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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

Senior General Than Shwe receives US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who is currently here at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 11.10 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The visiting US Senator was accompanied by Charge d' Affaires of the US Embassy to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Larry M. Dinger.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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PERSPECTIVES

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To actively participate in drug elimination plan as national concern

As producing and trafficking of narcotic drugs are rampant throughout the world, there has been a widespread abuse of heroin, opium oil, cannabis as well as stimulant tablets whose raw materials are based on chemicals.

The government has been implementing the 15-year drug elimination plan since 1999. In its drive for successful realization of drug control programme in the region, the country signed MoUs with the People's Republic of China, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam in 1995.

After it became an ASEAN member nation in 1997 Myanmar had attended 20th meeting on narcotic drugs of ASEAN high-ranking officials as a member and has been actively participating in the fight against drug in the region.

Being an ASEAN member nation, the country is doing its bit for success of work programmes on curbing trafficking and abuse of drugs in ASEAN countries in 2015 in line with the objective "Drug Free ASEAN 2015".

For success of the 15-year drug elimination plan, the country is making concerted and well-coordinated efforts with international organizations and relevant departments in introducing poppy-substitute undertakings. In control and elimination tasks also, it is striving for collecting news, exposing and seizing of drug traffickers based on reliable news and cooperating with international community.

Members of the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department were able to expose 253 drug-related cases and bring those engaged in drug trafficking to trials in July 2009.

At a time when relentless efforts are being made for successful realization of the 15-year drug elimination plan it is incumbent upon the entire national people to actively participate in the drive as a national concern.

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

A&I Minister inspects Kanyin Dam Project

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo visited Kanyin Dam Project being built by Irrigation Department near Tatkon Village in Ingapu Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division on 9 August.

Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Construction (9) of Irrigation Department reported to the minister on work progress and Director-General U Tin Maung Ohn made a supplementary report.

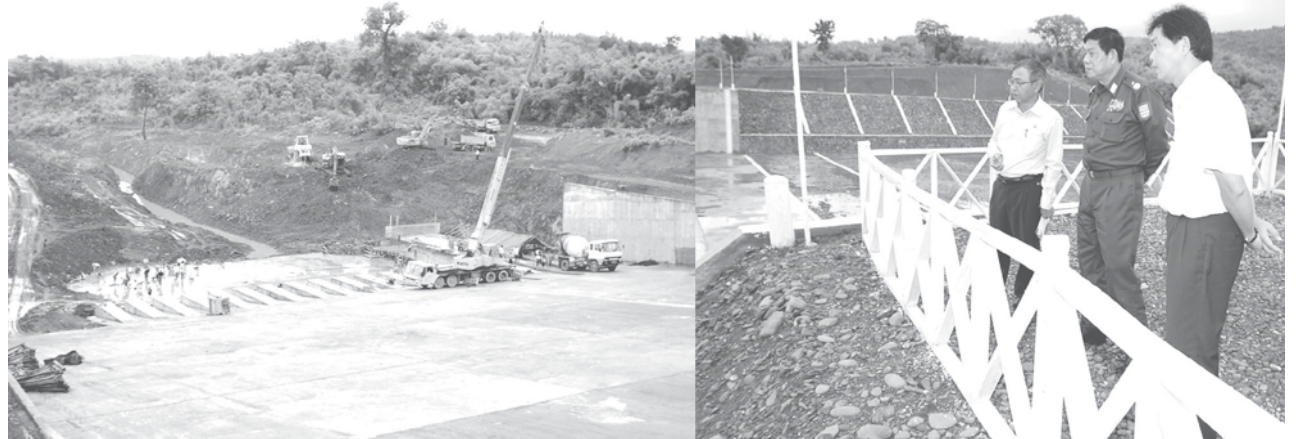
After hearing reports, the minister gave instructions on construction works meeting set standards. In meeting with chairmen of Ingapu and Myanaung Township PDCs and members of township agricultural coordination committee, the minister gave

instructions on works for designating crops to be grown in irrigated farmlands and improvement of agricultural production.

On 10 August, the minister inspected construction works of the project, kitchen crop plantation for staff welfare, growing of monsoon paddy in the project area and thriving monsoon paddy plantation.

Kanyin Dam Project will contribute to developments of western regions of the Ayeyawady River and will supply irrigation water for 25000 farmlands in Ingapu Township.

Out of the whole project, 31 per cent has been completed. —MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Kanyin Dam Project.—MNA

Construction Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Vice-president Mr Sang Yoon Lee of Korea-based SK Group of Companies and party at 7.30 pm and Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung and



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives Vice-President Mr Sang Yoon Lee of Korea-based SK Group of Companies and party.

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Myanmar, Thai rice millers meet

YANGON, 15 Aug—A meeting between Myanmar Rice Millers' Association and Thai Rice Mill Association was held at the hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of

Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township here yesterday.

Chairman of the MRMA U Tin Win extended greetings.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint and Chairman of Thai RMA Mr Chanchai Rakthananan made speeches.

General Secretary of MRMA U Thaung Win

Chairman of Thai RMA Mr Chanchai Rakthananan making speech at the meeting.

MNA



party at his office at 8.30 pm on 12 August.

Also present on the occasions were Managing Director U Khin Maung

Hse of Public Works, Director-General U Aung Win of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department

and departmental officials.

The meetings focused on roads and bridges projects.—MNA

explained cultivation and milling of paddy in Myanmar and Joint General Secretary U Win Aye Pe, Myanma export rice. Officials replied to the questions raised by Thai entrepreneurs.

The 38-member delegation led by Chairman Mr Chanchai Rakthananan of Thai RMA visited rice mills and special paddy cultivation zones in Yangon Division.

MNA

Writer-reader gathering 18 August

YANGON, 15 Aug—To mark the second publishing of the book entitled "Peace of Mind" by writer Khin Saw Tint, the gathering between the writer and the readers will be held at Inwa Literary House on Sule Pagoda Road, here, from 9 am to 12 noon on 18 August. Myo Setthit Sarpay distributes the book carrying 26 articles at K 1200 per copy.—MNA





Fire comes out after a suicide car bomb explosion which occurred near the main gate of NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 15 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Three die, 70 wounded in blast near NATO HQ in Kabul

KABUL, 15 Aug — A suicide car bomb exploded near the main gate of the NATO-led international military mission on Saturday, killing three Afghans and wounding 70, officials said. The Taliban claimed responsibility.

The pinpoint attack penetrated a heavily guarded neighbourhood that also houses the US Embassy and Afghan presidential palace just five days before Afghani-

stan's nationwide elections.

Bloodied and dazed Afghans wandered the street after the blast, and children — many of whom congregate outside the NATO gate to sell gum to Westerners — were among the wounded. Windows of nearby antique shops were shattered and blood smeared the ground.

Gen Mohammad Zahir Azimi, the spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of

Defence, said three Afghan civilians were killed and 70 wounded in the blast. Capt Elizabeth Mathias, a US spokeswoman for the NATO-led mission, said the explosion occurred near the gate of NATO's International Security Assistance Force. She had no immediate information on damage to the headquarters.

Internet

One killed in explosion in Istanbul

ANKARA, 14 Aug — News reports say an explosion inside a trash container in Istanbul has killed one person and injured one other.

Private NTV television says the explosion occurred late on Friday in the low-income Gaziosmanpasa neighbourhood.

Sky Turk television says Istanbul's police chief branded the blast a terrorist attack, but did not elaborate.

The attack occurred on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the start of the Kurdish insurgency, which began with an attack by rebels belonging

to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

The group has carried out attacks to mark the date in past years, but the rebel leader is expected soon to announce a peace plan to end the conflict. Leftist and militants groups have also carried out bombings in the city.—*Internet*

A microbus is severely devastated after colliding with a train in Iasi county, northeastern Romania, on 14 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET



Chavez back from Cuba for Fidel's 83rd birthday

CARACAS, 15 Aug — President Hugo Chavez said on Friday he found his close ally and mentor Fidel Castro in good health during a visit to Cuba to celebrate the Cuban leader's 83rd birthday.

Chavez says they shared a cake. He says he also gave Castro Venezuelan products including chocolate and sardines, and two charcoal drawings: one of Ven-

ezuelan independence hero Francisco de Miranda, and a second of Cuban hero Jose Marti.

He said, "Castro is in absolute use of his mental faculties."

"You know what the imperialists say," Chavez said. "Some say that Fidel is crazy. ... They create rumours."

Castro ceded power to his brother, Raul, after he

fell ill three years ago and has not been seen in public since. He stepped down as president in February 2008.

Castro marked his 83rd birthday on Thursday out of the public eye but with an essay on the global economic crisis, climate change and immigration that headlined Cuban newspapers.

Internet

California to drop healthcare coverage for more than 60,000 children

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug — Due to state budget cuts, California is planning to drop healthcare coverage for more than 60,000 children beginning from 1 Oct, it was reported on Friday.

The California state board made the decision in a vote on Thursday in a bid to secure funding from other sources, including money set aside by voters for early childhood education, the *Los Angeles Times* said.

Those children to be affected may be dropped from the California Healthy Families program under the action by

the state Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, the paper said.

If additional funds are not found, the program could ultimately drop 669,296 children in the current fiscal year, which ends 30 June, 2010, the paper quoted board officials as saying.

