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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Indonesian President

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Indonesian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia, which falls on 17 August 2009, His Excellency Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia.— MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Indonesian President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug— On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia, which falls on 17 August 2009, His Excellency General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

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

Secretary-1 attends opening of Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw



Secretary-1 of SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo unveils Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw signboard.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug —Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended a ceremony to open Junction Centre-Nay

Pyi Taw near Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on Raza Thingaha Road here at 9 am today and formally unveiled the signboard of the centre.

The centre opening

ceremony was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney- (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of new school building

YANGON, 16 Aug—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to open new building at post-primary school in Aphyauk Village,

Kawhmu Township, Yangon South District this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint formally opened the signboard by cutting the ribbon.

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PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 17 August, 2009

Ensure nutritional development of mothers and children

The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association has organized Nutritional Development Week movements at state and division, district, township, ward and village levels since the first week of August.

The Department of Health and local people are working together to bring Nutritional Development Week movements to fruition that cover breastfeeding in the first week, nutritional development of under-fives in the second week, nutritional development of pregnant women and breastfeeding women in the third week, and elimination of iodine deficiency in the fourth week.

Excessive nutrition and malnutrition can pose a health risk for the health of the people including children and women. The majority of the deaths of under-fives due to various diseases are associated with undernourishment. Some 700,000 children in northern, middle and southern Africa are suffering serious malnutrition.

In Myanmar, activities on nutritional development of women and children are carried out on a broad scale, such as vaccination, disease control, environmental sanitation, school health care, and collecting documentary records on health standards of mothers and children.

Moreover, giving additional Vitamin A pills to children between six months and five years, and distributing iron tablets and Vitamin B1 tablets to pregnant women are part of the drive. Nutritional Development Week movements also include organizing cooking competitions on nutritional development of pregnant and breastfeeding women and cookery courses to enhance the health knowledge of the people.

Each child can live a healthy and happy life if members of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, medical staff and the people work in collaboration in community based nutritional development campaigns at a time when the Ministry of Health is expediting public health care service across the nation.

L&F Ministry holds monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The 2nd rainy season tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries at the plantation of the ministry here yesterday.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein grew a teak plant at the ceremony.

A total of 2000 teak plants were grown by directors-general, managing directors and staff at the ceremony.

Next, the minister inspected chosen site for construction of Kywe Model Farm of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and attended to the needs.

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People's Desire

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

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Tamu District

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe inspected Nantthalat Bridge on Tamu-Aungzayya Road on 8 August and fulfilled the requirements.

He also visited the station hospital in Myothit Township and donated cash to the hospital. After the visit to the hospital, the commander met with townsenders and governmental employees at the village of Mintha.

The commander inspected the rain-fed paddy fields on both sides of Tamu-Aungzayya Road and met

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Indonesian Counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug— On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia, which falls on 17 August 2009, His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr N Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

with departmental officials in Tamu.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe visited a private rubber cultivation farm and fulfilled the requirements of the farm.— MNA

US Senator, wife and party leave Yangon

YANGON, 16 Aug— 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 had been here at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left Yangon by air this afternoon.

Before their departure, Senator Mr Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, met with journalists from Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff from journals and magazines at the lounge of Yangon International Airport.

Firstly, US Senator Mr Jim Webb explained the purpose of visiting



US Senator Mr Jim Webb replies queries raised by journalists from Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff from journals and magazines at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Myanmar and replied to the queries raised by correspondents.

At 1.30 pm, the delegation led by US Senator Mr Jim Webb and

wife were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Charge d 'Affaires ai of

the US Embassy to the Union of Myanmar Mr Larry M. Dinger, Military Attaché Colonel Brey R. Sloan and officials.

MNA

Vice-Mayor inspects regional development tasks in Seikkyi/Khanaungto Tsp

YANGON, 16 Aug—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, yesterday, inspected completion of constructing Shukhintharing road and graveled Laythakwin Kyaung road and Khanaungto road in west ward in Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township.

Next, the vice-mayor visited the site chosen for constructing self-reliant pontoon in East Seikkyi/Khanaungto. He then called for construction of pontoon meeting set standard for long-term durability and separation wall as well.

Afterwards, the vice-mayor attended the prize-presenting ceremony at the hall of Khanaungto Basic Education High School where he presented prize to 4-distinction winner in 2008-09 academic year.

The vice mayor went to Township People's Hospital in which he looked around surgery room and medicine stored room and provided cashes for the patients undergoing treatments. He then met with medical superintendent, doctors and staff and gave necessary instructions.

MNA



Three Iraqis killed in US-Iraqi mortar exercise

BAGHDAD, 16 Aug — Three Iraqi men herding cattle were killed on Saturday after wandering into the middle of a US-Iraqi mortar training exercise north of the Iraqi capital, the US military said on Saturday.

American forces were conducting a live-fire training exercise with Iraqis near Taji, about 12 miles (20 kilometers) north of Baghdad, when the men walked onto the artillery range, the military said. An 11-year-old boy was also injured and evacuated to a US military hospital where he was in stable condition on Saturday night, the military said.

The accident comes at a time when the US military is shifting its primary role in Iraq from combat to training Iraqi security forces.

As part of the transition, the US military said on Saturday it will have reduced combat power in Iraq at the end of the month by the equivalent of two brigades, or roughly 8,000 troops, meeting the first target in President Barack Obama's withdrawal plan.—Internet

Hamas, Fatah trade accusations over Gaza clashes

GAZA/RAMALLAH, 16 Aug — Hamas movement and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party on Saturday traded accusations over deadly clashes that claimed the lives of 22 people in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

The clashes erupted on Friday afternoon when an al-Qaeda-inspired Imam announced the birth of an Islamic emirate in defiance of the moderate Hamas movement that has ruled the territory for the past two years.

Hamas sent troops to

Rafah city in southern Gaza Strip to arrest the Imam, whose supporters called him Abu Noor al-Maqdisi, but the move sparked fighting that ended this morning with the death of al-Maqdisi, a local commander of Hamas, six Hamas policemen and six civilians in addition to a number of the Imam's followers.

Xinhua

Firemen put out a fire in a burning vehicle after a bomb attack in Karrada District, central Baghdad on 16 August, 2009. Two people were wounded in the attack, according to police.

INTERNET

Military deployment can make kids at-risk

TACOMA, 16 Aug — Thirty-two percent of children of a deployed US military parent scored at "high risk" for psychosocial problems, researchers suggest.

The study, published in the Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics, says the finding did not mean the children had psychological problems, but that they were more vulnerable to developing such problems.

The percentage of children at risk was 2.5 times

higher than national norms and 42 percent of the at-home spouses scored high-risk levels of parental stress. Children of parents with high stress levels were about seven times more likely to score at high risk for psychosocial problems, the study said.

Parents receiving support from military organizations were less likely to report psychosocial problems in their child. Problems were also less likely for children of college-educated parents, but rank, the

child's sex and race/ethnicity were unrelated to the psychological effects of deployment, the study said.

The study, led by Eric Flake of the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash, analyzed the responses to questionnaires administered to 101 spouses of deployed soldiers. Each spouse provided information on a child ages 5-12.—Internet

Britain suffers 200th death in Afghanistan

LONDON, 16 Aug — A British soldier wounded in an explosion in Afghanistan died on Saturday, the defence ministry said, bringing the country's military death toll there to 200.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown called the grim milestone "deeply tragic news." It is sure to raise more questions about Britain's increasingly perilous mission in Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defence said the soldier from 2nd Battalion the Royal Welsh died on Saturday at a military hospital in England.—Internet



An expert evaluates antiques for collectors during a folk antiques collection exhibition held in Chifeng, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 14 Aug, 2009. The 3-day exhibition opened here on Friday. — XINHUA

Indonesia claims to be largest fish poaching victim

JAKARTA, 16 Aug — An Indonesia fishery official said on Saturday in Manado that the country has become the world's biggest victim of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, the national Antara news agency reported on Saturday.

"Indonesia has become the biggest victim of poaching by foreign countries. Around 1.6 million tons of its fish are poached every year," said Aji Sularso, director general of fishery and marine resource control and supervision under the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

He said that Indonesia has a fish stock of up to 6.4 million tons a year while fish poaching covers up to 1.6 million tons a year, so that the country suffers a loss of up to 30 trillion rupiah or about 3 billion US dollars every year.—Internet

Huge storm spotted on Saturn moon

PASADENA, 16 Aug — A storm cell the size of India was identified on Titan, Saturn's largest moon, scientists from the California Institute of Technology said.

The methane cloud mass spotted over a cold desert area likely played a major part in shaping the area with significant amounts of precipitation, Caltech scientists wrote in the journal Nature.

The cell was found in April 2008 by Emily Schaller, now a Hubble postdoctoral fellow at the University of Arizona, Caltech and NASA said in a release on Saturday.

Schaller was observing an area not known for cloud masses when a methane cloud mass appeared, generating bright, transient clouds in a region where clouds had never been seen and were thought unlikely to form, Caltech spokesman Mike Brown said.—Internet

A man poses next to a dinosaur model exhibited at the Asturias Jurassic Museum during the "Trapped in the Ice" exhibition in Colunga, northern Spain on 14 August, 2009. — XINHUA



India faces drought but economists upbeat

NEW DELHI, 16 Aug—Crops are shrivelling as India faces the spectre of drought but economists say they are still upbeat about the country's economic prospects.

