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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

Paper Mill (Thabaung) produces import-substitute high-quality Paper

Article: *Tin Htwe (MNA)*, Photos: *Thaung Myint (MNA)*

Thabaung Paper Mill (Thabaung) which can produce 50 tons of paper per day is located on the west bank of Ngawun River. The 50-ton paper mill under the Paper and Pulp Factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries was inaugurated on 16 November, 2008.

Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung) in Thabaung Industrial Region in Thabaung Township, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Division, is constituted with the 200-ton paper pulp mill and the 50-ton paper mill.

The 50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung) produces 35 tons of Offset Printing Paper, Copying Paper, Laser

Printing paper and 15 tons of high-quality paper per day.

To produce quality papers meeting the international standard, 70 per cent of bamboo pulp and 30 per cent of wood pulp from the 200-ton pulp (See page 7)



50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung) of Paper and Pulp Factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries.

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Myanmar specialists successfully transplant artificial aorta into patient at Nay Pyi Taw Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Cardiologist Dr Win Win Kyaw and medical specialists successfully transplanted an artificial aorta into a patient with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm at Nay Pyi Taw Hospital (1000-bed) on 30 July.

Complaining of a pain in his abdomen, U Than

Kyaw, 68, was rushed to the hospital to consult the doctor on 21 July. According to the results of CT – Angiogram (64 Slices) test given by Radiologist Dr Naw The Hse, Surgeons Dr Win Win Kyaw, Dr Tin Tin Mar, Anesthetist (See page 9)



PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 13 August, 2009

Preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character

A meeting between the Leading Committee for Holding the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and representatives from the states and divisions took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 August.

At present, contestants from the states and divisions who will take part in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are in the process of preparing for the competitions.

The contestants from the states and divisions are to take part in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in line with the objectives of the competitions laid down by the State.

The number of constants from the states and divisions in the competitions held annually has been increased year by year. As a result, they have been able to present their performing arts to other countries and their presentation received high acclaim.

As it is impossible to impose limitations on the area of performing arts in order that alien culture that is not in conformity with Myanmar people cannot be imported, efforts are to be made to enable the people to resist it with national culture.

If alien culture penetrates into the nation it will undermine the national prestige and integrity, thereby resulting in moral degeneration. And even own races and identity can be in danger of extinction. Thus, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to safeguard their culture and traditions.

Therefore, all the contestants are urged to actively take part in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions with strong belief and conviction in accordance with one of the four social objectives—uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character.

Medical Superintendent Dr U Maung Win, in charge Dr U Than Htut and professor/Head of Department Dr U Sai Won Mar accept k 1120,000 for construction of building in Mandalay General Hospital donated by Rector U Yin Win Maung (Sagaing Education College) and Deputy Director Daw Khin Pyone Yu of Mandalay Account office.—MNA



People's Desire

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

Commander, minister attend prize presenting ceremony



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe makes speech at a ceremony to present awards to outstanding students in Rakhine State.—TRANSPORT

YANGON, 12 Aug—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students of Rakhine State who passed the matriculation examination for the 2008-2009 academic year with flying colours was held at U Uttama Hall in Sittway of Rakhine State on 10 August, attended by

Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

The Commander and the Minister gave prizes to 20 six-distinction-winners, 16 five-distinction-winners, 19 four-

distinction-winners, 36 three-distinction-winners, 56 two-distinction-winners, and 298 one-distinction-winners. Furthermore, proficient teaching skills award for teachers, best school award and best township award were also presented.

Next, six-distinction-winner Ma Khin Ohnmar Kyaw and Rakhine State

Education Officer expressed gratitude on behalf of students.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and wellwishers in Rakhine State presented cash assistance for educational purpose which was accepted by the Commander, the Minister and officials.

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Mayor inspects roadwork, maintenance of bridges in Yangon Division

YANGON, 12 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected upgrading of roads and maintenance of bridges in Yangon Division.

During the inspection tour of Mingala Taungnyunt, Tamway, Yankin, Dawbon, Thingangyun, North Okkalapa townships this morning, the mayor fulfilled the requirements to the roadwork. In the afternoon,

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects repairing of Banyadala road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.
YCDC



the mayor also went to Mingaladon and Insein

townships and inspected upgrading of roads and

attended to the needs.

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Talks on Myanmar Search Engine on 15 Aug

YANGON, 12 Aug—It is known that Project-based Contest about Myanmar Search Engine entitled MCPA Challenge, organized by Myanmar Computer Professional Association (MCPA), will be held. The aims of the contest are to have more development in research and creation of youth, who are interested in ICT, to help produce more home-made

ICT tools and products and to extensively apply Myanmar languages in ICT field.

Director Dr Daw Myint Myint Than of Myanmar Computer Federation, Chairman U Ye Myat Thu of Myanmar Computer Professional Association (Mandalay) and executive U Nyi Lin Hsat of MCPA will give technical talks on Myanmar

Search Engine at conference hall in Myanmar Info-tech in Hline Township here from 9 am to noon (Saturday) on 15 August.

Members of MCPA, competitors who will take part in MCPA Challenge and interested persons may attend the talks. For more information, contact Room No.4, ward-4, MCPA office (ph- 652276).—MNA



**Car bombs
hit Baghdad,
eight killed,
30 wounded**

BAGHDAD, 12 Aug—Two car bombs stroke Baghdad on Tuesday night, killing at least 8 people and wounding 30 others, police source said.

Local police source, on condition of anonymity, told *Xinhua* that the first blast occurred near Al-Muhesen Shiite mosque in the district of Al-Amin, southeast of Baghdad; the second happened near a coffee shop, also in the district of Al-Amin.

The two explosions came “almost at the same time,” and the blasts also affected surrounding shops and buildings, the source added.

According to the source, at least 8 people were killed and 30 others wounded, but the specific casualty number of each incident has not been given yet.

Sporadic attacks have continued in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities and towns after U.S. combat forces’ pullout despite low level of violence compared with the previous years.

Xinhua



Women grieve at the site of a double truck bombing which tore through a Shiite minority community near the northern city of Mosul, 360 kilometers (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

**Roadside bomb kills
nine civilians
in S Afghanistan**

KABUL, 12 Aug—Nine civilians were killed on Tuesday as a roadside bomb struck a civilian mini-bus in Taleban birthplace Kandahar of southern Afghanistan, an official said.

“We have received nine bodies, including a child and two women, all the victims of a roadside bomb which hit a mini-bus in Maiwand district at 11:00 am today (0630GMT),” Mohammad Farhad, the director of Mirwais hospital in Kandahar, told *Xinhua*.

Roadside bombings and suicide attacks adopted by Taleban militants as new tactic have often claimed lives of innocent civilians.

A report released by the United Nations a couple of weeks ago indicated that over 1,000 civilians have been killed in military operations and Taleban-related violence over the first half of the current year, an increase of 24 percent over the same period last year.

Xinhua



Iraqis inspect a burnt vehicle at the site of a car bombing near a restaurant in the Shurta neighbourhood in southern Baghdad. At least eight people were killed and 45 were wounded in bomb attacks in the capital Baghdad and central Iraq on Tuesday, officials said.

INTERNET

**Militants kill
police chief,
guard in N
Afghanistan**

KABUL, 12 Aug—Taleban militants stormed police checkpoint in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan on Wednesday morning, killing a district police chief along with his bodyguard and injuring another, an official said.

“The militants raided police checkpoint in Archi district early this morning killing Noor Khan the commander of police in the district and his bodyguard while another policeman sustained injuries,” Deputy police chief of Kunduz Province Abdul Rahman Haqtash told *Xinhua*.

The slain police commander is the brother of provincial governor Mohammad Omar, he added.

Xinhua



A wounded Iraqi man is wheeled into a hospital in Baghdad after a bomb targeted labourers in Amel neighbourhood. —INTERNET

**Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of
NATO troops led by US**

KABUL, 12 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 8364 Afghan people were killed and 17,261 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 12 August.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	8364
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	17,261

Internet

**NATO Invasion of US and allies kills,
injures Iraqi people**

BAGHDAD, 12 Aug— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 12 August reached 698,293 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,258,463, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	698,293
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,258,463

Internet



An Afghan youth waits for transportation after being injured near a building on which militants took up position in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of Logar Province, about 40 miles (60 kilometres) south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 10, Aug, 2009.—INTERNET





File photo shows workers from the Hangzhou Zhongce rubber company conducting quality control checks on their tyres at their factory in Hangzhou.—INTERNET

Russia sends Asian communication satellite into space

MOSCOW, 12 Aug—Russia launched a carrier rocket on Tuesday to send an Asian communication satellite into orbit, a spokesman for the Khrunichev space research and production centre said.