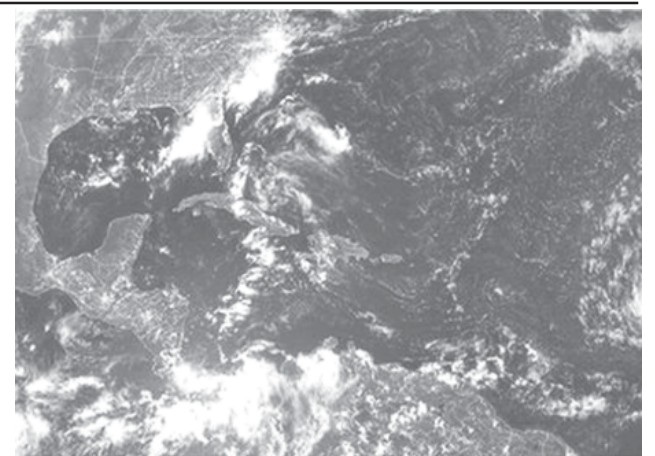
Currently, 921,000 people age 18 and younger are enrolled in Healthy Families. The budget cuts made by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the legislature left the Healthy Families programme with a 194-million-US-dollar shortfall.—*Xinhua*

Guillermo now a Category three hurricane over Pacific

MIAMI, 15 Aug — Forecasters say Hurricane Guillermo has quickly strengthened into a Category 3 storm far off Mexico's Pacific coast.

The National Hurricane Centre says Guillermo's maximum sustained winds are near 115 mph. The hurricane rapidly intensified early Saturday morning, but it is expected to weaken later in the day as it moves over cooler water. Guillermo was centered about 1,385 miles west of the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula. It is moving west-northwest at 16 mph.

Meanwhile, forecasters say a tropical depression has regenerated over the Atlantic Ocean. The depression could become a tropical storm this weekend.—*Internet*



This NOAA satellite image taken on 14 Aug, 2009 at 1:45 PM EDT shows a swirl of clouds east of the Lesser Antilles associated with a dying tropical disturbance. No other tropical development is noticed in the region.—INTERNET

13 killed, three seriously injured in bus-train collision in Romania

BUCHAREST, 15 Aug — Thirteen people were killed and three others seriously injured on Friday when a train collided with a minibus in northeastern Romania.

The accident happened at a railway crossing point in the county of Iasi when the train slammed into the minibus, which was carrying 16 passengers. According to emergency officials, two of the five injured died on the way to a hospital. Among the dead there was a 8 year-old child. This is the worst accident occurred in the county within 15 years. According to the initial information, it seems that the driver of the minibus crossed the railway ignoring the signal light, which led to the collision, said local officials. The 26 year-old bus driver was still in a coma.

There are no reports of injuries from the train.

Xinhua

Argentine President announces creation of 100,000 jobs

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Aug—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez announced on Friday the creation of 100,000 jobs with an initial investment of 1.5 billion Argentine pesos (about 389 million US dollars).

The first part of the Plan of Social Income with Work will benefit groups of low-income people outside Buenos

Aires.

"We launched this plan to approach the issue of the poverty from a strategic bridge, which is to generate and boost real job opportunities," Fernandez said while hosting an event at the Government House.

The total investment in a mid term will be of some 9 billion pesos (2.343 billion dollars).

During a 45-minute speech, Fernandez said the initiative "will be led to the urban population of high social vulnerability."

According to official figures, 15 percent of the people in Argentine live under poverty line.

The local Catholic Church says that the poor people in the country are about 40 percent of the total population.—Xinhua

Commuters at Osaka railway station in western Japan. A Japanese railway worker halted a commuter train by pressing an emergency stop button because he needed an excuse for running late for work, police said after arresting the man.

INTERNET



Job seekers look at the information board during a recruitment meeting offering practising jobs at the Shanxi Talent Market in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 14 Aug, 2009.

XINHUA

Indonesia's industrial production on slowest rise in Q2

JAKARTA, 15 Aug—Indonesia's industrial output increased at the slowest pace in the second quarter since the start of global financial crisis in September last year, a media

here Friday.

The Jakarta Post reported that out of eight specific product categories monitored by the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), the wood- and forestry-based products suf-

fered the most, with the value of output contracting by 3 percent in three months, prolonging an earlier 3.6 percent slump in the first quarter.

Its sister product category, paper and printed goods, also grew at a snail's pace, by 1.4 percent compared with the 10 percent growth recorded in the first quarter.

Xinhua

US air travel down 9.5% in first five months of 2009

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug—US airlines served 282 million passengers in the first five months of this year, a 9.5-percent decrease on a year-on-year basis, US business news outlets reported on Friday.

Figures released by the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics also show that, in the current economic downturn, nearly all US airlines, except Southwest Airlines and US Airways, suffered steep drops in the number of passengers during the period.

American Airlines dropped 10.6 percent, United Airlines 14.3 percent, Continental 11.5 percent and Northwest Airlines 20.2 percent, according to the bureau.

Southwest dropped 5.3 percent in the same time frame while US Airways was down 7.5 percent.

Xinhua



Ecuador exports 50,000 tons of excessive rice, corn to Venezuela

QUITO, 15 Aug—Ecuador began Friday to export 30,000 tons of rice and 20,000 tons of corn to Venezuela, Ecuadorian Agriculture Minister Ramon Espinel said.

The first load of 8,000 tons of rice was sent to

Venezuela, in order to alleviate the pain of the Ecuadorian producers who have between 150,000 and 200,000 tons of excessive rice in stock.

Ecuador suspended in June 2008 its rice exports to Colombia and Peru due to a speculation wave after the seasonal flooding which resulted in the price rise at the domestic market. In April 2009, Ecuador resumed its rice ex-

ports to the two neighbours.

Ecuador also negotiated the export of 20,000 tons of corn to Venezuela. The first load is to be shipped in September.

Xinhua

Mexican unemployment rate 5.2% in Q2

MEXICO CITY, 15 Aug—Mexico's Labour Ministry reported an unemployment rate of 5.2 percent for the second quarter of 2009 on Friday. This was up from 5.06 percent in the first quarter and 3.5 percent during the same period last year.

While absolute unemployment was comparatively low, the underemployment rate, or percentage of people who are employed but believe it to be insufficient to make ends meet, was 10.6 percent. This was a significant increase from 7.6 percent three months earlier and from 6.6 percent a year ago.

Economists consider underemployment a more accurate indicator of Mexican labour conditions than unemployment.

The Labour Ministry gave no analysis of trends alongside its data. One noteworthy factor is that the second quarter includes the April-May period when A/H1N1 flu hit Mexico for the first time, triggering a 10-day closure of all businesses and educational establishments.

Xinhua

Women receive cosmetic beauty treatments in March 2009. A group of Chinese women who travelled to South Korea for cosmetic surgery baffled immigration officers on their return home when their new looks did not match their passport photos.—INTERNET



French job losses slow in Q2

PARIS, 15 Aug—The rate of job losses in France continued to decline in the second quarter of 2009 but slowed, according to the data released by the national statistic agency INSEE on Friday.

"The reduction in the declines is mostly due to the stabilization of temporary employment," said the INSEE.

France lost 74,100 jobs in the second quarter, after a loss of 168,400 jobs in the first quarter of this year. While in the main market sectors, employment fell by 0.5 percent quarterly, and by 2.5 percent year-on-year.

Xinhua



FAW-VW joint venture sees three millionth sedan roll off production line in China

CHANGCHUN, 15 Aug—The FAW-Volkswagen Automobile Co Ltd., a joint venture between China First Automotive Works Group Corporation and its German partner Volkswagen AG, saw its 3 millionth sedan roll off the production line on Friday.

Winfried Vahland, president and CEO of Volkswagen Group China, hailed the 3 millionth sedan, a Golf A6

SOP, as “another milestone” in the 18-year co-operation between Volkswagen and FAW.

Since 1991, the joint venture, based in northeastern Chinese city of Changchun, has built Jetta, Golf, Bora, Sagitar and Magotan models for the Chinese market, as well as Audi A4 and A6 cars.

It manufactured 1 millionth car in 2004 and 2 millionth in 2007.

“The production of the 3 millionth sedan marks a new level in our cooperation and is bound to have positive impact on the stable development of the Chinese auto industry,” said Xu Jianyi, general manager of China FAW Group Corporation.

“I hope FAW-Volkswagen can achieve its goal of manufacturing 1 million sedans a year at an early date,” he said.

Xinhua



A German expert signs during a ceremony marking the 3-millionth car manufactured by Sino-German car joint venture First Automobiles Works Group Corporation (FAW)-Volkswagen Automobile Co. Ltd in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 14 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Argentina stresses importance of trade with China

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Aug—Argentine vice commercial policy and management minister Eduardo Bianchi stressed on Friday the importance of trade with China and expressed hope for an increase of industrial exports to China.

Bianchi made the remarks after a meeting with Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Zhong Shan at the Argentine Industry Ministry in Buenos Aires. During the meeting, the two sides signed commercial agreements worth of 118.5 million US dollars. “Both sides were friendly at the meeting and China is a great market for Argentina”, Bianchi said.

