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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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and party, who arrived here at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, at the Prime Minister's Office, here, at 4.30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The US Senator was accompanied by Charge d'Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Larry M Dinger.

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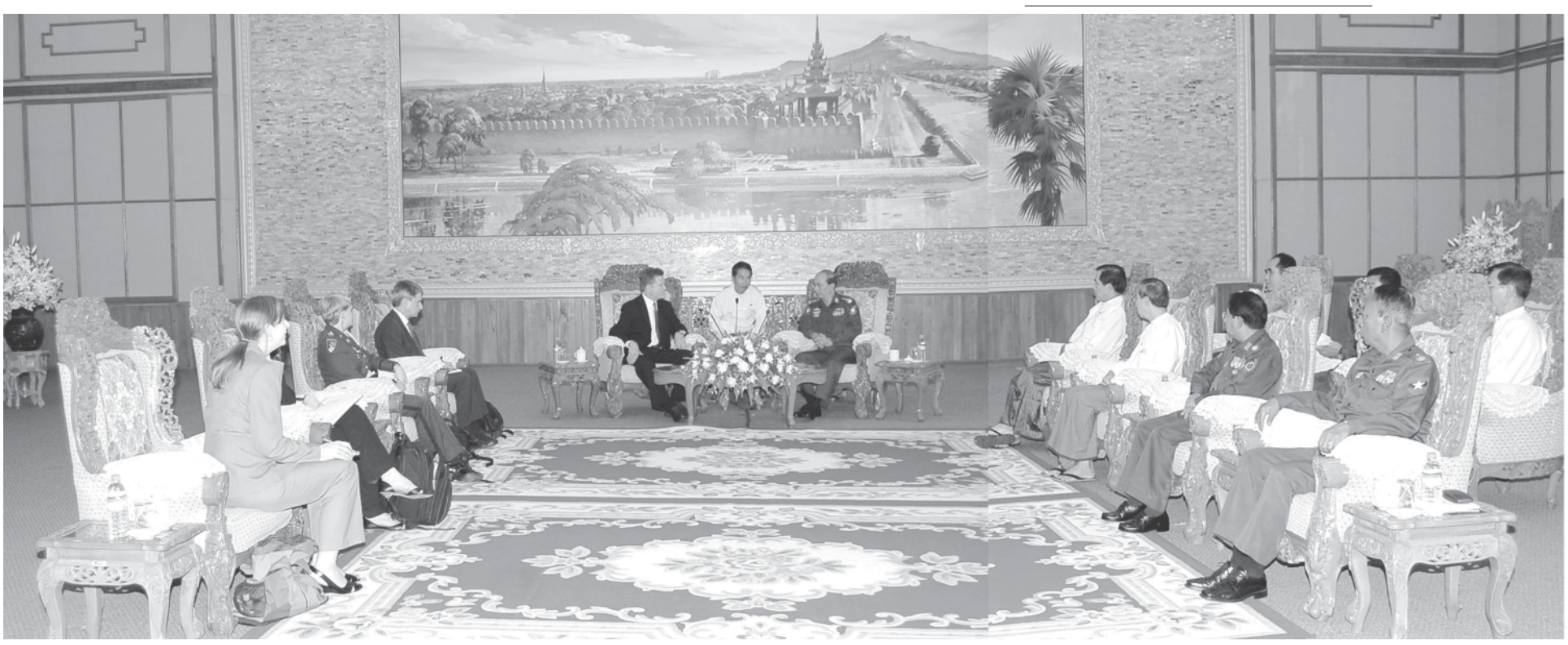
Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. **MNA**



***Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and party.*—MNA**

PERSPECTIVES

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Increase freshwater fish production

Ponds, lakes, creeks, rivers and coastlines of Myanmar abound with so many kinds of fish and prawns that efforts are being made not only to ensure sufficient domestic consumption but also to export the surplus. As the population of the world is increasing, fishing and fish breeding industries are being extended to meet the demand for fish and meat.

In Myanmar, more and more people are now engaged in freshwater fish breeding. During the last twenty years, fish farms have increased from about 6,000 to over 200,000 acres. Now, fish breeding work is being done in the regions in lower Myanmar as well as in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions in upper Myanmar.

In most of the fish farms in Myanmar, rohu is raised together with other fishes such as tilapia, catla and catfish, the former representing 80 per cent. More and more rohu is being raised because its price is stable in both local and international markets and it is in good demand.

Research on modern fish breeding techniques should be done in order to meet domestic consumption and be able to increase export. As rohu is exported to neighbouring countries, the Middle East and Europe markets, research on hybridization and commercial hatching of the species should be constantly conducted.

To be able to compete with other suppliers in the international fish market, it is necessary to raise both production and quality. For this, only pedigree fish will have to be raised, fish farms and their environs clean and feedstuff of good quality. Only then will the demand for Myanmar marine products be higher in the international fish market.

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**

Nutrition Development Week held in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug— Nutrition Development Week ceremony was held at the meeting hall of General Hospital in Mawlamyine, Mon State on 4 August. Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and responsible persons fed Vitamin A pills to children and presented iron tablets, and iodized salt to pregnant women.

Afterwards, the commander enjoyed measuring iodine content.—*MNA*

SWRR Minister inspects two fire engines donated from Japan

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe views two fire engines donated by Ibaraki Prefecture of Japan. **MNA**

YANGON, 14 Aug — Minster for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accompanied by Director-General of Fire Services Department U Myint Htun inspected two ISUZU fire engines donated by Ibaraki Prefecture of Japan at the office headquarters of the Fire Services Department this afternoon.

The fire engines were supported by the programme of Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Hla Myint.

MNA

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung receives Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Chong Phung.*—MNA**

Forestry Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung at the ministry here on 12 August.

They held discussion on investments in wood-based industries.—*MNA*

***U Nyunt Win presents completion certificate to a trainee at the concluding ceremony of Basic Education Cricket. Refresher Course.*—MCF**

Basic Education Cricket Refresher Course ends

YANGON, 14 Aug— The Basic Education Cricket Refresher Course concluded at the hall of Myanmar Cricket Federation at Aungsan Stadium, here, this afternoon.

President of the federation U Nyunt Win made a speech and presented Centenary Medals awarded by International Cricket Committee to Joint Secretary of the federation U Than Win and Executive U Win Maw.

The course was jointly conducted by No. 3 Basic Education Department and MCF.

A similar course will be held in Mandalay from 19 to 23 August.

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Basic courses for officers and pre-officers concludes

YANGON, 13 Aug—The conclusion ceremony of basic courses No. 181 for officers and No. 30 for pre-officers took place at the parade ground of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning.

At the Ohndaw hall, Rector U Win Maung presented model prizes to trainees and made concluding remarks before presenting.—*MNA*

Indonesian President urges people to fight terrorism together

JAKARTA, 14 Aug — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said here on Friday that the war against terrorism in the country would continue, adding that people should be actively involved in the campaign to eradicate terrorism in the country.

"To all of Indonesian people, let's stick together in fighting the terrorists' acts.

Let's protect our children from wrong and extreme thoughts that could lead them to commit terrorism.

Help the apparatus by supplying information on the terrorists who are hiding among our neighbourhood," the president said.

Susilo made the remarks when he delivered in his speech to com-memorate national independence day at the parliament building here.

He said the state would not bow on terrorists' threat.

"The state must not be defeated and will never be defeated by the terrorists."

The President that would serve his second term starting from October this year said that the terrorist group who bombed two Jakarta's lavish hotels on 17 July has a new target: "they plotted to retaliate their own country by assassinating the president".

Xinhua

Rand Ali, three weeks, lies in a hospital bed after she was wounded when three car bombs exploded on Tuesday in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Aug 2009.—INTERNET

Smoke from the Lockheed fire billows over a field in the Bonny Doon area of Santa Cruz County, Calif, on 13 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Several wildfires scorch Calif as thousands flee

DAVENPORT, 14 Aug — Thousands of firefighters battled wildfires across California on Thursday, including a growing blaze that forced about 2,400 people to evacuate their homes in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The Lockheed Fire, which started around 7 pm Wednesday, had scorched about 2,800 acres, or 4.4 square miles, in Santa Cruz County, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze, about 10 miles north of the coastal city of Santa Cruz, threatened more than 1,000 homes and other buildings and was not contained by late Thursday.

Authorities issued a mandatory evacuation order on Thursday for the entire community of Bonny Doon, which has about 2,000 residents and several wineries, but CalFire spokesman Mike Mohler said there have been no reports of any homes destroyed or other structures burned.

Internet

Three British soldiers killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 14 Aug — Britain's military says three of its soldiers have been killed by an explosion in Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

The Ministry of Defence says two soldiers from the 2nd Battalion The Rifles and a third from 40 Regiment Royal Artillery were killed when their foot patrol was hit by blast near the town of Sangin on Thursday. The deaths bring the number of British service personnel killed in the country since fighting there began to 199.

