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Lt-Gen Tha Aye looks into agricultural, transport and regional development work in Shwegu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and departmental officials visited Shwegu People's Hospital on 13 August.

He comforted the patients and presented cash for medical fund and medicines to the hospital.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into the collective broadcasting of natural fertilizer at the farmland of Farmer U Phone Maw. He gave necessary

instructions and cordially greeted local farmers.

At the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge Project (Sinkhan) (Katha-Bhamo Railroad Project), Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on work progress presented by officials and called for close supervision on construction work, timely completion of the project meeting set standards. Lt-Gen Tha Aye then looked into piling work at the worksite.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited Kongton Village and cordially greeted local people.

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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

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects regional development undertakings in Hpa-an District

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug – Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet

Naing Win, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min and departmental officials visited Htilon Village in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State on 15 August.

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Chindwin Bridge contributing to swift commodity flow and better transport

Article: Kyawt Maung Maung, Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

The construction of Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) came into operation on 9 December of 2000 and was completed on 28, February of 2003. Then, Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) was successfully opened on 7 April of 2003.

We, news crew, interviewed locals passing the bridge as we were willing to know about changes and developments before and after the emergence of the bridge.

We first interviewed two women riding their bikes on Chindwin Bridge about contributions of the bridge, "We are very glad to see the emergence of the bridge.

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The magnificence of Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) which contributes to the robust economy of Monywa in Sagaing Division.



PERSPECTIVES

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Constructive attitude in the area of international relations

Myanmar is a member of global family. It is dealing amicably with all countries in accord with the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

In the area of international relations also, Myanmar is dealing with other nations on a basis of mutual equality without any bias and discrimination. It is also a country that is willing to fully cooperate with neighbouring nations, regional nations and all other nations with a constructive attitude.

Senator Mr Jim Webb, Chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, recently visited Myanmar. During his visit, he was allowed to meet Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. He was able to meet, discuss and exchange views with the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Moreover, Mr Jim Webb had an opportunity to meet those from the State Constitution Drafting Commission, social organizations, national race groups which have returned to the legal fold and officially registered political parties as well as Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

At the request of the US senator, the Myanmar government released US citizen Mr Yettaw against whom action was taken for violating the existing law on humanitarian grounds and now he has been permitted to return home. This means that the Myanmar government has shown respect for the rule of law as well as humanitarianism and human rights.

As Mr Jim Webb's tour of Myanmar has successfully concluded, we hope that his visit will help promote constructive views on bilateral relations and hold discussions based on mutual understanding between the US and Myanmar in the future. And it has reflected the magnanimity and compassion of Myanmar people.

Micro Computer Co distributes HASEE Computers



HASEE brand netbooks, laptops and all-in-one PC on display.—MNA

YANGON, 18 Aug—Micro Computer Co., Ltd is distributing HASEE Netbooks, Laptops and All In-One PC as a sole agent. Micro Computer Co.,

Ltd stands second highest in China PC production starting from 2004. Sale volumes of the company during 2007-2008 were over 1 million of PC. The

People's Desire

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

Energy Minister visits No (1) Oil Refinery (Thanlyin)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an address in meeting with staff at No (1) Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise in Thanlyin Township, Yangon yesterday.

The minister gave instructions on production and distribution of petroleum products, and urged them to carry out close supervision on production of fuels meeting set standards, to minimize loss and wastages and perform fire drill.

Next, the minister inspected installation of

4.5 MW Steam Turbine Generation Unit and presented a fruit basket to foreign technician team.

Then the minister met with officials at Main Oil Storage and Distribution Department (A Level) (Danidaw) of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise and gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister met with officials at the meeting hall of Oil and Chemical Products Transport Division (Botahtaung Thanlyatsun) and left instructions on transport safety and fire preventive measures.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivers an address at No.1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise.—MNA



Company won customers' satisfaction in over 100 countries.

Prices of HASEE Netbooks range from K 370,000 to K 395,000. Prices of laptops are K 490,000 in minimum and K 1,200,000 in maximum. 10.1, 12.1, 13.3, 14.1 and 15.4 inches sizes laptops are available.

Monitor of HASEE All-In-one PC have system unit. Cable is not complicated. It has security for computer parts used in Internet café

and game center and it can save power. It can be used up to 45 minutes together with UPS 650 VA and easily connected with computer accessories. Customers will get one-year parts and services for HASEE computers. HASEE computers are available at Micro Computer Co., Ltd at No.143, 46th street, Botahtaung Township Yangon and sale agents in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggoo.

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Appointment of Ambassador of Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of His Excellency Mr Juvencio de Jesus Martins as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Union of Myanmar.

His Excellency Mr Juvencio de Jesus Martins was born on 25 January 1961 in Dili, Timor Leste. He joined the liberation movements of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste. Before the Independence of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste, he worked as an employee in the Tax Department of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia. After gaining the independence, he served as Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste in Jakarta, Indonesia from 2001 to 2005. From 2005 to 2006, he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Timor Leste and at the Commission of Truth and Friendship Timor-Leste—Indonesia. He is currently serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to Malaysia.

His Excellency Mr Juvencio de Jesus Martins will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.—MNA

MMCWA organizes flower arrangement course No (1/2009)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug —The opening of Flower Arrangement Course No (1/2009), organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was held at the office of the association here yesterday, with an address by President of

MMCWA.

The aim of the opening of the course is to raise the family income of members of township MCWAs in Nay Pyi Taw District. A total of 66 trainees are taking the five-day course.

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Tobacco Kills



Argentina worries over US military bases in Colombia

BUENOS AIRES, 18 Aug—Argentine Defence Minister Nilda Garre on Monday expressed concern over the establishment of US military bases in Colombia, saying that “it is very worrying.”

Garre made the remark when attending a ceremony for the 159th anniversary of General Jose de San Martin’s death. General Martin was the liberator of Argentina.

Colombia and the United States on Friday completed talks over their military cooperation that would allow Washington to use five aerial and two naval bases in the Colombian territory, which provoked a controversy in South America.

The agreement also allows the presence in the Colombian territory of some 800 US soldiers and 600 Pentagon’s

contractors. But military operations by Washington against other countries from Colombia are not allowed.

Though the United States and Colombia have said the plan was designed to strengthen Colombia’s anti-drug and anti-rebel efforts, many South American countries have voiced their concerns over more US military presence in the region.—Xinhua



File photo shows people gather at the site where a double truck bombing tore through a Shiite minority community near the northern city of Mosul, 360 kilometres (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

Rockets hit capital two days before Afghan vote

KABUL, 18 Aug—A Taliban rocket struck the grounds of Afghanistan’s presidential palace on Tuesday, just two days before incumbent Hamid Karzai seeks re-election in tense polls that could go to a second round.

Not only is Karzai fighting for a fresh mandate, but the election is also a test of US President Barack Obama’s strategy of escalating the 8-year-old conflict in an effort to reverse recent Taliban gains.

In a speech on Monday aimed at bolstering public support, Obama called the Afghan conflict “a war worth fighting.”

Internet



An image from June 1974 showing a series of strange lights racing over the skies of Barcelona, Spain. Lemon-headed aliens, scrambled fighter jets and mysterious lights over a cemetery were among details of some 800 UFO sightings released by British authorities on Monday.—INTERNET

Mother of soldier killed in Afghanistan slams govt

LONDON, 18 Aug—The mother of the 200th British soldier to be killed in Afghanistan urged on Tuesday all members of parliament to “get out on the front line” to see how desperate troops were for resources. Hazel Hunt, whose 21-year-old son died from bomb blast injuries on Saturday, said politicians have “short changed” the army fighting in Afghanistan and the “troops are suffering because of it.” “They should get off their back-sides and go and see what it’s like for our boys out there. The Army has been short-changed and the troops are suffering because of it,” she was quoted in British news-papers as saying.—Internet

Over 30,000 civilians killed in Afghanistan by US led military actions

KABUL, 18 Aug—So far over 30,000 civilians in Afghanistan have been killed as a result of the US led military actions since the war in 2001.

Following is the figure for the overall number of civilians killed by the war in Afghanistan since 2001.

Civilian Casualties By Year

No	Year	Casualties
1.	From 2001-2003	236,00
2.	From 2004 to 2005	478
3.	2006	929
4.	2007	1633
5.	2008	3917
6.	2009 (Up to 30, June)	1013
Total		31570

Internet

Afghan attacks kill US civilian, service member

KABUL, 18 Aug— A roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan killed a US service member on Monday, while an American civilian working

for the military died after militants attacked a patrol in the east, officials said.

