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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Hungarian President

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Laszlo Solyom, President of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary, which falls on 20 August 2009.—MNA

Prime Minister felicitates Hungarian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Gordon Bajnai, Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary, which falls on 20 August 2009.—MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects education, transport, economic and agricultural sectors in Bhamo and Momauk Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and departmental officials met with faculty members at the hall of Technological University of the Ministry of

Science and Technology in Bhamo on 14 August. He presented gifts to the university and inspected learning of students.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into progress in construction of Naungkho-Konkha-Minhla Road and dredging of silt at Bhamo port. (See page 7)

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

Livestock Breeding Zone in Shan State (South) to be of great benefit to the region and the State

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

Food and nourishment are very important for a person to live long healthily. We have to take meat, fish and egg daily as nourishment to be strong.

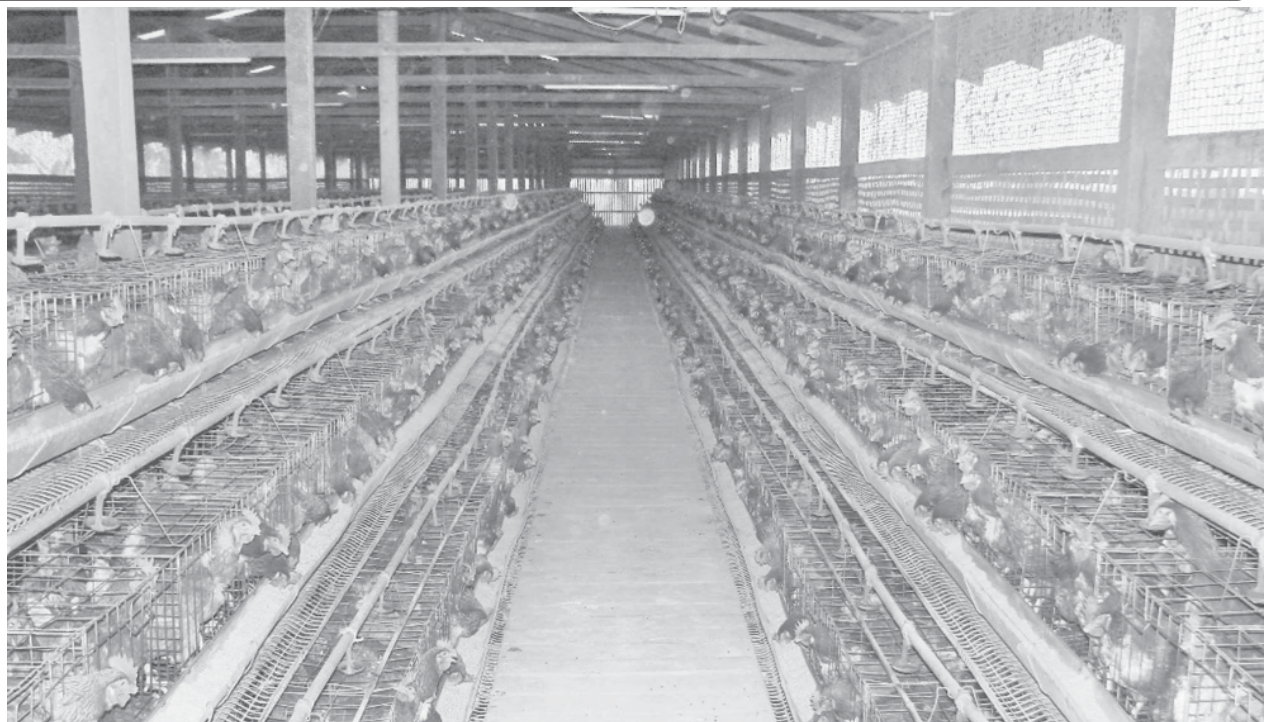
Therefore, in livestock and fisheries sector, the government is striving for establishment of livestock breeding zones with momentum in order to meet growing demand for public consumption.

We, news crew of Kyemon Daily, stopped over in Kaung Ein Kyaw layer breeding farm at Hay-yi-thet village in Tilawka village-tract in our way back from Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township.

Farm owner was an active national race youth. He welcomed us with a warm smile and we asked him about the farm all we wanted to know.

We got into a conversation with his introductory words. "My name is Ko Naing Naing Tun. I run a layer farm under the name of Kaung Ein Kyaw."

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Chickens at Kaung Ein Kyaw layer breeding farm.



PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 20 August, 2009

Strictly abide by laws, rules and regulations in building a modern and developed nation

The government is making all-out efforts day in, day out for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Legislative, executive and judicial pillars play a pivotal role in marching towards a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Legislative and executive pillars are as important as judicial pillar. Law means the discipline as well as rules and regulations of a nation, and every citizen is to strictly follow them.

Only when there is prevalence of law and order, will there be peace and security. And only if there is peace and security, will the building of a modern and developed nation be possible.

Law officers who safeguard and serve the interest of the State and the people through the law need to be well-versed in their specific subjects in order to keep pace with changes and developments.

Community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order are indispensable for a nation. To ensure this, efforts are to be made to bring about a strong judicial pillar based on the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality.

At a time when relentless efforts are being made for the emergence of a modern and developed nation the entire national people are to strictly abide by laws, rules and regulations on the basis of legislative, executive and judicial pillars. Only then, will a peaceful, modern and developed nation emerge.

Talks on production of world market quality rice by modernized machines



Director of Grain Processing Dr Jens Oeding of Buhler China makes clarification on production of world market quality rice by modernized machines.—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

Education Minister meets locals of Kanbalu Township in Sagaing Div

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, on 15 August, met with locals in Hlweseik village of Kanbalu Township and provided schools with exercise books, stationery and sports gear.

The minister met with local people from Zin, Vall, and Peigon villages at Zin village, from Hinthaw and Taungpon villages at Hinthaw village and presented exercise books, stationery and sports gear to schools.

On 14 August, the minister met with the rector and professors/heads of department of Institute of Education (Sagaing).

The minister, on 16 August, oversaw construction of new 100-bed hospital in Kanbalu Township being built by

Htoo Trading Co and met with local people of Pegyi and Khaohta villages at Pegyi village affiliated BEMS and provided schools with exercise books, stationery and sports gear.

The minister cordially greeted the locals and presented students of Pegyi village affiliated BEMS with exercise books and stationery.

The minister also met with locals from Bugon, Yamanay, Kyigyin, Yeshin, and Tingnotgyo villages at Prugon village and presented exercise books, stationery and sports gear to the schools.

The minister met with principal and teachers of Shwebo Degree College and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to Hungarian FM

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Peter Balazs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary which falls on 20 August 2009. —MNA



Minister Dr Chan Nyein hands over books, stationery and sports gear to schools in Kanbalu Township through a responsible person.—MNA

Deputy Minister inspects road construction



Deputy Minister U Tint Swe inspects approach road of Dagon Bridge.—CONSTRUCTION

YANGON, 19 Aug — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected progress of construction of approach road of Dagon Bridge and Thilawa Port road on 17 August and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the deputy minister met with chief engineers and engineers in Yangon Division at the meeting hall of Senior Engineer's Office and held discussions on compilation of book on basic standards of engineering work.—MNA

YANGON, 19 Aug—The talks on production of world market quality rice by modernized machines, jointly organized by Myanmar Rice Millers' Association and Buhler Company, was held on first floor of UMFCI office tower, Min Ye Kyawswa Road, Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning.

First, Chairman U Tin Win of the association extended greetings. General Secretary U Thaung Win explained the purpose of holding the talks.

Next, Director of Grain Processing Dr Jens Oeding of Buhler China and Senior Rice

Technologist Dr Ye Aung gave clarifications on production of world market quality rice by modernized machines and replied queries raised by those present.

It was attended by officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Millers' Association, Myanmar Paddy and Rice Dealers' Association, Myanmar Paddy and Rice Producers' Association and paddy trading companies.

MNA



NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 19 August reached 698,378 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,258,643, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	698,378
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,258,643

Internet



Iraqi women and children refugees at the Chikouk camp for the internally displaced in northwestern Baghdad's Kadhimiya district in July 2009.

INTERNET

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 19 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 31570 Afghan people were killed and 37,261 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 19 August.

No.	Subject	Number
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2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	37,261

Internet

A man lies in hospital after being injured in a suicide attack in Kabul, on 18 Aug, 2009. A suicide car bomber attacked a convoy of foreign troops on a major road in the east of the Afghan capital on Tuesday, two days before presidential elections, police and witnesses said.—INTERNET



Series of blasts kills 75, wounds 300 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug— A series of explosions killed at least 75 people and wounded more than 300 in central Baghdad on Wednesday, the deadliest day in the Iraqi capital since US troops withdrew from urban centers in June. At least six bombs and mortar rounds struck near government ministries and other sensitive targets in quick succession, the latest in a series of attacks in the capital and Iraq's north that raised doubts about the ability of Iraqi security

forces to cope without U.S. help. One blast shattered windows in Iraq's parliament building in the heavily guarded Green Zone government and diplomatic complex, television footage showed. It occurred near the Foreign Ministry, just outside the Green Zone.

Wednesday's violence undermined confidence in the government's ability to ensure security, on which Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has staked his reputation.—Internet



Residents gather at the site of a truck bomb attack outside the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad, August 19, 2009.—INTERNET



Iraqis inspect a damaged restaurant in Baghdad, Iraq, on 17 Aug, 2009. Two bombs hidden in a plastic bags near a falafel stand exploded simultaneously shortly on Sunday, killing four people and wounding 25 others, Iraqi officials said.—INTERNET

21 killed in attacks as Afghan vote looms

KABUL, 19 Aug— Taliban attacks rocked Afghanistan on Tuesday two days before landmark presidential elections, claiming at least 21 lives as a rocket slammed into the presidential compound in Kabul.

