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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence attends opening of new school building in Thaton Township

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug —Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to open Nyanwaiyan two-storey building of No 1 Basic Education Middle School in Theingon Ward, Thaton Township, and hand it over to the Ministry of Education on 14 August morning. He next formally opened the new school building and made an opening speech.

The donor family handed over the documents related to the school building to the headmistress, who then presented a certificate of honour. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win looked round the school building.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw visited Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 and inspected running of machines, production process of tyres of tractor, other vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles and samples of tyres.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw attended a monsoon tree-planting ceremony for environmental conservation in Aukkawyin Village by Thaton-Hpa-an road.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander and the State PDC chairman presented saplings to departmental officials and members of social organizations. Next, they viewed the growing of teak trees.

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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

Spectacular Kanthaya Garden in Pathein



Kanthaya Garden in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division.

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe
Photos: Kyaw Myint Than
(Lanmadaw)

The beautiful Kanthaya Garden with colourful birds and flowers has brought honour and glory to Pathein, the capital city of Ayeyawady Division.

We, the news crew, arrived in Pathein to study the beautiful sceneries of Kanthaya Garden. The garden is set up to resemble the Kandawgyi with a combination of three lakes.

Pathein Development Affairs Committee has established the garden on the land that lies as an island between the three natural lakes. As soon as we entered Kanthaya Garden, we saw a beautiful circular fountain. Tulips, casuarinas and pines there are like a painting.

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Noteworthy amount of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	1.74 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	0.79 inch
Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe)	0.71 inch
Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)	0.71 inch
Toungoo	6.18 inches
Toungoo (Aviation)	2.09 inches
Gwa	1.46 inches

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The first step of a long journey

The government has been able to show positive and friendly attitude in the area of international relations. It has also been able to show respect for humanitarianism and human rights.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Boost crop production for agricultural development

The agriculture, forest and livestock breeding sectors are the important pillars for economic development of Myanmar. Therefore, the government has given priority to sustainable use of the nation's rich forest and agricultural resources.

In Myanmar, there are more than 44 million acres of arable land but the area of land that is actually farmed is over 33 million acres. Such agricultural produce as rice, beans and pulses, corn and sesame are the nation's food supplies as well as export earners.

Myanmar is in a position to produce good quality rice, beans and pulses and long-staple cotton that can penetrate the international market. Therefore, efforts are being made to increase the quantity as well as quality of crops by extending cultivated acreage and using quality strains.

The government has spent millions of kyats on construction of dams, river water-pumping stations and tube-wells to ensure sufficient water for agricultural purpose. As rice is the staple food of the nation, it is necessary to boost production in the 2009-2010 harvest season not only to meet domestic consumption but also to export the surplus.

As the agriculture sector plays an important role in our drive for development of national economy, we would like to call on the peasantry to work for development of the agriculture sector by trying to increase crop production.

Talks on Bridging the Gap Between IT and Business on 22 Aug

YANGON, 17 Aug—With a view to developing information and communication technology, Myanmar Computer Professionals' Association will organize educative talks for IT professional to realize IT Technology as well as business environment, IT market, law and regulation related to IT, process standard and technology standard.

Director U Maung Maung Thant of Intellectual Developer Co Ltd will give talk on "Bridging the Gap Between IT and Business Manager Perspective, and Director U Zaw Moe Thant of Ace Data System on "Bridging the Gap Between IT and Business Software Engineer Perspective" at the conference hall of Myanmar Info Tech main building,

Hlaing Township here from 2 pm to 4 pm on 22 August (Saturday).

Members of Myanmar Computer Professionals' Association, software engineers, IT managers and any interested persons may attend the talks. For further information, please contact Room 4, Bulding 4 of the association's office Ph:652276.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Commander opens new tarred road in Maha Aungmyay Township

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The opening of new tarred road built on self-reliant basic was held at the archway of the new road in Maha Aungmyay Township in Mandalay on 10 August.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials formally opened the new road. They then strolled along the new road together with guests.—MNA

Coordination meeting on construction of cyclone shelters held

YANGON, 17 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein addressed the coordination meeting on construction of cyclone shelters in cyclone-hit region at the office of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development here yesterday morning.

The deputy minister heard the reports on progress in construction of 20 cyclone shelters presented by Chief Engineers U Khin Maung Oo and U Nyunt Maung San.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein addresses the coord meeting for construction of Cyclone Shelters in storm-hit regions.—MNA

Refresher course for township judges opened



Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe addresses Refresher Course No.6 for township judges.—MNA

YANGON, 17 Aug—The refresher course No.6 for township judges was opened at the training

school of the Supreme Court in Hlinethaya Township today.

The course was opened with an address by Deputy Chief Justice

U Thein Soe. A total of 25 trainees are attending the eight-week course.

The opening ceremony was also attended by judges of the

Supreme Court, the director-general (admin) and directors of the Supreme Court and judges of Yangon Division and districts.—MNA

Colour Photo Contest for 62nd Anniversary Independence Day

YANGON, 17 Aug—Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day which falls on 4 January of 2010, the colour photo contest will be held with the theme of "Images of High National Prestige of Myanmar".

Anyone may participate in the contest with photos reflecting developments, scenic views, peace and high

integrity of the State.

The size of the photos must be 10x14 inches ones, with numbers unlimited. Any kind of camera can be used but photos created with digital technology and that have won prizes in home and abroad photo contests are not allowed to participate in the contest. Handsome prizes will be presented to prize-winners of the

contest.

Photos must be sent to U Aye Kywe, Director (Production) of Information and Public Relations Department, at No.228 Theinbyu Road, Botataung Township, here, not later than 4 pm on 1 September and those come later than the deadline would not be chosen for the contest.

MNA



UK pilot 'killed' in Malaysia testing new plane

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Aug — A British pilot killed in a fiery crash in Malaysia was an aviation entrepreneur conducting a test flight of his Jetpod "flying taxi", reports said on Monday.

Michael Robert Dacre, 53, died on Sunday when the prototype aircraft crashed and burst into flames shortly after take-off from a landing strip in the

Malaysia accident

British inventor Michael Robert Dacre died in test flight of his self-designed "flying taxi" on Sunday



Map locating Taiping in Malaysia where a British pilot was killed while testing the prototype of his Jetpod "flying taxi," reports said on Monday.—INTERNET

northern town of Taiping, Malaysian police said. *The Star* daily said Dacre was an inventor and the managing director of British-based Avcen Ltd which planned to have the "Jetpod" eight-seater flying taxi in production by 2010.

It quoted witnesses as saying that the aircraft attempted to take off several times before soaring into the sky and then abruptly veering to the left and crashing to the ground.

The Jetpod was designed to have a cruising speed of 350 miles (550 kilometres) per hour, be quieter and quicker than a helicopter, and require just 125 meters to take off and 300 metres to land.

In interviews when plans for the dual jet engine aircraft were unveiled, Dacre had said he hoped the Jetpod would transform inner-city transport.—INTERNET



An Iraqi man reacts at the scene of a bomb attack which targeted a police patrol in Karrada neighbourhood, central Baghdad, Iraq, on 16 Aug, 2009. Several people were injured in the blast, police said.

INTERNET

Israeli soldiers shoot Egyptian policeman

JERUSALEM, 17 Aug—The Israeli army says its soldiers mistakenly shot and wounded an Egyptian policeman along the border between the two countries.

The army says a routine patrol on Monday morning identified a suspicious, armed figure at the border.

It says that when the Israeli troops challenged the man, he cocked his weapon — prompting the soldiers to open fire. The army says the soldiers only realized it was an Egyptian policeman after the shooting. A joint Israeli-Egyptian team is investigating the shooting.—INTERNET



Honour guards take part in a ceremony commemorating the 64th anniversary of Indonesia's independence from Dutch colonial rule at Merdeka (Freedom) palace in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Two car bombs near Baghdad restaurant kill four

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug—Four people were killed and 18 others injured when two roadside bombs exploded near a popular restaurant in southwestern Baghdad, a police source said on Sunday night.

The local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity that two car bombs exploded near the popular Abood restaurant at about 8:00 pm local time (1700 GMT) in Baghdad Jadida (new Baghdad), killing four people and wounding 18 others.—*Xinhua*

Three killed in attack on Somalia UN compound

MOGADISHU, 17 Aug—Armed men attacked a World Food Programme compound in Somalia overnight, sparking an exchange of fire with security guards in which three attackers were killed, UN officials said on Monday.

"The militiamen tried to enter the WFP compound here in Wajid where some foreign UN staff members were staying," a UN official told *AFP* on condition of anonymity.

"But our security guards confronted them, killing two of the attackers on the spot. A third one died of his injuries moments later," the official said, adding that one of the compound's guards was also wounded in the incident.—INTERNET

Somali dock workers stand next to the newly arrived cargo ship with food aid from the World Food Programme (WFP) in Mogadishu on 16 Aug 2009. —INTERNET

US soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Aug—An insurgent gun attack killed a US soldier in Afghanistan, the military announced on Monday, adding to a climbing death toll of foreign troops helping to secure the country ahead of this week's elections.

The trooper was killed in the east of the country on Sunday, the same day three British soldiers were killed in an explosion in the volatile south. "An international security force member died after he encountered small arms fire from militants while on patrol in eastern Afghanistan on 16 August," the NATO-led force said in a statement. The soldier was from the United States, it said. Nearly 40 international troops have lost their lives in Afghanistan this month, according to independent icasualties.org which tracks the tolls from the conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq. July was the deadliest month for the international forces since the US-led invasion in late 2001 that removed the extremist Taliban regime for sheltering Al-Qaeda.—INTERNET

Three NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Aug— Three soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, a press release of the alliance said on Monday.