The military death brings to 22 the number of US troops killed in August, as foreign and Afghan forces step up their fight against the Taliban-led insurgency raging in much of the country’s south and east. A military statement would not disclose details on the latest casualties. It said only that the civilian died after insurgents attacked his patrol with gunfire. Thousands of US Marines are pushing ahead with their largest-ever operation in Afghanistan as they try to secure parts of southern Helmand Province, a major Taliban stronghold.

A number of militants groups also operate in eastern Afghanistan, a mountainous area.

Internet

Iraq proposes faster US troop withdrawal

BAGHDAD, 18 Aug—Iraq announced on Monday its citizens may vote in January on a proposal to seek an accelerated withdrawal of US troops.

If approved, the measure would move the December 2011 target date for a complete withdrawal by about a year, *The Washington Post* reported on Monday.

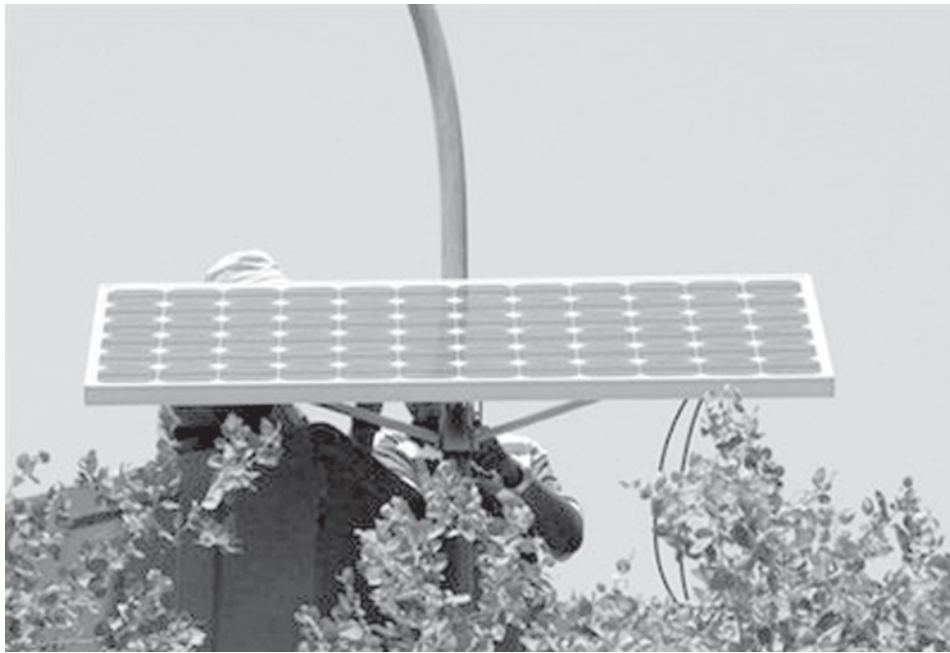
The Baghdad government said the cabinet was submitting a draft law to parliament that would authorize and fund a referendum to the bilateral agreement between the United States and Iraq on US troop strength.

The Post said it was unclear how the parliament would vote on the proposal but getting US forces out of Iraq as quickly as possible would likely appeal to a large segment of voters. Shiite politicians and some Sunni leaders have already voiced support.

A poll commissioned by the US military this year found a majority of Iraqis have more confidence in their government than in American forces in terms of providing security.—Internet



Visitors look at displays at the German Currywurst Museum in Berlin on 13 Aug. As German as the Brandenburg Gate, the nation’s favourite snack, the curried sausage or “currywurst”, has now got its own museum, a shrine to the saucy delicacy that has become a national treasure.—INTERNET



File photo shows a worker adjusting a Chinese-made solar panel attached to the top of an electricity pylon. Germany's solar power industry, until recently the world leader in the technology, is facing an unprecedented crisis, analysts say, outshone by cheaper competitors from Asia, most notably Chinese firms.—INTERNET

Asian competitors shadow German solar industry

BERLIN, 18 Aug—Germany's solar power industry, until recently the world leader in the technology, is facing an unprecedented crisis, analysts say, outshone by cheaper competitors from Asia, most notably Chinese firms.

Q-Cells, the world's biggest solar cell producer, last week issued a far from glowing set of results, with losses of 700 million euros (984 million dollars) in the first half of the year.

As a result, the German firm said it would cut 500 jobs from its workforce of 2,600 and put others on part-time working arrangements.

The crisis in the German solar industry is affecting small companies as well as giants such as Q-Cells. Only three months ago, start-up Sunline declared bankruptcy with the loss of all its 78 employees.

A glance at the TecDax, Germany's tech-heavy stock market index,

nicknamed "SunDax" for the predominance of solar firms, tells the story, with some companies losing around 30 percent of their value since the start of 2008.

"The fact is that Germany is losing more and more of its market leading position in renewable energy production to the United States and China," said Matthias Fawer from Swiss bank Sarasin, quoted in German weekly Die Zeit.—Internet

Data suggest recession in the US far from over

BEIJING, 18 Aug—Where is the American and global economy headed? Last year, there were two sides to the debate.

One camp argued that the recession in the United States would be V-shaped - short and shallow. It would last only eight months, like the two previous recessions of 1990-1991 and 2001, and the world would decouple from the US contraction.

Others, including me, argued that, given the excesses of private-sector leverage (in households, financial institutions, and corporate firms), this would be a U-shaped recession - long and deep. It would last about 24 months, and the world would not decouple from the US contraction.—Xinhua

Dell breaks into phone business

BEIJING, 18 Aug—Computer maker Dell Inc took its first step into the mobile handset business with the release of the Mini3i in China on Monday, China Mobile said.

Dell's move into the phone business was coordinated with launch of China Mobile's new online retail store Mobile Market, PC World reported.

PC World said the device was a 2G phone with no WiFi capability and would probably not compete in the US smartphone market.

The phone has no keyboard, but has a 3.5-inch touchscreen and a 3.2-megapixel camera.

It will operate with an Android-based operating system and comes with a built in global positioning system, PC World said.—Internet

Economy hurting Canadian healthcare

SASKATOON, 18 Aug—The Canadian Medical Association says survey results indicate 23 percent of Canadian residents limited healthcare because of the troubled economy.

Outgoing CMA President Dr Robert Ouellet said the organization's National Report Card on Healthcare in Canada indicates nearly a quarter of Canadian residents surveyed reported limiting their health-

care efforts amid the economic downturn, the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix* said on Monday.

"The economic crisis is having an influence on the health of many people. This is something we were not expecting," Ouellet said of the findings of the survey, which was conducted by the Ipsos-Reid polling firm.

The results of the survey, which targeted 3,223 Canadian residents,

indicated poorer respondents were more likely to report cutting back on healthcare time and finances because of the economic downturn.

The association said surveyed households with annual incomes less than \$30,000 reported they were nearly twice as likely to report healthcare cutbacks than those surveyed households earning at least \$90,000 a year.—Internet



A Kuwaiti oil worker is seen at an oil facility in the northern Al-Rawdhatain oilfield in 2005. Oil-rich Kuwait's budget surplus shrank by more than two-thirds to less than 10 billion dollars in the fiscal year ended on 31 March despite record income, official figures have shown.—INTERNET

Australia targets 20 pct renewable energy by 2020

CANBERRA, 18 Aug—Australia's government will ask the Senate on Tuesday to approve plans to produce 20 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2020 after the house rejected a proposed carbon trading scheme.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's centre-left Labour government passed the ambitious proposal to use green power to generate a fifth of the country's electricity in parliament's lower house late on Monday.

But it faces a potential hurdle in the Senate, where independents hold

the balance of power and can scupper the government's bid to have the renewables target in place before UN climate talks in Copenhagen in December.—Internet

Mexican government to resume port project in September

MEXICO CITY, 18 Aug—Mexican government will resume in September a long-discussed 50-billion-peso (3.86-billion-US dollar) port project to receive Asian cargos in northern Mexico state Baja California, Transportation and Communications Ministry said on Monday.

"The process is under way, in 30 days we will publish the calendar for the important project," Transportation and Communications Minister Juan Molinar Horcasitas told a press conference.

Xinhua

Brokers work next to their computers at the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 18 August, 2009. —INTERNET





Chinese soldiers leave for UN peace mission in Liberia

BEIJING, 18 Aug—A 275-member team of Chinese soldiers left Beijing for Liberia on Monday for an eight-month UN peacekeeping operation in the African country.

They formed the first batch of the ninth peacekeeping team that China sent to Liberia. The second batch of 283 soldiers are scheduled to depart on 29 Aug.

The ninth team is comprised of transportation troops, engineers and medical staff.

China joined the peacekeeping mission in Liberia in December 2003 under a resolution of the UN Security Council. A total of 4,464 Chinese peacekeepers have so far been sent to Liberia in rotation, with each mission lasting eight months.