Task Force Helmand spokesman Lt Col Nick Richardson said the day "has been an incredibly sad one." The ministry says next of kin have been informed.—*Internet*

American service member killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Aug — The US military says an American service member has been killed in Afghanistan's Taleban-heavy south.

The service member was a part of the NATO force in this country.

A Press release on Thursday says the death occurred as the result of "a direct fire attack."

Authorities did not identify the victim or give more specifics about where the incident occurred.

US spokeswoman Lt Cmdr Christine Sidenstricker confirmed that the deceased was an American.

Internet

Yemeni planes bomb northern province for 2nd day

SAN'A (Yemen), 14 Aug — Yemeni warplanes bombed a northern province bordering Saudi Arabia for a second straight day on Thursday as a protracted conflict with Shiite rebels threatened to turn into an all-out war at a time when the US ally is already facing a resurgent al-Qaeda.

Local Provincial officials in Saada province said "scores" have been killed in recent days and hundreds had fled their homes. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. The reports could not be verified as the Yemeni government has barred journalists from entering the province.

Saada Province has been the scene of a five-year rebellion by a Shiite minority, but this latest round of fighting has worried Yemen's neighbour, Saudi Arabia, which fears the unrest could threaten its own security as well as the rest of the Gulf. The fighting adds to Yemen's host of problems that include the al-Qaeda threat, a separate uprising in the south and an economic downturn from plunging oil prices.

Internet

This image taken from video released by the office of rebel leader Abdel Malik al-Hawthi purports to show a scene following aerial bombing in Haydan, Saada Province, Yemen on 12 Aug, 2009.
INTERNET

Romania denies reports of secret CIA prisons in its territory

BUCHAREST, 14 Aug — Romania denied the reports that it hosted a secret prison of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Bucharest, saying the allegations groundless, Foreign Ministry spokesman Alin Serbanescu said on Thursday.

The New York Times reported on Thursday that a newly-decorated building on a busy street in Bucharest was one of secret CIA prisons in Eastern Europe.

Xinhua

Tourists are seen by the Qinghai Lake, about 150 kilometres west of Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 13 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Asian markets gain amid signs recession easing

BANGKOK, 14 Aug— Most Asian markets extended gains on Friday underpinned by rising commodity stocks amid more signs the world economy is emerging from a deep recession.

In the US on Thursday, investors remained emboldened by the Federal Reserve's more optimistic prognosis of the world's largest economy, shrugging off weak retail sales figures.

European stock markets also gained overnight on news that the continent's biggest economies Germany and France unexpectedly broke free of the recession in the second quarter. Oil prices rose toward $71 on bets that US crude consumption will recover later this year.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average was up 106.65 points, or 1 percent, at 10,623.84 and South Korea's Kospi gained 1.5 percent to 1,588.26. Australia's benchmark was up 0.6 percent and Singapore's main index advanced 0.2 percent.—*Internet*

Singapore faces two challenges to excel in future

SINGAPORE, 14 Aug—Singapore's Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew on Thursday outlined two challenges for Singapore to undertake in order to do well in the next five to ten years.

According to local TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, Lee spoke at a National Day Dinner that Singapore can reach a new level of development, but difficulties will crop up along the way, and the nation must always face them squarely and work together.

He said that the first challenge is integrating new citizens and permanent residents with the local population. The speed of this process depends on the openness of Singaporeans who are born and raised here, and the willingness of new citizens to adapt and be part of the Singapore society.

The second challenge is to encourage Chinese Singaporeans to speak more Mandarin and to take up scholarships to study in China's top universities.

Xinhua

Mexico, Dominican Rep sign statistic cooperation agreement

MEXICO CITY, 14 Aug— Mexico and the Dominican Republic had signed a statistic cooperation agreement to establish and develop exchange programmes, Mexican authorities said on Thursday.

The National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) said the cooperation would include work organization, census and opinion polls methodology, social and demographic statistics as well as economic report systems.

"In order to reach these goals, it will be an exchange of knowledge through participation of specialized staff and investigators, as well as the delivery of statistic information and scientific articles of investigation," the INEGI said.—*Xinhua*

A girl feeds a popsicle to a walrus named "Dudu" to make it cool at the Qingdao Polar Ocean World in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 13 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

China-Uruguay trade shows dynamics amid global crisis

MONTEVIDEO, 14 Aug— Bilateral trade between China and Uruguay has registered an increase amid the global financial crisis, a visiting Chinese commerce official said on Thursday.

China and Uruguay signed deals on wool, wood, meat and fish worth more than 100 million US dollars during a visit by a Chinese delegation led by Vice Commerce Minister Zhong Shan.

During the signing ceremony at the Foreign Ministry in Montevideo, Zhong said there are possibilities to continue promoting commercial and economic ties between the two countries.—*Xinhua*

Korean Air swings to net profit in Q2

SEOUL, 14 Aug— South Korea's main flag carrier Korean Air said on Friday it swung to a net profit in the second quarter thanks to lower jet fuel prices and a strengthening won against the dollar.

The airline said it posted a net profit of 78.5 billion won (64 million dollars) in April-June compared to a net loss of 288.9 billion a year earlier.

It said fuel costs fell 40 percent to 665.1 billion in the second quarter from a year earlier. The stronger won also cut spending on fuel.

Foreign exchange translation gains rose to 410.9 billion won in the second quarter from 48.9 billion a year earlier, while foreign exchange losses fell to zero from 273.2 billion, the airline said in a statement.

Operating losses widened to 127.3 billion won from 116.4 billion won a year earlier, while sales fell 16 percent year-on year to 2.075 trillion won from 2.476 trillion. —*Internet*

An employee walks by a logo of South Korea's largest airline Korean Air at its headquarters in Seoul. South Korea's main flag carrier Korean Air said on Friday it swung to a net profit in the second quarter thanks to lower jet fuel prices and a strengthening won against the dollar.—INTERNET

Dutch economy shrinks by 5.1% in Q2

BRUSSELS, 14 Aug— The Dutch economy shrank 5.1 percent year on year in the second quarter of 2009, according to data released by Statistics Netherlands on Thursday.

The fall is slightly larger than the fall in the first quarter, which itself was the largest decrease since World War II.

Investment spending was 12.9 percent down from the same quarter of last year while exports fell more than 10 percent. Households spent 2.6 percent less. Government spending was the only category to increase in the second quarter of 2009.

In the second quarter of 2009, a total of 93,000 jobs were lost, representing a loss of 1.2 percent from a year before.

The economy contracted 0.9 percent compared with the first quarter, the fifth quarter-on-quarter decrease in a row.

It is the first time that Statistics Netherlands has measured such a long period of negative growth.

But the 0.9 percent drop is smaller than the sharp quarterly fall of 2.7 percent in the first quarter over the previous quarter.—*Xinhua*

AIDS Congress in Indonesia closes with pledge to involve AIDS-related communities in treatment, prevention

JAKARTA, 14 Aug—Participants to the International Congress on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in Asia and the Pacific region (ICAAP) held in Bali, Indonesia agreed to involve HIV-affected communities in preventive treatment and care measures to tackle HIV/AIDS disease, a local media reported here on Friday. "Empowering people means that the affected communities not only regain but also have the ownership of their voices," Irwanto, chief rapporteur and head of the 9th ICAAP Scientific Committee said in the closing ceremony of the Congress on Thursday evening. He was referring to the theme of the congress "Empowering People and Strengthening Networks".

"Opportunities and venues for communities to express their needs, concerns and ideas must be provided and we must listen to and seriously act upon them," he added.

Meanwhile Dewa Nyoman Wirawan, co-chairman of the 9th ICAAP steering committee, said in a press conference held after the closing ceremony that this was the first time affected communities were actively involved in the ICAAP after their scarce participation in eight previous congresses, the *Jakarta Post* reported.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 13 Aug, 2009 shows the dual rail-road Yellow River bridge under construction in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province. The construction of the dual rail-road Yellow River bridge will be completed in May 2010. —XINHUA

Actors perform during the 80th national acrobatic festival in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 13 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Singapore launches new standards for hotel security

SINGAPORE, 14 Aug—Singapore has set up a new standard system to further enhance hotel security level here, local media reported on Thursday.

According to TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, key addition for this standard is an inclusion of emergency and crisis procedures.

Under the SS 545 Singapore Standard for Hotel Security, security personnel must undergo structured training as part of the workforce skills qualification requirements. The training will ensure high competency levels, even before the security personnel are deployed for duty. The SS 545 standard, which underlines Singapore's commitment to national security, will further boost the republic's reputation as a secure business and tourism hub, the report said.—*Xinhua*

5.8 magnitude earthquake shakes Costa Rican Pacific

MANAGUA, 14 Aug—An earthquake of 5.8 magnitude shook on Thursday the Costa Rica's Pacific Oceans without immediate reports of victims.

The Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (Ineter) said the earthquake occurred at 3:37 am local time (0937 GMT) and its epicenter was located some 505 km south to Managua. The Ineter added that the earthquake had some 15 km depth.

The earthquake was "an event related to the tectonic processes from the clash between the Cocos and Caribbean tectonic plates," the Ineter said.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Isotope shortage as Canadian nuclear reactor closed until 2010

OTTAWA, 14 Aug—An aging nuclear reactor in central Canada that produces about one-third of the world's medical isotopes will not return to production until early 2010, company officials announced late Wednesday. The reactor, located in Chalk River, Ontario, was first powered down in May after a radioactive water leak was discovered. Since then, the expected return-to-service date has been pushed back several times, leaving Canada and some other countries to cope with a shortage of isotopes.—*Xinhua*

Three LA policemen survived in helicopter crash-landing

LOS ANGELES, 14 Aug—Three policemen from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) were injured on board a helicopter when the pilot made an emergency landing on Thursday, according to the police.

All the occupants were sent to a local hospital immediately, but the wounds seemed not grave, according to Los Angeles Fire Department that was involved in rescue mission. "There were one moderate and two minor injuries," it said in a statement. The injured served with the police air support division, and were taking part in a training session when the accident occurred. No one on the ground was involved in the crash landing, police say. The LAPD is conducting an investigation into the cause of the crash landing, it added.—*Xinhua*

Fireworks explode in the sky over this port city of Hakodate, on Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido, on Thursday evening 13 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

New Zealand divers unable to recover bodies from Tonga ferry

WELLINGTON, 14 Aug—The New Zealand Navy said on Friday that its divers will not be able to lift any bodies from the wreck of the ferry that sank last week, despite the scheduled arrival of the navy ship Manawanui on Saturday, New Zealand media reported.

The Princess Ashika ferry capsized on 5 Aug about 86 km northwest of the Tongan capital Nuku'alofa. Two bodies have been recovered and 93 people were missing presumed dead.

The New Zealand navy ship Manawanui will be used as a platform from which to deploy a remote operated vehicle when weather clears to give visual confirmation of the wreck presumed to be that of the ferry, Radio New Zealand reported. But that will not happen until Monday. Andrew McMillan, head of the New Zealand dive team, said the New Zealand and Australia dive teams do not have capability to lift bodies from the wreck and the arrival of the Manawanui will not change that.—*Xinhua*

Retail sales weak, but prices expected to stay low

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug —Retail sales dropped in July, government data showed, reinforcing concerns among economists that consumers won't spend enough to help a recovery take hold. But Friday is expected to bring better news: July inflation is expected to have remained flat, and industrial production is likely to have grown for the first time in nine months.

Thursday's retail sales report served as a reality check for an economy that lately has appeared poised to emerge from recession and grow again. Consumer spending powers about 70 percent of economic activity. The Cash for Clunkers rebate program helped give auto sales their biggest jump in six months in July, but sales sank elsewhere. Gas stations, department stores, electronics outlets and furniture stores all suffered.—*Internet*

China discovers new offshore oilfield

BEIJING, 14 Aug—China National Offshore Oil Company Limited (CNOOC Ltd) announced on Thursday that the company has discovered a new oilfield in north China's Bohai Bay.

Drill stem tests showed that the new oil field could produce an daily average of 1,700 barrels of oil and 400,000 cubic feet of natural gas via a 11.11-mm choke, according to a statement released on the company's Web site.

The new oilfield, dubbed as Qinhuangdao (QHD) 35-4, is in the central and northern part of the Bohai Bay, and about 38 kilometres west of another oilfield of the company's, QHD32-6. The area in the Bohai Bay where the new oilfield is located is expected to significantly add to the company's reserves, said Zhu Weilin, executive vice president of CNOOC Ltd and general manager of the Exploration Department.—*Xinhua*

Morocco seizes 2.5 tonnes of cannabis

RABAT, 14 Aug—Moroccan police and customs officials have seized 2.5 tonnes of cannabis resin found in two vehicles headed to Spain, officials said on Thursday.

The drugs were uncovered in northern Morocco overnight from on Wednesday to Thursday in two separate operations.

In the first, a tonne-and-a-half of resin was uncovered in the northeast port of El Hoceima.

Security services found the drugs hidden in a French van which was driven by a French baker, Dominique Chagnon.

The 54-year-old arrived in Morocco almost three months earlier and was about to leave the country for Almeria, southern Spain, on board a ferry.

The second stash was found at the border post of Bab Sebta, which separates northeast Morocco from the Spanish city of Ceuta, where officials uncovered one tonne of resin in a Belgian truck.

The driver was a Moroccan living in Belgium. He was travelling with his wife and five children and was heading to catch a ferry to the southern Spanish port of Algeciras.

Internet

A truck filled with tons of cannabis which was seized in 2006. Moroccan police and customs officials have seized 2.5 tonnes of cannabis resin found in two vehicles headed to Spain, officials said on Thursday.

INTERNET

Fight for oil-rich land over, but Nigerians now homeless

EKPIRI-OBUTONG, 14 Aug — They were fishermen attached to their ancestral roots on a swampy peninsula on Africa's west coast, but they were little match for the bitter dispute over their oil-rich land.

A year ago, a long struggle between Nigeria and Cameroon over the Bakassi peninsula ended after an international court decision. Nigeria ceded the land, and many of the peninsula's Nigerian residents are still looking for home.

"Bakassi is our ancestral home," said Ekpo Abasi, the leader of the Supreme Council of Efik Youths. Most of the Nigerians evicted from Bakassi because of the handover were ethnic Efik.

"Nobody can drive us away from our land, not even in the face of bayonet. The loss is going to be temporary because one day we shall take our land back."

Nigeria handed over the land to Cameroon on 14 August last year after a 2002 ruling by the International Court of Justice.

Cameroon had dragged Nigeria before the ICJ in 1994 over the border dispute involving the 1,000-square-kilometre (386-square-mile) patch of Atlantic coastal swamp between the two neighbours.—*Internet*

Garra rufa obtusas, also known as "doctor fish", swim around the face of a man as he relaxes in a hot spa pool in Kangal, 105 kilometres (65 miles) south of the central Anatolian city of Sivas. The treatment is believed to heal Psoriasis, a chronic skin disease which affects the joints and skins. Garra rufa obtusa, also known as "doctor fish" which live in mineral-rich hot spa pools, is used in the treatment as they nibble away the diseased skin. The mineral-rich water is then believed to aid in the healing process of the lesions. People suffering from psoriasis travel to Kangal to stay at the spa for 21 days and visit the fish pools twice daily for four-hour treatment sessions.

Green algae in Saint-Michel-en-Grève beach. Mounds of putrified green algae are building up on France's northern coast, releasing poisonous fumes blamed for the recent death of a horse and the collapse of the rider.

Men "spend a year ogling women"

Men spend nearly a year of their lives ogling members of the opposite sex, a new poll has found.

Research carried out by Kodak Lens Vision centres discovered that the typical male will stare at ten different women for around 43 minutes in an average day, adding up to almost 11 days each year.

Meanwhile, it has been claimed that women generally spend 20 minutes per day eyeing up six men.

Kodak spokesman Mark Ireland commented: "Men are renowned for looking at women but it's interesting to find out exactly how long they spend eyeing girls up. A year of their life is a long time to spend with their eyes fixed on the opposite sex.

"However, men have their work cut out if they are going to impress a woman as they spend half the amount of time gazing at guys."

The WWF said that a flying frog, the world's smallest deer and the first new monkey to be found in over a century are among 350 new species discovered in the eastern Himalayas in the past decade.

Obese Texas inmate hides gun in his flabs of fat

An obese inmate in Texas has been charged after officials learned he had a gun hidden under flabs of his own flesh.

Twenty-five-year-old George Vera was charged with possession of a firearm in a correctional facility after he told a guard at the Harris County Jail about the unloaded 9mm pistol. The Houston Chronicle reported on Thursday that Vera was originally arrested on charges of selling illegal copies of compact discs.

The 500-pound man was searched during his arrest and again at a city jail and the county jail, but officers never found the weapon in his rolls of skin. Vera admitted having the gun during a shower break at the county jail.

NEWS ALBUM

Chinese bride dressed in world's longest dress to wedding in NE China city

A Chinese bride dressed in a 2,162-metre-long wedding gown handmade by her groom's family on her wedding day in northeast China's Jilin Province.

More than 200 wedding guests took more than three hours to completely unroll the wedding train, and pin 9,999 red roses made of silk on the wedding train ,before the bride put on the dress.

The plan was elaborated by the groom Zhao Peng, a 28-year-old railway worker, as he wanted to challenge the current Guinness World Record of a wedding dress of 1,579 metres long.

He said he has sent an application to the London-based Guinness World Record through its official Web site, and would send the wedding video to the Guinness headquarters.

