on 9th August, 2009 in Toungoo is the 24 hours new rainfall record at the station for the month of August during last (45) years. The former record of the station was (179) mm (7.05) inches on 8th August 2009.



Bull-Run' team members launch their makeshift aircraft made in the shape of Buran, the Russian space shuttle, into the Moskva River during the Red Bull Flugtag Moscow 2009 competition in Moscow, Sunday, on 9 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Survey: Gas prices nationwide jump 16 cents

CAMARILLO, 9 Aug —The US price of gasoline jumped nearly 16 cents a gallon during the past two weeks to \$2.64.

That's according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday.

Analyst Trilby Lundberg says it appears the rate of increase is slowing.

The latest average price of regular gasoline is \$1.20 below the price at the same time last year.

The average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.77. Premium was at \$2.88.

Charleston, S.C., had the lowest price, \$2.38 for a gallon for regular.

Honolulu was the highest at \$3.07.

Internet

40 inmates hurt in riot at Calif.'s Chino prison

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Forty prisoners were sent to hospitals after a riot broke out at the California Institution for Men in Chino.

Prison spokesman Lt. Mark Hargrove told KTLA-TV the riot started about 8:30 p.m. Saturday. He said the situation was under control as of Sunday morning. About 80 officers responded to the riot.

Hargrove says the inmates' injuries range from stab wounds and slashes to head trauma. Some injuries were considered life-threatening.

No prison staff members were injured.

The prison has seven units that house about 200 inmates each. At least one unit caught fire.—Internet

Snakes kill over 6,000 Bangladeshis every year

DHAKA, 9 Aug—Over 6,000 people die in snakebites every year in tropical Bangladesh against a global statistic of some 150,000 deaths, national news agency BSS reported on Saturday quoting a nationwide survey carried out recently.

The study found that the phenomenon is an “old and ignored public health problem” as 86 percent snakebite victims still report to traditional healers and only three percent to doctors for want of access to treatment facilities, the BSS said. The survey carried out with World Bank assistance identified the southwestern coastal Barisal division, about 170 kilometres from capital Dhaka, as the most snakebite-prone area

where 2,667 people are bitten.

Northeastern Sylhet division, 240 kilometres from Dhaka, has the lowest record of snakebite incidents a year. The report found that 27 percent victims were bitten while walking in rural roads and another 27 percent were exposed to snakes while they took dips in water bodies, according to the BSS. Experts said 80 species of snakes with 22 of them being venomous are seen in Bangladesh. According to a global statistic, some three million people are bitten every year and of them 150,000 die while South Asia, Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa report the highest number of bites, the BSS said.

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Australia, Indonesia in carbon trading plan

INDONESIA, 9 Aug—Australia and Indonesia will make a submission on using rainforests to offset carbon emissions from polluting industries at climate change talks beginning today in Germany.

The submission, obtained by The Age, states Australia is building a satellite receiving station near Darwin to monitor deforestation in Asia and the Pacific.

The second joint submission to UN climate negotiations from the two countries reflects the Rudd Government's desire to use Asian and Pacific forests as a cheap emissions offset for local industry through “REDD” - reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation - carbon credits. It outlines the extent to which Australia is working with Indonesia to ready the country to sell carbon credits based on

carbon stored in forests, including holding “technical sessions” for officials on how to monitor the REDD program.

Australia and Indonesia are also developing two REDD demonstration projects under a \$200 million Australian-funded global

forestry-carbon program to present to the climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December. Environment groups are expressing concerns over the make-up of REDD the draft text of a new climate agreement before the UN, ahead of the discussions starting today in Bonn.—Internet



The scene of a bomb attack in Mosul in this handout photo provided by the police, on 8 Aug, 2009. A suicide car bomber killed 38 people as they left a Shi'ite Muslim mosque just outside the volatile northern Iraqi city of Mosul, officials said on Friday, while a series of bombs in Baghdad killed six Shi'ite pilgrims. Picture taken on 8 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Villagers gather at the rubble of houses belonging to supporters of Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud.—INTERNET



India, Russia close to final testing of air-launched “BrahMos”

Moscow, 9 Aug—Indian and Russian scientists are close to final development and testing of the air-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.