The eighth peacekeeping team also had 558 soldiers, each of whom were awarded the UN international peace medal for their outstanding performance.

Xinhua



Contestants help one another to climb greasy poles to reach prizes hung at the top during the celebrations of Indonesia's Independence Day in Jakarta on 17 Aug, 2009. Indonesia on Monday celebrated its 64th anniversary of independence.

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.

XINHUA

Forest fire rampant in Spain's hot summer

MADRID, 18 Aug—The hot summer in Spain has had a secondary effect leading to large areas of the countryside affected by forest fires.

According to Jose Antonio Gonzalez, sub-director of the Spanish Environment Ministry's Forest and Desertification policy group, some 84,000 hectares have been damaged by wildfire this summer.

Gonzalez said that during the weeks up to 9 Aug, there have been 25 fires which have burned over 500 hectares of forest. Almost 72 percent of those fires occurred in the second half of July as Spain suffered a heatwave with temperatures between 35 and 40 degrees centigrade in areas such as Castilla-La Mancha and Andalucia.

Xinhua

Nine Italian cities warned of heatwave

ROME, 18 Aug—Italy's civil protection department issued a heat-wave warning on Monday for nine Italian cities where temperatures are expected to be close to or even surpass 40 degrees centigrade this week.

The warning is in place on Monday only for the northern city of Brescia, while it will be on Tuesday extended to Bologna, Milan and Bolzano in the north and Rome in central Italy. And Perugia, Latina and Civitavecchia in central Italy and Palermo in the south will get the warning on Wednesday, the ANSA news agency reported. The heat wave is expected to last several days and civil protection officials said special measures need to be taken for those most at risk: the elderly, newborns and people with respiratory or cardiovascular problems.—Xinhua

Missing Russian vessel discovered: defence minister

Moscow, 18 Aug—The missing Russian vessel Arctic Sea has been found, and its crew taken to a Russian warship, news agencies quoted the Russian defence minister as saying on Monday.

“At 1:00 pm Moscow time (0900 GMT), it was found 300 miles off Cape Verde islands. The crew is alive. They were taken to the Ladny frigate,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Defence Minister Anatoliy Serdyukov as informing Russian President Dmitri Medvedev.

“The crew have been moved to our anti-submarine warfare ship. They are answering questions,” the minister was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying.

“All crew members are alive, and they are feeling well. They were not under armed control,” he added.

Xinhua

Singapore launches first solar charging station

SINGAPORE, 18 Aug—Singapore launched on Monday the first electric vehicle charging station that harnesses energy straight from the sun.

According to the website of English newspaper Straits Times, the electric vehicle charging station was located at the Singapore Polytechnic, it is an expansion of Greenlots, a network of charging spots for electric vehicles launched in March.

The stand alone off-grid solar charging station traps sunlight using four roof mounted panels, generating an average of 3.15 kwh a day, or four electric scooters a day.

Since March, 2007, the Singapore government has pledged over 350 million Singapore dollars (234.8 million US dollars) in research, development and technology of the clean energy sector.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Spanish health minister for tougher anti-smoking laws

MADRID, 18 Aug—Spanish Health Minister Trinidad Jimenez said on Monday the country should tighten its laws against smoking in public places.

In comparison to the rest of Europe, where most countries have imposed blanket bans on smoking in bars and restaurants, Spain still allows people to smoke in

establishments of less than 100 square meters.

Given that very few bars in Spain are over 100 square meters in size, that means only 40,000 of the country's 350,000 establishments are either entirely smoke-free or contain areas reserved for smokers.

About 20,000 cases of lung cancer are diagnosed in the country every year,

accounting for 18.5 percent of all cancers detected in Spain, and 18,000 die of the disease every 12 months. Those are the worst figures in Western Europe. This may explain why an online poll carried out by the daily El Pais saw 80 percent of participants vote in favour of stricter controls as advocated by Jimenez.—Xinhua



A fire-fighting helicopter flies over a forest fire at Domvrena village, about 120km (75 miles) north of Athens, on 17 Aug, 2009. A forest fire raged out of control in central Greece on Monday, burning isolated farm houses and olive groves and threatening villages, local authorities said.—XINHUA

Medvedev, Peres to meet on Mideast tensions

MOSCOW, 18 Aug—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev holds talks on Tuesday with Israeli President Shimon Peres on efforts to check Iran's nuclear programme, stalled Mideast peace talks and other issues, the Kremlin said.

The informal meeting was to take place at Medvedev's official residence in Sochi on Russia's Black Sea coast and was also to focus on plans long in the works for Moscow to host an international Mideast peace conference.

"The situation in the Middle East, which raises serious concern in Russia, will be at the center of attention in the meeting," the Kremlin said in a background paper distributed ahead of the Sochi meeting.

Internet

Mubarak says peace first, normal ties with Israel second

CAIRO, 18 Aug—Arab states would recognize Israel and normalize ties with the Jewish state after a just and comprehensive Middle East peace is achieved, but not before, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said.

In an interview with the state-controlled daily *al-Ahram* on Monday, Mubarak, who is in Washington for talks with the US administration, said the Arab experience with stalled peace talks in the wake of the 1991

Madrid peace conference "did not encourage" taking steps toward normalization with Israel.

US Middle East envoy George Mitchell in July called on Arab states to take "meaningful steps toward normalization of relations with Israel."

"I affirmed to (US) President (Barack) Obama in Cairo that the Arab initiative offers recognition of Israel and normalization with it after, and not before, achieving a just and

comprehensive peace," Mubarak told *al-Ahram*.

In a television interview in the United States, Mubarak, who said he was never comfortable with the Bush administration, praised Obama for visiting the Middle East and sending Mitchell before launching a peace initiative.

Internet

Lightning kills two girls, injures four in south Mexico

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, 18 Aug—Officials say at least two girls have been killed and four others seriously injured after being struck by lightning during an outdoor religious service in southern Mexico.

Chiapas state officials say two girls, ages 12 and 14, died after being struck by lightning on a soccer field in the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez.

State officials say about 80 children on a Roman Catholic spiritual retreat had gathered on the field on Monday when a thunderstorm hit the area.

Chiapas state civil protection assistant secretary Luis Moreno says four other children are being treated for burns.

Internet

Algeria woos investors to unlock tourism potential

ALGIERS, 18 Aug—Algeria announced on Monday it was slashing taxes on tourism projects to persuade investors that the country, emerging from years of violence, could become a hot new holiday destination.

Algeria has thousands of kilometers (miles) of Mediterranean coastline a short flight from Europe and vast tracts of Saharan desert wilderness — yet only a trickle of foreign tourists.

Attacks by militants, though dramatically reduced in the past few years, have kept many visitors away, along with a lack of investment that has left oil-producing Algeria with a shortage of high-quality restaurants, resorts and hotels.

Tourism and Environment Minister Cherif Rahmani unveiled reforms that included tax cuts for tourist firms, low-interest bank loans for tourism investments,

reduced customs tariffs, subsidised land and streamlined bureaucratic procedures.

"Of course we are aware that we are not yet at a world-class level, but we are in the process, little by little, of building Algeria as a destination," he told a conference.

"We are going to put ourselves in a competitive position in relation to our neighbours, in terms of Algeria's attractiveness," he said.—Internet



A worker guides an exhibit of taxidermied animals into place for an upcoming exhibition at the Melbourne Museum on 18 August, 2009.

INTERNET

Metro station in Algeria's capital: link to the past



Algerian archeologists clean an ancient mosaic discovered in the Casbah, Algiers' historical neighbourhood, which was named a world heritage site by UNESCO in 1992. This site was discovered during the construction of an underground station in the center of Algiers and reveals layers of civilizations — from the French colonial period to ruins dating back to the 4th or 5th century AD.

Workmen digging the foundations of a new metro station in Algeria's capital stumbled on an archaeological goldmine that gives new meaning to "time travel" — opening a window on 2,300 years of history.

Relics from the French colonial era lie on top of those from the Ottoman period, in turn covering those from the Middle Ages and early Roman Empire.

Then comes what archaeologists hope will be ruins from the Punic period — when Phoenician traders established north African outposts in the first millennium BC.

Work on the metro station has now been stopped and archaeologists and academics have replaced labourers on the site at the far end of the Casbah, the historic heart of the capital placed on UNESCO's world heritage list in 1992.

Robbers use upmarket cars in jewel heist

Two thieves arrived at an upmarket London jeweler by taxi and left in high-end getaway cars with items worth millions of dollars, police said.

The thieves left Graff Diamonds in fashionable Mayfair with 40 million pounds (\$67 million) worth of watches, necklaces and earrings, *The Independent* reported.

Police said the thieves, two men dressed in suits, appeared to know the most expensive items.

Police released footage of the heist from security cameras.