"Both the length of the dress and the number silk roses pinned on the wedding dress can make history. But it doesn't matter whether I can successfully register it on Guinness," said the groom.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects agriculture task in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence on 11 August inspected supply of water from Kinda left canal to the farmlands and cultivation of monsoon paddy in Wundwin of Mandalay Division.

He gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage of supplying water for agriculture purpose.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into the farmlands of farmer U Tha Yin in Myittha Township, display of small tractor manufactured by Monywa Industrial Zone and the farmland of farmer U Kyi Pyone in Singaing Township.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye viewed cultivation of monsoon paddy in the farmland of farmer U Thet Kyi in Amarapura Township and left necessary instructions.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Tha Aye viewing cultivation of monsoon paddy in the farmland of farmer U Thet Kyi in Amarapura Township.

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***Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe addressing departmental staff at briefing hall of Phaungtawoo jetty in Sittway.*—MNA**

Commander, Minister meet departmental staff in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with departmental staff of the Ministry at briefing hall of Phaungtawoo jetty of Myanma Port Authority in Sittway on 10 August.

The commander and the minister fulfilled the requirements after hearing the reports presented by those present and made speeches.

MNA

Certificate Course on Basic Diplomatic Skills No (21/2009) concludes

YANGON, 14 Aug—Certificate Course on Basic Diplomatic Skills No. (21/2009) concluded at Win Zin Minyazar Hall of Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning. Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attended the ceremony and presented completion certificates to trainees.

The 12-week course was attended by those interested in international affairs, businessmen and company staff dealing with foreign companies, and civil servants.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and wife Dr Daw Khin Mya attended the simulation of formal banquet, one of the subjects of the course, held at Park Royal Hotel yesterday evening.

It was also attended by directors-general of the ministry, personnel of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, ambassadors, senior diplomats, rectors, lecturers, and trainees of universities concerned.—*MNA*

***Deputy Minister U Maung Myint presents completion certificate to a trainee.*—MNA**

Danger water level of Sittoung River

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung river at Madauk is (1214) cm and it has exceeded by (144) cm (about 4.5ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.—*MNA*

High tide warning

YANGON, 14 Aug—The Myanma Port Authority issued warning today that the public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.3 feet to 21.6 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 19 August to 25 August 2009, that it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2007 and 2008, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—*MNA*

Trafficked young women handed over in Muse

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Shweli anti-human trafficking special squad of the People's Republic of China handed over six trafficked young women to the anti-human trafficking special squad of Muse on 5 and 6 August.

The two combined team combed a house in Ywelink Street in Kawkyinhwayan ward in Shweli and arrested five men brokers and three women on 7 August. The team also searched a house in Kyachewchein Street in Lonchanyiyan ward in Shweli and arrested eight men brokers and four women and saved three trafficked young women.

According to the investigation, the trafficked young women said human brokers persuaded them to work for a living by saying that they were to be employed in a garment factory in China; that they would have a well-paid job in Muse; that they would earn K 30,000 plus meals and accommodation per month at noodle shops; and that they would earn 50 yuans per day in sugarcane plantations in Shweli. Trafficked women said that they were trafficked in various ways; that sometimes they were trafficked after they had fallen in love with traffickers; and that they were forced to marry citizens of that country.

The trafficked young women were sent back to Myanmar after they had sought help from the police station or after they had been arrested due to their illegal immigration.

The young women were sent back to their parents and authorities concerned are giving assistance to them.—*MNA*

A law in force and its effects

A Lawyer

Every country promulgates their laws for perpetuation of sovereignty, and political, economic and social affairs in their interest. In this regard, they have to amend the laws in force, revoke unnecessary laws and promulgate some more laws, as necessary.

Having a look at the historical background of Myanmar constitutions, the Constituent Assembly approved the 1947 constitution on 24 September 1947. The constitution was in force on 4 January 1948, on which Myanmar regained independence. The legislative body, executive body and judicial body formed under the 1947 constitution exercised the powers bestowed by the constitution and existing laws.

Section 226 (1) of the 1947 constitution says, **"Subject to this Constitution and to the extent to which they are not inconsistent therewith, the existing laws shall continue to be in force until the same or any of them shall have been repealed or amended by a competent legislature or other competent authority."** According to the provision, the laws enacted in the time of the British government remained in force until they were subject to the 1947 constitution and were amended, and they were exercised as necessary.

On 2 March 1962, the commander-in-chief of defence services formed the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Myanmar through Announcement No (1) of the State Revolutionary Council and exercised the sovereign powers to rule the country. The Revolutionary Council of the Union of Myanmar issued Announcement No (14) **"All existing laws shall remain in force until they shall have been repealed or amended by the Government of the Union of Myanmar".** According to the announcement, all existing laws including the 1947 constitution remained in force until they were repealed or amended.

The 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was approved through the referendum on 29 May 2008. Article 446 of the constitution says, "Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw."

The 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma was in force on 3 January 1974. Article 202 (b) of the 1974 constitution says, **"Existing laws and rules shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Council of the State".** It does not enumerate any expression of revoking the 1947 constitution. **So, the provisions of the 1947 constitutions remained in force so long as they were not contrary to the provisions of the 1974 constitution.**

On 18 September 1988, the State Law and Order Restoration Council took up State duties. On 24 September the same year, it issued Announcement 6/88 that **all the laws that were in force on 18 September 1988 on which the State Law and Order Restoration Council took up State duties shall remain in force until they were repealed or amended by the State Law and Order Restoration Council.** Therefore, all the laws that have not been revoked or repealed by the State Law and Order Restoration Council remained in force.

The 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was approved through the referendum on 29 May 2008. Article 446 of the constitution says, **"Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw."** The constitution does not manifest any provisions that say the 1974 constitution is revoked. The 1974 constitution has not been repealed or revoked up to now, so it remains in force until it is not contrary to the 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Article 202 (a) of the 1974 constitution and Article 449 of the 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar say **"This Constitution is the Basic Law of all the laws of the Union"**. The government of a nation has to promulgate necessary laws, repeal or revoke unnecessary laws, and amend, add expressions to and replace the laws in force as necessary.

The laws by nature remain in force in so far as they are not revoked or repealed.

So, the 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma is still in force in so far as they are not contrary to the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar because the former has not been repealed or revoked yet.

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Tatmadaw Agriculture Course No. 64 concludes

YANGON, 14 Aug—The Tatmadaw Agriculture Course No. 64 concluded at the hall of the Myanma Rice Research Department in Hmawby Township this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint inspected sample paddy seeds and rice, production of quality paddy by Myanma Rice Research Department and farmers, and arrangements for distribution of quality paddy strains.

At the concluding ceremony of the course, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on agriculture affairs and presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

After the ceremony, they viewed paddy plantation of the department, broadcasting of fertilizers and weeding work.

Later, they inspected flow of water in Hline River and development tasks in Shwehlaygyi Village of Hmawby Township.—*MNA*

***Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspecting production of quality paddy by Myanma Rice Research Department.*—MNA**

Chairman of Commission for Drafting State Constitution U Aung Toe receives delegation led by Senator Mr Jim Webb.

MNA

US Senator and party call on Commission for Drafting State Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—A visiting delegation led by Senator Mr Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the United States and wife who are in Myanmar at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win called on the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution at the office of the commission this afternoon.

Present were Chairman of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution U Aung Toe Vice-Chairman U Aye Maung, members U Thaung Nyunt and Dr Tun Shin.—*MNA*

US Senator and wife arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the US, and wife Mrs. Hong Le Webb arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by air at 11.45 a.m. today at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win.

They were welcomed at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, officials of the Ministry, Charge d' Affaires ai Mr. Larry M. Dinger of US Embassy in Myanmar, Military Attaché Colonel Brey R. Sloan and officials.—*MNA*

Energy Minister meets locals in Kungyangon Township

YANGON, 14 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with local people from Nyaungngu and Daydanaw model villages at Nyaungngu village in Kungyangon Township on 11 August and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the minister met with local people at Kamapa village.

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***Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meeting with local people at Kamapa village.*—MNA**

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspecting Aviation Control Tower.

MNA

Tasks of Aviation Control Division inspected

YANGON, 14 Aug—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe on 10 August heard reports on tasks of Aviation Control Division of Yangon International Airport presented by the Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation.

The minister inspected the aviation control machines and communication accessories at the Aviation Control Tower of the Aviation Control Division.—*MNA*

US Senator meets social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug – Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the US, who was here at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, met social organizations at the Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 3 p.m. today.

It was attended by Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, CEC members U Thein Swe and U Than Htay, President Dr Daw Myint Kyi of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and General Secretary Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin, President Daw Nilar Thaw of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, Mrs. Hong Le Webb, wife of the Senator, Charge d' Affaires ai Mr. Larry M. Dinger of US Embassy in Myanmar, Military Attaché Colonel Brey R. Sloan and officials.