The violence, striking at the heart of the capital, followed renewed Taliban threats to sabotage on Thursday's ballot in which 17 million Afghans are eligible to vote, amid heightened

fears they could stay away. But the NATO-led coalition said despite a spike in militants strikes, less than one percent of polling stations are at risk of being attacked.

A suicide car bomb on Tuesday targeted a NATO convoy on a busy road near a US military base and a market, killing 10 people including a NATO soldier, and wounding more than 50, officials said. "Updated reports indicate that those killed

were one ISAF service member, seven Afghan civilians and two Afghan civilian employees of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan," the NATO alliance said in a statement.

"Two ISAF service members and 53 Afghan civilians were also wounded in the incident," the International Security Assistance Force said.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon expressed distress over the death of two UN staff in the second deadly suicide attack targeting NATO in Kabul in two days.

Internet

Two US soldiers killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Aug—Two American soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed and three others were injured by roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, according to a statement issued by ISAF.

"Two ISAF service members were killed and three others were injured after their convoy struck an improvised explosive device in eastern Afghanistan today," said the statement.

US Spokesperson Capt Elizabeth Mathias confirmed that the two killed were US service members.

Over 274 international troops have been killed so far this year in the war-torn country.

Xinhua

Baghdad blast kills two, wounds 17

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug— Two people were killed, 17 others injured in a roadside bomb attack on Tuesday in southern Baghdad, local police source said.

The explosion occurred at about 8:15 pm (1715GMT) on Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near a popular market in the Al-Dora area of southern Baghdad, police source told Xinhua, because he was not authorized to release the information.

The blast killed 2, and wounded 17 others. Several shops nearby were damaged, the source added.

Sporadic attacks continue in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities and towns after US combat forces pullout despite low level of violence comparing with the previous years.—Xinhua

Study warns Asia faces food shortages by 2050

STOCKHOLM, 19 Aug—A study of Asian irrigation warns developing nations face food shortages by 2050 without major reforms in the way agriculture uses water.

The study, conducted by the International Water Management Institute and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, warns many developing nations face the politically risky prospect of having to import more than a quarter of the rice, wheat and maize

they will need by 2050.

The study outlines three options for meeting the food needs of Asia's population, which is expected to expand by one and a half-billion people during the next 40 years. The options are to import large quantities of cereals from other regions, improve and expand rain-fed agriculture and boost the focus on irrigated farmlands.

"Asia's food and feed demand is expected to double by 2050," said

Colin Chartres, director general of the IWMI. "Relying on trade to meet a large part of this demand will impose a huge and politically untenable burden on the economies of many developing countries."

The report does not factor in climate change, which will likely make rainfall more erratic, modeling experts said, perhaps making even the study's pessimistic assumptions prove overly optimistic.—Internet



Sudanese children in Rier in south Sudan's Unity State. Clashes between rival militias broke out in south Sudan's oil-rich Unity state, the latest to hit a region still recovering from two decades of civil war, a regional aid official said.—INTERNET

Four killed in shooting in German town, shooter surrenders

BERLIN, 19 Aug—A shooter, who killed 4 people and seriously injured a woman in a shooting, surrendered after the police stormed into a house in the western German town of Schwalmtal on Tuesday, said local police.

The shooting was initially thought to be accompanied by a hostage-taking, police said, and the shooter surrendered after the police stormed into the garden house which he barricaded himself.

Police earlier said there were six hostages in the garden house, but later said there was no hostages there, according to the report of German Press Agency (DPA).

Xinhua



A man strolls in a luxury goods store in Beijing in June 2009. Germany is set to lose its unofficial title of world's top exporter this year to China as the recession hits demand for its cars, machinery and chemicals, Germany's leading export group said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Hurricane Bill now Category three storm in Atlantic

MIAMI, 19 Aug—Bill became a major hurricane far out in the Atlantic on Tuesday, with winds whipping near 125 mph, and forecasters say it could strengthen even further.

The National Hurricane Center said people in the Leeward Islands should monitor Bill's progress, though the core of the dangerous storm was expected to pass well northwest of the islands late on Wednesday and early on Thursday.

Hurricane hunter planes found that Bill, the first hurricane of the Atlantic season, had strengthened to a Category 3 storm on Tuesday night.—Internet

Dump truck overturns, killing 25 Indonesians

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—A dump truck packed with more than 60 Indonesian plantation workers and their families overturned, killing at least 25 and injuring dozens, police and a doctor said on Wednesday.

The passengers were riding in the back of the open truck on Tuesday night when the driver swerved to avoid damage in the road, which was

under construction, and the vehicle flipped over near Sampit town in central Kalimantan, police spokesman Made Ardana said.

The employees of PT Tanah Mas, a palm oil producer, were returning from a local market, Ardana said. The driver was detained and faces charges of negligence, he said.

"People were trapped underneath the dump truck

and they could not get out," he said, adding that the company had loaned each of the employees \$15 for the outing.

A local hospital was "overwhelmed with the victims," including 26 people who were admitted for treatment, mostly of broken bones, Dr Ratna Yuniarti said. An unknown number of children were in the truck.

Internet

Russia arrests eight for hijacking cargo ship

MOSCOW, 19 Aug—Russia said on Tuesday it had arrested eight people for hijacking a merchant ship off the Swedish coast and diverting it to the Atlantic Ocean — while maritime authorities pretended they had lost track of it.

Press reports said the Maltese-registered, Russian-crewed vessel had disappeared from radar screens in a maritime mystery, but the Malta Maritime Authority said on Tuesday that the Arctic Sea had "never really disappeared."

The arrests ended weeks of official silence over the ship and its \$1.3 million cargo of timber, giving rise to speculation about a secret cargo and involvement in espionage.—Internet

Australia signs record trade deal with China

CANBERRA, 19 Aug—The Australian government announced on Wednesday a record 50 billion Australian dollar (41.3 billion US dollar) gas deal with China.

PetroChina has agreed to buy liquefied natural gas from Exxon Mobil's yet-to-be developed

Gorgon project in Western Australia, making it Australia's biggest-ever export contract.

Australian Federal Minister for Trade Simon Crean hailed the agreement as the single biggest trade deal in Australia's history.

"But it is the great deal

from China in terms of a clean-energy source," he said, adding that Australia had a huge comparative advantage in clean energy.

The Gorgon plant would be "world leading" in terms of carbon capture and storage.

Xinhua



A gas processing plant in Victoria state, Australia. In the country's biggest ever trade agreement, PetroChina has ordered 2.25 million tonnes of liquefied natural gas a year over two decades.—INTERNET



Putin says aircraft industry, space exploration as priority

Moscow, 19 Aug—Russia gives priority to the development of aerospace industry and will continue to invest in the sector, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

“The development of the aircraft industry and space exploration is certainly one of our priorities,” Putin said at the opening ceremony of the MAKS-2009 air show in Zhukovsky outside Moscow.

Statistics show state investment in the aircraft industry has grown 20 times in the past five years. The government spent about 80 billion rubles (2.5 billion US dollars) on the industry in 2009.

“We are planning to continue investing heavily in these branches of the

economy, to set up competitive enterprises capable of capturing their niches in the market, and to generate resources for the modernization of existing assets,” Putin was quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency.

During the aerospace

show, the Russian Defence Ministry and aircraft manufacturer Sukhoi signed a contract, under which the Russian Air Force will buy 48 of the newest Su-35C multi-role super-maneuverable fighters, 12 Su-27CM and four Su-30M2.—Xinhua



Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin delivers a speech during the opening of the MAKS-2009 international air show in Zhukovsky outside Moscow, on 18 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

EU launches investigation into exploding iPhones, iPods

BRUSSELS, 19 Aug—The European Commission said on Tuesday it had launched an investigation after a series of alleged cases of exploding iPhones and iPod music players.

Commission spokeswoman Helen Kearns told reporters that the commission, which is responsible for safety of consumer products across the European Union (EU), had asked the US manufacturer Apple for more information last week.

“Apple has come back to us this morning. They consider that these are isolated incidents,” she told reporters in Brussels.

The investigation was launched after at least three cases of exploding iPhones and iPods were reported in a handful of EU member states. In one case, a French teenage was hurt by pieces of iPhones' screen glass after the phone suddenly began to “crackle and pop like a deep-fryer”.

The commission also asked EU member states where the incidents occurred to provide information.—Xinhua

UNEP praises China's green efforts in Expo preparation

SHANGHAI, 19 Aug—Shanghai, the host city of Expo 2010, will offer a glimpse of a greener future, Achim Steiner, Under Secretary General of the United Nations, said on Tuesday. China's green efforts were highly spoken of in the “UNEP Environmental Assessment Expo

2010 Shanghai China” which was unveiled on Tuesday, 256 days before the opening of Shanghai World Expo.

“Shanghai has in the last ten years taken the Expo as a driver and taken a significant increase in efforts and progress in environmental policy and

pollution,” said Steiner, who also serves as the executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The experience of Shanghai in handling environmental issues provided valuable examples and lessons for other cities in China and worldwide, he added.