They are banking that a strong indus-



An Indian farmer handles dried out crops at a paddy field near Hyderabad. Crops are shrivelling as the country faces the spectre of drought but economists say they are still upbeat about the nation's economic prospects.—INTERNET

trial performance will help offset the impact of the worst monsoon in years in Asia's third largest economy.

Analysts have been buoyed by new data showing industrial production jumped by 7.8 percent in June from a year earlier — its quickest pace in 16 months.

Output was spurred by record low interest rates and government stimulus that have prompted consumers to buy factory-made products such as cars and refrigerators.

The figures last week came on top of a slew of other economic indicators suggesting India is starting to rebound from the impact of the worst global downturn since the 1930s.

"The domestic economy is slowly but definitely reviving," said Deepak Lalwani, India director at investment house Astaire & Partners in London.

Internet

Gloom lingers in Central Europe's economies

BUCHAREST, 16 Aug—While countries in western Europe have begun to snap out of recession, the economic decline has continued across much of central and eastern Europe despite some optimistic signs, analysts said.

"Eastern Europe's recovery from recession will be slow but encouraging figures are beginning to appear," said Bogdan Baltazar, a Romanian analyst.

Baltazar underlined that economic contraction in almost the whole region was less sharp in the three months to June than it had been in the first quarter.

The only exception so far has been Lithuania, where the economy shrank by 12.3 percent in the second quarter compared to minus 10.2 percent in the first.

On the other end of the scale, the Czech Republic last week said it had emerged from recession,

clocking growth of 0.3 percent in the second quarter.

"We'd already hit the bottom in the first quarter of this year," said Helena Horska, a Prague-based analyst with Austrian lender Raiffeisenbank.

Slovakia did even better, growing 2.2 percent in the quarter in large part thanks to cash-for-clunkers programmes in its main car export markets.

Internet

Japan's big businesses expect recovery by mid-2010

TOKYO, 16 Aug —Two thirds of big Japanese companies expect the country's economy to recover by the middle of next year, according to a survey by Kyodo News released on Sunday.

Of 108 firms polled, 71 expected a recovery by the middle of 2010. Twelve of them said the economy was already recovering, 15 expected the turn to come in the second half of 2009 and the 44 others in the first half of 2010.

Kyodo attributed the optimistic outlook to improved business results sparked by cost-cutting, rebounds in production and inventory adjustments.

The survey followed a report by the Bank of Japan in mid-July that said the economy should start recovering from the second half of this year.

However, annual gross domestic product was expected to shrink 3.4 percent in the financial year to March 2010. The bank also forecast GDP growth of 1.0 percent for the next financial year.

In the Kyodo survey, conducted late last month, 20 firms said the world's second biggest economy was "recovering slowly" while 51 firms said it was "leveling off despite signs of recovery."—Internet

Firemen supply water for local villagers at Lancha Village, Tianping Township of Xiji County, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 14 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



Tourists watch ships to pass the Miraflores Locks entrance in the Panama Canal, Panama, on 15 Aug, 2009. Saturday marks the 95th anniversary of the operation of the Panama Canal.

XINHUA



Mexico's president favour trade deal with Brazil

SAO PAULO, 16 Aug—Mexican President Felipe Calderon says he supports the idea of a free trade agreement between Brazil and Mexico, the two big-



Mexico's President Felipe Calderon, left, speaks with Sao Paulo's state Governor Jose Serra in Sao Paulo, on 15 Aug, 2009. Calderon in on a three day official visit to Brazil.—INTERNET

gest economies in Latin America.

Calderon says he's enthusiastic about the idea of a deal proposed by Brazilian business executives to push for a commercial accord for the two nations.

Calderon made the comments on Saturday in Sao Paulo at the start of a three-day visit to Brazil. He will tour installations of Brazil's state-run oil company on Sunday and is to meet on Monday with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The Mexican leader says a free trade accord could help both nations because the economies of Brazil and Mexico generate more than 70 percent of all economic activity in Latin America.

Internet

Chinese TV makers under pressure of soaring LCD panel prices

BEIJING, 16 Aug—Chinese domestic TV makers were suffering losses because of soaring LCD panel prices.

The price of 32-inch LCD panels rose from 120 US dollars in January to about 200 US dollars in July — an increase of about 70 percent.

Huang Xiangping, an executive with the consumer electronics department of Tsinghua Tongfang, said domestic TV makers are selling LCD TVs of certain sizes with no profits at all.

Analysts said that Chinese TV makers had failed to foresee the current booming LCD TV market and didn't order or store enough LCD panels.

Liu Tangzhi, a marketing manager of Chinese colour TV maker Skyworth Group Co, Ltd, predicted LCD TV sales would reach 30 million in China this year, more than doubling the figure of 14 million last year.—Xinhua

Qatar acquire 17% Porsche stake

DOHA, 16 Aug—Qatar Holding has announced it will acquire a 17 percent stake in Volkswagen AG, which is merging with Porsche, in a deal that will exceed \$10 billion.

This comes after the Porsche and Piech families said it will sell a 10 percent stake of their shares to the Gulf company. In a statement released late Friday, Qatar Holding said it will now be the third largest shareholder in VW, after Porsche and Lower Saxony.

The purchase follows the UAE's Aabar Investment acquisition in March of a 10 percent stake of Daimler AG, famed for its Mercedes-Benz brand, indicating continuing Gulf interest in the European automotive sector despite the economic downturn.

The statement says Porsche will also establish research facilities in Doha as part of the deal.—Internet



Chinese, Brazilian presidents mark 35th anniversary of diplomatic ties

BEIJING, 16 Aug — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Saturday exchanged congratulatory messages on the 35th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

President Hu, in his message, said the relationship had developed profoundly, showing great potential across a broad range of areas since

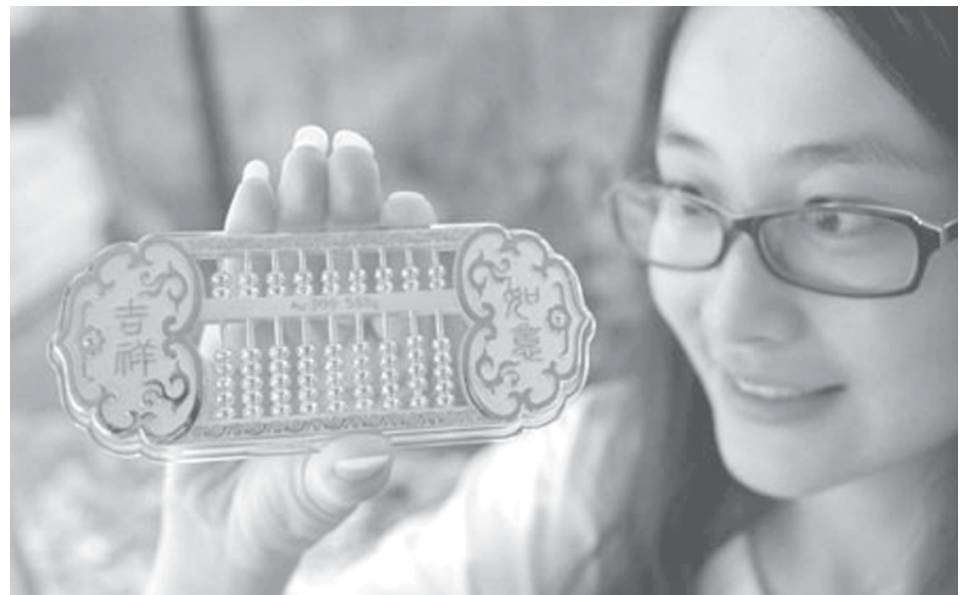
the establishment of diplomatic relations, especially the establishment of the Sino-Brazilian strategic partnership.

Against the background of a complicated and deep change in the world's economic and political situation, strengthening the dialogue and cooperation between the two countries and honoring the consensus that had been reached were in line with the ba-

sic benefits and wills of the two peoples, Hu said. That would also maintain and support peace, stability and development in the world.

China was willing to work with Brazil to promote the Sino-Brazilian strategic partnership and to open a brighter future for diplomatic ties between the two nations, said the Chinese president.

Xinhua



A staff member shows a gold abacus in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 Aug, 2009. The abacus, issued by the China Golddeal Investment Co, Ltd. will be marketed on 18 Aug.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

S Africa celebrates 300 days countdown of 2010 World Cup

BEIJING, 16 Aug — Friday South Africa's 2010 World Cup Local Organizing Committee (LOC) celebrated the fact there's just 300 days to go until next year's football worldcup kicks off.

"We are giving away 120,000 tickets to South African residents for the

World Cup in all games, and 40,000 of all tickets will go to construction workers who help work on the stadiums," said Jermaine Craig, LOC Media Manager. According to FIFA's website, matches will be held in 10 stadiums between 11 June and 11 July 2010.

"With 300 days ago, we are very very happy with the way preparations have been going. You know the most important thing is the stadiums will be ready. And for us has 300 days to go, we are sure that by the end of December of this year, all the stadiums will be complete," said Jermaine Craig.—Xinhua

Beijing sees 261,000 new cars in first seven months

BEIJING, 16 Aug — Beijing reported the registration of 261,000 new cars in the first seven months, or about 1,240 daily, up 9 percent from the same period last year. Private cars took about 97 percent of the new cars registered in this period, according to the Beijing Traffic Management Bureau.

New cars with engine displacement of 1.6 liters or below hit nearly 200,000 in this period. It could be attributed to the government's policies to encourage the public to buy low-emission cars for environmental protection.

