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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

Bago with variety of local products gaining development momentum

Article: Reporter Singu Soe Win; Photos: Reporter Yan Naing Win (Hlaing) & Bago Township Development Affairs Committee

Our media crew from the Myanma Alin Daily recently visited Bago, the metropolis of Bago Division. Fine and clean pavements, Town Hall, Clock Tower greeted us as we entered the town.

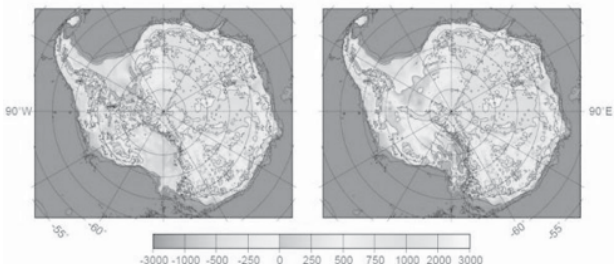
We went straight to the office of the Township Development Affairs Committee. Executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee Deputy Director U Tun Myaing together with Assistant Director Daw Myint Myint Aye, Assistant Engineer U Lay Lwin and departmental personnel explained what we wanted to know.

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The magnificent Clock Tower, pride of Bago, seen standing at the town centre.

Scientists propose Antarctic location for 'missing' ice sheet



Maps of Antarctic topography with restorations for removal of the load of modern ice only (left), and additionally for erosion, sedimentation, thermal contraction, and horizontal plate motion in geologically active regions (right). Models correcting only for ice load have been used in all simulations of ice growth to date, but significant changes result from additionally correcting for other geologic processes.

SCIENCE DAILY, 26Aug—New research by scientists at UC Santa Barbara indicates a possible Antarctic location for ice that seemed to be missing at a key point in climate history 34 million years ago.

The research, which has important implications for climate change, is described in a paper published today in *Geophysical Research Letters*, a journal of the American Geophysical Union.

“Using data from prior geological studies, we have constructed a model for the topography of West Antarctic bedrock at the time of the start of the global climate transition from warm ‘greenhouse’ earth to the current cool ‘icehouse’ earth some 34 million years ago,” explained Douglas S. Wilson, first author and an associate research geophysicist with UCSB’s Department of Earth Science and Marine Science Institute.

Internet

Noteworthy amount of rainfall

Sittway	3.03 inches
Maungtaw	2.56 inches
Bhamo	1.77 inches
Kalay	1.65 inches
Haka	1.49 inches
Taunggyi	1.42 inches
Kyauktaw	1.42 inches
Mawlaik	1.37 inches
Kyaukpyu	1.37 inches
Ngathaingchaung	1.37 inches



PERSPECTIVES

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Train and nurture highly qualified human resources

The government has been building a large number of educational infrastructures throughout the nation for the people to be able to pursue both basic and higher educations.

Today, being the Knowledge Age, people have to rely mainly on technology in such sectors of society as production, education, health, etc.

At such a time, the new generation students are to try their utmost in their studies of education and technology so that they can be the good sons and daughters capable of serving the interest of the State and the people.

The main forces that would serve the national interest to the best of their ability for perpetuation of the nation are highly qualified human resources. Therefore, they are to strive to be well-versed in advanced technology while trying to become outstanding new generations.

In training and nurturing highly qualified human resources, efforts are being made to open self-reliant libraries in villages for the people including those from rural regions to keep pace with changes and developments and to cultivate the reading habit in order to be able to widen their scope of knowledge.

Such being the case, the new generation youths are to work hard to become outstanding and well-informed ones on whom the State can rely at a time when all-out efforts are being made for successful realization of the goals of the national education promotion programmes.

All this needs to be known

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

Dr Daw San San Aye gives health educative talks at school health week ceremony held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Aungmyaythazan Township of Mandalay Division on 15 August.—NLM



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

Development undertakings in Lwemwe inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phy on 18 August inspected maintenance of Kengtung-Lwemwe motor road.