A top Russian defence official said a new takeoff engine for launching of the missile in air and at extreme high altitudes had been developed. Alexander Leonov, Director of the Russian Machine

Building Research and Production Center, said: “we are ready for test launches.”

Leonov was quoted as saying by the ITAR-TASS news agency that the initial test firing of the missile would be undertaken from the Sukhoi-30 MKI, but did not specify the exact dates. After testing, the IAF would be launch customers for the air launched BrahMos cruise missile, which will make the Indian

Air Force, the only force in Asia to have such a capability.

The BrahMos is already inducted in its ship to shore role and land-to-land versions in the Indian Navy and Army. Leonov for the first time disclosed that Moscow and New Delhi were also “very close” to designing and testing of the submarine launched version of the BrahMos missile.

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People take part in the traditional summer carnival in the southern Bosnia-Herzegovina's town of Capljina, 100 miles south from Sarajevo, on 8 Aug, 2009. Over 1,500 festival goers took part in the event.—INTERNET

Guinness record refreshed in one-year anniversary of Beijing Olympics

BEIJING, 9 Aug—The Guinness world record for the number of people practicing Taiji, or martial arts shadow boxing, together was broken here on Saturday when China marked the first anniversary of the Beijing Olympics. A total of 33,996 people from all walks of life gathered at the Olympic area between the Bird's Nest and the Water Cube, the two symbols of the Games, in the morning and practicing Taiji

together in the drizzle to mark the one-year anniversary of the Beijing Olympics.

The performance ran in five minutes and 49 seconds and the number of the performers shattered the previous record of 30,648.

A representative from the Guinness headquarters in London presented the certificate of the record to Liu Jingmin, vice mayor of Beijing.

Xinhua

Shanghai gets green light for Pudong Airport bonded zone

SHANGHAI, 9 Aug—The State Council, or Cabinet, has given approval for a bonded area for Pudong International Airport, a local official said on Saturday. Jiang Liang, governor of the Pudong New Area, told reporters that the tax-free zone covers an area of about 4 square km. Chen Xuyuan, president of Shanghai International Port

(Group) Co., said the move will help promote Shanghai to build itself into an international centre of shipping.

Pudong now has two harbors, one airport and three bonded areas.

The Pudong International Airport handled 2.63 million tonnes of cargo last year, ranking third in the world.

Xinhua

China lifts blockade around plague-stricken town

BEIJING, 9 Aug —A blockade around a remote northwest Chinese town where deadly pneumonic plague killed three people and sickened nine was lifted after no new infections were reported, an official said on Sunday.

The blockade of Ziketan in an ethnically Tibetan area in Qinghai province ended Saturday night after 10 days, said a government spokesman who would only give his surname, Wang.

Police had set up checkpoints around the farming town of 10,000 people, sealing it off to prevent the spread of the disease that can kill in as few as 24 hours if left untreated. Wang said nine patients were recovering and in

stable condition though they were required to stay for five days in a hospital for observation. Another 332 people quarantined for having "direct or indirect contact" with the patients were released. The outbreak, first detected July 30, killed three people who were neighbors. Most of the other sickened people were relatives of the first victim, a 32-year-old herdsman who became ill after burying his dog. China has had previous cases of plague, a disease that circulates mainly among small animals like rats and mice but can also infect humans. Experts have said most cases in China's northwest occur when hunters are contaminated while skinning infected animals.—Internet

Australia considers mass killings of camels

SYDNEY, 9 Aug—Thousands of camels in Australia's remote Outback could be killed by marksmen in helicopters under a government proposal aimed at cutting down the population of the havoc-wreaking creatures.

First introduced into Australia in the 1840s to help explorers travel through the Australian desert, there are now about 1 million camels roaming the country, with the population doubling every nine years.

They compete with

sheep and cattle for food, trample vegetation and invade remote settlements in search of water, scaring residents as they tear apart bathrooms and rip up water pipes.

Last month, the federal government set aside 19 million Australian dollars (\$16 million) for a program to help slash the population. Besides sending in sharpshooters in helicopters and on foot, officials are considering proposals to turn some of the creatures into tasty treats such as camel burgers. Hunters in the

United States have shot wolves from helicopters in Alaska in an aerial predator control program there. More than 800 wolves have been killed as part of the programme, which has been a point of national controversy since it was initiated five years ago.

