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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

New Nampaung bridge in Lashio Township commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut attended the opening ceremony of Nampaung new bridge which can withstand 60 tons of loads built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction held in Nampaund village of Lashio on 22 August.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers, departmental officials at state, district and township levels, members of social organizations, national race dance troupe and locals.

The commander made a speech on the occasion. Next, the deputy minister briefed the com-



Newly constructed Nampaung Bridge across Nampaung River in Nampaung Village, Lashio Township.— MNA

mander on construction tasks of the bridge and a local spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the

commander and the deputy minister formally opened the bridge. Next, the commander formally unveiled the stone plaque

of the bridge and officials sprinkled scented water to it.

After the ceremony, the commander

and officials inspected the bridge and cordially greeted locals.

The bridge is 229th one of 180 feet and above

bridges and it was built at a cost of K 369.5 million. It links Shan State (North) and Shan State (South).

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Broadcasting of fertilizer at the farmlands in Betuk Village of Labutta Township.

Labutta District targets to boost monsoon paddy output

Article and Photos: Thein Min Htet

A few weeks ago, we, news crew of the Kyemon Daily, toured Mawlamyinegyun Township in the delta region, known for monsoon paddy cultivation to write a byline about the monsoon paddy production of Ayeyawady Division, a granary of the State, and the Myanmar agricultural sector.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Grow more crops and carry out afforestation work

Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions in central Myanmar are the regions that get less rain than those in lower Myanmar. This being the case, the weather is hot and dry in the upcountry and the farmers there were not in a position to produce as many crops as they could.

Now, as water supply facilities such as dams, river water-pumping stations and tube-wells as well as artesian wells have been built in the upcountry, paddy can be grown in NyaungU, Pakokku and Yezagyo townships and monsoon paddy and long-staple cotton in other townships with water provided by river water-pumping stations.

At Sitha village-tract in Yezagyo Township, monsoon paddy is being cultivated with water from tube-wells. In Pakokku District, more than 3,000 tube-wells have been sunk up to now and Yezagyo Township has now more than 10,000 acres of farmland cultivated with underground water.

In Pale Township of Sagaing Division, North Yamar dam, South Yamar dam and a supporting dam have been constructed and, as new canals have been dug, more water can be supplied to irrigated farmlands.

To green the regions in central Myanmar and contribute to stable climatic conditions, afforestation work is being carried out in Monywa, Sagaing, Myingyan, Meiktila, Yamethin, Pakokku, Minbu, Magway, Thayet, Gangaw, NyaungU, Kyaukse and Shwebo districts.

Now that various ways and means have been used to supply water for agricultural purpose all over the upcountry, the farmers will be able to enjoy higher living standard by growing various kinds of crops such as cotton, beans and pulses and edible oil crops in addition to paddy.

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

Ceremony to commemorate Mekong-Japan Friendship Exchange for 2009 held



Minister U Nyan Win addresses the Mekong-Japan Friendship Exchange for 2009 and Photo Exhibition for Myanmar Tourism Promotion.—MOFA

YANGON, 25 Aug—Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a ceremony to commemorate the Mekong-Japan Friendship Exchange for 2009 and a Photo Exhibition for Myanmar Tourism Promotion was held at the Chatrium Hotel in Natmouk Street on 24 August. Present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Japanese Ambassador Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa, Ambassadors and their spouses from the Mekong, ASEAN and neighbouring countries,

diplomats, Resident Representatives from United Nations Organizations, departmental heads from ministries concerned and guests.

Foreign Minister U Nyan Win delivered an opening address on the occasion. Minister U Nyan Win said that the year 2009 was designated as the Mekong-Japan Exchange Year at the first Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' meeting held in Tokyo in January 2008.

The aim of the Exchange Year is to further strengthen friendly relations and promote various exchanges, such as economic, cultural and youth exchanges and tourism promotion between Japan and the Mekong region.

Mekong states have agreed to celebrate events commemorating the Mekong-Japan Exchange Year. As such, we take great pleasure in organizing this event as part of Myanmar Government's commemorative activities of the Exchange Year. The ministers said that celebration of "Mekong-Japan Exchange Year" would serve as a strong impetus for fostering partnership, better mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and Mekong countries, close friendship, tourism and cooperation in all fields between countries of the Mekong region and Japan and he gave a brief account of the development initiatives in the Mekong

region. After that, the Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa delivered an address.

Then, a video footage on Myanmar Tourism Promotion was presented. Afterwards, dancing troupes from the Department of Fine Arts, the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with performances of traditional dances. Then, Minister U Nyan Win and Ambassador Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa presented congratulatory flower baskets to the dancing troupes.

After that, ministers, diplomats and guests viewed the photo exhibition displayed at the hotel.

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Super Coffee Mix honours traders

YANGON, 25 Aug—A ceremony to honour traders of Nyaungpinlay Market, Mingala Market, Yuzana Plaza, Theingyi Market, Bayintnaung wholesale centre and

townships in Yangon by Super Coffee Mix was held along with dinner in Trader Hotel yesterday. Traders, sale representatives and invited celebrities attended the

Gold coins and electronic devices were presented to the best cooperation award winners and the greatest sales award winners.

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Ceremony to honour wholesale sellers of Super Coffee Mix in progress.—MNA

Special Package for IT Foundation course of MPEC

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Myanmar Professionals Education Centre

YANGON, 25 Aug—Nowadays, IT having developed, a number of IT-related job opportunities have emerged. IT fields are in need of skillful and qualified IT technicians. So, youths need to study fundamental concepts of IT in a systematic way.

With a view to fulfilling the needs of the youths who want to study

IT first, Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC) will open Special Package for IT Foundation course.

MPEC will systematically conduct the three-month course aimed for those who have no basic computer knowledge such as basic computer concepts and use, fundamental concepts of programming,

theory that should be known, flow chat, pseudo code and Java programming language.

In addition, they have opportunities to continue learning advanced IT after ending the course. Those who are eligible to attend the course must be at least basic education middle level and above. Interested persons may contact MPEC, No. 112, Room (11/12), 8th mile, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon (Ph- 668779, 668259 and 650124), and Room (407/408), Zaygyo IT Zone, Zaygyo Plaza, Mandalay, (Ph- 02-86234).—MNA



Graphic showing interrogation techniques that have been detailed by the CIA, and made public in a US Justice Department memo that was released in April. —INTERNET

Newly-released documents show CIA interrogators' inhumane treatment

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—Documents released by the US Department of Justice on Monday said that Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)'s interrogators have threatened to kill terrorist suspect's family.

Citing an internal source, the documents said that a CIA interrogator had told Khalid Sheikh Mohammed "We're going to kill your children" if any other attacks happened in the United States.

The 2004 report was declassified as part of a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union against the spy agency's "unauthorized, improvised, inhumane" practice.

The documents also disclosed that another interrogator implied to Abd al-Nashiri, the alleged mastermind of the 2000 USS Cole ship bombing, his mother and other family members would be sexually assaulted if he refused to provide intelligence.

"Ten years from now we're going to be sorry we're doing this (but) it has to be done," said a document, citing one unidentified CIA officer.

It was the largest single release of information about the Bush administration's policies and practice on capturing and interrogating terrorism suspects.

The release was made on the same day that the Justice Department named a veteran federal prosecutor to investigate if CIA interrogators' practice of "enhanced interrogation" were illegal.

Xinhua

Russian President arrives in Mongolia



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, pictured, arrived in Mongolia on Tuesday for a two-day visit focused on sealing a series of investment deals including one on a joint venture in uranium mining. —INTERNET

ULAN BATOR, 25 Aug—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev arrived in Mongolia on Tuesday for a two-day visit focused on sealing a series of investment deals including one on a joint venture in uranium mining.

Medvedev's trip comes just three months after his Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visited the resource-rich former Soviet satellite, which has vast copper, coal and gold deposits, as Russia seeks to revive its influence here.

The Russian president and his Mongolian counterpart Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj on Tuesday were due to hold official talks and sign a series of agreements before addressing the press, the Kremlin said. Mongolian Foreign Minister Sukhbaatar Batbold said in an interview with local newspaper *Mongolia Segodnya* that the two presidents would sign an agreement to create a company to mine and process uranium. —Internet

Roadside attacks kill 20 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug—Twenty people were killed and 10 wounded in two roadside bombs in Wasit Province, south of Iraqi capital Baghdad, a local police source said.

The source said that two car bomb attacks targeted two buses in Kut, the capital city of Wasit Province, 180 kilometres south of Baghdad. The blasts killed 20 and wounded 10 others.

Security forces intensified anti-terrorist efforts after a series of deadly bombings in center Baghdad last week targeting Iraqi Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Foreign affairs, killing and wounding nearly 1,300 people, the most fatal attacks in 18 months.

An apparent attack resurge in recent days raised fears that more violence would follow last week's deadly strikes in the Iraqi capital, casting shadow and uncertainties for the fragile security situation in the war-torn state. —Xinhua

US helicopters violate Pakistan's airspace

ISLAMABAD, 25 Aug—United States gunship helicopters on Monday violated the international border and intruded into Pakistani territory, official sources said.

Sources told the local *NNI* news agency that the helicopters entered northwest Pakistani airspace at 0835 GMT at Khyber tribal region.

The gunship helicopters crossed into Pakistani air space for a kilometre, flying for five minutes and went back to Afghanistan, officials said.