Beijing had 5.47 million drivers by 6 Aug. Among them, 11.3 percent were aged below 25, according to the Beijing Traffic Management Bureau.—Xinhua



on Friday that negotiations would need to considerably pick up speed for the world to achieve a successful result at Copenhagen.

He warned that "if we continue at this rate we're not going to make it." We have a 200-plus-page text riddled with square brackets (where issues are unresolved)," he said at the opening of the Bonn meeting. "And it worries me to think how on earth we're going to whittle that down to meaningful language with just five weeks of negotiating time left."

Xinhua

Two visitors look into traditional dolls exhibited at the 2009 Central China Wuhan Wedding and Tourism Expo held in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 15 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

Iran training plane crash kills two

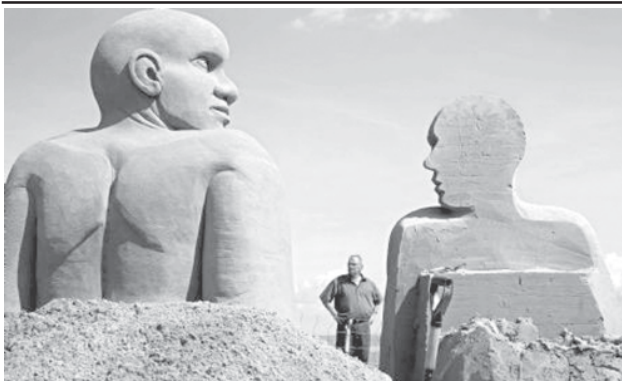
TEHERAN, 16 Aug — A training plane crashed west of Teheran on Saturday, killing two people on board, the semi-official Mehr news agency

reported. The training plane crashed a few minutes after take off from Payam airport at 7:00 am (0230 GMT) on Saturday," Mohammadali Zohoori,

manager of the Payam International Airport in the city of Karaj, was quoted as saying. "According to received information, two people on board were killed," he said, adding that the reason of the crash is under investigation and the airport has no responsibility for the incident.

Xinhua

A man look at a sand sculpture during the Sand Sculptures Festival in Rorschach at Lake Constance on 14 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



Spain sees significant drop in illegal immigrants in 2009

MADRID, 16 Aug — The number of illegal migrants trying to reach Spain dropped significantly in 2009 as the country intensified its coastal patrol and repatriations, Interior Ministry data showed on Friday. A total of 4,457 African illegal migrants reached Spanish coasts in the first seven months of 2009, down 40 percent from the same period last year and equaled almost a quarter of the number recorded in 2006.

The Interior Ministry said stringent policies of border control and repatriation have held back many potential illegal immigrants.

Spain's Canary Islands, which is located just off the northwest coast of mainland Africa and often serves as the springboard for illegal immigrants to enter the European Union (EU), have seen a significant fall in illegal immigrants. In the first seven months of 2009, only 1,798 illegal migrants arrived in the islands, down 63.6 percent from 2008.

In April and May this year, there were no single illegal immigrants setting foot on the Cannary islands, breaking a record held since 1999 that there had been illegal immigrants landing at the islands every month.—Xinhua

Porsche Panamera sports coupes are loaded into a cargo plane in eastern Germany. Volkswagen's triumphant bid to take over luxury German carmaker Porsche marks the end of a bitter family power struggle and the start of a drive to become the world's top auto manufacturer.

INTERNET



Suicide bomber kills two security members in W Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Aug — A suicide bomber struck on Saturday an Iraqi Army base in the central city of Ramadi, the capital of Anbar Province, killing an officer and a soldier and wounding nine soldiers, a provincial police source said.

A suicide bomber blew up his explosive-belt near the base in the Qadsiyah district in central Ramadi, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces cordoned off the scene as ambulances evacuated the casualties to the hospital.

Anbar Province is part of the so-called Sunni Triangle, which has been the scene of frequent deadly attacks recently.

The Province once was a main stronghold for insurgent groups, including al-Qaida network in Iraq, during the years following the US-led invasion in 2003.—*Xinhua*

Firefighting pilot missing after crash

VANCOUVER, 16 Aug — Police searched Saturday for the pilot of a helicopter that crashed into a river while fighting wildfires in western Canada.

The pilot was filling up with water when the helicopter went down in the North Thompson-Fraser River at about 4:20 pm on Friday, the *Vancouver Sun* reported. He was helping fight the Intimpam fire, one of scores of wildfires this season in British Columbia.

Divers from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police joined local search-and-rescue teams. The search was called off about 8:30 pm and resumed on Saturday morning.

Police identified the missing man as Robert Christopher, Woodhead, 53, of Stoney Creek, Ont., *The Province* reported.

Internet

Rich, poor see similar cognitive decline in old age

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug — Socioeconomic status seems to make no difference in mental decline among rich and poor people after the age of 70, according to a new study.

The study challenges previous claims that economic status and background have an impact on cognitive functioning among the elderly.

Rates of cognitive decline among people aged 70 and older depended on other factors and were similar across socioeconomic and racial/ethnic groups, according to the study conducted by researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

The researchers looked at data collected from 6,476 people born before 1924 who took part in the study of Assets and Health Dynamics Among the Oldest. Participants were tested five times between 1993 and 2002 on various memory and cognition tasks, including word recall, subtraction, attention, language and knowledge of current affairs.—*Xinhua*

Mexican police chief attacked; three guards killed

MONCLOVA, 16 Aug — An ex-general serving as police chief of a northern Mexican city escaped an assassination attempt that killed three of his bodyguards, the latest attack on an official appointed to step up the fight against drug cartels.

Assailants in pickup trucks opened fire on Monclova police chief Juan Carlos Pacheco as he headed home on Friday evening, a police statement said on Saturday. Pacheco was not hurt but three of the police officers guarding him died.

The federal government deployed soldiers to patrol the city after the attack.—*Internet*

Mona Lisa smiles on after Russian teacup attack

An "unhinged" Russian woman threw a teacup at the world's most famous painting, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa," but it emerged unscathed due to its bullet-proof glass cover, the Louvre museum said on Tuesday.

"The young woman took a cup out of her bag and threw it over the heads of other people who were looking at the painting. The cup smashed on the bullet-proof glass which was slightly scratched," a spokesman said.

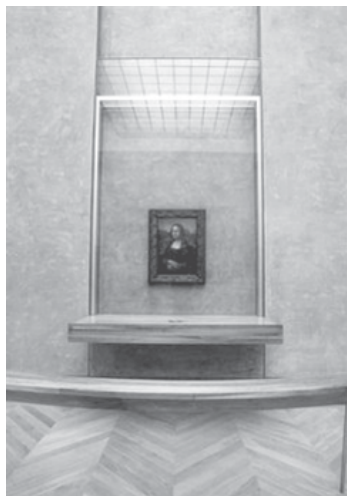
"It looks like it was done by someone who was unhinged and wanted to draw attention to herself," he said.

The woman put up no resistance when museum guards apprehended her after the incident on August 2.

She was handed over to police who said the woman "did not have all her mental faculties and has been

transferred to the police psychiatric infirmary."

The Louvre, the biggest art museum in the world, has thousands of paintings, but most of the millions of visitors a year make a bee-line for the Mona Lisa, known in France as La Joconde.



Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" at the Louvre museum in Paris. An "unhinged" Russian woman threw a teacup at the "Mona Lisa," but it emerged unscathed due to its bullet-proof glass cover, the Louvre museum has said.

Don't brush with baldness: put down that comb

Put that comb back in your handbag -- a study by an Israeli dermatologist has found that too much combing of the coiffure leads to hair loss, the daily *Haaretz* reported on Monday.

During a test 14 women recorded their daily hair loss and combing habits, with those combing more losing more hair, the research found.

"The women who combed twice a day lost three times more hair than those who combed once a day," the head of the study, Alexander Kirdman of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was quoted as saying.

"I was surprised by the

Nik Wallenda pauses to rest during his walk on a high wire that's over 1000 feet long and 200 above the Allegheny River and Roberto Clemente Bridge without his shoes as part of the Three Rivers Regatta in Pittsburgh. Wallenda is the seventh generation of the legendary Great Wallendas, who have performed in circus acts since the 1800s.

results, as in medical circles the comb is believed to improve blood circulation and reduce hair loss," added Kirdman, whose study was recently published in the *Journal of Dermatological Treatment*.



Put that comb back in your handbag—a study by an Israeli dermatologist has found that too much combing of the coiffure leads to hair loss, the daily *Haaretz* reported on Monday.



NEWS ALBUM

Man bikes 4,639 miles despite dialysis

A 37-year-old man who spent most of his life on dialysis says he bicycled 4,639 miles from California to Washington to highlight the medical needs of others.

Shad Ireland, who has no working kidneys, said he traveled thousands of miles on his bicycle to the U.S. Capitol to highlight the plight of the half a million people currently living on dialysis due to kidney failure, *ABC News* reported Thursday. "For me to be on dialysis for 27 years, for me to do two triathlons, has really got the medical community scratching their heads," Ireland said. "If you asked any doctor, if you told them about me, they would say it's impossible."

Ireland said he also hopes his bicycling feat will help bring attention to those U.S. residents facing possible kidney failure due to diabetes, high blood pressure or obesity.

In order to complete his cross-country journey, Ireland was forced to make stops along the way to undergo four-hour-long dialysis sessions.