Glenn Edwards, who is working on drafting the Australian government's camel reduction program, said the population needs to be slashed by two-thirds to reduce catastrophic damage.

Internet



In this undated file photo released by the Central Australian Camel Industry Association, ranchers in Alice Springs, central Australia use a truck to chase and catch a camel roaming wild on the property. Mere months after the Australian government ordered the shooting of thousands of kangaroos to help control their population, officials are now considering sending marksmen into the Outback in helicopters to take aim at another fast-growing group of pests: camels.—INTERNET



Scientists alter cells to produce insulin

BERLIN, 9 Aug—A team of European and US researchers say they're getting closer to altering pancreatic cells to produce insulin to cure Type 1 diabetes.

Altering cells to produce insulin would help diabetics metabolize sugar and reduce or eliminate the need for daily insulin injections, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Saturday.

A team of scientists led by Patrick Collombat, a researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Germany, reprogrammed pancreatic cells in diabetic mice by activating a

gene known as Pax4, the *Times* reported.

In mice trials, Pax4 converted cells that normally made a hormone called glucagon into cells that made insulin, the European and US researchers wrote in the journal *Cell*. For reasons unknown, the gene therapy worked best on mice less than 1 month old, completely counteracting the symptoms of Type 1 diabetes, Collombat said.

Future trials are to focus on how to activate the Pax4 gene and then turn it off so it doesn't produce too much insulin, Collombat said.

Internet



Local residents are evacuated in Cangnan County, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 Aug, 2009. The province has evacuated around 317,000 people to avoid the approaching Typhoon Morakot so far. —XINHUA

Powerful bladder cancer cells found

BALTIMORE, 9 Aug—A set of powerful cells in bladder tumors seem to be responsible for the cancer growing and spreading elsewhere, scientists in Baltimore said.

The findings could help researchers develop new ways of locating and attacking similar cells in other types of cancer, scientists at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine said on Friday.

Scientists have long suspected that a subset of cells in cancerous tumors act much like stem cells, which spur organ development early

in life and remain present to repair or replace injured and aging tissues, Dr David Berman reported in the July issue of *Stem Cells*.

The power cells found in bladder tumors are similar to stem cells, with both having an unlimited lifespan and a propensity to migrate through tissues.

If scientists had a way to identify and target cancer cells with these properties, the population that sustains tumors and makes them grow could be eliminated, Berman said.

Internet



Chinese residents gather to remove a fallen tree blocking a road in Changle, in southeast China's Fujian province, on 8 August, as Typhoon Morakot hits mainland China. 473,300 residents of the coastal province of Zhejiang reportedly had been moved, while more than 480,000 people were evacuated from neighboring Fujian Province.—INTERNET

S Africa reports second swine flu death

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Aug—South Africa on Saturday reported its second swine flu death, five days after announcing the first fatality in sub-Saharan Africa.

"A 15-year-old boy died on Thursday.

The NICD (National Institute for Communicable Diseases) confirmed yesterday that it was the virus," said health spokesman Fidel Hadebe.

South Africa reported its first infection in June and had nearly 600 confirmed cases on 3 August. Tests results following the death of a 22-year-old student confirmed the A(H1N1) virus.

Internet

Biodiversity boomed during global warming

DENVER, 9 Aug—A global warming span from 53 million to 47 million years ago strongly influenced the biodiversity of western North America, geologists said.

The warming spurred a biodiversity boom of plants and animals, the researchers reported this week in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"Today, the middle of Wyoming is a vast desert, and a few antelope and deer are all you see," geologist Michael Woodburne, of the Museum of Northern Arizona, said.

Fifty million years

ago, however, when temperatures were at their highest, that area of Wyoming was a tropical rain forest teeming with lemur-like primates, small horses, forest rodents and other mammals, Woodburne said. "In fact, there were more species of mammals living in the western part of North America at that time than at any other time," he said.