The Proton-M rocket, with an AsiaSat-5 satellite atop, blasted off at 11:47 pm Moscow time (1947 GMT) from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan, Alexander Bobrenov was quoted as saying by the *Itar-Tass* news agency.

The satellite is expected to separate from the booster in about nine hours and then reach its geostationary orbital slot of 100.5 degrees eastern longitude.

The AsiaSat-5 satellite, which carries 26 C-band and 14 Ku-band transponders, will provide advanced telecommunication services for customers in Asia and the Pacific. Its designed service life in orbit is 15 years.

Hong Kong-based Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co Ltd (AsiaSat) signed a contract with Russian-US joint venture International Launch Services in February for the launch of the satellite.

Xinhua



Workers install scaffolding as they carry out renovation work at a monument with an image of China's late Chairman Mao Zedong in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 11 August, 2009. INTERNET

700,000 children malnourished in Central African Republic



Children sit outside a Doctors without Borders nutrition centre in Paoua, northwest Central African Republic in 2007.—INTERNET

GENEVA, 12 Aug—Some 700,000 children under the age of five are suffering from severe malnutrition in the Central African Republic, Unicef said on Tuesday, warning that they are “living below acceptable standards.” “In both the conflict-affected north and the more stable south, almost 700,000 children under five are living below acceptable stand-

ards, and now many are moving toward the outer edge of survival,” said Jeremy Hopkins, the UN agency for children’s representative in CAR.

“The situation of children in the south is of particular concern due to the rapidly deteriorating nutritional status in tandem with an increasingly bleak funding outlook,” he added in a statement.—*Internet*

Earthquake jolts Bangladesh for second consecutive day

DHAKA, 12 Aug—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.3 magnitude on the Richter scale was registered by the Dhaka Seismic Centre in Bangladesh’s capital Dhaka at 04:43 am local time (GMT2143) on Wednesday morning.

It is just a day after a mighty quake with a 7.6 magnitude struck the Indian Ocean off India’s Andaman Islands early on

Tuesday morning, which was also felt in Bangladesh. Ayesha Khatun, a meteorologist of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) told *Xinhua* the epicenter of the earthquake on Wednesday morning was located near Myanmar and India border region and the distance of the epicenter was 416 km east from Dhaka.—*Xinhua*

Fidel Castro, turning 83, still a force in Cuba

HAVANA, 12 Aug—Fidel Castro is not the presence he once was in Cuba after three years out of public view but as he turns 83 on Thursday he still has clout and is working to ensure the island stays communist long after he is gone.

Although younger brother Raul Castro, who is 78, replaced him as president last year, Fidel Castro continues to be a powerful international

voice for Cuba, through the regular commentary columns he writes for state-run media.

His internal role in Cuba’s government is less clear but it is generally assumed that while his brother runs the show from day to day, he does it in consultation with Fidel Castro.

“It’s still, I think, a partnership but Raul is now the senior partner,” said Brian Latell of the

University of Miami’s Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. “Fidel is not able to be involved in the day-to-day stuff anymore.”

Fidel Castro led the revolution that toppled dictator Fulgencio Batista on 1 January, 1959, and ran the country for 49 years before he underwent emergency surgery for an undisclosed intestinal ailment in July 2006.

Internet

New Fatah leadership boosts Mideast peace efforts

BETHLEHEM, 12 Aug—Fatah has elected a rejuvenated leadership that will likely bring the mainstream Palestinian movement more in line with President Barack Obama’s vision for an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement, according to unofficial results released on Tuesday.

But a reluctant Israel and militant Islamic Hamas stranglehold on the Gaza Strip pose formidable obstacles on the road toward a peace accord.—*Internet*

Global death toll of A/H1N1 flu rises to 1,462, says

GENEVA, 12 Aug—The A/H1N1 influenza has caused a total of 1,462 deaths worldwide since it was first detected in April, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

In a latest update of the flu situation, the UN agency said a total of 177,457 confirmed infections have been officially reported from over 170 countries and regions.

But those figures are obviously lower than the real number of A/H1N1 cases, as many countries with sustainable community-level transmissions were no longer required to test and report new cases, the agency said.—*Xinhua*



Tourist boats are seen sailing past under construction casino and hotel buildings in Singapore. Singapore’s economy performed better than estimated in the second quarter, but recovery will be “sluggish” on continued weak demand from the US and Europe, according to the government.—INTERNET



OPEC's forecast for the global crude oil demand remains unchanged

VIENNA, 12 Aug—OPEC on Tuesday left its global oil demand forecast unchanged for this year, projecting a fall of 1.65 million barrels a day compared to last year.

World oil demand, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in its monthly report, is expected to show an increase of 500,000 barrels a day in 2010.

According to the report, it was expected that the average global crude oil demand this year would be 83.91 million barrels a day (mb/d), and it would

continue to rise to 84.41 mb/d next year, which was respectively 0.07mb/d more than the forecast made last month.

The report also pointed out that world demand for OPEC crude oil fell by 2.3 mb/d, amounting to 28.4 mb/d. It would be further reduced by 0.5 mb/d, and reaching 28 mb/d next year. This decline exceeded the previous estimate of OPEC, the cartel that controls a third of the world's oil production. In accordance with OPEC's estimate, demand from the countries

of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) would continue to decrease in 2010.

In the international crude oil market, only in the Middle East, China and Latin America would demand keep rising this year, OPEC said.

The report also said that due to uncertainties that persist concerning a recovery from the global recession, as well as ample stocks of crude, the international oil market remains still fundamentally weak. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Russian children perform a dance during a soiree at the "Ocean" All-Russia Children's care center in Vladivostok, Russia, on 11 Aug, 2009. The "Ocean" care center held a soiree on Tuesday to send off the 550 Chinese children affected by the devastating 2008 earthquake in southwestern China, who came here on 23 July for a three-week recreational trip. —XINHUA



The quadruplet sisters Zhu Wanbing, Zhu Wanqing, Zhu Wanyu and Zhu Wanjie (from L to R) celebrate their 10th birthday at a restaurant in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 11 Aug, 2009. The quadruplet sisters were naturally conceived and born in on 11 Aug, 1999 in Nanjing. —XINHUA

Cambodia trade with S Korea drops 22% in first five months

PHNOM PENH, 12 Aug—Trade volume between Cambodia and South Korea dropped 22.6 percent in the first five months of this year, a sign that the global economic crisis continues to grip both countries, local media reported on Wednesday.

Total volume through May reached 114 million US dollars, down from 147.27 million US dollars over the same period last year, the Phnom Penh

Post quoted Lee Hyoung-seok, deputy director general of the South Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency, as saying.

Lee said that South Korea's principal export products to Cambodia included textiles, motor vehicles, consumer electronics and chemical products, while Cambodia's main exports were garments, agricultural products and timber.

"We are seeing a decline in volume because demand has fallen ... (leading) many manufacturers to reduce production," Lee said, adding "I forecast that for the rest of the year, bilateral trade will continue to fall at a similar rate, though things may improve next year."

Lee added that trade volume between the two countries reached 294 million US dollars last year. —Xinhua

Venezuela, Argentina sign trade, technology agreements

CARACAS, 12 Aug—Leaders of Venezuela and Argentina on Tuesday signed a package of agreements worth 1.1 billion US dollars.

Covering 22 businesses in such sectors as agriculture, transport and technology, the agreements were signed during a meeting between Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his Argentine counterpart Cristina Fernandez.

The agreements aim to increase bilateral trade and economic exchanges and to enhance biotechnological cooperation. —Xinhua

Ecuadorian ban cuts Colombian trade by 15.5%

BOGOTA, 12 Aug—Colombia's exports to Ecuador fell 15.5 percent in the first seven months of this year due to restrictions imposed by the Ecuadorian government, the Colombian government said on Tuesday. Trade Minister Luis Plata confirmed that exports to Ecuador in the first seven months fell to 616 million US dollars from 729 million US dollars in the same period last year. "The restrictions on 1,346 Colombian products imposed by the Ecuadorian government have resulted in a 34 percent decrease in these products' export to Ecuador," Plata said. —Xinhua

Brazil's TAM, Air China launch code-share flight between Sao Paulo, Beijing

BRASILIA, 12 Aug—Brazil's TAM Airlines and Air China signed an agreement to launch a code-share flight between Sao Paulo and Beijing via Madrid, the Brazilian company said on Tuesday.

TAM will operate the flight between Sao Paulo and Madrid, and Air China will take the passengers from Madrid to China.

