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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 Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence visits farms in Hmawby

YANGON, 10 Aug—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials visited Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Farming Special Zone-2 in Hmawby Township yesterday.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on ongoing
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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects roadworks on No. 2 Highway.—MNA

Kyonmange enjoys multi-sectoral development



The microwave station of Kyonmange is for comfort and convenience of local people in communication.

Article, photos: Maung Tin Hlaing (Hotels & Tourism)

Recently, fortune smiled on me to make a boat trip to Ayeyawady Division enjoying cumulative development. The first itinerary of our journey took me to Kyonmange, 106 miles from Yangon.

Kyonmange is accessible by boat and by car from Yangon. The vessels plying between Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Delta are kept clean with strong engines. So, passengers can reach their destinations in the two regions in a short time. The clean jetty, ticket house, roads and bridges made me relax and refresh. According to my first-hand knowledge, Kyonmange is developing remarkably with thriving paddy fields and fisheries.

Local service personnel were found working hard for the convenience of local people in communication and agricultural farming. I noticed local authorities supervising regional development undertakings.

Kyonmange grows paddy as the major crop along with jute, black gram, green gram, sesame, sunflower, groundnut, corn, chilli and vegetables and raise livestock including fish, prawn, chicken, pig, goat and duck on a commercial scale.

In the pre- and post-independence periods, Kyonmange fell behind in development due to lack of peace and stability. Compared with the conditions in
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Leading Committee for Organizing 17th Performing Arts Competitions holds meeting with State/Division delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—The leading committee for observance of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held its coordination meeting with delegates to states and divisions at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, this evening.

Chairman of the leading committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint stressed the need for committees and subcommittees to submit reports on accomplishment of the tasks in preparations for observance of the Myanmar performing arts presented by committees and subcommittees and urged those present to make efforts to hold the 17th performing arts competitions.

Afterwards, Secretary of the work committee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo presented reports on preparations to hold the Myanmar performing arts competitions.
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PERSPECTIVES

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Always keep school and its environment clean

While raising the momentum of its implementation of the 30-year long-term plan for national education promotion, the government of Myanmar is also carrying out work for practical education development.

According to the educational calendar of the 2009-2010 academic year, the period from 10 to 15 August has been designated as School Health Week and five school health programmes — sanitation of school and its environment, school health inspection and treatment, prevention of contagious diseases, school health education and nutrition development — are being implemented at all basic education schools across the nation.

Children start school at the age of five and they need to be healthy. Therefore, sanitation of school and its environment is very important to them. Clean water, clean hand, clean food and clean latrine are necessary for school health. For healthy school environment, schools must always be free from mosquitoes, refuse and filth.

It is necessary for parents and teachers to work together to ensure that school and its environment is always clean and children are healthy, well nourished and intelligent.

Second round of 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug— The second round of the 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament for 2009 continued in Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground this evening.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue hammered Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs 2-1 in the group-DD while Ministry of Sports beat Ministry of Immigration and Population 1-0 in the group-DD in Nay Pyi Taw (Paunglong Sports Ground).

The following day Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs meets Ministry of Mines at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground in the group-AA whereas the Ministry of Labour faces with Ministry of Rail Transportation at Nay Pyi Taw (Paunglaung Sports Ground) in the group-AA.

MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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 prize-presenting ceremony of school health week movement

YANGON, 10 Aug— The prize-presenting ceremony for schools that took part in school health week movement in Division/District levels was held along with school health week movement under Yangon Division Health Committee at the hall of No.1 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

It was also attended by the director-general of No.3 Basic Education Department, chairman of Division Health Committee, secretary and members of Division Peace and Development



Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint views school health activities on display.—MNA

Council, district chairmen, Division Health Department staff officer, teachers, invited guests and students.

The commander and officials presented prize-winning school awards to High, Middle and Primary Education Schools.

Next, the commander and guests viewed the school health movements displayed at the hall of the school.—MNA

42nd Anniversary of ASEAN Day

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug— 42nd Anniversary of ASEAN Day was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here this morning.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered an opening address on the occasion. In his address, he pointed out that progress and developments have been achieved during the period of 42 years. Among others, ratification of Charter by all ASEAN member states is one of its successful events in the history of ASEAN. The ASEAN Charter was entered into force on 15 December 2008. After having entered into force, we, the member states have responsibility to implement the ASEAN Charter. In regards to the ASEAN Charter, Minister U Nyan Win expressed that the ASEAN Community will be established in accordance

with the Charter and it will be composed of three communities namely ASEAN Political and Security Community, ASEAN Economic Communities and ASEAN Socio Cultural Community. The ASEAN Community is being systematically implemented by Coordination Ministries of Myanmar. Therefore the Minister urged all concerned Ministries involving in building the ASEAN Community to step up their coordination and cooperation activities and working closely with each others. Bearing it in mind, he distributed the ASEAN Charter printed books to representatives of Ministries and Organizations to contribute to building ASEAN Community.

Then, ASEAN Political and Security Community was briefed by U Than Tun, Director-

General of ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ASEAN Economic Community was briefed by U Htay Chun, Deputy Director-General of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community was briefed by U San Win, Director-General of

Ministry of Culture respectively.

Also present on the occasion were representatives of Ministries and Organizations, members of the Panel of Patrons and Executive Committee of the Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association (MAWFA) and others invited guests.

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Thutapadetha Journal in circulation

YANGON, 10 Aug— Thutapadetha Journal Volume 36, No.8 published by Sarpay Beikman of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise under Ministry of Information came out today for readers who are interested in translation literature.

The journal carries various interesting articles on knowledge and literature such as ASEAN common currency system, poisonous particles of computer, last defence of polio, prosperous thoughts, utilization of rain water, archive of Soviet-era, value of time as well as translated poems, view on international community, laughter, and so on.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman book shop, No (529/531), Merchant Street, here, Ph: 01-249031 and agents of Sarpay Beikman in respective townships at a price of K 400 per copy.—MNA



Vietnam launches Orange Day for victims of war

HANOI, 10 Aug—Vietnam on Monday launched an annual Orange Day to highlight the plight of millions of people it says were victims of chemicals used by the United States during the Vietnam War.

A show launched by state television on Monday evening is expected to help raise up to 60 billion dong (3.3 million dollars) this year, said the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange (VAVA).

The campaign also

includes a range of other activities including charity programmes.

“This day was chosen because the US first sprayed chemicals in southern Vietnam on 10 August, 1961,” VAVA official Dao Van Tam told AFP.

The US military used Agent Orange, named after its orange-striped containers, to defoliate areas believed to be harbouring communist forces during the war which ended in 1975 and led to Vietnam’s

reunification.

It contained dioxin, a chemical linked to a variety of diseases and which Vietnam has blamed for a spate of birth deformities.

At least three million Vietnamese people have suffered as a result of the spraying of about 80 million litres (21 million gallons) of herbicide, much of it Agent Orange, over southern Vietnam during a 10-year period, the VAVA estimates.

Internet



Two young disabled Vietnamese, claimed to be Agent Orange victims, are pictured in Hanoi, in March. Vietnam on Monday launched an annual Orange Day to highlight the plight of millions of people it says were victims of chemicals used by the US during the Vietnam War.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills three Afghan soldiers

KABUL, 10 Aug—Three Afghan soldiers were killed as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in the southern Zabul Province on Sunday, an official said. “The soldiers were on patrol in Shahjoi district when a mine planted by Taleban militants hit their vehicle killing three aboard,” General Shir Mohammad Zazi, commander of army Corps in the region, told *Xinhua*.

Taleban militants fighting Afghan and international troops have intensified their activities as the post-Taleban country moving towards presidential election to be held soon.—*Xinhua*

String of bombings kill at least 40 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—A double truck bombing tore through a Shiite minority community near the northern city of Mosul, while a series of blasts struck Baghdad on Monday in a wave of predawn violence that killed at least 40 people, according to Iraqi officials.

The attacks provided a grim example of US military warnings that insurgents are expected to step up efforts to derail security gains as the Americans scale back their presence.

The deadliest blast on Monday was a double truck bombing in Khazna village, just east of Mosul, as the members of the Shiite Shabak ethnic group who live there were still sleeping.—*Internet*

Protesters disrupt town-hall healthcare talks

BOILING SPRINGS, 10 Aug—At scattered events across the United States, protesters are confronting members of Congress whose summer “townhall” meetings aim to get a sense of how Americans feel about overhauling health-care.

Boiling Springs in South Carolina — population 4,500 — was true to its name on Thursday, giving US Representative Bob Inglis a taste of rising anger among conservative voters toward President Barack Obama’s reform plan.

“There is no way, shape or form we need to have a national health-care system. No! Nothing! None! It’s got to stop now,” said one man who addressed the audience of 300 people to sustained applause.

Internet

Chavez urges military to be prepared for conflict

CARACAS, 10 Aug—President Hugo Chavez told his military to be prepared for a possible confrontation with Colombia, warning that Bogota’s plans to increase the US military presence at its bases poses a threat to Venezuela.

Chavez has issued near daily warnings that Washington could use bases in Colombia to destabilize the region since learning of negotiations to lease seven Colombian military bases to the United States. “The threat against us is growing,” Chavez said on Sunday. “I call on the people and the armed forces, let’s go, ready for combat!”