Trade between Argentina and China grew an average of 34 percent between 2003 and 2008 annually, reaching 13.5 billion dollars last year. Bianchi said Argentina is aimed at increasing exports, especially of industrial products, to China. —Xinhua



A boat moves past a solar energy water cleaning device located in a lake in Zizhuyuan Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 Aug, 2009. More than ten such devices were put into use here recently.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

US toy company recalls products following safety accident

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug—US toy company Little Tikes is recalling 1.6 million toy workshops and trucks after a toddler choked on a plastic nail, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) said.

The voluntary recall covers five toy models sold by Little Tikes as far back as March 1994, the CPSC said in a statement published by the *Los Angeles Times* on Friday. The problem involves the bright red and blue plastic nails that accompanied the Hudson, Ohio-based company's Electronic Project Workshop, the Little Handiworker Workhorse, the Home Improvements Two-sided Workshop, the Swirlin' Sawdust Workshop and the Black Pickup

Truck with Tools, according to the statement. Consumers should immediately take the toy nails away from young children and contact Little Tikes for a free replacement, said the statement. The toys were intended for children ages two and older. The child who swallowed the toy part was an 11-month-old boy from Goose Creek, South Carolina, the statement said, adding that some of the products are no longer sold by the company.

Xinhua

Pirates' attack on Turkish ship foiled in Gulf of Aden

ANKARA, 15 Aug—A German military helicopter helped the Turkish navy foil an attempt by pirates to hijack a Turkish cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden early Friday, local media the *Hurriyet Daily News* reported on its website.

The German helicopter received an alert by the Turkish navy frigate TGC Gediz operating in the region and thwarted the attack on the Turkish-flagged “Elgiznur Cebi”, which was en route to Saudi Arabia's Ad

Damman Port from the Yuzhny Port in Ukraine, said the report, citing a statement by Turkey's Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs.

Nineteen crew members, all of them Turks, were safe and unhurt, said the report.

Xinhua

FAO warns hunger increase in Latin America

MEXICO CITY, 15 Aug—The food and economic crisis would increase malnutrition in Latin America, The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said on Friday.

The FAO said in a document entitled “Hunger Observatory” that the malnutrition in Latin American would hit the record, despite the price reduction of some main food. The ongoing crisis would make 53 million inhabitants in Latin America to face hunger, according to the FAO.—Xinhua



Miao ethnic boys perform at a ceremony of the traditional torch festival at De'e Village of Longlin Autonomous County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 14 Aug, 2009.

Visitors at home and abroad enjoy the torch festival here with the locals of the Miao, Yi, Gelao and other ethnic groups. —XINHUA



Traffic police inspect the site of a traffic accident in Pacora, Panama, 14 August, 2009. A bus and a truck crashed in a highway in the Pacora community on Thursday night, which has so far claimed 25 lives and injured another 17 people.—INTERNET

Two Colombian peacekeepers injured in shooting in Egypt

RAFAH, 15 Aug — Two Colombian peacekeepers were injured in a shooting incident on Friday on the borders of Sinai in a camp of the Multinational Forces and Observers in charge of keeping peace between Egypt and Israel, according to a source from the camp.

The source said that the two soldiers were injured in an exchange of fire for unknown reasons. One of them was taken by plane to a hospital in Tel Aviv and the other is hospitalized in the camp itself.

The incident is individual and an investigation into the incident is underway, said the source.

Meanwhile, some local websites said that the soldier that was taken to Israel died as soon as he reached the hospital.—*Xinhua*

Right-wing militias rise again in US

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug — Right-wing militia groups are on the rise in the United States after nearly a decade of obscurity, says a new report covered by US TV networks on Friday.

The report from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which monitors hate groups and extremist activity, said there were “unmistakable signs of a revival of what in the 1990s was commonly called the militia movement.” Militia rhetoric is being heard widely once more while militia training events are spreading.

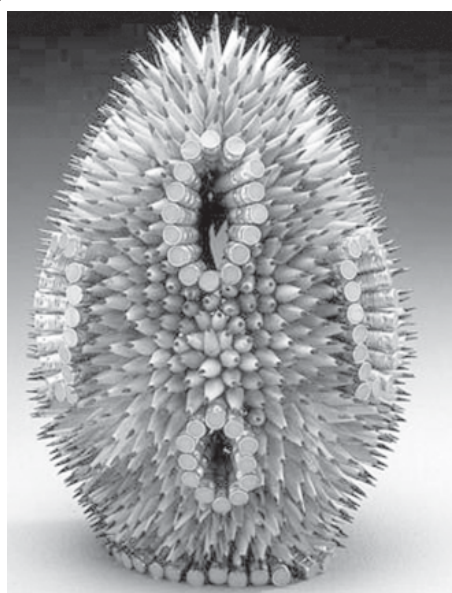
One federal agency estimates that 50 new militia training groups have sprung up in less than two years. Sales of guns and ammunition have skyrocketed amid fears of new gun control laws, much as they did in the 1990s.—*Xinhua*

Colonial BancGroup, four other banks shut down

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug — Regulators on Friday shut down real estate lender Colonial BancGroup Inc in the biggest US bank failure this year and also closed four banks in Arizona, Nevada and Pennsylvania.

The closures boosted to 77 the number of federally insured banks that have failed in 2009.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp was appointed receiver of the banks: Montgomery, Ala.-based Colonial, with about \$25 billion in assets; Community Bank of Arizona, based in Phoenix; Union Bank, based in Gilbert, Ariz.; Community Bank of Nevada, based in Las Vegas; and Dwelling House Savings and Loan Association, located in Pittsburgh.—*Internet*



This may look like a sea urchin or some other strange species of marine life but it is in fact a sculpture made of hundreds of coloured pencil.

Geese returned to Fla neighbourhood

Residents of a St Petersburg, Fla, neighborhood said three beloved gray Chinese geese that were taken away by a trapper have been returned to their home lake.

People living near Crescent Lake said the matriarch of the neighbourhood geese, affectionately named Mama, and two unnamed geese were returned to the lake, five days after they were taken away by Austin Corley.

Boy, nine, lands 150-pound shark

A 9-year-old boy said it took him almost an hour to land a 150-pound sixgill shark while fishing with his grandparents near Burien.

Cosmo Miller, 9, said he used a 30-pound test line to reel in the shark while fishing last week with his grandparents in Puget Sound, *The Seattle Times* reported.

“It was really hard,” Cosmo said, “but I had a really big fishing pole.”

The boy, who released the shark after taking pictures for posterity, said it

wasn’t his first encounter with a six-gill shark. He said he broke two poles fishing for sharks before he landed his prize catch using dogfish as bait.

Dave Woltz, his grandfather, said watching Cosmo wrestle with the shark was quite a sight to behold. “It was quite a thrill watching a 9-year-old kid pull in that fish,” he said. “We had been fishing for about four hours and were ready to come in when all of a sudden he hooks this big thing. His face was beet red and I offered to help him, but he said no.”

Woman, 86, faces shoplifting charge in 61st arrest

Authorities said a 86-year-old woman charged with shoplifting wrinkle cream and other items from a Chicago grocery store has been arrested 61 times since 1956. Ella Orko was arrested Sunday afternoon on the North Side after she allegedly stuffed \$252 worth of groceries into her pants, including cosmetics, salmon, batteries and instant coffee. She was charged with felony shoplifting. Police said Orko has gone by as many as 20 aliases in the past.

Court records indicate that she has now been arrested 61 times and has 13 convictions for shoplifting.

Boy drank gasoline to copy his TV heroes

A 14-year-old boy drank gasoline for five years to obtain “energy” — just as his idols “Bumble Bee” or “Optimus Prime” do in “Transformers,” the Sichuan-based *West China Metropolis Daily* reported on Saturday.

After the boy, in Yibin City, southwest Sichuan Province, had watched the animated TV series, he began to drink gasoline to become a “valiant fighter” like “Optimus Prime,” his father told the newspaper.

“He began to drink gasoline five years ago, when we found he liked smelling lighter fuel,” he said.

The boy’s mother owned a grocery stall, selling small goods such as lighters.

NEWS ALBUM



Archaeologist David Starbuck, left, works with crew chief Amara Litten, right, at a riverside parcel that was home to merchant’s store in the mid-1700s in Fort Edward, NY. Starbuck is in the process of purchasing the land in an effort to protect the site.



Golden fishes decorated with Chinese lucky characters are seen at a pet market in the southwestern city of Chengdu. Pet shops in a city in southwest China are offering fish tattooed with patterns and lucky characters intended to bring their owners good fortune and happiness.



Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development undertakings in Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by officials inspected the growing of monsoon paddy at the field of farmer U Aung Min in Gyaywa village-tract and the collective broadcasting of fertilizer at the field of farmer U Ba Htoo in Yenantha village-tract in Madaya Township on 12 August.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into the growing of monsoon paddy at the field of farmer U Tun Tin in Shwepyi village in Singu Township and supply of water to the farmland of U Po Htay.

At the briefing hall of Public Works in Phawtaw village in

Thabeikkyin Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on work progress and called for constant efforts to be made on maintenance of road.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye oversaw the growing of monsoon paddy at the field of farmer U Tun Lin in Theegon village in Thabeikkyin Township and teak plantations on both sides of Mandalay-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road, and visited Great Wall Foodstuff Co Ltd in Htigyaing Township in Sagaing.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected private-owned teak plantations in the township.

Accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State



Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited Indawng forest reserve of Forest Department in Chatthin village of the township and looked into teak saplings. —MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects growing of monsoon paddy field of Farmer U Tun Tin at Shwepyi village in Singu Township.—MNA



Ministry of Energy honours outstanding students, staff

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students of staff of the Ministry of Energy and the staff who secured prizes at Central Institute of Civil Serv-

ice was held at the hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

After delivering an address, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi awarded outstanding stu-

dents. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay gave prizes to the outstanding students and staff.

The ceremony ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

Honorarium for artistic works presented to family of artist U Ba Kyi

YANGON, 15 Aug—The Leading Committee for Construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda of Nay Pyi Taw presented honorarium for sculptures on Buddhology of the pagoda to the family of late artist U Ba Kyi at the hall of the National Museum on Pyay Road in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Member of the Leading Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint said that in decorating the interior of the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda, the marble sculpture works of Buddhology were made with the style of paintings created by artist U Ba Kyi in his book entitled Yokeson Buddhology published by YMBA in 1951. Artist U Ba Kyi who discharged duty as Patron of Myanmar

Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon passed away on 15 April in year 2000, he added. In his profession, Sayagyi U Ba Kyi created 65 master-pieces, he said.

Member of the Leading Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence presented honorarium for the artistic works to the family of late artist Sayagyi U Ba Kyi.

Later, the minister and party viewed the paintings of Sayagyi U Ba Kyi on Buddhology and stone sculptures to be decorated at Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Also present on the occasion were leading committee member Head of Department U Hla Myint Swe of Yangon City Development Committee, Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department and officials.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint viewing paintings of Sayagyi U Ba Kyi on Buddhology and stone sculptures to be decorated at Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Myanmar Brewery Ltd donates Real Time RT-PCR machine

YANGON 15 Aug— Myanmar Brewery Ltd donated a Real Time RT-PCR Scanner for Pandemic A (H1N1) 2009 influenza detection to Rational Health Laboratory, Department of Health, Ministry of Health at the meeting hall of Rational Health Laboratory in Dagon Township here this morning.

Director-General of Department of Health Dr Win Myint spoke on the occasion and then Managing Director of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Mr Peter

Ong made explained the purpose of donations.

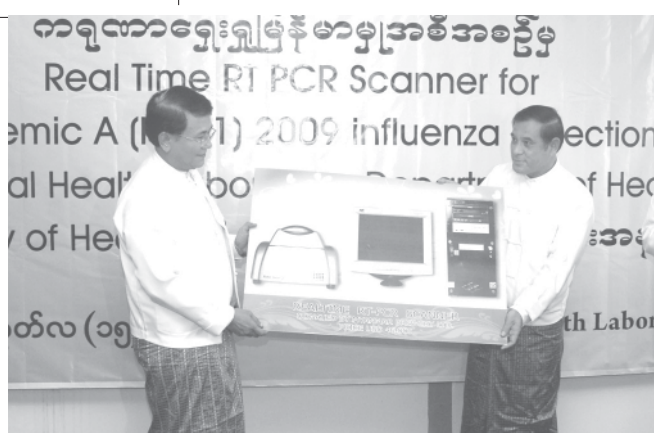
Afterwards, Director Dr Nay Win accepted a Real Time RT-PCR machine worth US \$ 46,000 donated by Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Nay Win (Retd) and Managing Director Mr Peter Ong.

After the ceremony, the director-general, guests and wellwishers viewed RT-PCR machine at the laboratory.

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Myanmar Brewery Ltd donating a Real Time RT-PCR Scanner for Pandemic A (H1N1) 2009 to Rational Health Laboratory.

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Acting commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command awarding the winners of tournament.
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C-in-C (Navy)'s shield boxing tournament for 2009 opens

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — The Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s shield boxing tournament for 2009 was opened on 13 August at Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters.

The tournament was opened with an address by the Acting Commander

of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy).

After the tournament, the acting commander awarded the winners of the tournament and presented the shield to a winning team.—MNA

Politics is to do real possibility

Maung Nwe Sit

Today, the expression “politics is to do real possibility” is very popular, which somewhat warn terrorist-cum-politicians against doing as they wish. The phrase should have gained wide currency earlier. Certain political groups are still clinging on to their impractical campaigns, thus getting the people into trouble.

Politics is the concern of a nation and its people. And it is an altruistic service. However, in practice, political groups, instead of prioritizing the public interest, had been putting power in the fore and sticking to armed insurrection since the post-independence period in 1948.

That indicated independence was closely followed by rivalry for power among political groups, instead of exercising politics with farsightedness in a pragmatic way in the interest of the people.

Once British colonialists intruded on the soil of the nation, the people of all national races resisted against the colonialists, arming themselves with whatever arms they got. Patriotic people got involved in battles to save the nation from falling to alien subjugation. British colonialists had to make a reinforcement of tens of thousands of soldiers from abroad and suppressed the resistant campaigns with modern weapons. Myanmar revolutionaries were equipped strongly with patriotic spirit and nationalistic fervour along with military prowess, but they did not have modern weapons. So, they could not drive the colonialists out of the territory of the nation.

In 1906, patriots formed Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) and held talks to revive national and religious affairs and made demands that colonialists take off foot wares before getting onto the platforms of pagodas. They launched a variety of anti-colonialist movements with the stance that they never remained indifferent in the colonial rule. They started the independence drive with possible campaigns.

In 1920, Myanmar associations were combined into the General Council of Burmese Associations (GCBA) to improve the nationalistic spirit. They made demands and got involved in anti-government campaigns, submitting public grievances. Those events served as evidence that they launched possible steps only.

During the Accusing of Doh Bamar Asiayon (Our Burmese Association) formed in 1930, Myanmar saw a series of anti-colonialist struggles including the campaigns of workers for instance Oilfield Workers' Uprising, and the campaigns of farmers such as Peasants' Uprising led by Saya San. Myanmar farmers demonstrated their bravery in the Peasants' Uprising and could open a new page of the Myanmar's historical background of anti-colonialists campaigns. However, the uprising went beyond the possibility, so it was suppressed later.

Thirty Comrades, the Burma Independence Army (BIA), the Burma Defence Army (BDA) and the Patriotic Force of Burma managed to drive out the colonialists who were coping with many problems triggered by World War II. The country could accelerate the independence struggles. Myanmar patriots also drove out Fascist troops. Due to the national level

participation of the entire people, independence struggles triumphed victory in the end.

To oust a ruling government through mass protests or an armed revolt is a just and correct fight if the rulers are aliens. It is because the people are responsible for throwing off the yoke of foreign rule for independence. In that regard, possibility is to be taken into consideration, and the people have to generate possibility.

In an independent country, the people of the country will form a government. If opposition parties incite mass demonstrations and turn to armed insurgency, they oppose possibility. If they win public support and prioritize public interest and they are right, it is possible for them to come to power. And they will win the vast majority of votes in elections. If the other parties oppose the winning party, those who suffer evil consequences are the people. Without possibility, a party cannot come to power, and all it is doing results nothing more than troubles to the people.

An armed revolt against colonialists is quite different from rivalry for power among national people. To fight colonialists is national revolution, but an armed conflict between two groups of national people is “exploiting the people of own race”.

If a political party wants to serve the interest of the nation, it has to put trust in people's power and avoid exploiting the people of own race, relying on external elements, troubling the people, and making the public impoverished to the liking of foreign masters. If it does not win massive support of the people, there is not possibility for it to come to power.

The expressions foreign countries are claiming now such as democracy, human rights and freedom are, indeed, a bait. If the people take the bait for democracy, they will lose their lives.

Military powers claimed that they waged wars on Vietnam, Korea, Serbia (Yugoslav), Somali, Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other countries in Asia, Africa, Middle East, Latin America, and island countries for democracy, human rights, humanitarianism and freedom. In the pragmatic world, those countries became neo-colonies in spite of the United Nations having decolonized. It is global knowledge that the colonialists got economic gains, whereas the colonies were reduced to ashes.

Accusing that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, the US invaded the country. And it gave several reasons such as to search WMDs, to help Iraqi people enjoy freedom, to remove a tyrant like Saddam Hussein, and to introduce democracy to the Middle East including Iraq. So far, some 700,000 Iraqi civilians have died, millions of civilians are injured and millions of Iraqi people fled abroad to take refuge. A large number of houses, bridges and buildings have been ravaged. The country has invaded Iraq for more than 6 years, but it cannot make any positive change in the nation. The only change is that the US has taken the region under its control, exploiting oil at will.

Afghanistan war was similar to Iraq war. The

US has invaded Afghanistan for nearly 8 years, giving a reason to arrest Osama bin Laden under an article on terrorism. It has not arrested Osama bin Laden yet because it has a plan to control a strategic country like Afghanistan. Now, the inferno of Afghanistan war has spread to Pakistan. The death toll of Afghans has reached more than 8000. No citizen of the country wants such democracy. They want real democracy based on the innate nature of their country, public desire, and history of their country. Colonialists invade and then exploit other countries, and that is possibility for them. They are militarily strong, they wield veto power in the United Nations in order that it cannot take action against them. So, it is high time world countries and world people generated possibility to stop the colonialist countries from wielding hegemony over the world.

There has been a possibility in Myanmar: the 2010 election due to be held in accordance with the State constitution (2008). Then, a session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed with people's representatives will be held and Myanmar will be built into a modern, developed and democratic nation after forming the governing bodies led by the President, and other central organs.