ABC News said, according to doctors, dialysis patients can be bound to wheelchairs, suffer bone loss and face the possibility of death in relation to the medical treatment.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of new school...

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Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the minister sprinkled the scented water on it.

At the second session of the ceremony, the commander and the minister delivered addresses and presented sports gear to the headmistress.

Kawhmu Township education officer spoke words of thanks and the

well-wisher explained the purpose of donation of new school building.

Afterwards, the donor handed over documents related to the building to the director-general of No.3 Basic Education Department. The ceremony came to an end with words of thanks by the headmistress.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party had documentary

photo taken together with officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked around the new school building, football ground and basketball ground, and classrooms.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects new post-primary school building in Aphyauk Village, Kawhmu Township.—MNA



Nutritional Development Week takes place in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — The opening of Nutritional Development Week took place at the Town Hall in Bago on 5 August and Chairman of Bago Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min delivered an address.

Next, the commander and officials inspected the quality of

iodized salt and gave mineral and vitamin B-1 tablets to pregnant women and breastfeeding women. He also fed Vitamin A tablets to children.—MNA

Commander meets officials of State's DAC

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye on 7 August met with executives and officials of state and

township Development Affairs Committees at the Rakhine State Development Affairs Committee Office in Sittway.

At the meeting, the commander called for making effort to

carry out development tasks.

MNA

Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District opened

YANGON, 16 Aug — Chairman of the Yangon

Prizes presented for performing arts and magic contests

YANGON, 16 Aug — The prize-presentation ceremony for the eighth performing arts and magic competitions of the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare under the Ministry of Defence took place at No.3 Mobile Public Relations Unit in Mandalay this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Brig-Gen Than Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, senior military officers of Mandalay Station,

advisers, artistes and others.

Officials concerned awarded the first, second and third prize winners and prize-winning groups. The commander presented the championship shield to No.4 Mobile Public Relations Unit. Later, talks on performing arts were given.—MNA

A&I Minister meets with guests

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with Mr. Chu Chong Phaung, Ambassador of Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 5 pm, CEO Mr. Wang Xu of Sichuan Donun Corporation and party of the People's Republic of China at 6.15 pm and Managing Director Mr Tan Chye Heng and party of Techo Corporation Pte Ltd at 6.30 pm at the ministry here on 13 August separately.

They discussed cooperation in agriculture sector each other.

MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects task for smooth transport

YANGON, 16 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin went to City Clinic where he inspected renovation of the building

at the junction of Kyaikwaing Road and Insein Road in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Next, the mayor looked into major repairing of roads for smooth transportation at Aungtheikdi junction and Insein station junction, in front of Yangon Technological University and Road Transport Administration Department, near the junction of Maha Thukhita Road and along Insein Road.

MNA

Warming of arctic current over 30 years triggers release of methane gas

SCIENCE DAILY, 16 Aug — The warming of an Arctic current over the

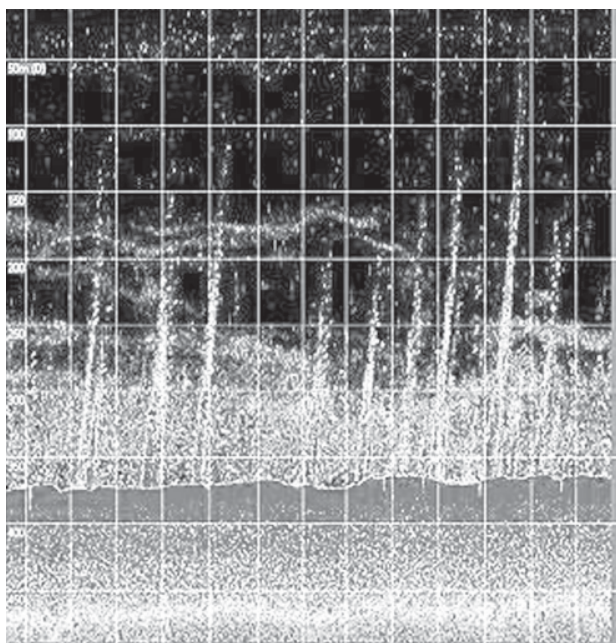
last 30 years has triggered the release of methane, a potent greenhouse gas,

from methane hydrate stored in the sediment beneath the seabed.

Scientists at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton working in collaboration with researchers from the University of Birmingham, Royal Holloway London and IFM-Geomar in Germany have found that more than 250 plumes of bubbles of methane gas are rising from the seabed of the West Spitsbergen continental margin in the Arctic, in a depth range of 150 to 400 metres.

Methane released from gas hydrate in submarine sediments has been identified in the past as an agent of climate change.

Internet



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Is that so, Maung Kalu? More than that, Grandpa

Maung Kalu

Maung Kalu: How are you, Grandpa? I have just got home from a journey, and here are some fruit I bought on my journey for you.

Grandpa: Thank you, Maung Kalu. I thought you were here to say something about the hot news.

Lu: Right, that is one of the purposes why I am here. The news was on TV repeatedly the whole day on 11 August. On that day, I was in the country.

Grandpa: I happened to switch on the TV to watch that news when neighbours next to my door told me about it. By the way, what were the comments of country folks you met in the journey? Were they interested in the news?

Lu: No, they weren't. When they heard of the news, they said, "Oh, is that so? The case is over, then." What they are interested in is that peace has returned to normal the whole country due to the fact that armed groups are returning to the legal fold one after another.

Grandpa: You're right. Since our country regained independence, many groups have been involved in armed conflicts against each other. Trains were blasted often and many people were killed in the bomb attacks. Insurgents set fire to villages once they were dissatisfied with situations. They collected extortion money from villagers. They often committed massacres. So, local people were in a state of panic. Indeed, a man can never come to power politicians are crazy about as long as he gets involved in violence, massacre, burning down villages and bomb attacks. He will be bestowed with the right to manage public affairs on behalf of the people only if he is elected by the people. I would say that's power. In reality, the people entrust duties and authority to him.

Lu: The people are the ultimate owner of power, then. In an independent country, sovereignty is in the hands of the people. In an election, the people vote for the candidates who are thought to be capable of serving the public interest. Indeed, they vested duties and authority in the candidates they are in support of.

Grandpa: Of course. Politicians, political parties and parliamentary candidates canvass for votes in elections by pledging the people what they will do and what programmes they will implement in the public interest if they are elected.

Lu: The people vest the duties to exercise the three sovereign powers on their behalf in the successful candidates in a systematic, not irresponsible way. Principles on the ways to exercise sovereign powers are prescribed in the State constitution.

Grandpa: Good, you have improved a lot. The State constitution is a thing that can guarantee freedom of business, nation's economic growth, a prosperous future and higher living standard of the people. Those who are responsible for complying with the provisions of the constitution are representatives-elect. Therefore, I would say those who want to enter into politics must be the ones who are fond of doing good for others. Serving others' interest is a form of meritorious deed.

Lu: What I notice is that politicians must be loyal to the people and must serve the public interest in an upright way in order that they are vested with the power to serve public interest. But, some immature politicians later consider duties and author-

ity to be power. Then, they think nothing is more important than power.

Grandpa: If a politician is crazy about power and he no longer considers that power is a heavy duty to serve public interest, he begins to disregard public interest and misuse power. Then, he becomes desperate to seize power. He turns to armed insurgency and even commits acts of terrorism.

Lu: To impose economic sanctions in complicity with foreign countries against the mother country, launch bomb attacks to kill civilians and incite mass protests to destroy the people's peaceful life is stupid, isn't it, Grandpa?

Grandpa: I agree with you. **If a politician really wants to serve the public interest and enjoy democracy, he should not trouble the people. He must be loyal and show loving-kindness for the people to win their trust. Instead, if he deepens poverty of the people until his party comes to power, urges foreign countries to impose economic sanctions against the nation, the people will get into trouble, then. If the people are impoverished, they will be dissatisfied with the government. Then, the people take to the streets to oppose the government, and his party will come to power easily. I am sure you notice such power-craving politicians.**

Lu: Yes, I do, Grandpa. To trouble the public instead of trying to win people's votes, trust and reliance is not doing politics or democracy. If a politician claims he wants to lead the nation, but he makes the people impoverished, creates mass protests and violates the law and generates public outrage to destroy the life of the people, he will ...

Grandpa: He will be kicked out of politics, then. Now, 92.48 per cent of the people have approved the new constitution the people's representatives adopted, taking time. So, if they love the country, they have to respect the constitution for the opportunity to serve public interest. They have to take the way to democracy the people have paved. Then, they will have to stand for election in the multiparty democracy election that is to be held in 2010 in accordance with the new constitution.

Lu: So, the democratic process we are carrying out is getting smooth, isn't it, Grandpa? You have diverted our conversation about the news story Myanmar Television aired on 11 August, explaining the transition to democracy.

Grandpa: Why are you in such a hurry? I'll tell you now. Whatever's done in a nation, politics, economy or social affairs, there is the law of that nation to be respected. If one is to violate law under the name of politics, one will be a criminal. If one unscrupulously does what should not be done by breaching the economic laws, one will be a greedy person, smuggler or criminal. So whatever one does, one must be in conformity with the law. The law itself has to be prescribed to ensure perpetuity of the State, national prosperity, peace and security of the people, their food security and improvement of their living standards. Respect for the law is to serve the people's interests. If one violates law, one will face charges in accord with the law regardless of whoever one is rich or poor; educated or uneducated; employed or unemployed; high-ranking or low-ranking. We have heard from world news that presidents, prime ministers and ministers of such

and such nations were removed or convicted as they had committed crimes violating the laws.