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***USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo and CEC members, MWAF and MMCWA Presidents meet US Senator Mr. Jim Webb at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.* —MNA**

Mawlamyine Railway Station…

(from page 16)

A sleeper factory as well as Mawlamyine Railway Station has been built on a grand scale in Mottama for the convenience of railway passengers. While Mottama Sleeper Factory is playing a part in railroad construction, Mottama Station has become a good facility contributing towards the transport sector.

Wooden sleepers which were used in building railway tracks in the past can wear out, cost a lot and seem dangerous. The lifespan of a wooden sleeper is only three years and it can withstand 800 pound square inch. The lifespan of a concrete sleeper is 60 years and it can withstand 7000 pound square inch. So a concrete sleeper is twenty times a wooden one in terms of lifespan and nine times in terms of load.

Mottama Sleeper Factory produces 600 sleepers per day and 200,000 per year. It is also producing couplings. With the emergence of Sleeper Factory (Mottama), the wooden sleepers along Bago-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei Railroad will be replaced with concrete ones. As the concrete sleepers produced from Mottama Factory are to be used in building Dawei-Myeik railroad section, there will be regional development with a speedy flow of commodities. With the more durable railroads, Mawlamyine Station has become more crowded. A senior engineer of Division (8) Mawlamyine of Myanma Railways says: "Now there has been a smooth and secure rail transport. More than 34 miles of Thanphyuzayat-Lamine railroad has been installed with new railway tracks and concrete sleepers. Over 20 miles of Mudon-Thanphyuzayat railroad are being installed with new tracks and concrete sleepers. Some sections of more than 18 miles of Lamine-Ye railroad have also been installed with new railway tracks and concrete sleepers. Sleepers from Mottama are being transported and one can travel from Myitkyina in northern Myanmar to Kawthoung in southern part.

Mawlamyine Railway Station and Mottama Sleeper Factory are infrastructures built by the State to add strength to travelling from the southern part to the northern part of Myanmar.

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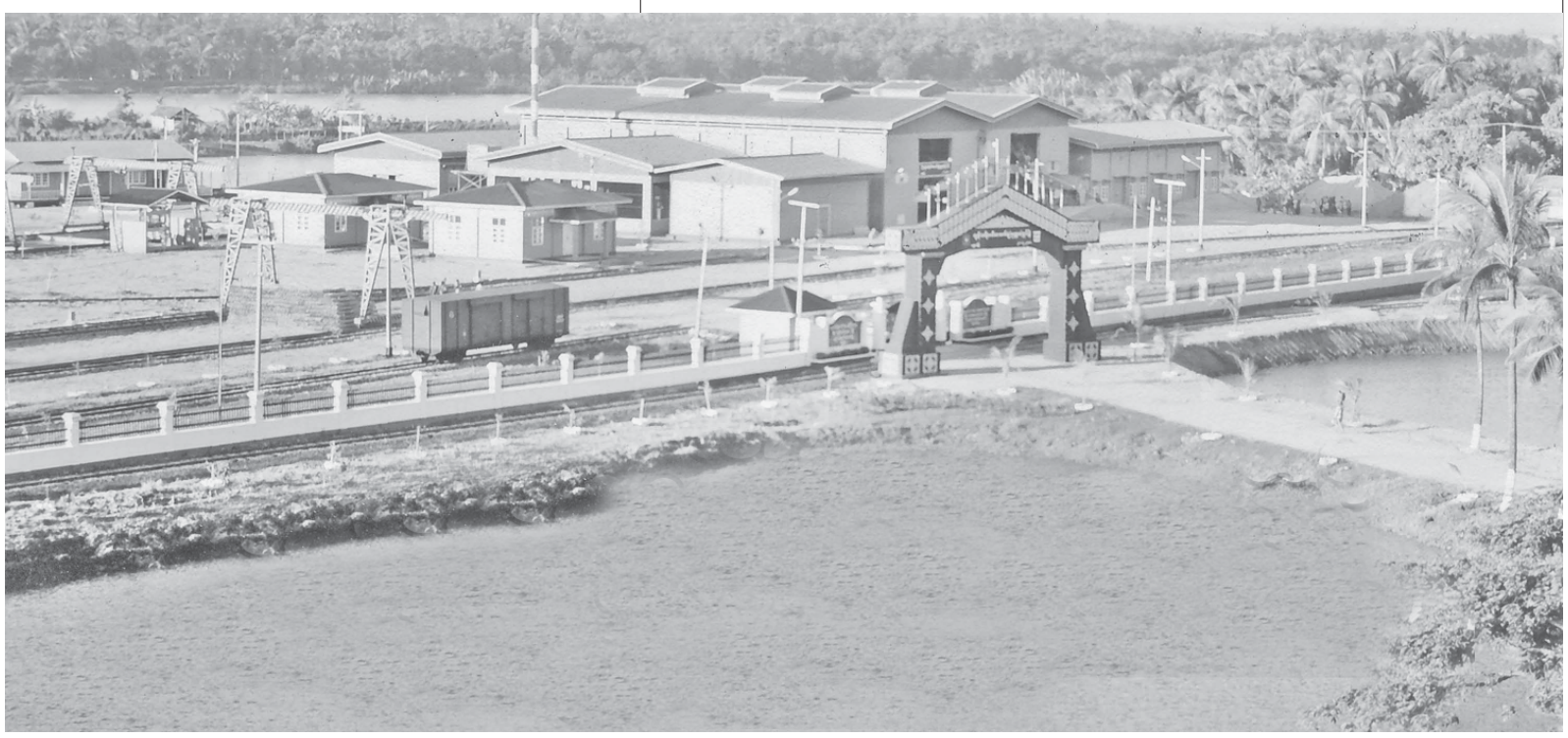
Mawlamyine Railway Station and Mottama Sleeper Factory.



Concrete sleepers from Mottama Factory being transported.

Russian operator says missing ship has enough food, fuel

MOSCOW, 14 Aug—The missing vessel Arctic Sea, with a Russian crew on board, had enough fuel and food to support its operation until September, the ship's operator said on Friday, as suspicions grow that it may have been hijacked.

The ship left port in Finland with a supply of food for 45 days and fuel for 40 days, Ivan Boiko, deputy director of the Arkhangelsk-based company Solchart Arkhangelsk, told the Itar-Tassnews agency.

There should be no problems with drinking water because there was a water-desalination plant on board, he added.

Boiko said the 15 crew, all residents of the port city of Arkhangelsk, were highly skilled.

The Maltese-flagged Arctic Sea set off from Finland on July 23 carrying a large load of timber and had been due to arrive at the Algerian port of Bejaia on August 4.

Media reports said contact was lost with the vessel on July 28 and suspicions are growing that the Arctic Sea was hijacked.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered on Wednesday measures to track, monitor and, if necessary, free the ship if it was hijacked after Solchart requested state assistance in the search-and-rescue operation.

Internet

Undated file picture released by the Sovfracht Maritime Bulletin on 12 Aug shows the Arctic Sea cargo ship at an unknown location.—INTERNAT

A display case shows a selection of curry sausage dishes, at the new-opened Curry Wurst Museum in Berlin, on 13 Aug, 2009. Curry Wurst is a German national dish that consists of a hot pork sausage seasoned with tomato ketchup and curry powder, and served with chips or bread rolls.—INTERNET

Aussie arrested for worldwide computer virus attacks

CANBERRA, 14 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.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists warn beach toxins in Auckland could kill people

WELLINGTON, 14 Aug—Public health warnings remain on beaches in New Zealand's largest city of Auckland after scientists found the toxin which killed a dog on the North Shore could kill people as well as animals.

Analysis of vomit of the dog which died after visiting Narrow Neck Beach showed it died of tetrodotoxin, a poison found in tropical puffer fish which had also been found in a sea slug sample taken from the beach, the New Zealand Press Association reported.

"This substance is extremely toxic and potentially fatal to humans and animals," a statement from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service said.

"It is not known how the slug came to contain the toxin and investigations are continuing," it added.

"While evidence of the toxin has not been found on other beaches it is too early to rule this out. This may also be the toxin that has affected other dogs."—*Internet*

HK researchers discover novel treatment for bird, human flu

HONG KONG, 14 Aug—Phosphoantigens, commonly used for treating osteoporosis, were found capable of combating flu- viruses by strengthening human immunity, according to a study done by the University of Hong Kong which made the results public on Friday.

A research team from the university's medical school, for the first time, discovered that a type of cells from human immune system can effectively kill host macrophages infected by avian fluH5N1 and H9N2, and human flu H1N1 viruses after being activated by phosphoantigens.

The viruses, therefore, were unable to reproduce and their number would then drop dramatically, said Lau Yu-lung, head of the university's Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, adding that the approach was theoretically capable of killing influenza A/H1N1 virus.

