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# Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attends work coord meeting 4/2009 of Supervisory Committee for Greening 30-mile Radius of Yangon

YANGON, 13 Aug—The work coordination meeting (4/2009) of Supervisory Committee for Greening 30-mile Radius of Yangon was held at the meeting hall in Dagon Myothit (South) Township yesterday with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

In his address, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged those present to strive for greening the whole Yangon Division including 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport, with the use of irrigation water from already-built dams, reservoirs, sluice gates and water pumping stations.

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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

# Developing Thanbyuzayat with peace and stability

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

After collecting data for a byline about developments of Mudon Township, we, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily, proceeded to Thanbyuzayat Township recently.

With the thriving rubber plantations on the mountain ranges along both sides of Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei-Myeik Road, Thanbyuzayat road is flanked by rubber plantations.

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***Paddy plants thrive in Thanbyuzayat Township for local rice sufficiency.***

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## Loving-kindness attracts loving-kindness

**Every country has their laws, and each citizen has to respect the judgments pronounced in accordance with the existing law. The law treats all the people equally, and no man is privileged in law, and that is very important.**

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MAHN THA SEIN (PAPUN)

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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| Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) | 1.77 inches |
| Kanbalu | 3.49 inches |
| Theinzayat | 3.11 inches |
| Lashio | 2.92 inches |
| Myitkyina | 1.10 inches |
| Minbu | 0.31 inch |

# PERSPECTIVES

**Friday, 14 August, 2009**

## Extensive use of farm equipment in agriculture

**Now, being the cultivation season, farmers throughout the nation are extensively engaged in agriculture. Work is well under way to put over 17 million acres under monsoon paddy nation-wide in the 2009-2010 cultivation season. In that regard, cultivation of monsoon paddy in Yangon and Bago Divisions has been completed meeting the set acreage and ceremonies to complete ploughing were held in the divisions.**

**Yangon and Bago Divisions are enjoying the higher per acre yield of paddy, for they are able to cultivate monsoon paddy in time yearly. Meanwhile, efforts are to be made to exceed the target of cultivating monsoon paddy through continued cultivation of paddy in the areas where water receded later.**

**For boosting the per acre yield, the use of high yield quality paddy strains is absolutely imperative along with modern agricultural methods. Moreover, systematic use of fertilizer, extensive use of farm equipment and cultivation of paddy in the most suitable time are indispensable.**

**Myanmar Farm Equipment Factories were established in Ingon, Kaukse Township, Mandalay Division, in Ywathagyi, 9th Mile and Kyaikkalo, Yangon Division for farmers to be able to extensively use farm equipment. Those factories are in the process of producing and distributing Leya-16 power tillers, Leya-22 power tillers, one-wheel power tillers, power tillers used on slope, long-handle power tillers, threshers and other farm equipment.**

**The extensive use of farm equipment can save time, money and energy and minimize loss and wastage. With early completion of cultivation of monsoon crops, farmers will be able to engage in double cropping in time.**

**At a time when the government is taking all the possible measures for development of the agricultural sector, the onus is on farmers to actively engage in agriculture making better use of farm equipment, quality paddy, fertilizer and agricultural methods. Only then, will the agricultural output surely increase.**

## 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**

## Energy Minister inspects Hline river-crossing natural gas pipelines

YANGON, 13 Aug— Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected the site of laying Hline river-crossing natural gas pipelines in Ahlon gas power plant undertaken by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise on 10 August.

At the briefing hall, the director (Engineering) of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise reported to the minister on progress of digging underneath the bed of Hline river with HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling). The minister called for systematic technical supervision of the work phase by phase and completion of the work on schedule.

Next, the minister oversaw laying of natural gas pipelines with HDD from Ahlone bank to Hline bon bank. The river-crossing natural gas pipeline was dug at the depth of 42 feet underneath the bed of Hline river with 3,100 feet in length. The work is a part of the project in which natural gas from Yadanar offshore is piped to Yangon with 24" pipeline. Upon completion of the whole project, growing demand of natural gas would be satisfied to some extent.

On 11 August, the minister met with villagers of Ingalon village in Kungyangon Township. The minister provided the villagers with rice and oil and fulfilled the requirements of the village.—*MNA*

## Regional development tasks in Yesagyo Township supervised

***Minister Col Zaw Min delivers a speech in meeting with locals in Sitha Village, Yesagyo Township.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, on 9 August, met with locals from 24 villages of 8 village-tracts—Sitha, Pakhangyi, Sinchaung, Yattha, Zigon, Koyint, Mokkalan, and Minkan—in Yesagyo Township at Sitha village Basic Education Middle School and attended to the requirements of the region.—*MNA*

## Tentatively selected players make trial performance

YANGON, 13 Aug— Executives of Myanmar Hockey Federation held the coordination meeting to be able to successfully host U-18 Boys Asia Cup hockey tournament and build stands at the meeting hall of Theinbuy Tennis Court yesterday.

It was attended by Patron of MHF Brig-Gen Kyaw Naing Oo, President of MHF Col Htin Zaw Win and executives.

After the meeting, they watched the trial performance of two teams that are going to participate in U-18 Boys Asia Cup. After the trail performance, the patron and, the president encouraged the selected players to boost the sporting spirit and explained arrangements for their education.

*NLM*

***Patron of MHF Brig-Gen Kyaw Naing Oo meets selected players.***

**NLM**

## Myanma Gonyi Magazine No 32 in circulation

YANGON, 13 Aug— Myanma Gonyi magazine No 32 has come out today. The magazine features poems by Min Yu Wai, Tekkatho Myat Thu, Thura Zaw, Naung, Theitpan Soe Myint Naing, Pho Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi) and Myat Lwan Naung, articles by Maung Thway Thant, Maung Pinnyakyaw, Soe Htet Kyaw, Maung Kyaw Hoe (MA ), Tekkatho Tin Kha, Ketunilar, Saw Mon Nyin, Min Kyawt Shein, Dr Hla Maung, Khin Kha (Sethmu), Prof Dr Kan Nyunt, Ni Nyein (Anyar Tekkatho) and Aung Soe (Veterinarian), classical short story by San Nila Win, international affairs by Laywady Kyaw, youth sector by Nyunt Han (Kyutaw) and Hsinphyukyun Myint Thein, short stories by Khin Le Le Chit, Bagan Mway Kyi, Htar Myat Mar, Kyi Kyi Sein, Gita Sarso Maung Myo Thu and Aung Yan Naing (B.Sc), classical short stories by Prof U Aye Maung and U Aye Ko, English articles by Maung Maung San, U Khin Maung Mya (BA.BL) and Tekkatho Hla Kywe, humorous readers by Maung Media and Ko Shwe Tawthar and cartoons by Ngwe Kyi, Tin Aung Ni, Myay Zar, Thit Tun and Maung Maung San Lwin.

*MNA*

# Double suicide bombing kills more than 20 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug—A double suicide bombing devastated a cafe packed with young people in northwestern Iraq on Thursday, killing at least 21 people, officials said, in the latest attack against a minority community.

The blast occurred shortly after 5 p.m. in Sinjar, a city dominated by members of the Kurdish-speaking Yazidi religious group that is concentrated near the Syrian border.

It came two years after a village near Sinjar was hit by one of the worst insurgent attacks since the 2003 U.S. invasion. Four suicide truck bombers exploded nearly simultaneously in Qahataniya on Aug. 14, 2007, killing as many as 500 Yazidis.

The Ayoub cafe that was struck Thursday is located in a leafy area near a spring and is a popular sunset destination.

City officials imposed a curfew and said some of the most seriously wounded were evacuated to hospitals in the nearby semiautonomous Kurdish region.

*Internet*

***Residents gather around the wreckage of a car after a bomb blast in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, 12 Aug, 2009. Three policemen were killed and three wounded when defusing a car bomb north in Kirkuk police said.—*INTERNET**

***Map of Papua New Guinea showing the mountainous area where the wreckage of a plane carrying 13 people was found. Recovery workers on Thursday retrieved the first three bodies after a plane carrying foreign tourists crashed into a Papua New Guinea mountain, killing all 13 on board.—*INTERNET**

# Three dead in attack on head of northern Mexico prison

CIUDAD JUAREZ (Mexico),13 Aug — Gunmen attacked a vehicle carrying a prison director in the northern Mexico state of Chihuahua, killing three bodyguards and wounding two more seriously, authorities said on Wednesday. Prison director Gerardo Hernandez was unharmed in the attack late on Tuesday, but has been replaced in the post for his own safety, Chihuahua state Public Safety Secretary Victor Valencia said. He started the job in June. Valencia said the two surviving guards are in serious condition at local hospitals. The attack occurred in the state capital, also known as Chihuahua.

In the border city of Nuevo Laredo, city police found a bullet-ridden sport utility vehicle belonging to the federal Communications and Transportation Department crashed into a post on a street. There was blood on the seats, and four department employees identified as cargo inspectors were reported missing.

Nuevo Laredo is a major shipping route to the United States, and drug traffickers frequently use it to smuggle drugs. More than 11,000 people have died in drug-related violence since President Felipe Calderon took office in late 2006 and began a major offensive against drug cartels.—*Internet*

# Bombs kill 14 civilians in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Aug — Officials say separate roadside blasts in southern Afghanistan have killed 14 civilians, including three children. Daud Ahmadi, a spokesman for the Helmand provincial government, says 11 civilians were killed on Wednesday after their van hit a bomb in the Gereshk district of the province. Ahmadi blamed the Taleban for planting the bomb.

Mohammad Shah Khan, a police official, says three children died after a bomb they found exploded while they were playing with it on a road west of Kandahar's capital. Taleban regularly plant roadside bombs to attack Afghan and foreign troops but most victims of such attacks have been civilians.—*Internet*

# Scotland to decide soon on Lockerbie bomber

LONDON, 13 Aug — The Scottish government is poised to decide whether to allow the former Libyan agent convicted of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing to be released from prison and return home, a spokesman said on Wednesday.

An American lawyer who worked on the defence team of Abdel Basset al Megrahi said the Libyan, who is 57 and has terminal prostate cancer, was to be released imminently on compassionate grounds.