Lu: On 11 August the Northern District Court sentenced US citizen John William Yettaw to seven years rigorous imprisonment for his three charges and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma to three years rigorous imprisonment each. The moment we heard this news on TV, we also had to watch news that the office of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council sent two letters of directive to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 10 August.

Grandpa: Well, the sentences were passed in a just and fair way by the court according to their respective charges. The directive of the Office of the SPDC Chairman was issued one day before Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's sentence was passed. The sentences of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Pa Pa were commuted by half. Instead of serving rigorous imprisonment, she was allowed to stay at her house in peace under discipline. The directives said that if they three displayed good conduct, pardon would be granted accordingly.

Lu: So, although they are to serve three years imprisonment each, they are now to serve only 18 months according to the directives of the Office of the SPDC Chairman. They have only half of their sentence and can go back to their houses without serving their prison terms. Again, if they display good conduct during the remainder of their sentences, pardon will be granted and they will be freed forever.

Grandpa: This is loving-kindness and compassion shown by the State, like parents, towards children. In other words, it is a way of showing goodwill attitude towards Daw Suu Kyi, being the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the architect of independence. As a result, there will be fruits of community peace and tranquility as there has been no cause for those wanting to incite unrest and violence. It is also a good deed setting aside grudge between one another. The path we Myanmar people speedily marching on to achieve democracy will be free from any disturbances. Everyone would have realized the magnanimity and farsightedness of the State. There were many who phoned me after they had heard of the news. They praised the State for its good move.

Lu: Those from other towns are also pleased with that and even the sounds of outside instigation have been quiet.

Grandpa: It is like a Myanmar saying that goes by "One's goodwill attracts another's." It can also be said that this is the reflection of goodwill. The State has eased restrictions by showing goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion. So in return, the other side should reciprocate.

Lu: As you have said, if the other side shows the same loving-kindness and goodwill as the State, it will surely win the heart and soul of the people.

Grandpa: If there is cooperation for the sake of peace and stability and development desired by the people, not only the people but also the celestial beings will say 'well-done'.

Grandpa: Is that so, Maung Kalu?

Lu: More than that, Grandpa.

Translation: MS+ST



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views sales at shops at Ocean Supercentre of Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Secretary-1 attends opening of Junction...

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General, deputy ministers,
the directors-general of the

State Peace and
Development Council
Office and the

Government Office,
departmental heads,
members of social
organizations, service
personnel, artistes and
guests.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and the managing director of Junction Centre Group opened Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw and the mini theatre by cutting a ribbon.

Next, the Secretary-1 formally unveiled the signboard of Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw.

The Secretary-1 and party looked around the Ocean Supercentre, shops and stalls in the Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw. They then viewed the showing of a movie titled 'Waso Candle' in the mini theatre and arrangements.



Personal goods, foodstuffs and kitchen utensils on sale at Ocean Supercentre in Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister Col Thein Nyunt, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Managing Director of Junction Centre Group formally open Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw and Mini Theatre.—MNA

Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw with an area of over 60,000 square feet is situated near Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on Raza Thingaha Road. In the centre building there are a mini theatre with a seating capacity of over 200 people and a shopping

centre.

The mini theatre is installed with acoustic system, Dolby surround system and modern seating arrangements. Consumer goods and kitchen utensils are available at the Ocean Supercentre and there are

also Game City Amusement and shops selling clothing, personal goods, computers and accessories and food stalls.

The Junction Centre is open daily from 10 am to 9 pm.

MNA



A Mini Theatre with 200 seats at Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Junction Centre-Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



A glimpse of developing sights and scenes in China

Article & Photos: *Than Tun Aung (NLM)*



An aerial view of a network of highways in Lianyungang city of Jiangsu Province.

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We left Yangon International Airport on 1 August morning and arrived in Beijing at night via Guangzhou by flight. While in Beijing, we visited the famous Forbidden City, the National Theater of Performing Arts, Silk Market, Xinhuanet.cn, China Radio International (CRI) and its Myanmar section. We cordially conversed with staff and officers of the Myanmar section and learned the transmission of programmes for Myanmar section.

At the Ministry of Commerce, we called on the Deputy Director-General of Asian Affairs Department. On the last day in Beijing, we paid a call on the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In Beijing, the ASEAN media team had the opportunity to observe the modern products and functions of Zhongguancun Science Park (Z-PARK) constituted with science and technological parks and national level bases namely Electronics Information Industries, National Base of Software (Exporting) Industry, Bio-Medical Industry,

Engineering Innovation, National Center of Technology Transfer, Online Gaming and Animation Industry, Digital TV Park and Cultural Creation Industries.

On 4 August, we left Beijing and arrived in Nanjing. We visited buildings of Nanyang Real Estate (Nanjing) Co Ltd in Hexi District of Nanjing. Nanyang Real Estate launched the project named Baguio Garden situated in the south of the Olympic Stadium area of Hexi District. It covers a total land of 160,000 square meters. Combining the modern and classical architectural styles, Baguio Garden has created itself into an ecological living community with a beautiful view overlooking the Yangtze River and providing a tranquil and natural environment.

We proceeded to the bank of 34-kilometer Qinhuai River called the mother river of Nanjing. Officials welcomed all the ASEAN media team members. Qinhuai River flows into Yangtze River. We saw a high wall built during the six ancient Chinese successive dynasties. However, it is not the Great Wall. Onboard the cruise ship, officials explained that with rapid

economic and urban development, the river has become from a river outside the city to a river passing through the city. Particularly since the 1970s and 1980s, rampant unauthorized construction and direct sewage led to serious pollution and disorder in and along the river, which seriously affected the city image and the living environment of local residents.

They said, however, that in October 2002, Communist Party China Nanjing Municipal Committee and Nanjing Municipal Government decided to launch a comprehensive programme along the river. Under the programme, a total of 4,356 households and 97 factories were

relocated, a total of 20 kilometers of anti-flood walls were renovated. Twenty-five kilometers of sewerage pipes were placed. Over ten new cultural spots were set up. More than 110 buildings and 13 bridges along the river were renovated.

Yet another, we went to the Xinhua Daily. Indeed, the CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee is publishing the newspaper. With daily circulation of 400,000, Xinhua Daily brings the latest news to the readers. The newspaper covers the policy information, resolutions of CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee and Jiangsu Provincial People's Government. While we were observing the tasks of editorial staff, an official from the daily explained that to be able to report the latest news to the esteemed readers in time, over 300 reporters and correspondents of the daily across the world are trying hard to cover the news on various occasions.

On arrival at the coastal area of Jiangsu, we witnessed the better and faster development of Jiangsu and all-round improvement of the Yangtze River. At present, the authorities of Jiangsu Province are striving for overall improvement of infrastructures focusing on port construction, development of industries and wetland resources including enhancement of

urbanization and eco-construction.

We had one more opportunity to visit Lianyungang Port located in the middle of China's east coastline. It is one of 25 major ports in China. Lianyungang Port ranks among world's top 100 container terminals and it is the only large-scale seaport in Jiangsu Province.

Moreover, we toured Lianyungang Economic and Technological Development Zone formed with national level Export Processing Zone, provincial level New High-Tech Industrial Zone, New Pharmaceutical Industrial Base, High-Tech New Material Industrial Base and Jiangsu International Outsourcing Service Demonstration Zone.

While in Suzhou, we visited Shantang Street. It is an ancient street with a history of over 1,180 years. The houses there usually face the street with their front gates while their rear doors provide access to the canal. We saw bridges gallery there. The buildings along the street portray ancient architectural designs.

At the hall of Suzhou Industrial Park, officials introduced the joint project between China and Singapore to us. The administrative division covers an area of 288 square kilometers and 80 square kilometers of which are planned area of Sino-

Singapore joint development.

On 8 August, we departed Suzhou and left for Shanghai. At a domestic airport, we, Myanmar delegation members left Shanghai for Kunming by flight. We spent a night in Kunming.

On 9 August, we left Kunming by CA 905 flight for Yangon.

While visiting the People's Republic of China, we had been able to observe the development projects in all aspects. Especially, we witnessed the improvement of manufacturing the electronics and products of advanced technology. In the media sector, the newspapers in Chinese language have a large readership. At the same time, the Chinese people have easy access to the Internet these days.

During the visit, we also noticed the measures for environmental conservation by growing various shady trees, flowery plants and mangrove plantation across the country while the Chinese people are making efforts for improvement of science and technology sector.

Today is technology age. China becomes a developed country. We all the Myanmar people have the in-born duty to strive for building a peaceful and modern developed nation.



Zhongguancun Science Park in Beijing.



Fire breaks out in Kuwaiti wedding tent, 41 killed

KUWAIT, 16 Aug—A fire broke out in a women's tent at a Kuwaiti wedding party on Saturday killing at least 41 people, Kuwaiti media reported.

The private al-Rai television channel quoted the head of Kuwait's fire brigade Jassim al-Mansouri as saying 61 people were critically injured.

The state news agency

KUNA said 41 bodies had been recovered from the smouldering remains of the tent, in the al-Jahra district west of Kuwait City.

"The number of fatalities might increase due to the large number of injuries as result of a stampede that followed the outbreak of the fire at the tent that was packed with people at the

wedding," Mansouri told KUNA.

He said authorities were investigating the cause of the blaze.