The assessment report covers nine areas including air quality, transportation, energy, solid waste, water and public participation. From 1997 to 2008, Shanghai had upgraded 5,975 coal-boilers to use cleaner energy, such as natural gas, creating a “coal-free zone” of 666 square kilometres.

Xinhua

Indonesia plans to build world's longest bridge

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said on Wednesday that his country has planned to build a bridge at Sunda straits, which will be the world's longest.

The government has received the result of pre-feasibility study of the bridge that would connect the country's two main islands of Java and Sumatra, which host over 80 percent of Indonesia's 230 million population. “Should this is materialized, the distribution of the output of the development which is now being concentrated in Java island will be distributed to Sumatra island appropriately,” he said. According to the pre-feasibility study the bridge would be 30 kilometres long and had 220 metres span, the longest in the world.—Xinhua

Two killed in plane crash in Canada

OTTAWA, 19 Aug—Two people were killed in a small plane crash in western Canada on Tuesday, local police said. Police located a small plane wreckage just south of Saskatoon, biggest city in Saskatchewan Province, after receiving a report that the plane was missing.

The victims are two men, at 56 and 28 respectively. They were flight instructor and student.

The crash happened about 20 kilometers southeast of the city, about 5 kilometres away from an airstrip. It had been due to land at the airstrip on Monday evening.—Xinhua



People perform during the opening of the 11th Asia Arts Festival in Ordos, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 18 Aug, 2009.

XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China, Russia hold joint river emergency drill

BEIJING, 19 Aug—China and Russia held their first joint emergency drill along a stretch of the Heilongjiang River that marks part of the boundary between the two neighbours on Tuesday.

About 300 personnel from both sides and 41 boats participated in the drill, which aims to enhance the security of the boundary river and as well as communication between China and Russia. Held by the

northeastern Chinese province of Heilongjiang and Russia's Amur region, the drill was a comprehensive checkup on the capacity of both sides to handle emergencies and perform rescue operations.

In addition to improving cooperation and communication between the two countries, the drill will also provide practical experience in life-saving rescues, firefighting and vessel trash-cleaning, according to Wang Junbo,

the director of Heilongjiang's maritime safety bureau. Heilongjiang and the Amur region signed a cooperation agreement to set up the boundary river emergency system last year after prolonged negotiations.

The Heilongjiang River has got a water system of 5,528 kilometres and is China's third-largest navigable water system. The river has a 2,661 kilometer part bordered with Russia.—Xinhua



A Chinese firefighting vessel approaches a burning tanker and sprays water on the fire during a joint river emergency drill along a stretch of the Heilongjiang River which marks part of the boundary between China and Russia, on 18 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

Police look for al-Qaeda link to Jakarta bombs

JAKARTA, 19 Aug— Indonesian police questioned two alleged Islamist militants on Tuesday about possible al-Qaeda links to twin suicide bombings in the capital last month that killed seven people, officials said.

The men, who were detained on Saturday by special forces, may have worked as couriers to channel funding from abroad for the 17 July

attacks on the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels, said a counter-terrorism investigator. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The blasts, which killed six foreigners and wounded 50 other people, ended a four-year break in terrorism in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation and

revived the hunt for the country's most wanted militant fugitive, Noordin Muhammad Top.

Police chief Nurullah in Kuningan, West Java, said Indonesian citizen Iwan Herdiansyah and Ali Mohammad Abdillah, a Saudi Arabian, were undergoing interrogation after being picked up at separate locations in the province. He could not provide details.—*Internet*

Italian resort to fine smoking minors

CAPOLIVERI, 19 Aug— A resort town on the Italian island of Elba has adopted an ordinance penalizing children under 16 who smoke or carry tobacco on municipal property.

The Capoliveri ordinance takes effect on 25 Aug, the Italian news agency ANSA reported on Tuesday. Minors who

break the law could be fined 200 to 300 euros (\$283 to \$424).

"Our aim is not to repress, but to protect the health of our young people," Mayor Ruggero Barbetti told *Il Tirreno*, a newspaper on Elba. "The ordinance has an educational value. As far as we know, we are the first in Italy to take such

an initiative."

Capoliveri was also one of the first towns in Italy to fine those under 16 spotted drinking in public. The town has a population of about 4,000 and a year-round police force of six. In summer, the population triples, and the number of police officers swells to 15.

—*Internet*

Strep throat may have killed Mozart

AMSTERDAM, 19 Aug— British and European researchers say Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart likely died from a strep throat epidemic that appeared to have occurred in Vienna in 1791.

Many theories, including mercury poisoning, syphilis, trichinosis and other conditions, have been suggested over the years as the cause of Mozart's death but an epidemiological analysis published in the 18 Aug issue of *The Annals of Internal Medicine* says the young composer was

likely a victim of an epidemic streptococcal infection, *The New York Times* reported on Tuesday.

Lead author Dr Richard H C Zegers of the University of Amsterdam said researchers looked at what people were dying from in Vienna around the time of Mozart's death.

In addition to edema, Mozart had back pain, a rash and other symptoms of streptococcal infection. Streptococcus can lead to glomerulonephritis, a kidney disease that would explain the swelling, the

report said. Zegers said deaths from edema were markedly increased among younger men in the weeks surrounding Mozart's death.

—*Internet*



Ariz reports wildfire progress

FLAGSTAFF, 19 Aug— Arizona firefighters reported progress in the 3,500-acre Taylor wildfire southwest of Flagstaff, saying they had achieved 65 percent containment.

Almost 600 firefighters were involved in the operation in the Sycamore Canyon Wild-erness area 22 miles southwest of Flagstaff and they got a break when winds that had blown smoke into Flagstaff on Monday shifted on Tuesday, the *Arizona Daily Sun* reported.

The newspaper said that among the equipment

deployed against the blaze were four air tankers, three helicopters, three small airplanes and numerous bulldozers, as well as "hotshot" crews — specially trained teams from the US Forest Service.

In California, firefighters on Tuesday said they were nearly finished putting containment lines around the La Brea fire after 10 days of operations, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. Firefighters said there were still hot spots and the operation still required aerial attacks.—*Internet*

A visitor watches a digital version of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper at an exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, on 18 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA



An artist, from Texas of US, paints with dust on the car windows. These dust-painted artworks turn his cars into unusual views in the streets.

Police say suspect was caught by his own seat belt

Authorities said a purse snatching suspect being chased by police near Detroit got his right leg tangled in his car's seat belt when he tried to bail out and ended up being dragged several hundred feet. Police told the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Macomb Daily* of Mount Clemens that 45-year-old man Lawrence Neal of Detroit was dragged on Thursday night and broke his leg before the car stopped on a front lawn.

During the chase, police said Neal used turn signals. And Detective Lt Leo Borowsky said he was "captured by his own seat belt." Neal was being held at the Macomb County Jail. He was charged with unarmed robbery, fleeing and eluding and resisting and obstructing police.

Terracotta Warriors not Emperor Qin's?

Recently published findings have put the origin of China's famous Terracotta Warriors into question.

Considered an "Eighth Wonder of the World," the army of thousands of hand crafted life-size soldiers has longed thought to have been constructed as Emperor Qin Shihuang's (259-210BC) guardians for the afterlife.

However, historian and architect Chen Jingyuan believes that Qin's ancestor, Empress Xuan (?-265BC), who died 55 years before Qin, was in fact the mastermind behind the army.

Chen's book, *The Truth of Terracotta Warriors*, outlines 63 examples illustrating his belief.

"For instance, the distance between the Terracotta Warriors and the



Famed Terracotta Warriors on display in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province.

mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shihuang is as long as 1.5 kilometres and the distance between the centers of the two places is even further.

It is strange that the funeral objects are so far away from the mausoleum," Chen told the *Global Times*.

4,000-year-old dagger found in Scotland

A gold-banded dagger still wrapped in an animal-skin sheath was found in a grave dating from the early Bronze Age, Scottish archaeologists said.

Kenneth Brophy of the University of Glasgow said archaeologists were even more amazed by other objects in the grave, *The Scotsman* reported. These were organic materials preserved for 4,000 to 5,000 years, including a wooden bowl, a skin bag and bits of bark and remains of plants.

"The high quality of preservation is of exceptional importance for understanding the centuries when metals were first introduced into Scotland," Brophy said.

Brophy is co-director of the Strathearn Environs & Royal Forteviot project, which is excavating the grave near Foreviot, a village in Perthshire.

Last week, a crane was used to remove the capstone of the tomb, allowing archaeologists to reach the grave. The tomb is believed to be that of an important chief.

NEWS ALBUM

Couple mark 75th wedding anniversary

A Cincinnati couple who marked their 75th anniversary on Tuesday said the secret to their long marriage is never going to bed angry.

Walter Shroyer, 94, and Thelma Wiesman, 93, said their entire marriage had had a strict "policy" of resolving arguments before bedtime, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported on Tuesday. "If we had a problem between us, everything was solved and forgotten by the time we went to bed," Walter said.

"And," Thelma added, "he never goes to bed without kissing me."



Wheels of fresh Parmigiano Reggiano cheese is stored in factory in Valestra, near Reggio Emilia in 2008. Forget gold, luxury real estate or precious stones. In central Italy, a deposit of prized Parmesan cheese is enough to secure a loan.



Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects...

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Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected beautifying and cleaning of Bhamo and met with local merchants at the meeting hall of township Peace and Development Council.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commander and party went to the briefing hall of Northern Tawwin Jade Co Ltd in Protected Public Forest Area in Dawphonyan, Momauk



Township. Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave instructions on the growing of perennial trees and paddy and

oversaw progress in cultivation of monsoon paddy.

MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects growing of perennial trees and paddy of Northern Tawwin Jade Co Ltd in Protected Public Forest Area in Dawphonyan.—MNA

Livestock Breeding Zone in Shan State (South) to be of great benefit to the region and the State

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We saw neat and well-built buildings on the 15-acre farm. He said, "This breeding business was set up on 18 March, 2007. I started farming with 7000. Now the number of chickens on the farm reaches 14000."

The farm produces 11000 eggs a day. He said, "I send all my eggs to C.P company." He explained that 16 farm workers keep an eye on symptoms of common diseases of chickens daily and measures are being taken in accord with the advice of veterinary surgeons of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, if necessary. I use EM distributed by the department as feedstuff," he added.

"I got 20 plots in the breeding zone which



**Farm Owner
Ko Naing Naing Tun.**

is underway. I have a plan to raise 100,000 chickens as one plot can keep 500 chickens," he added.

The Kyemon news team then proceeded to plots of livestock breeding zone. We interviewed Staff Officer of Taunggyi Township LBVD Dr Nay Lin, Joint-Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Implementation of Livestock Breeding Zone at the briefing hall of the

zone. In response to my question on the aim of the establishment of the breeding zone, he explained, "Tasks are being carried out with the aim of ensuring food sufficiency in the country in accord with the government's policy. The surplus will be distributed to other states and divisions. The establishment of breeding zone is aimed at creating job opportunities in the region and raising income of the locals."

The breeding zone was set up at a place, three miles from a junction in industrial zone which is situated on the right side of motorway linking Nyaungshwe and Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Tilawka village-tract, Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District, Shan

State (South). Chickens, goats and cows will be raised mainly at the zone.

Dr Nay Lin continued, "We started the project in January, 2009. So far, 429.67 acres of vacant land have been reclaimed. Up to now, 322 200-square-foot plots have been reclaimed. Land reclamation is being undertaken for the remaining 33 plots."

A total of 82 entrepreneurs had already applied to buy 299 plots. One of the applicants bought 22 plots. Altogether 5000 chickens, 30 cows and 50 goats can be bred at a plot. Upon completion, 1.5 million chickens can be kept at the zone.

For the convenience of breeders, the LBVD will provide necessary assistance in crossbreeding, trial

breeding of Friesian dairy cows of German origin, growing of imported grass for development of pasture and distribution of lead tree seeds.

Besides, Windbreakers and shade trees such as eucalyptus, Khatawhmi tree and lead trees will be grown 20

"At present, 70 goats have been kept at the zone. Work on infrastructure is nearing completion and the zone will be opened at the end of this year.

Now, the nation sees development momentum in many aspects. The government



Staff Officer Dr Nay Lin of Taunggyi Township LBVD, Joint-Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Implementation of Livestock Breeding Zone, giving accounts on implementation of Livestock Breeding Zone Project.

plants each in every plot. Thus, the breeding zone will contribute to greening of the region and its environs.

On our tour of the zone, we saw a network of roads, some of them completed and some under construction. We saw national entrepreneurs building their farms to open in time and workers setting up lampposts and communication towers in the zone.

Dr Nay Lin said,

is establishing industrial zones and livestock breeding zones throughout the nation in cooperation with the national entrepreneurs for the improvement of health standard of the people. The breeding zone in Nyaungshwe Township of Shan State (South), which will be of great benefit to national people, will emerge in the not too distant future.

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Construction of a chicken farm in Livestock Breeding Zone in progress.

Let's open golden door in unison

Ko Myanmar

The final judgment on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attracted widespread reactions from the groups inside and outside the nation. As usual, the West Bloc was dissatisfied with the final judgment and said they would tighten economic sanctions against the nation. It is regrettable to learn that the European Union imposed more sanctions against Myanmar on 13 August.

For what are Western powers imposing unfair sanctions against Myanmar?

The majority of the victims of such unjust economic sanctions against the country are ordinary people, whose interest the western countries are claiming they favour. The trade embargo against Myanmar resulted in tens of thousands of redundancies of female workers, thus pushing them to hardships. In addition, the trade embargo had a strong negative impact on the industrial sector and tourism that are gathering momentum. The number of job opportunities available at home is on the decrease, whereas the number of Myanmar illegal workers abroad is on the increase. In consequence, there has been a growing number of cases in which Myanmar illegal workers suffer oppression, discrimination and exploitation. Many countries with less population and fewer natural resources are trying for their development with foreign investments and foreign laborers, but many young Myanmar people work abroad as labourers, which is very very disheartening.

No one can deny that ordinary people fall victim to the evil consequences of the trade embargo. However, those who favour trade embargo against Myanmar give lame excuses that Myanmar people are already impoverished, so they do not suffer extra hardships despite the trade embargo. I would say that is an inhumane attitude. They are deepening the poverty of the people, instead of alleviating their poverty. What is more disheartening is that those who say so are Myanmar expatriates and Myanmar anti-government elements at home. Their words imply that what is important is to ensure downfall of the government, following the nationwide crises triggered by the economic sanctions, and the people have to face and brave such hardships in order that the government will meet its downfall and the opposition party will come to power. Doubtfully, their behaviours conform to the democratic principle "for the people". That is worthy of serious consideration.

They are claiming that economic sanctions against the nation will result in the downfall of the ruling government. Is it possible? Frankly, it is too far from possibility. The government has ruled the nation for a couple of decades. In the 1988 unrest, it was widely commented that the Tatmadaw government would last only one or two weeks. The economic sanctions and trade embargo have adverse effect and disrupt nation-building tasks. However, Myanmar in spite of such disturbances and hindrances managed to rise to a rice exporting country and increase export of beans and pulses, timber and gas remarkably. Regional and neighbouring countries are promoting

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trade and relations with Myanmar. According to Statistical Yearbook 2007, during the period between 1985-86 and 2006-2007, the annual turnover of Myanmar's exports jumped from 2.6 billion to 30 billion kyats and that of imports from 4.8 billion to 16.8 billion kyats, accounting for dramatic increase in trade volume. In respect to the State's security, armed groups tried to undermine the nation facing political unrest through battles such as Mongyan-Methawaw battle around 1988-89. Nonetheless, the Tatmadaw managed to safeguard the territory and maintain sovereignty of the nation amidst various forms of armed insurgency. So, no sweat, the Tatmadaw government can manage to restore State security because peace and stability have returned to normal throughout the country. It is the same in ensuring the rule of law and restoration of peace. Therefore, it is vividly apparent that economic sanctions cannot make a regime change in Myanmar.

Economic sanctions have adverse effects on democratic process, and the drive to inculcate the people with a democratic sense and expedite the democratization. If the nation lags behind other countries in economic development, the rate of cognitive development of the public will be slow. If all what the people understand regarding democracy is that the decision of the majority is always right, without realizing the real context of democracy, the nation will lead to mobocracy, in which the people decide on cases according to mob rules, and to anarchy.

Then, why are hardliners in the West Bloc, Myanmar renegades and local anti-government groups supporting economic sanctions, and calling for renewal and tightening the economic sanctions against Myanmar. They seem to assume that economic sanctions is the only way to show their dissatisfaction, put pressure and punish the government. I wonder whether they know economic sanctions have adverse effects and why they persist in doing so, turning a blind eye to the truth.

Anyhow, many of the westerners know the evil consequences of economic sanctions and assume that it is important to boost relations with the Myanmar government. One of them is US Senator Mr Jim Webb, who recently visited Myanmar.

Senator Webb has a lot of knowledge about ASEAN. He used to be an officer of a light infantry in the Vietnam war. He has been decorated with medals for his bravery including two Purple Heart Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, a Silver Star Medal and a Navy Cross Medal. Now, he is a member of the Democratic

Party from Virginia as well as a Senator. He also used to serve as the Secretary of the Navy and Assistant Minister of the US Defence Secretary. Since 2008, he has been the chairman of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee of the US Senate.

Senator Jim Webb paid a visit to Myanmar in 2001. He strongly believes that it is required to strengthen the relations with the Myanmar government. The book "A Time to Fight: Reclaiming a Fair and Just America" he published last year recalls his visit to Myanmar in 2001 and a comment that the US trade embargo further deepens and worsens the isolation of Myanmar.

Mr Webb on a tour of five ASEAN countries, he had opportunities to meet State leaders such as Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, Prime Minister General Thein Sein in Myanmar. In response to his request, the prison term to US citizen Mr Yettaw was commuted and suspended on humanitarian grounds and Mr Yettaw was entrusted to him to go home. In addition, State leaders showed their generosity by arranging a meeting between him and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

That coincided with the release of two US correspondents who were serving prison terms in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in response to the request of former US President Bill Clinton.

The US National Security Council announced that the two cases were personal jobs on humanitarian grounds without concerning with it. However, an unidentified high-ranking official of the US State Department said that the two cases looked similar, but there was a great difference between them; that US former President Bill Clinton went as an ordinary citizen without discharging any duties in the current government for release of the correspondents and Senator Webb visited Myanmar as the chairman of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee of the US Senate, and fortunately saved Mr Yettaw.

He added that prior to his tour of ASEAN, the US State Department did not give any instructions to Senator Webb, but they both shared the same view; and that Mr Webb's visit would yield fruits if it was a way to make Myanmar authorities know the views and attitude of the US government.