Woodburne's research into global warming was aided by Gregg Gunnell of the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology and Richard Stucky of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.—*Internet*

Hong Kong reports 199 new influenza A/H1N1 cases

HONG KONG, 9 Aug—Hong Kong confirmed 199 new cases of influenza A/H1N1 on Saturday, bringing the total to 5,407 in the region, local health authorities said. A spokesman for the Department of Health said the new cases involve 101 males and 98 females, aged between one year and 79 years.

According to the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, a total of 64 confirmed cases are currently staying in public hospitals for treatment. Among them, 57 cases are in stable condition, three in serious and four in critical condition.—*Internet*

Salmonella outbreak sickens at least nine in two US states

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—An outbreak of salmonella has sickened at least nine people in the US states of California and Colorado, health officials said on Saturday.

Health departments in the two states linked the outbreak with ground beef products that may be tainted with salmonella.

The California Department of Public Health said

that three people in Orange County and two in Tulare County reported feeling ill. Colorado health officials say at least four people there were hospitalized for related illnesses. All are recovering.

The tainted beef products are being recalled by a company in Fresno, Central California after the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a food

safety warning earlier this week. The recall involved 825,769 pounds of ground beef produced between 5 June and 23 June this year.

This was the biggest beef recall so far this year.

The beef has been distributed by Beef Packers Inc to retail distribution centers in Arizona, California, Colorado and Utah.

Xinhua

Distressed family members are seen waiting outside the Shipping Corporation of Polynesia office on Queen Salote Wharf for a survivor list to be released after the MV Princess Ashika ferry went missing off the waters of Nuku'alofa, on 6 August.

INTERNET



SPORTS



Members of the Lazio team celebrate with the trophy after the Italian Super Cup soccer match against Inter Milan at the National Stadium in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Lazio downs Inter Milan 2-1 to win Italian Super Cup at Bird's Nest

BEIJING, 9 Aug—Coppa Italia champions Lazio sank Serie A winner Inter Milan 2-1 by two quickfire goals within four minutes to take the Italian Super Cup at a nearly full-packed Bird's Nest here on Saturday. "Lazio won the game, I should congratulate them. But I could only see one team on the pitch. In the latter part of the second half, the most people I saw on the pitch was their team doctor," said Milan boss Jose Mourinho ironically.

The match was held coinciding with the anniversary of the opening of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Jose Mourinho used a 4-4-2 formation with newly signed Eto'o paired Diego Milito in the front line. Milan took the upper hand in the first half against a cautious Lazio, but Sulley Muntari and Lucio wasted two good chances.

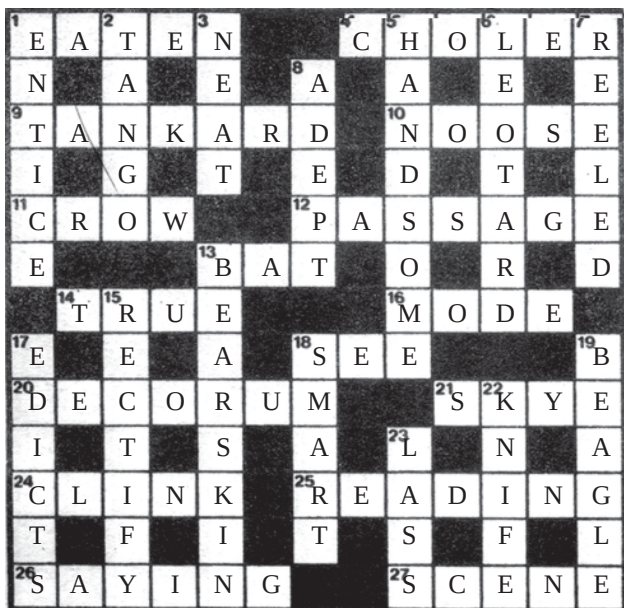
Xinhua

Valencia beat Arsenal in friendly

VALENCIA, 9 Aug—Spain's Valencia defeated Arsenal 2-0 in a friendly on Saturday, but the match was overshadowed by the death of Espanyol skipper Dani Jarque. Michel, in the 75th minute, and David Villa, with a goal in stoppage time, gave the Spaniards victory at the Mestalla.