Investigators say at least five men were involved — the two who entered the store, a motorcycle rider seen exchanging a package with one of the thieves during the getaway the drivers of the two getaway cars, a BMW and a Mercedes.



Diin Crew team perform during the Red Bull Flugtag Russia 2009 on the outskirts of Moscow on 9 August, 2009. Enthusiasts competed to fly the longest distance in self-made aircrafts in an attempt to win the Flugtag contest.

A dog with its head in a clay pot. Playing in her back garden, Scarlett chased pebble into a clay pot on its side. When she tried to get it out with her snout, her head became firmly wedged.



NEWS ALBUM

Flying rabbis fight swine flu with prayer, trumpets

Dozens of Israeli rabbis versed in the esoteric secrets of the Kabbalah have taken to the skies to pray for an end to the swine flu epidemic.

The rabbis prayed and blew seven times into ceremonial ram's horns known as shofars as they flew over Israel, the *Yediot Aharonot* newspaper reported.

"The aim of this operation is to stop this epidemic so that people don't die any more. Following our prayers, we are certain the danger is now over," Rabbi Yitzhak Batzri told the paper.

Israel has recorded five deaths from swine flu, while about 2,000 people are infected by the (A)H1N1 virus.

The name 'swine flu' sounds unclean to observant Jews.



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of...

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on maintenance of roads and growing of shade trees for cleaning and beautifying of village and cordially greeted local people.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected Yay Boke Dam Project near Htilon Village in the township. Officials conducted him round the worksite and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw left necessary instructions.

Then Lt-Gen Khin



Zaw went to Aung Thanlwin State Sports Ground at Ward-5 in Hpa-an. He looked into

extended construction of a new stand and called for timely completion of work.—MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspecting Yay Boke Dam Project.

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Chindwin Bridge contributing to swift commodity flow and better transport

Article: Kyawt Maung Maung, Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

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It was 2:30 hour-sampan-sail to get Monywa bank in the past but now it becomes much more convenient as it only takes about one hour to get Monywa.", they said.

Daw We, a villager of Shwesi village in Yinmabin said, "I sell vegetables at Aung Chantha market. I left home for market by bike since early morning. Now I am coming back home. In the past, I had much difficulty in getting across the river. Sometimes I could not go to the market because of flood. Now, thanks to the bridge, I can go back home as soon as my vegetables were sold out."

We also interviewed Daw San Shin, Daw San Myint and Daw Tin Than of Aung Moe village in Yinmabin Township who also came back from market. Daw San Shin said "It becomes much more convenient to go to market from my home.



"Now, we can go back home at any time we like."

Ko Win Naing Htay of Sonkyin Village

In the past we had to rely on powered schooners and sampans, but now we can sell vegetables at Ahlone, Myothit and Aungchanthar markets in Monywa and can walk back home."

Daw San Myint said, "We had to first cross the river in powered schooners to get Monywa bank to sell vegetables at markets of Monywa. Now, we can cross the river at any time. I really

appreciate those who had constructed the bridge."

Next, we interviewed Daw Tin Than who said "There is a world of difference between having a bridge and no bridge. In the past, we could not go to Monywa at any time we liked. But, since the bridge came into existence, we can cross the river at any time."

In an interview with

U Win Naing Htay of Sonekyin village in Yinmabin on Chindwin Bridge, he said, "I am now going to Monywa. We could hardly see powered schooners after 6pm before the emergence of the bridge. We had no alternative but to take sampan. Now, we can go back home at any time."

Furthermore, there is no more need for powered schooners in



"I sell vegetables at Aungchantha market in Monywa. It only takes one hour to get there now."

Daw Cho Mar Win Shwesi Village, Yinmabin Township

transporting wheat, gram, onion, groundnut, pigeon pea, that are grown in Yinmabin, Pale, and Mintaingbin opposite of Monywa bank as they can now be transported to Monywa via Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) by tractors and vehicles at low cost any time, thereby contributing much to swift commodity flow which lead to robust economy of the region.

Translation TKK

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"We could not get to Monywa without boats and powered schooners in the past. But, we now can cross the river at any time thanks to the bridge."

Daw San Shin and companions of Aung Moe village of Yinmabin Township.



Just need to pass through the narrow area

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

My plan to spend this weekend reading was knocked out by my good lady's strong request for a pilgrimage to Mandalay and PyinOoLwin. Her request somehow plucked me up from my having overloaded with work for months at a stretch. Her tone and glance at me implied that I had forgotten the family affairs for a long time, so I had no choice but to fulfil her wish.

Mandalay-PyinOolwin Road is a fine one if compared with its conditions in my youth. The grand two-way tarmacked road is designed to avoid traffic jams and is kept clean, thus adding to the beauty of the scenery along it. I relished with such a golden opportunity to view the positive changes from the car en route. If the inspiring success achieved due to the earnest efforts the government has made to generate a prosperous future of the nation is compared to a flower garden, the motorway is like a flower bed.

About an hour after we set out on the journey, I was awakened by the loud noise of a motorcycle bound for PyinOoLwin on the downhill lane. I was surprised by that vehicle moving on the other side, but in parallel with our car. So, I looked outside to find out if there was a traffic signboard indicating both forward way and return way, but I did not find such a traffic signboard. Then, I checked to find out if we took the wrong way, but I found that our car was on the correct way, as evidenced by the traffic signboards indicating to Mandalay. The event made me puzzled. Some time later, I was drowsy again.

Again I was awakened by the sound of the motorcycles driving in the wrong lane, but that time I was not surprised because I came to understand that the motorcyclists were violating the traffic rules by driving in the other lane meant for vehicles travelling opposite direction. That was very dangerous to our car moving at high speed. I shuddered at the thought that there might have been a head-on collision between the erratic cycles and our car. If so, such a traffic accident would tarnish the image of the fine road. Then, I saw some motorcycles sporadically moving in the same way, and that was no longer new to me. It seemed to me such reckless drivers violated traffic rules indiscriminately in the places where the enforcement of traffic rules hardly worked. I took my ballpoint pen out of the handbag to note down the license plate numbers with the intention of complaining to the department concerned about such careless violations of traffic rules, but I gave up my intention when my wife touched me to show her disagreement.

I wonder who will punish such reckless drivers. They seemed to think that there was no need to abide by the traffic rules in the countryside. I did not find anything that made it difficult for them to follow traffic rules. The traffic island area is just 30 feet wide. So, the area they had to pass through to take the correct way was narrow. I did not know why they circumvented traffic rules, which was disappointing. Myanmar may see a large number of cases in which some people circumvent the laws in the democratic system for which the government is working hard, as aspired by the people. They are not serious matters but they must be addressed without fail.

Then, I could not help expanding my thought about small-but-serious matters. Some groups with leaders who disregard such matters still indulge themselves in doing wrong, but some abandoned armed struggle line. On 30 March 2009, Captain Saw

Ne Soe Mya, son of late chairman Saw Bo Mya of KNU/KNLA, and party together with their families joined Htotkawcoe Village in which KNU/KNLA Peace Council is located. Why did they do so? They started to take the correct way and made peace because they came to realize that the area between the two ways is narrow. In fact, narrow strip areas are designated as borders between two states or divisions in the Union of Myanmar to facilitate the administrative machinery of the government.

The restrictions in the social, literary, cultural and commercial sectors are not heavy. Those who realize the role of small-but-serious matters fortify amicable relations between national races, safeguard the Union, cultivate a sense of Union Spirit, and live in the nation irrespective of region. In the nation, there have never been restrictions on any particular national race. That is a correct principle for a union. So, there is no need to promulgate unnecessary restrictions. If a person suggests that the nation promulgate needless restrictions, he must be inspired by his dishonest behaviours or because of the instigation of certain foreign countries that are anxious to weaken the Union.

A family member can stay anywhere in his house. So, walls will be unnecessary if occasion does not arise to protect the family members against bad weathers, thieves and robbers. However, thin partition is necessary for even a hut. With this concept, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold to share joys and sorrows with other national brethren. In February 2007, Chairman of KNU/KNLA Commander of Brigade (7) Major General Htein Maung and members made peace, thereby taking the correct way from the wrong one through the narrow area. Here is a noteworthy point that it is impossible to win the approval of the whole international community.

Certain countries that hate to see development of the Union of Myanmar, interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and exercise protectionism deceive the international community into considering small differences between the policies of Myanmar to be big ones. If their deceptions do not work, they rumour things to exaggerate the small matters. It is amazing that there is a thin layer between their one policy and another. The changes of presidents or prime ministers in those countries are like a magic show. Indeed, the political curtain of the world's stage is a thin cloth.