The former paratroop commander said Colombian soldiers were recently spotted crossing the porous 1,400-mile



Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez

(2,300-kilometre) border that separates the two countries and suggested that Colombia may have been trying to provoke Venezuela’s military.

“They crossed the Orinoco River in a boat and entered Venezuelan territory,” Chavez said. “When our troops arrived, they’d already left.”

Internet

Vast expanses of Arctic ice melt in summer heat

TUKTOYAKTUK, 10 Aug—The Arctic Ocean has given up tens of thousands more square miles (square kilometers) of ice on Sunday in a relentless summer of melt, with scientists watching through satellite eyes for a possible record low polar ice cap. From the barren Arctic shore of this village in Canada’s far northwest, 1,500 miles (2,414 kilometers) north of Seattle, veteran observer Eddie Gruben has seen the summer ice retreating more each decade as the world has warmed. By this weekend the ice edge lay some 80 miles (128 kilometers) at sea.

“Forty years ago, it was 40 miles (64 kilometers) out,” said Gruben, 89, patriarch of a local contracting business. Global average temperatures rose 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.6 degree Celsius) in the past century, but Arctic temperatures rose twice as much or even faster, almost certainly in good part because of manmade greenhouse gases, researchers say.—*Internet*

Teenager attacked with snake

LONDON, 10 Aug—A gang pinned down a 14-year-old boy and attacked him with a snake, forcing the reptile to bite the teenager on the arm, police said on Sunday.

Police said they were interviewing two teenagers over the attack in Bristol which they suspect was racially motivated.

The boy was taken to hospital for treatment on Saturday after the non-venomous snake, thought to be a python about 1.2 metres long, sank its fangs into his arm, leaving two puncture wounds, police said.

“The teenager had been subject to racist comments and then reportedly held down as a snake was held in front of him, which bit his right arm,” a spokesman for Avon and Somerset police said. “The boy was taken to Frenchay Hospital with breathing problems, where he was treated for the injury to his arm.”

The boy gave a description of the snake to ambulance officers who contacted experts. “We contacted Bristol Zoo to talk to their snake expert. What we described they indicated was probably a type of python, so not venomous,” an officer from Great Western Ambulance said.—*Internet*

A python in captivity. A

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police said on Sunday.

INTERNET





People drive antique cars during a parade at the Flower Festival in Medellín, on 8 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

S Korea's manufacturing output growth hits 36-year high in Q2

SEOUL, 10 Aug—South Korea's second-quarter manufacturing output growth stood at a 36-year high in the second quarter of this year, mainly due to corporate inventory adjustments amid a recovery in demand, the central bank said on Monday.

According to the report by the Bank of Korea (BOK), manufacturing output grew 8.2 percent in the April-June period from a quarter earlier, marking the fastest growth since the fourth quarter of 1973 when the figure also hit 8.2 percent.

The second-quarter gain, following a minus 3.4 percent on-quarter growth in the first quarter and an 11.9 percent contraction in the last quarter of 2008, is hinting at external economic conditions picking up, an official at the BOK said.—Xinhua

Oil steady at \$71, buoyed by stocks and softer dollar

PERTH, 10 Aug—Oil prices were little changed at \$71 a barrel on Monday, paring earlier losses as rising Asian stocks bolstered sentiment over an economic recovery while the dollar dipped, lending support to the commodities complex.

Slight losses in the US dollar after its jump of more than 1 percent jump on Friday buttressed oil prices, which like other commodities are increasingly played against the greenback. A 1.3 percent rise in Japan's Nikkei (T), tracking Friday's Wall Street gains, helped.

US crude rose 11 cents to \$71.04 a barrel by 0343 GMT (11:43 pm EDT), retracing earlier losses. London Brent crude rose 15 cents to \$73.74 a barrel.

Prices rose more than 2 percent last week amid generally upbeat earnings and economic indicators that raised hope of higher fuel demand, touching a five-week high on Friday. But they closed the day down more than \$1, the biggest decline since 29 July, after the dollar's unexpected surge on positive jobs data.

US employers cut 247,000 jobs in July, far fewer than expected and the least in any month since last August, according to a government report.—Internet

British economic recovery at hand, but uncertainties remain

LONDON, 10 Aug—A British economic recovery may be at hand, but it would be quite fragile at least in the coming months as there are many uncertainties lying ahead, analysts said.

There have been a few "green shots" of economic recovery in the past months and more welcoming data were released last week,

they said.

Britain's Chartered Institute for Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) reported last week that its index of activity in the services sector, which accounts for around two thirds of the country's total economic activity, rose to 53.2 in July from 51.6 in June, hitting the highest point since February 2008.



Rescuers pull a car out of water in rain in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

One third of Americans plan to spend less

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—With holidays still months away, more than one in three American consumers (36.2 percent) said they would spend less this holiday season than last year, according to a survey published on Sunday.

Just 2.7 percent of consumers said they would spend more, and 26.1 percent plan to spend the same, said the survey published by the *Los Angeles Times*.

The survey also found that 29.1 percent of respondents said it was too early to know, and 5.8 percent don't celebrate the holiday season.—Xinhua

Japan's current account surplus rockets 144.4% in June

TOKYO, 10 Aug—Japan's current account surplus in June expanded for the first time in 16 months, soaring by 144.4 percent year-on-year to 1.15 trillion yen (11.86 billion US dollars) in June, the Finance Mini-

stry said in a preliminary report on Monday.

A steep fall in imports was a key factor behind the surge in the nation's current account surplus, according to the ministry.

The trade surplus in goods and services rose

for the first time in 13 months to 485.9 billion yen (5 billion dollars), compared with 1.9 billion yen (19.59 million dollars) a year earlier, said the report.

Exports extracted 37.0 percent to 4,307.7 billion yen (44.40 billion dollars) while imports plunged 43.8 percent to 3,705.4 billion yen (38.20 billion dollars).

The current account balance, the broadest gauge of trade in goods, services, tourism and investment, is calculated by determining the difference between a nation's income from foreign sources and payments on foreign obligations, excluding net capital investment.

Xinhua

Publicis Groupe acquires Razorfish from Microsoft

BEIJING, 10 Aug—French advertising company Publicis Groupe struck a deal on Sunday to buy the digital marketing agency Razorfish from Microsoft in order to boost its share of advertising on the Web, according to a joint statement released on Sunday.

The deal is valued at 530 million US dollars, comprised of cash and 6.5 million Publicis

Groupe treasury shares. The two companies also signed a five-year strategic alliance agreement that will allow Publicis to purchase display and search advertising from Microsoft on favourable terms, in exchange for guaranteed aggregate purchase levels.

"We look forward to continuing to work with Razorfish as one of our agencies, and we're confident that as a part of

Publicis Groupe, Razorfish will build on its success to date in the digital advertising industry," said Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, in a joint statement from the two companies.

Microsoft acquired Razorfish in 2007 when it bought aQuantive, a digital marketing services company, for about 6 billion US dollars in order to compete better with Google.—Xinhua



The wreckage of a helicopter is lifted by crane from the Hudson River and placed on a boat as seen from Hoboken, NJ, on 9 Aug, 2009. Divers recovered a piece of a submerged helicopter and a fifth body on Sunday as investigators searched the Hudson River for wreckage from the helicopter and a small plane that collided in midair, killing nine people.—INTERNET



Singapore celebrates 44th birthday with massive party

SINGAPORE, 10 Aug—Singapore, a city state with a population of 4.84 million, marked its 44th birthday with a massive party at the Marina Bay floating platform on Sunday night.

In the early part of the National Day Parade (NDP), 12 Red Lions parachuters made a perfect landing on the floating platform, and three F-16s fighters of the Singapore Air Force swooped across the bay in what is known as the salute to the nation.

There was a thrilling police boat chase on the Singapore River not far away from the crowd, and some spills with a Chinook flying low over the water. Four helicopters with a Singapore national flag flew past. Singapore's President SR Nathan inspected the guard-of-honor while he was being given a 21-gun salute.—Xinhua



Spectators watch the national day celebration in Singapore, on 9 Aug, 2009. Singapore, a city state with a population of 4.84 million, marked its 44th birthday with a massive party at the Marina Bay floating platform on Sunday night.—XINHUA

Ahmadinejad vows to severely punish bullying powers

TEHERAN, 10 August—Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that his government will severely punish bullying powers, the official IRNA news agency reported on Sunday. The new government will slam those bullying powers (some Western states), which fanned the flames of Iran's post-election unrest, IRNA quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. Iranian officials have recently used their bitter rhetoric against some Western countries, accusing them of meddling in Iran's post-election unrest. Teheran says that the West irresponsibly interfered in Iran's internal affairs in an attempt to implement a "velvet coup" against the country's religious system.—Xinhua



The children show their paintings at the "Chant of Picture Scroll to the Motherland" held in Yuncheng City of north China's Shanxi Province, on 9 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Iraq arrests Briton for murder charges

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—Iraqi authorities arrested a British contractor for murdering an Australian and a fellow British co-worker in Baghdad heavily-guarded Green Zone, an Iraqi official television reported on Sunday.