The people will cast votes with national causes in the 2010 election to elect people's representatives. Any candidates, political parties or independent candidates may be elected if they uphold the public interest and carry out tasks in line with the State constitution. That is real possibility.

Those candidates using tactics to cause public outrage, subversive ways in complicity with foreign masters, outlaw ways, and terrorists ways cannot win even a single vote.

Today, the people favour peace and stability. They want to see development of the motherland rich in natural resources and emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. If a political party really loves the people, it has to prioritize public desire and try to win the trust and reliance of the people.

The Union of Myanmar is an independent country with national unity and internal peace that is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map one by one. The government has showed its benevolent attitude towards the people, so the country is now enjoying development gradually. The State Peace and Development Council Office's letter No 04/Na Ya Ka (Oo) La Nga Hka and 04/Na Ya Ka (Oo) La Nga Hka-1 dated 10th August 2009 issued to commute half of three years rigorous imprisonment to the accused Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma who got involved in the crime committed by a US citizen, to permit them to reside in the residence, and to enable them to enjoy pardon if they display good conduct is a testament to the government's ardent desire of smooth transition to democracy, removing grudge against each other, ensuring State stability, and respect to the founding father General Aung San.

Therefore, I would like to invite all political groups to respect public decision, enjoy the opportunities generated with good will by the government, choose the path to democracy paved in accordance with the constitution by the people, and do not let themselves to be swayed by the political tricks of colonialists and axe-handles and take to the way of Myanmar democracy, that is real possibility.

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US Senator meets with officially registered...

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Shwe Nandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, at 8.15 am today.

Present at the meeting were the patron, the chairman, the vice-chairman, Central Executive Committee members and organizers, totalling 23 from 10 political parties namely National League for Democracy, National Unity Party,

Union Kayin League, Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Wa National Development Party, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Lahu National Development Party and Union Pa-O National Organization.

MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sees off US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win saw off Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific

Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 12.30 p.m. today.

Together with Minister U Nyan Win, departmental heads and officials of the ministry saw them off at the airport.

MNA

US Senator meets national race groups

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of

the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who is currently here at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U

Nyan Win, accompanied by Charge d'Affaires of the US Embassy to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Larry M. Dinger, met with

national race groups at Shwe Nandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, at 10 am today.

It was attended by

the chairman, the vice-chairman, the group leader and members, totalling 12 from NDKA group from Kachin Spe-

cial Region (1), KDA group from Shan (North) Special Region (5), PNO group from Shan (South) Special Region (6), Ka La La Ta group of Kayah Special Region (2), Phayagon Special Region Peace Group and DKBA Group.

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Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee meets national races groups.—MNA

US Senator and wife meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Accompanied by Charge d'Affaires of the US Embassy to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Larry M. Dinger and Military Attaché Colonel Brey R Sloan, the delegation led by Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and wife who are currently

here at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, arrived at Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft at 1.35 pm today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International

Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials.

The US Senator, wife and party met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House in Yangon at 3.55 pm.—MNA

The delegation led by Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee and wife meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.—MNA



Journalism Course No. 2/2009 concludes

YANGON, 15 Aug — The Journalism Course No. 2/2009, organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, concluded at the Karaweik Palace Hotel, here, yesterday evening, with an address by Vice-Chairman-1 of MWJA Leader of the Supervisory Committee for the Course U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha).

Secretary of MWJA Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) explained the purpose of conducting the journalism courses.

Chairman U Hla

Myaing (Ko Hsaung) accepted the membership applications for MWJA from the trainees and presented membership cards to them.

Responsible persons awarded the outstanding trainees. Later, the trainees presented gifts to

the instructors.

Altogether 52 trainees attended the six-week course from 1 July to 15 August. Veteran journalists gave lectures on news reporting, interview, journalists' ethics and other necessary topics.—MNA

Flood Warning

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin river at Shwegyin is 724 cm and it has exceeded by 24 cm (about 1 ft) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 700 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.—MNA



Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Tin Kha presents prizes to outstanding students.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw performs regional development tasks in Thaton District

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and departmental officials viewed cleaning and beautifying of Kyaikto Township and condition of roads in a motorcade on 12 August.

At Township People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw comforted patients and presented gifts to them.

Then Lt-Gen Khin Zaw attended the cash donation ceremony for medical fund. Wellwishers presented cash donation and medical equipments to the hospital.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected monsoon paddy plantations of locals on both sides of Kyaikto-Bilin Road, and looked into broadcasting of chemical and



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence views broadcasting fertilizers to monsoon paddy model farmland in Bilin Township.—MNA

natural fertilizers at monsoon paddy model.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw oversaw monsoon paddy plantations and condition of road sections along Bilin-Thaton road.

On 13 August, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw accompanied by the commander and departmental officials visited Thaton District People's Hospital. He comforted patients and presented gifts to them. — MNA



Work coordination meeting for development of Ayeyawady Division road network held

YANGON, 15 Aug—A coordination meeting on development of Ayeyawady Division road network was held at the office of Yangon

Division Public Works today, attended by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein.

At the meeting,

project engineers for construction of roads and bridges and senior engineers of Patheingyi, Myaungmya and Pyaw Barge Districts reported on progress of work and future plans. The deputy minister gave instructions.—MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein addresses the meeting.
MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister hosts dinner to US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win hosted a dinner to visiting Senator Mr. Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and

Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and party at Shwe Nandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone yesterday.—MNA

Myanmar delegation back from Yunnan Province

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint left Yangon for Kunming, Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China on 9 August 2009 by air and arrived back Yangon on 13 August 2009 by air

after attending the signing ceremony of the agreement on the Management of the Construction Project of the Consulate-General of the Union of Myanmar and residences of diplomats between the Consulate-General of the Union of Myanmar and the Foreign Affairs Office of the

People's Government of Yunnan Province and laying foundation ceremony.

Delegation members Director-General of Planning and Administrative Department U Tin Soe also arrived back on the same flight.

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Basic Course for Electrical Skill (1/2009) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The conclusion ceremony of Basic Course for Electrical Skill (1/2009), organized by Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry-1, took place at the training hall of the department yesterday.

On behalf of the Minister for Industry-1, Director-General U Soe Hlaing of the department delivered an address and 2 presented completion certificates.

A total of 83 trainees attended the five-week course.

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Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attends the signing ceremony of the agreement on the Management of the Construction Project.

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Cash assistance donated to hospitals, health staff

YANGON, 15 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash by Yangon Division PDC and wellwishers to health staff who are taking preventive measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) was held at Yangon Division Health Department on 13 August.

Secretary U Khin Maung Tun of Yangon Division PDC made a speech and handed over K 10 million donated by Yangon Division PDC to Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint.

Out of the cash, K 2.5 million was donated to Waibagi Specialist Hospital, K 1.5 million to Yangon People's Hospital, K 1 million each to North Okkalapa

People's Hospital, Yangon Children's Hospital, Yangon East Hospital, Yangon West Hospital, Insein General Hospital and Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital.

Afterwards, the secretary of Yangon Division PDC accepted K 2 million donated by U Hla Oo, K 1 million by K U Aye Maung, K 1 million and five thousand by U Tin Maung, K 1 million by U Thomas and K 0.5 million by U Soe Thein.

The secretary donated K 1 million to National Health Laboratory and K 4 million to health staff of Yangon Division.—MNA



China fires nuclear power head after investigation

BEIJING, 15 Aug—The Chinese government fired the head of its nuclear power programme after launching an investigation into allegations of corruption, state media said. No reason was given for the dismissal of Kang Rixin, the general manager of China National Nuclear Corporation — the biggest owner of nuclear power plants in China. He was under investigation for “grave violations of discipline,” a standard Communist Party term referring to graft and abuse of power, the official Xinhua News Agency said late Friday.

The Organization Department of the Communist Party appointed Sun Qin, 56, deputy director of the National Energy Administration, in Kang’s place, the report said. The Communist Party’s

Central Committee announced earlier this month that Kang was being investigated. He had been head of the company since September 2003.

China National Nuclear Corporation performs research and development as well as construction in areas such as nuclear electricity production, nuclear fuels and nuclear technology application, according to its Web site.

China is building more nuclear reactors than any other country. Beijing sees nuclear power as a clean alternative to coal-powered plants that account for 80 percent of China’s electricity supply.

Plans announced in recent years call for nuclear stations to supply 4 percent of China’s power needs by 2020, up from about 2 percent now.—*Internet*



Members of the Russian Imperial Ballet float in a boat across the Beijing Olympics swimming competition pool as they perform Swan Lake in the National Aquatics Centre, also known as the Water Cube, in Beijing on 13 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Mexico prison riot leaves 19 dead



Mexico map

MEXICOCITY, 15 Aug—At least 19 inmates have been killed and more than 20 injured in a riot in a prison in the northern Mexican state of Durango, security officials say.

Smoke was seen rising from the prison in the town of Gomez Palacio, and gunshots were heard. Officials said the violence resulted from rivalry between gangs in the jail. State official Jorge Torres said that while the situation was now calm the overall atmosphere was tense. He described the prison as a “time bomb”.

He told Mexican TV the fighting was a “dispute for dominance” and suggested that inmates being held on federal drug and organised crime-related charges might be behind the violence.—*Internet*

Colombia seizes largest amount of drug in history

BOGOTA, 15 Aug—Colombian police on Thursday seized 168,000 amphetamine pills, the largest seizure in history.