The unexpected intrusion by US helicopters spread fear among the local residents, *NNI* said. —Xinhua



A lightly wounded Israeli soldier is taken for treatment at Barzilai hospital in Ashkelon in southern Israel after mortars were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip, on 24 Aug, 2009. At least two Palestinians and two Israelis have been injured in violence on the Gaza-Israel border. —INTERNET

Australian forces kill another Taliban leader

CANBERRA, 25 Aug— Australian Defence Force chief of joint operations Lieutenant General said Mullah Abdul Karim was killed in an operation on 10 August.

Mark Evans said in a statement Mullah Karim, along with a number of other insurgents, was killed during an operation directed against the insurgent network of improvised explosive device operators in Oruzgan Province.

Mullah Karim was a commander active in the Khaz Oruzgan area and known to be directly responsible for numerous attacks against Australian and Afghan forces, he said.

He said actions taken by Australian forces in Afghanistan are a big step forward. —Xinhua

Three Palestinians, Israeli wounded in Gaza clash

JERUSALEM, 25 Aug—Three Palestinians and an Israeli were wounded on Monday in violence on the Gaza-Israel border, according to officials from both sides.

Israeli military said soldiers opened fire on a group of suspicious Palestinians across the border in northern Gaza. Palestinian Health Ministry official Moaiya Hassanain said two wounded men were brought to hospitals, and the military said another was taken to Israel for treatment.

Later, Palestinians fired two mortar shells from Gaza, Israeli rescue services and the military said, slightly wounding a soldier.

Border incidents between Hamas-ruled Gaza and Israel have been relatively infrequent in recent weeks. —Internet



Iraqi women walk past destroyed vehicles still strewn on a street in central Baghdad, four days after a truck bombing targeted the foreign ministry building, on 23 Aug, 2009. At least 10 people were killed and 19 wounded, including women and children, when bombs exploded on two buses near Iraq's southern city of Kut on Monday, a police officer told AFP. —INTERNET





Colombians fill up a motorbike with smuggled gasoline in Cucuta, Colombia, on the border with Venezuela. In Venezuela the price of oil is 50 times cheaper than in Colombia, and due to the crisis between both countries, Colombians started smuggling along the border. Venezuela will not renew a recently-expired deal that provided Colombia gasoline at cut-rate prices.—INTERNET

China expert urges Africa to embrace agroforestry to sustain livelihood

NAIROBI, 25 Aug—A Chinese expert on Monday called on African countries to encourage small-scale farmers to embrace agroforestry policies to sustain environments and livelihoods.

Xu Jianchu, the Chinese Country Representative to the Nairobi-based World Agroforestry Centre said growing trees among crops could sustain both environments and livelihoods in Africa.

“We have a programme in China to promote agroforestry linked to the government policies. The government has a land composition programme which encourages farmers to plant trees on farms for the benefits of farmers,” Xu told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the second World Congress on Agroforestry in Nairobi.—*Xinhua*

Brazilian finance minister optimistic on economic future

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Aug—Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega on Monday expressed optimism on his country’s economic future, saying the country recovered quicker from the global financial crisis than many other countries.

The minister said the good situation of the Brazilian economy was due to its low inflation rate, decreasing public deficit and good trade balance.

Mantega said Brazil’s economy started growing again, after two consecutive quarters of shrinking.

“I would risk saying that we are on the threshold of a new cycle of economic growth,” said the minister.

Mantega added that the government managed to take anti-cyclic measures and did not have to spend much on them. The 0.8 percent of GDP the government spent on stimulus measures is much lower than that of many other countries.—*Xinhua*



Police prepare to seal off in boxes the captured ephedrine in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 24 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



St John’s municipal workers clean up following Tropical Storm Bill which blew into St John’s early on 24 Aug, 2009. There were only minor damages from the high winds as Bill quickly passed over the Avalon Peninsula.—INTERNET

IDB forecasts drop of L America remittances in 2009

SANTIAGO, 25 Aug—The remittances sent by Latin American and Caribbean migrants to their countries of origin are expected to drop 11 percent in 2009, said a recent survey by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

IDB said that cash remittances are expected to reach 62 billion US dollars this year, down 11 percent from those of last year, reflecting the impact of the global economic crisis on migrants, most of them living in industrialized countries hit by

recessions, such as the United States, Spain and Japan.

“The crisis is clearly limiting migrants’ capacity to send money to their countries of origin,” said IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno.

“Nevertheless, remittances have decreased less than other private financial flows to the region, as migrants continue to make sacrifices to aid their families.”

Xinhua

Nokia’s new netbook computer, the Booklet 3G, is seen next to a Nokia handset at corporate headquarters in Helsinki on 24 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



Indian economy may face talent deficit

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug—Indian economy may face a huge “talent deficit” in the coming years, as the country is not producing enough people equipped with the skills required for the globalized environment, a global consultancy and research firm said on Monday.

“The new talent management model in Indian companies would need a shift in outlook where the paradigm of ‘scarcity of jobs’ would convert into a ‘scarcity of talent’,” Deloitte Strategy and

Innovation Vice President Manish Agrawal said here in an interview with *Xinhua*.

“Talent deficit is likely to grow significantly in the coming years as universities and educational centres are not providing adequate skills for the country to produce required number of talented managers,” he said.

Unless a fundamental shift occurs in the educational system, it will continue to produce degree-holders but they

will lack skills to operate in a corporate environment, he added.

Agrawal has authored a study on the evolution of the Indian manager from the pre-liberalization period till now.

Xinhua

Oil under \$74 as Asia shares fall on recovery doubts

SINGAPORE, 25 Aug—Oil fell below \$74 a barrel on Tuesday, down for the first time in six days on softer Asian shares as renewed concerns over the economic recovery emerged, after reaching a 10-month high a day earlier. Investors are looking to oil inventories in the United States for direction, with analysts calling for a draw in crude and gasoline stocks and an increase in distillates.

US crude futures for October fell 53 cents to \$73.84 a barrel by 0307 GMT, after hitting their highest intraday level since 21 October at \$74.81 on Monday. Brent crude shed 52 cents to \$73.74.—*Internet*

Germany emerges from recession in second quarter

BERLIN, 25 Aug—Germany has escaped the clutches of its worst recession in over 60 years, official data showed on Tuesday, as consumption helped Europe’s biggest economy grow by 0.3 percent in the second quarter.

The figures, which confirmed estimates made earlier in August, mark the first time Germany has grown since the first quarter of 2008 and are likely to boost Chancellor Angela Merkel’s campaign less than four weeks ahead of general elections on 27 September.

“The economic development in the second quarter of 2009 was supported by private and government expenditure ... positive impulses also came from construction,” the statistics office said in a statement.

However, exports, the driving force of the German economy, were down 1.2 percent compared to the first quarter and imports slumped by 5.1 percent.—*Internet*



Brazil, China to discuss poverty reduction, social programmes

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Aug—A Chinese government delegation embarked on Monday on a three-day visit to Brazil to discuss with their Brazilian counterparts strategies to reduce poverty and social inequality. The Chinese delegation attended in Brazil's capital city Brasilia a seminar named "China-Brazil: Widening the Agenda of Cooperation in Social Protection."

The seminar was held by the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG), a project jointly established by the United Nations Development Programme and the Brazilian government in 2004. According to IPC-IG Coordinator Melissa Andrade, Brazil and China have much to learn from each other on fighting poverty and social inequality, as they are both big and complex

countries.

China, meanwhile, is praised by the UN for having the most successful poverty reduction programme in the world.

"We are curious to hear from them (the Chinese delegation) how the administration of such a large population is operating and what are the relations between the people and the government," she said.

Xinhua



Guests visit model of the Guizhou pavilion for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, in Shanghai, east China, on 24 Aug, 2009. The promotion week of Guizhou of the Shanghai World Expo kicked off here on Monday. —XINHUA

High-tech camera popular in US to check traffic violations, fight crimes

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug—Mobile Plate Hunter 900 (MPH-900), a high-tech camera that resembles the Pixar movie character WALL-E, has been deployed in police stations across the United States to fight crimes and check traffic violations.

According to ELSAG North America, manufacturer of the camera that catches offenders in the click of a digital eye, the MPH-900 is an automatic license plate recognition system.

Mounted on a police cruiser or in any fixed location, the progressive infrared

camera is capable of scanning the license plates of passing cars in seconds, translating the digital pictures into data and then cross-referencing that information with databases for wanted drivers and immediately relaying the information to police personnel.

"This technology has been extremely well-received by law enforcement personnel and citizens in large urban metropolises, medium-sized cities and rural towns all across America," said Mark Windover, president and CEO of ELSAG North America.—Xinhua



On 28 August 2005, as part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Rolf Harris brought together 120 artists at The Mound, Edinburgh, beside the National Galleries of Scotland, to recreate Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa on a 9-metres x 6-metre canvas.—INTERNET



Japan to extend peacekeeping mission in Nepal by six months

TOKYO, 25 Aug—Japan decided on Tuesday to extend the peacekeeping mission in Nepal by an additional six months until next 31 March.

The extension beyond the scheduled on 30 Sept expiry is in response to a UN Security Council decision in July to extend a military observer mission to Nepal until 23 Jan.

Japan has sent six Self-Defence Forces officers to Nepal since March 2007 to participate in the UN Mission in Nepal (UNMIN), a special mission to help the peace process in the country.

UNMIN was established in January 2007 and the UN Security Council extended UNMIN's mandate for six months for a third time on 23 Jan this year.