"A British national shot dead an Australian and a British citizen and wounded an Iraqi with a pistol inside the Green Zone early on Sunday," the Iraqia state-run television quoted Qassim Atta, spokesman of Baghdad operations command, as saying.

Atta said that the arrested Briton is "facing premeditated murder charges, and he is now in the hand of the Iraqi

justice."

The suspect and the two victims are employees for Armor Group, a security firm in Iraq, Atta added.

The US and British embassies in Baghdad told reporters that they were aware of the shooting incident and they were working closely with the Iraqi authorities to investigate the circumstances of the deaths.

The arrested Briton could be the first westerner that faces Iraqi trial on murder charges, according to security pact signed late last year between Baghdad and Washington.

Xinhua

Car fleeing police kills seven in California

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—Seven people were killed in an accident caused by a car fleeing from police in Central California, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) said on Sunday.

The accident occurred in Dinuba, southeast of Fresno in Central California on Saturday afternoon, the CHP said.

Police in Dinuba were

trying to stop the car for a traffic infraction, but the car tried to flee, running a stop sign and slamming into a pickup, killing three people in the car and four young children in the truck, according to the CHP. The patrol said the truck was carrying two adults and their five children. Four of the children — ages 1, 3, 4 and 7 — were ejected and

died at the scene. The fifth child — age 8 — and the parents were taken to a hospital, said the CHP.

The adults were identified as 29-year-old Carlos Salazar Jr and 26-year-old Jennifer Salazar.

All three men in the fleeing car were killed, but police did not disclose their identities and ages.

Xinhua



Miao girls perform at the opening ceremony of Julan Cultural Festival in Huangping, a county of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 8 Aug, 2009. XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Performers from local Chinese community play traditional Chinese dragon dance during the festival cavalcade in Edinburgh, Britain, on 9 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

More than 4.9 mln people live with HIV in Asia-Pacific region

JAKARTA, 10 Aug—The World Health Organization has reported there are about 4.9 million people affected with AIDS in Asia-Pacific region, the second highest figure in the world, Indonesian Health Minister Siti Padilah Sufari said on Monday. The minister made the statement read by Director General of Disease Control and Environmental Health of the ministry Prof Dr Tjandra Yoga Aditama at the ninth International Congress on AIDS/HIV in Asia and Pacific Region (ICAAP) in Bali. The HIV cases are recorded at the group of highly risked people such as drug consumers, prostitutes and their consumers, according to the WHO. More than 95 percent or 4.5 million cases of the HIV in the regions took places in nine countries, including Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and Thailand and it said.—Xinhua

25 fishermen missing off E Philippine coast

MANILA, 10 Aug—Twenty-five 25 fishermen missing off E Philippine coastfishermen on board five pump-boats remain missing more than a week after they sailed off the eastern Philippine coast for fishing, local newspaper reported on Monday.

Families of the fishermen feared that the small wooden-hulled boats might have capsized when typhoon Morakot swept through the northern Luzon island in the past three days, the Manila Bulletin said.

Four of the five missing boats have been identified by local police, it said.

But when reached on phone on Monday, neither the coast guard authorities nor the national disaster relief agency — the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) — could confirm the report.—Xinhua

In Cuba, the ox may be mightier than the tractor

SAN DIEGO, 10 Aug—In China it's the year of the ox — and it could be for Cuba, too.

President Raul Castro is promoting the beasts of burden as a way for the economically strapped communist country to ramp up food production while conserving energy.

He recently suggested expanding a pilot programme that gives private farmers fallow government land to cultivate — but without the use of gas-guzzling machinery.

“For this programme we should forget about tractors and fuel, even if

we had enough. The idea is to work basically with oxen,” Castro told parliament on 1 Aug “An increasing number of growers have been doing exactly this with excellent results.”

Cuba's economy was devastated by three hurricanes last summer, and the global recession has left the government short on cash to cover debts.

As a result, it has slashed spending and cut domestic production and foreign imports, causing shortages of such basics as cooking oil, ground beef and toilet paper.

Though the island gets nearly 100,000 free barrels of oil a day from Venezuela, it also has begun a campaign to conserve crude.—*Internet*

Israeli planes strike in response to mortars

JERUSALEM, 10 Aug— Israeli warplanes bombed a smuggling tunnel along the Gaza-Egypt border early on Monday in response to Palestinian rocket and mortar fire, in a brief flare-up of violence at a time of relative quiet in the volatile Palestinian territory.

Such exchanges of fire, once routine, have become rare in recent months. Rocket fire from Hamas-controlled Gaza has largely subsided since a fierce Israeli offensive against militants early this year.

There were no reports of casualties in any of the attacks.

On Sunday, Gaza militants launched mortar shells at a border crossing between Gaza and Israel just as Palestinian patients were being transferred into Israel for medical treatment, according to Dr Moaiya Hassanain of the Gaza Health Ministry.

Hassanain said it was a “miracle” that no one was hurt. According to the procedure, Palestinian patients are brought to the crossing in local ambulances, transferred to Israeli ambulances and taken to hospitals inside Israel.

Two small Palestinian militant factions said they fired 12 mortars at the Erez crossing. The Israeli military said about six shells exploded near the crossing as the transfer was in progress.—*Internet*

Single fathers increase rapidly in Austria

VIENNA, 10 Aug—The number of Austrian single parents, especially single fathers, has been on the rise, according to the latest figures released by Statistics Austria.

As of 2008, among a

total of 8.35 million Austrians, the number of single parents stood at 296,000.

The number of Austrian single parents increased 7.6 percent in the 1998-2008 decade, whereas the number of single fathers more than quadrupled by 32.4 percent.

So far, single fathers account for 15 percent of all single parents in Austria.

A high divorce rate is believed to be the major

cause for the high proportion of single parents. Almost 40 percent of the single parents in Austria have to raise their children alone due to broken marriage.

In 2008, the average divorce rate in Austria nationwide was 47.76 percent, while capital Vienna beat the national average with a 59.5 percent. Austria's high divorce rate put the country among those with the highest rate in the world.—*Internet*

Pirates free Italian cargo ship, crew

ROME, 10 Aug— An Italian tugboat and its crew of 16, seized by pirates off the Gulf of Aden in April, have been released, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said on Sunday.

Frattini told Sky Italia TV he had been given the news by the Somali prime minister. The ship's release was the result of “exceptional work” on the part of Somali authorities and the Italian intelligence service, he said.

The pirates hijacked the Italian-flagged *Buccaneer* on 11 April with a crew of 10 Italians, 5 Romanians and one Croatian and took it to a point close to Las Qoray, a fishing village in a disputed area of northern Somalia. The ship is now on its way to the port of Djibouti, escorted by naval vessels, said Silvio Bartolotti, general manager of the company that owns it, Ravenna-based Micoperi Marine Contractors.

Internet



In this 6 Aug, 2009 photo, farmer Diosdado Mena works his oxen in a field in Los Palacios, Cuba.

INTERNET

Archaeologists unearth ‘birthplace of Roman emperor’ in Italy

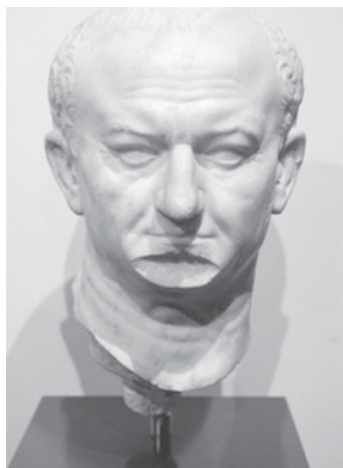
Archaeologists said they had unearthed the ruins of a villa believed to be the birthplace of a Roman Emperor who reigned almost 2,000 years ago.

Professor Filippo Coarelli, who is leading the dig, said “numerous clues” pointed to the site as the house of Emperor Vespasian, who ruled the Roman Empire from 69 AD to 79 AD.

The location of the villa, in the ancient city of Falacrine, 70 kilometres (45 miles) northeast of Rome, was a strong indicator that the site was where the ruler was born, Coarelli added.

Vespasian was born in the city, which was lost until 2005 when archaeologists located the site and began excavating it.

In addition, the luxurious property could only have been built by a wealthy person such as the father of Vespasian, who was a banker from the region, the archaeologists said.



A marble bust of Roman Emperor Vespasian. Archaeologists said they had unearthed the ruins of a villa believed to be the birthplace of the Roman Emperor who reigned almost 2,000 years ago.

A man shows his accordion to sell on a flea market held in Panjiayuan, the market for folk art, in Beijing, China. Panjiayuan Market will supply 400 free booths for citizens to trade their unused articles on every Thursday.

“Hive” to boost bee-keeping

A new plastic beehive was launched in Britain yesterday to encourage people to keep bees in their gardens or on rooftops to help boost declining honeybee populations.

The bees buzzed in and out of the postbox-like slot in the grey and yellow “beehaus” on the roof of conservation agency Natural England's London offices.

Woman installs cell phone shielding device at home

A woman in Guiyang, capital of Guizhou Province, installed a device in her house that shields cell phone signals in a bid to stop her husband from going out with his friends to get drunk at nights.