It is disappointing that the political party that is not capable of noticing such small-but-serious matters and sticks to their policies. That party walks in reverse on a road. It walks on the wrong way, but in parallel with others on the correct way. Actually, it on purpose fails to pass through the small area to get to the correct way although it

knows that the area between the two ways is narrow. Their acts are all designed to mislead the people into considering the government to be a villain one, but itself to be a saviour of the nation. If it really wants to serve the interest of the mother country, what it needs to do is just to pass through the narrow area and join hands with the people. If it marches in parallel with others, but in the wrong way meant for traffic going opposite, it will face adverse effects, and they will go backwards even though it is trying to go forwards.

In addition, it persists in trying to revive the expired results of the 1990 election. It acts as if the disagreements were very huge, and it found it difficult to pass through the narrow area. It issued Gandhi Hall Declaration to make the country divert from its path. And if so, it will watch with great relish the conflicts between the people on the wrong way and the government. Then, it will come out of the public as a saviour with the help of its western masters. Its fantasy is particularly intended to serve its interest. However, the people have known what its fantasy is like. The people do not comply with its instructions. The people have realized that members of the party were disunited in the 1988 unrest, and the Tatmadaw relieve the miseries of the people in the mass demonstrations that broke out at the instigation of some audacious youths.

Again they are holding meetings and issuing announcements to disrupt the election the government will hold with genuine goodwill in 2010. They are like the reckless drivers I face on my pilgrimage. They are trying to put into reality the risky Methrawhta constitution drawn by traitors as well as expatriates. Surely, they will not proceed if they take the ordinary way, so they are planning to march in the lane on the other side.

To make things worse, they are demanding for reviewing the State constitution that has been approved with the support of 92.48 per cent of the voters, as the expression that is common in the country "cooking the rice that is already cooked". And they are like the drivers who drive their cars backwards on the right lane.

Anyhow, it is not too late for anti-government politicians to mend their ways because even armed insurgents have realized the small disagreements and returned to the legal fold. In other words, they just need to pass through the small area to get to the correct way. Honestly, the goal of democracy is within the touching distance if the people march with self-discipline along the path to the new nation, wiping out the drivers who are driving in the wrong lane.

Translation: MS

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Refresher Course on Basic House-keeping opened

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Organized by Ministry of Hotels and Tourism targeting for enhancing the quality of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, Refresher Course for Basic Housekeeping was opened at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Hotels and

Tourism here this morning, with an address by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

Also present on the occasion were deputy minister, officials, departmental heads of the ministries invited, executive

members of Myanmar Hoteliers' Association (Yangon and Mandalay), principals of hotelschools, trainers and managers of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

The course will last four weeks and 48 trainees are attending the course.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing addresses the opening ceremony Refresher Course for Basic Housekeeping.—MNA

Refresher Course for Junior Engineer-3 (Civil) commences

YANGON, 18 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint addressed opening

ceremony of Refresher Course for Junior Engineer-3 (Civil) of Public Works under the Ministry

of Construction at the hall of Central Training School (Thuwanna) of the Ministry of Construction here yesterday morning.

A total of 35 trainees are attending the six-week course.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gives a speech at the opening ceremony of Refresher Course for Junior Engineer-3 (Civil).—MNA



Health Minister addresses refresher course 1/2009 on issuing of medical registration

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — The opening ceremony of refresher course 1/2009 on issuing of medical registration of Medical Science Department under Ministry of Health took place at the hall of University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Road on 15 August morning.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that the government is actively taking part in the people's health care services and giving priorities for external doctors' roles to support the measures being implemented by Ministry of Health in any ways. With the development of State's circumstance, pub-



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at the opening ceremony of refresher course 1/2009 on issuing of medical registration.—MNA

lic health care services are playing major role. Therefore the abilities of external doctors are getting important and they need

to observe the moral code in contributing towards public health sector.

The refresher course attended by 882 doctors from University of Medicine-1 (Yangon) and University of Medicine-2 (Yangon) lasted four weeks and the dentists for two weeks.

50 trainees also attended at University of Medicine (Magway), 269, at University of Medicine (Mandalay) and 218, at University of Dental (Mandalay).

The minister then met with rector, professors/deans and trainees of refresher course on den-

tal medical registration at University of Medicine (Yangon).

On 17 August, the minister viewed trainees of Refresher Course on Medical Registration taking lessons at University of Medicine-2 (Yangon) and medical students, at No.6 lecture room.—MNA

Awareness of narcotic drugs raised among school children

YANGON, 18 Aug — An educative talk on awareness of the danger of narcotic drug was conducted at Sangyoung Township Basic Education High School No 2 today.

Chairman of the work committee for disseminating knowledge on awareness of danger of narcotic drug Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min delivered an opening ad-

dress at the talks held at the school.

Officials from the Education Planning and Training Department gave talks on awareness of the danger of narcotic drugs.

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Third Inter-Ministry Nay Pyi Taw Men's Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Second round of 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tour-

namment 2009 continued here this evening.

Ministry of Home Affairs won over Ministry of Industry-1 with 3-1 in Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds while Ministry of Electric Power No-2 and Ministry of Forestry ended in a tie with 3-3 at Nay Pyi Taw Pyimana (Paunglaung) Sports Grounds.

Ministry of Sports will play against Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds while Ministry of Immigration will face with Ministry of Finance and Revenue at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Paunglaung) Sports Grounds on 19 August.—MNA

Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min views educative booth displayed for awareness of narcotic drugs at No.3 Basic Education Department.

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses Training Course on Low Cost Soil Conservation in Myanmar.—MNA

Training Course on Low Cost Soil Conservation in Myanmar opens

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Training Course on Low Cost Soil Conservation in Myanmar jointly conducted by Forest Department of Ministry of Forestry and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) was opened at the Research Department of Yezin Forestry University in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

A total number of 16 trainees from Ministry of Forestry, and 4 trainees from related ministries, altogether 20 trainees attended the ten-day course.

MNA

A visit to Hopong in Shan State (South)

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

(from page 16)

The lovely township is a combination of plains, hilly areas and valleys. It has an area of 1220.56 square miles. It is made up of six wards, 22 village-tracts and 364 villages with a population of more than 92,000, the majority of whom are Pa-O, Shan and Bamar nationals.

Its main business is agricultural farming. Chairman U Khin Zaw of Township Peace and Development Council said, "Here, crops grow well because of favourable climate and fertile soil. Local people get on with their businesses due to thriving agricultural farming, and our township keeps abreast of other townships in health care, education and transport."

On 25 July 2008, the station hospital was upgraded to a township people's hospital and the Ministry of Health provides medicines and



Chairman U Khin Zaw of Hopong Township Peace and Development Council.

affiliated basic education high school, two basic education middle schools, a basic education middle school (branch), two affiliated basic education middle schools, 29 post-primary schools and 108 primary schools.

On our trip from the township general admin-

Staff Officer U Sai Aung Lin of Hopong Township Development Affairs Committee.



Junction of Kanbawza and Bo Teza roads in front of Phayagyi in Hopong.

medical equipment to the hospital twice a month. In addition, local well-wishers donate modern medical equipment to the

hospital.

The township has four basic education high schools, a basic education high school (branch), an

istration department, we saw workers growing landscaping plants and

flower beds under the supervision of the Township Development Affairs Committee near Kyunsekhon Park at Phayagyi junction. Conducting us round the township, Staff Officer U Sai Aung Lin of the Township DAC said that their committee was beautifying and keeping the township clean under the 16 directives of the Township Development Affairs Committee; that the committee had upgraded 900 feet long Thabye Street (Section-2), 2145 feet long Hopong Lwe-owun Road, Sanphu, Tharaphi, and market circular roads

with a total length of 2275 feet to gravel ones; 687 feet long Ah-La-Ka road, Thithkwa road and Kanbawza road into tarred ones. The committee supplies potable water to urban areas, digs wells and sinks tube-wells in villages.

The township used to be a rural town with poor transport due to various reasons. Now, it has enjoyed remarkable development with economic growth and has got all characteristics of a township.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 17-8-2009



A manual pump in Kant-bein Village, Paunglin Village-tract.



Six miles long Sanphu Road in Hopong Township is being upgraded.



No change in Iran's stance on nuclear issue: envoy

TEHERAN, 18 Aug—Iran's envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said on Tuesday that Iran's stance on its nuclear issue has not changed, state IRIB TV reported.

Iran's envoy Ali Asghar Soltanieh has not said anything to TV channels about Iran's readiness for nuclear negotiations or about the conditions, the report said.

Earlier Tuesday, the state TV quoted Soltanieh as saying that "Iran's main stance on the nuclear issue is to hold negotiations without preconditions and on the basis of mutual respect."

U S President Barack Obama has given Iran until September to initiate multilateral talks over its disputed

nuclear issue, or face further sanctions.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Hassan Qashqavi has said that "we are not against talks but we will not allow world powers to press Iran with deadlines."