Xinhua

S Africa to launch 2010 World Cup info centre in Polokwane

JOHANNESBURG, 25 Aug—South African Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk will on Friday launch a 2010 Visitor Information Center (VIC) in Polokwane of Limpopo Province that will ensure tourists arriving in the city for the 2010 FIFA World Cup get the best advice and information.

"The primary objective of the VIC project is to effectively address the tourism needs of visitors expected to converge in the five host cities in 2010 and beyond," said the department in a statement.

In July this year, the first three VICs were launched in the Eastern Cape. The three centers are based at the Port Elizabeth Airport, the lighthouse facility at the Donkin Reserve and the Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment World.—Xinhua

Teenager arrested in US high school explosion

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Aug—A 17-year-old boy was arrested on Monday in San Mateo, a city in the US state of California, after throwing pipe bombs to a high school, local media reported.

Video footage of local KTVU television station showed that a young man with a wispy beard in a white T-shirt was arrested by police.

According to investigators, the boy, with 10 pipe bombs, was believed to plan to kill people with bombs, then slaughter survivors with a chainsaw and sword at Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, a city about 30 kilometres south of San Francisco.

The teenager, whose

name was not revealed, threw two lightened pipe bombs in a hallway near the school library shortly after classes began on Monday morning. He was tackled by teachers after the second blast.

Xinhua

Four Palestinians killed in Israeli raid in Gaza

GAZA, 25 Aug—Four Palestinians were killed early on Tuesday in an Israeli air strike at smuggling tunnels in southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, witnesses and medical sources said. Three others were injured when the fighter jets dropped two bombs between Rafah and Egypt, targeting the underground tunnels which the casualties were working inside, the sources added.

The witnesses said more workers have gone missing in the sudden raid. Israeli media quoted army officials as saying that the bombing was in response to on Monday mortar attack from the Gaza Strip. An Israeli soldier was lightly injured when three mortars hit southern Israel. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Children play on Tonle Sap Lake, northwest of Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, on 19 Aug, 2009. Tonle Sap Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia, covering an area of 2,500-3,000 square kilometres during the dry season. XINHUA



Mexico catches leading member of La Familia cartel

MEXICO CITY, 25 Aug—The Mexican army said on Monday that soldiers captured Luis Ricardo Magana, who prosecutors describe as a leading member of the violent La Familia drug cartel.

Magana is allegedly on the level of cartel leader Servando “La Tuta” Gomez and purportedly controlled methamphetamine shipments to the United States for the gang, Gen Luis Arturo Oliver said. Gomez is one of Mexico’s most-wanted fugitives and is blamed for retaliation attacks on federal police in the cartel’s home state of Michoacan in western Mexico.

Oliver said Magana was captured on Sunday in the Pacific coast port of Manzanillo along with five men believed to be his bodyguards. Magana was known by the alias “19 1/2” — traffickers frequently use codes and numbers similar to radio call signs to identify themselves.

Internet



Luis Ricardo Magana, aka ‘19 and a half’, third from left, an alleged member of the La Familia drug cartel, is presented to the press along with others suspects in Mexico City, on 24 Aug, 2009.

INTERNET

Peru police seize cocaine sewn inside live turkeys

LIMA, 25 Aug—Peruvian police expecting to find a shipment of cocaine hidden in a crate holding two live turkeys were surprised to discover the drug surgically implanted inside the birds.

Acting on a tip, officers stopped a Turismo Ejecutivo SRL bus outside the city of Tarapoto in the central jungle state of San Martin, officials said on Monday.

Police were puzzled when they found the turkeys in the crate, but didn’t find the cocaine, Tarapoto’s anti-drug police chief, Otero Gonzalez, told the *Associated Press*. They then noticed that the two turkeys were bloated.—*Internet*

RI Gov to shut down state government for 12 days

PROVIDENCE, 25 Aug—Rhode Island will shut down its state government for 12 days and hopes to trim millions of dollars in funding for local governments under a plan Gov Don Carcieri outlined on Monday to balance a budget hammered by surging unemployment and plummeting tax revenue.

The shutdown will force 81 percent of the roughly 13,550-member state work force, excluding its college system, to stay home a dozen days without pay before the start of the new fiscal year

in July.

The closures come as the worst recession in decades has eliminated hundreds of millions of dollars in tax collections and pushed unemployment to 12.7 percent, the second-highest jobless rate in the nation behind Michigan.

Carcieri predicted the state’s fiscal future could grow even bleaker.

“There are going to be inconveniences for the public, and there are going to be sacrifices, as I said, for state employees,” Carcieri said at a Statehouse news con-

Fire, explosions at Detroit chemical factory

DETROIT, 25 Aug—Explosions and a fire at a chemical factory on Monday forced firefighters to evacuate employees and police to caution nearby residents to stay inside their homes.

Several explosions were heard from inside Diversified Chemical Technologies Inc, where

dense black smoke billowed from the blaze that began shortly after 3 pm on Monday.

No injuries were immediately reported and the fire appeared to be diminishing by early evening, with firefighters dousing the facility with water and foam.

Detroit Police officers were circulating through the west side neighbourhood asking people to stay inside their homes, although no residential evacuations were immediately ordered.

Internet



Map locates Detroit chemical plant fire.

INTERNET

World’s largest cupcake made in Detroit

A Detroit company has set a world record for the largest single cupcake as a fundraiser for a breast cancer charity.

Ryan Abood of Gourmet GiftsBasket.com said his company created the 7-foot-tall confection, which was certified by Guinness World Records as the largest cupcake ever made, with help from Merengue Bakery Cafe of California and Jensen Industries in Whitmore Lake, Mich, which donated the use of ovens normally used to bake airplane wings, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

Abood said the cupcake, created to raise funds for Passionately Pink for Cure, took 12 hours to bake and weighs



Guinness World Records Adjudicator Carl Saville measures the girth of the 1,224 pound cupcake at the annual Woodward Dream Cruise in Royal Oak, Mich.

1,224 pounds. He said the cupcake’s batter contained 800 eggs, 200 pounds of sugar and 200 pounds of flour.

“It’s estimated to be around 2 million calories,” Abood said.

Man falls 30 feet; injuries slight

A New York City businessman stepped outside an off-track betting facility, lit a cigar, and fell through a rusted-out metal sidewalk plate, officials said.

The New York Post reported Vincent Riggio, 59, fell 30 feet into the basement of a clothing store in the TriBeCa area when the corroded metal plate holding the basement’s doors in place gave way.

“He came out, he had a cigar, he stepped on the platform and he fell,” said Freddy Chew, a deliveryman. “I looked down the hole.

He was down there, squatting down. There was a lot of dust.”

Chew called 911 and Riggio calmly telephoned his wife to tell her what had happened. When authorities arrived, one firefighter was lowered by rope into the basement, put a harness around Riggio, and hoisted him up.

“He was banged up a little bit, but he had no life-threatening injuries,” said Battalion Chief James Sheridan.

Feed the seagulls, pay \$4,085 fine

Authorities in an English resort town are warning tourists they could face fines of up to \$4,085 for feeding seagulls.

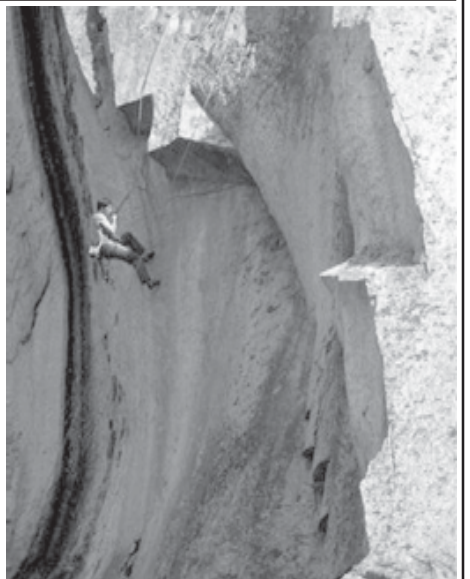
The Suffolk Coastal District Council and Aldeburgh Town Council have posted warning signs around the town of Aldeburgh informing tourists seagulls have become a “serious pest” in the resort town and people caught feeding the birds could face the steep fines, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

Susie Squires, spokeswoman for the TaxPayers’ Alliance, sharply criticized the size of the fine.

“This fine seems unreasonably large. Obviously the council does not want to encourage seagulls but this is ridiculous,” she said. “You do not want to heckle and nanny people. Twenty-five-hundred pounds (\$4,085) is out of all proportion and the punishment does not fit the crime.”



NEWS ALBUM



A climber is dwarfed by the massive rock face of the Chief in Stawamus Chief Provincial Park in Squamish, BC, on 16 Aug, 2009. The Chief has been called one of the most famous mountain landmarks in Canada. It attracts climbers of all levels from around the world each year.

This young man probably felt a bit like Harry Potter when he created pink beams of light by placing his hands on a plasma lamp at Frankfurt’s science festival. The festival focuses on all aspects of energy.



Industry-2 Minister inspects No. 2 Automobile Factory



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects cars manufactured by No.2 Automobile Factory (Htonebo).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, on 22 August, visited No.2 Automobile Factory (Htonebo) where he inspected assembly shop, paint shop, press shop, machine shop and piston production shop and met with staff.

Next, the minister called for better workmanship to be of great performance, endurance and image for customer satisfaction.

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Sarpay Beikman to better Shwethwe Journal

YANGON, 25 Aug—Sarpay Beikman under the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information will publish its Shwethwe weekly journal with better appearance beginning No 36 of Volume 41 (September 5 issue).