The woman surnamed Huang, 33, said she was frustrated because her husband, the chief of an advertising firm, received phone calls from friends every night asking him to come out for a drink.

“Each night my husband would return home drunk, which is why I installed the device,” Huang said.

However, her husband figured the reason for not getting phone calls off late and decided to stay in office after work to receive phone calls from his friends.

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Man with fetish charged with stealing eyeglasses

An Illinois man was accused of stealing more than \$45,000 worth of eyeglasses from suburban Milwaukee stores because he enjoys being around eyewear. Jerry Lowery, 38, was charged with three counts of armed robbery and one count of fleeing an officer. The charges carry a maximum penalty of more than 120 years in prison and a \$310,000 fine.

Prosecutors said Lowery walked into three shops between April and July and said he had a gun. They say he took more than 500 pairs of high-end glasses including Prada and Gucci brands, but didn't take cash.





Performing arts and magic competitions start

YANGON, 10 Aug—A ceremony to open the eight performing arts and magic competitions of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare under the Ministry of Defence took place at No 3 Mobile Public Relations

Unit this morning. The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, senior military officers of Mandalay Station, officials of the National Culture and Fine

Arts University (Mandalay), judges and artistes. First, Col Nyo Win of the Ministry of Defence made an opening speech and formally opened the ceremony. Then, the first day events then followed.

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MWEA Vice-Chairperson leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 10 Aug—Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Nu Nu Yi and party left here by air for Thailand this morning to attend ASEAN Fashion Plus Fair and Bangkok

International Leather Fair 2009 (BIFF & BIL 2009) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 13 August to 16 August.

Founder/adviser to MWEA Professor Daw Yi Yi Myint, (Retd) Chairperson, Agga Maha

Thiri Thaddhama Theingi (Excellent Performance in Social Field-Class-I) Daw Khin Myint Myint and executives saw off the Myanmar delegation at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Delegation of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Thailand to participate in BIFF & BIL 2009.—MNA



Education Minister views school health activities



Minister Dr Chan Nyein views activities of School Health Week observed at Nay Pyi Taw No. 3 BEMS.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and personnel visited Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 Basic Education High School and observed school health activities such as cleanliness of school and environs, medical check-up and remedy, prevention against infectious disease, dissemination of healthcare knowledge, nourishment.

The minister and party also visited Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana No. 2 BEHS and Nay Pyi Taw No. 3 BEMS and oversaw school health activities of respective schools.

Likewise, the deputy minister and party went to Nay Pyi Taw Lewe No.1 BEMS and viewed school health activities.

The period from 10 to 15 August was designated as school health week according to procedure of 2009-2010 school year educational plan.—MNA

Kyonmange enjoys multi-sectoral development

Article, photos: Maung Tin Hlaing (Hotels & Tourism)

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the past, the town has developed in leaps and bounds, as supported by peaceful life local people lead and flourishing agricultural farms. The Agricultural Mechanization Department renders farm implements to local farmers to beef up the region's agricultural growth. Kyonmange People's Hospital equipped with competent health staff attracts trust and

reliance from the residents due to its health care.

The town has got a university for computer studies, apart from basic education schools. Thanks to the efforts of officials concerned to improve the pass rate, the town saw five-distinction winners at the matriculation level this academic year.

There have emerged many libraries in the township. It has a relatively low



A flourishing paddy field in Kyonmange.



Kyonmange People's Hospital.

crime rate owing to law enforcement measures.

Now, Kyonmange has changed a lot in all sectors with markets, fine roads and bridges and peace and stability. Fine large buildings and internal roads coping with constant flows of traffic in the town depict its significant development.

The shops of the markets in the town are well-organized. The whole town is kept clean and tidy. The construction of a large market is nearing completion in

it.

Overall, Kyonmange enjoys all-round development with peace and stability on the ground of the five rural development programmes laid down by the government, close supervision of Ayeaywady Division Peace and Development Council and hard work of local authorities.

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Visualize, ponder over and do good

Ko Thaya

Now, is a critical moment in the transitional period from old system into democracy to satisfy the wishes of the entire people. The improvement in fundamental requirements such as State stability and peace, security, transport, education, health care, and economy is sufficient enough for democratic transition. In addition, the State constitution, which is a must for the drive, has been approved with the support of the great majority of the voters. There is only one thing to be realized to complete the process—to keep on marching in harmony along the paved way to democracy which is the most appropriate and safest one for the nation and the people.

The government is working hard to complete the transition to democracy as soon as possible, and the people cannot wait to build a democratic nation, making good use of peace and stability. The entire people are looking forward to the multiparty democracy election due to be held in 2010 and the new government to be formed democratically. The ultimate goal is now within the touching distance, so the people cannot let any forms of situations that can disrupt the proceedings. The real desire of the people is that the democratic process goes smoothly and steadily, while they are leading a peaceful life and getting on with their businesses. The people who favour democracy do not want to see riots and protests that can harm their goal.

Nevertheless, some persons who do not want national interest are resorting to a variety of means to disrupt the national goal, taking full advantage of the trial against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The case will be pronounced according to the law. Anti-government groups inside and outside the nation and the US are accusing the government of deterring Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from standing for election. Personally, I do not think they are right. The approved constitution and the forthcoming election law will decide who will be entitled and who will not be entitled to stand for election.

Certain power countries, organizations and subversives are demanding that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi should be released unconditionally and should have the right to stand for election. A so-called veteran local politician once made a comment that it was needed to have dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and she be released sooner for the purpose. In order to defend himself against possible criticism, he also said that his words were not associated with personality cult, but my feeling is that his words were somewhat extreme.

Since Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's case was put off, internal and external organizations and some persons have been generating public outrage and persuading the people to take to the streets on the day the court delivers the final judgment if she faces a punishment. What is their motive? Is it good or bad? The nation's future will be good only if the people are capable enough of assessing their motive.

Today, the government is implementing democratic process step by step in compliance with the desire of the people. In that regard, the government has to take time and great care because it is not a small matter. It prioritizes a brighter future of the

nation, taking into consideration all forms of possible harms in order to ensure enduring democracy. Democratic process calls for good foundations in all sectors. Despite a large range of destructive activities, democratization has been completed nearly cent per cent.

However, certain politicians are claiming that the upcoming election will be a fair one only if their party comes to power, their leader is the leader of the State and their party forms a governing body. Actually, their behaviours serve as a great hindrance to the national goal. If a person wants to practise politics, he should focus on long-term, rather than short-term interest of the nation. He should stand for objective conditions in the interest of the nation and the people. He should understand and respect the public desire.

Their mistakes will go further if they continue to act to the liking of certain powerful countries, placing reliance on external elements. They should have taken lessons from the past historic events. What is the real attitude of the foreign countries they rely on, and what have they done in the interest of the motherland? Frankly, they are trying to make our country a neo-colony. All they are doing in complicity is none other than to help the person, who will dance to their tune, come to power. Falling to alien subjugation is not the only way of being enslaved. The people can also be slaves if any person who complies with their instructions comes to power. That is a point worthy of serious consideration.

All persons wishing to rule the nation should notice such a small point. Article (59) of the State Constitution adopted in the National Convention by people's representatives says "The President and Vice-Presidents shall be well acquainted with the affairs of the Union such as political, administrative, economic and military". Without these qualifications, any person should not enter into politics. Otherwise, Myanmar will follow Iraq and Afghanistan.

The super power is meddling in the world affairs in order that no other country will be able to vie with it. It is also attempting to oppress the countries that are making themselves stronger, as testified by its stance and attitude towards Asian giants. It is claiming peace, freedom and human rights, but its real intention is to strengthen its hegemony over the whole world. The country that commits human right violation is the major power itself. It is committing human right violation variously such as invading Iraq, torturing and killing innocent people in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo prison.

Now, it is eyeing Myanmar which is geographically strategic in Asia, and it is anxious to install a puppet government in Myanmar in order to expand its military power in Asia. **If the people carry on working together, Myanmar will soon see a democratic government that is well resistant to alien interference. Then, things will go against what it has intended, and it cannot let such conditions come into force. Therefore, it is using all possible ways and means to disrupt the 2010 election. In collusion with destructive elements outside the nation, it is deceiving the people into staging mass protests. It is aiding and abetting anti-government groups. It is generating popular outrage in order that the people will take wrong way and divert themselves from the correct path.**

They are provoking riots, destabilizing the country, sowing hatred among the people, making good things happen in reverse, destroying national achievements, and troubling the people. Only then will it be possible for it to deepen the poverty of the people. If so things will favour it to intrude on the nation and it will never withdraw from Myanmar.

So, it is high time the entire people remained united and warded off various types of dangers and made preparations for a prosperous future of the nation. If the people let themselves to be swayed by their instigation and peace and stability are deteriorating, democratic process will be far behind the goal. Besides, the future of the nation and the people will be uncertain.

The government will never let disappear the democratic transition from sight. It will never let the national goal divert from its course. It will continue to see to the national goal, wiping out all forms of destructive acts. And it will never let the mother country see 1988 unrest-like affairs, nor will the people. The people wish to see further peace and stability.