The agreement will come into force this month and passengers can fly between Beijing and Sao Paulo with a single ticket and a single shipment. —Xinhua

Personal bankruptcies soar in Canada

OTTAWA, 12 Aug—The number of Canadian personal bankruptcies soared in June, due to high unemployment and debt, a government agency said in a report on Tuesday.

The personal bankruptcies in June reached 10,823, up 54.3 percent compared to the previous June's numbers, according to the Office of the

Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

Only 7,013 individuals had to resort to bankruptcy in June 2008, a few months before the recession took hold. The June 2009 numbers represent a 9.3-percent increase compared to the previous month's figures, when there were 9,900 personal bankruptcies. Some analysts

had predicted a substantial increase in consumer insolvencies for 2009 and 2010, as a result of unemployment and heightened household debt. However, businesses fare better during the same period of time. In June there were 515 business bankruptcies, up 10.8 percent year-over-year. —Xinhua

Emergency officials examine the wreckage of a helicopter that collided with an airplane over the Hudson River in Hoboken, New Jersey, on 11 Aug, 2009. XINHUA



Man with gun arrested at NH school

PORTSMOUTH, 12 Aug —A man arrested at the site of President Barack Obama's New Hampshire town hall on Tuesday was carrying an unlicensed loaded gun, police said.

Richard Terry Young, 62, was arrested inside Portsmouth High School at about 9:40 am, long before the president arrived in Portsmouth, Seacoastline.com reported. He faces misdemeanor charges, including trespass and a weapons charge. Hundreds of

protesters greeted Obama.

The demonstrators gathered near Portsmouth High School appeared to be equally divided between supporters and detractors of the President's healthcare proposals to cover millions of uninsured Americans and bring health costs under control, *USA Today* reported.

Obama discussed aspects of his initiative, such as what it means for people with health coverage and consumer protection mechanisms.

Obama also focused on his goal of ending denial of coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

Some of the anti-Obama protesters gathered as early as 6 am, carrying handmade signs that spoke of rationing, socialism and "death panels," while supporters from pro-Obama organizations such as Organizing for America and Healthcare for America later showed up in buses, *USA Today* said.

Internet



Palestinian farmers pick melons, to be sold in local markets, at a greenhouse in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza Strip, on 11 Aug, 2009. The greenhouse was built after Israel's disengagement from the Gaza Strip in August 2005 and is located over the former settlement of Dugit.—INTERNET

Ammonia leakage claims six lives in central Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Aug—Ammonia leakage resulted by a faulty refrigeration system claimed six lives at a village in the state of Selangor, local newspapers reported here on Wednesday.

The victims, including a store manager, died from inhaling excessive ammonia on Tuesday.

Another three Bangladeshi workers also suffered from the gas leakage had been hospitalized at the Tanjung Karang Hospital in the state of Selangor.

It was learnt that when the incident took place at 08:00 am local time, manager Lim Kian Chew, 35, was trying to pull out a fainted Bangladeshi worker working in cooler tank used to store fish.—*Xinhua*

Four humanitarian workers freed in Somalia

PARIS, 12 Aug—Four workers of the French charity Action Contre La Faim (ACF) and two Kenyan pilots kidnapped last November were released in Somalia on Tuesday, local media reported.

"Apparently all are in good health, they'll have medical check-ups," ACF said in a statement.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy welcomed the release of those international humanitarian workers. In a statement issued by the Elysee Palace, he expressed "great relief" and offered "his congratulations to all whose involvement brought an end to the hostage-taking."

The hostages including two French women, a Polish woman, a Belgian man and the two Kenyan pilots were captured by Somali gunmen on 5 Nov, 2008 at the airport of Dhusa Mareb as they prepared to fly to Kenyan capital Nairobi.—*Xinhua*

Costa Rican President infected with

A/H1N1 flu

SAN JOSE, 12 Aug—Costa Rican President Oscar Arias was infected with influenza A/H1N1, Legislative Assembly President Francisco Antonio Pacheco confirmed on Tuesday.

"The president had a flu and he requested to be tested and they confirmed it... but he looks fine.

I just talked with someone who have been talking with him," Pacheco told local press.

The Costa Rican government announced it would confirm Arias' health conditions in the coming hours.

According to the latest report from the Costa Rican health authorities, 27 patients have died from A/H1N1 flu and 798 were infected.

Xinhua



Ouyang Guojun rides his self-made rotor aircraft for a trial flight in Changsha City, central China's Hunan Province. Ouyang Guojun, a retired worker, made a rotor aircraft by spare parts during over one year's time. The vehicle had a low altitude trial flight successfully.

Giant panda "Xi Wang" leans against the ice to cool itself off at the Wuhan Zoo in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 13 July, 2009.

Texting NY tow truck driver hits car, pool

Police say a Buffalo-area tow truck driver was juggling two cell phones — testing on one and talking on another — when he slammed into a car and crashed into a swimming pool.

Niagara County sheriff's deputies say 25-year-old Nicholas Sparks of Burt admitted he was testing and talking when his flatbed truck hit the car in Lockport.

The truck then crashed through a fence and sideswiped a house before rolling front-end first into an in-ground pool.

German gorilla gives birth again

A traumatized gorilla who carried around her dead baby's body for several days in a German zoo last year has given birth again — and this time her offspring is healthy.

Twelve-year-old Gana's very public mourning for her last child gained widespread attention last year. The baby gorilla, Claudio, died when he was three months old of a severe intestinal infection.

Gana's new daughter was born early Sunday, said Ilona Zuehlke, a spokeswoman for the Allwetter Zoo in Muenster.

China to mark 140th anniversary of giant panda's "discovery"

Giant panda enthusiasts will mark the 140th anniversary of the outside world's discovery of the animal with a 350-km hike and a film festival this month.

French Catholic missionary Pere Jean Pierre Armand David introduced



the animal to the Western world after taking photographs of it in 1869 in southwest China's Ya'an city. Li Yamei, deputy chief of the tourism bureau of Ya'an, in Sichuan Province, said on Tuesday that people could apply for the hike through a link on Sina.com, but they were required to pass a health check.

The group would depart on 15 Aug from the West China Medical School of Sichuan University in Chengdu, the provincial capital, to follow the footsteps of Armand David to Ya'an, a city in western Sichuan.

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In this 20 Aug, 2008 file photo Gorilla mother Gana carries her dead offspring at the outdoor enclosure of the zoo in Muenster, western Germany. A traumatized gorilla who carried around her dead baby's body for several days in a German zoo last year has given birth again and this time her offspring is healthy. Twelve-year-old Gana's very public mourning for her last child gained widespread attention last year. The baby gorilla, Claudio, died when he was three months old of a severe intestinal infection. Gana's new daughter was born early on Sunday, said Ilona Zuehlke, a spokeswoman for the Allwetter Zoo in Muenster.



Paper Mill (Thabaung) produces import-substitute high-quality paper

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA), Photos: Thaung Myint (MNA)



Packages of high-quality papers produced by 50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung).

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factory are mixed, and only bamboo pulp is

used to produce high-quality papers for domestic consumption.

From 35 tons to 45 tons of bamboo pulp and from 5 tons to 15 tons of



Labourers work at Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung).

wood pulp are required per day to supply to the 50-ton Thabaung Paper Mill. The mill runs 330 days a year.

The 200-ton pulp factory is constructed on 1107.27 acres and was

A total of 50,864 tons of paper was imported in 2007-08 and 56,461 tons are to supply to the domestic consumption.

To supply 1,200 tons of bamboo to Paper and Pulp Factory

Ngathaingchaung, Taungnyo and Maungbi areas to supply the raw material to the factory in an attempt to avoid the shortage of raw material at the factory.

Bamboo are



Production process of paper at the 50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung).

inaugurated on 14 May, 2005.

The domestic consumption of paper in Myanmar is 178,500 tons per year and domestic production reaches 71,175 tons — 27,450 tons from state-owned factories and 43,725 tons from private factories.

(Thabaung) as raw materials per day, arrangements have been made to supply 450 tons from Gwa-Ngathaingchaung, 400 tons from Phayagyi-Kanni, 200 tons from Thabaung and 150 tons from Ngapudaw. Bamboo is also cultivated in

transported from the factory's jetty to the factory by car.

The factory produces high-quality paper with the use of pulp made from the bamboo.