The journal will be of a better appearance both in form and in character,

featuring a variety of genres such as sectors on education, health and culture apart from educative stories, tales, poems and short stories for children, English lessons, profiles of famous persons, puzzles and cartoons. The page number of the journal is to be increased from 12 to 16 with wood free colourful cover.

The journal with new appearance is priced at 120 kyats per copy. Sale agents are therefore reminded to inform the number of copies they want to get to Sarpay Beikman Sale Department at No. 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon (Ph: 01-249031) by 4 pm on 25 August.

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Knowledge bank paper to be read

YANGON, 25 Aug—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will organize the knowledge bank paper reading session at the

meeting hall of MWJA at noon of September 5 (Saturday).

Papers on “Short stories depicting Myanmar rural areas” written by

Hsinphyugyun Aung Thein will be read out on that day. Any interested person may attend the reading session.

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Labutta District targets to boost monsoon paddy output

Article and Photos: Thein Min Htet

(from page 1)

During the tour, we visited Daung Yay Kyaw Model Village under the arrangements of Township Myanma Agricultural Services.

In an interview with township MAS Manager U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and Deputy Manager U Thant Zin, they said, “Our township grows monsoon paddy as a main crop. You can see thriving monsoon paddy plantations on both sides of the road. Farmers will try their best to meet the target acreage of monsoon paddy cultivation. The monsoon paddy acreage of the whole township is 221,827 acres.”

After passing through Kunchaung, Hnakhaukpauk, Tantngu and Aung Hlaing villages, our motorboat was berthed at the port of Daung Yay Kyaw Model Village. I took photographs of monsoon paddy plantations of the village.

I interviewed Chairman U Than Naing of Daung Yay Kyaw Minkakon village tract

Peace and Development Council. He said, “Farmers in Daung Yay Kyaw Minkakon village tract grow monsoon paddy as well as summer paddy. We cannot finish agricultural work only with the help of cattle in time for summer paddy cultivation. So we can only be successful with the help of machinery in order to finish the cultivation. Therefore, we bought farm equipment in the harvest season. Our village-tract has 58 power tillers, 25 combine harvesters and 53 waterworks. Farmers will purchase more farm machines,” he said.

We attended talks on agricultural methods given by MAS in the compound of Daung Yay Kyaw village primary school.

In giving talks on boosting monsoon paddy output, Deputy Manager U Thant Zin of township MAS and in-charge U Myint Sein encouraged those present to substitute high yield paddy strain especially Hsin-thwe-latt paddy strain suitable for their own region in place of local paddy species, to

grow high yield paddy strain systematically in accord with 10 points for high yield and to collect and grow quality strains in growing monsoon paddy.

Farmers are interested in attending educative talks on agricultural methods. They welcomed talks because they gained valuable knowledge on agricultural methods from the talks. So they never miss such educative talks.

We left Daung Yay Kyaw Model Village at 11 a.m. and proceeded to Tagundainggyi Model Village in Phayachaung Tagundainggyi village-tract, 20 nautical miles from Daung Yay Kyaw Model Village. We saw lush and green farmlands when we passed through Kyungyangon, a reliable place for monsoon and summer paddy cultivation, and Lapwatkwenonedan, Hmankukanaso chaung, Thabyae chaung, Titolo and Wahnat chaung villages.

We arrived in Tagundainggyi Model



Paddy nursery of Farmer U Moe Zaw at Tagundainggyi Model Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Village at 12.30 hours. In interviewing Farmer U Moe Zaw, he said, “I have been doing agricultural work for 15 years. I grew 36 acres of monsoon paddy this year. I have three power tillers, three pumps and one combine harvester. After this cultivation season, I will continue to grow the same acreage of summer paddy as the monsoon paddy.”

Then we left Tagundainggyi for Kyunchaung and Betuk villages in Labutta Township. We saw cultivation of monsoon

paddy at the farmlands of Kyunchaung village, nurturing of young paddy plant and monsoon paddy plantations in lower areas. The full cultivation of monsoon paddy this year has reflected the vigorous efforts of farmers in storm-hit Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta Township.

We arrived at Betuk Village at 3 p.m. The village has lush and green paddy plantations.

“Although Labutta District was hit by cyclone Nargis, the townships will grow monsoon paddy in order to meet the target

acreage. Monsoon paddy acreage of Labutta District is 277,542 acres in Labutta Township, 221,827 acres in Mawlamyinegyun Township, 141,362 acres in Pyinsalu Township and 39,742 acres in H a i n g g y i k y u n Township.”

The concerted efforts of farmers in Labutta District are contributing towards boosting agricultural production.

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Students urged to study hard to become reliable, responsible citizens

Information Minister awards outstanding students in Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony to honour the students who passed matriculation exams with distinctions in 2008-2009 academic year at Sasana Beikman building in Pale, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, on 22 August morning.

It was attended by more than 2400 locals from 47 village-tracts in Pale Township including departmental officials, representatives from social organizations, outstanding students and their parents.

In his speech, the minister said that today is the Age of Knowledge, so technology lies at the core of productivity, education and health care. The government has opened a large number of educational institutions across the nation in order that the youth have easy access to basic and higher education and techno-

Head of State to enable country people to broaden their horizons and stay in touch with technological advancements at the global level, he noted. For rural development, the government is implementing work programmes, so rural folks on their part should work hard to improve their living conditions through agricultural and livestock farming and other productive work in combination, he stressed. In conclusion, he exhorted the attendees to learn painful lessons the people encountered from 1948 to 1988 and to maintain and promote the development momentum in building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

He presented gifts to the outstanding students.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, Pale Township saw one six-distinction winner, one five-distinction



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to a five-distinction-winner of Pale Township in matriculation examination of 2008-2009 academic year.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the ceremony to present prizes to distinction-winning students of Pale Township in matriculation examination of 2008-2009 academic year.—MNA



logical studies, he said, calling on students to study hard in technological subjects to become reliable and responsible citizens. Self-reliant village libraries are being set up in compliance with the guidance of the

winner, one four-distinction winner, three three-distinction winners, three two-distinction winners and 15 one-distinction winners.

The minister presented DTH system TV sets and accessories, with which MRTV and MRTV-4 programmes can be received, to eight villages in Pale Township, eight villages in Kani Township, seven

villages in Yinmabin Township and seven villages in Salingyi Township, and cash donations for constructing Sasana Beikman building, renovation of the bridge and lake in Kokkokon Village, cash assistance to assistant teachers in Letpukan Village post-primary school, rebuilding of Hnawkan Village basic education primary school, and building a self-reliant library in Kyaukphyagan Village.

Six-distinction winner Maung Aung Thu spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted those present.—MNA

Press conference on Calsome Cereal Drink 2009 Traditional Boxing Challenge



YANGON, 25 Aug—A press conference on Calsome Cereal Drink 2009 Traditional Boxing Challenge scheduled to take place under the arrangements of the Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation (MTBF) and with the main sponsorship of Calsome (MDG Co Ltd) was held at City Star Hotel on Maha Bandoola Street here this morning.

MTBF Vice-President U Win Zin Oo, Chief Judge U Daung Ni and Stage Manager U Soe Than Win and U Phyo Min Naing of Calsome Cereal Drink presented facts about the challenge and replied to queries of the journalists.

The tournament is due to begin at quarterfinals at the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) on 5 and 6 September. Semifinals are held on 12 and 13 September, and finals, on 20 September.

Nine classes in weight range from lightweight to above middleweight. Over 50 boxers from traditional boxing clubs will contend for gold belts.—MNA

Arms, drug seized in Tachilek Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — Tachilek Special Anti-drug Squad seized arms, ammunition, stimulant tablets and heroin from a house in Wanli Village, Haunglek Village-tract in Tachilek Township yesterday.

During the search, the special anti-drug squad found Sai Win Naing (a) Ar Phin, Ar Yaung, Ar Paung (a) Than Oo and Ma Ar Shin at the house and seized two guns —long barrel gun with MADSEN brand and Steyr M 9-41 pistol with No. 058768 —108 9-mm bullets, 964,000 stimulant tablets, 21 kilos of heroin, 102 blocks of heroin, five motor cycles and two cars.

The seizures were hidden on Town Ace with No. plate 2 Kha/9394 and in the house. After investigating Sai Win Naing (a) Ar Phin, the special anti-drug squad also searched the house with No. 212 in Wanlone Village in the same village-tract, and seized 1,962,000 stimulant tablets, two blocks of heroin weighing 700 kg and 10 kg of ICE. The drug traffickers are under investigation by the special anti-drug squad and arrangements are being made to arrest those who involve in the drug trafficking. — MNA

Medical treatment provided in Salingyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Ministry of Health in cooperation with regional authorities and social organizations, is providing medical treatment to patients from Sagaing Division. A medical team comprising specialists, eye specialists, dental specialists from the Ministry of Health (Head Office) and Sagaing Division Health Department gave special treatment at Kyartat Station Hospital in Salingyi Township on 23 August.

Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint inspected the free treatments.

Head of Sagaing Division Health Department, six eye specialists and four dental specialists led by the Deputy Director-General (treatment) of Health Department gave free treatment to over 600 patients in Kyartat model village. —MNA



Commander inspects water supply tasks, rice farms in NyaungU Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected the site chosen to dig a lake for drinking water and Kyaukku River Water Pumping Project in NyaungU Township on 18 August.

During the tour of inspection, the commander also visited thriving rice fields in Latpan Chepaw Village-tract.