Washington has been trying to beef up its sanctions against Tehran for Iran's involvement in anti-U S activities and allegedly secret development of nuclear weapons.

Iran denied these charges and insisted that its nuclear program is for generating electricity only. The UN Security Council has imposed three sanctions on Iran for its ongoing uranium enrichment program.

Xinhua



A SU-35 military jet performs during the opening of the MAKS-2009 international air show in Zhukovsky outside Moscow, on 18 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

India to acquire anti-aircraft missile system from Israel

NEW DELHI, 18 Aug—India will soon acquire anti-aircraft missile system from Israel in a bid to bolster its aging defenses and protect its troops and tanks from any aerial threat, a senior Indian Defence Ministry official said Tuesday.

"The Indian Defense Acquisition Council, headed by Defense Minister A K Antony and comprising the three service chiefs, has finally

cleared a multi-billion dollar deal to procure anti-aircraft missiles from Israeli Aircraft Industries Rafael. The Low-level Quick Reaction surface to air missile called Spyder will help to protect India's tanks and armored vehicles against enemy's air attack," the official said, on condition of anonymity.

The Spyder is a low-level quick-reaction surface-to-air missile

system which uses a combination of active radar missiles and infrared missiles to track and intercept jets, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles and precision guided munitions. The Spyder system has 360 degree engagement capability and the missiles can be launched from full-readiness state in less than five seconds after a target is acquired.

Xinhua



Mothers take part in a parade of pushing baby strollers in Kecskemet, Hungary, on 17 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Rain to relieve drought in NE China province

SHENYANG, 18 Aug—Drought-hit Liaoning Province in northeast China is expected to receive moderate and heavy rains starting from Wednesday, the provincial observatory said Tuesday.

The long-anticipated rain would "obviously" relieve the two-month-long drought that led to drinking water shortage for 792,200 people and 242,200 livestock in the province, said Yuan Zipeng, deputy director of the observatory.

In order to increase the rainfall, the provincial bureau has prepared 1,269 rocket shells along with

three aircraft to seed the clouds, Yuan said.

A severe drought has hit China's northern parts and affected 170 million mu (11.33 million hectares) of crops, according to the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters.

Among the total affected crops, 62.99 million mu suffered serious drought and 16.08 million mu dried up. About 3.9 million people and about 4.37 million livestock had difficulties getting water. In Liaoning alone, 32 million hectares of farmland were hit by the drought.—Xinhua



A man shows the Apple iPhone. US technology giant Apple has assured the EU that recent cases of exploding iPhones and iPods are "isolated incidents", a European Commission spokeswoman said Tuesday.—INTERNET

Egypt: Russian diver survives after swimming miles

HURGHADA, Egypt, 18 Aug—A Russian scuba diver swept away by strong currents off the southern Egyptian coast says he managed to survive by swimming some 12 miles (20 kilometers) to shore.

Vitaly Ivanov told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he doesn't know what happened to three other Russian divers who are still missing.

The Russians were part of a group of six who went diving Monday in the Red Sea near the Egyptian resort town of Marsa Alam. Two of them surfaced shortly after the dive, and several boats and a helicopter searched for the others until nightfall.

Ehab Taher, director of the scuba diving tourism office in the Red Sea port of Hurghada, said Ivanov was found early Tuesday morning at a tourist village in al-Quseir, located north of Marsa Alam.—Xinhua

Singapore proposes new frameworks to ensure private schools quality

SINGAPORE, 18 Aug—Singapore's Education Ministry has introduced a new private education bill in parliament, local media reported on Tuesday.

The bill proposed a new voluntary quality assurance scheme for private education institutions, local radio 938Live reported.

The EduTrust certification scheme will complement a more stringent mandatory registration framework planned for the sector under the new Bill.

Results of public consultation on the bill showed that respondents were generally supportive of the move towards

tighter regulation of the private education institutions. They also welcomed EduTrust as a framework to boost industry standards.

At the same time, special education schools here will soon also have a new Quality Assurance Framework.

Xinhua



The Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1, South Korea's first space rocket, sits on its launch pad at the Naro Space Center in Goheung, south of Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday.

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(1)	Computer Pentium 4	- 16 set
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(3)	Laser Printer A3	- 1 No
(4)	Colour Printer All-in-one	- 2 Nos
(5)	Digital Photo Copier	- 2 Nos
(6)	Digital Camera (D-80 Kit)	- 2 Nos
(7)	Digital Camera	- 5 Nos
(8)	Air Conditioner	- 12 Nos

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

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Guatemala at food shortage risk after drought

MEXICO CITY, 18 Aug—Guatemala is at risk of a food shortage because a drought has reduced more than 60 percent of the production of corns and beans in five key provinces, the Food Security Ministry said on Monday.

According to news reaching here, the ministry said the worst hit provinces are Zacapa, Chiquimula, Jalapa, Jutiapa and El Progreso. In El Progreso, 90 percent of the bean crops that farmers planted have been lost.

Around 4,000 settlements across those provinces will suffer food shortages, a figure which represents around 80 percent of the population there.

Xinhua

Moderate quake rocks Indonesia's Aceh

JAKARTA, 18 Aug—A moderate quake with magnitude of 5.3 hit Aceh Province in northern tip of Sumatra island of Indonesia on Tuesday morning, with no initial report of damage or casualty, Meteorology and Geohysics Agency said here.

The quake struck at 10:28 Jakarta time (0328 GMT) with epicenter at 19 kms northwest Sinabang of the province and at 10 kms in depth, the agency said.

The archipelago country with over 230 million population is laid on a vulnerable quake-hit zone where two continental plates stretching from Western hemisphere to Japan meet and cause frequent seismic and volcanic movements

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Ministry of Information Information and Public Relations Department

Invitation To Tender

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(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
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L America recovers from flu, WHO warns N hemisphere for winter

MEXICO CITY, 18 Aug—Epitomized by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who is recovering from A/H1N1 flu, most Latin American countries seem on the road to complete recovery from the pandemic, which was first detected in Mexico in April and then spread to about 180 nations, killing around 1,500 people.

However, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned countries in the northern hemisphere to keep alert for the coming winter.

President Arias' office said on Monday that he will resume official activities on Tuesday with a ceremony to open a plant.

Like the vast majority of those who caught the flu worldwide, Arias recovered in around a week by resting at home and taking existing anti-viral drugs.

The bulk of the flu's mortal victims are those with existing health problems, especially those with lung conditions or severe obesity, or with a weaker immune system, including pregnant women. Less than 2 percent of those infected died.—Xinhua



World's 1st clinical trial on A/H1N1 flu vaccine completed, Chinese company says

BEIJING, 18 Aug— Preliminary clinical trial has shown an A/H1N1 influenza vaccine developed in China was “safe and effective” on humans, SINOVAC Biotech Company, a Beijing-based pharmaceutical company, said on Tuesday.

The company said this was the world's first A/H1N1 flu vaccine that has completed preliminary trials.—*Xinhua*

Human tests of A/H1N1 flu vaccine to start in Finland

HELSINKI, 18 Aug — Finland's National Agency for Medicines approved human tests of A/H1N1 flu vaccine in the country on Monday.

Commissioned by a French drug maker, the Vaccine Research Center of Tampere University, will start testing its vaccine on 400-450 children ages six months to 17 years this week. The inoculations will be conducted by 15 regional vaccination clinics around the country.

The same vaccine will also be tested on adults in France. Although the vaccine has only been in development for a few months, the head of the Vaccine Research Center of Tampere University does not see any significant risk in these tests.—*Xinhua*



A tourist stands near a huge statue on Easter Island. A protest by Easter Island locals against excessive hordes of tourists and residence-seekers eased on Monday when officials negotiated the re-opening of the Pacific Island's only airport after two days of disturbances.

INTERNET

US scientists find genetic glitches linked to common childhood cancer

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug — A US team of childhood cancer researchers has discovered two genetic variations linked to an increased risk for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL, the most common childhood cancer in the United States, the University of Florida (UF) said on Monday in a press release.

Because these genetic glitches point to a specific subtype of the disease, identifying them in children who already have leukemia could improve treatment, says UF researcher Meenakshi Devidas, a co-author on the study published online on Sunday in *Nature Genetics*. Children with this specific subtype of ALL, known as B-hyperdiploid, tend to respond well to chemotherapy.

“The findings indicated inherited genetic variants contribute to the risk of a child getting ALL and likely contribute to a specific subtype of ALL,” said Devidas, a co-director of the Children's Oncology Group Statistics and Data Center at UF.

“So far, we have known that patients with this subtype respond well to chemotherapy, but we had no idea why that was.”