Villa had earlier missed a penalty when the scores were level at 0-0. Before the second-half kicked-off, a minute's silence was held in honour of 26-year-old Jarque who died from a heart attack while at an Espanyol training camp in Italy. The players also wore black armbands for the final 45 minutes.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Atletico Madrid claims prestigious win in Liverpool

MADRID, 9 Aug—Atletico Madrid achieved a prestigious pre-season win with a 2-1 win against Liverpool in the mythical Anfield Stadium. First half goals from Atletico strike pair Diego Forlan and Kun Aguero were enough to give the Spanish side the win, while Lucas Leiva gave Liverpool a consolation goal late in the second half.

The game had been billed as another sentimental reunion for Liverpool's Fernando Torres and his former club, after the Spanish forward missed out on last season's Champions League clashes due to injury. Liverpool, playing without midfielder Xabi Alonso, who was sold to Real Madrid earlier in the week, suffered the loss of central defender Jamie Carragher through injury after just 15 minutes.—Xinhua



Bayern Munich's Ivica Olic (2nd L) scores a goal during their German Bundesliga soccer match against TSG Hoffenheim in Sinsheim on 8 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Bayern post 1-1 draw against Hoffenheim

BERLIN, 9 Aug—German football giant Bayern Munich had their ambition snubbed at the Bundesliga opener as they were tied 1-1 in an away game against Hoffenheim on Saturday.

Ivica Olic put Bayern in front in the 25th minute in what was also his first league appearance for the record champions. Chinedu Obasi leveled for the hosts in the 41st minute, set up by fit-again strike partner Vedad Ibisevic. Bayern were thus unable to present new coach Louis van Gaal with a debut Bundesliga victory on the occasion of his 58th birthday.

Bayern Munich missed several key players through injury, like playmaker Franck Ribery, strikers Miroslav Klose, Luca Toni and defender Martin Demichelis. The opener from Olic was virtually the only highlight of a first half to forget for the visitors. There was early controversy in the 11th minute when Hoffenheim's new central defender Josip Simunic headed the ball off the post and Bayern keeper Michael Rensing appeared to clear it only after it had crossed the line. The referee, however, did not give the goal. —Xinhua

England just like Brazil, says Lampard

LONDON, 9 Aug—England midfielder Frank Lampard believes his in-



Frank Lampard

ternational teammates, who have moved confidently to the brink of qualifying for the World Cup finals, would not look out of place playing for Brazil. The Chelsea man insists that Fabio Capello's team are serving up football with a flair and style which would not look out of place in Brazil or even European champions Spain.

Internet

Chelsea win over Man-United in penalty shoot-out

Chelsea clinched the Community Shield after a series of well-taken penalties.

INTERNET



LONDON, 9 Aug—Carlo Ancelotti celebrated the start of his Chelsea reign with silverware as they claimed the Community Shield with victory over Manchester United in a penalty shoot-out at Wembley. Nani's angled strike gave the Premier League champions an early lead - but Ricardo Carvalho's headed equaliser and a hotly-disputed strike from Frank Lampard looked to have given Chelsea victory.

Wayne Rooney added an extra layer of drama to a highly-entertaining encounter when he slid home a composed finish to level for United with almost the last action of normal time.

United felt justice had been served after they fell behind to Lampard's goal with 20 minutes left, scored with defender Patrice Evra lying injured after he was fouled by Chelsea substitute Michael Ballack, an offence missed by referee Chris Foy. But Rooney's goal was not to prove the platform for a United victory - with Chelsea delivering an emphatic performance in the spot-kick decider.—Internet

Pennetta, Stosur reach LA tennis final

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Italy's Flavia Pennetta brushed aside a shaky serve to book her spot in the Los Angeles Women's Tennis Championship final by rallying to beat Russian Maria Sharapova. Pennetta, who had lost in her two previous meetings against Sharapova, posted a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 semi-final victory at the Home Depot Center.

"I didn't put a lot of my first serves in so I just tried to get my second serve in and play the point. She was making a lot of mistakes," Pennetta said.



Samantha Stosur of Australia hits a forehand to Sorana Cirstea of Romania in the LA Women's Tennis Championships at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California.

INTERNET

Pennetta will face Australian Samantha Stosur in Sunday's final at the hardcourt facility in south central Los Angeles. Stosur swept past Romania's Sorana Cirstea 6-3, 6-2 in just 62 minutes.