Since the attacking targets of the brand new flu-treating method were the host macrophages rather than the flu-viruses themselves, problems concerning anti-drugs and mutation of virus were unlikely to develop, Lau said.—*Internet*

A minke whale is seen swimming during a ride on the Les Ecumeurs boat on the St. Lawrence river at Les Escoumins, Quebec, on 13 Aug, 2009. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature large whale species such as the humpback and minke are recovering from a threat of extinction, helped by curbs on hunts since the 1980s.—INTERNET

Germans, Poles rebury about 2,000 WWII remains

WARSAW, Poland, 14 Aug—Polish and German officials are burying the remains of more than 2,000 bodies dating to World War II believed to be German civilians killed in the final months of the conflict.

The bodies were being buried Friday at a German war cemetery in western Poland near the German border.

The first bones were found in October by construction workers digging foundations for a five-star hotel by the medieval castle in the northern city of Malbork. The work was halted and an exhumation ordered which took six months.

Forensic experts and anthropologists believe they are probably from German civilians who died in Malbork in early 1945. However, no documents, clothes or personal belongings were found with them except for a child's pair of glasses.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (90610)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJ ESTIC VOY NO (90610) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9042)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9042) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ADMIRE-CORAL VOY NO (22)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ADMIRE-CORAL VOY NO (22) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN-CAR LINER SINGAPORE PTE LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

General Power withdrawn

I granted general power to my daughter Saw Ei Ei Htwe 13/KaTaNa (Naing) 085234 on 22-8-2006 in Kengtung concerning the house in Mandalay.

Since all the necessary matters have been dealt with I withdraw the general power with effect from today, 14-8-2009.

U Bo Thein
13/KaTaNa (Naing) 004008

Exxon Mobil pleads guilty to killing protected birds

HOUSTON, 14 Aug–US oil giant Exxon Mobil has pleaded guilty and agreed to pay 600,000 US dollars in fines for the deaths of about 85 protected migratory birds in the company's wastewater ponds in five states, the US Justice Department said on Thursday.

Texas-based Exxon Mobil on Wednesday pleaded guilty in a federal district court in Denver, Colorado, to misdemeanour charges of breaking the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The company was accused of killing about 85 protected birds including waterfowl, hawks and owls in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, according to the newspaper *Houston Chronicle*.

The birds died from exposure to hydrocarbons in open natural gas well pits and wastewater storage facilities at Exxon Mobil drilling and production facilities in these states, said John Cruden, acting assistant US attorney general.—*Xinhua*

People throng a retail area in Paris, on 13 Aug, 2009. France's economy grew 0.3 percent in the second quarter, ending the country's worst recession in decades in large part thanks to a rise in exports, according to government estimates released on Thursday.—INTERNET

France, Germany return to growth in 2nd quarter

LONDON, 14 Aug—Government programmes to support the auto industry helped Germany and France return to economic growth in the second quarter, rebounds that stoked hopes the recession in the wider 16-country euro area may also end sooner than thought.

Europe's two biggest economies each saw growth of 0.3 percent from the previous three-month period, surprising analysts' expectations for equivalent declines and technically ending their worst recession in decades.

The French and German increases marked a stunning turnaround from the previous quarter, when Germany shrank by a massive 3.5 percent and France contracted by 1.3 percent.

The unexpected increases in Germany and France meant that the 16-country euro area contracted at a sharply reduced rate of 0.1 percent, much less than the 0.5 percent anticipated in the markets.

Internet

Ecuadorian minister infected with A/H1N1 flu

QUITO, 14 Aug—Ecuadorian Policy Minister Ricardo Patino has been infected with A/H1N1 flu, the Health Ministry reported on Thursday.

Patino began to show flu-like symptoms last week and is currently being treated with anti-viral medicine at home.

President Rafael Correa is also under medical observance because one member of his security team has been infected with the flu, the ministry said. Correa will not be isolated as he has not been symptomatic, it added.

The staff working at the Carondelet Palace has been ordered to wear masks after the infection.

Ecuador has reported 23 deaths from A/H1N1 flu, while the number of infections in the country has exceeded 700, according to the ministry. —*Xinhua*

Egyptian crews overpower Somali pirates, kill two

MOGADISHU, 14 Aug— A Somali pirate says the crews of two Egyptian fishing boats being held by pirates overpowered their captors, killing two of them, and escaped.

The pirate, who gave only his nom de guerre of Miraa, says the crew attacked the pirates with machetes on Thursday and seized some of the pirates' guns before overpowering them.

Miraa says the fight took place off the coast off the northern Somalia coastal town of Las Qorey.

Miraa was speaking to *The Associated Press* on Friday as he recuperated from wounds he says he got during the fight.

Businessman Said Jama Hussein says the Egyptians apparently took some pirates hostage.

Pirates had held the Egyptian fishing vessels since mid-April.

Las Qorey is off the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest waterways where Somali pirates carry out most of their attacks.—*Internet*

A freed sailor is embraced after his release by Somali pirates, on arrival at Ciampino airport in Rome on 14 Aug, 2009. —INTERNET

Aegon raises 1b euros through shares to repay state investment

THE HAGUE, 14 Aug—Dutch insurer Aegon raised one billion euros on Thursday by issuing shares to repay part of a state investment after reporting a second-quarter loss of 161 million euros (229 million dollars).

"Aegon has completed a one billion equity euro issue via an accelerated bookbuild," a company statement said. "The issue was conducted ...through the sale of a combination of new common shares and existing treasury shares.

"The issue comprised 157,822,000 new common shares and 32,654,191 treasury shares of AEGON NV with a nominal value of 0.12 euros."—*Internet*

Chemical found to kill breast cancer stem cells in US

BEIJING, 14 Aug — US researchers have found a chemical that can kill breast cancer stem cells, according to reports on Friday quoting a study published this week in the journal Cell. Breast cancer stem cells are a kind of master cancer cell that resists conventional treatment and may explain why many cancers grow back. And finding ways to destroy these cells could make cancer far easier to cure, said the study.

"There is a lot of evidence to suggest now that these cells are responsible for many of the recurrences that are observed after treatment has stopped," Piyush Gupta of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Broad Institute said in a telephone interview.

A chemical called salinomycin hit the target. The study shows that it was 100 times more potent at killing breast cancer stem cells than the common chemotherapy drug called paclitaxel or Taxol.

Cancer stem cells treated with salinomycin were far less able to start breast cancers when injected into mice than cancer stem cells treated by paclitaxel. And the treatment also appeared to slow the growth of tumors in the mice.

This is not clear if salinomycin will emerge as the best drug compound for killing breast cancer stem cells — or that it will be safe to use in people with cancer.

But the study offers a new roadmap for drug companies to isolate and test compounds capable of killing the cells, Gupta added.—*Xinhua*

Sony's Reader Pocket Edition is displayed in this undated handout. Sony Corp will begin selling in August 2009 the cheapest digital book reader for the United States, heating up the competition with Amazon.com Inc in the small but fast-growing market for electronic readers. Sony plans to start selling its 5-inch-screen Reader Pocket Edition at $199 — which it called a breakthrough price — and a larger touchscreen reader for $299, through nationwide retail outlets such as Wal-Mart and Best Buy. —INTERNET

Singapore launches science festival to spark passion for learning

SINGAPORE, 14 Aug— Singapore launched on Friday the Science.09, the annual national science month to celebrate the positive impact of science.

Launched by Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education S Iswaran, the event aims to spark a passion for learning among Singaporeans by encouraging young people to be inquisitive.

He said that science, technology and biomedicine continue to bekey engines of growth for Singapore as it strives towards a knowledge-based economy built on intellectual capabilities and high value research and development.

"The way forward is multi-disciplinary research, integrating research from diverse scientific disciplines to create scientific, biomedical and technological breakthroughs and applications that will enhance our lives and build future industries," he said.—*Xinhua*

Israel's death toll of A/H1N1 reaches 8

JERUSALEM, 14 Aug — Another Israeli suffering from the influenza A/H1N1 died on Wednesday, bringing to eight the total number of fatalities from the pandemic in the country, local daily Ha'aretz reported on Thursday on its website.

Citing Israeli Health Ministry, the report said that the 60-year-old Haifa woman who died in the northern Israeli city's Rambam Hospital overnight had tested positive for the A/H1N1 virus.—*Xinhua*

Malaysia reports seven more deaths of A/H1N1 flu

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Aug— The Malaysian Health Ministry on Thursday reported seven more deaths of A/H1N1 flu, increasing the total number of deaths in the country up to 51. Malaysian Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai said that the deaths aged between four month and 92 year-old and they were related to high risk factors, including hypertension, heart disease, congenital disease and low immunity.—*Xinhua*

Vietnam's A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 1,300

HANOI, 14 Aug— Vietnam confirmed 25 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of flu patients in the country up to 1,300, the Vietnam's Ministry of Health's website reported on Friday.