Led by St Jude Children's Research Hospital scientist Mary Relling, the researchers conducted the first genomewide association study to check for genetic variations linked to the common cancer.—*Xinhua*

Reader's Digest plans to file for bankruptcy

NEW YORK, 18 Aug— The 87-year-old publishing company Reader's Digest Association, company said on Monday it planned to file for bankruptcy protection to reduce debt burden by 75 percent.

The company said in a statement that it has reached an agreement “in principle with a majority of its senior secured lenders on the terms of a restructuring plan to significantly reduce its debt burden and strengthen the company

financially for the future.” The company did not make a 27-million US dollars interest payment due Monday on its notes, and will use a 30-day grace period to continue talks with lenders about what it called a prearranged bankruptcy filing.

“The restructuring agreement provides that the company's senior secured lenders will exchange a substantial portion of the company's 1.6 billion US dollars in senior secured debt for equity

and provides for a transfer of ownership of the company to the lender group,” the statement said.

The company said the agreement with lenders will cut debt to 550 million US dollars from 2.2 billion US dollars, a 75-percent reduction. Some of lenders will provide a 150 million US dollars loan, debtor-in-possession financing, to ensure the company has enough liquidity during its re-organization.

Xinhua

Parents can help stop child obesity

CHICO, 18 Aug— Parents can make a difference in staving off obesity in their children if they help them eat better and exercise, a US researcher says.

Edward Abramson, a professor emeritus at California State University-Chico and author of the books “Body Intelligence” and “Emotional Eating,” says there has been a tenfold increase in type-2 diabetes and psychological and social consequences, such as prejudice, rejection, discrimination and low self-esteem in children.

Bad eating habits can start with “emotional eating,” or eating when one is not hungry, or from following a strict diet, Abramson says.

“This can lead to a weight problem or an eating disorder,” Abramson says in a statement. Parents can increase the odds of getting a child to try a new food by having the child see them enjoying the food and having the child help prepare the un-familiar food, Abramson advises.

Internet

762 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 18 Aug — A European health agency said on Monday that 762 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 627 were confirmed in Germany, 109 in Portugal, 17 in Iceland, five in Luxemburg, three in Romania, one in Slovenia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.—*Xinhua*

Deaths from A/H1N1 flu virus reach 342 in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 Aug—The number of deaths from the A/H1N1 flu virus in Brazil has reached 342, local health authorities announced on Monday.

According to the authorities, three new deaths were confirmed on Monday, with two in Rio de Janeiro state in the southeast and one in Santa Catarina state in the south. The victims were an adult male, a female and a seven-year-old boy.

Sao Paulo state has the highest death toll so far with 134 victims. Parana state in the southern part of the country has 79 victims, followed by Rio Grande do Sul state with 70.—*Xinhua*

Boy dies from A/H1N1 flu, 1st death in Spain

MADRID, 18 Aug — The Spanish Health Ministry reported on Monday the first death in the country of a child from A/H1N1 flu. The patient was an 11-year-old boy who was hospitalized in the Mother-Children Hospital of Canary Islands. His identity was not revealed.

The Canary Islands' Health Service and the Health Ministry said that the patient had a chronic disease and his death was related to the A/H1N1 virus. With this death, the A/H1N1 flu death toll in the country rose to 12. The other 11 were patients aged between 20 and 71, including two pregnant women. —*Xinhua*

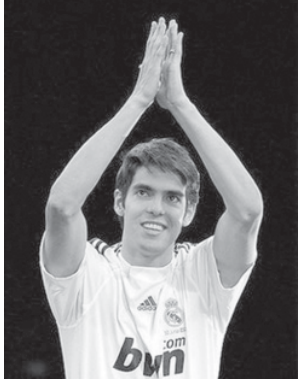


A boat sails in front of the Jet d'Eau fountain(140-metre high water jet) in Lake Geneva. An assault on a Saudi Arabian outside a night club has cast an unwanted spotlight on surging street crime and claims of “cut throat” neighbourhoods in the Swiss city which has an international reputation for tranquility.—INTERNET

SPORTS

'Very easy' for Kaka as Real parade 'new Galacticos'

MADRID, 18 Aug—Real Madrid's Brazilian signing Kaka said he finds it "very easy"



Real Madrid new player Brazilian midfielder Kaka thanks supporters during his official presentation at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. Kaka said he finds it "very easy" playing alongside the other new world stars at the club.—INTERNET

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"It's very easy to play in a team with people of such quality around," he said following his Spanish debut with the side, a 2-0 win over Real Sociedad in a pre-season friendly on Saturday.

He had special praise for another of Real's 'new Galacticos', Spain international Xabi Alonso, signed from Liverpool this month.

"Xabi Alonso has brought us a lot of security and fluidity. Now the most important thing is to look for balance and we are getting that," the Spanish sporting press quoted him as saying.

Internet

Sharapova cruises into WTA Toronto 2nd round

TORONTO, 18 AUG—Former world number one Maria Sharapova cruised into the second round of the WTA hardcourt tournament here with a straight sets win over compatriot Nadia Petrova.

The 22-year-old downed 10th seeded Petrova 6-3, 6-4, her third win over Petrova this season.

It was another step forward for Sharapova, who had shoulder surgery last October, returned to singles competition in May and is now ranked 49th in the world.

It was shortly after she won a marathon match in the second round of this event last year, when it was in Montreal, that Sharapova said she had

re-injured her serving shoulder and would have to withdraw, launching her 10-month injury absence from the WTA Tour.—Internet



Maria Sharapova of Russia plays compatriot Nadia Petrova during the Rogers Cup at the Rexall Center in Toronto, Canada. Sharapova won 6-3, 6-4.—INTERNET

No 3 no worry for tennis star Nadal

CINCINNATI, 18 Aug—Rafael Nadal is taking his demotion to world number three in his stride and focusing on the long-term as he continues his comeback from injury at the Cincinnati Masters this week.

"It's only a number," Nadal said Monday. "I hope to be ready in the future to come back to No. 2 or to be in the top position. "No. 3 is a very good number, too," he added with a smile.

The 23-year-old Spaniard, forced out of Wimbledon by his aching knees, returned last week in Montreal after an absence of more than two months.

His run to the Canadian quarter-finals wasn't

enough to stop eventual champion Andy Murray from seizing the world number two spot behind Switzerland's Roger Federer.

Nadal said he wouldn't let the rankings - or anything else - lure him into pressing too hard, too soon, as he battles to come back and finish the season on a high note.—Internet



Rafael Nadal

Bekele wins fourth world men's 10,000m champion

Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia (L) celebrates his victory in the men's 10,000 meters final during the world athletics championships with compatriot Imane Merga at the Olympic stadium in Berlin on 17 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

BERLIN, 18 Aug—Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia won his fourth men's 10,000 meters title at the World Championships here on Monday.

Bekele, also Olympic champion at the last two Olympic Games, ran behind Eritrea's Zersenay Tadese until the last lap. He sped up and pulled away for a comfortable

win in a World Championships record of 26:46.31.

Tadese won the silver in 26:50.12 and Kenya's Moses Ndiema Masai took the bronze in 26:57.39.

"It's great to win for the fourth time," said Bekele. "I am so happy. I planned already to stay beind until one lap is left and then kick."

The 27-year-old, who also won the 5,000m in the Beijing Olympic Games, said he has not decided whether to run the event.

"I haven't yet decided. I will decide maybe tomorrow," he said.

For Tadese, a silver is enough for him.

Xinhua

Hull target Negredo to stay in Spain - press

MADRID, 18 Aug—English Premier League outfit Hull City appear to have failed in their bid to sign Real Madrid striker Alvaro Negredo, who is set to join Spanish side Zaragoza, a Spanish sports daily said Monday.

The 23-year-old wants to remain in Spain, and Real are ready to let him, AS reported.

This is despite the fact that Hull has agreed to Real's terms of an 18 million euro transfer fee plus a two-year buy-back clause worth 25 million euros — an offer Zaragoza cannot match, the paper said.

It said the newly promoted outfit is ready to pay a fee "very far" from the amount sought

by Real, but the Madrid club would have an option to buy back the player "for next to nothing" over the next two years.—Internet



Real Madrid's Alvaro Negredo (left) vies with Alon Harazi of the Peace Team during an unprecedented 'Peace Match' in Tel Aviv, 2007.—INTERNET

No flash in the pan: Daly returns to Aussie Open

John Daly watches his tee shot on the 10th hole during the first round of the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn, on 13 Aug, 2009.

INTERNET

SYDNEY, 18 Aug—John Daly is set to return to the Australian Open a year after being fined for smashing a fan's camera into a tree during the tournament.

Golf Australia announced Tuesday that the two-time major winner is in the field for the tournament at Sydney's New South Wales Golf Club from Dec. 3-6.