Actually, Senator Jim Webb's visit was positive and fruitful one to improve the bilateral relations. In his announcement, Mr Webb said that that was the first meeting between a US top political official and Myanmar authorities in many years; that he thanked the Myanmar government for complying with his request that the Myanmar government send back Mr Yettaw and allow him to meet with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; and that he hoped that the compliances with his requests could be a way to pave the foundation for friendship and building trust in future.

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Minister inspects fire stations and staff quarters

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspected fire station in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Division and inspected maintenance of fire engines, and arrangements for supply of water on 17 August.

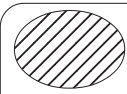
The minister heard

reports on construction of 4-unit two-storey fire station being constructed by Shwe Supan Construction, construction of 4-unit staff quarter, and fire preventive measures of the township and attended to the needs. He then inspected fire and staff quarter under construction.

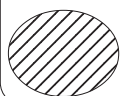
The minister pro-

ceeded to fire station in Kyaiklat and heard reports on construction of 2-unit two-story reinforced concrete fire station and fire preventive measures of the township fire station. The minister fulfilled the requirements and inspected fire station and staff quarter under construction.

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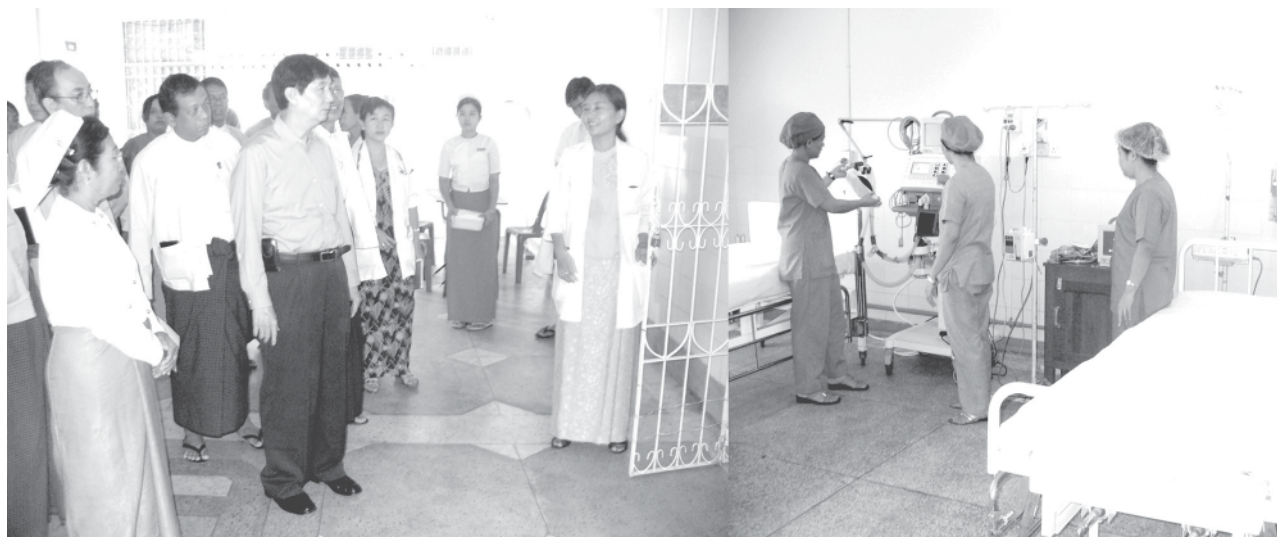
Minister looks into Waibagi and Mingaladon Specialist Hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and directors-general of the Ministry of Health met with Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Lwin of Waibagi Specialist Hospital, specialists, assistant surgeons, nurses and staff at the meeting hall of the hospital on 16 August.

Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Lwin briefed the minister on health care services and the latter gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs.

After inspecting diagnosis unit and X-ray unit, the minister and party looked into the H1N1 and the HIV/AIDS patients receiving medical treatment, the intensive care unit and sanitation tasks carried out at the hospital and its environs.

Upon arrival at Mingaladon Specialist Hospital, specialist in-charge Dr Aung San briefed the minister and party on health care services. Next, the minister fulfilled the requirements and oversaw the women's ward, the extended ward, laboratory, X-ray room, medical store and the patient ward.—MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspects Waibagi Specialist Hospital.—MNA

Rail Transportation Minister inspects railroad projects

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected construction and maintenance of railroad in Kyangin on 16 and 17 August.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, the minister visited Kanma-Thayet section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project and inspected the railroad

and stockpiling of concrete and wooden sleepers for the project.

The minister inspected the replacement of 60-lb rails with the 72-lb rails on the railroad between Kyangin and Myanaung townships and maintenance of a rail-cum-road bridge between the two townships.

Afterwards, the minister went to

Bantbwagon Village and inspected the quarry which has been producing stones to be used in Myanaung-Kyangin and Yangon-Pathein railroad projects.

The minister also inspected Yangon-Pathein railroad project and the site chosen to build Hlinethaya Railway Station and fulfilled the requirements.

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Premier Coffee singing contest, Ginsetin Beauty Contest on 22 Aug

YANGON, 18 Aug—Premier Coffee Co Ltd will conduct the Premier Coffee singing contest and Ginsetin Beauty Contest at the Grand Ball Room of Sedona Hotel, here, from 5 pm to 9 pm on 22 August (Saturday).

Those contests have been held in Bago,



**Premier Coffee singing contest in progress.
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Let's open golden door...

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According to his announcement, Senator Webb had to take time to hold discussions about economic sanctions in his 45-minute meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under the arrangements made by Myanmar authorities. He said that the meeting focused on when economic sanctions worked and when they did not. He expressed his opinion that economic sanctions did not work in a situation like Myanmar issue; that the nation could easily overcome economic sanctions by keeping on trading with neighbouring countries; that he did not agree much with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in that regard; and that but he thought that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi did not oppose the programme to lift some economic sanctions.

Anti-government groups at home and abroad opposed Senator Jim Webb's visit to Myanmar, but that is not strange because constructive and destruc-

tive attitudes go together in every case.

Whatever it is, fortune has somewhat smiled on Myanmar people as there are several visionary officials in the US's top political area like Senator Webb and he is serving as the head of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee that is important for Myanmar-US relations. Surely, the majority of Myanmar people welcomed his fruitful visit to Myanmar.

As a Myanmar citizen who has witnessed the Myanmar political issues, I would like to say from the bottom of my heart that the more anti-government groups exercise economic sanctions as a means to put pressure on the government, the further the goal of democracy aspired by the people will divert from its route, the less opportunity Myanmar people will have to enjoy further social and economic development, and the less public support they will win. So, I would like to urge all political forces to give up the tactic of economic sanctions and collectively open the golden door to a modern, developed and peaceful democratic nation.

Translation: MS

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During the singing

contest and Beauty Contest to be held in Yangon, L Lunwa, Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein, L Saing Zi, Jenny, Chan Chan, Khine Shwe Wah (Melody World) and group will entertain as a special programme. J Nyi Nyi and Naung Naung (SF) will act as judges.

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Tobacco kills

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw awards outstanding students of Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students took place at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an on 16 August.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence gave instructions on academic matter.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win reported on undertakings in the academic matter, and the Kayin State Education Officer on efforts for high pass rate in the matriculation examination.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and the commander accepted cash for the outstanding students in the 2009 matriculation examination donated by

wellwishers and presented certificates of honour.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials awarded outstanding students and teachers.

At Hpa-an General Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw urged the local authorities and social organizations to join hands in the tasks to control common diseases and attended to the needs of the hospital.

After visiting the hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and officials presented gifts to the patients.

Later, they viewed conditions of Hpa-an-Mawlamyine Road and maintenance of the bridges.—MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence presents cash awards and certificate of honour to an outstanding teacher.
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Minister for Transport inspects Myanmar Shipyards

YANGON, 19 Aug—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe arrived at Myanmar Shipyards on 17 August evening.

At the meeting hall, the Managing Director of Myanmar Shipyards reported the minister on progress in building vessels and tug-boats of departments, private entrepreneurs and companies in respective

fiscal years and accomplishment of the tasks for building and repairing ships.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected building and repairing of ships at Myanmar Shipyards and attended to the needs.

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects ship building site of Myanmar Shipyards.—TRANSPORT

CPT Minister, Commerce Minister meet officials and entrepreneurs

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw arrived at Hanthawady Auto-exchange and Expedite Mail Service in Yangon on 15 August and gave instructions on better communication.

Next, the minister attended work coordination meeting of Information Central Service Company and fulfilled the needs.

The minister also attended work coordination meeting for better communication of Auto-exchange phones at the meeting hall of overseas communication station in Mayagon Township.

The minister heard the reports on installation of CDMA 800 system wireless Auto-exchange phones in Yangon area and Me.Will system wireless Auto-exchange phones in rural regions and left necessary instructions.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun met with officials and entrepreneurs at the hall of Yatanarpon Teleport near PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Division on 17 August. Next, the ministers inspected the construction of factories, workshops of companies and projects in Yatanarpon Myothit and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw makes speech at the meeting hall of Yatanarpon Teleport.
CPT

Teachers invited to participate in article competition

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Teachers have been invited to participate in the article competition to mark World Teachers' Day for 2009 which falls on 5 October. There will be four classes—higher education level, high school level, middle level and primary level.

Teachers of universities and colleges and retired ones can take part in the higher education level. Township education officers and officers above township education officers, school heads, basic education teachers and retired ones may participate in the respective classes. The title of the article is "Modern teachers build a new nation". The article must not be less

than 3000 words, not more than 4000 words. It must be written on only one side of the paper with page numbers, the name of the writer, education grounds, post, the name of the school and address must be described at the back of the manuscript.