The drug, worth about 2.5 million US dollars, was discovered in several carton boxes on a truck from Pamplona to the western border city of Cucuta, the police said.

“This is the largest amount of synthetic drug seized by the police in the nation’s history,” said police commander Jorge Ivan Florez Cardenas.

Venezuela is likely to be the destination of the drug, he added.

Statistics from the United Nations showed that there are 100,000 drug consumers in Colombia every year, the largest among Latin American nations. Among them, 33,000 are minors.

MNA/Xinhua

Android this week: Over 1 million served

CALIFORNIA, 15 Aug—Phones running the Android operating system have been available worldwide since April, starting with the T-Mobile G1, which is known outside of the US as the HTC Magic. And according to HTC CEO Peter Chou, the number of HTC magic handsets sold has topped the one million-mark.

HTC also produces what so far is the sexiest Android phone on the market, the Hero. Chou also said this week that in Taiwan, Chunghwa Telecom customers who sign up for a 2-year contract will have their

Hero device 100 percent subsidized. The phone will run \$630 otherwise, so that’s one healthy subsidy.

Elsewhere, Microsoft and Nokia unveiled plans to bring Office Mobile to the Nokia smartphone line. To date, Microsoft Office support on Nokia phones was being provided by third party DataViz with its Documents to Go suite, which is also available for Android. A new version for the Android platform was released this week that adds PowerPoint and PDF support to the Word and Excel handling already provided.

And it was revealed that starting next week, O2 customers will be able to get their hands on Samsung’s first Android phone. The Samsung Galaxy i7500 is expected to have a Qualcomm processor on board, running at 528MHz.

Internet

A dog jumps a fence on the opening day of the grouse shooting season on the Rottal Estate, Angus Glens, Scotland on 12 Aug, 2009.

INTERNET



Vietnam has 13th largest population in world

HANOI, 15 Aug—Vietnam’s population now ranks 13th in the world with 85.78 million by 1 April this year, according to the country’s recent population census, local newspaper the *People* reported Friday.

Vietnam has also become the country with the third largest population in Southeast Asia after Indonesia and the Philippines, said the newspaper.

During the past ten years, the country’s population has increased by 9.47 million with growth rate of 1.2 percent a year, the lowest rate within 50 years, according to the newspaper. The rate is down 0.5 percentage points compared to the number recorded in the 1989-1999 period. Ho Chi Minh City is the locality which has the largest population in Vietnam with more than 7.12 million people. It is followed by the country’s capital city of Hanoi with over 6.44 million. The central province of Thanh Hoa came third with 3.4 million residents.

More than 25.37 million people are living in the urban areas, accounting for 29.6 percent of the country’s population, said the newspaper. Urban population grows by 3.4 percent a year in the 1999-2009 period compared to an annual 0.4-per-cent growth rate for rural areas during the same period.—*MNA/Xinhua*

World’s oldest kenyan schoolboy dies at aged 90



Kimani Maruge

NAIROBI, 15 Aug—A farmer celebrated in Kenya as the world’s oldest school pupil has died in the East African country aged 90, local media said on Friday.

Kimani Maruge, an illiterate great-grandfather, grabbed global headlines when he jumped at a belated chance to educate himself soon after President Mwai Kibaki’s government introduced free primary schooling in

2003.

Kenya’s NTV broadcaster said Maruge had been diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and had undergone surgery, but that his health had since deteriorated.

The veteran of the 1950s Mau Mau revolt against British colonial forces, who never had a chance to attend school as a boy, had become a national celebrity and something of a poster boy for free education campaigners worldwide.

In 2005, he travelled to the United Nations in New York to urge world leaders to press education for the poor.—*MNA/Reuters*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KMA III VOY NO (903N)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KMA III VOY NO (903N) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W (3) 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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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.

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Mexico, Uruguay sign strategic agreements

MEXICAO CITY, 15 Aug—Mexico and Uruguay have signed a strategic agreement worth 500 million US dollars in Uruguay's capital Montevideo on Friday, the Mexican president's office stated.

While Mexican President Felipe Calderon was visiting Uruguay's President Tabare Vazquez, both sides agreed to set up a cooperation fund of 500 million dollars and a Mexico-Uruguay Joint Cooperation Commission to administer it. Social development programmes would be a priority.

The two presidents also committed themselves to working together on protecting and restoring cultural goods and fighting against illicit trafficking of stolen artifacts.

Xinhua

China's oldest, largest dinosaur fossils to find new home in Beijing

BEIJING, 15 Aug—China's oldest and largest dinosaur fossils are to arrive at their new home in Beijing from southern Yunnan Province on Saturday, China Science and Technology Museum said on Friday.

The fragile bones, which were flown from

Yunnan on Friday, would be transported in special anti-shock vehicles on Saturday in 15 cushioned containers to the new site of China Science and Technology Museum in the centre of Olympic Green, said Xin Bing, deputy curator of the museum.

The skeletons of three prehistoric beasts are to meet the public at the opening ceremony of the new museum on 16 Sept in Beijing, said Xin Bing, the museum's deputy head.

The fossils would be protected by 50 guards day and night.—*Xinhua*

Peru, Brazil foreign ministers talk on regional issues

LIMA, 15 Aug—Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose Garcia Belaunde said on Friday that Peru and Brazil held "similar political views" on issues like the Honduran coup and Colombian-US military cooperation.

"We have been able to prove that our political views toward certain issues are similar, mainly on those related to the regional and the integration

process," Belaunde said.

In a joint press conference with Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim, Belaunde said that Peru and Brazil would support the proposal made by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias to find a solution to the Honduran crisis.

Peru and Brazil also shared a common view on Colombian-US military cooperation. According to

Belaunde, Peru and Brazil would try to find measures to ease the suspicion and fear of Colombia's neighbour countries caused by the new Colombian-US agreement. Under the agreement, Washington could gain access to at least seven Colombian military bases by the year 2019, and in return, Washington would offer Bogota some 5 billion US dollars in aid.—*Xinhua*



The Zhoushan missile frigate of the Chinese escort flotilla enters the harbour of Salalah, Oman, on 14 Aug, 2009. The Chinese escort flotilla visited the harbour of Salalah in Oman for a rest and reorganization for the first time on Friday. —XINHUA

Spain's economy shrinks, bucking eurozone trend

MADRID, 15 Aug—Spain's recession-hit economy shrank further in the second quarter, official data showed on Friday, as a recovery underway elsewhere in the eurozone failed to reach its fourth-largest member.

However, the rate of contraction slowed in the three months to June, and the government said the figures reflected a "rela-

tively better performance."

Gross domestic product contracted 1.0 percent in the second quarter from the first, the National Statistics Institute said in initial estimates.

Compared to the same period last year, GDP was off by 4.1 percent.

If confirmed by final figures on 27 August, it would be the fourth shrinkage in a row after a

fall of 1.9 percent in the first quarter, 1.0 percent in the last quarter of 2008 and 0.3 percent in the third quarter of 2008.

The latest figure was worse than an estimate of 0.9-percent contraction issued by the Bank of Spain last month. The central bank also said that the rate of contraction in the economy would continue to slow.—*Internet*

1,933 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 15 Aug—A European health agency said on Friday that 1,933 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 452 were confirmed in Netherlands, 433 in Britain, 422 in Greece, 390 in Germany, 140 in Poland, 41 in Denmark, 26 in Luxemburg, 16 in Switzerland, five in Romania, four in Slovakia, two in Hungary, one respectively in Latvia and Slovenia, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report. The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 37,793, with 1,538 cases in Spain and 12,903 in Britain, 1,125 in France and 11,493 in Germany, the ECDC said.—*Xinhua*

Hong Kong reports first Tamiflu-resistant influenza A/H1N1 case

HONG KONG, 15 Aug—The Centre for Health Protection of Hong Kong said on Friday it has received report on the first local case of Tamiflu-resistant influenza A/H1N1. It was the seventh case of Tamiflu-resistant influenza A/H1N1 reported to the World Health Organization.

The Centre for Health Protection said the case involved a 40-year-old woman who started taking Tamiflu on 15 July after 21 people at the home fell ill the day before. She developed a fever, cough and sore throat on 21 July and was sent to a local hospital. She was confirmed to be infected with influenza A/H1N1 and later recovered.—*Xinhua*

Brazilian flu toll mounts to 339

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Aug—The Brazilian health authorities have confirmed another 62 deaths of A/H1N1 flu on Friday, raising the country's death toll to 339.

According to the Health Ministry's latest report, there were 3,642 confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu in Brazil, about half of those being serious.

Most cases occurred in the southern and southeastern regions, Sao Paulo state having the highest death toll in the country with 134 confirmed victims. Winter in such regions is more severe, which promotes the spread of the flu.

Xinhua



An air tanker drops fire retardant chemicals on the Lockheed wildfire which burns out of control in a rugged region of the Santa Cruz Mountains in Bonny Doon, Calif, on 13 Aug, 2009 forcing the evacuation of more than a thousand residents.

INTERNET

US reports 41 more A/H1N1 flu deaths, 1,005 more hospitalizations in past week

HOUSTON, 15 Aug—The A/H1N1 flu death toll in the United State has reached 477 with hospitalizations of 7,511, according to the latest statistics released by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta on Friday.