Weddings in Kuwait are mostly segregated, with women seated separately from men. Tents are often erected especially for the occasion.

MNA/Reuters



People gather around the burnt debris after a fire broke out at a wedding tent on Saturday night on 15 Aug, 2009 in Kuwait City. The fire at a wedding tent in Kuwait that killed 41 women and children consumed the structure in a blazing inferno lasting just three minutes, the fire department chief said on Sunday.—XINHUA



Aleksandra Kiryashova of Russia breaks her pole as she competes in the women's pole vault qualification during the world athletics championships at the Olympic stadium in Berlin on 15 August, 2009. Picture taken with a fisheye lens.—INTERNET

ASEAN, ROK sign on Rules of Origin of Goods

BANGKOK, 16 Aug—ASEAN and Republic of Korea (ROK) on Saturday signed a letter of understanding on the Product Specific Rules of Origin to facilitate trade between two sides, one of the outcome documents from the Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) and Related Meetings here.

Thai Commerce Minister Porntiva Nakasai, who chaired the economic ministers' consultation between ASEAN and ROK on Saturday, said the two sides signed a Letter of Understanding for the Amendment of the Product Specific Rules of the Agreement on Trade in Goods to facilitate trade. Both sides were pleased to see the completion of ASEAN ROK Free Trade Agreement, comprising of Trade in Goods, Trade in Services and Investments, Porntiva said.

The ministers urged member states to complete their internal process so that the ASEAN-ROK Agreement on Investment can enter into force as soon as possible. The ASEAN-ROK Economic Ministers' Consultation is a part of the Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) and Related Meetings, which officially kicked off on Friday in Bangkok and concludes on Sunday. ASEAN is the third largest trading partner of ROK after China and the European Union.—MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN, Australia, NZ get closer to FTA realization

BANGKOK, 16 Aug—The ASEAN member countries and Australia and New Zealand are moving closer to the realization of ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA), the joint media statement said on Saturday after the 14th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)-Closer Economic Relations (CER) Consultation.

The AEM-CER Consultation, which was attended by the ASEAN Economic Ministers and the Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, was held during the 41st AEM meeting and related meetings, having been officially hosted from Friday to Sunday in Thailand's capital Bangkok.

The Ministers noted that the Parties to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area are in various stages of completing their internal procedures for the entry into force of the Agreement, the joint media statement said.—MNA/Xinhua



School children perform during the Independence Day celebrations in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 15 August, 2009.—INTERNET

Typhoon "Morakot" kills 124, injures 45 in Taiwan

TAIPEI, 16 Aug—Typhoon Morakot has killed at least 124 people and left 56 missing in Taiwan as of 10 p.m. Saturday, according to local disaster response authorities. Another 45 people were injured after the typhoon, the worst on the island in nearly five decades, wreaked havoc across central and southern regions.

Sixty-six people died in Kaohsiung, 25 in Tainan, 16 in Pingdong, six in Chiayi, seven in Nantou, three in Changhua and one in Yunlin.

Nearly 23,700 people have been evacuated, and almost 5,000 are taking refuge in 170 sheltering camps. Morakot has caused more than 12 billion New Taiwan dollars (365 million US dollars) in damages to agriculture and forestry. Among the worst-hit regions are Pingdong, Kaohsiung and Tainan.—MNA/Xinhua

Free trade to lift ASEAN+6 GDP by 1.3%

BANGKOK, 16 Aug—A feasibility study released on Saturday at the ASEAN+6 economic ministers' meeting indicated that establishment of a free trade area within the member countries will result in 1.3 percent increase in their GDP.

The study was presented at the meeting where the ASEAN Economic Ministers met with their counterparts from six dialogue partners, namely China, ROK, Japan, India, Australia and New Zealand.

The ministers noted that if the member countries establish a free trade agreement among them, the GDP of the member countries will increase by 1.3 percent; For ASEAN alone, ASEAN's GDP will increase by 3.83 percent.

The ministers viewed this integration as a very crucial step for the region. Therefore, they tasked government officials of the 16 countries to make further research based on the recommendations of the feasibility study in order to evaluate which direction they should proceed in the future.—MNA/Xinhua



Dead dolphins are seen beached by the coast of Piriapolis, 100 km (62 miles) east of Montevideo, on 15 August, 2009. At least 15 dolphins were found beached by the coast and the cause of their deaths is still unknown.—INTERNET





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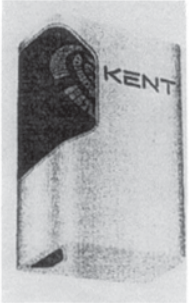
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CITIC Securities net profit falls 19.77% in H1

SHENZHEN, 16 Aug— CITIC Securities Co, China's largest listed brokerage, posted a 19.77 percent decline in net profit in the first half of this year on a suspension of initial public offerings and a decrease in fund sales.

Net profit in the first half stood at 3.82 billion yuan (55.9 million US dollars), dropping 940 million yuan from a year earlier, the company said in its interim report Saturday.

Business revenue fell 17.91 percent to 8.95 billion yuan in the first half, compared with 10.91 billion yuan in the same period last year, according to the report.

The company suffered a 36.86 percent decline in the first half year on year in securities underwriting business due to a 10-month ban on initial public offerings that ended in June. Revenue from selling funds slumped 45.63 percent compared with the same period last year.—Xinhua

SAfrica reports fourth swine flu death

JOHANNESBURG, 16 Aug —South Africa on Saturday recorded its fourth swine flu death, health officials said. Regional spokesman Chris Maxon said the woman who was 31 weeks' pregnant died on Wednesday at Addington hospital in the coastal town of Durban after she was admitted on Monday.

"The woman was admitted with complications, she had high fever and high blood pressure among other complaints. Tests came back on Friday they confirmed she had the A(H1N1) influenza virus."—Internet

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(5)	Nikon AF-SDX Zoom	- 1 No
(6)	Digital Camera (Nikon Cool PI X P 5100)	- 40 Nos
(7)	Digital Camera (Nikon D-40 Kit)	- 3 Nos
(8)	Card Reader (HL-in-1) SSK	- 2 Nos
(9)	1/3' 3CCD Mini DV Colour Camcorder (NTSC)	- 2 Nos

(B) Office Equipment (4) items

(1)	Personal Computer Intel Core 2 Quad 2.33 (or) 2.5 GHz	- 10 Sets
(2)	Laser Printer (A4)	- 10 Nos
(3)	Dot Matrix Printer	- 1 No
(4)	Type Writer Myanmar 18"	- 20 Nos

- Tender closing date/ time will be on 4-9-2009 at 16.30 hrs.

- Tender documents are available at the Procurement Committee No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township.

- For further details please contact phone Nos: 534574, 536029.

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Mauritania to send 4,000 troops to Sahara to hunt terrorists

DAKAR, 16 Aug—Mauritania will send some 4,000 military staff to the Sahara region to hunt terrorists, according to news reaching here from Nouakchott, citing Saturday's announcement of the Mauritanian Defence Ministry.

The decision was made in line with the outcome of Wednesday's meeting of the chiefs of staff from Algeria, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

At the meeting, the four discussed their cooperation in fighting crimes, especially terrorist activities, along border areas and decided to launch massive military operations against al-Qaeda branch in the Islamic Maghreb.—Xinhua

Series after shocks hit West Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 16 Aug— Two after shallow shocks with magnitude of 5.2 and 5.6 rocked West Sumatra of Sumatra Island in Indonesia, following the 6.9 main shock on Sunday, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The 5.2 shock occurred at 15:13 Jakarta time (0813 GMT) with the epicenter at 50 northeast Sipura of Mentawai of West Sumatra province and at 10 kms in depth, the agency said.

About ten minutes later, the 5.6 after shock struck with the epicenter at 81 kms southwest Padang, the capital of the province, and at 10 kms in depth, it said.

Xinhua

Somali pirates find seven bodies, blame Egyptians

BOSSASO, 16 Aug—Somali pirates found seven dead colleagues floating in the ocean on Saturday and vowed to take revenge against Egyptian fishermen they say killed them during an escape, an associate of the pirates said.

The 34 fishermen had been held hostage by the pirates since April, but they managed to overpower their guards on Thursday and fled in their two fishing vessels after a gun battle.

Two of their captors were killed during that shoot-out, and the pirates said the Egyptians took several others with them.

Internet



A South Korean quarantine officer checks a thermal camera monitoring the body temperature of passengers arriving from overseas against the possible infection of swine flu at Incheon International Airport in Incheon, west of Seoul, South Korea, on 16 Aug, 2009. South Korea says a woman infected with swine flu has died, becoming the country's second fatality linked to the virus.—INTERNET

China to complete eight-hour railway network around Beijing

BEIJING, 16 Aug—Passengers would be able to travel between Beijing and most capital cities in China in eight hours by 2012, through a nationwide express railway network, according to the Ministry of Railways. As about 10,000 km of passenger railways are currently under construction, a total of 13,000 km of passenger railways and intercity railways will be put into operation in 2012. The network would consist of four north-south and four west-east lines of railways throughout the country, which would connect most capital cities and

major cities in China, including Shanghai, Guangzhou, Taiyuan and Nanjing.

The railway circuit could largely save passengers' travel time. Departing from Beijing, passengers could reach Tianjin within one hour and southern China's Guangzhou in seven hours by 2012. China planned to invest at least 700 billion yuan (102.49 billion US dollars) per year in railway construction over the next three years, said Vice Railway Minister Wang Zhiguo Monday. By the end of this year, China would have a total of 86,000 km rail lines, second only to the United States, Wang said.