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“Chronicle of Mandalay, Reminiscence of Mandalay Palace” published

YANGON, 12 Aug—The Central Committee for Celebrating 150th Founding Anniversary of Yadanabon Mandalay Palace published a poem book entitled “Chronicle of Mandalay, Reminiscence of Mandalay Palace” by Dr Htila Sithu. Senior journalist of

Mandalay Natmawk Tun Shein in his preface said that once he read the work, he could not put it down as he lost himself in the rhymes of the verse reflecting the vigours of Mandalay dwellers, and watersheds and urbanization of the old royal city some 150 years ago.

The poet in his verse portrayed the history of Mandalay, Mt. Mandalay Kuthotaw Pagoda, Maha Lawka Marazein, 729 stone plaques on the three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures, Mahamuni Buddha Image, biographies of hermit U Khanti, Venerable Monk Janakabhivamsa, President Dr Maung Maung,

literati Shwe Oo Daung, Luhtu U Hla, Luhtu Daw Ah Mar, dramatic art performer Alinka Kyaw Swa Shwe Man Tin Maung, and composer Alinka Kyaw Swa Myo Ma Nyein. The book is reinforced with 10 artistic paintings including cover art of U Sein Myint (gold embroidery) and Tampawady U Win Maung and inner page illustrations by Principal U Khin Maung San of Mandalay State School of Fine Arts and Artists.

The poem book well deserves a place in the bookcase of anyone who loves Myanmar traditions and Myanmar poetry.—MNA



Myanmar Golf Team seen before departure for Thailand.—NLM

Myanmar Golf Team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 12 Aug—Myanmar Golf Team led by Vice-President U Min Thein and U Aung Kyi of MGF left here for Thailand this morning to take part in 49th Putra Cup Golf Tournament to be held at Santiburi Golf Court in Chiang Rai, Thailand from 17 to 21

August.

They were seen off at the airport by officials of MGF and parents and relatives. Men's team comprising Coach U Chan Han, athletes Nay Bala Win Myint, Aung Win, Soe Moe Win and Yan Myo Aye will compete in Putra Golf Tournament. Women's

Team comprising Coach U Ko Ko Lay, athletes Khin Thu Thu, Yin May Myo, May Li and Mau Oo Khine will compete in 1st Santi Cup. Youth team comprising Coach U Myo Tun, athletes Ye Lwin Oo, Swan Thiha Aung, Win Htet Kyaw and Ye Htet Aung will compete in 3rd Lion Cup.—NLM



As if seeing son shouldering a pot of gold

Yokel

After watching the special afternoon news programme of MRTV-4 on 11 August, Yokel called on Bagyi Hmon with a big smile. Bagyi Hmon watching an MRTV programme looked back over his shoulder with a broad smile, saying, “You look as if you have just picked up a package of gold by chance.”

Yokel said, “Yes, I do, but it’d be exactly what it is if you said, “You look as if you see your son shouldering a pot of gold” which is an expression of Suvannasama Drama.” We were in fear wondering what the court’s sentence to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi would be like on 11 August. There were so many news stories saying protests would be staged if Daw Suu Kyi faced a prison term. I could breathe a sigh of relief only when I learnt the court sentence. Now, everything is okay as in the finale of Suvannasama Drama: Suvannasama survived the poisoned arrow shot and his parents regained their eyesight.” Saying so, Yokel hurled himself onto the chair.

Bagyi Hmon said, “I felt the same as you did. Since the case was stated in news programmes, the people have been wondering what sentence the court would pronounce. At that time, the term of restrictions on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was nearly over, and the 2010 election that will lead to different policy in Myanmar is drawing near. A US citizen illegally entered the compound of Daw Suu Kyi’s house. That brought about misfortune to her and somewhat harmed our country’s democratic programmes. Even ordinary people of us felt unhappy, so surely, State leaders had to be very sorry for the case. They are under the duty to handle the case fairly and correctly in accordance with the law as the saying “No man is above the law”. Another point to be taken into consideration is that she is the daughter of our country’s founding father General Aung San who sacrificed his life for independence. However, according to the nature and development of the case, she received the man who had violated the law, and she failed to inform those concerned his illegal visit. So, we can guess at what degree State leaders are sorry for the case.

The entire people are indeed a family in which they related to each other. If a clash between two family members is handled with loving-kindness based on family spirit, the family problem can be settled easily, as our forefathers said, do not let family problem spread outside the house. If internal problems spread outside the nation due to grudge, the colonialists are happy with it. And those who will suffer the evil consequences are no one, but the people of us.

Yokel said, “However, some foreign countries were spreading news that the government created the case in collusion with Mr Yettaw because it did not want to lift the restrictions on Daw Suu Kyi, and they put pressure on the government to release her, that is beyond the jurisdiction of a country. To make matters worse, as the saying “Wildcats are happy while the forest fire is raging”, terrorists under various names who rely on remnant insurgents in border areas planned to provoke mass protests. And local anti-government groups were echoing their voices.”

“In fact, it is natural that both sides did not understand much, and harboured grudge against, instead of showing loving-kindness for each other. The conflict was growing and taking long unnecessarily. The entire people are indeed a family in which they related to each other. If a clash between two family members is handled with loving-kindness based on family spirit, the family problem can be settled easily, as our forefathers said, do not let family problem spread outside the house. If internal problems spread outside the nation due to grudge, the colonialists are happy with it. And those who will suffer the evil consequences are no one, but the people of us,” said Bagyi Hmon with all seriousness.

Yokel remarked, “That is why the Head of State issued a directive that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, be-

ing the daughter of Bogoyoke Aung San who sacrificed his life for the independence of Myanmar, viewing that peace, tranquility and stability will prevail, that no malice be held against each other, that there be no obstruction in the path to democracy, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council desires within the ambits of his rights and powers to exercise leniency upon her, and whatsoever sentence be pronounced, it is amended under Criminal Procedure Code Section 401, Sub-Section (5) that half of the sentence to be served is remitted and remainder of the sentence is to be suspended. During the period of suspended sentence, in paragraph 4, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shall reside in her residence on University Avenue in accordance with the annexed stipulations. It is informed that should Daw Aung San Suu Kyi abide in accordance with the stipulations in good conduct during the suspended period and not exceeding such period, the suspended sentence shall be pardoned. Personally, I think the directive is designed to ensure convenience of both sides without harming the law, as a token of his consideration.”

Bagyi Hmon said, “The directive not only respects the State’s jurisdiction but also relieves the concerns of international community and regional countries that favour the interest of Myanmar. In addition, our country could avert harms to community peace and State stability and disruptions to the democratic process that can take place due to possible instability.”

Yokel expressed his view, “The people of us thank the visionary Head of State for the directive he issued with good-will and loving-kindness, because due to the directive we can continue to lead a peaceful life and do our businesses, and the democratic process will go on smoothly. We want to see political forces and national brethren all working together to build a new nation, showing loving-kindness for each other with forgive and forget stance.

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander attends Commander's Shield Boxing Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, on 7 August, opened Commander's Shield Boxing Tournament held at Paunglaung playground in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. The Commander gave a

speech and enjoyed special match of the tournament.

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command enjoys commander's shield boxing tournament.—MNA



Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The second round matches of 3rd Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament were held at designated places here this evening, enjoyed by departmental officials, staff and their families and enthusiasts.

At Nay Pyi Taw sport

ground, Ministry of Construction won over Ministry of Education 2-0 in the group BB.

At Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Paunglong) sport ground, Ministry of Information defeated Attorney-General's Office 2-0 in the group BB.

In the group CC, Ministry of Industry-1 will compete with Ministry of Electric Power No.2 at Nay Pyi Taw sport ground and Ministry of Forestry with Ministry of Home Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Paunglong) sport ground on 13 August.—MNA



Ministry of Information plays against Attorney-General's Office at 3rd Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament.—MNA

Myanmar specialists successfully...

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Dr Moe Thu Lin, Renal Specialist Dr Kyaw Soe Kyaw and specialists decided to perform an emergency operation on the patient, who might lose his life at any times as soon as he had a aortic rupture.

On 30 July, a team comprising seven specialists and four nurses led by Dr Win Win Kyaw successfully performed a surgical operation on the patient.

Dr Win Win Kyaw and doctors gave a medical test

to the patient at 9 am today, and he is on the mend. So, he was discharged from the hospital.

Specialists are providing health care to patients at Nay Pyi Taw Hospital (1000-bed).

MNA



Patient U Than Kyaw completely on the mend after undergoing surgical operation.—MNA

N-E Command Commander inspects People's Hospital, MPT, BEHSs in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut together with senior military officers of the Command and departmental officials met with national race leaders of Laukkai region and departmental officials at the guest house of Laukkai Station on 9 August. They held discussions on regional development tasks, and the commander gave necessary instructions and attended to

the needs. The commander accompanied by national races leaders went to the People's Hospital in Laukkai and presented provisions and cash to national races who are receiving treatment at the hospital.