Two copies of the manuscript must be mailed to Deputy Director-General U Tun Hla of Education Planning and Training Department (Syllabus Branch), No. 123, Natmauk Street in Bahan Township by 10 September enclosed with admission that the manuscript is of own writing, CV, three 1.5x2 inches-sized colour photos.—MNA



China holds medical support drill

YINCHUAN, 19 Aug—China held a medical support drill on Wednesday in the remote northwestern Helan Mountains simulating a strong earthquake and secondary disasters. The exercise involved servicemen from the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) General Logistics Department, the Air Force, the Military Area Commands of Lanzhou and Jinan and professionals from the health department in Gansu Province.

The drill "Mission of Medical Support-2009"

aimed to examine and improve the organization and direction of medical support after major disasters, a spokesman for the drill said.

It is the first time the PLA has held a medical support exercise for non-military purposes, said Zhang Shuhua, professor with the Logistics Command Academy of PLA. Participants carried out first aid, medical treatment, health epidemic prevention, transfer of patients and other simulations during the drill Wednesday morning.

They set up more than

10 field hospitals within 10 minutes and the field tele-medicine consultation system within 15 minutes. Rescue helicopters and field ambulances were used in the drill. Zhang said experiences gained from the massive Wenchuan earthquake last year were adopted in the drill.

The 8.0-magnitude earthquake jolted southwest China's Sichuan Province and the neighboring provinces of Shanxi and Gansu on May 12 last year, leaving about 87,000 people dead or missing and more than 370,000 injured.—Xinhua



The "Opening Gate ceremony" is held at the main gate of Xuanwumen, the main entrance of the 100-year-old Xuanwuhu park in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu province, on 19 August, 2009. Thousands of people came to the park for free visit in the festivities for 100th anniversary celebration.—INTERNET

Hong Kong customs seizes 6 kg of cocaine

HONG KONG, 19 Aug—Hong Kong Customs arrested a Bolivian man carrying 6 kg of cocaine at the airport on Tuesday, according to a release on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's official website on Wednesday.

Customs officers found five packs of cocaine, with an estimated market value of 4.8 million HK dollars, from the man's bag after stopping him for inspection at the arrival hall of the airport.

According to a spokesman, the man arrived from Bolivia via Buenos Aires, Argentina and then Johannesburg, South Africa. The 37-year-old Bolivian man, who

claimed to be a merchant, will appear at the Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts on Aug. 20 to face the drug-trafficking charge.

If convicted, he could face a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of 5 million HK dollars.

Xinhua

Contestants for 2009

Miss Tourism

International have their group picture taken at a city park in Luohe city, central China's Henan province, on 19 Aug, 2009. Some 120 contestants from around the world attended the pageant show on Wednesday.—INTERNET



Heart valves get silver linings

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug—Physicists at Alabama A&M University hope to improve the safety of artificial heart valves by forming them from a material bombarded with silver ions from a particle accelerator.

Artificial valves should last a lifetime, so they have to be made from durable material. In the

1970s, physicist Gwyn Jenkins at Alabama A&M developed a robust material similar to the one NASA uses to protect space shuttles during reentry. Called glassy polymeric carbon, it is light, withstands high temperatures, and is well-tolerated by the human body. Jenkins started a company to make artificial heart valves from GPC, and was soon joined by physicists Daryush Ila and Robert Zimmerman.

Even though GPC is body-friendly, it faces the same problem as other implant materials: The body treats them as invaders and surrounds them with tissue to seal them off. "Say a rose thorn gets under your skin," Zimmerman says. "If you don't pull it out, it will be encapsulated and come out later. There are even cases

of soldiers who have been shot having the bullet encapsulated enough that the person isn't exposed to toxic lead." This tissue build-up is dangerous only if pieces of tissue come loose; some cardiologists worry that they might block an artery, causing a distressing or fatal problem. So Ila, Jenkins, and Zimmerman set out to modify GPC so it would hold tight to the tissue around it.

First they bombarded it with gold particles from an accelerator to make it rougher and easier for cells to grip. Doctors use this sort of rough material for dental implants and artificial hips, to help new bone attach. But the gold ions just made the carbon smoother.

Internet

China, Singapore eye new opportunity for cooperation

BEIJING, 19 Aug—China and Singapore will explore new cooperative fields as they mark the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations next year, said Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping on Wednesday.

"Next year, the two countries will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations, and the two sides should take the opportunity to explore new aspect of cooperation," said Xi in a meeting with visiting Singaporean Foreign Minister George Yeo Yong Boon in Beijing.

China and Singapore forged diplomatic ties on Oct. 3, 1990.

Xi said bilateral ties have increased

in the past 19 years.

Yeo is on an official visit to China from Aug. 18 to 25 at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi. In addition to Beijing, George Yeo is due to visit the northwestern province of Qinghai and southwestern Tibet Autonomous Region.

"China appreciates the Singaporean government for its firm adherence to the one-China policy and its support on Taiwan and Tibet issues," Xi told Yeo at the Great Hall of People in downtown Beijing.

Also on Wednesday, Yeo held talks with his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi.—Xinhua



Visitors view a model of China's L-15 Falcon training plane at the pavilion of Aviation Industry Corporation of China during the MAKES 2009 international aerospace show in Zhukovsky, Russia, 18 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

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Women customers try to make their own style chocolates for the coming Chinese Valentine's Day at a handicraft chocolate shop in downtown Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



China to set up soybean plant with 1.2 mln tonnes capacity

BEIJING, 19 Aug—China National Cereals, Oils & Foodstuffs Corporation (COFCO), the country's largest oil and food producer, plans to build a soybean-processing plant in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region with

a capacity of 1.2 million tonnes a year, said on Wednesday's *China Daily*.

The newspaper said, citing sources familiar with the 1.85-billion-yuan (264.3-million-US dollar) project, that construction is likely to start in

September in Qinzhou, in the Beibu Gulf economic zone. This is the second big soybean-processing factory built by COFCO. In April it opened a 4-billion-yuan oil-pressing project in Tianjin.

Xinhua

Vietnam, Japan vow to boost cooperation

HANOI, 19 Aug—Vietnam and Japan vowed to tighten cooperation in the area of supporting industries, crucial for the final assembly in each industry, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported on Wednesday.

The will to further boost cooperation was made at a recently-ended forum on Vietnam-Japan Economic Cooperation in central Da Nang province of Vietnam. The forum drew participation of both Vietnamese and Japanese economic agencies.

At the forum, Japan said that it will transfer technology of manufacturing products for the supporting industries to Vietnam's companies. These products include spare parts, electronics, metal processing, precise mechanics, high-grade plastics, and packaging.

Japan is eyeing the central Da Nang Province of Vietnam as the number one destination for its investors to pour investment in the development of the supporting industries, said Mitsuo Sakaba, a Japanese ambassador at the forum.—*Xinhua*

Some 30,000 pot plants seized near California fire

SANTA BARBARA, 19 Aug—Some 30,000 marijuana plants were seized from a pot farm run for a Mexican drug cartel in a remote corner of a national forest charred by an 88,000-acre (35.6 hectare) wildfire, California officials said on Tuesday.

Authorities have said the blaze was sparked August 8 by a cooking fire lit by marijuana growers camped out in the mountains of Los Padres National Forest, about 150 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

The suspects, believed to number between two and six, fled the immediate area and remain at large, officials said. Investigators discovered the site days later while seeking the origin of the fire.

The marijuana was linked to Mexican drug traffickers in part because of the size and sophistication of the cultivation, Santa Barbara County sheriff's officials said.—*Internet*

Air Zimbabwe to cut 500 jobs to stay afloat

HARARE, 19 Aug—Zimbabwe's national carrier said on Tuesday it will cut 500 jobs, one-third of its workforce, in a bid to prevent the embattled airline from going under.

"We have no option other but to right-size or else we are dead," Air Zimbabwe chief executive Peter Chikumba told *AFP*.

Nearly a decade of economic and political crisis has seen annual passenger numbers for the struggling airline drop from a peak of one million in 1996 to just 300,000 now, the company said.

The state-owned airline formed in 1980 after the country's independence has been beset by a string of financial problems.

The company currently has a 30 million US dollar debt, and has asked the government to sell its stake in the airline in a bid to raise desperately needed cash from private investors.

"If we do not do anything about it, the business will collapse and it will be very unfortunate if this happens," Chikumba told *AFP*. Last year at the height of the country's hyperinflation, which officially hit 231 million percent but was believed many times higher, Air Zimbabwe was forced to sell tickets in the virtually worthless local currency.—*Internet*



Smoking can worsen multiple sclerosis

BUFFALO, 19 Aug— People with multiple sclerosis who smoked — as little as six months — experienced more brain shrinkage than those who never smoked, US researchers said.

The study, published in *Neurology*, showed “ever-smokers” had more brain lesions and greater loss of brain volume, as well as higher scores on the Expanded Disability Status Scale than MS patients who had no history of smoking.

First author Dr Robert Zivadinov of the University at Buffalo said the study involved 368 patients, 128 had a history of smoking: 96 were active smokers who had smoked more than 10 cigarettes-per-day prior to the study and 32 were former smokers who had smoked at least six months

in their lifetime. The remaining 240 were lifelong non-smokers. Zivadinov said the findings showed smokers with MS had nearly 17 percent more brain lesions — patches of inflammation in the sheath surrounding the nerve fibers that impair function — than non-smokers with MS, and also had less brain volume.