Xinhua

Animal foods not linked to breast cancer

BOSTON, 16 Aug—Three studies provide no evidence that animal food consumption increases the risk of breast cancer, US and European researchers said.

In one study, 35 obese postmenopausal women with type 2 diabetes received conjugated linoleic acid supplements or a control supplement each for 36 weeks. In a second study, researchers examined the association between conjugated linoleic acid intake from natural sources and breast cancer incidence in a large cohort of initially cancer-free Swedish women for 17.4 years.

The third study assessed whether the consumption of meat, eggs and dairy products

was associated with breast cancer risk in a group of healthy European women, who were tracked for 8.8 years.

The findings, scheduled to be published in the September issue of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, provide strong evidence that consumption of meat and dairy products by women does not, by itself, increase breast cancer risk, but moderate and mindful consumption of these foods can be very important in attaining optimal nutrition for most women who often do not consume sufficient iron and calcium. However, conjugated linoleic acid supplementation may decrease adiposity — fat.

Internet



Local residents enjoy themselves beside the Rawana Ella Falls in Uva Province of Sri Lanka, on 15 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Finland says ransom demand received for missing cargo ship Arctic Sea

HELSINKI, 16 Aug—Finland's National Bureau of Investigation (NIB) said that a ransom demand has been received for the missing cargo ship, the Arctic Sea, according to local media report Saturday. The NIB declined to say what the amount of the

ransom is other than it is a significant sum. According to information received by Finnish Broadcasting Company, the lives of the crew have been threatened if the ransom is not paid. Viktor Matvejev, the CEO of Solchart Management which operates the Arctic Sea on Saturday declined to comment on the information released by the NIB. Solchart Management operates in Finland. The Maltese-owned, Russian-crewed cargo ship disappeared two weeks ago while en route with a cargo of sawn timber from Finland to Algeria. The

ship had been due to arrive in Algeria on 4 Aug. The disappearance of the Arctic Sea, which dropped off the radar in the English Channel on 28 July, has sparked intense speculation about its fate, with experts debating whether pirates, a mafia quarrel or a commercial dispute were involved.

Swedish police said the ship was hijacked in the Baltic Sea on 24 July, when masked men claiming to be anti-drugs police boarded the ship, tied up the crew and searched the vessel. But the men reportedly left after about 12 hours.

Xinhua

India reports 24th A/H1N1 flu death

NEW DELHI, 16 Aug—India's number of A/H1N1 flu deaths has climbed to 24 while the government Saturday urged people not to resort to panic.

"The 24th victim was a 28-year-old man, named Manjunath, who succumbed to the disease late Friday night at a private hospital in the southern Indian state of Karnataka," a senior Indian Health Ministry official said. However, he said that doctors are yet to ascertain whether the three people who died in the western state of Maharashtra were victims of A/H1N1 flu.—*Xinhua*

Japan reports 1st flu A/H1N1 death

TOKYO, 16 Aug—A Japanese man in southern Okinawa Prefecture in his 50s has been confirmed as Japan's first death from flu A/H1N1, the health ministry said on Saturday.

The patient was a 57-year-old resident of Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture, and he suffered from heart and kidney illnesses, *Kyodo News* reported.

"It seems that having the new flu in addition to a combination of heart illness and kidney dysfunction weakened his immune system," *Kyodo* quoted a prefectural government official as saying, noting that the man had suffered cardiac infarction and received kidney dialysis on a regular basis.—*Xinhua*

S Korea reports 2nd influenza A/H1N1 death

SEOUL, 16 Aug—South Korea reported on Sunday its second death from influenza A/H1N1, raising concerns that the country is no longer insulated from the contagious disease spreading rapidly worldwide.

A 63-year-old female resident of Seoul died from pulmonary edema, an abnormal buildup of fluid within the lungs, and multiple organ failure, the Ministry of Health and Welfare said.

Authorities presume that the patient, who first showed flu-like symptoms in late June, may have contracted the virus through so-called community transmission, as she had not traveled overseas recently.—*Xinhua*

Malaysia confirms three new deaths of A/H1N1 flu

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 Aug—The Malaysian Health Ministry on Saturday confirmed three new deaths of influenza A/H1N1, bringing the death toll to 59.

The ministry said that the new deaths involved victims aged 22, 29 and 44 who had risk factors of obese, valvular heart disease and asthma respectively.

Meanwhile, the ministry said that 120 A/H1N1 flu infections are still in wards for medical treatment among which 29 are being kept in the intensive care unit (ICU).—*Xinhua*

Two more A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 16 Aug—Two more A/H1N1 flu cases have been confirmed in Bangladesh, raising the total number to 38, leading English-language newspaper *The Daily Star* reported on Sunday. Mahmudur Rahman, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research under the Health Ministry, was quoted as saying that one patient has come back from Malaysia while another patient contracted the flu from the other victim. Now seven patients are undergoing treatment while the rest of the persons have been cured already, Rahman said.—*Xinhua*

Farmers harvest jasmine blossoms at a jasmine garden in Shijing Village of Hengxian County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 15 Aug, 2009. Hengxian County has great renown for its jasmine cultivation.

XINHUA



SPORTS

Fergie ready to fight off City's challenge

MANCHESTER, 16 Aug—Rafa Benitez might claim that Sir Alex Ferguson is worried by Manchester City's incredible spending spree but the man himself appears unconcerned ahead of Manchester United's Premier League



Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson

opener against Birmingham on Sunday.

Many, including Liverpool boss Benitez, are tipping City to challenge for the Premier League crown currently held by United in the wake of their 100 million pound spending spree during the close-season.

United manager Ferguson, however, insists clubs like City who want to break the stranglehold the top four have had on the English game in recent years will face a tough challenge.—Internet

Murray to face Del Potro for Montreal tennis title

MONTREAL, 16 Aug—Andy Murray made sure of claiming the world number two ranking, but he'll have to get past



Andy Murray of Great Britain celebrates a point against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France during the semifinals of the Rogers Cup at Uniprix Stadium in Montreal, Canada. Murray won 6-4, 7-6 (10/8).

INTERNET

Juan Martin Del Potro on Sunday to claim the ATP Montreal Masters crown.

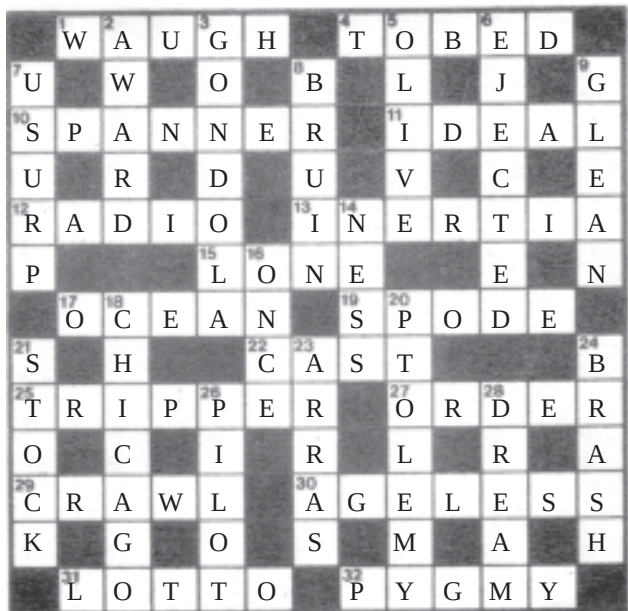
Third-seeded Murray beat French seventh seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 7-6 (10/8) in the semifinals and is set to rise to second in the world for the first time in his career.

Sixth-seeded Del Potro, who won the title in Washington over Andy Roddick last weekend, continued his dominance over the three-time Wimbledon runner-up as he beat the fifth-seeded American 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Del Potro fired 19 aces in a semi-final victory lasting just over two hours.

Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Wenger stays calm after Arsenal destroy Everton

LIVERPOOL, 16 Aug—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger refused to get carried away after his side routed Everton 6-1 on the opening day of the Premier League season at Goodison Park.

Victory left the Gunners top of the table after many pundits had questioned whether the London club could maintain its status as one of English football's 'Big Four' alongside champions Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea.

"From before the game being ruled out by everybody to now become a super favourite, there's



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

two extremes," Wenger told reporters after Saturday's success. "It was an interesting first game."

Denilson, William Gallas and new signing Thomas Vermaelen all scored in the first-half, with Cesc Fabregas adding two in the second-half and Eduardo rounding off the rout before Everton's Louis Saha added a last-minute consolation.—Internet

Tiger claws out a 2-shot lead at the PGA

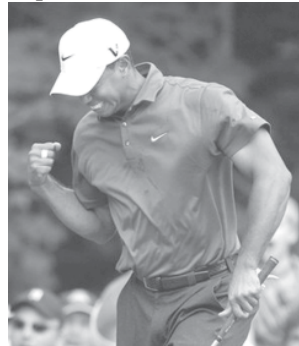
CHASKA, 16 Aug—The coronation of Tiger Woods turned into a contest Saturday at the PGA Championship.

What had looked so inevitable — Woods with a four-shot lead on the weekend at a major — suddenly became filled with possibilities as his margin vanished along the back nine at Hazeltine.

Only a late birdie by Woods and a lone bogey from Padraig Harrington gave the final major a familiar look.