Next, the commander accompanied by national races leaders and departmental officials visited the exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs in Laukkai. The

commander inspected telephones and communication control devices and functions of the exchange and fulfilled the requirements.

At No. (1) Basic Education High School in Laukkai, the commander cordially greeted teachers and students and presented food and text books to them. Then the commander and party proceeded to BEHS No. (2) and the commander viewed learning of school children and provided them with food and school text books.—MNA



Patient U Than Kyaw under the knife at Nay Pyi Taw Hospital (1000-bed)—MNA



Specialist Dr Win Win Kyaw, doctors and nurses seen after successfully performing surgical operation.—MNA



Myawady, a prosperous township of Kayin State

Article: Win Shwe (Myanma Alin); Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

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Township in the south and Hlaingbwe Township in the north. With a trade zone, Myawady serves as the entrance to the border.

The township has an area of 774,948 acres with a population of more

acres of summer paddy, 72.59 baskets. This year, it sets up a target to put 13,500 acres under monsoon paddy. It contributes 95 per cent of corn and 80 per cent of green gram of sown acreages of the state.

Local authorities,

prove the transport of the state. Last year, urban roads stretching 17,616 feet in total were upgraded.

The length of rural tarred roads has increased to 4850 miles. Five urban wards have built 21,520 feet of self-reliant tarred



Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge.

than 60,000. It is constituted with five wards, 15 village-tracts and 50 villages.

Myawady Township grows long staple cotton and nine crops. It meets the targeted per acre yields of corn and groundnut. Last year, per acre yield of 13,227 acres of monsoon paddy was 61.59 baskets, and 457

farmers and agricultural supervisory committees at district and township levels are working in collaboration to increase monsoon per acre yield by 5 baskets this year.

Mudon-Myawady, Thaton-Myaingalay-Barkat, Zathabyin-Eindu-Hpa-an, and Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady roads were built to im-

roads. It plans to build nine bridges in urban areas and eight bridges in rural areas.

Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge was inaugurated on 16 August 1997.

The 17.35-kilometer section of Asian Highway between Myawady and Thingan Nyinaung is linked with Myawady-



The signboard of the entrance to Myawady.

Kawkareik-Hpa-an Road. As a result of regional stability and peace, the gov-

ernment is building roads and bridges extensively to expedite border trade.

mary schools, 23 primary schools, three primary schools (branches), and



downtown of Myawady.



A section of Asian Highway between Thingan Nyinaung and Myawady.

Myawady has seen a 50-bed hospital, a 16-bed station hospital, three rural health centres, 14 sub-rural health centres, and a maternal and child health centre.

It will soon build a new two-storey 60-bed building in the hospital compound with 20 million kyats donated by U Win Kyaw and 15 million kyats by District Peace and Development Council.

Now, Myawady has two basic education high schools, two basic education middle schools, two middle schools (branches), nine post-pri-

one affiliated primary school. This academic year, 2881 youths go to high schools in Myawady.

TV retransmitting stations, knowledge bank libraries and self-reliant rural libraries help expand the horizons of local people.

Myawady has developed a lot in various sectors due to the government working hard to enable border areas to keep abreast of other regions.

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Chinese quake-affected children finish rehabilitation in Russia

BEIJING, 12 Aug—The “Ocean” All-Russia Children’s Care Center on Tuesday hold an evening party for bidding farewell to 550 Chinese quake-affected children who finish their rehabilitation in Russia and plan back to China.

As a prelude, the children followed their Russian instructors dancing with Chinese and Russian songs.

The party began with an award-giving ceremony for the winners in various sports competitions during the past three weeks. With applause and cheer,

twenty dancers performed a Russian dance for all the winners.

During the party, forty Chinese children stepped on the stage hands in hands and invited all their Russian instructors dancing with them. The student delegates from Russia, China, the democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Viet Nam and Japan delivered speeches and released peace pigeons for blessing their friends.

When Chinese children and their Russian instructors danced with two golden dragon across

the whole audience, the party was up to the highest tide.

The evening party lasted three hours. Under the bright fireworks, Chinese children embraced their instructors and burst into tears in the end.

The Chinese quake-affected children arrived in Russia and started the rehabilitation on July 24. During three-week program, the “Ocean” arranged variety of courses, tours and games for them. The children had a happy holiday in Russia.

Xinhua



A double rainbow is seen over the uptown Charlotte, N.C. skyline after a fast-moving shower passed over the city about on 11 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

96 cases, mostly U.S. soldiers diagnosed with A/H1N1 flu in Iraq

BAGHAHDAD, 12 Aug—The Iraqi Ministry of Health announced Wednesday it registered 96 cases of A/H1N1 virus, including 67 cases among

the U.S. soldiers in the country.

“So far, the total number of A/H1N1 flu cases registered in the country climbed to 96, with only one case of death that registered for a teenage girl in the city of Najaf several days ago,” Mohammed Jubier, deputy head of the public health department in the Iraqi Ministry of Health, told Xinhua.

Jubier confirmed that most of the cases in the country were detected among the U.S. soldiers with 67 cases, while 29 cases are Iraqis, including 11 in Baghdad alone.

He said that all the patients are receiving medical treatment and in stable condition.

On 9 Aug, spokesman of the Health Ministry put

the total number of A/H1N1 flu cases registered in the country at 67, including 39 among American soldiers.

Earlier this week, the ministry confirmed the first A/H1N1 flu death of 21-year-old woman in the city of Najaf, some 160 km south of Baghdad.

A/H1N1 influenza is a highly contagious acute respiratory disease with symptoms generally including upper respiratory problems, but the air-borne illness can cause severe pneumonia and even death.

In light of its rapid spread worldwide, the World Health Organization in June raised the A/H1N1 alert to its highest level, formally declaring it had developed into a global pandemic.

Xinhua



If you want a charging dock for your iPod(R) that also makes it fun and easy to share your music with your friends and family, today Logitech unveiled two new iPod speaker docks - the Logitech(R) Rechargeable Speaker S315i and the Logitech(R) Portable Speaker S125i.—INTERNET

Lhasa to build 1st tourist information and service centre

LHASA, 12 Aug—Lhasa, capital of southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region, will build its first-ever tourist information office and service center by the end of 2011, a city official said Wednesday.

The 15.7-million-yuan (2.29 million U.S. dollars) project will be located at the railway station square in downtown Lhasa.

Travelers would be able to arrange accommodations, transport and guide services from 10 to 20 travel agencies in the center, said Wang Ping, chief of Lhasa’s tourism administration.

Travelers would be able to book agency services and bus tickets to tourist destinations by telephone or on the

center’s Web site, Wang said. The center would also offer itineraries and routes for independent travelers.

Tourists could also seek help in emergencies or submit complaints, Wang said.

Large screens would give detailed and updated travel information with pictures of tourist destinations in Tibet, Wang said.

Tourist information is currently available on the tourism bureau’s Web site of the tourism bureau and on a large outdoor screen at Potala Palace square, Wang said.

The administration would seek funding for the center from the central government, which is spending 350 million yuan on tourism development projects across China.

Xinhua

Singapore reports 10th A/H1N1 related death

SINGAPORE, 12 Aug—Singapore’s Ministry of Health reported on Wednesday the country’s 10th flu A/H1N1 related death case. According to a statement of the ministry, the case is a 43 year-old Chinese female who passed away Wednesday morning.

The patient was sent to local hospital’s emergency department on Tuesday by ambulance after she was found unconscious at home. She had a history of fever, cough and flu-like symptoms for more than a week. She was admitted to intensive care unit. The patient was tested positive for flu A/H1N1.

She had been diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis in 2004 and had since completed treatment. The cause of her death has been certified as bronchopneumonia contributed by flu A/H1N1 infection. Singapore reported its first confirmed case of flu A/H1N1 on May 27. The country’s first A/H1N1 related death case was reported on July 18.—INTERNET

Ecuadorean president pledges to further coop. with China

QUITO, 12 Aug—Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa said here on Tuesday that his country is willing to strengthen cooperation with China and to further promote bilateral friendship.

Correa made the remarks when meeting with Sun Zhengcai, China’s Minister of Agriculture and the Chinese Government’s special envoy to attend his inaugural ceremony on Monday. Correa spoke highly of the development of bilateral relations in recent years and reiterated that Ecuador will continue its firm adherence to the One-China policy.