"Three ISAF service members were killed yesterday, as a result of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonation that occurred in southern Afghanistan," the press release added.

"In fighting the militants and preventing them from harassing the population, these soldiers made the highest sacrifice to help give the Afghan people a chance to improve their quality of life. We will never forget them," the press release quoted Brigadier-General Eric Tremblay as saying.

However, it did not mention the exact place of the incident and nationality of victims by saying, "it is ISAF policy not to release the nationality of any casualty prior to the relevant national authority doing so."—*Xinhua*



Vietnam, Cambodia vow to reach two-way trade of \$2 b in 2010

HANOI, 17 Aug—Vietnam and Cambodia expressed their strong will in reaching the bilateral trade of two billion US dollars in 2010, the local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Times* reported on Monday.

The target was made at a conference on opportunities for Vietnam to do business in Cambodia. The conference, which was recently-ended in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, drew participation of relevant agencies of both Vietnam and Cambodia.

Cambodia will be a potential market for Vietnam as Cambodian people

has turned their eyes on consuming Vietnam's goods and products instead of Thailand's ones, said Yeav Kim Hean, a commercial counselor of Vietnam-base Cambodian Embassy.

Cambodia is calling for foreign investment in its key sectors of hydropower, mining, cultivation of industrial plants, and telecommunication. This opens more opportunities for Vietnam's businesses to invest in Cambodia, said Huynh Tan Phong, vice director of Ho Chi Minh Trade Promotion Agency at the conference.

To reach the target,

Vietnam will conduct a wide range of trade promotion activities in Cambodia from now on. These activities include market surveys, conferences on trade cooperation and trade fairs, said Phong.

In 2008, the two-way trade between Vietnam and Cambodia was 1.7 billion US dollars, up 31 percent year-on-year. Of which, Vietnam's exports to Cambodia earned about 1.45 billion US dollars, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade.—Xinhua



New Subaru cars are parked at an industrial port in Kawasaki, near Tokyo on 17 Aug, 2009. Japan's economy returned to growth in the second quarter, ending its longest recession since World War Two, but analysts warned of a rocky road ahead as the nascent recovery was based on short-term stimulus efforts around the world.—INTERNET

China trade official goes to Washington on tires case

BEIJING, 17 Aug—China is sending a vice minister of trade to Washington to lobby US administration officials against imposing duties on Chinese-made tires, the Ministry of Commerce said on Monday.

The Obama administration has until September to decide whether to levy duties up to 55 percent, in the first of a growing list of trade issues with China.

Chinese vice commerce minister Zhong Shan will argue that slapping duties on Chinese exports would raise costs for US auto manufacturers and consumers. He will meet with US departments including State, Treasury, Commerce and the US Trade Representative.

The duties, recommended by the US International Trade Commission in late June, could reach up to 55 percent in the first year, 45 percent in the second year and 35 percent in the third year.

The petition to restrict tire imports came from the United Steelworkers union, which argues that the tire imports are destroying US industry. The Steelworkers represent 15,000 workers employed at 13 plants in nine US states that together account for nearly half of US tire production.—Internet



People play roller coaster in the Happy Valley amusement part in east China's Shanghai, on 16 Aug, 2009. The park, with 7 theme subareas, started a trial operation on Sunday.—XINHUA

Israeli economy may be emerging from recession

JERUSALEM, 17 Aug—Israel's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanded by one percent in the second quarter of 2009, a sign that the country's economy might be emerging from recession, a report from

the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) said on Sunday.

According to the report, the country's GDP has expanded after two consecutive quarters of contraction.

The one percent growth in the second quarter followed a 3.2 percent decrease in the first quarter and a 1.4 percent drop in the last quarter of 2008.

Exports, which account for about 45 percent of GDP, were 5.8 percent up in the second quarter, private consumption increased by 4.4 percent and public consumption rose by 19.8 percent, said CBS.

Xinhua

Rising energy demand pulls up S Korea's industrial power sales in July

SEOUL, 17 Aug—South Korea's industrial power sales inched up on year in July with an increase in demand from the oil refining and shipbuilding industries, the government said on Monday.

day.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge, the nation's industrial power sales inched up 0.8 percent on year in July, with those to oil refineries and shipyards rising 5.5 percent and 6.7 percent, respectively.

Industrial power purchase of semiconductor

and machinery manufacturers also expanded 3.5 percent and 1.3 percent year-on-year, the ministry said.

The ministry pointed out that a rise in demand by energy-concentrated industries pulled up power consumption in July.

Xinhua

Net profit of China's Datang Power surges 55.7% in H1

BEIJING, 17 Aug—The Datang International Power Generation Co (Datang Power) announced on Sunday its net profit surged 55.72 percent year on year to 652.37 million yuan (95.52 million US dollars) in the first half of this year.

The Beijing-based company attributed its profit increase to the electricity price increases dur-

ing the second half last year.

China raised retail electricity prices by 0.025 yuan per kwh for industries in last July and lifted the on-grid price of coal-fired electricity by 0.01 yuan in last August to offset rising costs in power plants.

The company's business revenue reached 20.68 billion yuan in the

first six months, an increase of 18.9 percent from a year earlier.

In the January-June period, Datang Power reaped 18.3 billion yuan on electricity sales, up 7.84 percent year on year.

However, power generation in the company and its subsidiaries was down 1.51 percent from a year earlier to 61.3 billion kwh.—Xinhua



An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 struck West Sumatra of Sumatra Island in Indonesia on Sunday, injuring seven people and destroying scores of buildings, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and Disaster Management Agency said. —XINHUA



All items from Xinhua News Agency



A policeman tests a taxi driver to determine whether he is driving under the influence on Saturday evening in Huaibei, Anhui province.—XINHUA

Teheran dismisses gasoline sanction on Iran as “inefficient”

TEHERAN, 17 Aug—Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Hossein Nozari on Sunday dismissed sanctions on gasoline exports to Iran as “inefficient,” the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported. “Iran possesses one of the greatest oil reserves in the world, therefore, no country can impose sanctions on Iran’s gasoline,” Nozari was quoted as saying.

In the meantime, “all

the necessary measures for supplying the country’s gasoline needs have been taken,” he said.

Hojjatollah Ghani-mifard, an official of National Iranian Oil Company, said last week that Iran is by no means concerned about any sanction on Iran’s fuel demand.

Earlier, Iran’s OPEC Governor Mohammad Ali Khataibi said Iran is a very important market for for-

eign suppliers and that “global oil commodity producers can not lose the Iranian market easily,” according to local satellite Press TV.

In a fresh attempt, the Obama administration is considering the option of cutting off the supplies of gasoline and other refined oil products to Teheran if it refuses to negotiate on its disputed nuclear programme.—Xinhua

Brazil, Venezuela to boost cooperation on fertilizer

CARACAS, 17 Aug—Brazil and Venezuela will seek a geostrategic alliance on fertilizer, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday told his weekly broadcast “Alo Presidente.”

Venezuela’s Bolivar state borders Brazil’s Roraima state and the latter needs Venezuela’s fertilizer to boost agriculture and downstream production such as livestock farming, Brazil’s ambassador to Venezuela, Jao de Souza, said during the programme.

Venezuela produces crude oil and natural gas, both of which are key feed stocks for many industrial fertilizers.

Venezuela and Brazil share a borderline of some 1,700 km. Venezuela is Brazil’s sixth largest trade partner.—Xinhua

Bus accident kills 19 in Bolivia

LIMA, 17 Aug—At least 19 people were killed and 26 others injured on Sunday morning after a bus fell off a cliff in Bolivia, police said.

The accident occurred at 6 am local time (1000 GMT) when an inter-provincial bus plunged into a 100-meter-deep ravine on a mountain road in the Los Yungas region, 70 km northeast of Bolivia’s administrative capital La Paz.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.—Xinhua

The photo taken on 16 Aug, 2009 shows picture boards displayed on the opening of the photo exhibition of Witness of State-owned Economy in Sixty Years in Wangfujing Street of Beijing, China. XINHUA



New strategy launched to tackle climate change, protect Great Barrier Reef

CANBERRA, 17 Aug—A new strategy was launched on Monday to tackle climate change and protect Australia’s 4.1 billion US dollar Great Barrier Reef tourism industry.

The plan was revealed at the Tourism Futures Conference on the Gold Coast.

It has been compiled by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Queensland Tourism Industry Council and Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority chairman Russell Reichelt said climate change is the single biggest threat facing the reef.

“One of the key features is that it was developed by industry, but with the marine park authority as a combined effort,” he said.

The plan covered raising awareness among operators and tourists, reducing the carbon footprint of tourism operators and improving their energy efficiency.

The strategy also included monitoring and reporting changes, improving the resilience of the reef itself, and integrating climate change with business operations and planning.—Xinhua

Performers play lion dance during a parade in south China’s Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), on 16 Aug, 2009. A total of 60 teams performed dragon, lion and unicorn dance during the parade on Sunday to welcome the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China in October. XINHUA



Runway closed in Bangladesh’s main airport following accident

DHAKA, 17 Aug—Authorities of Bangladesh’s main Zia International Airport in capital Dhaka has closed its runway after a plane heading for India ran out of the runway on Monday morning, a senior official said.