So, they should have stopped creating public outrage that can grow into mass demonstrations. The people do not want the situations that force the nation to restart the democratic process from the beginning. Their incitements will never benefit the people, but trouble those who believe the incitements hopefully. They should have given up their campaigns that have adverse effects on the people. I would like to suggest that every politician visualize the future of the nation, ponder over and serve the interest of the nation.

Translation: MS

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence...

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work and coordinated essentials. Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged the officials to make efforts as the zone is the main one which provides the demand of vegetables and meat of Yangon and for export if there is surplus.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe then viewed vegetable plants and raising of layers in Daw Yi Yi's farm and raising of layers in poultry farm of U Kyaw Than.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe then inspected supply of water to water purifying plant of Yangon City Development Committee through the main canal of Ngamoeyik Dam in Yegahtit village.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the site chosen for implementing water pumping project in Yemon Station and attended to the requirements.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe then oversaw roadworks on No. 2 Highway and stressed the needs.—MNA

Commander, Minister on inspection tour of Rakhine State

YANGON, 10 Aug—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected students learning lessons at Basic Education Primary Schools in Sittway and progress in construction of new school building. The Commander and the Minister gave exercise books, stationery and sport gear to students.

After that, the Commander and the Minister visited Sininngyi village, Padetha village-tract, Ponnagyun Township. They met with local people, village elders and members of social groups from Padetha village-tract at the Sininngyi village Basic Education Primary School and gave assistance for rural development.

On arrival at Kwumtaung village, they examined learning of students at Basic Education Primary School and fulfilled the requirement.—MNA

Leading committee for Organizing...

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Delegates from states and divisions and officials of committees and sub-committees, and maestros presented reports on preparations for carrying out respective subjects and, then general round of discussions followed.



Maj-Gen Wai Lwin addresses the coord meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

Next, Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made concluding remarks and those present viewed samples of background boards on display at the meeting hall.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence, leading committee members deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office, heads of departments, maestros, delegates to states and divisions and officials concerned.

MNA



Proficiency Course for Auditors opened

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — The opening ceremony of the Proficiency Course No. 31 for Auditors was held at the training school in Auditor-General's Office, here, this afternoon, with an opening speech by Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

A total of 95 trainees are attending the two

months and 15 days course.

The plans are under way to open Grade-I, Grade-II and Grade-III courses for service personnel of government organizations and the proficiency course for senior auditors of the Auditor-General's Office and Diploma in Accounting Course at the training school.

MNA

Course on training of trainers for civil service No. 2/2009 opened

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — The opening ceremony of course on training of trainers for civil service No. 2/2009 organized by ASEAN Resource Center for Training of Trainers for Civil Service, established at Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB), took place at the CSSTB, Office No. 17, here this

morning. U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the CSSTB, made an opening address on the occasion.

It was also attended by members of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo and U Nyi Htun, directors-general of departments under the CSSTB, responsible officials, course instructors and participants.

A total of 30 participants from the training centers of various ministries, organizations and the two Central Institutes of Civil Service are currently attending the course which will include five modules focusing on training matters and methodologies. It is learnt that the duration of the course will be four weeks.

MNA

New research provides insight into ice sheet behavior



Living under canvas at the Rutford Ice Stream.

SCIENCE DAILY, 10 Aug—A new study published this week takes scientists a step further in their quest to understand how Antarctica's vast glaciers will contribute to future sea-level rise. Reporting in the journal *Nature Geoscience*, scientists from British Antarctic Survey (BAS) and University of Durham describe how a new 3-d map created from radar measurements reveals features in the landscape beneath a vast river of ice, ten times wider than the Rhine*, in the West Antarctic Ice Sheet.

Internet

PBANRDA courses open

YANGON, 10 Aug—Management courses No. 33/34, Financial Rule course No. 21 and Clerical courses No. 62/63 conducted by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs were opened at the Cen-

tral Training School of Education and Training Department in Dagon Myothit (North), here, this morning. Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department delivered an opening speech on the occasion.

After the ceremony,

the Director-General inspected the lecture rooms, typing and computer rooms, hostel and mass hall.

A total of 210 trainees are taking the courses. Financial rule special course lasts six weeks and others twelve weeks.—MNA



Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department delivers an speech at opening ceremony of courses conducted by the ministry.—DAD



Fire drill for buses carried out

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Nay Pyi Taw All Bus-line Control Committee (highway & downtown) conducted a fire drill as part of efforts for prevention of fire on buses here on 2 August.

The fire drill was carried out in the presence of Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Deputy Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Min Zaw, Chairmen of Nay Pyi Taw All Bus-line Control

Committee (highway & downtown) and drivers and conductors of buses.

Assistant Director of Nay Pyi Taw District Fire Services Department Ye Kyawswa Win Myint and Staff Officer of Township Fire Services Department Ye Thurein Khin Maung Yi explained preventive measures against fire and steps for using extinguisher. Drivers and conductors of buses also participated in the drill.—MNA

School buildings, jetty handed over in Dedaye Township

YANGON, 10 Aug—A ceremony to hand over a two-storey RC Basic Education Primary School building and a two-storey RC BEMS building at Kawatyekanchaung village of Dedaye Township in Ayeyawady Division to the Department of Basic Education, a rural clinic to the Department of Health, a 30-foot long and 13-foot wide jetty to the village committee took place at Kawatyekanchaung village yesterday morning.

It was attended by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, officials concerned, Chairman of



Myanmar Youth Entrepreneurs Association U Myint Maung Tun and members and the donors from Switzerland.

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Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing attends the ceremony to hand over Kawatyekanchaung village rural healthcare centre to Health Department in Dedaye Township.

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Deputy Minister inspects construction of tower and bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected construction of tension

towers of Chindwin River on Monywa side and Thirimingala overpass in Sagaing on 6 August.

The deputy minister left necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

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No. 2 BED Director-General inspects school health activities



Director-General U Aye Lwin observes activities of school health week of No.1 BEHS in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay.

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YANGON, 10 Aug — Director-General of No. 2 Basic Education Department U Aye Lwin inspected activities for school health week for 2009-2010 Academic Year at Nos 1 and 4 BEHS, No 4 BEMS and

No 21 BEPS in Aungmyethazan Township today.

Next, the director-general inspected five tasks of school health week and fulfilled the needs.

MNA

Tobacco kills

Myanmar delegation leaves for Singapore

YANGON, 10 Aug—Chairman of Myanmar Geoscience Association Dr Win Swe, Secretary of Seismology Committee U Soe Thura Tun and member Daw Hla Hla Aung (Assistant Lecturer (Retd)

Department of Geology, Yangon University) left here by air for the Republic of Singapore this morning to attend 6th Conference Asia Oceania Geological Society to be held from 11 August to 15 August

in Republic of Singapore.

General Secretary of Myanmar Geology Association U Aye Lwin and officials concerned saw off the Myanmar delegation at Yangon International Airport.

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Delegation of Myanmar Geoscience Association led by Chairman Dr Win Swe seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Singapore to attend 6th Conference Asia Oceania Geological Society (AOGS).—MNA

UMFCCI meets foreign delegations

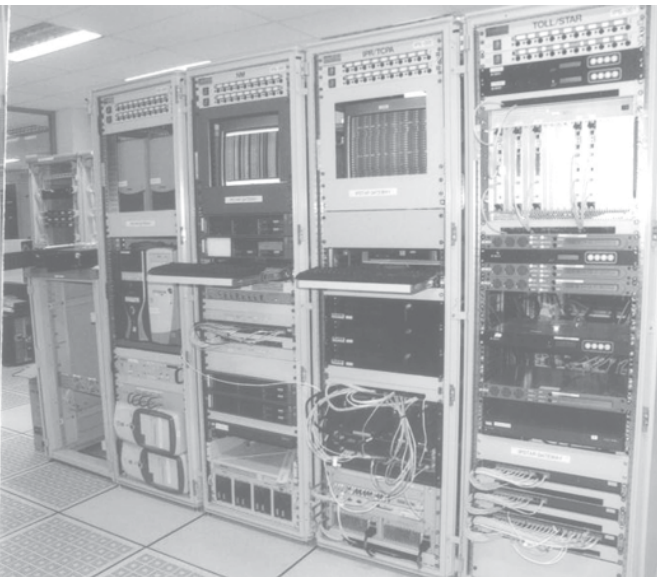
YANGON, 10 Aug—Vice Presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay and officials received a delegation led by Mr Kevin R. Thieneman, (President, Caterpillar Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore), Mr. Sumit Mazumder, (Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TIL Tractors India, Kolkata)

and Mr Heinz Ludi, (General Manager, Myanmar Tractors Ltd) at UMFCCI office on 7 August morning.

On the occasion they cordially discussed more distribution of machine and machinery parts produced by Caterpillar to Myanmar market, conducting of Technology Courses, economic opportunities and cooperation matters.—MNA



Minister for CPT Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects operating room of Yatanarpon Teleport Company (Yangon Branch). (News Reported)—MNA



Minister for Rail Transportation inspects Pakokku-Pwintbyu Railroad section

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than, on 8 August, inspected construction site of concrete sleeper plant in Pakokku.

Next, the minister visited Pakokku station and called for cleanliness of the yard and platforms of the station. He then oversaw construction of Shwechaung bridge in the town.

The minister and party later visited construction site of Pakokku University station and station of University for Computer Science Studies.