Among the newly-reported cases, ten were in the south, ten in the north and five in the central highland provinces of Vietnam, said the report.—*Xinhua*

US Louisiana reports first A/H1N1 death

HOUSTON, 14 Aug— The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH) on Thursday reported the first death of the A/H1N1 flu in the US state.The victim was identified as a 21-year-old woman from the Greater New Orleans area, the department said. Lauren Mendes, spokeswoman for the department, said that the woman died on Wednesday of complications from the A/H1N1 virus.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to this young woman's family and friends," said LDHH Secretary Alan Levine. —*Xinhua*

Companies now required to monitor workplace hazards

BEIJING, 14 Aug— Beginning next month, Chinese businesses and factories that violate occupational hazard regulations will be shut down and face a maximum penalty of 300,000 yuan (44,000 dollars).

"If an employee's health has been affected by dust, toxic substances and other harmful factors during occupational activities, those harms can be defined as occupational hazards," according to a temporary provision released recently by China's work safety watchdog.

The provisions were formulated by the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS).

SAWS is in charge of monitoring and inspecting work safety practices, halting work hazards, issuing licenses, investigating accidents and stopping illegal work practices.—*Internet*

Dengue fever cases rise to 22,757 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 14 Aug — The number of Dengue cases has risen to 22,757 while 232 people have died of the disease in Sri Lanka so far, the Epidemiological Unit of the Health Ministry said on Thursday.

The Epidemiological Unit said in its latest statistics that of the 22,757 cases, the highest number of patients were reported from June totaling 7,050. It is followed by July with 6,714 cases being reported.

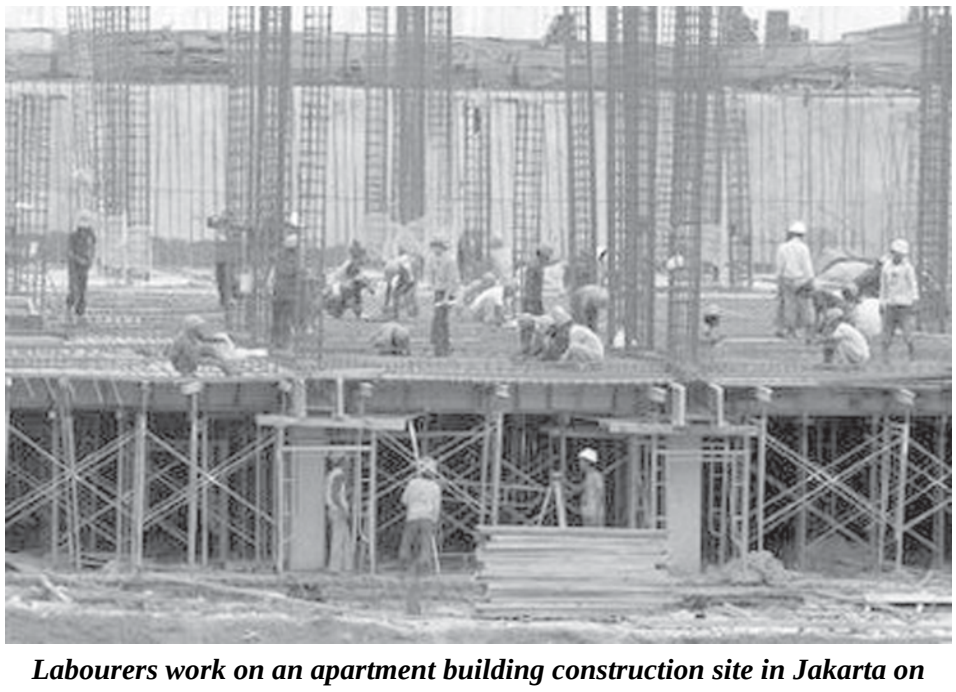
This represents a sharp increase as only 4,156 Dengue cases and 85 deaths were reported for the whole year of 2008.

Health officials said the majority of these cases have been reported from the areas of Gampaha, Kegalle, Kandy and Colombo.

The rapid rise in the level of the epidemic has forced the health authorities to carry out extensive public awareness campaign to eradicate the mosquito - based epidemic.

Households have been warned to keep the environment free of mosquitoes. Those who allow the mosquitoes to breed by allowing stagnating water face prosecution with a special hotline being made available for public information.

The World Health Organization says some 2.5 billion people, two fifths of the world's population, are now at risk from Dengue and estimates that there may be 50 million cases of dengue infection worldwide every year.—*Xinhua*



Labourers work on an apartment building construction site in Jakarta on early August, 2009.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Sneijder resists Real Madrid exit

MADRID, 14 Aug—Real Madrid midfielder Wesley Sneijder repeated on Thursday his desire to remain at his current club. Real are looking to sell Sneijder and their other Dutch internationals Arjen Robben and Rafael Van der Vaart in an attempt to recoup some of the 255 million euros the club has spent this summer signing players such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaka, Karim Benzema and Xabi Alonso.

Inter Milan and Aston Villa are rumored to be interested in Sneijder, with Aston Villa coach Martin O'Neill speaking openly of his admiration for the 25-year-old. However, speaking to Sky Sports, Sneijder said he does not want to leave.

"I am going to fight to play for Real Madrid despite all of the competition for places," said Sneijder."I don't want to leave the club. I know that the transfer market will be open for two more weeks, but for the moment, I am not thinking about that at all," he said. — *Xinhua*

Real Madrid's Wesley Sneijder (R) fight for the ball with Real Mallorca's David Navarro during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Ono stadium in Palma de Mallorca.—XINHUA

Federer, Nadal into Montreal ATP quarters

MONTREAL ,14 Aug — Roger Federer captured his 21st consecutive match win as he booked a quarter-final berth at the Montreal Masters and stayed on course for a finals showdown with Rafael Nadal.

Top-seeded Federer avenged a spring loss to fellow Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) victory.Second seed Nadal, playing this week for the first time since 31 May after resting his injured knees, gave his fragile confidence a huge boost with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of German Philipp Petzschner.

The two led an historic parade of the top eight seeds into the quarters of the three million-dollar tournament - the first time since the rankings began in 1973 that the top eight players in the world have all reached the quarters at the same ATP event.—*Internet*

Golf and rugby sevens set to get Olympic spot in 2016

BERLIN, 14 Aug—Golf and rugby sevens are set to become medal events at the 2016 Olympic Games after the International Olympic Committee's executive board voted to include both at its meeting here on Thursday.But the final decision will have to be made at a full meeting of the IOC congress in Copenhagen in October.

Softball, squash, baseball, karate and roller sports also submitted applications for joining the Olympics but their attempts were all rejected. Golf was an official event at the 1900 Paris and the 1904 St Louis Olympic Games, but has been dropped ever since.

But many expressed their worry that top players will have no interest to compete in the Olympics even though world No 1 Tiger Woods said earlier that he would play. The proposed format for golf is a 72-hole stroke play competition for men and women, with 60 players in each field. IOC president Jacques Rogge said winning an Olympic gold medal would be an very important goal for top golfers in the world. — *Xinhua*

Women's boxing becomes official event at Olympics

BERLIN, 14 Aug—Women's boxing will become a medal event at the 2012 London Olympic Games after a decision by the International Olympic Committee's executive board here on Thursday.

Boxing, which has been the only Olympic event without any female participants, will have three weight classes in the London Olympics.

But for the men's boxing, one of the 11 categories will be dropped.

"Women's boxing has come on a tremendous amount in the last five years and it was time to include them," said IOC president Jacques Rogge.

Xinhua

Hull City sign Ireland midfielder Hunt

LONDON, 14 Aug—Ireland midfielder Stephen Hunt joined Premier League side Hull City from Reading, the Championship club (second division) said on Thursday.

The 28-year-old, who joined Reading in 2005, signed a four-year deal with Hull. "He has made it known for some time that he was ready for a new challenge and this is a good move for all three parties," Reading director of football Nick Hammond said on the club website. —*Xinhua*

Anelka set to open talks over new Chelsea contract

LONDON ,14 Aug—France striker Nicolas Anelka is set to open talks with Chelsea over a new contract with the FA Cup holders, according to his agent.Anelka finished as top scorer in the Premier League with 19 goals last season and the Blues are keen to reward the former Arsenal and Real Madrid star with an improved deal.

Didier Drogba and Florent Malouda have already agreed new contracts during the close-season and Anelka, who has two years to run on his current deal, looks like being the next big name to extend his stay at Stamford Bridge.

Anelka's agent, Doug Pingisi, told skysports.com on Thursday: "I think we will be having talks with Chelsea next week about Nicolas' contract."Nicolas has two years left on his present contract and I think Chelsea would like to extend it."We plan to sit down and have talks with Chelsea about Nicolas' future."

Internet

Injury-hit Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka is set to open talks with Chelsea over a new contract with the FA Cup holders, according to his agent.—INTERNET

Chelsea renew contract with defender Mancienne

LONDON, 14 Aug—Chelsea extended the contract with Michael Mancienne on Thursday but loaned the defender right then to Wolverhampton Wanderers. According to the English Premier League club's website, the 21-year-old renewed his deal for four years and will spend the first season with the Wolves.