The CDC said that 41 more deaths have been reported in the past week, a big jump from the previous record of 436 released a week ago by the agency. Meanwhile, there have been 1,005 more patients of the new virus admitted to the hospitals in the past week, bringing the total number of the hospitalizations around the country to 7,511, or a 15-percent increase compared with the previous record of 6,506. Since the outbreak of the H1N1 flu in late April, The CDC has reported on

its website the latest development of the new virus every weekend including numbers of deaths and conformed and probable cases of the new flu virus. But beginning from 24 July, the CDC has changed the reporting requirements for the H1N1 influenza by local health jurisdictions.

The new reporting requirements will track mainly hospitalized and fatal cases, the CDC said, adding that non-hospitalized case reporting is no longer needed at this stage of the pandemic. Instead of reporting confirmed and probable cases of the H1N1 flu virus, the CDC has transitioned to using its traditional flu surveillance systems to track the progress of both the H1N1 flu pandemic and seasonal influenza.

Xinhua

State of emergency declared as firefighters battle with raging wildfires in California

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug—California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi Friday declared a state of emergency in Santa Cruz County where firefighters were struggling to put a fierce wildfire in nearby mountains that has forced thousands of residents out of their homes under control.

The blaze, about 100 kilometers south of San Francisco and is named Lockheed Fire as it has been burning near the

Lockheed Martin facility since Wednesday evening, has scorched and burned two structures and forced the evacuation of more than 2,000 residents, according to California Department of Forestry and FireProtection (CalFire).

Garamendi, serving as acting governor because Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is attending his mother-in-law's funeral, planned to sign the proclamation at the request of the Board of Supervisors on early

afternoon of Friday. Schwarzenegger is expected to return to California Friday night and will visit the Lockheed Fire Saturday morning for a first-hand assessment of the situation, according to his press secretary.

About 5 percent of the blaze were "contained," but the rugged terrain makes fighting the blaze difficult and authorities doesn't expect full containment any time soon, CalFire spokesman Daniel Berlant said.—Xinhua

Wild elephant kills French tourist in south India

CHENNAI, 15 Aug—A French tourist was trampled to death by a wild elephant while trekking in southern India on Friday, a forest official said.

Del Yotel Annie, a retired teacher from Neuilly Sir Marne, was taking pictures of a herd of wild elephants at Bokkapuram, adjacent to the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Udhagamandalam, about 500 km from Chennai, when a jumbo and a calf charged her.

Internet

Singapore confirms first Tamiflu-resistant A/H1N1 case

SINGAPORE, 15 Aug—Singapore's Ministry of Health on Friday confirmed that the country has found its first Tamiflu-resistant A/H1N1 case.

A Health Ministry spokesperson said that the isolated case involved a patient who fell sick towards the end of May and was admitted to hospital for isolation and treatment. The patient was infected by a Tamiflu-susceptible strain of the virus and treated with Tamiflu. The resistant strain emerged during treatment and was detected through laboratory testing but by then the patient had already improved clinically.

"Patients can recover from their illness

even if they are infected with a Tamiflu-resistant influenza strain because the immune system plays an important part in clearing the body of the virus," the spokesperson said. The spokesperson did not reveal the age and gender of the patient.

"So far, we have not detected any other cases of antiviral resistance. We will continue to conduct surveillance for antiviral resistance," the spokesperson said.

Singapore reported its first confirmed case of flu A/H1N1 on May 27. The country's first A/H1N1 related death case was reported on 18 July. The country has reported 11 A/H1N1 related death cases so far.

Xinhua



A researcher shows colour potatoes introduced successfully from Canada at Southern China Potato Research Center in Enshi City of central China's Hubei Province, on 14 Aug, 2009.

Southern China Potato Research Centre and Huazhong Agricultural University succeeded in growing colour potatoes this year, which have a favourable prospect with beautiful colours, qualified appearance and antioxidant and anti-aging effects.—XINHUA

Russia says Cape Verde ship sighting untrue

PRAIA/MOSCOW, 15 Aug—Reports that a missing merchant ship had turned up in the Atlantic Ocean off the Cape Verde islands have proven untrue, Russia's RIA agency quoted Moscow's envoy to the country as saying on Friday. The disappearance of the ship, the Arctic Sea, and its 15-member Russian crew, has baffled authorities in Europe and North Africa. Moscow has sent

warships to find it. Portugal's Lusa news agency said the 4,000-ton freighter was 400 nautical miles off the West African archipelago, while France said it had intelligence of a sighting that could match the Arctic Sea.

"There was information that a cargo ship similar to the one being searched for was spotted 400 nautical miles north of the island of Santo Antao," RIA quoted Alexander Karpushin,

Russia's ambassador to Cape Verde as saying. "However, this information did not prove to be true," he said, citing a meeting with the head of Cape Verde's Armed Forces. Earlier, Lusa quoted the Cape Verde director-general of defence Pedro Reis as saying the ship was in international waters north of Sao Vicente, a Cape Verdean island close to Santo Antao.

MNA/Reuters



Several resident children read extracurricular books at the yard of "Resident Children's Home" in Chaohu City of east China's Anhui Province, on 14 Aug, 2009. About 20 left-behind children whose parents migrated to work in the cities spent their summer vacation at "Resident Children's Home" in Chaohu, learning and having fun together accompanied by their "steward parents".—XINHUA

SPORTS

Terry expects 'fight to the death' in Premiership

LONDON, 15 Aug—Chelsea captain John Terry expects English football's superpowers to fight to the death for the Premier League title as his side prepare to launch their

challenge against Hull on Saturday. Carlo Ancelotti's team have an opportunity to send a message to title rivals Manchester United and Liverpool when they kick-off the new campaign in Saturday's early match at Stamford Bridge.

Terry and company are desperate to end United's three-year reign as champions and bring the crown back to west London for the first time since 2006. But England defender Terry knows United won't surrender without a struggle and he is relishing a battle royale at the top of the table.—*Internet*

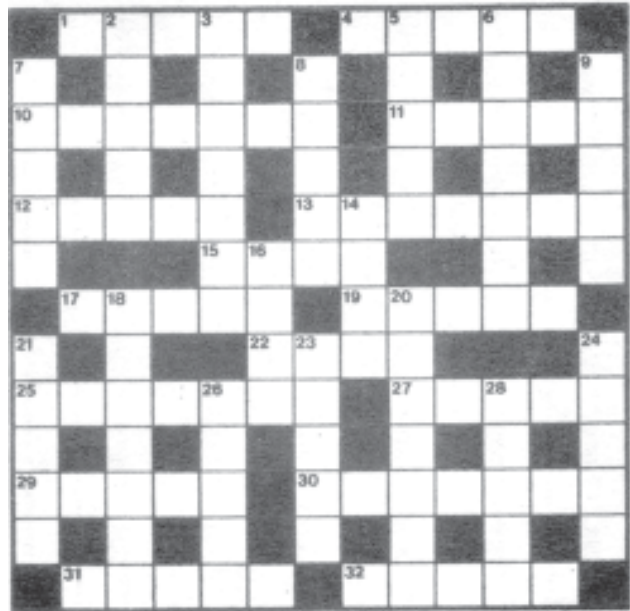


Chelsea's captain John Terry (right) with teammate Didier Drogba.—*INTERNET*

Safina knocks Clijsters out of Cincinnati Open

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug—World No. 1 Dinara Safina of Russia beat Kim Clijsters of Belgium 6-2, 7-5 on Friday to snap the former top-ranked player's comeback run at the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament at the quarterfinals. Clijsters, back on the tour after a two-year break, led 2-0 in the first set and 4-1 in the second but could not press home her advantage.—*Xinhua*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Author of "Brides-head Revisited"
- 4 "And so ————" (Pepys) (2,3)
- 10 Wrench
- 11 Perfect in conception
- 12 Wireless
- 13 Sluggishness
- 15 Solitary
- 17 Vast sea-area
- 19 Porcelain
- 22 Throw
- 25 Tourist
- 27 Edict
- 29 Swimming stroke
- 30 Perpetually young
- 31 Bingo
- 32 Dwarf

DOWN

- 2 Prize
- 3 Venetian boat
- 5 Oil-yielding tree
- 6 Cast out
- 7 Take possession unjustly
- 8 Name for a bear
- 9 Gather corn, etc.
- 14 Headland
- 16 At a former time
- 18 City of USA
- 20 2nd century Greek astronomer
- 21 Keep for sale
- 23 Tapestry
- 24 Bumptious
- 26 Ship's guide
- 28 Vision



Mexican athlete Enriqueta Basilio de Sotelo, first woman in Olympics history to light the Olympic Cauldron, is seen during the opening ceremony of the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games. An Olympic torch from Mexico's historic and controversial 1968 Games was sold for just over 2,000 dollars (1,400 euros) at a Monterrey auction on Friday.—*INTERNET*

Federer, Nadal both out of Rogers Cup

Monteral, 15 Aug—Jo-Wilfried Tsonga pulled out a stunning victory over Roger Federer and Juan Martin Del Potro followed with a two-set win over

Rafael Nadal on Friday to advance to the semifinals of the Rogers Cup.

The two stars were ousted after entering the tournament after time off. Nadal was coming back from 10 weeks off to treat tendinitis in both knees, and Federer was out while his wife gave birth to twins. Down 5-1 in the third set, Tsonga used two service breaks to take the lead and then beat Federer in the tiebreaker for a 7-6 (5), 1-6, 7-6 (3) quarterfinal victory.