"I am looking forward to returning to play the 2009 Australian Open and am particularly excited about playing the course at La Perouse for the first time. I have heard so many great things about the course," Daly said in a statement.

Internet

Federer honing hard court skills as US Open looms

CINCINNATI, 18 Aug—The arrival of twin girls left Roger Federer little time to savor twin triumphs at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, and now the Swiss star has his sights set on one more 2009 Grand Slam.

Federer captured the French Open title that had long eluded him in June and a month later claimed an unprecedented 15th Grand Slam title with his victory at Wimbledon. But Federer and his wife, Mirka, celebrated another double later in July with the birth of twins Charlene and Myla.

"The Paris and Wimbledon swing was amazing," Federer said Monday as he prepared for his campaign at the Cincinnati Masters.—Internet

Olympic champion Fraser wins women's 100m title

BERLIN, 18 Aug—Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser of Jamaica won the women's 100 meters title at the World Championships here on Monday.

Fraser, who won the gold in Beijing in 10.78 seconds, clocked 10.73 for her title. She became the fourth fastest women in history, only after world record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner, Marion Jones, both of the United States, and France's Christine Arron. Her compatriot and Olympic silver medalist Kerron Stewart finished second again in 10.75. American Carmelita Jeter, bronze medalist two year ago in Osaka 2007, was third in 10.90. Fraser said the time and win were no surprise for her.—Xinhua



Shelly-Ann Fraser of Jamaica celebrates after winning in the women's 100 metres final during the world athletics championships at the Olympic stadium in Berlin on 17 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



Members of a Russian circus perform in Taizhou Gymnasium in Taizhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 17 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Three indicted in largest US identity theft scheme

NEW YORK, 18 Aug—Three men were indicted on Monday for allegedly stealing more than 130 million credit and debit card numbers in what US authorities said they believe is the largest hacking and identity theft case ever prosecuted. Albert Gonzalez, a former government informant already in jail in connection with hacking cases, and two unnamed Russians were indicted on charges related to five corporate data breaches from 2006 to 2008.

Card numbers were stolen in those breaches from credit-card processor Heartland Payment Systems and retail chains 7-Eleven Inc and Hannaford Brothers Co, prosecutors said. The men targeted two other corporations, the US attorney's office in New Jersey said in the statement, without naming those companies. \ Heartland Payment Systems and Hannaford Brothers had previously and separately acknowledged the breaches, but the scope of the fraud had not been known.

Authorities also for the first time tied those cases to Gonzalez, who was arrested last year on suspicion of hacking into a restaurant chain's payment system. Attorneys for Gonzalez were not available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (19-8-2009) (Wednesday)

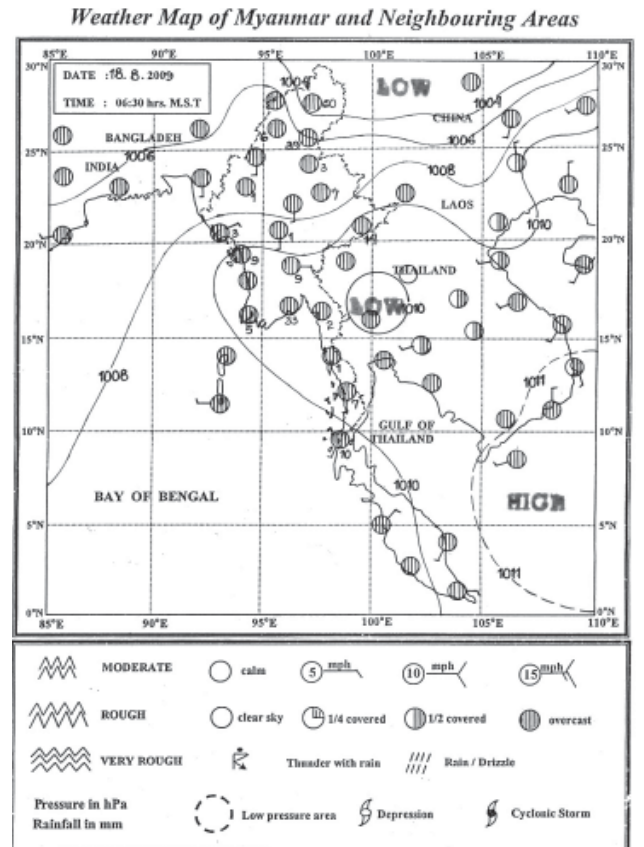
Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Pa-Auk Forest Monastery & Meditation Centre
- * Native home of the Khome
- * Decoration of Myanmar Lacquerware
- * Culture Stage "Sandaw Chain"
- * Myanmar Modern Song "Picturesque Taninthayi"
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 - * Orchid Garden
 - * Bridges Built for Regional Development
 - * Culture Stage "The Dancer's Husband"
 - * Beautiful and Colourful Plastic Basket
 - * Myanmar Modern Song "Let my first love know"
 - * Future Stars (Loikaw, Kayah State)
 - * The Fortress City beside the Ayeyawady
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Tuesday, 18th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.26) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.34) inches, Putao and Kanbalu (2.40) inches each, Ann (2.28) inches, Pakokku (2.00) inches, Kyauktaw (1.93) inches, Myitkyina (1.73) inches and Aungmye (1.61) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-8-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 18-8-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-8-2009 was 96%. Total Sun shine hours on 17-8-2009 was (0.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-8-2009 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (1.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (79.69) inches at Mingaladon, (92.60) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 17-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah and Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Mon and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady 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: Continuation of decrease rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 19
August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:10 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) "မြတ်ဘုရားရှင်၏ပါဆိုစဉ်"

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:25 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am

11. ဘဒ္ဒန္တတေဇနိယ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓဇ) ရွှေတောင်ပါဠိတက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ရေနံချောင်း မြို့နယ်၊ မကွေးတိုင်း၊ ထံမှ နဝရံပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Races

4:15 pm

3. Classical Songs

4:20 pm

4. "ဆုံးစည်းခွင့်"

4:30 pm

5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံ ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထ အကြိမ်မြောက်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆုံး) (အထက(၂)စမ်းချောင်း) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:50 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ အထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

5:05 pm

7. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:20 pm

9. "ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအနုလင်ရာစုံစွာ ဘုရားအာနန္ဒာ"

5:30 pm

10. ရွှေယံဝံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

11. စူပီတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:10 pm

13. Weather Report

6:15 pm

14. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:30 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

6:55 pm

16. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:25 pm

17. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International News

20. Weather Report

21. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်(၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ "ဘူရိဒတ်လတ်တော်ကြီး" (တတိယဆု) (မန္တလေးတိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)

22. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC - sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB - generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

A visit to Hopong in Shan State (South)

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

Our media crew from the Kyemon Daily was on a journey to Hopong, a plateau township, in Shan State (South), together with Assistant Director Daw May May Ni of Shan State (South) Information and Public Relations Department and Staff Officer Daw Khin Mar Wai of Township IPRD on 11 August.

It was convenient for us to take a drive along the spiral hilly road to Hopong, 12 miles from Taunggyi.

Along the tarred road were thriving plantations of crops such as monsoon paddy and corn of highlanders.

Hopong stands at an altitude of 3541 feet, sharing border with Loilem and Leikha townships in the east, Taunggyi and Yaksawk townships in the west, Hsihseng Township in the south and Mongkai Township in the north.

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Entrance to Hopong between Kengtung and Taunggyi townships.

One more found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)

Number of patients infected with the virus reaches 23
Remaining six on the mend

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—A 12-year-old child who had returned from abroad was transferred to Insein General Hospital via a specialist clinic since he had a fever on 17 August. After giving the child a medical check-up, the National Health Laboratory confirmed that the child was infected with New Influenza A (H1N1). The child patient had arrived back Myanmar by flight No MI-518 on 6 August and became the twenty third one.

The child patient has been accommodated in a separate room of the hospital and two family members of the patient are being kept in home quarantine.

A total of 38 classmates, 100 passengers who were together with the patient on the same flight and 131 airport staff are also being kept under surveillance at their respective places.

Up to now, the number of patients infected with the virus has so far reached 23 in Myanmar and 17 of whom have been discharged from the hospital as they have fully recovered from the illness. The specialists are taking intensive care of remaining six patients.

Until now, the NHL has given lab tests on 176 flu-suspected persons and only 23 were tested positive for the virus—MNA

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

Noteworthy amount of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	1.26 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	1.34 inches
Putao	2.40 inches
Kanbalu	2.40 inches
Ann	2.28 inches
Pakokku	2.00 inches
Kyauktaw	1.93 inches
Myitkyina	1.73 inches
Aunglan	1.61 inches

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the 10.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittaung River at Toungoo was 589 cm. It may reach its danger level 600 cm during the next 24 hours.

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