He also visited the integrated farming of NyaungU Township Cooperative Syndicate and the lake for drinking water in GyanLi Village.

Afterwards, the commander and party went to Pann-ai Village in Mahline Township and inspected preparations for growing of monsoon paddy and gave necessary instructions to responsible officials.

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C-in-C (Air)'s Shield Boxing Championship commences

YANGON, 25 Aug — The opening ceremony of 17th Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Boxing Championship took place at the hall of Mingaladon Airbase Headquarters this morning.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Commander of Mingaladon Airbase extended greetings.

Also present at the occasion were

the Commanding Officers of the airbase, referees from Myanmar Boxing Federation, Yangon Command, Tatmadaw(Air), Myanmar Police Force and Yangon City Development Committee, guests and managers and athletes of the teams.

The championship will be held up to 28 August.—MNA



Commander of Mingaladon Airbase delivers address at opening of 17th Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Boxing Championship.

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Health Deputy Minister attends International Scientific Symposium on Influenza Pandemic Response and Preparedness

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Director (Infectious Disease) Prof Dr Soe Lwin Nyein attended the meeting on International Scientific Symposium on Influenza Pandemic Response and Preparedness, organized by the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China and WHO, from 21 and 22 August.

Health ministers and deputy ministers from over 20 countries of Asia-Pacific region, health experts from WHO and experts from the various countries totalling over 900 also attended the meeting.

The Chinese

Deputy Premier delivered an opening address at the meeting. Next, Director-General of WHO Dr Margret Chan made a speech through videoconferencing. Chinese Minister for Health and WHO representative also made speeches.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo participated in the discussions, saying that only developed countries can produce a 90 percent of vaccine against New Influenza. Now, the patients are being tested for effectiveness of vaccine in six countries including big ones. New Influenza vaccines are able to be used in October 2009.

Only developed nations can use more vaccines. But developing countries will have to encounter difficulty in using sufficient vaccine. As a result, developing countries will have to carry out public health care services without using vaccine (injection). He expressed thanks to the WHO for fulfilling sufficient vaccines to developing countries. Large companies will donate vaccines for 150 million people to the WHO. He proposed to acquire more vaccines for the developing countries.



Deputy Minister Dr. Mya Oo participates in International Scientific Symposium on Influenza Pandemic Response and Preparedness. — MNA

He said that international pharmaceutical companies should practice differential pricing. Only then will the people of the developing countries use more vaccines.—MNA

CEO Magazine to organize "Leading at the Edge" seminar

YANGON, 25 Aug—With a view to improvement of leadership skills for managers at different levels, CEO Business and Management Magazine will organize a seminar with the topic of "Leading at the Edge" on 5 September.

U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, MD of Smart Technical Services will give talks on the subject and those interested may inquire at TODAY Publishing House, No.H, Kanyeikmon Villa, Hlinemyintmohkan Street, Hline Township here Ph:507391, 507392, 507393, and 722183.—MNA

Over 10,000 acres of poppy plantation destroyed

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug— Four acres of poppy plantation were destroyed in Lwewon village in Pinlaung Township, Shan State (South) on 21 August. Thus, altogether 10089.15 acres of poppy plantation in states and divisions have been destroyed in this year's poppy growing season.

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Seinle Shwepyi journal comes out

YANGON, 25 Aug — Seinle Shwepyi journal comes out today. The journal has covered news, features and articles including border trade, requirement of 80 tons of raw materials to produce soft crabs, high price of consumer goods in countries, increase in production of crops in India and macro economics in China.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Mandalay Central Railway Station, centre of railroad network

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

(from page 16)

When asked about rail transportation service at Mandalay Central Railways Station, Station Master U Soe Win told the Myanma Alin, "The Myanma Railways has built a nationwide network of railroads for public convenience in traveling from one region to another throughout the nation, promoting friendly relations among the people and transporting goods. Mandalay

Central Railway Station is one of the junction stations. Mandalay Central Railway Station meets international standard and it was launched in April 2001."

He said, "Mandalay Central Railways Station is a junction station, so people can travel directly by train from Mandalay to Myitkyina in the northern part of Myanmar, to Lashio in northern Shan State, to Pakokku and Bagan in Central Myanmar, and Ye and Dawei townships through



U Maung Maung Than, Chief Engineer (Division No 3).

Yangon in Lower Myanmar."

Daily, there are 10 mail-train schedules to and from Myitkyina, 10 schedules from and to Yangon, two schedules to and from Nay Pyi Taw, four schedules to and from Bagan, two schedules to and from Pakokku and Monywa, two schedules to and from Madaya, and four schedules between Thayezay and Madaya. In addition, there are several round-trip local train schedules between Myohaung and Thazi stations for the convenience



U Soe Win, Station Master of Mandalay Central Railways Station.

of local people along the route.

When new projects in Mandalay Division such as Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railway Project are over, people will be able to travel to Rakhine State along Sittway-An-Minbu-Magway Railway through Magway.

On average, 6000 people and 290 tons of goods are transported from Mandalay to respective railroad sections every day. And there are 37 train schedules transporting 14,118 tons of goods between Myohaung Station and Myitkyina railroad section, and 35 schedules transporting 17,586 tons of goods a month.

"We are also building many more railroads with Mandalay in the centre for the convenience of the people. Pyawbwe-Phaya Ngasu

Railroad Section was opened on 30 November 2008. It is 19.19 miles long. We had to build 34 large and small bridges in the section," said Chief Engineer U Maung Maung Than of Mandalay Central Railways Station Division No (3).

He added, "Moreover, we launched Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad Section on 10 November 2008. It is 95 miles long. We will soon open Pyawbwe-Yayngan-Yan Aung Railroad Section which is part of Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad."

"We launched Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohaung Dual Railroad Section on 24 November 2007 to improve transportation between Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay. That section is 157.75 miles long," he said.

The new railroads linked with Mandalay Central Railways Station built by the Myanma Railways make significant contribution towards smooth transport, friendly relations and commodity flows.

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An express train seen before departure from Mandalay Central Railway Station to Myitkyina.

Three mine blasts left three innocent people injured

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Daw Kyi Aye aged 40 of Kyuntaw village in Kyaukgyi Township of Bago Division was injured in a mine blast on 19 August. While she was on her way for gathering bamboo-shoots near Yepya Creek at the front of Mwetaw mountain, she stepped on a mine planted by insurgents and her left knee was blown off seriously. She was receiving medical treatment at Montaik Station Hospital.

Likewise, Moe Kyaw Thu aged 31 of Kyaukgyi Township was wounded in a mine blast on 19 August as he stepped on a mine planted by insurgents near Kyaukpon mountain of Sattle village in Kyaukgyi Township. His left ankle was blown off with left shin covered in bruises but not seriously and was admitted to Kyaukgyi Township People's Hospital.

Furthermore, on 22 August, Maung Maung (a) Ye Min Naung aged 26 of

Nayung U village of Kyaukgyi Township was injured in a mine blast while he and other three companions were cutting down bamboos near Minte valley, six miles in the east of Nyaung U village in Kyaukgyi Township. He lost his left ankle and was injured in the left knee, arm and face caused by blast particles but not seriously. Now, he was receiving medical treatment at Montaik Station Hospital.

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Public notice

Ministry of Health is taking systematic measures to ensure that the public consume safe, potent high-quality medicines. The lab tests for samples available in the market have exposed the following three kinds of fake medicines.

Sr	Medicine name	Co Name
1.	Chloramphenicol 0.25g BP capsule	Hongkong Eminent Fame Development Ltd
2.	Griseofulvin tablet 125 mg	Xuzhou Kangtai Pharmaceutica Co Ltd
3.	Griseofulvin tablet 0.125 g	unknown

The above fake medicines have not been registered in Myanmar and they have no potency.

Patients who consume fake medicines or low standard medicines will have to bear big medical expenses, their diseases will not be cured at all and their health conditions will get worse.

Pharmaceutical companies and drugstores are not to import, distribute and sell medicines that are not registered in Myanmar, fake medicines and low standard medicines. If they fail to follow the rules and regulations, authorities concerned shall take action against them under section-18 of the national medicine law.

Ministry of Health



UK Chinook choppers languish after software error

LONDON, 25 Aug—A batch of high-tech military helicopters have been out of service for eight years in one of the British military's costliest procurement blunders.

The eight Chinook Mk3s cost 259 million pounds but have been in storage since they were delivered in 2001 because of software problems.

The *Times of London* newspaper reported Tuesday that the problem was caused when officials tried to save money by installing their own avionics software rather than using the kind supplied by manufacturer, Boeing. It cited an

unidentified "defense insider."

The Ministry of Defense denied that it had been trying to save money. But it did acknowledge the order had been bungled.

In a report last year, the National Audit Office found that British officials had failed to ask for the access code for the software when they ordered the helicopters. That code was needed to test that the helicopters met British defense safety standards.

Boeing refused to hand the code over once the mistake was noticed, citing intellectual property rights.—*Internet*



The Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1) is launched from its launch pad at the Naro Space Center in southern South Korea, on 25 Aug, 2009. South Korea's satellite seems to have not entered its target orbit after successfully separating from its carrier rocket, South Korea's science minister said Tuesday.—INTERNET



Staff workers prepare to do transfusion for Feifei, a sick female giraffe, at Hefei Wildlife Park in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 24 Aug, 2009. Feifei, a two-year-old giraffe from Africa, received treatment as it infected hypoglycemia and parasitosis.