Internet



A Qantas aircraft takes off from Sydney airport on 19 Aug, 2009. Qantas Airways Ltd., Australia's largest carrier, pointed to early signs of improved passenger volumes on Wednesday after reporting an 87 percent plunge in annual profit on a slump in demand for air travel.—REUTERS

Scientists forecast heavier rainstorms

CAMBRIDGE, 19 Aug— A US study suggests we can expect heavier rainstorms in the future thanks to the impact global climate change will have on precipitation patterns.

But Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Caltech scientists say the increase in rainfall will not be uniformly spread around the world.

Overall, previous studies have shown average annual rainfall will increase in both the deep tropics and over Earth's temperate zones, but will decrease in the subtropics. The new study focused on how the frequency and magnitude of extreme precipitation events will be affected.

MIT Assistant Professor Paul O'Gorman and Caltech Professor Tapio Schneider used model simulations that suggest precipitation in extreme events will go up by about 6 percent for every one degree Celsius increase in temperature.—Internet



Handout photo shows a laboratory of bio-pharmaceutical company CSL in Melbourne. The Australian firm has reported a 63 percent jump in annual net profit as demand for a swine flu vaccine boosted its immunisation business.

INTERNET

Italian scientists make breakthrough in supercomputer

ROME, 19 Aug— Scientists from northern Italian University of Trento confirmed on Tuesday that they have taken a major step forward in the development of super-fast quantum computers.

Quantum computers rely on the properties of sub-atomic particles to relay information and perform calculations using units of information called “qubits.” Unlike bits used in conventional computing, which can only represent one of two possible values, qubits can represent up to four, allowing for vastly

reduced computing time.

The electrons used to convey information in quantum computing travel inside particles called quantum bits which, however, are easily scrambled by outside interference.

Professor Iacopo Carusotto, a physicist with the Bec-Infm centre who also teaches at the University of Trento, said the solution to quantum bit interference is to polarize them so that they spin in the same direction. Carusotto compared the technique to eliminating

obnoxious background noise that prevented a person from concentrating.—Xinhua

An Arctic Wolf prowls around the Alert military base in the Canadian Arctic in 2004. On tour in the Arctic, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Tuesday the creation of a northern economic development agency to help locals tap the region's vast resources.—INTERNET



L America reports more A/H1N1 deaths

MEXICO CITY, 19 Aug— The health authorities from Brazil, Peru, Paraguay, Ecuador, Venezuela and Bolivia reported more deaths from A/H1N1 influenza in their countries on Tuesday.

The number of deaths from the disease in Brazil reached 384, with 13 new victims in three states, the Brazilian health authorities reported on Tuesday.

About 50 percent of the victims had some risk factors, such as pregnancy, chronic diseases, high blood pressure and debilitated immune system, and a total of 12.5 percent were pregnant women, the authorities said. Meanwhile, the authorities confirmed 5,767 cases of infections, with 3,087 severe ones including 283 pregnant women.

In Peru, the health authorities reported 17 more deaths, raising the death toll to 62, and the confirmed infections rising to 6,121, with most of them already recovered. The Paraguayan health authorities reported a total of 430 confirmed infections, including 39 deaths, as well as 4,681 possible cases.—Xinhua

36 more A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 Aug — Thirty-six new A/H1N1 flu cases have been confirmed in Bangladesh, raising the total number of such cases to 74, leading English-language newspaper *The Daily Star* reported on Wednesday.

The new cases were detected under the surveillance programme run by the Health Ministry's Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), the newspaper said.

Mahmudur Rahman, director of the IEDCR was quoted as saying that under the program, specimens from typical flu patients are collected from 13 hospitals across the country and a community site and diagnosed once a week, but he did not tell the details about the new cases, only assured that all the new cases are mild and the patients are receiving treatment at home provided isolation.—Xinhua

Thailand's death toll from A/H1N1 flu rises to 111

BANGKOK, 19 Aug — Thailand's Public Health Ministry on Wednesday announced 14 more deaths from the A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the country's death toll to 111.

The situation has remained worrying since it is at the end of the raining season as the winter is about to start, the ministry said, Thai language news agency INN reported.—Xinhua

Japan logs 3rd death from A/H1N1 flu

TOKYO, 19 Aug— A woman in her 80s from the central city of Nagoya has died of A/H1N1 flu, the third confirmed death in Japan from the disease, *Kyodo News* reported on Wednesday.

A man in Okinawa Prefecture Saturday became Japan's first new flu-linked fatality while a man in Kobe became the second on Tuesday.

The number of influenza patients in the country, most of whom are believed to have been infected with the new flu strain, had almost reached a level indicative of an epidemic, the National Institute of Infectious Diseases said on Tuesday.

It is estimated the total number of flu patients in Japan has reached about 60,000.—Xinhua

SPORTS

O'Shea says winning start must continue at Clarets

BURNLEY, 19 Aug—Manchester United have traditionally made a habit of having to wrestle con-



Manchester United's Micheal Owen (left) heads the ball with teammate John O'Shea seen in the background during a recent friendly football match.—INTERNET

trol of a title race in the second half of the campaign.

Last season they had to wait until returning from the Club World Cup to leap-frog Liverpool on their way to winning a third straight title.

But, having beaten Birmingham 1-0 in their opening match of the season at Old Trafford, defender John O'Shea insists United are planning to lead from the front this season.

They face another newly-promoted team next with a short trip to Turf Moor to face Burnley, who have returned to the top flight after a 33-year absence.—Internet

Hewitt rallies to oust Soderling at ATP Masters event

CINCINNATI, 19 Aug—Australia's Lleyton Hewitt saved two match points in a second-set tiebreaker and rallied to beat Sweden's Robin Soderling 3-6, 7-6 (10/8), 6-4 to advance at the ATP Cincinnati Masters.

Soderling was the man who knocked Rafael Nadal out of the French Open, ending the Spaniard's four-year reign at



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia

Roland Garros on his way to the final where he lost to Roger Federer, just as he did in the Wimbledon fourth round.

"It was a tough match," Hewitt said. "It was not easy to go through because he has been playing well these past months in Roland Garros and also Wimbledon.—Internet

Fulham sign Irish winger Duff

LONDON, 19 Aug—Fulham signed Republic of Ireland winger Damien Duff from Newcastle for an undisclosed fee on Tuesday.

Duff agreed a three-year contract with the Cottagers and could make his Fulham debut in Sunday's derby against former club Chelsea at Craven Cottage.

The 30-year-old was keen to leave Newcastle after their relegation from the Premier League last season and the chance to be reunited with Fulham boss Roy Hodgson, who worked with Duff at Blackburn, persuaded him to move to west London.—Internet

Ancelotti impressed by resilient Chelsea

SUNDERLAND, 19 Aug—Carlo Ancelotti believes Chelsea's 3-1 win at Sun-



Chelsea's Michael Ballack celebrates after scoring during the English Premier League football match against Sunderland at The Stadium of Light, in Sunderland. Chelsea won 3-1.—INTERNET

derland gave an indication that his stars are determined to fight for the Premier League title.

Just as they did against Hull on Saturday, Chelsea showed admirable resilience on Tuesday to recover after Sunderland poured forward in the opening 45 minutes at the Stadium of Light and took a surprise lead through Darren Bent.

Ancelotti insisted that he was not worried at any stage of the first half, although his gestures on the touchline occasionally suggested otherwise.

Internet

Keogh ruins Martinez's Wigan return

WIGAN, 19 Aug—Wolverhampton forward Andrew Keogh ruined Wigan boss Roberto Martinez's first home match in charge of the Latics as his early goal clinched a 1-0 win on Tuesday.

Former Wigan midfielder Martinez saw his side win 2-0 at Aston Villa in Saturday's Premier League opener, but his homecoming at the DW Stadium ended in disappointment thanks to Keogh's header.

Wigan pressed hard for an equaliser but the visitors battled gamely to hold onto their first victory since promotion from the Championship last season.

Wolves boss Mick McCarthy was without

former Manchester United striker Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, who had a hamstring injury, while captain Jody Craddock made the 500th start of his club career.—Internet



Wolverhampton Wanderers' Greg Halford (top) heads the ball defended by Wigan Athletic's Titus Bramble during a Premier League match at DW Stadium in Wigan. Wolverhampton won 1-0.—INTERNET

Hull midfielder Ashbee out for nine months

HULL, 19 Aug—Hull captain Ian Ashbee will be sidelined for nine months after suffering a setback in his recovery from a knee injury.

Ashbee aggravated the long-term problem playing against Aston Villa in a Premier League match in May and



Hull City's English midfielder Ian Ashbee (C) celebrates scoring against Blackburn Rovers in March 2009.—INTERNET

missed the final three games of last season.

It had been feared that the 32-year-old may be forced to retire, but he will travel to the United States for surgery next week in the hope of curing the problem.

Tigers boss Phil Brown said: "He has had a setback with regards to his long-term problem, he had an operation on his knee three or four years ago.

"He is flying across to Colorado to undergo that surgery. Hopefully the scenario will be rehabilitation and back within eight or nine months.

"It is a big blow for Ian and a big blow for us, as the club captain.

"We have had long discussions about it. He is in the last year of his contract and has tried desperately to try to get another one.—Internet

AC Milan relying on 'Brazilian Bolt'

ROME, 19 Aug—It has been a frustrating summer for AC Milan fans but the club's owner is urging them to put their faith in the Brazilian footballing version of 100m rocket Usain Bolt for the coming season.