Sun also met on Tuesday Ecuador’s Foreign Minister Fander Falconi and

Agricultural Minister Ramon Espinel. Correa was first elected President of Ecuador in November 2006 and was re-elected in April this year.—MNA/Xinhua

German barkeeper Levent Yilmaz juggles with bottles and shakers as he mixes a cocktail during the 35th World Cocktail Championships. Yilmaz, sustained a potentially career-threatening shoulder injury in the preliminary rounds, but recovered after a series of injections in his arm.

INTERNET



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Surinamese workers of the state-owned Switie brand banana company prepare bananas for export at Jarikaba plantation in Wanika on 11 Aug, 2009.

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Japanese wholesale prices post record fall

Tokyo, 12 Aug—Japan's wholesale prices fell at the fastest pace on record last month, data showed Wednesday, fanning concern that deflation could overshadow a recovery in the world's second largest economy.

The prices of goods traded between companies dropped by 8.5 percent in July from a year earlier, the central bank said. It was the seventh straight month of year-on-year declines, and followed a revised drop of 6.7 percent in June.

The drop, the sharpest since comparable data became available in 1960, was mainly caused by declines in energy costs, which had surged a year earlier as crude oil prices hit record highs.

The slump also reflected weak domestic demand, with 48.2 percent of the items in the wholesale price index showing year-on-year falls in July, up from 44.4 percent the previous month, a central bank official said. Hopes are growing that the economy is crawling out of its recession as a slump in exports and factory output eases, but there is concern that rising unemployment and deflation may hinder a recovery.

Internet

Wreckage of Kokoda plane found in PNG

CANBERRA, 12 Aug—A rescue helicopter found Wednesday morning the wreckage of a charter plane that went missing Tuesday on route to the Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea with 13 people on board.

Australia has sent two helicopters and a plane to help find the missing 13 passengers, among whom nine are Australians.

Papua New Guinea Civil Aviation Authority head Joseph Kintau told ABC Radio that he had just left a briefing at which he learnt the news.

Kintau said the search started at 06:50 am local time, and they had found the wreckage.

But he didn't yet know if there were survivors.

"There is no actual contact but a (radio) signal was received from that particular location" of the wreckage, Kintau said.

Xinhua

Three killed in Iran helicopter crash

TEHERAN, 12 Aug—Three people were killed and three others were injured in a Bell 205 police helicopter crash in southern Iran, local satellite Press TV reported on Tuesday.

The helicopter was

returning from an operation when it crashed in a mountainous region near the city of Kerman on Monday afternoon, the report said.

A technical problem is supposed to be the cause of crash, according to an

official in the Governor General office of Kerman Province.

Iran has seen several plane accidents in the past one month.

Earlier this month, a Boeing 707 passenger plane belonging to Iran's army airlines Saha made an emergency landing at Ahvaz airport due to technical failure, but nothing happened to the 176 passengers on board.

On 24 July, a Russian-made Ilyushin Il-62 plane, which was traveling from Teheran to the northeastern city of Mashhad with 153 passengers on board, caught fire and skidded into walls near the runway during its landing in Mashhad.—Xinhua

Volt electric car may earn 230 mpg rating

DETROIT, 12 Aug—The Chevrolet Volt electric car may earn a fuel-efficiency rating of 230 miles per gallon for city driving, US automaker General Motors Co said on Tuesday.

GM has been working with the Environmental Protection Agency for several years on how to rate the mileage of the Volt, which runs on electricity, but includes a gas-powered engine that generates extra electricity for trips longer than 40 miles, CNNMoney.com reported.

Essentially, the Volt will drive the first 40 miles on an electric charge alone. After that, the gas-powered motor kicks in.

Longer trips would change the equation. A 300-mile trip would reduce fuel efficiency to 62.5 miles per gallon.

Nevertheless, GM Chief Executive Officer Fritz Henderson called the Volt a potential "game-changer for us."

GM is currently producing 10 Volts a month, but plans to have the car reach showrooms in late 2010.

Internet



Commuters on a country road ride past a wind farm developed by state-owned China Energy Conservation Investment Corp in Zhangbei, north of Beijing, Hebei province. While a couple of years ago only a few dozen of the 80-metre (262-foot) propeller-like turbines stood on the wind farm's vast open expanse of grass, today there are 200 and counting.—INTERNET

Venezuela considers suspending Colombian gas import

CARACAS, 12 Aug—The Venezuelan government is considering halting the import of Colombian gas on account of the recent political impasse between the two neighbouring countries, local media quoted a Venezuelan minister as saying on Tuesday.

Venezuelan Energy and Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said "we can have a balance in gas production and we can stop buying gas from Colombia without any problem," according to local daily "El Nacional."

The two countries launched an oil pipeline in October, 2007, to transport 250 million cubic feet of gas daily from Colombia to Venezuela.

According to a contract, the transfer would last until 2011, when Venezuela begins gas supplies to Colombia.

Ramirez, who is also president of state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela, said, "That is a contract between both countries. It will depend on how the ties are developed. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced the freezing of the country's diplomatic ties with Colombia on 28 July, after Colombia intended to allow US military presence in Colombian bases, and accused Venezuela of aiding Colombian rebels.—Xinhua



Aspirin lowers colon cancer death risk

BEIJING, 12 Aug — Colon cancer patients who take aspirin can lower their risk of dying from the disease, a new study suggests in media reports on Tuesday.

It has long been known that people who take aspirin regularly are less likely to develop colon cancer. But the study has found that even after a diagnosis of colorectal cancer, patients who took aspirin had nearly 30 percent more chance of

surviving than non-users.

Dr Andrew Chan, a gastroenterologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston, and colleagues studied aspirin use in 1,279 men and women with colorectal cancer that had not spread to other parts of the body.

In a separate analysis of subgroups of patients, the researchers found that among the 549

participants who used aspirin regularly after their diagnosis, 81, about 15 percent, died from colon cancer. In contrast, among the 730 people who didn't use aspirin, 141 died of the disease — the death rate was about 19 percent.

Taking into account other cancer risk factors, such as family history, aspirin has an overall benefit of 29 percent reduction in risk of death, according to the study.

Xinhua



A farm worker clears weeds. Weeds cost world farming 95 billion dollars (67 billion euros) a year, a major obstacle in addressing global hunger, the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Double defect prevents movement disorder

MANHASSET, 12 Aug — US scientists have found a second brain lesion prevents dystonia in people who already have a lesion due to a genetic mutation for the movement disorder.

Researchers at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, Weill Cornell Medical College and the Beth Israel Medical Center used a type of magnetic resonance imaging to study the integrity of nerve pathways in the brains of 20 people with dystonia — a disorder characterized by sustained involuntary muscle contractions.

Although all 20 patients had inherited a genetic mutation for the disorder, only 12 showed symptoms of the disease.

Along a pathway linking the brain's cerebellum to its motor cortex, the researchers found two sites that jointly determine whether a person with the mutation will show symptoms of the disorder. Those with a single lesion in that pathway developed the involuntary and debilitating movements characteristic of dystonia. Those with a second lesion did not.

Internet

Beet root juice increases stamina

EXETER, 12 Aug — British researchers found drinking beetroot juice made it possible to exercise up to 14 percent longer.

Their study, published in the Journal of Applied Physiology, suggested the nitrate in the juice may turn into nitric oxide in the body and reduce the oxygen cost of exercise.

Researchers at the University of Exeter and Peninsula Medical School in England gave eight men — ages 19-38 — about 16 ounces of organic beetroot juice for six consecutive days before they completed a series of exercise bike

tests. After drinking the juice, the men were able to cycle an average of 92 seconds longer than when given a placebo of black-currant cordial under the same circumstances. Drinking beetroot juice was also associated with lower resting blood pressure.

"We were amazed by the effects of beetroot juice on oxygen uptake because these effects cannot be achieved by any other known means, including training," corresponding author Andy Jones of Exeter said in a statement.

Internet

Cheerful women have less cardiovascular disease

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Less cardiovascular disease and fewer deaths are reported among women who are optimistic, a new study suggests.

In the study, researchers at the University of Pittsburgh measured optimism by a questionnaire on whether a woman agreed with such statements as "In unclear times, I usually expect the best."

The questions measuring cynicism asked about agreement with such statements as "It is safer to trust no one" and "I have often had to take orders from people who did not know as much as I did." The study found that women who take a darker view of life are more likely to develop heart trouble than those with a cheerful and trusting outlook.

The study, published in the August issue of Circulation, tracked more than 97,000 postmenopausal American women for more than eight years.