The minister viewed Chaungmakaing bridge

Functions of labour exchange offices inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung on 7 August inspected tasks of labour exchange office in Hinthada Township and fulfilled the requirements.

The deputy minister inspected labour exchange offices in Myaungmya, Pyapon, Patheingyi, Hmawby, Thawabady, Maubin, Aungmye and Pyaw.

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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung visits Labour Exchange Office in Pyaw.—MNA



Building for oxygen plant donated

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — A ceremony to donate a building for Oxygen Plant to supply oxygen to extended special operation theatre, special intensive care ward and special cardiac ward in Nay Pyi Taw Hospital

(1000-bed) here on 7 August.

The building was donated by Myanmar Land and Development Co Ltd.

Donor, General Manager of Myanmarland and Development Co Ltd U Thaung Tin and U Lin Khaing of Nan Taw Win Jewellery Shop explained the purpose of the donation and oxygen supply.

Next, Medical Superintendent Dr Thaung Tin Tun spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min views construction of roads, bridges and stations on Pwintbyu-Pakokku railroad section.—MNA

project. The minister then oversaw construction site and placing of rail tracks and ballasts at the other side of the bridge.

The minister and party inspected road over bridge constructed at mile-post No.9 near Pakokku and Myitche Road.

Afterwards, the minister and party oversaw shipment of rail tracks near Begyi village station, construction site of Chaungmagyi bridge No.1, station just constructed and stockpiling of rail tracks near Myitche village and groundworks for construction of railroad in Tantkyi mountain area on Pakokku-Pwintbyu railroad section.

The minister then inspected construction of roads, bridges and stations on Pwintbyu-Pakokku railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project, production at No.1 quarry in Ayadaw, progress of tunnel shape culvert near Yenachay village and Taungywaya village in Pakokku Township, and construction of tunnel shape culvert near Oakkyang village.—MNA

Ladies paint their emotions on canvas

YANGON, 10 Aug—Ladies & Art Exhibition of three female artists, May Moe Thu, Ma Ei and Zun Pwint Thu is on display at Lawkanat Gallery, at No 62 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township here.

A total number of 43 works of art

that are outcome of creative combination of concepts, ideas and innovations of the three artists will be exhibited up to 15 August. Everyone is invited to enjoy the efforts of those artists that may offer the enthusiasts different tastes and feelings.—MNA

Kachin State enjoys smooth transportation thanks to Warazwut Bridge No. 2

Article: Tin Mar Win and Aye Thanda Thein, Photo: Myanma Alin

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For equitable development of all parts of the country, the government has fulfilled the requirements of all sectors including the economic, health, education and transportation sectors. Therefore, all the townships and villages are enjoying development with the characteristics of a township and a village. Border areas have seen international level cities.

Warazwut Bridge No. 2 on Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai road in Phakant, Kachin State, is one of the developments of Kachin State fulfilled by the government. The bridge was inaugurated on 7 May, 2009 and it is the latest one among the 18 above-180-foot-long bridges constructed in Kachin State from 1988 onwards. Warazwut Bridge No.2 on the new road is 354 feet long and 22 feet wide. It is of reinforced concrete type and

can withstand 60 tons of loads and has two three-foot-wide walkways on it. In the past, Kachin State was difficult of access, and railway and airway were its major transport means. Today, local people in Kachin State are able to access to every part of the nation by road thanks to emergence of new roads and bridges.

Myanma Alin: 7-8-2009

Translation: AMS

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RAJA VOY NO (891)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJA VOY NO (891) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 11.8.2009 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.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (265)

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Maltese ship and crew
missing in Baltic

Moscow, 10 Aug—A Maltese ship with a Russian crew has been missing since 24 July, a Russian maritime journal editor said on Sunday.

RIA Novosti reported the dry cargo ship, The Artic Sea, was supposed to pull into the Algerian port of Bejaia on 4 Aug.

Mikhail, Voitenko, editor of the maritime journal, Sovfrakht, said "the vessel has literally disappeared since 28 July: there is no communication, and neither the ship-owners nor the relatives (of crewmembers) nor Lloyd's have any information about its whereabouts," The newspaper reported people claiming to be police halted the vessel in the Baltic sea, tied up the crew and then searched the vessel for 12 hours.—Internet

Two schools
closed after
students test
positive for
New
Influenza
H1N1 virus

NEW DELHI, 10 Aug—Two Delhi schools have been closed for a week from Monday after a student each from the educational institution tested positive for swine flu.

Sanskriti School decided to close for a week after a student tested positive Saturday. "This is a precautionary step. We are also in touch with parents to find out whether their children had come in contact with the student who tested positive," its principal Abha Sehgal said.

The school is sending messages to the parents, informing them about the precautionary steps to be taken by them, she said. DPS East of Kailash has also been closed for a week after a class-IV student tested positive for the virus. The school will reopen on August 17.

MNA/PTI

Drive
with
care

Strong earthquake shakes
Tokyo area

TOKYO, 10 Aug—A strong earthquake shook Japan's capital and surrounding areas on Sunday, halting trains and a professional baseball game, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

There was no threat of a tsunami from the quake, which was centered at a depth of 188 miles (303 kilometers) in the Izu islands off the eastern coast of Japan, the US Geological Survey said.

The USGS measured

the quake at magnitude 7.1, while the Japan Meteorological Agency put it at 6.9.

The quake, which rattled furniture and walls in Tokyo homes, hit at 7:56 pm (1056 GMT) and shook the capital region, including Ibaraki, Saitama, Tochigi and Chiba prefectures, the Japanese agency said.

A baseball game in Yokohama between the Yokohama Bay Stars and Chunichi Dragons was stopped temporarily by

the umpire when the quake struck. Some high-speed bullet trains also were halted, but began running again after the shaking stopped, public broadcaster NHK said.

Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries, and experts believe Tokyo has a 90 percent chance of being hit by a major quake over the next 50 years. In 1995, a magnitude-7.2 quake in the western port city of Kobe killed 6,400 people.—Internet

Two killed in earthquake
in SW China

CHONGQING, 10 Aug—An earthquake measuring 4 on the Richter scale late on Saturday left two people dead and one slightly injured in southwest China's Chongqing municipality, the municipal government said on Monday.

A total of 425 people in Rongchang county were relocated after 173 houses were destroyed in the quake and 267 houses were badly damaged, a municipal government spokesman said.

According to the municipal seismological bureau of Chongqing, the "moderate" quake occurred at 9:26 pm on Saturday at a depth of 11 kilometres, and the epicentre was at Yujiu Village, Ronglong town.

Rongchang county sits on a fault line running through Mount Huaying, which is part of a major tectonic belt along the boundary of Sichuan Province and Chongqing, where "numerous" earthquakes had been recorded, according to the municipal seismological bureau of Chongqing.—Xinhua

Unknown disease
claims five in
central Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 Aug—Five people in central Nepal have recently died of an unknown disease, state-run newspaper *The Rising Nepal* reported on Monday.

Public Health Officer Binay Manadhar of the Sindhuli district of Central Development Region, some 80 km east of Nepali capital Kathmandu, had said five local people died of diarrhea, but later a team of health workers reached the site and said the disease was not diarrhea but an unidentified disease.

"We are trying to trace the disease with the symptoms such as high fever, bleeding from nose and mouth, and difficulty in breathing," the officer said. Two people of Kalpabrikeha and three others of Kaneshwore in the district, died of the unknown disease on Friday and Saturday. Media reports said that some 100 people have been affected by the disease.

The disease is under control, according to health workers.

Xinhua

Two bombs explode on Spain's Mallorca; no injuries

MADRID, 10 Aug—Two small bombs blamed on Basque separatist group ETA exploded on Sunday in downtown locations on the Spanish resort island of Mallorca, causing no injuries, the government said. Police defused a third device found nearby.

The blasts occurred just over a week after ETA killed two police officers in Mallorca in attacks aimed at striking fear among tourists at the height of the summer holiday season. One bomb exploded in La Rigoleta restaurant on the Can Pere Antoni beachfront in Palma de Mallorca and the second in an underground passage at the central Plaza Mayor square, the government said. Officers

deactivated a bomb left at Bar Enco.

Police searched a hotel on the Mediterranean island's popular beach-front capital, Palma de Mallorca, for a possible fourth bomb, the government said.

Earlier Sunday, ETA claimed responsibility for four other bombings this summer that killed three people — including the two police officers killed in Mallorca on 30 July — and injured dozens more.

Spain's state-run broadcaster TVE said on its late afternoon news bulletin that one bomb that exploded was in a beach bag hidden in the ceiling of a women's bathroom in the restaurant.—Internet

Afghan soldiers inspect a
burning car used by a
suicide attacker in the city
of Kunduz Province north
of Kabul, Afghanistan, on
10 Aug, 2009. A suicide
bomber attacked the
NATO-led International
Security Assistance Force
in Kunduz Province,
partially damaged an
ISAF's armored
personnel carrier vehicle,
police officials said.