INTERNET

Govt threatens to cut Internet for online pirates

LONDON, 25 Aug—The government said hardcore online pirates who illegally swap and download copyrighted films and music could have their Internet connection cut off, in proposals announced on Tuesday. The threatened measure, which would go beyond previous proposals and has strong similarities to a proposed French law, could be brought in soon to tackle illegal downloaders file-sharing en masse.

The government is "considering adding account suspension to the list of technical measures that could be used only as a last resort against the hard core of copyright pirates," said a spokesman for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Internet service providers (ISPs) could be forced to take action

against individual repeat offenders, the spokesman added, while access to download sites could be blocked.

The previous proposals being considered by the government only went as far as restricting Internet users' broadband access speed.

Stephen Timms, the minister for the Digital Britain project, which aims to put the country at the forefront of digital innovation, said the new plans would allow "swifter and more flexible measures" to tackle illegal file-sharing.

"Technology and consumer behaviour is fast-changing and it's important that Ofcom (the communications industry regulator) has the flexibility to respond quickly to deal with unlawful file-sharing," said Timms.—*Internet*

Wild animals kill 30 people in Mozambique

MAPUTO, 25 Aug—At least 30 people have been killed by wild animals while 24 others sustained minor to severe injuries in a number of communities in the district of Magoe, central Mozambican province of Tete, in the first half of this year, local media AIM said on Tuesday.

According to Adelso Cassamo, head of Economic Activities Directorate in Magoe, over the same period wild animals also destroyed 30 houses, 18 canoes and 83 fishing nets, and killed 12 cattle and 36 goats.

The wild animals also destroyed 106 farmers'

fields, totaling 56 hectares of diverse crops, which has worsened food insecurity in the district.

Over the past two years, incursions of wild animals on the fields and villages have shown a growing trend, which translates in the loss of lives and the destruction of property.

"Most of the people were killed by elephants, crocodiles and hyenas in the regions of Mussenguedzi, Bawa and Daqui. To minimize the effects of these attacks, a number of activities are under way," said Cassamo.

Xinhua

S Korean actress Lee Young-ae married in US



South Korea's actress Lee Young-ae

SEOUL, 25 Aug—South Korean actress Lee Young-ae, leader of Han-ryu, or the Korean wave, has married a South Korean businessman in the United States, her legal consultant said on Tuesday.

According to Lee's legal counsel, Lee, 38, was married to a 54-year-old man on Monday in the United States.

Lee is not willing to

disclose her husband's personal profile with the wedding attended by only family members and close acquaintances, the law group said.

In the press release, Lee expressed "deep apologies" for having been unable to personally announce her marriage through an official press conference.

Lee, having been considered one of the most influential actresses in South Korea, stood as one of top Asian celebrities with a big hit of the popular South Korean Drama, "Jewel in the Palace (Dae Jang Geum)."

Xinhua

Frenchman hurt in new 'exploding iPhone' incident

MARSEILLE, France, 25 Aug—A French security guard said Tuesday he had received a faceful of glass when the screen of his iPhone exploded, the second such reported incident in France.

Yassine Bouhadi, a 26-year-old supermarket watchman from the southeastern town of Villevieille, said he "was typing a text message, on Monday at around 3:00 pm, when the screen exploded."

Bouhadi, who says he was hit in the eye with a glass shard, said he was "very angry" and planned to consult a doctor and file suit for damages.

"I want an explanation about this damned telephone," said Bouhadi, who bought the hugely popular

smartphone device for 600 euros (850 dollars) three months ago and now wants his money back.

A French teenager suffered an eye injury in a similar iPhone incident earlier this month, a few weeks after a brouhaha in Britain over an exploding iPod music player owned by an 11-year-old girl.

A US television station also reported last month that an "alarming number" of iPods had burst into flames, although without causing serious injuries, a problem apparently caused by overheated lithium ion batteries.

The US technology giant Apple, which makes the iPhone and iPod, assured the European Union earlier this month that the cases reported so far were "isolated incidents."—*Internet*



Yuan Youen, a folk artist, shows puppets of Shoulder Pole Drama, a local traveling puppet drama show the performer of which loads the stage property by a shoulder pole, in Balizhuang Village in Neihuang County, central China's Henan Province, on 23 Aug, 2009. Yuan, in his seventies, who began performing Shoulder Pole Drama when he was 25, is now the only Shoulder Pole Drama artist alive in the village.—INTERNET

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Reader's Digest files for bankruptcy protection

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—Reader's Digest, publisher of the monthly magazine which claims the largest circulation in the world, filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday in an agreement with its major lenders.

Reader's Digest Association said that as part of its previously announced restructuring plan it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which protects a company from its creditors while it restructures. It said the Chapter 11 filing only applies to its US businesses and not its operations in other countries.

Reader's Digest said last week that the restructuring agreement calls for a "substantial portion" of its 1.6 billion dollars in debt to be swapped for equity and ownership of the company to be transferred to the lender group.

Internet



A copy of Reader's Digest magazine is displayed on a rack at a grocery store on 17 Aug, 2009 in San Anselmo, California. Reader's Digest, publisher of the monthly magazine which claims the largest circulation in the world, filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday in an agreement with its major lenders.—INTERNET

Chilean President calls for confidence on economic recovery

SANTIAGO, 25 Aug—Chilean President Michelle Bachelet on Monday urged micro, small and medium entrepreneurs to have confidence on the country's economic recovery, citing positive signs in the production sector. In a speech at the opening ceremony of the National Meeting of Small Enterprises, Bachelet assured that "our economy resisted the bad winds, and it can retake its growth path."

Bachelet urged the entrepreneurs to be confident on the country's economic future, saying "we are already seeing the

first recovering signals." She cited the sustained price of copper and more sales in the real estate sector as examples.

Bachelet also spoke about the way small enterprises have resisted the international crisis.

"The government has assured the fairest rules for the micro, small and medium enterprises in expanding their markets in Chile and abroad, improving their financing conditions, bringing more modern and efficient technologies and expanding the joint work," Bachelet said.

Bachelet added that at

the end of 2008, her government took 2 billion US dollars to inject liquidity into the financial system and promote access to credits. Another 4 billion dollars were announced in January to boost investment and consumption.—Internet

Eurozone industrial new orders in June see 3.1% increase

BRUSSELS, 25 Aug—Eurozone industrial new orders in June registered an increase of 3.1 percent compared with the previous month, the first monthly increase this year, according to data released by the European Union statistic bureau Eurostat on Monday.

Still, the figure was down by 25.1 percent compared with the same period last year, the Eurostat said.

Excluding ships, railway and aerospace equipment, for which changes tend to be more volatile, industrial new orders grew by 1.9 percent in the 16-member euro zone.

The Eurostat said that within the 27-member EU, industrial new orders in June dipped by 0.4 percent compared with May and by 24.0 percent compared with the same period last year.

This is the first time that the industrial new orders rose on a monthly basis this year.

Xinhua

Japan Meteorological Agency wrongly issues strong quake alarm

TOKYO, 25 Aug—The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a false alarm saying a strong earthquake was imminent in Tokyo and surrounding areas early Tuesday, causing subway and other train services to briefly halt shortly before morning rush hour, Kyodo News reported. The quake warning was issued around 6:37 am, but no jolt perceptible to people was observed in the region, the agency said, blaming the error on a possible computer glitch. The alert caused Tokyo Metro to suspend services on eight of its subway lines for two to nine minutes, including halting trains, but the timetables were restored by 8 am. Other railways were also affected.—Xinhua

France to claim exclusive Mediterranean fishing zone

CASSIS, 25 Aug—France said on Monday it intends to assert sovereign rights over marine resources off its Mediterranean coast, declaring a 70-mile Exclusive Economic Zone in a bid to protect dwindling fish stocks. French Environment Minister Jean-Louis Borloo made the announcement during a trip to southern France, saying he hoped that other Mediterranean nations would follow suit to prevent overfishing by fleets from outside the region. Under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), an EEZ gives states sovereign rights over fishing and marine resources, outside its 12-mile territorial waters and up to 200 miles from its shores.—Internet

Malaysia's pharmacy to grow up 10% on A/H1N1 flu pandemic

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 Aug—Malaysia's pharmaceutical industry is expected to fulfill sales of 1.1 billion US dollars in 2009, some 10 percent higher than 2008, due to the rising demand for medication amid the A/H1N1 flu pandemic, local media reported on Tuesday.

The local pharmaceutical industry was less affected by the economic downturn than other industries, said Jimmy Piong, president of the Malaysian Organization of Pharmaceutical Industries (MOPI), according to *The Star*.

The sales of immune boosters were growing due to the expansion of A/H1N1 pandemic in the country, but over-the-counter sales of other products like vitamins and non-prescriptive medicines were dropping, said Piong.

Xinhua



Bulgarian collect sea mussels near a heavy industry area where the mussel collecting is against the law in the Black Sea town of Varna, east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 24 Aug, 2009. —INTERNET



TB antibiotic use linked to resistance

NASHVILLE, 25 Aug—Common use of fluoroquinolones — a class of antibiotics — has been linked to an antibiotic-resistant tuberculosis, US researchers said.

The retrospective case-control study, published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, found increased use of this class of antibiotics may be undercutting their usefulness as the first-line defence against drug-

resistant TB.

The researchers found a linear association between previous fluoroquinolone exposure and fluoroquinolone resistance.

“For every additional 10 days of fluoroquinolone use, we found that patients had a 50 percent increase in the likelihood of having resistant TB,” study leader Dr Rose Devasia of Vanderbilt University in Nashville said in a statement.