A Libyan official in Tripoli said an agreement was "in the last steps" but added that a deal had also been struck that neither side would make any official announcement about Megrahi's release until he was on home soil. Al Megrahi was convicted under Scottish law and sentenced to life in prison for blowing up a Pan Am airliner over the Scottish town of Lockerbie as it flew from London to New York on 18 December, 1988. The bomb killed all 259 people on board, including 189 Americans, and 11 people on the ground.—*Internet*

# Kirkuk blasts kill four, wound eight policemen

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug — Two explosions stroke northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Wednesday night, killing four and wounding eight policemen, police source said. Serhed Abdul Qadir, Brigadier General of Kirkuk police, told *Xinhua* that the first blast occurred near a police station in the district of Rehim Awa, northern Kirkuk. Local police was informed of a suspected car bomb and surrounded the subject, but the bomb was detonated immediately when an expert approached it, trying to defuse. The blast killed three policemen and wounded another three. While another roadside bomb targeting a police patrol in al-Quds street of center Kirkuk killed one and wounded five policemen. A vehicle was also damaged. Sporadic attacks have continued in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities and towns after US combat forces' pullout despite low level of violence compared with the previous years.— *Xinhua*

# Missile strike kills several militants

ISLAMABAD, 13 Aug — A missile strike from a suspected US drone killed several militants in Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal region, officials said.Taleban spokesman Azam Tariq was quoted as saying two missiles struck a house used as a Jihadi center in Kani Kurram, near the border with Afghanistan, CNN reported. Tariq said eight Taleban and six local people died in the attacks on Tuesday. However, local officials told CNN 10 Taleban militants died and three were wounded. A Pakistani intelligence official said the attacks targeted a house belonging to Pakistani Taleban chief Baitullah Mehsud, who was believed to have been killed in a missile attack last week, the report said. The Taleban, however, say Mehsud is alive. The CNN report said the United States routinely offers no comment on such suspected drone strikes launched from Afghanistan.—*Internet*

***The band of Indian Air Force (IAF) practise during a full-dress rehearsal for the country's Independence Day celebrations at the historic Red Fort in Delhi on 13 Aug, 2009. India's Independence Day celebrations will take place on 15 August.* INTERNET**

# Singapore's SingTel 2Q profit rises 7.7 percent

SINGAPORE,13 Aug — Singapore Telecommunications Ltd, the largest telephone company in Southeast Asia, said its profit rose 7.7 percent in the April-June period as a growing subscriber base aided income.

The company, also known as SingTel, said in a statement on Thursday that net income for its fiscal first quarter rose to 945 million Singapore dollars ($654 million), up from SG$878 million a year earlier.

"The current operating environment remains a challenge," Chief Executive Chua Sock Koong said. SingTel said income gained 1.9 percent to SG$3.85 billion as its global subscriber base jumped by a third to 262 million.

A stronger Singapore dollar undermined profits from overseas units, the company said.

SingTel's stakes in operators in Australia, Thailand, Indonesia, India, the Philippines, Pakistan and Bangladesh account for more than half of the company's profits.

"If we look at the economic numbers that have been announced across the region, we're probably quite comfortable that the worst is over," Chua said.

"But we see that the growth across sectors in the economy is actually still uneven."

*Internet*

***Two Singapore Telecommunications (SingTel) earth satellite disks sit next to a highway in Singapore in May. SingTel said on Thursday its regional mobile partners drove up quarterly profits by 7.7 percent despite a tough business climate.***
**INTERNET**

# Air fares drop as downturn continues

SINGAPORE, 13 Aug — Premium travelers are enjoying sweet deals now as air fare in business class travel plummet 22 percent, local newspaper the *Straits Times* reported on Thursday.

From the April to June quarter, prices for business-class air tickets out of Singapore fell by 22 percent compared to three months before, said American Express (Amex), which regularly tracks air fares across the Asia-Pacific. Compared to the same period last year, prices were also down by 19 percent. However, prices for economy fares remained stable, with a mere 2 percent fall quarter-on-quarter.

Overall, the Asia-Pacific fares have only risen by 1 percent in the second quarter over the previous quarter. India and Japan were among some of the markets that saw a rebound in air-travel demand. Apart from Singapore, travelers in China, New Zealand and Vietnam also benefited from the lower fares. -

*Xinhua*

# Hyundai Motors's January-July sales in China soar

SEOUL, 13 Aug—South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co said on Thursday it saw a 66 percent year-on-year sales jump in China during the first seven-month period of 2009 thanks to stimulus packages by the Chinese government.

Hyundai's total sales of vehicles stood at 300,816 units in the January-July period, sharply up from last year's sales of 294,506 units, the company said. The automaker said its gain sprang up mainly due to China's tax cuts on small vehicles, cars with an engine size of 1.6 liters or less.

"Hyundai will continue to witness its sales increase steadily down the road," local analysts said.

The South Korean leading carmaker recently revised up its target sales in China for a second time this year on the back of stimulus measures by the Chinese government to spur demand. — *Xinhua*

***People wait for the train services to resume at Tokyo station, after a strong earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale struck central Japan on 11 August .***
**INTERNET**

# Short Web address site tr.im to stay in business

SANFRANCISCO , 13 Aug — Web address shortening service tr.im is back in business — just days after announcing it would trim itself out of operation.

Eric Woodward, co-founder of The Nambu Network, said his company's tr.im service has reopened in the wake of "countless public and private appeals."

"Nambu will keep tr.im operating going forward, indefinitely, while we continue to consider our options in regards to tr.im's future," he wrote in a blog post on Tuesday.

Woodward had announced in a Sunday blog post that tr.im would be shutting down after about a year in operation.

Because of its growing popularity, the service needed "significant development investment and server expansion to accommodate," he wrote then.

No one would take over the site from Nambu Network, even for a "token amount of money," he added.

Though the site was shut down, Woodward said existing tr.im links would work through the end of the year. At that point, Nambu was to decide whether to extend that deadline. Tr.im is currently back up and running. Services like tr.im convert super-long Web addresses into a handful of characters.

*Internet*

# Beijing's largest supermarket chain raising cash for stores

BEIJING, 13 Aug — Wumart Stores Inc, Beijing's largest supermarket chain, would cumulatively raise about 1.65 billion Hong Kong dollars (around 200 million US dollars) from strategic investors to open new stores and make acquisitions, reported on Thursday's *China Daily*.

According to the company's stock exchange filing, TPG Asia V LP will buy 930 million Hong Kong dollars of Wumart's Hong Kong-listed stock and a unit of Chinese private equity firm Hony Capital LP will buy 170 million Hong Kong dollars of shares.

These strategic investors' shares would account for 10.9 percent of the company's total shareholding equity.

Hony is part of Legend Holdings Ltd, parent of PC maker Lenovo Group Ltd TPG Asia V LP had invested in Legend Holdings Ltd in 2005.

The price of the deal was set at 10.5 Hong Kong dollars per share.

The Wumart stock rose 4.4 percent to 11.96 Hong Kong dollars on Wednesday.

Wumart's shares in Hong Kong have more than doubled this year, compared with a 42 percent gain of the benchmark Hang Seng Index.

*Xinhua*

# Delta suspends Salt Lake to Tokyo flights because of A/H1N1 flu

HOUSTON, 13 Aug — Delta Air Lines Inc, the world's largest carrier, said on Wednesday it will suspend its nonstop service to Tokyo from Salt Lake City because of the weak economy, a drop-off in air travel and fears about the A/H1N1 flu virus.

Delta spokesman Anthony Black said that flights will be suspended between 1 Oct and 14 May, when they are set to resume.

While the recession played a big part in Delta's decision to suspend the Tokyo route launched in June, analysts say the A/H1N1 scare also played a role.

Last month, Delta announced a loss of 257 million dollars for the second quarter.

Delta said the global recession, exacerbated by the impact of the A/H1N1 flu virus, has caused the company's revenue to decline more than 3 billion dollars for the first six months of the year, translating to more than 40,000 dollars in lost revenue per employee.—*Xinhua*

*A hot-air balloon rises in Guyang County of Baotou City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 12 Aug, 2009. About a hundred hot-air balloons from 8 countries and regions are supposed to rise during the first China-Baotou-The Great Wall in the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC) Hot-air Balloon Festival which opened here on Wednesday.—*XINHUA

# Venezuela detains tanker trucks with gasoline heading to Colombia

CARACAS, 13 Aug— The Venezuelan authorities have detained eight tanker trucks loaded with gasoline heading to Colombia at the border, Venezuelan businessmen said on Wednesday.

Walter Chacon, president of the corporation "General Fuel Transport Cipriano Castro" which is in charge of transporting fuel to Santander, Colombia, said that the tanker trucks had been stopped at the border since Monday. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on 9 Aug announced that his country would stop selling fuel to Colombia.

But Chacon said the 280,000 liters of fuel in the detained tanker trucks was a part of an agreement between Venezuela and Colombia.Venezuela supplies 19 million liters of fuel per month to Colombia, according to the agreement between the two countries signed last August, which expires on 20 Aug this year.

*Xinhua*

# Strong quake jolts S Philippines

COTABATO, 13 Aug—A magnitude-5.6 quake struck at the ocean near southern Philippines early on Thursday, the United States Geological Survey reported. The quake, measuring at a depth of 95 kilometres, was recorded at 4:00 am with the epicentre 81 miles east of General Santos City.

No casualties or damage were reported. There was no tsunami alert. The Philippines sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where continental plates collide causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

The worst earthquake in the country happened on 16 Aug, 1976 after a tsunami caused by a quake killed between 5,000 and 8,000 people in the Moro Gulf region in southern Philippines.—*Xinhua*

# Man arrested over record jewel heist

LONDON,13 Aug — A 50-year-old man has been arrested over the record-breaking raid on an exclusive London jewellery store.Metropolitan Police arrested the man outside a home in east London. He was later released on bail. Detectives revealed details of yesterday's arrest overnight, 24 hours after making a public appeal for information on the £40 million ($79.39 million) robbery at Graff Diamonds in Mayfair.

A spokesman said detectives were following up several leads based on CCTV pictures of the two armed robbers they released in an effort to catch the pair behind the heist. The men, dressed in smart suits and ties, made off with 43 items including valuable diamond earrings, necklaces and watches during the daring daylight raid last Friday.—*Internet*

# Hand grenade found in Auckland airport mail center

WELLINGTON, 13 Aug — A package which contained a hand grenade was found at Auckland International Airport's mail center on Thursday, causing an evacuation, New Zealand media reported.