Woods, playing it safe to avoid throwing away shots, wound up with a 1-under 71 and had a two-shot lead over Harrington and Y.E. Yang. That left

Woods one round away from capturing his 15th major, with more company than anyone expected.—Internet



Tiger Woods reacts to his birdie chip shot on the 14th hole during the third round of the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., on 15 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Safina to meet Jankovic in Cincinnati tennis final

CINCINNATI, 16 Aug—World number one Dinara Safina cruised into the final of the two million-dollar WTA Cincinnati Open as Jelena Jankovic clawed her way into the title match.

Safina needed just 56 minutes to post a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Italy's Flavia Pennetta. She improved to 7-0 lifetime against Pennetta, who was coming off a third-round victory over Venus Williams here as well as a title in Los Angeles last weekend.

In Sunday's final, Russia's Safina will take on fifth-seeded Serbian Jankovic, who emerged from a scrappy match with a 7-6 (7/2), 0-6, 7-6 (8/6) victory over fourth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva.

Jankovic squandered three match points in the third set as Dementieva forced the tiebreaker.

She fell behind 6-2 before winning the final six points, finally sealing the victory after 2hr 46min.

She and Dementieva combined for 13 breaks of serve and 25 double-faults.

"I don't believe I won this match," Jankovic said.

There were no such worries for Safina, who reached her eighth final in 14 tournaments this year.

Internet



Dinara Safina

Rangers and Celtic win on SPL opener

GLASGOW, 16 Aug—Champions Rangers and arch-rivals Celtic made winning starts to their respective Scottish Premier League campaigns on Saturday.

Rangers overcame a resolute Falkirk side 4-1 to go top of the league on goals difference over Kilmarnock, 3-0 winners over Hamilton, while Celtic won 3-1 away at Aberdeen. The league flag was unfurled before kick-off at Ibrox and the Rangers fans were soon celebrating again when an

unstoppable strike from Lee McCulloch opened the scoring in the 14th minute.

Carl Finnegan soon had the Bairs level but Scotland striker Miller netted either side of half-time and Steven Naismith scored late on to seal the victory.—Internet

Roy Jones stops Lacy

BILOXI, 16 Aug—Roy Jones Jr toyed with the crowd and with Jeff Lacy, stopping the overmatched opponent after the 10th round Saturday night to retain the NABO light heavyweight championship title.

Jones (54-5, 39 KOs) used a left hook to cut Lacy's right eye in the third round, and both of Lacy's eyes were swelling by the seventh. Lacy didn't answer the bell for the 11th round and the referee stopped the bout.

Jones joked when asked when he thought the bout was in his hands.

"When they gave me the gloves," Jones said. "My hands are still as fast as ever. I've got the quickest speed in the game."—Internet

Beckham red-carded in Galaxy loss

CARSON, 16 Aug—David Beckham was ejected for a studs-up challenge in the 17th minute, and the Los Angeles Galaxy finished with nine men in a 2-0 loss to the Seattle Sounders FC on Saturday night.

Beckham slid into Sounders midfielder Peter Vagenas trying to reach a ball, hooking his right ankle and bringing the former Galaxy midfielder down to the pitch. Referee Ricardo Salazar immediately issued the red card, and Beckham did not offer much of an argument before leaving the field.

"Pete's one of my best friends," he said after the game. "I've never gone into one tackle wanting to hurt someone. It was a hard tackle but by no means a red card."

It was Beckham's first red card in his MLS career and his second ejection in

the MLS. The red card carries an automatic suspension that will force Beckham to miss Los Angeles' match at Chicago on Wednesday night.—Internet



Members of the Los Angeles Galaxy react after David Beckham, received a red card against the Seattle Sounders during the first half of a MLS soccer match in Carson, Calif., on 15 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Manchester United 1-0
Birmingham City

Wayne Rooney puts Manchester United in front against Birmingham.—INTERNET

LONDON, 16 Aug— Wayne Rooney's 99th goal for Manchester United was enough to get the champions off to a winning start.

Playing in his preferred central role, Rooney tapped home from close range after his initial header had come back off the post

after 34 minutes.

But United were made to work hard by a spirited Birmingham side who went close through Christian Benitez who had an angled shot well saved by Ben Foster while Michael Owen was denied by Joe Hart near the end.—Internet

Tottenham Hotspur 2-1
Liverpool

LONDON, 16 Aug— Sebastien Bassong marked his Tottenham Hotspur debut by heading the winner against Liverpool. Benoit Assou-Ekotto had fired Spurs into a deserved lead with a stunning 25-yard strike a minute before half-time. Robbie Keane had twice been denied by superb saves from Pepe

Reina as Harry Redknapp's men finished the first half on top. Steven Gerrard smashed Liverpool level from the penalty spot on 56 minutes following a foul on Glen Johnson by Heurelho Gomes.

Internet



Tottenham celebrate Benoit Assou-Ekotto's stunning opener.
INTERNET

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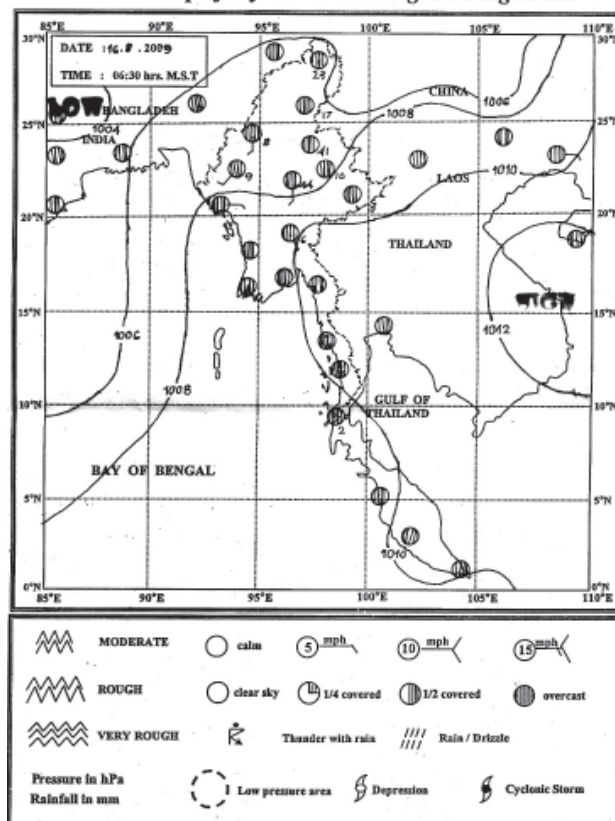
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 16th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (2.36) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.98) inch, Pyinoolwin (5.51) inches, Moekok (2.44) inches, Mandalay (1.77) inches, Aungmye (1.65) inches, Bhamo (1.61) inches, Putao and Machanbaw (1.22) inches each, Taunggyi, Sagaing and Kyaukse (0.90) inch each and Kyaukse (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-8-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 16-8-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-8-2009 was 84%. Total Sun shine hours on 15-8-2009 was (6.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-8-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 15-8-2009.

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 isolated Mon State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Mandalay Division 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: Continuation of decrease of rain in the Coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 17 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဝံ့ဇယမင်္ဂလ် (ဆို-ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း)

တေးရေး-

ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

5. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

8:05 am

6. Cutue Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ”

8:20 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. Dance of National Races

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:35 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ ရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာ အထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. “တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်”

5:35 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:40 pm

9. စုပေါင်းသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တစ်ရေးနိုးဖူးစာ” (အပိုင်း-၇)

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေ့မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)



- ★ 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

A glimpse of developing sights and scenes in China

Article & Photos: *Than Tun Aung (NLM)*

Recently, I had a great opportunity to observe the endeavours of the government and the people in improving science and technology sector and undertaking all-round development tasks in the People's Republic of China. Together with Staff Officer (Planning) Daw Yi Yi Lwin of MRTV-4 of Myanmar Radio and Television, I, an editor of the New Light of

Myanmar Daily under News and Periodicals Enterprise, paid an eight-day visit to the People's Republic of China from 1 to 8 August 2009.

We joined the ASEAN joint press delegation to observe and cover the news on development of major cities in China. The delegation comprised 15 journalists in total from the ASEAN countries except those from Malaysia.

(See page 10)



Qinhuai River seen with high-rise buildings in Nanjing.

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The Hydrology and Meteorology Department issued that a strong earthquake of intensity (7.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about (1300) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (14) hrs (12) min (54) sec MST on 16th August, 2009.

MNA

The News and Periodicals Enterprise has been delivering its three dailies to sales agents in towns throughout the country at the cost of K 50 per copy.

Order issued for US citizen Mr John William Yettaw serving seven-year prison term to serve only half of his prison term, remaining prison term to be suspended and to be deported

Mr John William Yettaw leaves together with Senator Jim Webb

YANGON, 16 Aug — At the request of Mr Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the American Embassy to Myanmar, an order was issued for US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, who was serving a seven-year prison term, to serve only half of his prison term and the remaining prison term to be suspended and to be deported on humanitarian grounds for his health and future and as a gesture of taking heed of relations between the US and Myanmar. Mr John William Yettaw left here by air this afternoon together with Senator Mr Jim Webb.

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INSIDE

Is that so, Maung Kalu? More than that, Grandpa

Now, 92.48 per cent of the people have approved the new constitution the people's representatives adopted, taking time. So, if they love the country, they have to respect the constitution for the opportunity to serve public interest. They have to take the way to democracy the people have paved.

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