INTERNET





A traditional Chinese medicine physician checks the blood pressure of an elderly patient at the only clinic of a rural village in Baotou, China's Inner Mongolia region in April 2009. China is to set up health records for its 800 million rural residents as part of an ambitious reform that aims to provide basic medical care for all by 2020, state media said.—INTERNET

Shanghai braces for rain after typhoon hits coast

SHANGHAI, 10 Aug—Shanghai braced for torrential rain Monday after Typhoon Morakot slammed China's southeast coast, prompting the evacuation of nearly a million people and leaving one dead, officials said.

The typhoon was downgraded to a tropical storm as it approached Shanghai but was still forecast to bring rain of up to 90 millimetres (3.5 inches) an hour to China's largest city and the eastern provinces of Zhejiang,

Jiangsu, Shandong and Anhui, the National Meteorological Centre said.

The tropical storm's intensity was weakening after leaving a child dead in the city of Wenzhou on Sunday and at least 12 dead in Taipei, where it caused the worst flooding in 50 years.

The storm's centre hit the border of Zhejiang and Fujian provinces at five am Monday (2100 GMT Sunday), lashing cities in the area with 83 kilometre (51 mile) per hour winds,

Shanghai's meteorological bureau said.

More than 3.4 million people in Zhejiang suffered property losses as hundreds of villages were flooded and more than 1,800 houses collapsed, *Xinhua* said, citing the Provincial Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters.

In Cangnan, one of 20 flooded counties in Zhejiang, vehicles left parked on main roads were submerged in a meter of water, according to *Xinhua*.—*Internet*

12 killed, 10 missing as typhoon hits Japan

TOKYO, 10 Aug—A typhoon slammed into Japan's west coast on Monday, bringing heavy rain that triggered floods and landslides and left at least 12 people dead and another 10 reported missing.

Typhoon Etau killed 11 people in Hyogo prefecture, around 310 miles (500 kilometers) west of Tokyo, police official Shigekazu Kamenobu said. He could not provide

details but said many were caught in raging waters.

"At least one man was swept away in a river while he was in a car. His body was later found inside the vehicle," Kamenobu said.

Police said about 2,200 people were evacuated from their homes in Hyogo and were staying at public schools. Some 500 houses were flooded, with TV footage showing residents clearing up mud with shovels.

A woman was also found dead in her house that was destroyed by a landslide in neighbouring Okayama prefecture, police official Wataru Yamamoto said.

Police said at least two people were missing in Tokushima, on the western island of Shikoku. A Tokushima police official said another woman was rescued after she became stranded in her car by floods.—*Internet*



A big wave hits Katsurahama beach near a man strolling in Kochi, western Japan, on 10 Aug, 2009. Typhoon Etau slams into Japan causing floods and landslides.—INTERNET

Lack of isotopes a health risk

IOWA CITY, 10 Aug—A University of Iowa official says the current limited supply of radioisotopes used in medical scans could put some patients' lives in danger. Dr Michael Graham, a university official and president of SNM, formerly known as the Society of Nuclear Medicine, said some medical patients could be

facing risky surgeries that could be avoided through medical scans utilizing the isotopes, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Sunday.

"It's possible that some deaths could occur," Graham said.

The radio-isotopes are used in medical scans for afflictions such as heart disease and cancer.

—*Internet*

Health officials brace for H1N1 2nd wave

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug—The United States and other Northern Hemisphere countries are racing to get ready for a second wave of H1N1 flu virus that could be weeks away, officials said.

The pandemic that has spread in the Southern Hemisphere, which is currently in mid-winter, has struck especially harshly in the poorest parts of the world, international health officials told *The Washington Post*. A second wave of the first influenza pandemic in 41 years could reach the Northern Hemisphere within weeks, US and international health officials told the newspaper. There is a possibility it could disrupt schools, workplaces and hospitals but its course is unpredictable, the officials said.—*Internet*

A/H1N1 flu cases increase to 1,158 in Vietnam

HANOI, 10 Aug—The Vietnamese Ministry of Health confirmed 115 more A/H1N1 influenza cases over the weekend, bringing the total number of flu patients to 1,158 in the country, local newspaper the New Hanoi reported on Monday. Among the newly detected cases, most of them are in the southern parts of the country, said the ministry. Since the flu A/H1N1 cases keep rising, Vietnamese health officials suggest that people take prevention measures. However, they are not advised to buy Tamiflu drugs without doctors' directions, said the newspaper.—*Xinhua*

India reports 4th death from A/H1N1 flu

NEW DELHI, 10 Aug — A 43-year-old overseas Indian who returned home from the United States 10 days ago died Sunday of the A H1N1 flu, becoming the fourth fatality of the deadly flu in the country, the semi-official *Press Trust of India* reported.

Praveen Patel died of the highly infectious disease at 01:30 am at the Ahmedabad, Gujarat in western India, said the report. A 14-year-old schoolgirl, Reeda Shaikh, died on 3 Aug in Pune, western India, becoming the first fatality of the flu in India. Sanjay Tukaram Kokre, a 42-year-old teacher, and 53-year-old Fahmida Panwala, who was a diabetic with a history of hypertension, died due to A H1N1 flu on Saturday in Pune and Mumbai respectively.—*Xinhua*

Singapore reports one more A/H1N1 related death

SINGAPORE, 10 Aug — Singapore's Ministry of Health on Sunday reported one more flu A/H1N1 related death case, bringing the number of total A/H1N1 related fatalities here to nine.

According to a statement by the ministry, a 27-year-old Indian female with no known underlying medical conditions died on Saturday morning after her condition deteriorated. She went to the Changi General Hospital's Emergency Department 23 on July with a 4day history of fever, cough and lethargy.

—*Xinhua*

51 US soldiers in Iraq diagnosed with swine flu

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—Fifty-one American troops in Iraq have been diagnosed with and treated for swine flu, while another 71 soldiers remain in isolation suspected of contracting the potentially deadly virus, the US military said on Sunday.

The figures were released as Iraqi health officials confirmed Sunday the country's first swine flu death.

A woman in the southern holy Shiite city of Najaf died of the disease, raising fears about a possible outbreak among worshippers making pilgrimages to the revered sites. All the 51 US troops diagnosed with the flu have fully recovered, while the 71 suspect cases are in isolation, said Col Michael D Eisenhauer, the chief of clinical operations in Iraq.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Pennetta captures biggest win of career at LA Championship



Flavia Pennetta
of Italy poses with the
championship trophy.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—Italy's Flavia Pennetta defeated Samantha Stosur of Australia 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the 700,000 dollar WTA Los Angeles Women's Tennis Championship on Sunday. The 27-year-old Italian, who was runner-up in 2008 at this event, called Sunday's victory the biggest of her career. She earned 107,000 dollars in first-place prize money and posted her eighth career singles title.—*Internet*

Real Madrid pulls away in 2nd, tops DC United 3-0

LANDOVER, 10 Aug—For the longest time, more than \$300 million worth of spanking-new Real Madrid talent couldn't get the ball past a modestly paid goalkeeper named Josh Wicks, who dived left, right and took command in front of his net to keep D.C. United in the game against soccer's latest edition of the best team money can buy.

The inevitable breakdown occurred in the second half, when Gonzalo Higuain shredded United's defense for two goals in a two-minute span, leading the Spanish powerhouse to a 3-0 victory over the MLS club in Sunday's exhibition before 72,368 at FedEx Field.

Internet



Real Madrid's Gonzalo Higuain, left, battles for the ball against DC United's Greg Janicki, right, during the second half of an international friendly soccer match, on 9 Aug, 2009, in Landover, Md.

INTERNET

Ancelotti impressed by resilient Chelsea

LONDON, 10 Aug—Carlo Ancelotti believes Chelsea's Community Shield victory over Manchester United proves his team have the mental strength to win the Premier League. Ancelotti's side struck an early psychological blow in the battle to be English football's top dogs by ending United's two-year reign as Community Shield holders at Wembley on Sunday.

The FA Cup winners recovered from the disappointment of Wayne Rooney's stoppage time strike, which rescued a 2-2 draw, to win the penalty shoot-out 4-1. Petr Cech saved from Ryan Giggs and Patrice Evra, while all four Chelsea players converted their spot-kicks to give Ancelotti a trophy in his first serious match as Blues boss.—*Internet*

Proposal to name Espanyol ground after deceased captain Jarque

MADRID, 10 Aug—Spanish Primera Liga soccer club Espanyol could decide to name its new stadium after club captain Daniel Jarque, who died of a heart attack on Saturday aged just 26. The club has been shocked by the death of Jarque, who died as the result of a heart attack while with the club on pre-season training in Italy.

The club returned from Italy on Sunday while hundreds of the club's fans decided to mount a homage to Jarque in one of the entrances at the club's new Cornellà-El Prat Stadium. Just seven days ago, Jarque had led his side onto the pitch at the ground in the stadium's inaugural match against Liverpool.

Xinhua



South Korea's players celebrate their victory after the final of Recurve women's team in 2009 Archery World Cup Stage 4 held in Shanghai, east China, on 9 Aug, 2009. South Korea defeated Russia by 221-210 and claimed the title of the event.

XINHUA

Tiger rallies to win at Firestone

AKRON, 10 Aug—First came another signature moment from Tiger Woods, an 8-iron over the water that stopped a foot from the hole. Even more stunning was the meltdown that followed by Padraig Harrington.