The bomb squad was called on Thursday morning and the package had since been removed to be examined, the New Zealand Press Association reported.

The grenade was handed over to the armed forces explosives ordnance disposal team.It is not clear whether a warning was received before the package was found. The mail center is some way away from the main airport and flights were not affected.

*Xinhua*

**All items from Xinhua News Agency**

***Some ethnic people from Taipei dance with the Yao ethnic people of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at a party held in Gongcheng, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 12 Aug, 2009. —***XINHUA

# Bank of England says Britain's economic recovery to be slow

LONDON, 13 Aug—The Bank of England Governor Mervyn King said on Wednesday that the recession in Britain appeared to be deeper than it previously thought and the country's economic recovery would be slow.

Speaking at a press conference on issuing the bank's quarterly inflation report, King said that the unprecedented monetary stimulus is taking effect but stressed that the depth of the downturn meant that recovery would be protracted despite recent encouraging reports on the housing market and consumer confidence.

He added that unemployment is likely to rise for the foreseeable future and that there is a significant risk that inflation will undershoot its 2 percent target for some time. The British central bank governor stressed that while the bank expects economic growth to resume over the next few quarters, "we will find ourselves in a difficult position for years to come." The British economy shrank by 0.8 percent in the second quarter following a steep drop of 2.4 percent in the first quarter, the fifth straight quarter of decline. Many analysts including those of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have predicted that the British economy will shrink by more than 4 percent this year and increase at a speed under 0.5 percent next year.

*Xinhua*

# Australian man arrested for worldwide computer virus attacks

CANBERRA, 13 Aug— An Australian man was charged on Thursday with infecting 3,000 computers worldwide with viruses designed to capture banking details. The 20-year-old man was arrested after a three-month investigation by electronic crime sections of South Australian Police and the Australian Federal Police.

"It will be alleged that the arrested man unlawfully compromised over 3,000 computers throughout Australia and worldwide by infecting those computers with malicious software," South Australian Police said in a statement. The software was designed to "capture banking credentials and credit card information from compromised machines", the statement noted.

"Additionally, it is suspected that this offender had developed capabilities to launch distributed denial of service attacks with up to 74,000 worldwide." The man has been charged with offenses including unauthorized modification of computer data, supply and possession of a computer virus with intent to commit a serious computer offense, unlawful operation of a computer system and theft.

*Xinhua*

# Mexico, Colombia seek to promote cultural cooperation

MEXICO CITY, 13 Aug — Mexico and Colombia signed an agreement on Wednesday to promote cultural exchanges, Mexico's National Arts and Culture Council said in a statement. This agreement formed part of Mexican President Felipe Calderon's visit to Colombia. The memorandum of understanding includes measures to promote cultural exchange in both countries. Mexico and Colombia agreed to work together in cultural management and financing, artistic training and community art. They will also share information on organization and planning.

*Xinhua*

# Grandmother left behind on plane

AMSTERDAM, 13 Aug — An 87-year-old wheelchair-bound grandmother was left behind on a KLM plane for about an hour, Dutch media reports say. Sylvette Landrein was forgotten by cabin crew after her plane landed from Nantes, France, at Amsterdam airport, her family told *De Telegraaf* newspaper.

KLM called the incident "regrettable" and has been in touch with the family. The airline also lost the suitcase belonging to Mrs Landrein, who does not speak Dutch, reports said.

"It's absolutely outrageous", the woman's daughter-in-law, Sonja Rein Country, told de *Telegraaf*."My aged mother-in-law was alone in the plane for more than an hour... I enquired at the KLM desk, but was told to be patient," she added.

A spokeswoman said the aircraft was only at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport for 40 minutes. The family said it had been reunited with the elderly woman two hours and 15 minutes after the plane landed, Radio Netherlands reported.

*Internet*

***Controlled by on the ground by operators with a joy stick, unmanned robots and aerial vehicles are used by the militaries worldwide to conduct surveillance and drop bombs.***
**INTERNET**

# Global population to hit 7 billion in 2011

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — Global population will grow from about 6.7 billion at present to some 7 billion in 2011, according to a report released on Wednesday by a US nonprofit research group.

Meanwhile, a staggering 97 percent of the world's population growth over the next 40 years will happen in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Washington DC-based Population Reference Bureau said in its 2009 World Population Data Sheet.

In the developed world, it said, the United States and Canada will account for most of the population growth during that period — half from immigration and half from a natural population increase.

High fertility rates and a young population base in the developing world will fuel most of the growth, especially in Africa, where women often give birth to six or seven children over a lifetime, it said.

*Xinhua*

# Three in critical condition after being struck by lightning in Canada

OTTAWA,13 Aug — Three people, including two children, were in critical condition on Wednesday after being struck by lightning at a park in central Canada, police said.

A woman and two boys, at five and four years old respectively, were struck by lightning at a park in the city of Brampton in Ontario Province, a Peel Regional Police spokesman said.

One of them have been airlifted to Toronto for treatment while the other two remain at Brampton Civic Hospital. There were no thunderstorm watches or warnings issued for Brampton on Wednesday, but doppler radar does show some isolated thunderstorm activity in the region, according to Environment Canada.

*Xinhua*

# Innocent man to go free after 26 years

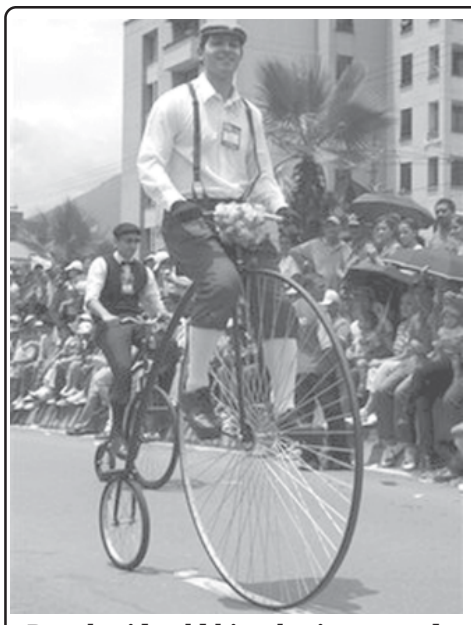
LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug — A California man is set to be released after serving 26 years of a life sentence for a murder conviction that has been overturned, a private investigator said.

Bruce Lisker, whose conviction in the 1983 slaying of his mother was overturned last week in federal court, will be released on Thursday from Mule Creek State Prison near Sacramento, the investigator told *the Los Angeles Times.*

US District Judge Virginia Phillips ruled Lisker's prosecution relied on false evidence and he did not receive adequate counsel at his trial.

The ruling came four years after a *Times* investigation raised questions about the prosecution and concluded the Los Angeles Police Department investigation of the slaying of 66-year-old Dorka Lisker was sloppy and incomplete.

*Internet*



***People ride old bicycles in a parade at the Flower Festival in Medellin, on 8 Aug, 2009.***

## Woman, 80, can't stand hubby's "go Dutch" policy

An 80-year-old woman in Fujian province, has filed for divorce, saying she cannot tolerate her husband's "go Dutch" policy any longer.

Li Yimu, 80, a widow, met Jiang Yibo, a widower of the same age, six years ago and got married.

"Jiang is wealthy but he's a miser," Li said. "Every time we buy anything, he'd expect me to pay half the bill."

## Mice, anyone? Making a meal out of mice in Malawi

Cooked, salted or dried, field mice strung on sticks are sold as a popular delicacy in Malawi markets and roadside stalls.

The mice are hunted in corn fields after the harvest when they have grown plump on a diet of grains, fruits, grass and the odd insect. The most widely eaten species is known locally as Kapuku, gray in color and with a shorter tail than the more common rat.

Young boys have to be quick as they chase the mice through the fields and catch them. But local villagers have also come up with an innovative trap.

***Photo mice are sorted according their size after being captured in a maize field near Lilongwe, Malawi. Cooked, salted or dried, field mice are strung on sticks and sold as a popular delicacy in Malawi in markets or at roadside stalls.***

## Second World War seaplane wreckage found in eastern Canada

Canadian archaeologists have found the wreckage of a United States military seaplane that sank under the water of the St Lawrence River during the Second World War, local media reported on Thursday.

The US army air forces PBY 5A flying boat, also known as a Catalina, went down in the St Lawrence River near Anticosti Island 67 years ago. It was trying to take off in high waves when it foundered and sank.

It may contain the remains of five crew members who died when it sank in 1942, the report said. Four of the nine crew members were rescued.

During the Second World War, the region was home to one of the airfields built in Eastern Canada that were used to ferry aircraft and supplies to Allied forces in Europe.

Canadian officials will now work with the US government to formally identify the wreck and to explore the possibility of eventually recovering the remains of the missing crew members, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) said in a report.

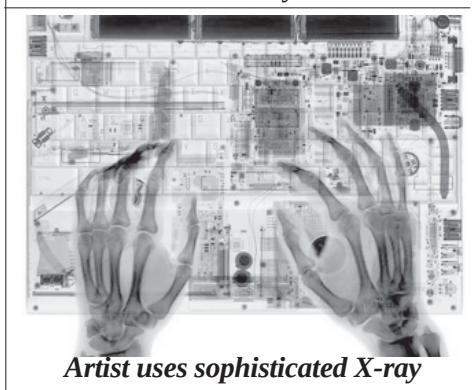
## NEWS ALBUM

### Berry pickers find thousands in woods

Swedish police said berry pickers working in a forest outside the city of Vaxjo discovered at least $14,000 that had been buried among the trees.

Police said the money, which had apparently been dug up by an animal, was discovered by the berry pickers in July and immediately turned over to authorities, Swedish news agency TT reported on Friday.

Investigators said evidence found at the scene indicates the money may have been stashed in the wooded area after a home burglary. They are asking for the public's help in identifying the owner or owners of the money.