Women within the highest 25 percent of optimism scores had a 9 percent lower chance of developing heart disease and a 14 percent lower chance of dying of any cause, said the study.—Xinhua



A woman wears a surgical mask to protect herself from H1N1 virus as she works out at a gymnasium in Bangalore, India, on 12 Aug, 2009. The countrywide death toll due to swine flu related virus has gone up to 14, according to local reports.—INTERNET

Vietnam's A/H1N1 flu cases rise to over 1,200

HANOI, 12 Aug — Vietnam confirmed 33 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of flu patients in the country to 1,211, said a report of the website of Vietnam's Ministry of Health on Wednesday.

Among the newly-reported cases, one patient was a seller of a supermarket in the central Gia Lai province of Vietnam. This is the first supermarket in the country reported A/H1N1 flu case, according to local newspaper Liberty Saigon on Wednesday.

The flu continues speeding wide in schools in Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam, said the ministry.—Xinhua

Positive expectations may speed recovery

EDMONTON, 12 Aug — Canadian and Swedish researchers say whiplash recovery was not related to injury severity and patients with positive expectations had shortened recovery times.

Linda Carroll and Dejan Ozegovic of the University of Alberta in Edmonton

looked at a cohort of more than 6,000 Canadian adults with traffic-related whiplash injuries. Carroll found those with positive outlook toward their recovery recovered three times faster than those with less positive expectations.

Dejan Ozegovic looked at predictions around returning to work and found those with positive return-to-work assumptions felt they had "recovered" 42 percent faster than those who had more negative expectations.

Lena Holm, a researcher from Sweden who had worked at the University of Alberta, found study participants in Sweden who had low expectations of complete recovery were four times more likely to still feel symptoms six months after an injury.—Internet

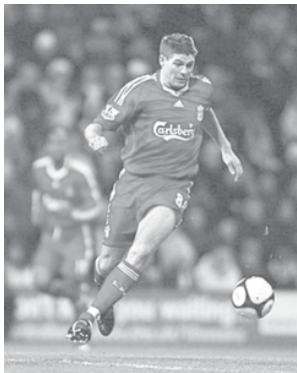
Brazil to produce A/H1N1 flu vaccine in October

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Aug — Brazil will start producing A/H1N1 flu vaccine in October, the head of Brazil's Butantan Institute said on Tuesday.

The country will initially produce 30 million doses of the flu vaccine. The virus samples to be used in the vaccine's production, which were sent by the World Health Organization (WHO), arrived in Sao Paulo on Tuesday, said Isaias Raw, president of the institute. Raw said the Butantan Institute was not capable of producing enough vaccine to immunize the entire Brazilian population. He estimated the vaccination campaign would start in January 2010 and health professionals and children would be the first to be vaccinated.

"Our goal here is public health, not profit. Prevention is cheaper than treatment," said Raw.—Xinhua

SPORTS

Gerrard out of Dutch game,
Young deputises

**Liverpool captain
Steven Gerrard**

AMSTERDAM, 12 Aug—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard has pulled out of the England squad for Wednesday's friendly against the Netherlands in Amsterdam because of a groin strain with Aston Villa's Ashley Young called on to deputise.

Midfield dynamo Gerrard trained on

Monday but felt a slight soreness in the leg and it was decided to pull him out of the squad as a precaution.

The remainder of Fabio Capello's squad made the trip to the Netherlands and headed off the Amsterdam Arena for a training session.

Goalkeeper Ben Foster has already been replaced by Joe Hart after hurting his knee in Manchester United's Community Shield defeat to Chelsea on Sunday.

Young, who has won five caps, failed to shine brightly for England last November against Germany but then featured in a thrashing of Andorra.—*Internet*

Murray eases back in Montreal

MONTREAL, 12 Aug—Andy Murray's summer hardcourt season began at the Montreal Masters on Tuesday with a satisfying 6-4, 6-2 win over Frenchman Jeremy Chardy, as the Scot took his first step towards a possible move to the world number two ranking.

Third-ranked Murray had a few niggle to iron out but was not at all dissatisfied with his showing in just over 90 minutes against the number 36 winner of last month's Stuttgart clay title.

"I shanked a few returns," admitted Murray, who trained for more than a week to prepare for the start of his post-Wimbledon season in North America.

"I'm hoping that will get better with a few matches. Overall, I'm pleased with the state of my game right now."

—*Internet*



Andy Murray of Great Britain serves to Jeremy Chardy of France during the Rogers Cup at Uniprix Stadium in Montreal, Canada. Murray won 6-4, 6-2.—INTERNET

Messi injured to skip Argentina's friendly
against Russia

BUENOS AIRES, 12 Aug—Lionel Messi displeased his national coach Diego Maradona as the star striker pulled a leg muscle and has to miss Argentina's friendly against Russia, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Barcelona forward sustained the injury in training, just ahead of the Argentine national side's friendly in Moscow on Wednesday.

"We're not going to risk Messi for a single minute," angry Maradona told reporters. "I'm a wizard... I knew this match shouldn't have been organised."

Maradona said last week he was worried injuries could deprive him of key players for Argentina's World Cup qualifier at home to Brazil on 5 Sept.

Inter Milan's Diego Milito was the likely replacement in the team for Messi, who flew to Moscow from Barcelona's pre-season tour of England and North America accompanied by the Spanish club's physio.—*Xinhua*

Mexico seek vital football
victory over US at Azteca

MEXICO CITY, 12 Aug—Mexico will seek to continue its dominance over the United States at Azteca Stadium on Wednesday as the CONCACAF regional



Mexico's Guillermo Franco (right) celebrates with Nery Castillo a goal against Trinidad and Tobago during their FIFA WC South Africa-2010 qualifier match at the Azteca stadium in Mexico City, in June.—INTERNET

rivals clash in a 2010 World Cup qualifier.

Mexico go into the match lying in fourth place in the six-nation final group, from which three teams advance directly to the World Cup finals in South Africa. The fourth-placed team must play off against a team from South America for a berth.

Costa Rica leads North American regional qualifying with 12 points to 10 for the US squad. Honduras is third with Mexico in fourth.

Mexico received a massive morale boost heading into the match with a 5-0 victory over the United States in the Gold Cup final on 26 July.

—*Internet*

Federer advances at ATP
Montreal Masters

MONTREAL, 12 Aug—World number one Roger Federer fought off a surprise showing from Canadian outsider Frederic Niemeyer to advance 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 at the ATP Montreal Masters.

In his first match since winning his record 15th Grand Slam title last month at Wimbledon, Federer on Tuesday outlasted the 487th-ranked Niemeyer, who is retiring at the end of the season.

"I'm very happy with my game. I reacted well in my first match back," said Federer. "I played the big points well. I'm very pleased."

Niemeyer, 33, saved three match points on his own serve, benefitting



Roger Federer of Switzerland serves to Frederic Niemeyer of Canada during the Rogers Cup at Uniprix Stadium, on 11 August, in Montreal, Canada. Federer won 7-6 (7/3), 6-4.—INTERNET

from a service winner and a pair of Swiss errors to hold for 4-5 and give his home Quebec crowd a thrill.—*Internet*

Hull sign US teenager Altidore
on loan

HULL, 12 Aug—Jozy Altidore, the teenage striker who played a major part in the United States' successful Confederations Cup campaign, is joining Hull on a one-year loan deal from Villarreal.

The deal was clinched Tuesday after Hull succeeded in gaining a work permit for the 19-year-old who produced the opener in the USA's shock 2-0 Confed Cup semi-final win over Spain in South Africa in June.

In the final itself in Johannesburg the USA led Brazil by two goals to nil at half-time only to go on



Jozy Altidore

to lose 3-2. Altidore joined Villarreal a year ago after making his mark in Major League Soccer with New York Red Bulls.

His deal includes an option for Hull to make the move permanent next summer.—*Internet*

Venus rolls, Safina struggles
at WTA Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, 12 Aug—US third seed Venus Williams overwhelmed Belarus qualifier Olga Govortsova 6-2, 6-2 to breeze into the third round of a two million-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament.

Russian top seed Dinara Safina rallied to reach to the third round with a 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Italy's Roberta Vinci.

Safina's next opponent will be either China's Peng Shuai, who ousted Slovakian Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 6-1, or Spaniard Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, who defeated Russian Vera Dushevina 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Russian sixth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova also struggled into the third round, outlasting Czech Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-7 (2/7), 7-6 (7/4).

Second seed Serena Williams is on the opposite side of the draw from Safina and Venus, setting up the possibility of a finals showdown with either barely two weeks before the start of the US Open.—*Internet*



Venus Williams returns a shot to Olga Govortsova of Belarus during Day 2 of the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open, on 11 August, at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Williams won 6-2, 6-2.—INTERNET

France's Domenech issues Faroe Islands' warning

PARIS, 12 Aug—France coach Raymond Domenech has warned that nothing short of victory will suffice against old foes the Faroe Islands, now managed by former Republic of Ireland boss Brian Kerr, in Wednesday's 2010 World Cup qualifier.