Mancienne also had a loan spell with the Premier League newcomers during their time in the Championship (second division). Last year, Mancienne received a surprise call-up to England's squad for a friendly in Germany. — *Xinhua*

Tiger Woods without a blemish in leading PGA

CHASKA, 14 Aug—Excitement is overrated when Tiger Woods plays like this.Let Alvaro Quiros wow the crowd at the PGA Championship with a monster drive. Or Vijay Singh impress by shaping a shot around a tree and into the sun, not realizing it stopped an inch or two from the hole.

Tiger Woods.

INTERNET

Seven years ago, a younger Woods thrilled everyone at Hazeltine National with a shot from a fairway bunker he called one of his best ever.No need for dramatics this time around. He merely plodded — his word — his way around the course Thursday, right into a one-stroke lead over defending champion Padraig Harrington that seems about 10 times bigger.—*Internet*

Birmingham sign French defender Vignal

Former Liverpool defender Gregory Vignal.

BIRMINGHAM, 14 Aug—English Premier League club Birmingham on Thursday agreed to sign former Liverpool defender Gregory Vignal.Vignal will join Alex McLeish's promoted squad on a one-year contract if he passes a medical.

The 28-year-old French left-back played for McLeish during a loan spell at Rangers and impressed the Blues manager during a trial this pre-season.McLeish said: "He's a good athlete, he's mobile and he's strong and aggressive.

"I think he stirred the fans up and British fans appreciate that kind of approach."He played a season with me at Rangers when we won the league and it was a very successful campaign for him then, so I know what Greg can bring us."

Internet

Man City still keen to land Lescott

MANCHESTER , 14 Aug—Manchester City manager Mark Hughes believes he could still sign England defender Joleon Lescott from Everton before the transfer window closes.Hughes has had bids of 15 million pounds and 18 million pounds rejected by Everton as boss David Moyes fights to keep the centre-back.

Moyes has also declined to accept a written transfer request from Lescott but Hughes revealed City are considering another approach for the 26-year-old."We have made offers and shown interest, obviously that is seen by virtue of the bids we have put in," Hughes said on Thursday.

Internet

Everton's England defender Joleon Lescott (bottom).

INTERNET

Asleep in Jesus
U Chan Hmung, aged 77 years
Pu Chan Hmung, Cinzah (Capi)
(L.B.C.)
E.P.C. (Retd)

Beloved son of (Pu Ram Ci-Pi Ngun Thluai) of Room-52, Building 11/A of Pyi Yeik Mon Housing Estate, Kamayut Township, Yangon, son-in-law of (Pu Thla Hrang-Pi Cer Thluai), beloved husband of Pi Sang Tum, father of C. Thang Cem, Peng Thang Cinzah-D Nu Iang, C. Cung Hlei Cung, C. Richard Ram Ci, C. Thawng Lian Thang, Sui Za Thein and C. Abel Bawi Cung Nung, grandfather of Van Neih Cem, Bawi Nun Thiang and Sung Hlei Par, U Chan Hmung (a) Pu Chan Hmung peacefully fell asleep in Jesus at 8 pm on 13-8-2009 (Thursday). Funeral service will be held at Yayway hall at 10 am on 15-8-2009 (Saturday), thence the remains will be conveyed to Yayway Christrian Cemetery for entombment. (The ferries will leave the residence, Hline Thiri Housing Estate and Insein BOC bus stop at 9 am.)

Bereaved Family

Palestinian children attend a summer camp at the beach of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip on 13 Aug, 2009. The camp was organized by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

INTERNET

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Programme Schedule
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North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Panca Rupa
* Useful Variety of Bamboo
* Village Libraries Constant Source of Knowledge for Rural People
* Kambozathadi: Palace of Conquerors
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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* Musicalization of Poetry "Myanadi"
* Myanmar Movies Impact
* Talent Show on a Maze of Xylophones
* Myanmar Modern Song
* The Beauty of the 1st Defile of the River Ayeyawady
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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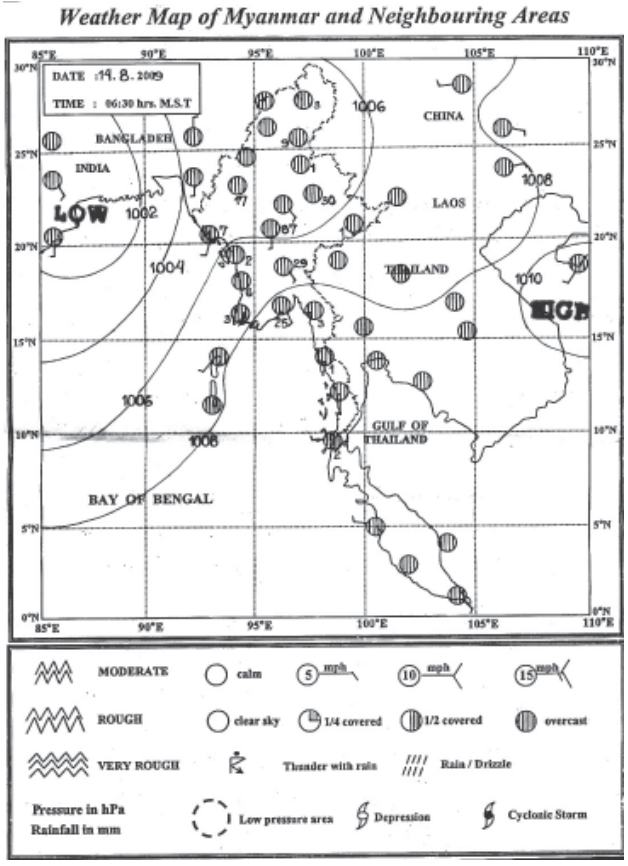
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 14th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Chin State, scattered in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions.The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.89) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.03) inches, Meikhtila (3.58) inches, Taungoo (Aviation) (3.46) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Kyauktaw (2.56) inches, Myitkyina (2.28) inches, Taungtwingyi (1.77) inches, Sagaing (1.73) inches, Shwebo (1.57) inches and Thayet (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-8-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-8-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-8-2009 was 97%. Total Sun shine hours on 13-8-2009 was (1.5) hour approx.

Rainfall on 14-8-2009 was (0.32) inch at Mingaladon, (0.99) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.74) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (78.94) inches at Mingaladon, (90.63) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 13-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak to moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of August 2009: During the coming wekend, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and fairly widespread in Yangon Division.

TV Myanmar

Saturday, 15 August
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းမင်းညို) (တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am
5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:10 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am
7. Musical Programme

8:40 am
8. International News

8:50 am
9. Local Talent

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game for Children

11:50 am
4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News

12:00 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

12:20 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

1:30 pm
7. Dance of National Races

1:40 pm
8. "တို့ဘိုးဘွားအမွေစစ်မို့" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဇော်ဦး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ရှက်တယ်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်မြင့်ဦး)

2:35 pm
9. ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

2:55 pm
10. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:20 pm
3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm
4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:40 pm
5. Musical Programme

4:55 pm
6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရှုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

5:10 pm
7. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm
9. "ရှင်သန်ခြင်း"

5:40 pm
10. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:40 pm
14. ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်

7:00 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၃)
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
21. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

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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

Mawlamyine Railway Station and Mottama Sleeper Factory ensure smooth and secure transport

Article: Mi Thazin Nwe Mon, Photos: Thet Htwe (Kyemon)

In the past Mottama was a town where the railway ended. From there, one had to travel in difficulty to the southern part of Myanmar by Z-craft and then by car. But now Mottama has become a strategic railway town.

Unlike in the past, travelling to the southern part of Myanmar now has become easy thanks to the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). Anyone can go directly from Mottama to Mawlamyine. Mottama and Mawlamyine are not separable, like two brothers.

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Newly-built Mawlamyine Railway Station.

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A law in force and its effects

The laws by nature remain in force in so far as they are not revoked or repealed.

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One more found infected with A (H1N1)

Number of victims with the virus reaches 20

Two patients discharged from the hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—The Township Health Department transferred a three-year and seven-month old child who had returned from Malaysia to Yangon Children's Hospital on 13 August. The National Health Laboratory conducted the test on the child and the child was found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) virus. The child had arrived back Myanmar from Malaysia by Flight No. 8M 502 on 10 August. The child was the 20th patient infected with the virus.

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

Authorities concerned are taking surveillance measures against 116 passengers who had arrived on the same flight with the patient and 129 airport staff in their respective places.

The 17-yaer old boy from Yangon East Hospital and the three and half years old child from Yangon Children's Hospital were discharged from their respective hospitals as they have fully recovered from their illness. Surveillance against 18 family members who had contacted with the patients had been halted.

The number of patients infected with the virus has reached 20 and 15 out of whom have been discharged from the hospital since they have recovered from their illness. The remaining five patients are being given treatment by specialists.

Up to now, the National Health Laboratory detected 166 flu-suspected persons and 20 were found affected with the virus.—*MNA*