***Artist uses sophisticated X-ray cameras to reveal the inner workings of his subjects.***

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence…

*(from page 1)*

After hearing the reports on works being carried out presented by Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Greening of 30-mile Radius of Yangon Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe fulfilled the requirements.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the growing of monsoon paddy in Dagon Myothit (East).— *MNA*

***Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivers address at work coord meeting of Supervisory Committee for Greening of 30-mile Radius of Yangon (4/2009).*—MNA**

## 253 drug-related cases exposed in July 2009

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 253 drug-related cases in July 2009.

The seizures of drug-related cases were 46.3114 kilos of opium in 45 cases, 776.5589 kilos of heroin in 79 cases, 1.4102 kilos of opium oil in 10 cases, 8.4528 kilos of low-grade opium in seven cases, 5.8069 kilos of marijuana in 14 cases, 531,442 stimulant tablets in 71 cases, 34.1823 kilos of opium speciosa in 12 cases, three Zolan tablets in one case, 0.0394 kilo of ephedrine powder in one case, 180.5 kilos of ephedrine in three cases, 4.5 Ecstasy tablets in one case, 2,200 capsules of tramadol in two cases, 191,200 diazepam tablets in one case, 0.07 litre of cough syrup, three cases of failure to register and other three cases.

Action was taken against 398 persons—336 men and 62 women—in 253 drug-related cases under the law.—*MNA*

## Hole in one

YANGON, 13 Aug—U Kyaw Thet, Senior Engineer of Public Works at Mawlamyinegyun-Pyinsalu Project together with his partners Lt-Col Maung Pyone (Retd), U Myint Oo, District Senior Engineer of Public Works, and U Kyin Tun, Junior Engineer-2 of Public Works, scored an ace at Hole No. 1 with the use of King Snake iron golf club No. 6 at Ayeyawady Golf Club in Pathein on 7 August.—*MNA*

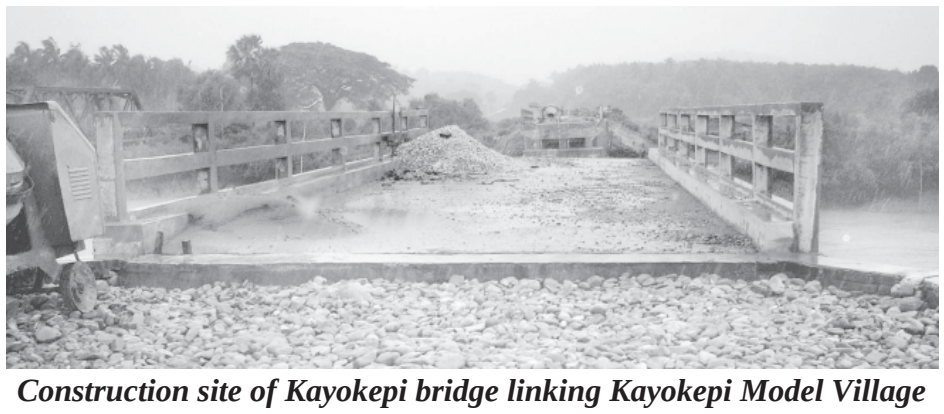
## Developing Thanbyuzayat with peace and stability…

*(from page 1)*

These tropical regions receive rainfall of over 200 inches. It was pouring with rain at the time when we arrived there.

***"Our region is dry and wet. Local people are engaged in rubber farming and gardening including paddy cultivation suitable for our own region."***
***U Maung Maung***
***Township PDC Chairman***

Thanbyuzayat was named for a white CI sheet-roofed rest house built by merchants from the nearby villages including Wakharu and Panga villages to enable travellers to stop over there. Thanbyuzayat is called Zupbu in Mon language. "Zup" means rest house and "bu" means tin.



***Construction site of Kayokepi bridge linking Kayokepi Model Village and Panga Village.***

Taungnyo mountain ranges stretching from south to north is located in the east of Thanbyuzayat Township. There is a plain in the middle of the township and the western part of the township is adjacent to the Gulf of Mottama. In an interview with U Maung Maung, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, he said, "Our region is dry and wet. Local people are engaged in rubber farming and gardening including paddy cultivation suitable for our own region. Thanbyuzayat is famous for the Kyaikami Pagoda and Setse resort beach, well-known destinations for travelers at home and abroad."

Owing to prevalence of peace and stability in the region, businesses have become successful. Land prices have risen as vacant lands are being extensively used for growing rubber and the gardening. The income of rubber growers can run into six digits as an acre of rubber fetches over K 100,000. Those who have grown more and more acres of rubber will enjoy long-term economic progress. And as a result, acreage of rubber plantations has significantly increased.

There are 59,500 acres of rubber plantation in the region. Against the target cultivation of 48,060 acres of monsoon paddy, 38,817 acres have been put under monsoon paddy, and efforts are being made to grow the remaining acreage of monsoon paddy as scheduled. Thanbyuzayat Township with a population of over 200,000 is made up of 15 wards, 26 village-tracts and 69 villages.

It is learnt that a 16-bed hospital in Kyaikami and a 25-bed hospital in Thanbyuzayat are providing health care for the local people.

The opening of primary, middle and high schools in every ward and village has led to the emergence of outstanding students.

For the convenience of local people in the communication sector, three auto-exchanges and two microwave stations have been opened. Now, the local people have been able to communicate each other with the use of CDMA phones.

***U Cartoon***
***Chairman of Kayokepi Model Village.***

We visited the worksite of Kayokepi bridge linking Panga and Kayokepi villages, which is under construction for smooth transportation in urban and rural areas.

Kayokepi bridge across Kayokepi creek is 300 feet long and 18 feet wide. It has two five feet wide walkways. The broad crest type bridge can withstand 60 tons of loads.

We interviewed Chairman U Cartoon of village PDC. He said," Construction of bridge started on 14 November 2007. The construction of 700-foot long approach road on Panga bank and 650-foot long approach road on Kayokepi bank has been completed. Efforts are being made to open the bridge in 2010 as it will aid to regional development."

Upon completion, the bridge will contribute to smooth transport and swift flow of commodities and it will become very convenient for local people from Panga and Welkawah villages in Thanbyuzayat and villages such as Kayokepi, Anin, and Thabyaechaung on the side of Kayokepi model village.

With the prevalence of peace and regional stability, every part of the nation including border areas has developed alongside smooth transport and easy flow of commodities.

**Translation: YM**
*Myanma Alin*
*11-8-2009*

# Loving-kindness attracts loving-kindness

*Mahn Tha Sein (Papun)*

The court pronounced the final judgment on the case against Mr John William Yettaw and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, which received media coverage at home and abroad. In the run-up to the final judgment, the media incited protests, generated public outrage and masterminded the schemes, claiming that anti-government groups would do something harmful to the nation if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was put behind bars. So, I was in fear that there might be riots again in the nation. But, the entire people now can breathe a sigh of relief and the situation is acceptable to all sides as the Head of State issued a directive on the court pronouncing sentence to show his consideration and benevolent attitude to them.

In particular, all wondered what judgment the court would pronounce to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The statements and arguments of the witnesses at the court were stated daily in the newspapers, so all could view the nature and developments of the trial. The majority of the people accepted that **if someone is found guilty, the court has to take action against him in accordance with the existing law, without any discrimination against or in favour of a particular person, because no man is above the law**.

In short, the final judgment was pronounced to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and others on 11 August. The court delivered sentences in the presence of lawyers of the accused, district law officers (public prosecuters), ambassadors whose offices are based in Yangon and Thailand, military attaches, representative of UNDP, and local and foreign journalists. Yangon North District Court delivered three years rigourous imprisonment to the accused Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in connection with the 1975 Law Safeguarding the State Against the Danger of Subversive Elements, Section 22.

Shortly thereafter, MRTV and MRTV-4 aired breaking news, which relieved all the emotional feelings of the entire people. It was a good news which brought about a result acceptable to all. One day before the court's final judgment to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council issued a directive to amend under Criminal Procedure Code that half of the sentence to be served was remitted and the remainder of the sentence was to be suspended, and all suspended sentences shall be pardoned if she abides in accordance with the annexed stipulations in good conduct during the suspended period. The State Peace and Development Council Office gave the directive to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The news was aired promptly by the MRTV and radio, and that reflected the efficiency of brilliant performance of State media.

The directive said that the court constituted the case for breach of provision against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the State Peace and Development Council Office was aggrieved at the said action; that however, for the sake of the rule of law, judicial proceedings justly made in accordance with existing law shall be respected and abided by all citizens. It is an inspiring statement. Every country has their laws, and each citizen has to respect the judgments pronounced in accordance with the existing law. The law treats all the people equally, and no man is privileged in law, and that is very important.

However, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is the daughter of General Aung San, who sacrificed his life for the independence of Myanmar, viewing that peace, tranquility and stability will prevail, no malice should be held against each other, and there should be no obstruction in the path to democracy, the Head of State showed his consideration in the framework of his authority for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

So, whatsoever sentence was pronounced, it was amended that the half of the sentence to be served was remitted and the remainder of the sentence was to be suspended. During the period of suspended sentence, she shall reside in her residence with her two companions. Moreover, all suspended sentence shall be pardoned if she abides in accordance with the annexed stipulations in good conduct during the suspended period and not exceeding such period.

Hearing the good news, the people were all pleased, relishing the thought and hope of continuing the transition to democracy smoothly without sacrificing community peace and stability due to the directive the visionary Head of State issued with benevolent attitude and loving-kindness.

**Issuing the directive, the Head of State not only respected the law but also expressed consideration towards Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to his highest degree for her comfort and convenience. In the international arena, the ruling government not only exercised the jurisdiction skillfully, but also relieved the concerns of the foreign countries and regional countries that favour the interest of Myanmar. The directive can be deemed to be an important decision that helps avert needless consequence of instability, and an opportunity given for carrying on the democratization without infringing stability and peace.**

Actually, the directive indicated that the government commuted the sentence at the highest level. In other words, the directive is designed to ensure win-win situation. Moreover, it gave anti-government groups good opportunities to accept the situations and keep on carrying out political activities.

The directive also says that should Daw Aung San Suu Kyi abide in accordance with the annexed stipulations in good conduct during the suspended period and not exceeding such period, all suspended sentences shall be pardoned. As far as I am concerned, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi can enjoy amnesty if she abides by the annexed stipulations. Then, she can hope good opportunities for her future.