A glance at the Group 7 standings explains the

French boss's unease ahead of the game in Torshavn with his men lagging eight points behind leaders Serbia, albeit with two games in hand.

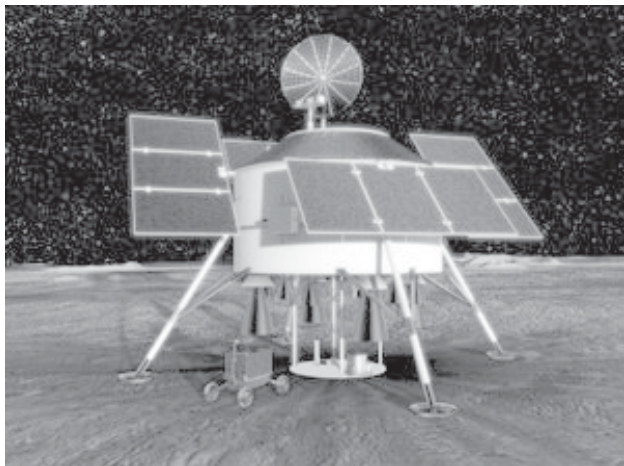
The winners of each group qualify automatically for South Africa with the best runners-up being forced into a play-off, an



France coach Raymond Domenech

eventuality Domenech wants to avoid at all costs.

—*Internet*



In this computer generated image provided by EADS Astrium on Wednesday, 12 Aug, 2009, a lunar landing vehicle and mobile robot device proposal are seen. Germany's aerospace coordinator says the country should invest in an unmanned mission to the moon in the next decade. The official, Peter Hintze, told broadcaster ZDF in an interview Wednesday, 12 Aug, 2009 that he wants to see 1.5 billion euro (US\$2.1 billion) allocated to the program over the next five years.—INTERNET

China's agricultural product prices up 0.5% from last week

BEIJING, 12 Aug—Prices of agricultural products in 36 Chinese large and medium-sized cities rose 0.5 percent this week from Aug. 3, according to figures released by the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) Wednesday.

Thirty-one out of 57 kinds of farm produce saw week-on-week price increases while the prices of 18 types saw a drop, said a report on the MOC website.

Vegetable prices climbed 4.5 percent week on week due to a decrease in supplies caused by rainstorms, while egg prices rose 0.7 percent from a week earlier.

The wholesale prices of pork, beef and mutton edged up 1.9 percent, 0.5 percent and 0.1 percent, the MOC said.

Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (13-8-2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

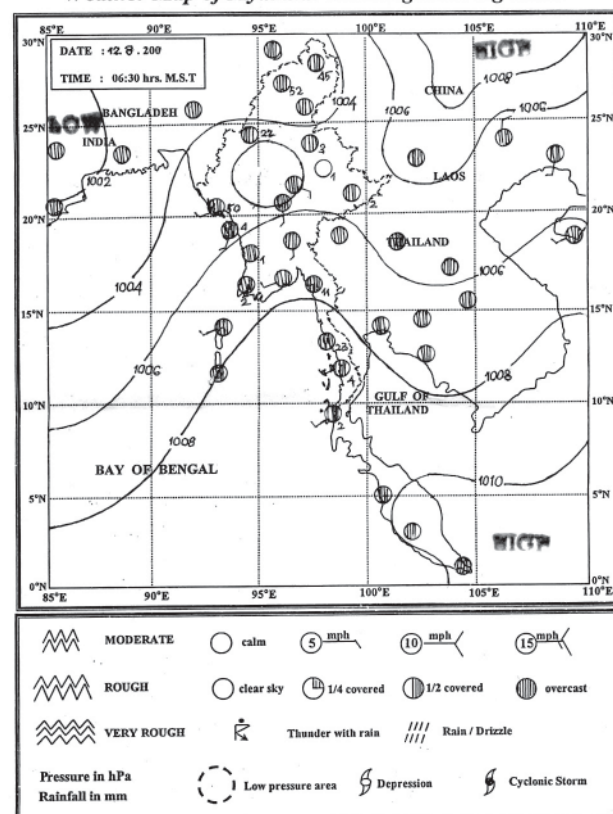
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Computer Human
- * "Cordyceps Sinensis" Shea-pa-de
- * Travelogue "(Nay Pyi Taw-1)" A Visit to the Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)
- * Myanma Traditional Handiwork of Casting
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Computer-Human
- * "Cordyceps Simensis" Shea-pa-de
- * Mobile Education Activities for Wildlife Conservation
- * Culture Stage
- * Travelogue "(Nay Pyi Taw-1)" A Visit to the Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Myin Mu-Bagan)
- * National Dance
- * Traditional Chin Cuisine
- * Myanma Traditional Handiwork of Casting
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 12th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, rain have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Kayin State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taungkok (5.15) inches, Theinzayat (3.07) inches, Belin (2.48) inches, Shwegyin (2.44) inches, Hkamti (2.25) inches, Putao (2.00) inches, Sittway (1.97) inches and Meikhtali (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-8-2009 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 12-8-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-8-2009 was 84%. Total Sun shine hours on 11-8-2009 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfall on 12-8-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (78.62) inches at Mingaladon, (89.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 12-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak to moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-8-2009: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 13 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. ကျန်းမာဖို့အတွက်စားစို့

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အင်္ဂုဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

5. စစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး

မည့်သည့်သာသနာ (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:15 am

6. Dance Variety

8:30 am

7. International News

8:40 am

8. Islands of Dhamma

8:40 am

9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဂူဏေသန (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓဇ)

မဟာဓမ္မိကာရုံပရိယတ္တိ စာသင်တိုက်၊ ကျိုက်ပိကျောင်း၊ ရန်ကင်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ထံမှနဝရံပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Cute Little Dancers

4:30 pm

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:45 pm

5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက(၁)လသာ) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

5:05 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:20 pm

7. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm

8. "တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်"

5:35 pm

9. Musical Programme

5:45 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "ယတြာချေနည်း"(အပိုင်း-၁) (သူရလင်း၊ ဝင်းနိုင်၊ ချောရတနာ၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:35 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေးကားမှုကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:20 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ"(အပိုင်း-၄၈)

20. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည် (မြတ်ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့) (အပိုင်း-၆)

21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်



- ★ 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

Myawady, a prosperous township of Kayin State

Article: Win Shwe (Myanma Alin); Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

I, on a tour of Kayin State, refreshed myself with a wonderful view of lush and green paddy fields and thriving rubber farms like a very long green carpet along Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady Road en route for Myawady, 101 miles and four furlongs from Hpa-an. Some time after the automobile with crew members of us from the Myanma Alin Daily on board left Bote at the foot of Dawna Mountain along the uphill road, I happened to glance over my shoulder to see the road section we had left and saw a breathtaking view of a stream of traffic flowing up along the zigzag road. The higher we got, the hardly we could see things, and

the whole summit was shrouded in mist.

After leaving middle Bote, the road was all downhill towards Myawady Township. Asian Highway was found large and fine between Thingan Nyinaung and Myawady.

Myawady Township is located in the easternmost part of Kayin State, sharing border with Thailand. It is 389 miles from Nay Pyi Taw, 265 miles from Yangon, and 101 miles and four furlongs from Hpa-an. It is surrounded by Thailand in the east, Kawkareik Township in the west, Kya-in Seikkyi (See page 10)



Basic Education High School in Myawady, Kayin State.

One more found infected with A (H1N1), Number of victims infected with the virus reaches 19

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug —The Township Health Department on 11 August transferred a 23-year-old woman who had returned from Malaysia to Waibagi Specialist Hospital. The National Health Laboratory detected her and she was found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) virus. She had arrived back Myanmar by flight No. 8M-502 on 10 August.

Five family members of the patient are being kept under home quarantine.

Authorities concerned are keeping a watchful eye on 115 passengers who had arrived on the same flight with the patient and 129 airport staff in their respective places.

The number of patient infected with A (H1N1) has so far reached 19 and 13 out of whom have been discharged from the hospital since they have fully recovered from their illness. The remaining six patients are being given medical treatment by specialists.

Up to now, the National Health Laboratory detected 154 flu-suspected persons and 19 were found affected with the virus. —MNA

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug —A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (Myanmar-India Border Region) about 530 miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 04hrs 13min 48sec MST on 12th August 2009.—MNA