A swift and shocking turn of events on Firestone's famous 16th hole took Woods went from one shot behind to a four-shot victory Sunday as he closed with a 5-under 65 to win the Bridgestone Invitational.

Internet



Sir Alex Ferguson of Manchester United gestures to referee Chris Foy at the final whistle during the FA Community Shield at Wembley Stadium in London. Chelsea and Manchester United launched the English season in explosive fashion as the Blues' 4-1 penalty shoot-out win in the Community Shield was marred by an ugly clash between Michael Ballack and Patrice Evra.—INTERNET

INTERNET

City play Tevez waiting game

MANCHESTER, 10 Aug—Manchester City are sweating on the fitness of Argentine striker Carlos Tevez ahead of the big-spending club's Premier League opener at Blackburn. Tevez, plucked from Manchester United in the summer, has been struggling with a heel injury and has already been overlooked by Argentina coach Diego Maradona for the midweek friendly in Russia.

"I would like to think Carlos will play a part on Saturday although we will have to see how this week goes before we decide



Manchester City are sweating on the fitness of Argentine striker Carlos Tevez.—INTERNET

whether to start him or not," said City boss Mark Hughes. Tevez played just 25 minutes of Saturday's 2-1 friendly win over Celtic, but Hughes was pleased with his new recruit's impact during his brief cameo.

Internet

Real enjoys second comfort win in North American tour

MADRID, 10 Aug—Real Madrid enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over MLS side DC United in Washington in the second match of the club's North American tour on Sunday night. The victory came after Real's 5-1 win in Toronto on Friday. However, the Spanish soccer giant had to wait until well into the second half before Gonzalo Higuain opened the scoring. The Argentinean, who could lose his place following the signing of players such as Karim Benzema and Cristiano Ronaldo, scored two goals in two minutes to put his side ahead.

He made the first goal himself in the 57th minute and scored a right foot shot after taking a pass from Arjen Robben at 59. Robben added a third goal, his second in two games, on 69 minutes. The game kicked off after a minute's silence in the memory of Espanyol captain Daniel Jarque, who died of a heart attack on Saturday.

Xinhua

Del Potro outlasts Roddick to defend ATP Washington title

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug—Juan Martin Del Potro blasted five of his 19 aces in the deciding tie-breaker Sunday to beat US top seed Andy Roddick 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (8/6) and win his second consecutive ATP Washington Classic title.

Ignoring fatigue and sweltering heat to launch his most powerful serves of the match at the finish, the Argentine second seed finally overcame Roddick on his fourth match-point chance when a line call review upheld a forehand winner.

"I did my best services ever in my life," Del Potro said of the tie-breaker. "I don't know what happened in that moment. I was just trying to do my best, play 10 minutes and you are out." On that last forehand, I saw the ball very close. Andy called the HawkEye and said, 'I saw out.' I said, 'I saw out too.' Then HawkEye said it was in.—*Internet*



Chelsea's Italian Manager Carlo Ancelotti (left) watches a throw on by Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic during the FA Community Shield at Wembley Stadium in London, England.—INTERNET



This undated photo released by The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) shows a flying frog or *Rhacophorus sphyra*, in Assam, India. Over 350 species including the bright green, flying frog and the world's smallest deer have been discovered over the past decade in the Himalayas, making it one of the world's most biological rich regions, an environmental group said on 10 Aug, 2009.

INTERNET

Over 350 species found in Himalayas in past decade

KATMANDU, Nepal, 10 Aug—The world's smallest deer, a flying frog and catfish that stick to rocks—as well as more than 350 other species—have been discovered over the past decade in the Himalayas, making it one of the world's most biologically rich regions, an environmental group said on Monday.

But researchers warn that the effects of climate change, as well as development, threaten the diverse habitat that supports these species. "This enormous cultural and biological diversity underscores the fragile nature of an environment which risks being lost forever unless the impacts of climate change are reversed," said Tariq Aziz, the leader of the World Wildlife Fund's Living Himalayas Initiative, a regional conservation program that covers India, Nepal and Bhutan.

The WWF is calling for the countries to develop a conservation plan for the region and for governments to give local communities more authority to manage the forests, grasslands and wetlands.—*Internet*

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-8-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

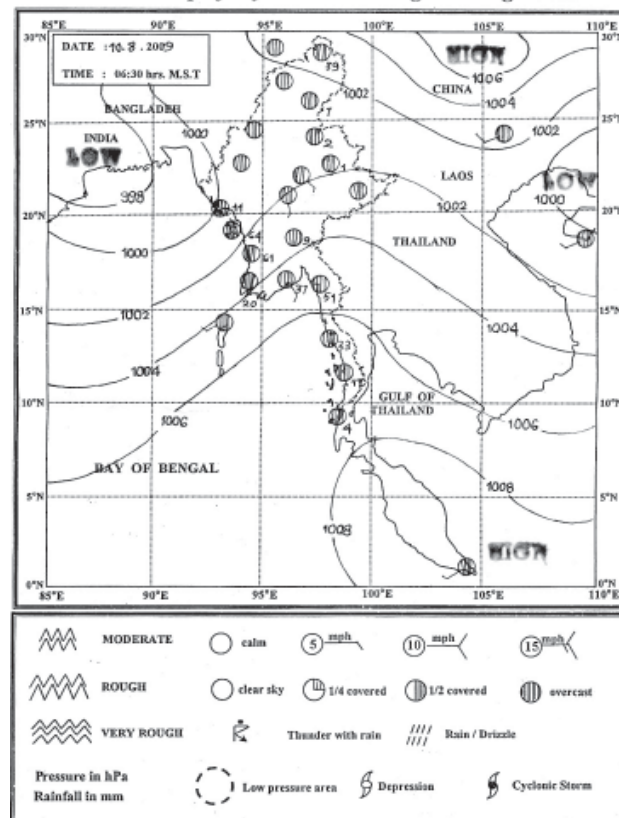
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Kyaing Tong: Town in the beautiful Valley
- * Myanmar Handiwork, Painting Art
- * Mythical Antelopes & Old Spirit Ogres
- * Smokeless Industry (Mandalay Zone)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Kyaing Tong: Town in the beautiful Valley
- * Jade Art
- * Myanmar Handiwork, Painting Art
- * Culture Stage
- * Mythical Antelopes & Old Spirit Ogres
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Smokeless Industry (Mandalay Zone)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * The Decoration of Lacquerware (Stylus Drawing)
- * Blacksmith Village Min Kan
- * National Dance
- * Rattan Wares and Bamboo Strip Hat
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Fish Culture in Myanmar
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 10th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been isolated in Shan, Chin States and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (0.12) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.15) inch, Gwa (4.88) inches, Kyeikkhame (3.11) inches, Bago and Yangon (Central) (2.72) inches each, Thandwe (2.68) inches, Ye (2.64) inches, Kyaukpadaung (2.60) inches and Khayan (2.56) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-8-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 10-8-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-8-2009 was 92%. Total Sun shine hours on 9-8-2009 was (0.1) hour approx.

Rainfall on 10-8-2009 was (0.47) inch at Mingaladon, (1.45) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.72) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (78.27) inches at Mingaladon, (88.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.01) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 9-8-2009.

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, the depression "GONI" over Gulf of Tonkin in the South China Sea has downgraded into a low pressure area.

Forecast valid until evening of 11th August 2009: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. 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 11-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-8-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Tuesday, 11 August
View on today****7:00 am**

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပုသ်သန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Nice & Sweet song

8:10 am

7. "မီးမီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်"

8:20 am

8. Song of Yester Years

8:30 am

9. "မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာများဖြင့်ဖော်ကျူးထားတဲ့မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာပြတိုက်"

8:40 am

10. International News

8:40 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song of National Races

4:15 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာဒုတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. "ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား"

5:25 pm

8. သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်

5:30 pm

9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:40 pm

10. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:10 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရန်ခွန်သံ

6:35 pm

14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တစ်ရေးနိုးဖူးစာ" (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)



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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Kachin State enjoys smooth transportation thanks to Warazwut Bridge No. 2



Article: Tin
Mar Win and
Aye Thanda
Thein,
Photo:
Myanma Alin

Warazwut Bridge
No. 2

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Visualize, ponder over and do good

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Falling to alien subjugation is not the only way of being enslaved. The people can also be slaves if any person who complies with their instructions comes to power. That is a point worthy of serious consideration.

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KO THAYA

Three more patients infected with New Influenza discharged from hospital, remaining four getting better

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Out of 17 patients found to have been infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) virus, 10 had been discharged from hospital earlier as they had fully recovered and there are still three patients in Wabagi Specialist Hospital, one in Yangon People's Hospital, one in Yangon Children's Hospital, one in Insein General Hospital and one in Yangon East District Hospital under treatment.

Out of the seven patients, a man aged 26, a man aged 25 and a man aged 29 were discharged from respective hospitals today since they recovered from the flu and home quarantine measures for family members who came into contact with the patients were also stopped. There are two left in Wabagi Specialist Hospital, one in Yangon Children's Hospital, and one in Yangon East District Hospital who are kept in separate rooms for treatment and are improving their health conditions.—MNA