The people accepted wholeheartedly the court pronouncing sentence to her and the government's consideration. But, certain countries and foreign radio stations, as usual, are still claiming unreasonably that they object the sentence, they are deeply concerned over her, and she should be released immediately. Needless to say, the government's decision is just, fair, and considerate, which is known to the people and the international community. Nevertheless, some countries and anti-government media cannot accept the judgment and are commenting on the situations blindly. They have no choice but to continue their scheme, turning a blind eye to objective conditions of the nation because they are already locked in the situations. They have committed themselves in their words, so they are in no position to eat their words.

The government permitted Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to reside in her residence, but foreign media use the expression "house arrest" to mislead the global family into misunderstanding the government. Such an expression should not be used. The decision is intended for her convenience. She can live in the compound of her house freely; she can read allowed newspapers, journals and publications; she can watch MWD and MRTV; she can get health care from the permitted doctor and nurses; she can make written request for her needs; she can receive her guests with restrictions; and she can do other necessary things through permission. That depicts that the government complies with her wishes at the unprecedented level, and it is, indeed, a positive change.

**Anyhow, different people have different views on a matter. The people understand and believe that the government showed its benevolent attitude and consideration as possible as it could to generate a situation that is acceptable to all sides. We also assume that the directive created some more opportunities for a brighter future of the nation.** So, we hope that the two sides turn to forgive and forget attitude and the political forces will work together for successful completion of the democratic process.

Due to the term "change" said by President Obama, these days, that word is very popular all over the world. In my opinion, by issuing the directive, the government has paced a giant step towards change. If a person offers his hand, and the other does the same, it will not be difficult for them to shake hands. We should smile in return when someone smiles to us, and we should show loving-kindness in return when someone shows loving-kindness for us. Only then will there be a change.

**Translation: MS**

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# A & I Minister attends opening of new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug — The opening of new school building for Alesu Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch) was held at the school in the village in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Division on 9 August attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

Chairman of Hinthada Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Naing, Township Education Officer Daw Ohn Nwe and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Maung Kyi opened the new school building.

The minister and departmental officials sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque, and the minister delivered an address.

Ayeyawady Division Education Officer (Admin) U Khin Maung Yi spoke words of thanks. Members of the board of trustees of the school handed over documents related to the new school building to the township education officer.

After the ceremony, the minister presented cash to education fund of the school through members of the board of trustees and publications and cash to U Po Kyar Memorial Thuta Sweson Library in Neinvan village.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo at the opening of new building of BEMS (branch) in Alesu Village, Hinthada Township.***

**MNA**

# PBANRDA Minister meets with local people in Labutta, Pantanaw and Nyaungdon

YANGON, 13 Aug—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt met with townselders, members of social organizations, members of ward Peace and Development Councils at the hall of Ywaynadi Hall in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division on 9 August.

***Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects completion of Ywaynadi Market in Labutta.*—PBANRDA**

The minister delivered an address and attended to the needs. Next, the minister inspected Ywaynadi market and gave necessary instructions.

On 10 August, the minister inspected market buildings and sales of goods at newly-built Ywaynadi Market in Labutta and gave necessary instructions.

After hearing reports on progress of construction of the market presented by MD U Thein Aung of Thein Construction Company at the briefing hall, the minister fulfills the requirements.

Under the supervision of township Development Affairs Committee, 160 shops have been constructed by the company so far and there remained 160 shops to be built.

Next, the minister met with townselders, members of social organizations and members of ward/village PDCs at the Hall of Pantanaw Township. The minister heard reports on requirements of respective wards and villages presented by townselders and fulfilled the requirements.

At the hall of Nyaungdone Township, the minister made a speech in meeting with townselder, members of social organizations and ward PDCs and attended to the needs.—*MNA*

# Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw received Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung at the ministry here yesterday morning.

They held discussions on cooperation in communication sectors of the two countries.

*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw receives Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Chong Phung.***

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# TV Guide Volume 1, No. 6 in circulation

YANGON, 13 Aug— TV Guide Volume 1, No. 6 will come out on 14 August (Friday).

The book carries the highlight stories and the programmes for a week being broadcast through MRTV-4 Free Channel. Moreover, the readers can taste the forecasts for the matches of football clubs from the English Premier League. In addition, the highlight presentations on Milan, Munich, Hawaii and Barcelona cities to be telecast through Travel & Living TV channel. Furthermore, the book presents the programmes of other TV channels including 5 Movies, 5 Series, Cartoon Network and 5 Cartoon. TV Guide covers the programmes of Mandalay FM for a week.

Novel Light Express

(Tel: 391186, 243893) publishes the TV Guide every Friday.—*MNA*

# Myanmar Fisheries Federation to hold seminar

YANGON, 13 Aug— With the sponsorship of Parami Foundation, a seminar jointly organized by Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs' Association, will take place at 2 pm on 15 August (Saturday) in the building of Myanmar Fisheries Federation on Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogin, Insein Township, here.

Dr Myo Thant Tin of the federation will give talks on MEDIO-Credit Financing Scheme for SME and those interested may attend the talk.

*MNA*

# MAWFA donates cash to School for the Blind (Kyimyindine)

YANGON, 13 Aug — To mark the 42nd Anniversary of ASEAN Day, the ceremony to donate cash to School for Blind in Kyimyindine under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement by Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association-MAWFA was held at the school this morning.

It was attended by members of the board of patrons of the association Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, wife of the deputy minister, members of the executive committee, wives of the ambassadors of ASEAN member countries, wives of ambassadors of foreign embassies and members, officials of Social Welfare Department, wellwishers and students of the school.

First, Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of SWD extended greetings and Assistant Director Daw Yu Yu Swe gave accounts of the school.

Next, Daw Myint Myint Soe explained purpose of the donation.

Then Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing accepted K 800,000 donated by MAWFA and Women's Association of the MOFA.

Principal U Maung Maung Tar of the School accepted K 200,000 donated by the Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar, K 200,000 by Dr Khin Maung Aye and family and K 50,000 by Hman Cho Traditional Medicine House.

Afterwards, the deputy director-general spoke words of thanks. Those present enjoyed entertainment and observed learning of students of the school. —*MNA*

# Talks on Opportunity of Myanmar in Globalization on 14 Aug

YANGON, 12 Aug— The monthly talks No. 2/ August 2009 organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and sponsored by Myat Myittamon Co will be held on the first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 14 August afternoon.

Executive Director of Sysinno Co of Germany and ICT Consultant of T-Mobile Co of Germany, the UK and the Netherlands Dr Thein Win will give talks entitled The Opportunity of Myanmar in the Globalization.

The executives and members of UMFCCI and its affiliated associations and interested persons may attend the talks.

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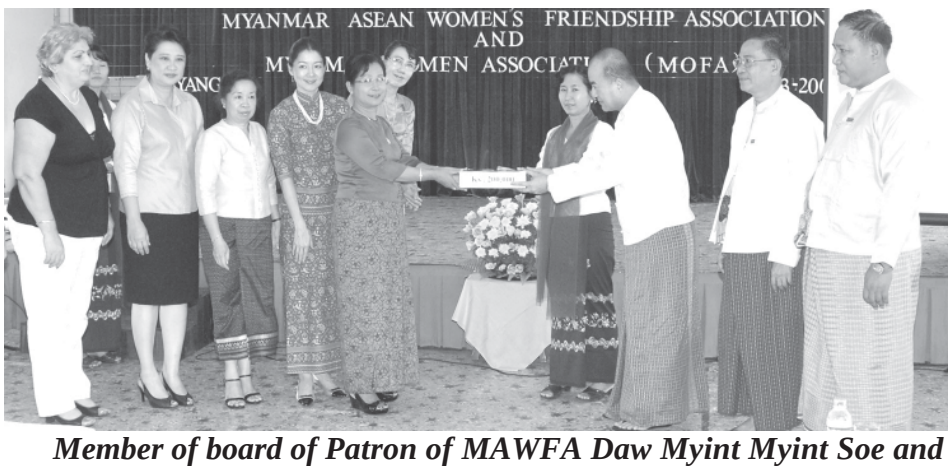


***Member of board of Patron of MAWFA Daw Myint Myint Soe and members donate School for Blind (Kyimyindine).*—MNA**

# Thazi-Kyaukka-Bodhi Tahtaung shortcut ensures smooth transport in Monywa District

**Article: *Kyawt Maung Maung (Myanma Alin);* Photos: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)***

*(from page 16)*

Of the six miles and one furlong long Thazi-Kyaukka road section, the Township Development Affairs Committee undertook a one mile and five furlongs long sub-section between Kyaukka and Yayganzu; District Public Works, a three miles and one furlong long sub-section between Yayganzu and Indaing; and the Township Development Affairs Committee, a one mile and three furlongs long sub-section between Indaing and Thazi.

***U Min Thein Soe, Junior Assistant Engineer (2) of District Public Works.***

In an interview, Junior Assistant Engineer (2) U Min Thein Soe of District Public Works undertaking the three miles and one furlong long sub-section between Yayganzu and Indaing said that the groundwork was launched on 12 June; that the 40-foot-wide earth road with a 10-foot-wide bullock cart route on either side; that the geneiss road was 14 feet wide with a three feet wide and nine inches high shoulder on either side; that the construction of the road was completed on 9 July; and that so the villages along the road such as Byangyashei, Byangyagyi, Intoe, Yaung-dawhtone and Yayganzu villages can be easily accessible at any times.

Of the six miles and four furlongs long Bodhi Tahtaung-Kyaukka Shweguni shortcut, one mile and one furlong section between Bodhi junction and the Kandima Creek was undertaken as a gravel facility by the Township Development Affairs Committee. The two miles and two furlongs section between the Kanima Creek and Nyaungbintha Village was built on 2 February and completed on 24 March. The District Public Works built it into a gravel facility. The remaining three miles and one furlong long part between Kyaukka junction and Nyaungbin Village was built on a self-reliant basis with the contributions made by local donors.

Previously, local people had to travel 14 miles between Bodhi Tahtaung and Monywa and nine miles between Monywa and Kyaukka totaling 23 miles if they had to travel between Bodhi Tahtaung and Kyaukka Village. Now, due to the prudent project, the route is reduced to an eight-mile section between Bodhi Tahtaung and Kyaukka Shweguni. Therefore, local people enjoy smooth and secure transport in a short time in the region owing to Thazi-Kyaukka-Bodhi Tahtaung shortcut.