Silvio Berlusconi, who is also the Italian Prime Minister, believes that in former Barcelona ace Ronaldinho, the seven-time European champions have a man capable of wowing the world in the way that sprint world record holder Bolt has these last two years.

That is roughly the same period of time during which Ronaldinho has stopped shining like a star in the sky but Berlusconi believes he could do so again.

Internet

AC Milan's Ronaldinho (right) fights for the ball with Juventus Felipe Melo during their 19th Luigi Berlusconi trophy match at San Siro Stadium in Milan, on 17 August.—INTERNET



Wenger wants focus when beaten Celtic return

GLASGOW, 19 Aug—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says he wants his side to finish the job at the Emirates Stadium after watching his side defeat Celtic 2-0 in the first leg of their Champions League play-off at Parkhead.

The Gunners find themselves in a commanding position in the tie after becoming the first English side to win at Celtic Park in 26 years.

But with a place in the group stages of the Champions League at stake Wenger warned his players not to get complacent ahead of the return in London in a fortnight's time.

"We have a good advantage but it is 180 minutes. We are in front after 90 but when you want to go through you want to play well for 180 and that is our purpose," the Arsenal manager said.—Internet

Seeds Venus, Kuznetsova ousted in WTA Toronto

TORONTO, 19 Aug—Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine upset third-ranked Venus Williams 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the second round of a two million-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament here.

Williams, who enjoyed a first-round bye, roared to a quick victory

in the opening set but by the finish had fallen to 0-3 all-time in the Canadian WTA event, the final major tuneup for many players ahead of the US Open.

"I was definitely expecting to play well and to go very far in the tournament," Williams said. "It's disappointing." Williams was not the only seed sent packing.

Australian Samantha Stosur defeated Russian sixth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-4, 6-3. The Aussie will next face either France's Virginie Razzano or Italy's Flavia Pennetta.—Internet



Kateryna Bondarenko of the Ukraine returns a shot to Venus Williams of the United States during the Rogers Cup at the Rexall Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bondarenko won 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.—INTERNET



Kites fill the sky during an international kite festival in Cartagena 15 Aug, 2009. The kite festival ends on 16 Aug.—INTERNET

Bank of Communications lending surges 30%, profit flat in H1

SHANGHAI, 19 Aug—Bank of Communications, China's fifth-largest lender, has reported a 1.73 trillion yuan (about 250 billion U.S. dollars) outstanding loans in the first half of this year, surging 30.15 percent from the beginning of this year in response to the government's economic stimulus package.

Profits were flat, with the Hongkong-listed bank making 15.56 billion yuan net profit in the first half, up 0.3 percent year on year, according to the bank's half-year report released Wednesday.

Outstanding deposits amounted to 2.37 trillion yuan, increasing 26.77 percent from the beginning of this year. The non-performing loan rate was 1.51 percent, 0.41 percentage points lower than that in the end of last year. The bank's capital adequacy rate was 12.57 percent, 0.9 percentage points smaller from the end of 2008.

At the end of June 2009, the gross assets of the bank reached 3.30 trillion yuan, up 22.96 percent from early this year. Return on gross assets rate totaled 1.04 percent, 0.15 percentage points lower than that in the end of last year. Earnings per share for the bank stood at 0.32 yuan, equaling the level of the same period last year. The bank's share dropped 2.55 percent to close at 8.8 yuan on Wednesday at the Shanghai Stock Exchange.—Xinhua

MRTV-3

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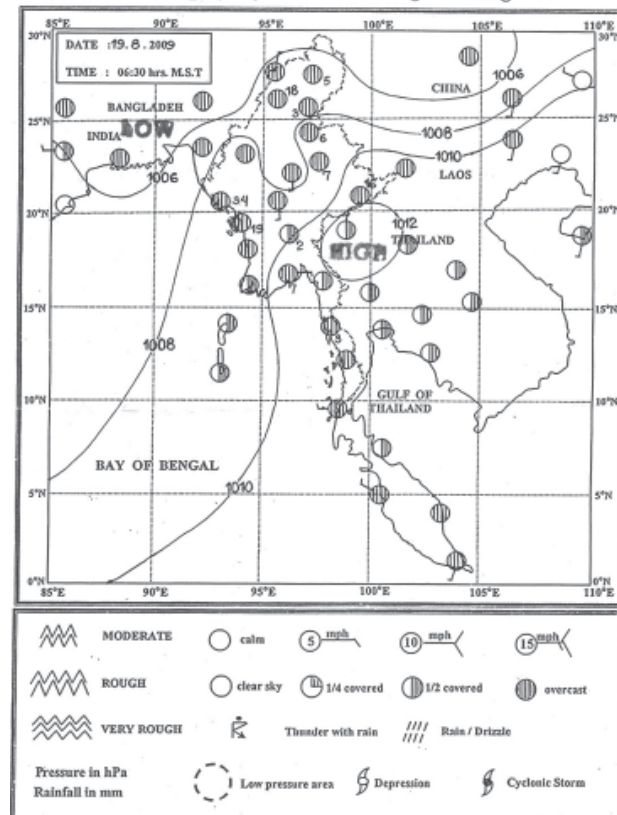
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 19th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Mon States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.35) inch, Palatwa (2.40) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.61) inches, Namsam (1.38) inches and Sagaing (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-8-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 19-8-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-8-2009 was 79%. Total Sun shine hours on 18-8-2009 was (1.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-8-2009 was (1.61) inches at Mingaladon, (0.27) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (81.30) inches at Mingaladon, (92.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from South at (16:20) hours MST on 18-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 20-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 20 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. အပူပေးမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့် တေးဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. Dance Variety

8:10 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. "ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား"

8:30 am

9. Song of National Races

8:40 am

10. International News

8:50 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cutue Little Dancers

4:20 pm

3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)

5:00 pm

6. Songs for Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. "ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင် အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေးမိခင်"

5:20 pm

8. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:35 pm

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:40 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Musical Programme

6:35 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၅၀)

20. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည့် မိတ်ကွန်းစုများဆီသို့ (အပိုင်း-၇)



- ★ 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

Calendar of IPRD comes out

YANGON, 19 Aug—The Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information published the 2010 calendar (1371-72 Myanmar Era) recently.

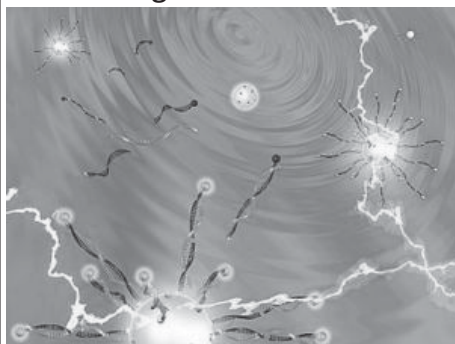
The calendar with art paper cover and newsprint pages carries government holidays, lucky and unlucky days, directions of dragon, the auspicious days chosen

by Saya San-Zarni Bo for construction, wedding, novitiation and ordination, travelling, signing agreements for trade, buying lottery and shampooing and others.

The calendar is available at IPRDs in towns across the nation.

MNA

New DNA test uses nanotechnology to find early signs of cancer



In this illustration by Yi Zhang, quantum dots are depicted as gold spheres that attract DNA strands linked to cancer risks. When the quantum dots are exposed to certain types of light, they transfer the energy to fluorescent molecules, shown as pink globes, that emit a glow.

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 Aug—Using tiny crystals called quantum dots, Johns Hopkins researchers have developed a highly sensitive test to look for DNA attachments that often are early warning signs of cancer. This test, which detects both the presence and the quantity of certain DNA changes, could alert people who are at risk of developing the disease and could tell doctors how well a particular cancer treatment is working.

The new test was reported in a paper called “MS-qFRET: a quantum dot-based method for analysis of DNA methylation,” published in the August issue of the journal *Genome Research*. The work also was presented at a conference of the American Association of Cancer Research.

If it leads to early detection of cancer, this test could have huge clinical implications, said Jeff Tza-Huei Wang, an associate professor of mechanical engineering whose lab team played a leading role in developing the technique. “Doctors usually have the greatest success in fighting cancer if they can treat it in its early stage.”

Wang and his students developed the test over the past three years with colleagues at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Stephen B. Baylin, deputy director of the center and a co-author of the *Genome Research* study, said the test represents “a very promising platform” to help doctors detect cancer at an early stage and to predict which patients are most likely to benefit from a particular therapy.—Internet

18th patient of New Influenza A (H1/N1) discharged from hospital, remaining five improving their health conditions

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—It was announced yesterday that 17 out of 23 flu-infected patients had been discharged from the hospital as they fully recovered from the illness and there were only 6 patients still under medical treatment.

The 18th patient of New Influenza A (H1/N1), aged 33, also recovered from illness and was discharged from hospital today. Home quarantine on one family member of the patient was stopped. There are still five patients, two of whom in Webagi Specialist Hospital, one in Yangon Children's Hospital, one in North Okkalapa Hospital and one in Insein General Hospital. Those patients are still under special medical treatment but are out of danger now.

National Health Laboratory had given medical check-up to 178 flu suspects, 23 of whom were found to have been infected with the virus.

MNA

Let's open golden door in unison

No sweat, the Tatmadaw government can manage to restore State security because peace and stability have returned to normal throughout the country. It is the same in ensuring the rule of law and restoration of peace. Therefore, it is vividly apparent that economic sanctions cannot make a regime change in Myanmar.

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Flood Warning

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—According to the 12:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is 631 cm and it has exceeded by 31 cm (about 1 foot) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

MNA