Internet

Marseille seek to build on bright start 'at home'

PARIS, 15 Aug—Marseille play their first 'home' match of the new campaign against Lille this weekend aiming to consolidate their position as pre-season favourites to take their first title in almost two decades. The fixture is being held in Montpellier as Marseille's Velodrome stadium is still shut following the death of two stage hands setting up a Madonna concert last month.

"It's a special game, we'd prefer all the same to be playing at the Velodrome in front of our fans and our surroundings. We know the reasons for this move and we don't have a choice," said midfielder Benoit Cheyrou. Didier Deschamps' team, runners-up last term, avoided an opening day slip-up at Grenoble and now face a Lille side who lost out to Lorient in their 2009-2010 curtain-raiser.

Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(15-8-2009)

Aston Villa	0 - 2	Wigan Athletic
Blackburn	0 - 2	Manchester City
Bolton	0 - 1	Sunderland
Chelsea	2 - 1	Hull City
Everton	1 - 6	Arsenal
Portsmouth	0 - 1	Fulham
Stoke City	2 - 0	Burnley
Wolves	0 - 2	West Ham Utd



Didier Drogba's cross-shot evades Hull goalkeeper Boaz Myhill to hand Chelsea all three points.

INTERNET

Cahill backs City target Lescott to cope under fire

LIVERPOOL, 15 Aug—Everton midfielder Tim Cahill believes Joleon Lescott will be able to ignore the storm surrounding his prospective move to Manchester City if he plays in Saturday's Premier League clash against Arsenal.

Lescott stunned Everton manager David Moyes earlier this week when he handed in a written transfer request at Goodison Park in an attempt to provoke a move to City, who have already had two bids for the England defender rejected by the Toffees.

Internet

Woods builds a 4-shot lead in the PGA

CHASKA, 15 Aug—Tiger Woods watched the last of his three straight birdies take one last turn and drop into the cup. Walking toward the hole, he nodded his head and dangled his tongue out of the side of his mouth, a swagger that spoke volumes. He is on top of his game at the PGA Championship, and he knows it.

In blustery conditions and on bumpy greens, Woods made key par putts early

in his round and big birdies toward the end for a 2-under 70 that gave him a four-shot lead in the final major of the year. The late string of birdies came in the final hour Friday at Hazeltine, and it changed everything. The final birdie putt gave this major that look of inevitability, with some frightening figures to back it up.—*Internet*

Real Madrid midfielder Alonso advises caution ahead of season

MADRID, 15 Aug—New Real Madrid signing Xabi Alonso this Friday advised his companions to keep their feet on the ground ahead of the forthcoming football season. Alonso, a 30 million Euro capture from Liverpool, is the last of the new signings to arrive at the club this summer.

The Spain international is seen by many as the man to hold the Madrid midfield together and to ensure that the star strikers Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema as well as Kaka get the support their attacking play requires. —*Xinhua*



Tiger Woods (L) of the US and Padraig Harrington of Ireland look over their putts on the 16th green during the second round of the 2009 PGA Championship golf tournament at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota, on 14 Aug, 2009.—*INTERNET*



A lightning is seen at Fuzhou city, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province, 15 Aug, 2009. Thunderstorms caused by high temperatures struck many parts of the province, and the public were warned to keep alert and avoid the damages.

INTERNET

Khan detained at US airport

NEW JERSEY, 15 Aug—Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan was detained for questioning by US immigration officials as he flew into New Jersey on Saturday and the star insists he was singled out because of his Muslim surname.

The highly-acclaimed Indian actor jetted into Newark Airport, New Jersey to be confronted by authorities who detained him while they checked his reasons for visiting the country.

Khan was en-route to Chicago, Illinois to take part in celebrations of India's Independence Day on 15 August, which marks India's independence from British rule.

And Khan insists he didn't know how to react to the airport interrogation - admitting he is cautious of Americans' reactions to Muslims. He told reporters, "(Khan) is a Muslim name and I think the name is common on their checklist."—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (16-8-2009) (Sunday)

Transmissions

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

Times

Local Transmission

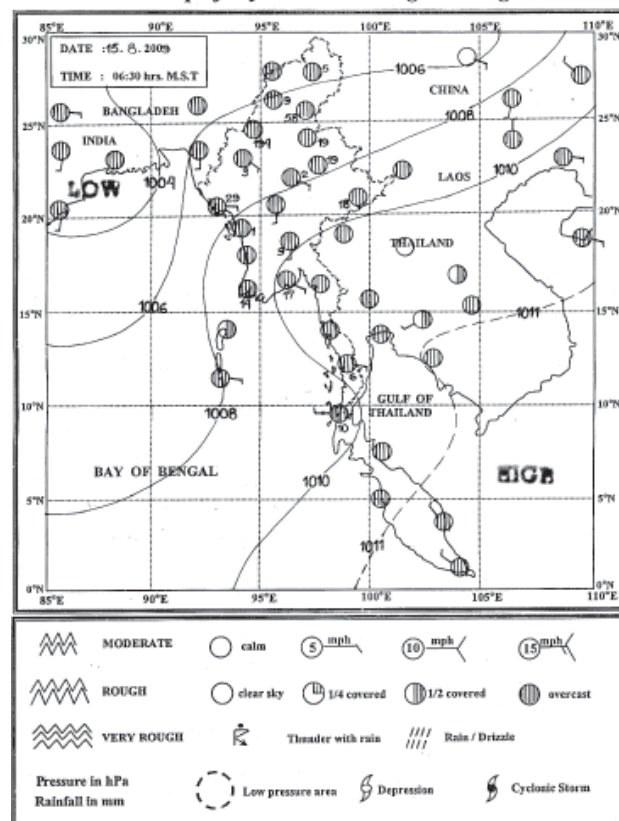
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The National Museum(I)
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- * Traditional Custom of Kadu National Race
- * Culture Stage
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-1)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * An Educational Garden from Nay Pyi Taw (NPT Soe San Training Centre)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Myanmar Arts & Sculptures
- * Be Fashionable with...“Embroidery”
- * A Village of Pa-O
- * National Dance
- * Bamboo Parquet
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of the River Ayeyawady
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 15th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkone) (1.81) inches, Homalin (7.68) inches, Mohnyin (5.28) inches, Bhamo (3.19) inches, Katha (3.11) inches, Kanbalu (2.37) inches, Falam (2.01) inches, Monghsat (1.78) inches, Magway (1.15) inches, Yamethin (0.87) inch, Minbu (0.79) inch, Sagaing (0.71) inch and Shwebo (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-8-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 15-8-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-8-2009 was 93%. Total Sun shine hours on 14-8-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 15-8-2009 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.67) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (79.02) inches at Mingaladon, (91.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (13:10) hours MST on 14-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin 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 monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 16 August
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

- မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓတော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

7:50 am

- Nice and Sweet Song

8:05 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

- Dance of National Races

8:40 am

- International News

8:50 am

- Musical Programme

11:00 am

- Martial Song

11:10 am

- Musical Programme

11:25 am

- Round up of the Week's International News

11:35 am

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟာသကမ္ဘာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

12:20 pm

- Golf Magazine (TV)

12:35 pm

- မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် “တိမ်လွှာမိုးမိုးလွင်” (ဝင်းဦး၊ အောင်လွင်၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စံရွှေမောင်)

2:50 pm

- International News

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- ကြားညှပ်သီးနှံဝဠာပင်

4:30 pm

- Musical Programme

4:40 pm

- အသေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

4:55 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

- “လာအာတုသွားစို့” (ဝင်းထွဋ်အောင်၊ ထိုက်ထိုက်သင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိန်သန်းဦး)

5:20 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- တာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “Pocket Dargon Adventure”

6:40 pm

- တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ “ကိုထွန်းနှင့်မထွေး” (မိုးထက်ပိုင်၊ လေဖြေ) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင် (MMG)]

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဂေါ်ပြုလာအချစ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

8:00 pm

- News
- International News
- Weather Report
- တာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “ခိုင်ခိုင်ဆာသီးစုစုစားခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၃၄) (အပိုင်း-၃၄)
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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

US Senator meets with officially registered political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Together with Charge d’Affaires ai of the US Embassy to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Larry M. Dinger, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator Mr. Jim Webb met with officially registered political parties at
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MNA



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To fight colonialists is national revolution, but an armed conflict between two groups of national people is “exploiting the people of own race”.

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MAUNG NWE SIT

One more found infected with A (H1N1) Number of those infected with the virus reaches 21

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—A 21-year old woman who had returned from Singapore was transferred to Waibagi Specialist Hospital through Township Health Department yesterday. National Health Laboratory conducted a test on the woman and she was found to be infected with New Influenza A (H1N1). She arrived back Myanmar by Flight No MI-518 on 13 August and she was the 21st patient infected with the virus.

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

Authorities concerned are taking surveillance measures against 94 passengers who had arrived on the same flight with the patient and 135 airport staff at their respective places.

The number of the patients infected with the virus has reached 21 and 15 out of them were discharged from the hospital as they had fully recovered from their illness. The remaining six patients are being given treatment by specialists.

Up to now, National Health Laboratory detected 171 flu-suspected persons and 21 had been found infected with the virus.—MNA