***U Win Hlaing, Chairman of Monywa Township Peace and Development Council.***

**Translation: MS**

*Myanma Alin: 13-8-2009*

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***Kandima Creek bridge on Kyaukka-Bodhi Tahtaung shortcut.***

# At least 45 killed in major battle in Philippine south

MANILA, 13 Aug—A major battle between Philippine troops and Muslim guerillas on a remote southern island has killed at least 45 people, a senior military commander said on Thursday.

At least 22 rebels and 23 soldiers were killed in a military assault on Wednesday on a base of Abu Sayyaf rebels in the interior of the southern island of Basilan, Brigadier-General Rustico Guerrero told reporters. "We launched a decisive law enforcement operation targeting the Abu Sayyaf's main training base on Basilan, but we were met by heavy resistance," Guerrero said.

Other officials said the battle died down after eight hours, as the guerillas fled into the heavily wooded interior of the island. Rear Admiral Alexander Pama, a commander on Basilan, said an estimated 40 rebels were killed, but only 22 bodies had been recovered at the scene of the conflict.

"It was close quarter combat, the two sides almost came into hand-to-hand battle," Pama told *Reuters*, adding the proximity meant the military could not call in air strikes. "What's more important for us was we've disrupted their crude bomb factory and training base".—*MNA/Reuters*

***Afghan police inspect a car along a street in Herat, western Afghanistan on 13 Aug, 2009.*—INTERNET**

***Seal pup 'Kalli' peers out of a basket in Norddeich, Germany, on Thursday, on 6 Aug, 2009. A total of 71 abandoned young common seals (Phoca vitulina) are reared at the seal station. Five seal pups will be reintroduced to their natural habitat later on Thursday.*—INTERNET**

## Storms In The Tropics Of Saturn's Moon Titan Discovered

SCIENCEDAILY , 13 Aug—For all its similarities to Earth—clouds that pour rain (albeit liquid methane not liquid water) onto the surface producing lakes and rivers, vast dune fields in desert-like regions, plus a smoggy orange atmosphere that looks like Los Angeles's during fire season—Saturn's largest moon, Titan, is generally "a very bland place, weatherwise," says Mike Brown of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

"We can watch for years and see almost nothing happen. This is bad news for people trying to understand Titan's meteorological cycle, as not only do things happen infrequently, but we tend to miss them when they DO happen, because nobody wants to waste time on big telescopes—which you need to study where the clouds are and what is happening to them—looking at things that don't happen," explains Brown, the Richard and Barbara Rosenberg Professor of Planetary Astronomy.

*Internet*

***A goldfinch sits atop a thistle in a marsh in Auburn, Ohio on Thursday, on 13 Aug, 2009.*—INTERNET**

## UK jobless rate hits 13-year high of 7.8%

LONDON, 13 Aug—British unemployment hit its highest rate since 1996 in the three months to June, official figures showed on Wednesday, while the number of people claiming jobless benefit rose broadly as expected in July.

The Office for National Statistics said the ILO jobless rate rose to 7.8 per cent in April-June, above forecasts for a rise to 7.7 per cent and the highest since October-December 1996.

The number of people without a job on this measure rose to 2.435 million, its highest since 1995. There was little market reaction to the data as investors focused on the Bank of England's quarterly inflation and growth forecasts, due at 0930 GMT.

Despite recent signs Britain may be starting to emerge from recession, unemployment is expected to keep rising for some months to come. Many analysts reckon the jobless total will hit three million, bad timing for Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour government which faces an election next year.

"There doesn't seem to be much sign that the rate of increase (in unemployment) is slowing down," said Stephen Lewis, chief economist at Monument Securities. Business Secretary Peter Mandelson, speaking before the figures were released, said Britain's stimulus measures had saved at least 500,000 jobs during the recession.

"The Treasury estimates that there would have been at least, probably far in excess of, 500,000 more jobs lost in the recession had it not been for the government's and the Bank of England's intervention," he told BBC radio. The ONS said the number of people claiming unemployment benefit rose by 24,900 in July, broadly in line with forecasts for a rise of 25,000 and after a downwardly revised increase of 21,500 in June.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Black tea may fight diabetes

SCIENCEDAILY, 13 Aug—Long known for its antioxidants, immune boosting and, most recently, antihypertensive properties, black tea could have another health benefit. Black tea may be used to control diabetes, according to a study in the Journal of Food Science, published by the Institute of Food Technologists.

Next to water, tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world. Researchers from the Tianjin Key Laboratory in China studied the polysaccharide levels of green, oolong and black teas and whether they could be used to treat diabetes. Polysaccharides, a type of carbohydrate that includes starch and cellulose, may benefit people with diabetes because they help retard absorption of glucose.

The researchers found that of the three teas, the polysaccharides in black tea had the most glucose-inhibiting properties. The black tea polysaccharides also showed the highest scavenging effect on free radicals, which are involved in the onset of diseases such as cancer and rheumatoid arthritis.

*Internet*

***Long known for its antioxidants, immune boosting and, most recently, antihypertensive properties, black tea could have another health benefit. Black tea may be used to control diabetes.***
**INTERNET**

## Greek police seize 500 kilos of cocaine in major bust

ATHENS, 13 Aug—Greek police said on Wednesday they had seized 500 kilos (1,102 pounds) of cocaine on a boat in the country's main port, Piraeus, and arrested six members of an international drug-smuggling ring.

Police raided the cargo ship that was bound for Bulgaria after a tip-off last month by US authorities that this boat was suspected of smuggling drugs from Colombia, the world's top cocaine producer, a police official said.

"It's one of the biggest amounts of cocaine ever seized in Greece," said the official who declined to be named. Police arrested five men in Athens and a woman in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, most of them Greeks.

*MNA/Reuters*

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
### MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO ( 463)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (463) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 14.8.2009 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.

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## Australia emissions plan rejected

SYDNEY ,13 Aug — The Australian Parliament has rejected government plans to introduce an ambitious carbon trading scheme to tackle global warming. The measure was the centrepiece of the government's environment plans, and would have cut greenhouse gas emissions by 5% over the next 10 years.

But opposition senators who control the upper house feared the legislation would harm the country's mining sector. The government can re-introduce the legislation after three months.

Climate Change Minister Penny Wong confirmed after the Senate defeat by 42 votes to 30 that the government would seek to do this. However, if the government is defeated again it could trigger a general election. —*Internet*

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## France prepares to close schools for A/H1N1 flu

PARIS, 13 Aug— The French government has prepared to close schools in the country in case that the A/H1N1 flu becomes a nationwide pandemic, Education Minister Luc Chatel was quoted by daily newspaper *Le Figaro* as saying on Wednesday.

"In case of a complete pandemic we are ready to close all of the schools in France," Luc Chatel said."No threshold has been fixed for the closing of a school. It will be adapted on a case-by-case basis."

According to the minister, the government has worked on distance learning materials for broadcasting public teaching on television, radio and Internet. France has so far recorded around 1,000 H1N1 flu infections and one death. The government is worried that the spread of the virus will be accelerated following the start of the new school year.

*Xinhua*

## Missing ship headed into Atlantic

MOSCOW/LONDON ,13 Aug — A merchant cargo ship that disappeared off the coast of France two weeks ago is headed out into the Atlantic Ocean, maritime officials said on Wednesday, reinforcing the likelihood that it has been hijacked. Russian warships were ordered to join the hunt for the Arctic Sea, a 4,000-tonne bulk carrier with a 15-strong Russian crew that went missing shortly after passing through the Dover Strait between France and Britain late last month.The Maltese-registered, Finnish-chartered vessel was sailing from Finland to the Algerian port of Bejaia, where it was due to have docked on 4 August with a $1.3-million (786,400 pounds) load of timber.—*Internet*

## 873 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 13 Aug — A European health agency said Wednesday that 873 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 445 were confirmed in Germany, 245 in France,69 in Portugal, 28 in Sweden, 23 in Malta, 22 in Switzerland, eight in Poland, seven in Slovenia, six in Liechtenstein, five in Slovakia, four respectively in Finland and Iceland, three in Romania, two in Bulgaria, one respectively in Latvia and Hungary, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.— *Xinhua*

## Singapore may have passed peak of A/H1N1 outbreak

SINGAPORE, 13 Aug—The outbreak of flu A/H1N1 may have peaked in Singapore, local newspaper the *Straits Times* reported on Thursday. The number of patients seeking help at polyclinics for upper respiratory tract infections fell by 16.5 percent to 20,435 last week, compared with 24,477 the week before.

This may be indicative that the A/H1N1 wave has abated since community spread began in June, the Ministry of Health was quoted as saying. The situation is expected to be clearer in the next few weeks, the ministry said.

However, local doctors say that with deaths trailing new cases by a week, people should still expect those numbers to go up for another week or so. A 10th patient died of A/H1N1 here on Wednesday. Singapore reported its first confirmed case of A/H1N1 on 27 May. The country's first A/H1N1 related death case was reported on 18 July.

*Xinhua*

# Magnitude 6.5 quake hits off east coast of Japan

***A collapsed section of the Tomei Expressway in Makinohara, west of Tokyo, after a strong earthquake left one person dead and 120 injured on 11 August . Another earthquake hit central Japan, including Tokyo, on Thursday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.—INTERNET***

TOKYO, 13 Aug – A magnitude-6.5 earthquake hit off Japan's eastern coast early Thursday, the country's Meteorological Agency said.There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. The agency said there was no danger of damage from a tsunami.

The quake hit at 7:49 am (1049 GMT) off the coast of Hachijo, a small island about 170 miles (275 kilometers) south of Tokyo, at a depth of 25 miles (40 kilometers).

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*

# Anßtidepressants suicide risk age-dependent: FDA

BEIJING, 13 Aug — People under the age of 25 have a higher risk of suicide or suicidal thoughts when they take antidepressants and the risk declines steadily with age, according to reports Thursday quoting a new analysis by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA analysis by Dr Marc Stone, Dr Thomas Laughren and colleagues involved a review of 372 trials involving nearly 100,000 people who took antidepressants.