Sakeb Iqbal Khan Majlis, chairman of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, told *Xinhua* that the runway will remain closed for three hours from 10:40 am local time in the morning.

He said the aircraft of India’s private Jet Airways from Dhaka to India’s eastern Kolkata city went out of the runway just before it takes off.

The aircraft, carrying about 130 passengers and eight crews, was 15-20 feet (4.5-6 meters) out of the runway, Majlis said.—Xinhua

US airliner makes emergency landing in Panama due to cabin smoke

PANAMA CITY, 17 Aug—Smoke from the control cabin of a US airliner with 194 people aboard forced it to make an emergency landing at Panama City’s Tocumen airport, the Panamanian authorities said on Sunday. All the 190 passengers and four crew were safe aboard the *Boeing 752* plane that belonged to the American Airlines, authorities said.

The pilot detected smoke and reported the incident to Tocumen airport control tower some 40 minutes after the plane took off from Panama city on a flight to the US city of Miami, said Panama’s civil aviation administration.—Xinhua

Strong quake hits Japan's Ishigaki Island

TOKYO, 17 Aug—A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.8 jolted near Ishigaki Island in Japan's southernmost Okinawa Prefecture on Monday, said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

There were no reports

of casualties or damage to properties.

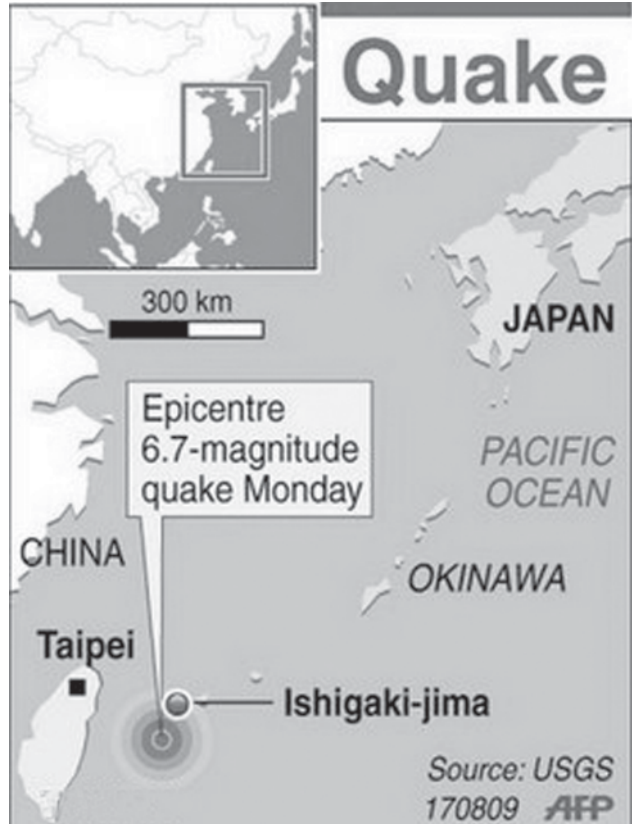
The focus of the quake, which occurred at 9:06 am (0006 GMT), was located some 10 km under the sea off Ishigaki Island, said the agency.

The agency issued a tsunami alert for Miyako

Island and neighbouring islands in Okinawa Prefecture and lifted the warning at 10 am.

The government set up a liaison office at the prime minister's office following the occurrence of the quake.

Xinhua



Map locating the epicentre of a 6.7-magnitude quake that struck in southern Japanese waters near the coast of Taipei on Monday.—INTERNET

Seven dead as accident shuts top Russia hydro station

MOSCOW, 17 Aug—Seven people were killed on Monday in an accident that halted production at Russia's largest hydro-electric power station, officials said.

Water flooded a hall at the Sayano-Shushenskaya power station in the Siberian region of Khakassia, emergency ministry spokeswoman Irina Butenko told Reuters.

"Seven people died

and 11 were injured," she said. "There is no danger to the population."

She said authorities were not ruling out the possibility that an explosion caused the accident, but Russian news agencies reported a water surge was the most likely cause.

Power production has been halted at the plant which supplies several major aluminium plants, said a spokesman for

RusHydro, which owns the station.

Electricity supplies have been cut to the Khakassky and Sayansk aluminium plants, said Dmitry Kudryavtsev, the chief spokesman for the emergency ministry in Siberia.

Plants operated by Russia's largest aluminium producer RUSAL are working as normal, said spokeswoman Vera Kurochkina.—Internet

12 foreign ecotourists robbed on trip in Peru

LIMA, 17 Aug—Peruvian police say gunmen robbed 12 foreigners on an ecological tourism trip to the Manu nature reserve on a popular forest route.

Authorities say four robbers took an undetermined amount of cash, cameras and video equipment around noon Sunday but did not harm any of the victims.

The incident occurred in the Tres Cruces area of the Cusco region, nearly 600 kilometres (375 miles) southeast of Lima.

Internet

Britain publishes more UFO files, but few answers

LONDON, 17 Aug—The deputy commander of a US Air Force base in England was baffled by what he'd seen: bright, pulsing lights in the night sky.

Britain's defence ministry couldn't explain it either, but concluded that the unidentified flying object posed no threat.

The National Archives on Monday released the government's complete file on the "Rendlesham Forest Incident" of December 1980, one of Britain's most famous UFO sightings.

It was among more than 4,000 pages posted online on Monday documenting 800 alleged encounters during the 1980s and 1990s. Over the past three years the Ministry of Defence has been gradually releasing previously secret UFO papers after facing Freedom of Information demands.

The Rendlesham file contains US Air Force Lt Col Charles Halt's firsthand account of the event, which has been public knowledge for many

years. The file includes the conclusions of a British government investigation and a letter from a former defence chief urging officials to take UFOs more seriously.

Halt reported that two servicemen had noticed "unusual lights" about 3 am in the woods outside the gates of RAF Woodbridge, a US base in eastern England. He wrote that patrolmen sent to investigate saw "a strange glowing object" in the forest.—Internet

Top eight beautiful waterfalls in China

Located in the Mt Lushan scenic area in Jiangxi Province, the beauty of Lushan Waterfall groups have been admired for thousands of years, among which the Three Tier Spring is the most reputed.

There is a saying, "One can never say that he has visited Mt Lushan if he has not been to the Three Tier Spring."

Consisting of 22 waterfalls, 18 rapid torrents, 14 lakes and ponds, the waterfall plummets 155 metres from the pinnacle of Wulao Mountain (Peak of Five Old Men), and comes to an abrupt end

against the multi tiered rocks at the cliffs base, creating a mist and fantasy scenery.



Mt Lushan waterfall, the most poetic waterfall in China.

Jobless US graduate sues college for 70,000 dollars

A US student who recently graduated from New York's Monroe College said she had filed a complaint with the school accusing it of being responsible for her inability to find work.

Trina Thompson, 27, who graduated with a degree in information technology in April at the school in northern Manhattan's Bronx district, asked the state supreme court to award her 70,000 dollars to reimburse the tuition costs.

The former student said she had been unable to find employment to support herself since graduation.

Kansas man wins big in lottery for 2nd time in '09

Edward Williams is the definition of lucky after winning the lottery for a second time in a year. Williams, 47, of Wichita won \$75,000 in September playing a \$10 scratch ticket. Then on Wednesday, he defied the odds again when matched all the numbers in the Super Kansas Cash drawing to win a jackpot worth nearly \$900,000.

"When I hit \$75,000, I figured lightning struck once, it won't ever hit again," Williams said in a prepared statement released by Kansas Lottery officials. "This one knocked me flat!"

Shark hitches ride on boat

A group of Florida boaters spear fishing and lobster diving said they received the shock of their lives when a bull shark jumped up on the deck of their vessel.

Michael Powers said he and his friends were boating on a 21-foot vessel off Haulover Beach, Fla, on Saturday when the 5 1/2 foot bull shark jumped onto the vessel, WSVN-TV, Miami, reported.

"One minute it was in the air, the next minute it was in the boat just beating everything in God's creation," Powers said. "It hit one of the crew members. It hit Patricia, then it went between Paul's legs and my legs in the back."

We're all scattering for cover trying to get up on the deck and out of anywhere we could, just to be safe."

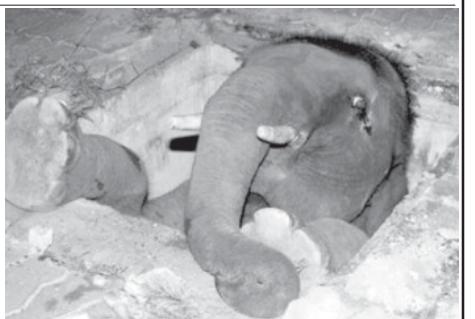
"We waited for her to calm down after 30 minutes and bleeding all over the deck and busting everything up," he said. "We tail roped her and we tried to lift her out with a pole and a net we used to get the lobster in."

A baby elephant that got trapped in the manhole of a drainage ditch in Rayong Province, eastern Thailand. Rescuers spent 3 hours freeing the animal, who was unharmed.

NEWS ALBUM



Ruddy Shelducks stroll along a river in Qiangtang Grassland in Tibet Autonomous Region, southwest China. Qiangtang Nature Reserve, the biggest nature reserve in China, covers an area of some 298,000 sq km in northern Tibet. The grassland breeds over 1,000 kinds of wild animals, including some state-listed protected animals, as the species diversity in the area recovers under top state protection.





Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence...

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After that, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw visited the mixed plantation of crops and forests in Myainggalay forest reserve of Kayin State Forest Department.

He then proceeded to the monsoon paddy plantation at the entrance and exit of Myainggalay

Village, Hpa-an Township and inspected samples of fertilizers and paddy strains.

Then he cordially greeted the local farmers.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected condition of Thaton-Hpa-an road section and monsoon paddy plantations on both sides.

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence unveils the Nyanwaiyan new school building of No. 1 BEMS in Theingon Ward of Thaton Township.—MNA

Universities of Mandalay participate in friendly volley tournament

MANDALAY, 17 Aug—Under the programme of integrated sports and education, the opening of volleyball friendly of Mandalay's universities of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) was held at the University's Gymnasium of Mandalay on 15 August. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Director-General Dr Soe Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar In-charge), Rector of Yadanabon University U Than Nwe, officials concerned, managers, coaches, teachers and students.

In the men's event, Yadanabon University played against Kyaukse University and Mandalay University of Foreign Languages against Mandalay University. In the women's event, Sagaing Education University contested with Mandalay University.

The previous day, in the men's event, Mandalay University of Foreign Languages rivaled with Sagaing Education University and in the women's event, Kyaukse University matched against Sagaing Education University and Yadanabon University against Mandalay University of Foreign Languages.—MNA

Spectacular Kanthaya Garden in Pathein

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe, Photos: Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)



"We are doing maintenance tasks daily in Kanthaya Garden."

U Sa Tint Wai (Engineer, Pathein DAC)

(from page 1)

The area of Kanthaya Garden is 164

acres and Pathein DAC is taking measures for it to be filled with shade trees

and colourful flowers. "Upgrading tasks are being carried out daily and we are doing our best for the rest and recreation of visitors," said Senior Engineer U Sa Tint Wai of Pathien DAC. Nine booths have been built in the garden in order that national significant days can be held there.

U Sa Tint Wai also explained that "We can go bird-watching in the garden as migratory birds frequent the lakes. We are



A bridge in the garden.



Visitors can enjoy natural beauty along the gravel road in Kanthaya Garden.

also doing maintenance tasks for visitors to Pathein to be able to come here." There are a playground, a mini golf club and rotors in the garden.

The 200-foot-long wooden bridge across the lake with turnings is attractive to everyone to walk over. At the other end of the bridge lies Pathein University. Pathein University alongside Kanthaya Garden has added to the glory of Pathein.

In the three lakes boat races are held and on the lawns of the garden

weddings are usually held. By walking on the gravel road in the garden one can relax and freshen his mind. Trees and flowers in the garden have been rearranged in their natural style.

Moreover, a swimming pool has been built in the garden for children as well as adults to refresh their minds.

Kanthaya Garden is open daily and it is the best place for the dwellers of Pathein to relax.

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The first step of a long journey

Kyaw Ye Min

Senator Mr Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee has just completed his visit to Myanmar. Mr Yettaw went along with Mr Jim Webb to be home. The Senator's tour of Myanmar was welcomed and recognized both locally and globally as a successful visit that helps deepen the relations between the US and Myanmar and reflects Myanmar's magnanimity and consideration.

During his visit to Myanmar, Mr Jim Webb met Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and also with the Prime Minister and the Foreign Affairs Minister and exchanged views. Moreover, he held meetings with the State Constitution Drafting Commission, social organizations, national race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold, and officially registered political parties. He also had talks with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The meetings indicated that the government cooperated in all seriousness with Mr Jim Webb in his mission.

International media praised Mr Jim Webb for the good job for his compatriot Mr Yettaw. At his call on the Head of State, Mr Jim Webb made two requests: to release Mr Yettaw who was punished for his violation of Myanmar law, and to let him meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Mr Jim Webb said that Mr Yettaw committed a serious crime according to the Myanmar law, so he did not want to ask a pardon; that however he requested that the government release Mr Yettaw from the social grounds; that the Myanmar government fulfilled his request with goodwill from the humanitarian grounds in the framework of the law; and that so Mr Yettaw had reunited with his family.

In my opinion, Mr Yettaw was found guilty, but the case was worthy of consideration due to his bad health conditions. According to the clarification the chief of the Myanmar Police Force made at the press conference recently, he was in serious condition owing to the fact that he did not have meals for months. The government provided health care to him, spending a lot of money. At the requests of Mr Jim Webb and the US Embassy in Myanmar, the government issued an order on humanitarian grounds to commute half of the US citizen Mr Yettaw's seven years' prison term and suspend the remaining prison term and to deport him for his health and future and as a gesture of considering relations between the US and Myanmar. Now, he has left Myanmar together with Mr Jim Webb.

After the order was read, Mr Yettaw and his 13 belongings and 17 kinds of medicine were handed over to the US consul. It was made known to Mr Yettaw that according to the order, he will have to serve the suspended term alongside a three years' term under the Immigration Law if he enters Myanmar

illegally again. The order depicts that the nation has an upright judicial pillar based on humanitarianism and magnanimity.

Some foreign media expressed the government's permission to Mr Jim Webb to meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in his visit to Myanmar as a significant fulfilment. Their expression implicitly pointed out that the United Nations Secretary-General on his visit to Myanmar was not allowed to meet with her, because they do not notice the difference between the two situations. While the UNSG was on a visit, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was still on trial at the court for her case and she was under the jurisdiction of the court. Now, the trial is over and she has been permitted to live in her residence under the suspended sentence. That means the government no longer needs to seek the approval of the court concerned to arrange a meeting between Mr Jim Webb and her. So, it is required of those foreign media to view the two different situations.

Being a member of the United Nations, Myanmar has been cooperating constantly with the international organization, and it will keep on cooperating actively with it. Myanmar recognizes and appreciates the good offices and efforts of the UN Secretary-General, but it did not attend to his request because of unusual situations and time. I wish those foreign media would realize that.

Furthermore, Myanmar is a member of the global family, and has positive attitude to cooperate with all other members in a friendly way. Myanmar deals friendly and equally with other countries in line with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. In viewing the international affairs, Myanmar does not have any discrimination against or in favour of any particular countries. On Mr Jim Webb's visit, Myanmar enthusiastically cooperated with him because of its stance to deepen the bilateral relations and relieve the disagreements between the two countries, not because of his mother country, a superpower. If any other country is in place of the US, Myanmar's stance will remain unchanged in that regard.

Mr Jim Webb issued a statement thanking the Myanmar government for its moves as a gesture of taking heed of relations between the two countries with correct vision. He said both the countries hoped to use the Myanmar government's new moves as ways of building bilateral confidence and amity. At a press conference before leaving Yangon Airport, Mr Jim Webb revealed that he thanked the top leaders of the government for allowing him to meet them. His visit would help promote mutual understanding between the US and Myanmar and hold working discussions. The 2010 election needed to be free and fair and it was hoped that it would be so. Mr Jim Webb added that he was able to discuss how to overcome existing obsta-

cles so that Myanmar's political process achieving its goal. He hoped that the relations between the US and Myanmar would continue to improve. He had already believed that the barriers to building amity between the two countries would be overcome some time. With a view to mending the bilateral relations, he would hold discussions based on his visit to Myanmar with the US administration and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

In response to a reporter's question, Mr Jim Webb said he supposed that conventional economic sanctions against Myanmar would not yield any benefits. In reality, he was the one who opposed the economic sanctions against Myanmar. He pointed out that a negotiation through diplomatic channel was necessary in order to lift the sanctions against Myanmar gradually. But we had learnt before his visit that a spokesperson of a big opposition party said that they could not recognize Mr Jim Webb, who opposed the economic sanctions against Myanmar, as a politician who should be welcomed and that they were indifferent to his visit as it could not be democratically beneficial.

Even an influential US senator opposes the economic sanctions against our country but it is found that anti-government Myanmar groups are demanding further economic sanctions to get their own country into trouble. They are indeed quislings. It was said that recently, the EU included more persons and organizations in the list of the economic sanctions against Myanmar. Those persons and organizations have been banned from entering the EU countries and their assets will be frozen. To make matters worse, Nwe Aung, a so-called activist of Myanmar affairs in Europe, made a shameful remark. He said they had demanded legal staff as well as insurance services and marine products should be banned. But they had not been in time to ban them. Even though the EU sanctions worked to a certain degree, they were not satisfied with that, he said. Actually, they did not do a single thing to serve the interests of their own country and people but have been sticking to destructive acts. Their attitude and acts are so mean. If they still regard themselves as Myanmar nationals, they should not be that disloyal to their own country and people. Even a senator from a foreign country shows goodwill towards the Myanmar people. If so, Myanmar people should show more goodwill and repay the gratitude of the State.

The US government has issued a statement welcoming the visit of Mr Jim Webb and his success. Internal and external media also remarked that Mr Jim Webb was the first person as a US top official who was allowed to meet the leader of Myanmar. His visit was more successful than expected due to the positive responses of the Myanmar government.

Looking from our side, the government has been able to show positive and friendly attitude in the area of international relations. It has also been able to show respect for humanitarianism and human rights. Moreover, it has respected the rule of law and could make a fair and right legal decision. And this must be recognized. All in all, I believe that the visit of Mr Jim Webb is a success for both sides as well as the first step to promotion of the relations between the two countries. Indeed, it is the first step towards marching to a 1000-mile destination.