The researchers found fluoroquinolone resistance highest among those undergoing fluoroquinolone treatment more than 60 days prior to TB diagnosis.

Using 2002-2006 data from the TennCare pharmacy database, the researchers determined fluoroquinolone use for the 12 months prior to TB diagnosis in 640 patients for whom stable cultures were available.

Internet



A water bomber sprays water to extinguish fire in Antalya, Turkey, on 24 August, 2009. As many as 150 hectares of forest have been affected so far by the raging fire in Antalya. —XINHUA

Mutated gene causes hearing loss

IOWA CITY, 25 Aug—Scientists have identified a deafness-causing genetic defect in mice that’s led to the discovery of a new protein that protects sensory cells in the ear.

Researchers at the University of Iowa and Kansas State University say hereditary deafness is one of the most common birth defects, yet most genes involved in hearing are unidentified. Mice are used as research models

because mouse and human auditory genetics are very similar.

Using a deaf mouse model, the researchers identified the deafness-causing defect in the claudin-9 gene. That mutated gene fails to produce normal claudin-9 protein, which, the University of Iowa team showed, is needed to maintain the proper distribution of potassium in the inner ear.

Internet

Scientists create world’s tiniest laser

WEST LAFAYETTE, 25 Aug—Scientists say they have created the tiniest laser since lasers were invented 50 years ago. Researchers at Purdue, Norfolk State and Cornell universities said their achievement might lead to many innovations, including superfast computers that use light instead of electrons to process information, advanced sensors and imaging.

The new device — called a “spaser” — is the first of its kind to emit visible light and represents a critical component for possible future technologies based on “nanophotonic” circuitry, said Purdue Professor Vladimir Shalaev.

The researchers said their study confirms earlier work by physicists David Bergman at Tel Aviv University and Mark Stockman at Georgia State University, who first proposed the spaser concept in 2003.—Internet

Canadian scientists inhibit cancer protein

TORONTO, 25 Aug—Canadian medical scientists say they’ve developed a new way to inhibit two cancer proteins in a study that might lead to more effective chemotherapy. A research team led by University of Toronto-Mississauga Professor Patrick Gunning created several molecules that inhibit Stat3 — a protein that in cancer cells pairs with a copy of itself and becomes unstable.

“The molecules we have created are particularly nice because they’re showing selectivity against cancer cells, but not against healthy cells,” Gunning said. “This molecule could be used in conjunction with typical chemotherapeutics, and it could mean that drugs will have less resistance-so you could use lower dosages and cause fewer side effects.”—Internet

Bolivia takes measures for ozone layer protection

LA PAZ, 25 Aug—Bolivia suspended the consumption of chloro fluorocarbon (CFC), which is mainly responsible for ozone depletion, to protect the ozone layer, local press said on Monday.

According to local press, Bolivian Environment, Bio-diversity and Climate Changes Vice Minister Juan Pablo Ramos said that the measure was taken as part of the Montreal

Protocol, which prohibits the production and usage of the CFC.

The CFC is derivative from saturated hydrocarbons obtained by the replacement of hydrogen atoms by fluorine or chlorine atoms. The ozone layer prevents most harmful UVB wavelengths of ultraviolet light (UV light) from passing through the Earth’s atmosphere.

Xinhua

Hong Kong reports 245 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

HONG KONG, 25 Aug—Hong Kong had confirmed 245 cases of Influenza A/H1N1 in the 24 hours to 02:30 pm on Monday, bringing the total number of the cases to 9,350 in the city, Hong Kong Health authorities said. The new cases involved 137 males and 108 females, aged between eight months and 85 years old, said a spokesman from the Center of Health Protection of Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, the city’s Hospital Authority said currently, a total of 109 confirmed cases are staying in public hospitals for treatment. Among them, 93 cases are in stable condition, four in serious and 12 in critical conditions.—Xinhua

Over 1,000 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 25 Aug — A European health agency said on Monday that 1,048 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 585 were confirmed in Germany, 223 in Portugal and 207 in Greece while other cases were reported in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania and Finland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report. The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 43,152, with 14,325 cases in Germany, 12,957 in Britain, 2,210 in Portugal, 1,631 in Greece and 1,538 in Spain, the ECDC said.

The total number of fatal cases rose to 93, with nine new fatal cases from France and one from Spain, the ECDC said.—Xinhua

Nicaragua confirms second A/H1N1 flu death

MANAGUA, 25 Aug—Nicaragua confirmed its second A/H1N1 influenza death on Monday, the Health Ministry announced. A 44-year-old female patient from Costa Rica died in a hospital in Managua, Health Minister Guillermo Gonzalez said. Gonzalez said the patient, who was probably infected with the disease when she arrived in the country, was hospitalized for 12 hours before death.

Nicaragua confirmed its first A/H1N1 flu death on 12 Aug. as a 30-year-old patient from Cruz del Rio Grande in the Caribbean region died of the virus. So far, Nicaragua has reported 775 infections since the first case in the country was confirmed in June. —Xinhua



A man walks past a pipe sending fresh air into a pit of a coal mine operated by the Xingguang Coal Industry Co in Heshun County, north China’s Shanxi Province, on 25 Aug, 2009. XINHUA

SPORTS

City snap up Sylvinho on one-year deal

MANCHESTER, 25 Aug—Big-spending Manchester City have signed veteran



Brazilian defender Sylvinho

Brazilian defender Sylvinho on a one-year deal, the club announced on Monday.

Sylvinho, 35, was a free agent after leaving Barcelona at the end of last season and has previously played in the English Premier League for Arsenal, for whom he made 55 appearances between 1999 and 2001.

City boss Mark Hughes has signed the experienced defender essentially as cover for England left back Wayne Bridge.

Internet

Mauresmo, Kuznetsova win New Haven tennis opener

NEW HAVEN, 25 Aug—Top seed Svetlana Kuznetsova and two-time major champion Amelie



Two-time major champion Amelie Mauresmo, pictured in June 2009, got off to a quick start at the WTA Pilot Pen tournament, stopping Japanese ace Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-1 in the first round on Monday.—INTERNET

Mauresmo and got off to successful starts at the WTA Pilot Pen tournament.

Mauresmo stopped Japanese ace Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-1 in the first round and Russian Kuznetsova beat China's Zheng Jie 6-1, 6-7 (5/7), 6-4.

In the final US Open tune-up tennis event, Mauresmo moves on to face the winner of a match between American Meghann Shaughnessy and Alona Bondarenko.

World number six Kuznetsova easily won the first set but lost the second in a tiebreak and then rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the third to win the match.

Internet

Atletico Madrid emerge in Champions League qualifying

PARIS, 25 Aug—Atletico Madrid will seek to take a temporary, yet lucrative step, out of the huge shadow cast by neighbours Real on Tuesday by completing a qualifying round win over Greek side Panathinaikos to take their place in the Champions League group stage.

The prospect of missing out and having to skulk around the fringes of the continental game in the Europa League, successor of the UEFA Cup, is unthinkable to Atletico, given their need to glean some bragging rights in Spain's football-mad capital.

Internet



Atletico Madrid's Florent Sinama Pongolle (centre) jumps for a long ball with Panathinaikos' Kostas Katsouranis (right) and Gilberto Silva during their Champions League play-off game at the Athens' Olympic stadium, on 19 August.—INTERNET

Liverpool's Benitez defends squad after Villa loss

LIVERPOOL, 25 Aug—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez has jumped to the defence of his players and his system despite losing two of his opening three matches of the season.

The Reds were beaten 2-1 at Tottenham on the opening day of the campaign and were defeated 3-1 by Aston Villa at Anfield on Monday night.

Benitez lost key midfielder Xabi Alonso to Real Madrid in the summer and has only managed to bring in



Liverpool's Spanish manager Rafael Benitez

Glen Johnson, Alberto Aquilani, who is out injured for at least six weeks, and back-up defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos.—Internet

Dementieva overtakes Jankovic in WTA rankings

MIAMI, 25 Aug—Russian Elena Dementieva, winner of the WTA tournament in Toronto at the weekend, has overtaken Serb Jelena Jankovic to move into fourth place in the WTA rankings released here on Monday.

Former world number one Maria Sharapova, the beaten finalist in Toronto, moves up 19 places to 30th. The Russian is battling to regain peak fitness after being sidelined for 10 months by a shoulder injury.

1. Dinara Safina (RUS) 9810 pts
2. Serena Williams (USA) 8907
3. Venus Williams (USA) 6865
4. Elena Dementieva (RUS) 6835 (+1)
5. Jelena Jankovic (SRB) 6620 (-1)
6. Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS) 5960
7. Vera Zvonareva (RUS) 5300
8. Victoria Azarenka (BLR) 4612 (+)
9. Carolina Wozniacki (DEN) 4400 (-1)
10. Flavia Pennetta (ITA) 3420
11. Ana Ivanovic (SRB) 3270
12. Agnieszka Radwanska (POL) 3180 (+1)
13. Nadia Petrova (RUS) 3120 (-1)
14. Marion Bartoli (FRA) 3005
15. Samantha Stosur (AUS) 2706 (+2)
16. Dominika Cibulkova (SVK) 2585 (-1)
17. Virginie Razzano (FRA) 2301 (+1)
18. Amelie Mauresmo (FRA) 2262 (-2)
19. Li Na (CHN) 2132
20. Patty Schnyder (SUI) 2117

Selected: 30. Maria Sharapova (RUS) 1720 (+19)

Internet

Van Nistelrooy back for Real after long injury layoff

MADRID, 25 Aug—Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy returned to playing ground after a long-time knee injury which sidelined him for almost nine months.