The findings showed that the drugs increase the risk for suicide in people under 25, have no effect in those 25 to 64 and reduce risk in those 65 and older.

Since 2003, US and EU regulators have been sounding alarms on the use of antidepressants after clinical trials showed the drugs increased the risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in people under age 18.In February 2005, the FDA added a black box warning on the use of all antidepressants in young children.

In May 2007, it extended the warnings to young adults aged 18 to 24.

The new research findings support the agency's warnings on the drugs labeling for people under 25.

The research also found that antidepressant drugs could have two distinct effects. In some patients, they can promote suicidal thoughts or behavior — but this risk appears to decrease with age.

*Xinhua*

# Egyptians pay tribute to pyramids

BEIJING, 13 Aug — The towering pyramids are the most recognizable symbol of the country. Young Egyptians launched a campaign to promote preservation of the ancient monuments last weekend. More than 400 Egyptian youth began a march, starting at the Sphinx and ending at the pyramids. They hoped the parade would raise public awareness on the need to preserve the ancient sites.

An Egyptian student said, "We hope people can have an understanding of our history by seeing these ancient relics. We should treasure the legacies we inherited and encourage people to learn about ancient Egyptian civilization." The marchers were mostly college and middle school students who are on summer vacation. The Cultural Ministry of Egypt organized the event, hoping to encourage the youth to learn more about the country's history.

Pyramids at Giza, on the outskirts of Cairo, are the most well known. Several of the pyramids at Giza are considered some of the largest structures ever built. The Pyramid of Khufu at Giza is the largest pyramid in Egypt. It is the only surviving monument of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.2—*Xinhua*

# Blind boy scales heights

BEIJING, 13 Aug — Lang Lang called him "Master Lai" after they performed a piano duet at the National Center for the Performing Arts last year. The totally blind 12-year-old Lai Jiajun let his fingers dance over the keyboard, and smiled as if he had noticed the surprise on Lang Lang's face.

Lai has magic hands and a memory that enables him to precisely repeat a song on the piano after listening just one or two times. He treasures the gift and loves spending hours at a time playing. His hobby became his major preoccupation when he was admitted in June to the prestigious Middle School Affiliated to Central Conservatory of Music. Lai is now practicing at least six hours a day.

"I think it's strange when my peers and their parents ask me whether I get bored practicing piano for so many hours a day. If I am not enthusiastic about my hobby, what is the point of doing it? " Lai says.Lai, however, is dissatisfied with his magic hands. He thinks they are too small and not supple enough to cover some piano pieces. Even so, he is confident that his hands will get bigger and more flexible.

Lai was blind soon after being born four months premature. He was put on a ventilator, but given too much oxygen, which cost him his eyesight.Aged 2, his father, Lai Gehong, bought him a toy electric piano. Music quickly grabbed little Lai's attention. He played for two months and memorized the sound of each key.—*Xinhua*

***A mobile phone user browses through a Nokia handphone in Singapore, in June 2009. Microsoft and Nokia announced an agreement on Wednesday to make Microsoft Office software available on smartphones made by the Finnish company.—INTERNET***

# Mexico City respects traditional medicine, languages

MEXICO CITY,13 Aug — The government of Mexico City is promoting respect for indigenous culture, including languages and medicine, head of community equality for the city, said in a recent interview with *Xinhua*. Indigenous people "have been excluded (from the mainstream society) for centuries because of culture, language and habits," Maria Rosa Marquez Cabrera said. "This has been reducing but that does not mean it has ceased to exist."

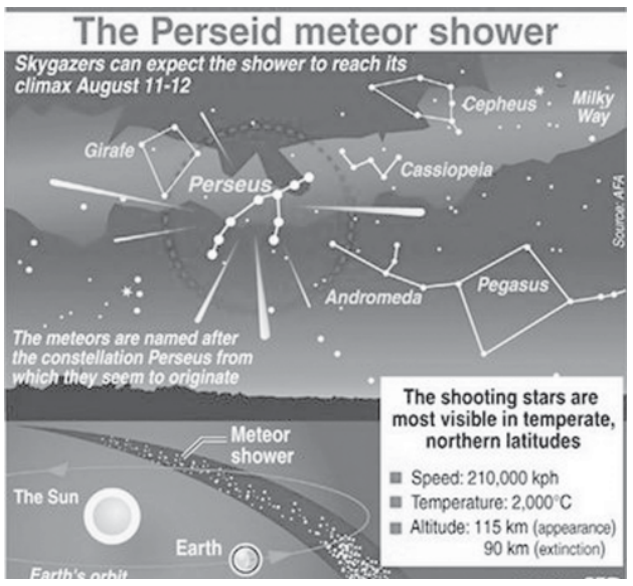
The Mexico City is trying to address the issue by, among others, reviewing cases of indigenous citizens in prisons under its jurisdiction and supporting indigenous herbalists, she said.

Marquez explained that some jailed indigenous people are stuck in prison because they miss paperwork or are unable to pay small fines.

"Many indigenous people coming from other areas of the nation don't have a birth certificate," she said.

"Some have not been subject to a fair legal process because of their financial condition, physical condition and because they only speak their own language."

*Xinhua*




***Map illustrating the annual Perseid meteor shower. The night sky will sparkle with "falling stars" on Tuesday and Wednesday as Earth passes through a trail of dusty debris from the Swift-Tuttle Comet, say scientists.—INTERNET***

# Healthy diet, exercise lower dementia risk

BEIJING, 13 Aug — Long-term lifestyle habits as eating healthy diet and increasing physical activity levels can reduce the risk of mental decline in old age, according to reports Thursday quoting two new studies published this week.The first study, conducted by Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain at Columbia University Medical Center, monitored 1,880 elderly people in New York City in a long term.

The study found that a Mediterranean-type diet, which emphasizes fruits, vegetables, legumes and healthy fats, and physical activity was linked to less risk for Alzheimer's disease.The second study, a shorter-term observation of 1,410 patients in France, found some correlation between a Mediterranean diet and slower cognitive damage. "There was an association between both a healthy diet and physical activity and reducing risk for Alzheimer's disease," said Nikolaos Scarmeas, the lead author of the first study.

From 1992 through 2006, researchers at Columbia University monitored 1,880 men and women without dementia every 18 months for diet, exercise and mental health. Those who ate well and exercised had a 60 percent reduction in the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease compared with those who didn't, according to the study. — *Xinhua*

# SPORTS

## Romario announces return to soccer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Aug — Fulfilling the wishes of his late father, Romario announced on Wednesday that he would play for America in the second division of Brazilian soccer championships.

The second Brazilian soccer player to score 1,000 goals has decided to move from the marketing office of America to the field in hope of winning next year's state championship.Romario, a member of Brazil's World Cup winning team for three times, announced that he is physically fit to return to the field.

"I am preparing myself physically for next year's state championship. I will play in some of the team's games and realize my father's dream of me playing for America," said the striker. Romario is expected to use number 11 for the team, a number that has previously been retired in homage to him.

*Xinhua*

***Former Brazilian soccer striker Romario.***

## Mexico beats US 2-1 in soccer World Cup qualifier

MEXICO CITY, 13 Aug — Mexico beat the United States 2-1 in Mexico City's Azteca Stadium on Wednesday, keeps the Mexican soccer team in the running for a ticket to 2010 World Cup due in South Africa.

The team fought back from an early setback when the US' Charlie Davies scored the opening goal after just nine minutes. However, it took just 10 minutes for Mexico's Israel Castro to score the equalizer, leaving the teams 1-1 at half time.

The hard-fought second half saw goalscoring chances for both teams and it was not until minute 81 that Mexico's Miguel Sabah scored the decisive point, just four minutes after coming on to substitute teammate Guillermo Franco.

*Xinhua*

## Ronaldo to be back in action in a month

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Aug — Brazilian star striker Ronaldo said Wednesday that he would return to field in a month after figure surgery but declined to clarify the reports over weight reducing liposuction.

"We have a period of one month for the consolidation of the bone," said Ronaldo, who had surgery on his left hand two weeks ago after he fell badly to be injured during Corinthians' 3-0 defeat by Palmeiras on 26 July.

Asked at a news conference if he had had liposuction and if he thought it could help him, Ronaldo said: "I don't know, I don't even know if I did it. These are things we don't know...What I do with my private life is my business."Corinthians have not won in five matches and slipped to 11th in the Brazilian soccer championship standings.— *Xinhua*

## English clubs mostly in frugal mood as new season starts

LONDON ,13 Aug – Ahead of the new Premier League season and amid Britain's deep recession, most top clubs in England are holding back from spending vast sums on new players without first offloading some of their own.

Only Manchester City are proving the exception, freely splashing the cash on some of their Premier League rivals' biggest stars as they prepare for the start of the 2009-10 campaign on Saturday.

Bankrolled by wealthy Gulf-based owners, City have so far spent a combined 95 million pounds (110 million euros, 157 million dollars) on transfer fees for five big names.

It includes 25 million pounds for Argentina forward Carlos Tevez from last season's title winners and local rivals Manchester United.

The Eastlands outfit have also spent 40 million pounds to land Emmanuel Adebayor and Kolo Toure from Arsenal, 18 million pounds on Blackburn's Roque Santa Cruz and 12 million pounds on Gareth Barry from Aston Villa.

*Internet*

***Manchester City's new signings Carlos Tevez of Argentina (right) and Paraguay striker Roque Santa Cruz.—*INTERNET**

## Milan waive keeper Kalac to make room for Roma

ROME,13 Aug—Italian Serie A club AC Milan announced on Wednesday to let go Australian keeper Zeljko Kalac and bring in Italian goalkeeper Flavio Roma from French side Monaco on a one-year deal. "Milan thank Kalac for what he did during his time at the club and wish him the best for the future," said a statement on the club website.

Kalac, whose contract with Milan had been cancelled by mutual consent, joined Milan in 2005 but he was rarely their first choice option. Milan have three other keepers on their books, but only Marco Storari is fully fit, with Dida and Christian Abbiati both fighting to recover from injury. — *Xinhua*

## Nadal opens ATP comeback with win over ailing Ferrer

MONTREAL,13 Aug – Rafael Nadal spent just 36 minutes in his comeback from a two and a half month injury absence as David Ferrer retired hurt while trailing 4-3 in their second round match at the Montreal Masters.The result was an anti-climax for world number two Nadal, who has been resting tendinitis-plagued knees ever since losing on May 31 at the French Open.