Translation: MS+ST

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Concluding ceremonies of vocational training courses took place in States and Divisions

YANGON, 17 Aug—The conclusion ceremony of No.51 Basic Vocational Training Course and No.22 Advanced Tailoring Course of Myeik Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department under Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took place at the training hall on 14 August. It was attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo. The 40 trainees have passed the courses.

Similarly, No. 51 Basic Vocational Training Course, No.23 Advanced Tailoring Course and No. 5 Domestic Handicraft Course (Cane and Bamboo) of Shan State (North) Women's Vocational Training School were wound up at its training hall on 14 August, attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and

Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut who delivered an address.

Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint attended the ceremony to conclude No. 44 Basic Vocational Training Course, No. 23 Advanced Tailoring Course and No. 4 Knitting Course of Loikaw Women's Vocational Training School at its training hall on 14 August and made a speech.

Similar ceremonies took place in Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division, Muse in Shan State (North), Hpa-an and Myawady in Kayin State, Mudon and Ye in Mon State, Putao, Bhamo, Dunban and Dotphoneyan in Kachin State and Pakokku, Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikphyu in Magway Division. Round travel expenses, living expenses and facilities for trainees were provided free.

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Commander meets service personnel, passengers to Cocogyun

YANGON, 17 Aug—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, on 16 August, met with service personnel who would leave for Cocogyun Township to discharge duties and passengers at Thaketa

Jetty of Myanmar Five Star Line in Thakayta Township.

The Commander provided cash assistance for personnel and cordially greeted personnel and passengers.

Next, the Commander inspected the vessel to Cocogyun Township.—MNA

Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu and wife being welcomed by Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono and wife at the reception to mark 64th Anniversary Independence Day of Republic of Indonesia on 17 August.—MNA

Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects rubber farm and project in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein arrived at Mayangon rubber farm in Bilin township in Mon State on 15 August afternoon.

At the briefing hall of the rubber farm, the director of Rubber Department and the farm in-charge briefed the minister on targeted rubber cul-

tivation and production of rubber. After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on preservation of rubber saplings and necessary measures to be taken in the rainy season.

Upon arrival at No 2 Tyres and Rubber Manufacturing Factory Project (Bilin), officials concerned of the project briefed the minister on progress in the construc-

tion of project buildings and arrival of materials for the project. Next, the minister gave instructions on striving for timely completion of the construction tasks at the end of October in coordination with foreign technicians and looked into progress of construction tasks and stockpile of the construction materials.

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Drill on evacuating animals to safer places launched

YANGON, 17 Aug—Jointly-organized by the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries and World Society for the Protection of Animals-WSPA, drill on natural disaster preparedness warning and evacuating animals to safer places was made in Nyaungngu village in Kungyangon township on 13 August.

Present on the occasion were the secretary of Kungyangon township Peace and Development

Council and officials, staff of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (Head Office) and Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, faculty members and students of University of Veterinary Science, delegates to FAO-ERCU, UNDP, CARE Myanmar, GAA and TGH, Director of WSPA, officials and farmers from seven villages who took part in the drill.

The program includes sending and accepting of disaster warning message, informing of successive message, warning with flag and loud speaker, driving cattle to Nyaungngu pasture, putting records on cattle, locating of cattle, feeding feedstuff and water and medical care. Next, bags of feedstuff were distributed for some 500 cattle that participated in the practice.

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The ceremony to hand over foodstuffs for cattle that participated in drill on natural disaster preparedness warning and evacuating animals to safer places in process.—MNA

Myanmar Library Association to hold annual meeting, prizes presentation and reading session

YANGON, 17 Aug—The third four-year term and third annual meetings of Myanmar Library Association will be held at the cinema hall of Myanmar Education Research Bureau on Pyay road, here, at 10 am on 22 August.

Apart from the prize presentation ceremony, U Kyaw Oo (Director, National Library) will read his paper on CONSAL and Myanmar Library Association and U Aung Myat Kyaw (Assistant Lecturer, Library and Knowledge Depart-

ment, Yangon Eastern University) on observations on maintenance of palm-leaf inscription and parabaik.

Invitation letters have been sent to members to attend the meeting without fail.

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Yangon East District awards prizes to winners in 17th Myanma Performing Arts competitions

YANGON, 17 Aug—Yangon East District awarded prize winners in its 17th Myanma Traditional Performing Arts competitions at Yankin

Education College in Yankin township yesterday evening.

The district chairman and officials concerned presented certifi-

cates of honour and prizes to judges and first, second and third placed winners and artistes entertained songs to the audiences.—MNA

Green Hotel Standard awarding, paper reading session held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism organized a ceremony to present prizes for hotels that won Green Hotel Standard Award along with a paper reading session on promotion of tourism industry in Myanmar at the ministry this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, departmental heads of ministries concerned, presidents of Myanmar Hoteliers' Association,



Myanmar Travel Entrepreneurs' Association, Myanmar marketing committee and Myanmar Chef's Association, resource persons, responsible persons of Myanmar

Green Hotel Standard Award winning hotels, staff and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address and Deputy Director-General of Direc-

torate of Hotels and Tourism U Hlaing Myint explained requirements for a hotel to meet Green Hotel Standard in line with norms of ASEAN tourism industry.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivers an address at the ceremony to present prizes to Green Hotel Standard Award winning hotel held along with paper reading session.

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The minister presented prizes to 10 award-winning hotels.

Afterwards, the minister, the deputy minister, personnel and guests viewed the docu-

mentary photos of the prize-winners at the meeting room.

The deputy minister assessed the papers and the minister gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Construction Minister inspects Kattiya and Myasagaing bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 15 August inspected worksite of Kattiya Bridge on Pataung-Taungkote Road. The minister heard reports on work progress and future tasks presented by the Engineer in Charge and gave necessary instructions. The minister

inspected the construction of the bridge.

On arrival at worksite of Myasagaing Bridge, the minister heard the reports on tasks in construction of the bridge presented by the Bago Division superintending engineer and left necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall

of Nawade Venue of Public Works in Pyay, he heard the reports on progress in construction of roads presented by the Pyay District senior engineer.

The minister also met with engineers and staff in Pyay District Public Works and left necessary instructions.

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Forestry Minister inspects log yards, sawmills, teak plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung went to Aungchantha log yard in Pyinmana (South), Nay Pyi Taw Lumbering Division where he inspected systematically laying the logs in log yard and left necessary instructions relating to the work.

Next, the minister and officials visited No. 21 sawmill (Kywe-shin) of Local Trade and Sawmill Department and looked around the mill.

The minister looked into thriving teak plantations in 750-acre isolated teak plantation 2008 in Taungnyo Local Trade and Sawmill Department in Nay Pyi

Taw and looked around the No. 52 lumber mill (Mayankhon).

At Pantin log yard in Pyinmana (North), Nay Pyi Taw Lumbering Division, the minister viewed flourishing teak plantations in 700-acre teak plantation 2008, Taungnyo reserve forest.

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ANGEL Colouring Contest 2009

Myat Min Hlaing

Asian Fame Co Ltd has published Angel Journal since August of 2007, with a view to providing food for thought for Myanmar children which may help them keep pace with children of international community.

The full colour journal was welcomed by children nationwide as it features international stories, works of famous home cartoonists, basic com-



Children observe Art & Craft skills demonstrated by Angel Kyaw

puter and internet knowledge, Art & Craft—art of folding papers into attractive shapes.

Asian Fame Co Ltd organized a colouring contest to mark the 3rd Anniversary of the journal at Kandawgyi watch tower island, with the sponsorship of Ovaltine and co-sponsors—DH2, Babi Mild, BaN, Best-t, Ten, Stars Empire, and Popular Publishing House.

The joyous occasion first came with colouring contest which later was divided to three sections since a large number of children were keen on showing their dexterity.

As film stars and vocalists together with their families came and enjoyed the contest, children were in great happiness jostling for the signs of film stars and vocalists.

The programme presented by Angel Kyaw, columnist of Art & Craft column of the weekly journal, much attracted the children as he folded papers into attractive shapes.

The performance of comedians Yarzi Pauksi, Pwan Pwan, Chit Chaw also added the scene with



Children taking part in Colouring Contest with much enthusiasm

laughter. Children also participated Fashion Contest and Eating Snack Contest with much enthusiasm.

Kandawgyi watch tower island was alive with full of joys, happiness and applause the whole day and children who had participated in Angel Colouring Contest 2009 may recall the scenes meanwhile those who were not able to be take part are bound to be looking forward to the coming contests.

Translation:TKK



Chinese vice premier stresses modern agriculture, calls for int'l cooperation

BEIJING, 17 Aug—China's agriculture has made remarkable progress, but also faces substantial difficulties and challenges and thus it is important to develop modern agriculture with Chinese characteristics and achieve sustainable development in agriculture, Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said on Monday.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 27th International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Hui said the conference should serve as a bridge and help global agricultural economists

cooperate in studying opportunities and challenges in global agriculture.

Hui said China has successfully tackled the problem of feeding the country's population of 1.3 billion about 30 years after its reform and opening up, people are enjoying improved nutrition and health levels and the rural areas have changed in various aspects.

The achievements in Chinese agriculture and rural areas not only underpin China's economic and social growth, but also contribute to safeguarding global food

security, promoting poverty fighting progress and boosting sustainable development, he said.