The Dutchman came on with 15 minutes left of the club's 4-0 win over Norwegian side Rosenborg in a pre-season friendly.

Xinhua

Barcelona, Madrid set for Spanish title battle

MADRID, 25 Aug—Real Madrid's ambitious plan to dislodge Barcelona from the perch of world soccer begins with the start of the La Liga season, where an exciting title contest between classic rivals is likely to have all eyes focused on the Spanish league this year.

Returned to the club presidency, Florentino Perez has spent over \$350 million on the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaka, Karim Benzema and Xabi Alonso as Madrid returns to its galactico ways following a barren season where it came near to competing with its Catalan rival.

Barcelona remains the favorite to repeat since coach Pep Guardiola's team is relatively unchanged from last season — when it became the first Spanish club to win the league, Copa del Rey and Champions League in one campaign.—Internet



Real Madrid's players celebrate with the trophy after their victory over Rosenborg during their Santiago Bernabeu trophy soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 24 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Different worlds for Britain's top tennis players

PARIS, 25 Aug—Andy Murray and James Ward, Britain's top two men's tennis players, may have moved up a place in the ATP rankings, but they remain worlds apart.

For Murray, it meant taking the number two spot last week from Rafael Nadal to edge menacingly closer to 15-time Grand Slam title winner Roger Federer. For British number two Ward, however, the achievement was more modest, a move from 205 to 204 and onto the shoulder of the equally unheralded Peter Polansky of Canada, out there in

the twilight zone of the professional game.

"I'm doing my own thing. I'm working hard. I'm not saying I'm suddenly going to be top ten next year, but that is the plan in the future," said Ward, the son of a London taxi driver.—Internet



Britain's James Ward

Maradona trusts on defeating Brazil

BUENOS AIRES, 25 Aug—Argentine soccer national team's coach Diego Maradona said Monday his team will defeat Brazil on Sept. 5, at the South American eliminatory for the World Cup South Africa 2010, by saying his team has "better players".

"We are going to win over Brazil because we have better players. By winning over them, we will show all the good we have as a group," Maradona said.

During an interview with radio station FM Palermo, Maradona also said he was "not able to be constant" as Lionel Messi, Barcelona from Spain player, "Lionel has done the stages faster than me, he has not had serious injuries. When I was playing for Barcelona I got hepatitis and I broke my ankle," Maradona said.

Xinhua



The dancing group from Haidian district performs attractive dancing of Xinjiang Uygur ethnic group during a dancing competition held by Niujie Street in Beijing, China, on 25 Aug, 2009. 12 dancing groups from the districts of Xuanwu, Xicheng, Haidian and Miyun attended the final contest Tuesday.—INTERNET

British bank Lloyds to axe another 200 jobs

LONDON, 25 Aug—Britain's state-rescued Lloyds Banking Group on Tuesday said it would cut 200 more positions, bringing the toll to around 7,500 job losses since the start of the year. LBG said the latest jobs to go would disappear in England and Wales by January 2010 as it merges insurance operations.

LBG, which is 43 percent owned by the taxpayer after a massive government bailout, has slashed thousands of jobs since its creation earlier this year following Lloyds TSB's takeover of rival banking group HBOS. "LBG has today announced a number of organisational changes in its general insurance division," the bank said in a statement.

"The group is combining the support functions of the Lloyds TSB and HBOS General Insurance division into one integrated business. These include sales, marketing, actuarial and underwriting operations."

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (26-8-2009) (Wednesday)

Transmissions

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

Times

Local Transmission

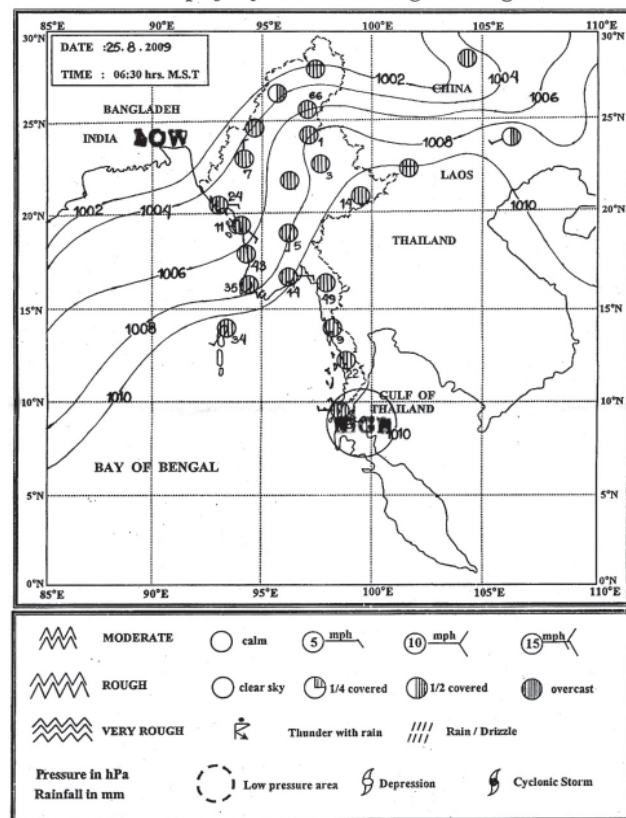
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Modernized Umbrellas evolved from the Yesteryear
- * Art of Carving on Fruits
- * Mandalay, the Golden City
- * Song "Garden City"
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- * Culture State "Bagan Duet Dance"
- * Song "Garden City"
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Nyaung Shwe, Southern Shan State)
- * Green Turtle
- * Myanmar Modern Song "The Floral Land"
- * How To Make Chinlone
- * Archaeological Museum, Pakhangyi (I)
- * National Dance "Sarlam (or) Victory Celebration"
- * Engineered Floors Made with Unique Technology
- * Myanmar Modern Song "The Home of Shan Nationals"
- * Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part IV)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 25th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States and Bago Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.55) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.44) inch, Mudon (3.27) inches, Myitkyina (2.91) inches, Belin and Chungson (2.48) inches each and Meikhtila (2.44) inches, Kyeikkhame (2.36) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-8-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 25-8-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-8-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 24-8-2009 was (3.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-8-2009 was (0.82) inch at Mingaladon, (0.56) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (82.87) inches at Mingaladon, (94.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.15) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 24-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Rakhine State.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 26
August
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

5. လေးကျွန်းမာရ်အောင် စေတီတော်

8:00 am

6. "စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်"

8:10 am

7. မြန်ပြည်တစ်လွှား လမ်းတံတားများ

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song of National Races

4:20 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

4. Classical Songs

4:35 pm

5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာနတတိယ အကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ(တတိယဆ) (အထက(၂)လှိုင်သာယာ) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:50 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

7. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

8. မြူမြူကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

5:20 pm

9. ရွှေယဉ်လင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

10. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

5:45 pm

11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:15 pm

13. Weather Report

6:20 pm

14. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ငွေ့

6:45 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:15 pm

16. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:50

17. Musical Programme

8:00

18. News

19. International News

20. Weather Report

21. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ "ရုပ်စုံသဘင်" (မဟာဗုဒ္ဓဝင် တောထွက်ခန်း)(ဒုတိယဆ) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း)



- ★ 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

Mandalay Central Railway Station, centre of railroad network

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



Mandalay Central Railway Station.

The government puts the transport sector at the heart of its drive to generate cumulative development of all parts of the nation. Now, Myanmar has seen a nationwide network of transport facilities of roads and bridges, thus ensuring

smooth transport and gradual regional development throughout the nation.

The performances of the Myanma Railways form a crucial part of the goal the government is pursuing for ensuring secure and smooth transport for the comfort and conven-

ience of the people.

In Myanmar, the majority of the people rely on railway service to travel from one region to another. So, the government is building railroads and railway stations the length and breadth of the country.

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One more infected with A (H1N1), a total of 26 patients at present and one more discharged from hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—A 16-year-old man who came back from Singapore fell ill and was admitted to Yangon General Hospital on 24 August. Serum of the patient was examined at National Health Laboratory and found to be New Influenza A (H1N1) virus positive. The patient came back to Myanmar by Flight MI-520 and was the 26th patient who suffered from New Influenza.

Four family members of the patient are being kept in home quarantine. A total of 140 residents living in the same building with the patient, 133 staff working there and 400 students who go to the same school are also being kept under active surveillance.

Today, a woman aged 33 was discharged from Webagi Specialist Hospital as she had fully recovered and surveillance on those who came into contact with her had been stopped.

A total of 26 persons have been infected with the virus up to now, 22 of whom recovered from the illness and had been discharged from hospitals. The remaining four are still under intensive health care.

National Health Laboratory has conducted medical check-up on 190 flu suspects, out of them, 26 were found to have been infected with the virus.

MNA

Educative talks on traffic rules held

YANGON, 25 Aug—With the supervision of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, the educative talks on traffic rules were held at Mawlamyine No 9 Basic Education High School on 22 August.

Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Than Than Htay made a speech on the occasion. Next, Police Capt Myint Aye, Sub-inspec-

tor Aung Naing and Sub-inspector Aung Aung Naing talked on traffic rules and educative plays were shown to those present.

Afterwards, Police Capt Myint Aye presented a VCD on knowledge for traffic rules and handouts to Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Than Than Htay. Photos on traffic rules were on display.—MNA