Internet

Espanyol captain Jarque dies of a heart attack

MADRID, 9 Aug—Spanish football was in shock on Saturday night following the death of Espanyol football club captain Daniel Jarque from a suspected heart attack. Jarque, who was just 26 years old, apparently passed out while he was speaking on the phone to his family from the hotel where he and his teammates were staying just outside of Florence in Italy.

Despite all the efforts of the club doctor, ambulance workers and doctors to revive him, Jarque never recovered consciousness and was pronounced dead an hour later. It is a terrible loss of a player, who had spent all his career with the Barcelona based club after joining them as a 12-year-old.—Xinhua



Volunteers from Delaware's Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle, Stranding Response Team work to save a 22-foot Minke whale that was stranded on Saturday at Cape Henlopen State Park. Too weak to survive, the whale was euthanized.—INTERNET

Likelihood of Pakistan's Taliban leader's death '90 percent'

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The United States believes Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud was killed in a drone attack last week, President Obama's national security adviser said on Sunday. "We think so," Gen. Jim Jones told NBC's "Meet the Press," adding, "We put it in the 90 percent [likelihood] category." Pakistan's foreign and interior ministers said on Friday the government was still waiting to conduct DNA analysis to confirm the identity of a man killed on Wednesday in an unmanned aerial vehicle strike.

The suspected US drone targeted the home of Mehsud's father-in-law, Mulvi Ikram ud Din, in Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal area, an intelligence official said. Taliban officials have denied reports of Mehsud's death.

Speaking to "Fox News Sunday" about reports that Mehsud was killed, Jones said, "All evidence that we have suggests that," but he emphasized that if Mehsud was killed, it means that US cooperation with Pakistan is "having a good effect and that we're moving in the right direction," Jones said. "Mehsud was a very bad individual, a real thug responsible for a lot of violence, a lot of innocent people losing their lives."—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (10-8-2009) (Monday)

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

Local Transmission

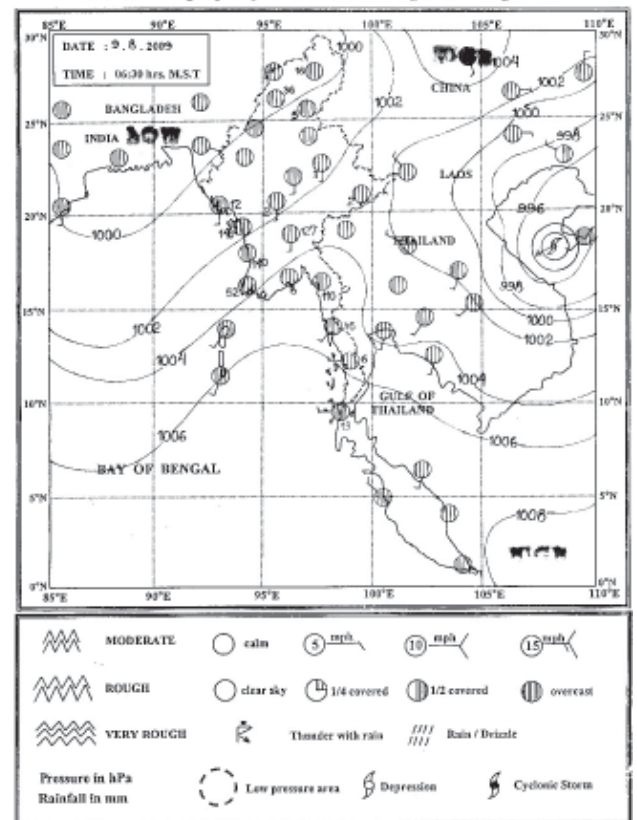
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Gok Hteik Viaduct
- * The Art of Playing Cane Ball
- * Myanma Longyis and Changing Fashion Trend (Part-II)
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Gok Hteik Viaduct
- * The Art of Playing Cane Ball
- * A Wonderful Trip to Chaung Tha Beach
- * National Dance
- * Myanma Longyis and Changing Fashion Trend (Part-II)
- * Dainty Hill Resort of Loi-Mwe
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
- * King of all fruits
- * Citrus Products of Shwe Kyin
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Myanma White Gold (Rubber)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 9th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Kayin, Mon States and Bago Division, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.59) inch, Taunggu (7.83) inches, Thandwe (5.99) inches, Taunggu (Aviation) (5.82) inches, Hpa-an (5.52) inches, Thaton (5.00) inches, Kyeikkhame (4.76) inches, Mudon (4.57) inches, Theinzayat (4.53) inches, Mawlamyine (4.41) inches and Minbu (1.93) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-8-2009 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 9-8-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-8-2009 was 96%. Total Sun shine hours on 8-8-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 9-8-2009 was (0.28) inch at Mingaladon, (0.32) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.32) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (77.80) inches at Mingaladon, (86.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (89.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 8-8-2009.