In the new situation, China will further strengthen rural system construction, develop modern agriculture, promote rural public causes and push forward new countryside construction, Hui said.

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu (1st L) speaks at the opening ceremony of the 27th Conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economists in Beijing, on 17 Aug, 2009.—Xinhua



Tourists look around in Baiyangdian, north China's Hebei Province, on 15 Aug, 2009. The number of tourists has recently reached the climax in Baiyangdian, one of the famous tourists' attractions in the province.—INTERNET

Pak cultural troupe heads for China for Asian Arts Festival

ISLAMABAD, 17 Aug—A 14-member cultural troupe from Pakistani Ministry of Culture has left here for China to participate in the 11th Asian Arts Festival, the official APP news agency reported Monday. The 11th Asia Arts Festival is slated to open on 18 Aug in Ordos, China's Inner Mongolia.

Organized by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the nine-day festival will feature a series of cultural activities exhibiting the diversity of Asian cultures and

cementing cultural links in the region.

More than 150 artistic troupes hailing from 25 Asian nations will attend the annual gala, bringing the best culture that their countries have to offer. The artists will also take their performances to the streets, enabling audiences to experience a close-up encounter with all of the action. The Pakistani delegation comprises the members of National Performing Arts Group that will participate in a series of rich and colorful activities depicting Pakistani traditional

performing arts in the festival.

The National Performing Arts Group also participated in the recently held International Children's Culture and Arts Festival in China's Tianjin, which was sponsored by Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, according to the APP report.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 16 Aug, 2009 shows the night scenery of the ancient town of the Yi ethnic group, in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province.—INTERNET

Hand grenade explosion kills four soldiers in Turkey

ANKARA, 17 Aug—Four of a group of Turkish soldiers were killed by an explosion of a hand grenade carried by one of them while they were on patrol in eastern Turkey on Monday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The soldiers were wounded in the explosion in the Karakocan town of the eastern province of Elazig, and died on their way to the Elazig Military Hospital, the agency said. The hand grenade might have exploded by accident, it quoted officials as saying.

In another report, the agency said an explosion took place in a firework factory in the Hendek town of the northwestern province of Sakarya on Monday, leading to the collapse of part of the factory and injuring many people. The cause of the explosion was not clear yet and ambulances and fire brigade teams were sent to the scene, said the report, without giving further details.—Internet

The cargo ship Arctic Sea in Kotka, Finland, 2008. Finnish authorities dismissed talk Sunday that the Arctic Sea was bearing a cargo of nuclear material, as Russia and NATO joined forces in an international hunt for the missing vessel.—INTERNET

Indian pharmaceutical firm to apply for trials of A/H1N1 flu vaccine

NEW DELHI, 17 Aug—As the death toll due to A/H1N1 flu is rising in India, a vaccine to fight the virus could most probably be ready by November, said an Indian pharmaceutical company on Monday.

Ahmedabad-based Cadila Pharmaceuticals Limited in Gujara state, western India, said it will file an application for clinical trials of the

vaccine in the next two days.

Cadila will file an application with the Drug Controller General of India, seeking permission for clinical trials of an A/H1N1 flu vaccine that the company is preparing in collaboration with Novavax Inc.

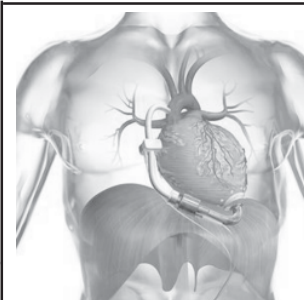
"Maybe tomorrow, we will file an application for clinical trials. God willing by January, we

should be able to give the product to the market. Cadila should be the first company in India to have both clinical trials and vaccine for swine flu," Cadila Chairman Indravadan Modi told Xinhua on the phone.

"As of today, we are in a position to provide about 2 million doses per month. Once we make a dedicated facility, the scope is endless. But for now, we can provide two million doses a month," Modi said.

Cadila's dedicated facility to manufacture the vaccine will come up at Dholka near Ahmedabad in the next 18 months.

Internet



The world's smallest ventricular assist device (VAD) weighs in at just one fifth of a pound.

INTERNET

Hong Kong reports 243 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

HONG KONG, 17 Aug—Hong Kong has confirmed 243 more cases of A/H1N1 infection in the 24 hours to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, medical authorities said.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said the new cases involve 117 males and 126 females, aged between one month and 86 years. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 7,314, he added.—Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV LILAC ACE VOYNO (75) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 18.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of BSW.3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Robots to play significant role in future tourism

CANBERRA, 17 Aug—Robots will play a significant role in the future for travellers, a tourism futurologist told the delegates at a conference held in Australia's Gold Coast on Monday.

Ian Yeoman, from New Zealand's University of Wellington, gave a preview of what the world could be like in 2050, shaped by global warming, an older population, food, water and jet fuel supply problems and technological advances. Yeoman said the future may see a more controlled society with are turn to mass tourism spawning a range of new indoor tourism products.

Indoor artificial ski centres, circuses, zoos, golf courses and recreated landscapes, as well as giant cruise ships, could be among the new attractions. As costs for basics such as electricity and food increased, tourism operators could turn to robots as cheap labour, Yeoman said.

Robot waiters at cocktail bars, remote-controlled camera-carrying guard dogs in hotel lobbies and self-cleaning hotel rooms were all likely, he said.

Xinhua

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Department**

Invitation To Tender

1. Sealed tenders are invited for Information and Public Relations Department for supply of the following—

(A) Equipment (9) items

No.	Descriptions	Quantity
(1)	Canon D 60 Lens	- 1 No
(2)	Canon D 60 Battery	- 2 Nos
(3)	Kingston SD Card (1 GB) Japan	- 5 No
(4)	Kingston CF Card (1 GB) Japan	- 2 Nos
(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

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

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

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

**Ministry of Information
Procurement Committee
Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise
No. 282, Kokkine Yeiktha Street,
Bahan Township.**

S Korea's rocket moved to launch pad

SEOUL (South Korea), 17 Aug—Korea's first space rocket was moved to its launch pad for its blastoff scheduled for 19 Aug, the state-run aerospace institute said on Monday. According to Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI), responsible for the launch, the rocket was safely moved despite a light drizzle near the Naro Space Center.

KARI also said that the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), South Korea's first satellite-carrying rocket, will be fired between 16:40 and 18:20 (0720 GMT and 0920 GMT) Wednesday as planned, if there are no last minute problems with the weather of the systems. South Korea has earlier notified both the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization that the blastoff will take place between 19 Aug and 26 Aug. — Xinhua



**The Korea
Space Launch
Vehicle-1
(KSLV-1), South
Korea's first
space rocket, is
wheeled to its
launch pad from
the assembly
complex at Naro
Space Centre in
Goheung, about
485 km (301
miles) south of
Seoul on 17
Aug, 2009 .
XINHUA**



Gene variation predicts response to hepatitis C treatments

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—A genetic variation that may predict response to hepatitis C treatments has been identified, US researchers said on Sunday.

“This discovery enables us to give patients valuable information that will help them and their doctors decide what is best for them,” said David Goldstein, a geneticist at Duke University and senior author on the study.

Hepatitis C affects an estimated 170 million people worldwide and is the leading cause of cirrhosis in the North

America. Treatment typically involves 48 weeks of interferon plus the antiviral drug ribavirin. Some patients develop such taxing side effects that they stop treatment.

Physicians have long observed that African-Americans are less likely to respond to treatments than Caucasians, while East Asian patients seem to respond the best. But no one has known why.

And now, according to Goldstein and his colleagues, a single letter change—a C instead of a T—in a tiny segment of DNA

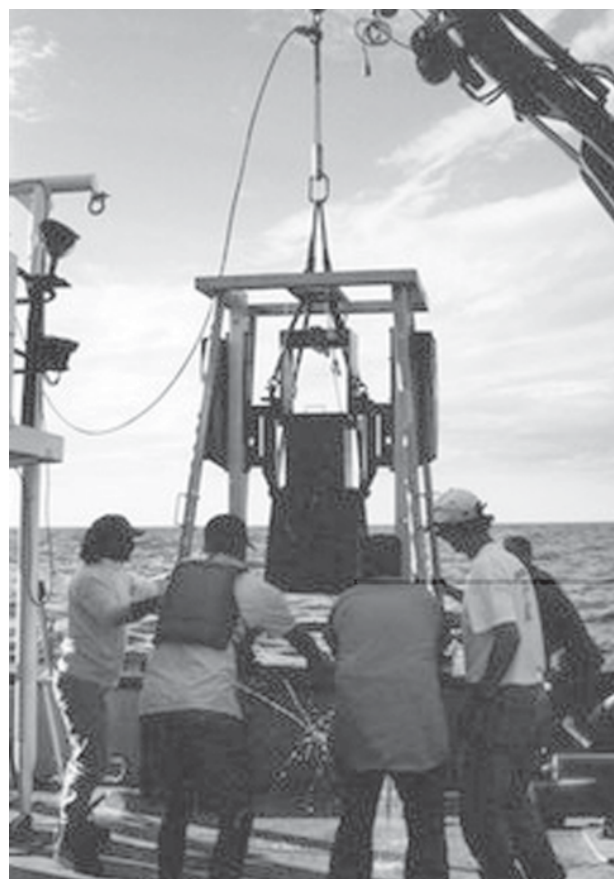
near the so-called IL28B gene is to blame.