"I must be happy, because I didn't play terrible," said the second seed. "In the next round, I have another chance to continue to improve. Every match, every game is important to feel better for me." My knees felt OK, but I need more days to have real test." Nadal, the defending champion, drew massive applause as he went onto the court with his fellow Spaniard and showed few outward signs of rust after his long absence.—*Internet*

***Rafael Nadal of Spain serves to David Ferrer of Spain during the Rogers Cup at Uniprix Stadium, on 12 Aug , in Montreal, Canada.***
**INTERNET**

## Don't get cocky, Capello warns England footballers

***England's coach Fabio Capello leaves the pitch after an international friendly World Cup match against Holland, on 12 Aug, in Amsterdam. —*INTERNET**

AMSTERDAM,13 Aug – Fabio Capello has warned his England stars not to get cocky again after their over-confidence led to a sloppy 2-2 friendly draw with Holland.

A run of seven successive World Cup qualifying wins has taken England to the brink of reaching next year's finals and raised hopes of success in South Africa.

But Capello's team produced a performance that reeked of complacency in the first half at the Amsterdam Arena on Wednesday.—*Internet*

## Beckham ready to snub Premiership for Milan return

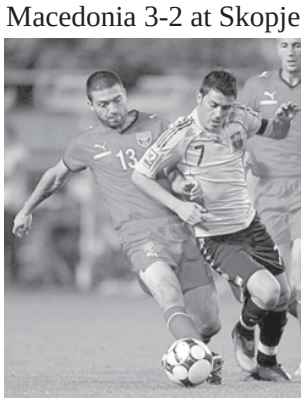
AMSTERDAM , 13 Aug – David Beckham has all but ruled out a return to the English Premier League after insisting AC Milan are very much his first choice when he leaves LA Galaxy at the end of the Major League Soccer season.

Beckham, who won his 113th cap for England during Wednesday's 2-2 draw against Holland in Amsterdam, has been told by his national coach Fabio Capello that he must move back to Europe if he wants to be considered for next year's World Cup finals in South Africa.

Capello's comments led to speculation that Beckham could return to the Premier League for the first time since leaving Manchester United for Real Madrid in 2003, with Tottenham, Portsmouth and even Chelsea reported to be interested.But the midfielder, who paid out of his own pocket to subsidise a loan move to Milan last season, was unimpressed when asked if he could play in England again.—*Internet*

## Spain edge Macedonians in fightback victory

SKOPJE , 13 Aug – European champions Spain bagged three goals inside five second-half minutes on Wednesday to come from two goals down to beat Macedonia 3-2 at Skopje in a friendly international.



***Spain's David Villa (R) vies for the ball with Macedonia's Filip Despotovski (L) during an international friendly football match in Skopje.***
**INTERNET**

Goran Pandev had seemingly put the hosts on the way to a shock success in a frenetic opening dominated by the eastern Europeans.

The Lazio hitman took a pass from Ilco Naumoski to fire home the opener on seven minutes and then doubled the advantage with a fine left-footed solo effort just after the half-hour mark.

But the Spanish regrouped after their horrendous opening phase and the second half was an entirely different affair.

*Internet*

# Researchers Unravel Mystery Behind Long-lasting Memories

***Extreme emotions trigger the release of a chemical in the brain called norepinephrine, which is related to adrenaline. That norepinephrine somehow helps memories last a long time – some even a lifetime.***

**INTERNET**

SCIENCE DAILY, 12 Aug—A new study by researchers at Wake Forest University School of Medicine may reveal how long-lasting memories form in the brain.

The researchers hope that the findings, now available online and scheduled to appear in an upcoming issue of Neuroscience, may one day help scientists develop treatments to prevent and treat conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Although many things are known about memories that form from repeat experiences, not much is known with regard to how some memories form with just one exposure," said Ashok Hegde, Ph.D., an associate professor of neurobiology and anatomy and the lead investigator on the study.

*Internet*

## MRTV-3
### Programme Schedule
### (14-8-2009) (Friday)

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

**Local Transmission**

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* The Art of Making Pennant
* The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
* Traditional Chin Clothes
* Travelogue (Nay Pyi Taw-2)
  Water Fountain Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) Blessed with a Variety of Beauties
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

**Europe/ North America Transmission**

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Everything you want to know about star tortoise, but dare not ask?
* The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
* Traditional Chin Clothes
* Travelogue (Nay Pyi Taw-2)
  Water Fountain Garden (Nay Pyi Taw)Blessed with a Variety of Beauties
* Myanmar Modern Song
* "Progressive Images of Ayeyawady Division" A Visit Daunt Gyi Village
* Lovely Customs and Dances of Gon Shan
* Culture Stage
* Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments Brass Cymbal (Lin-guin)
* Songs On Screen
* The Source of the River Ayeyawady
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

## TV Myanmar

### Friday, 14 August
### View on today

**7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:20 am**
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

**7:25 am**
3. To be healthy Exercise

**7:30 am**
4. Morning News

**7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song

**7:55 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:05 am**
7. Dance of National Races

**8:20 am**
8. Musical Programme

**8:40 am**
9. International News

**8:50 am**
10. "နောက်မကျရအောင်"

**4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song

**4:10 pm**
2. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

**4:30 pm**
3. Song of Yester Years

**4:40 pm**
4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**4:50 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

**5:05 pm**
6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**5:10 pm**
7. Musical Programme

**5:35 pm**
8. ယာဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "လန်းလည်းလန်းတယ်၊ လွမ်းလည်းလွမ်းတယ်" (မန်းကျော်၊ တိုင်းကျော်၊ ဆုထက်ကူဋေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခတ်ဘုန်းမိုး)

**6:00 pm**
9. Evening News

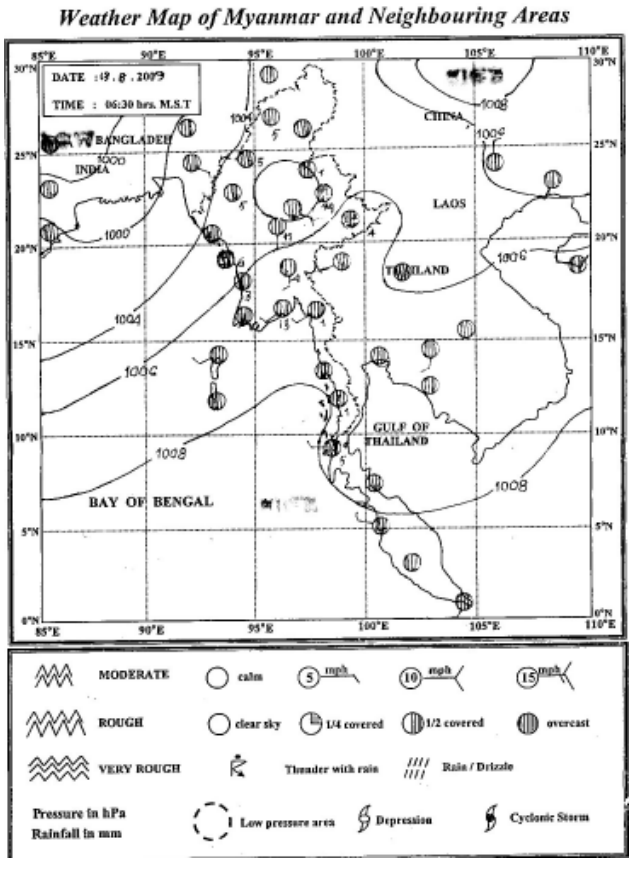
**6:15 pm**
10. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥာဏ်ရှင်

**7:00 pm**
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

**8:00 pm**
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ"(အပိုင်း-၄၉)
17. သီချင်းချစ်သူ

*Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*




# WEATHER

## Thursday, 13th August, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions.The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.77) inches, Kanbalu (3.49) inches, Theinzayat (3.11) inches, Lashio (2.92) inches, Myitkyina (1.10) inches and Minbu (0.31) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-8-2009 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 13-8-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-8-2009 was 93%. Total Sun shine hours on 12-8-2009 was (3.8) hour approx.

Rainfall on 13-8-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (78.62) inches at Mingaladon, (89.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 12-8-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14th August 2009:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Chin State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of decrease of rain in the Coastal areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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★ 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

# Thazi-Kyaukka-Bodhi Tahtaung shortcut ensures smooth transport in Monywa District

**Article:** *Kyawt Maung Maung (Myanma Alin);* **Photos:** *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

***Archway on the road to Monywa, Sagaing Division.***

Under the arrangements made by officials concerned, we visited Thazi-Kyaukka-Bodhi Tahtaung shortcut that had been built recently under the supervision of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council for ensuring smooth transport between one region and another in Monywa District.

When asked about the project, Secretary U Win Hlaing of Monywa Township PDC said to the Myanma Alin that Monywa District Public Works and Monywa Township Development Affairs Committee jointly built the road for the convenience of local people of Thazi, Kyaukka, Bodhi Tahtaung and nearby villages and pilgrims from the four corners of the nation.

Next, news crew members of us observed the sections of Thazi-Kyaukka-Bodhi Tahtaung shortcut one after another.

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## Danger water level of Shwegyin River

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin river at Shwegyin is 754 cm and it has exceeded by 54 cm (about 2 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 700 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

*MNA*

## For physicians bust myths about insulin

SCIENCE DAILY, 11 Aug— People diagnosed with type 2 diabetes often resist taking insulin because they fear gaining weight, developing low blood sugar and seeing their quality of life decline.

A study recently completed at UT Southwestern Medical Center suggests that those fears are largely unfounded and that patients and physicians should consider insulin as a front-line defense, as opposed to a treatment of last resort for non-insulin-dependent diabetes.

"We found that those patients who received insulin initially did just as well, if not better, than those who didn't receive insulin," said Dr. Ildiko Lingvay, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern and lead author of the study appearing online and in a future issue of Diabetes Care. "This reinforces the idea that insulin treatment is a viable and safe option for patients, even in the very initial stages of their diagnoses.—*Internet*