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

Special feature: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs M.S.T today, the depression over Gulf of Tonkin in the South China Sea is centered at about (160) miles North of Danang, Vietnam. It is forecast to move Southwestward slowly.

Forecast valid until evening of 10th August 2009: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan Chin States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Kayin, 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: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-8-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



**Monday, 10 August
View on today**

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါယ်သဒ္ဓါပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အဂ္ဂိယမင်္ဂလ

(ဆို-ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊
တေးရေး-
ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:55 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

- Cute Little Dancers

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- "မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်"

8:55 am

- Dance of National Races

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:15 pm

- Dance Variety

4:25 pm

- အသွင်မတူတူထူးခြား
ငဝန်မြစ်ကူးတံတား
(မြို့ကွင်း) တံတား

4:30 pm

- Musical Programme
(The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ
ရေးရှင်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု)
(ပထဝီဝင်)

5:00 pm

- Songs to uphold
National Spirit

5:10 pm

- "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ
အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ"

5:20 pm

- မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

- Musical Programme

5:40 pm

- စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:10 pm

- Weather Report

6:15 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"တစ်နေ့နိုးဖူးစာ"
(အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

- News
- International News
- Weather Report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)



- ★ 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

Flood Warning

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—According to the 15:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Bago River at Bago is 845 cm. It may reach its danger level 910 cm during the next 48 hours. Similarly, according to the 12:30 hr observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is 684 cm and it has exceeded by 84 cm (about three feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.—MNA

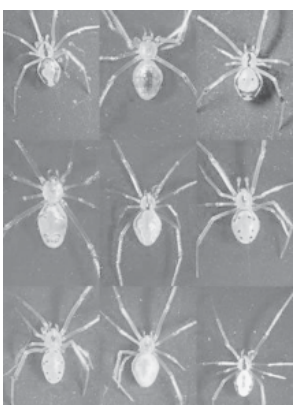
Hopang has risen from obscurity to urban life

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



Nantyin Creek spanning bridge links Hopang and Hsinbo Township in Kachin State.

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A prime example of an exuberant polymorphism is the Hawaiian Happy-face Spider, which has been studied by Dr Geoff Oxford and colleagues.

Looking different 'helps animals to survive'

SCIENCE DAILY, 9 Aug—In the animal kingdom, everything is not as it seems. Individuals of the same species can look very different from each other—what biologists term 'polymorphism.'

Sometimes the number of distinct visible forms—'exuberant polymorphisms'—in a single animal population can reach double figures. But why? Scientists at the University of York have developed computer models that may help to explain how this level of variation arises and persists. A prime example of an exuberant polymorphism is the Hawaiian Happy-face Spider, which has been studied by Dr Geoff Oxford and colleagues in the University's Department of Biology.—Internet

One more patient found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)

Number of patients infected with the virus reaches 17

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—The Airport Health Department transferred a 40-year-old man who had returned from Malaysia to Waibargi Specialists Hospital yesterday as he was found ill with flu symptoms such as fever, sneeze and cough. After giving him a medical check-up, the National Health Laboratory confirmed that he was found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1). The male patient had arrived back Myanmar by flight No MH-740 on the same day.

The authorities concerned are keeping 143 passengers who flew together with the patient on the same flight as well as 131 airport staff under surveillance at their respective places.

The number of patient infected with the virus has so far risen to 17 and 10 out of whom were discharged from the hospitals as they fully recovered from illness. The specialists are taking intensive care of remaining seven patients.—MNA