The researchers found it by studying 1,671 people who participated in a clinical trial that compared the two most widely used therapies among patients with the most common form of the disease in the US and Europe.

Xinhua

This undated photo released by Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich, shows researchers taking a box core sample in Lake Superior.

INTERNET



Illinois scientists discover new DNA tool

CHAMPAIGN, 17 Aug—A discovery by scientists at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign may make it easier to manipulate DNA in the laboratory, their findings show.

Three scientists at the university discovered catalytic DNA known as deoxyribozymes that can cleave DNA strands to become catalysts for research.

The scientists, chemistry Professor Scott Silverman, postdoctoral research associate Madhavi Chandra and graduate student Amit Sachdeva were searching for artificial sequences of DNA to cleave proteins.

They now hope their discovery will cleave double-stranded DNA.

“Our work suggests that deoxyribozymes have significant potential as sequence-specific DNA cleavage reagents,” Silverman said.

Internet



Russian authorities look over the charred remains of a house destroyed by falling debris from the collision of two Russian Su-27 fighter jets outside Moscow. One pilot died and another broke his spine after two fighter jets collided during aerobatics practice near Moscow ahead of the annual air show, officials said Sunday.—INTERNET

Canada to spend \$75 million to shrink hog production

WINNIPEG, 17 Aug—Canada will pay some farmers to stop raising hogs and offer loans to help others restructure, assistance that drew praise from Canadian hog farmers and concerns from a top US farmer group.

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz announced the assistance for the reeling industry on Saturday.

“We know Canadian hog producers can become profitable again, but we have to face tough realities to make our pork industry

lean and competitive,” Ritz said at a university farm research centre.

The government will ask farmers to bid for funding totaling C\$75 million (\$68 million) to stop hog production for at least three years. Farmers have complained that they lose C\$40 per hog they sell because of high feed costs and weak prices.

Banks will offer long-term loans at market rates backed by government credit to allow viable hog farms time to restructure.

Short-term credit will also be available for operating costs such as feed and payroll.

“We think it’s going to make a huge difference,” said Jurgen Preugschas, president of the Canadian Pork Council and a hog farmer in the western province of Alberta. The loans will give some farmers the liquidity they need to stay in business, while allowing other farmers to halt production, he said.

Internet

Record mass dive in Indonesia: Guinness

JAKARTA, 17 Aug—Almost 2,500 scuba divers set a new world record on Monday for the largest mass dive, Guinness World Records said.

A total of 2,486 divers were involved in the bid off the coast of North Sulawesi, Guinness adjudicator Lucia Sinigagliesi told AFP. “This event was amazing and well-organised and made possible because of the people who came and participated,” she said, after confirming that the group had broken the record for “Most People Scuba Diving Simultaneously.”

The previous record was set in the Maldives in 2006, when 958 divers took part in a mass dive, Sinigagliesi said. The challenge was part of the Sail Bunaken 2009 maritime event being held as part of Indonesia’s efforts to establish the Sulawesi town of Manado as a world-class tourist spot, Navy spokesman Iskandar Sitompul said.

To mark Indonesia’s 64th Independence Day, the participants unfurled the country’s flag underwater.

“We’ve shown the world that as the world’s largest archipelago, we can manage our waters well and there’s a lot of tourism potential here,” he added.

Internet



Divers crowd the waters of Manado to set the first ever record for the largest group scuba diving licence. A total of 2,466 divers participated in the mass dive, ahead of the 64th anniversary of Indonesian independence day on 17 August.

INTERNET

Malaria deaths, infections in Cambodia on rise

PHNOM PENH, 17 Aug—The reported number of fatal malaria cases almost doubled in the first half of 2009 compared with the same period last year, while the overall number of infections rose more than 58 percent, local media reported Monday, citing the figures from the Ministry of Health officials.

Tol Bunkea, chief epidemiologist at the Ministry of Health, was quoted by the *Cambodia Daily* as saying that the number of malaria deaths this year stood at 130 out of a total of 32,638 registered malaria cases. Dr Bunkea said that in the first half of 2008 there were 67 fatalities out of 20,563 reported cases of malaria. Duong Soheat, director of National Center of Parasitology, Entomology, and Malaria Control, said the increase of infections was due to the early rains and the fact that the government had distributed mosquito nets too late this year.—Xinhua -

SPORTS

Jankovic downs Safina to capture WTA Cincinnati title

CINCINNATI, 17 Aug—Serbia's Jelena Jankovic boosted her US Open hopes with a brisk 6-4, 6-2 victory over world number one Dinara Safina in the final of the two million-dollar WTA Cincinnati Open.

"My smile is back and I'm having fun playing the matches," said Jankovic, who started the year atop the world rankings but has seen her status slip with a series of lackluster results. "This is what I missed. I missed this for maybe seven months this year."

Jankovic bounced back from a tough semi-final victory on Saturday night to claim her second title of 2009, after a victory in a claycourt tournament in Marbella in April. "When I woke up this morning I felt really sore, especially after going to sleep at

2 am," said Jankovic, who needed almost three hours to overcome Elena Dementieva in the semis - a match in which Jankovic trailed 6-2 in the third-set tiebreaker.—Internet



Jelena Jankovic of Serbia kisses the trophy after defeating Dinara Safina of Russia in the final of the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open, on 16 August, at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.—INTERNET

Schalke down Bochum to maintain perfect start

BERLIN, 17 Aug—Schalke 04 beat neighbours Bochum 3-0 on Sunday to join defending champions Wolfsburg at the top of the Bundesliga as the only sides with 100 percent records after two games.

Germany defender Heiko Westermann scored in first-half injury time at Schalke's Veltins Arena to leave the hosts 2-0 up at the break after Christoph Moritz had put the home side ahead. Schalke's Peru striker Jefferson Farfan added the third as the Royal Blues added a second victory to last weekend's success at Nuremberg which leaves them top alongside Wolfsburg.

"I would never have thought we'd have won this game as clearly as 3-0," said Schalke coach Felix Magath. "Especially as things didn't go very smoothly in training last week. I am very pleased we have won our first two games, but there is a long way to go this season."—Internet

Vili takes women's shot put title in Berlin

BERLIN, 17 Aug—Reigning world and Olympic champion Valerie Vili from New Zealand took the title of women's



Valerie Vili of New Zealand competes during the women's shot put final at the 2009 IAAF Athletics World Championships in Berlin, Germany, on 16 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

shot put at the 12th World Athletic Championships in Berlin on Sunday. Vili boasted 20.44m to crown the event, host thrower Nadine Kleinert took the silver with personal best of 20.20m while China's Gong Lijiao pocketed the bronze with personal best of 19.89m.

"I'm satisfied I could defend my title. Tonight the German girl pushed me a lot but I wasn't worried, we spent proper time preparing to get the right things done," said Vili. For the 25-year-old, 20.44m is still shy her world-leading 20.69m in May, but was enough to book the gold, also the first gold medal for her country at the 9-day tournament.

Xinhua

Benitez challenges Liverpool stars to bounce back

LONDON, 17 Aug—Rafael Benitez has challenged his Liverpool stars to prove their 2-1 defeat at Tottenham was only a blip by getting their title challenge back on track against Stoke on Wednesday.

Benitez's side slumped to an opening weekend loss on Sunday that left the Liverpool manager raging over referee Phil Dowd's decision to deny the Reds two late penalties.

Dowd ruled that Tottenham defender Benoit Assou-Ekot had done nothing wrong when he barged into Andriy Voronin and then appeared to handle Fernando Torres's cross. Benitez's anger was



Liverpool's manager Rafael Benitez

palpable as he ranted about Dowd - waving his glasses at reporters to illustrate the referee's apparent blindness - and fourth official Stuart Attwell, who sent off the Spaniard's assistant Sammy Lee for complaining about the penalty decisions.

Internet

Sir Alex urges Rooney to focus on 20-plus vision

MANCHESTER, 17 Aug—Sir Alex Ferguson has challenged Wayne Rooney to beat last season's scoring tally of 20 goals after the United striker's finish was enough to earn Manchester United a 1-0 win over Birmingham City at Old Trafford.



Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson meets United mascot Fred the Red before their English Premier League match against Birmingham City at Old Trafford, Manchester.—INTERNET

Rooney's 34th-minute finish was the difference as United shrugged of the absence of usual centre-backs Rio Ferdinand with a thigh complaint and Nemanja Vidic to a calf injury, to record an opening day win.

Ferguson said: "He took his goal well. The header was a good one and his following up for the rebound was quick and he reacted the right way.

"Hopefully that gets him on the road, after his goal last week, to a very significant total for us this season because it's good if you can get two or three strikers that get you more than 20 goals. "He's capable of that and we're not asking the impossible of the boy."—Internet

S Korean Yang takes first PGA Tour win

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—South Korean Yang Yong-eun took the first Asian victory in men's golf majors Sunday as he pushed aside 14-time major winner Tiger Woods in the US PGA Championship. Yang, ranked 110th in the world, fired a two-under-par 70 in the last round to finish first at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota with an eight-under 280. Yang came from behind to snatch the lead for the first time in the par-four 14th before he upset the overwhelming favorite Woods who had to settle for the second with a total of 283.

American Woods, 33, failed to seize his 15th major title after he missed four birdie putts from 12 feet or less to card an

erratic 75 featuring five bogeys and two birdies. Britons Lee Westwood and Rory McIlroy signed off with matching 70s to share third place at three-under 285.—Xinhua



Yang Yong-eun of South Korea poses with the Wanamaker trophy after winning the 2009 PGA Championship golf tournament at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota on 16 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Barcelona beat Athletic Bilbao 2-1 in Supercup first leg

BILBAO, 17 Aug—European champions Barcelona beat Athletic Bilbao 2-1 in the first leg of the Spanish Supercup on Sunday with second-half goals by Xavi and reserve forward Pedro Rodriguez. Athletic striker Oscar de Marcos opened the scoring in the 44th minute as he evaded both Gerard Pique and Daniel Alves before seeing his shot clip off Carles Puyol and fly over Barcelona keeper Victor Valdes into the corner of the net.

Barcelona leveled in the 58th minute as Eric Abidal sent a cross to the far post where Rodriguez rolled it back for Xavi who slotted it into the corner from close range at Bilbao's San Mames stadium. Rodriguez scored the winner nine minutes later when he stepped past Athletic Bilbao midfielder Markel Susaeta and hammered a shot inside the near post from 25 yards.

Barcelona, who have won the Spanish Supercup seven times, will host the return leg on 23 August. The tournament is contested each year between the league champions and the winners of the King's Cup but as Barcelona won both competitions they are facing beaten Cup finalists Athletic.—Internet

Murray defeats Del Potro to win Rogers Cup

MONTREAL, 17 Aug—Andy Murray took the court to face Juan Martin Del Potro knowing no matter what the result of the Rogers Cup final, he would be soon be ranked No. 2 in the world. Not satisfied having reached that goal, Murray withstood his toughest test of the

tournament and defeated Juan Martin Del Potro 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-1 Sunday.

"I love winning tournaments, it's great, and every player will tell you the same thing," Murray said. "But it's tough because I've never been to No. 2 in the world before, so that's new to me. I've won a couple of Masters Series (events) now, and it still feels great. But getting to No. 2, maybe because it's something different it means a little bit more."

Internet

Britain's Andy Murray returns the ball to Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro during the final of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal.—INTERNET





A panda cub is seen playing at the Giant Panda Breeding Centre in Chengdu. There are about 1,590 pandas living in the wild around China, mostly in southwestern Sichuan, northern Shaanxi and northwestern Gansu provinces. A total of 180 have been bred in captivity, according to reports.

INTERNET

China, Brazil agree to further cooperation between land forces

BEIJING, 17 Aug—China and Brazil agreed here on Monday to further military ties, especially cooperation between the two land forces.

Since China and Brazil began diplomatic ties 35 years ago, their relations have developed rapidly, and bilateral military ties have developed in the same way too, said Chen Bingde, Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army.

Chen made his comments in a meeting here with Raymundo Cerqueira, commander of Land Operation of Brazilian Armed Forces.

Chen hoped both countries could make efforts to advance the relations between the two land forces, in a bid to promote the long-term development of military ties and deepen the Sino-Brazilian strategic partnership.

Cerqueira said Brazil attached great importance to ties with China, and viewed military ties as being of the same importance as economic and diplomatic ties.

He said Brazil was willing to work with China to further enhance military ties, especially between the two land forces.

Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (18-8-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

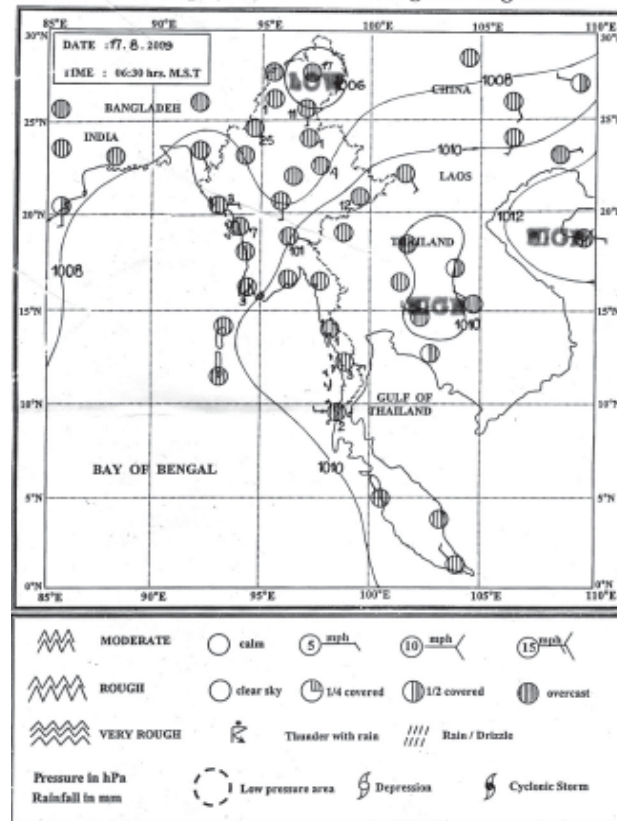
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The National Museum(Part-III)
- * Traditional Weaving Art
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-3)
- * Ancient Buddha Images Carved On Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
- * Let's savour Strawberry Milkshake
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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- * Traditional Weaving Art
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-3)
- * Culture Stage "Ah-Hla-Thun-Lok-Ah-Ka-Soon-Aok"
- * Ancient Buddha Images Carved On Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Let's savour Strawberry Milkshake
- * Lacquer painting workmanship from Sandadaw Pyae Pagoda
- * Aung Pan, the broker-centre of Shan State
- * Traditional Rural Pagoda Festival
- * National Dance "Unitedly"
- * Poem Garden "Join Hands together"
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Carb Trading
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 17th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Magway and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions fairly widespread in Shan State, Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyarwady Divisions and widespread in remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (1.74) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.79) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) and Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkone) (0.71) inch each, Taungoo (6.18) inches, Taungoo (Aviation) (2.09) inches and Gwa (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-8-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 17-8-2009 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-8-2009 was 89%. Total Sun shine hours on 16-8-2009 was (5.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-8-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at 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 (18:30) hours MST on 16-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 18th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayin, Kayah, Mon and Chin States, Mandalay, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine Sataes, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Tuesday, 18 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. အောင်တော်မူ

(စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊
တေးရေး-
ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:55 am

5. သမိုင်းဝင်ရှင်ကိုးရှင်ဘုရားများ

8:10 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:25 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Song of Yester Years

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

3. Songs for National Races

4:30 pm

4. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ ရေးရှင်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ခုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. "တစ်သက်စာ"

5:35 pm

8. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွပ်ကွက်အိတ်

5:45 pm

9. ရင်ထဲမှာစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ် (မင်းထက်မောင်မောင်)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:35 pm

13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တစ်နေ့နီးဖူးစာ" (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "မေ့မေ့တာ"

- (အပိုင်း-၂၁)



- ★ 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

Killer Spices Can "Season" Pests to Death

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, 17 Aug—Herbs and spices used to flavor food are also green alternatives to synthetic pesticides, scientists say.

Oils from thyme, rosemary, mint, and other herbs and "killer spices" are gaining favor among farmers as alternatives to synthetic pesticides, according to Murray Isman, an entomologist at the University of British Columbia in Canada.

Sprayed onto crops like any garden-variety pesticide, the plant oils repel insects, similar to how chili peppers can repel elephants. Other oils kill pests outright, the study says.

Originally intended for the perfume and food-flavoring industries, the killer-spice oils are already available wholesale and may be headed to retail shelves if the new use catches on, the researchers say.

The all-natural pesticides should be inexpensive too, Isman reasons, since they're already in widespread use as wholesale perfume ingredients and flavorings for food. Companies are already working to bring the spice oils to retail shelves for farmers, he said. Research suggests the oils interfere with the insect nervous system, making the muscles so hyperactive that bugs essentially spasm to death. The oils also can disrupt an insect's cellular membranes, causing fatal leakages of essential fluids. The plant oils are most effective against small, soft-bodied bugs that suck on plant juices, such as aphids, whiteflies, and spider mites.

"Small, soft-bodied insects are more vulnerable to having their membranes melted or smothered by the oils," Isman said.

Internet



Oils from spices and herbs such as thyme (pictured), rosemary, and mint can be effective, all-natural pesticides, a new study says.

3,000,553 acres under monsoon paddy in Bago Division

YANGON, 17 Aug — A total of 3,000,553 acres have been put under monsoon paddy in Bago Division up to 17 August and continued efforts are being made to meet the target of paddy production.

MNA

One more found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)

Number of A (H1 N1) patients reaches 22 One patient discharged from hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The airport health department transferred a 33-year-old woman who had returned from Indonesia to Webargi Specialist Hospital on 16 August. After giving her a medical check-up, the National Health Laboratory confirmed that she was found to have been infected with A (H1N1) virus. She arrived back Myanmar by flight No MI-520 on the same day and was the twenty second patient.

A total of 129 passengers who were aboard the plane together with the patient and 131 airport staff are being kept under surveillance in their respective places.

Today, a 40-year-old man has been discharged from the hospital since he has fully recovered from illness. Surveillance measures against those who had come into contact with the patient have been halted.

Up to now, the number of persons infected with the virus has reached 22 in Myanmar. Seventeen out of whom have been discharged from the hospital as they have fully recovered from the illness.

The remaining five patients are being given special medical attention by specialists.

Until now, the National Health Laboratory conducted lab tests on 173 flu-suspected persons and confirmed that only 22 were tested positive for the virus.

MNA

Flood Warning

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1172 cm and it has exceeded by 102 cm (about 3.5 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

MNA