On 19 August, the commander presented stationery, school uniforms and sweaters to the trainees at the Border Areas National Race Youth Development School in Lwemwe.

The commander visited Lwemwe MRTV Re-transmission station, tea plantations of farmer U Shauk Ti and tea nursery of Lwemwe station.

At Lwemwe Basic Education High School, the commander met with teachers.

On 20 August, the commander met servicemen and family members at the hall of the local battalion in Lwemwe station.

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Prizes awarded for Commander's Shield Shooting Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—The prize presentation for the South-West Command Commander's Shield Shooting Tournament was held at the parade ground of the local training depot in Ingapu Township on 15 August morning.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe presented championship shields and cash awards to the respective winning teams.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe presents championship shield to winning team.—MNA

Arms and drugs seized in Tachilek, six including two Thai nationals are under arrest

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Members of Tachilek special anti-drug squad of Shan State (East) raided a residence in Wanli village of Haungleik village-tract in Tachilek Township on 24 afternoon to search for illegal drugs and found Sai Win Naing (a) Ah Pin, Ah Yao, Ah Bao (a) Than Oo and Ma Ah Shin there.

They seized one long barrel gun with MADSEN

brand, one STEYR M 9-41 pistol with No. 058768, 108 9-mm luger bullets, 964,000 stimulant tablets, 21 kilos of heroin, 102 blocks of heroin weighing 35.7 kilos from TOYOTA LUCIDA brand Town Ace with licence plate 2B/9394 parked in the garage of the house together with five motorbikes and two vehicles.

Following the confession of Sai Win Naing (a) Ah Pin, 1,962,000 stimulant tablets, two blocks of heroin weighing 700 grams, and 10 kilograms of ICE were also seized from the residence No. 212 in Wanlong village of Haungleik village-tract.

The special anti-drug squad managed to seize 24 grams of ICE, 11 grams of Khatkhu, two vehicles and one motorbike from the dwelling of Ai Kwat (a) Nyi

Kwat, No. 136 in Tawkaw Apyin village in Haungleik village-tract on 24 August.

Following some further investigations, the anti-drug squad came to know that a Thai couple lodging at Shweyegan Hotel had offered to buy drugs at a price of 40 baht per tablet. Then, they arrested Nai Ancha (a) Semo, male, 28, son of U Naing Senh,

No.123, Ward-4, Chinshan Township, Chinshan District and Ah Zhou, female, 41, daughter of U Shaung Pu, No (727/9), Sanma Kaw Wan village, Pan Town, Chiang Mai District of Thailand who were lodging at Room No.6 of Shwe Yegan Hotel yesterday and actions is being taken to expose more accomplices.

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Talk "US Dollar, IMF and Global Financial Crisis" on 29 Aug

YANGON, 26 Aug—Under the arrangements by the Myanmar Fishery Federation and the Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs' Association and with the sponsorship of Han Sein Thant Engineering & Trading, Economist Dr U

Myint will give a talk "US Dollar, IMF and Global Financial Crisis" at the federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township at 2 pm on 29 August. Anyone interested may listen to the talk.

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Canada says not to contribute troops to Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 26 Aug—Canada will not contribute troops to Afghanistan after the scheduled deadline of early 2011 and NATO should press other member countries to send more soldiers, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said on Tuesday.

There has been no any direct pressure from the US government yet for Canada to extend its combat mission beyond 2011 but even if it really happens Canada will say no, the minister said at a press conference in Quebec.

“I think there’s a continued call to NATO allies for them to contribute more,” MacKay said.

“But there are many countries in line before Canada that should be approached before they would come knocking on our door, I would suggest to you.”—Xinhua

An Iraqi traffic policeman prepares to tow a damaged car after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 25 Aug, 2009. A bomb attached to a car wounded a municipal official, along with three of his bodyguards, in Baghdad’s central Karrada district, police said. —INTERNET



A wounded man leaves the scene of a massive explosion outside the foreign ministry in central Baghdad recently. —INTERNET

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

KABUL, 26 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 31670 Afghan people were killed and 37,274 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 26 Aug.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	31,670
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	37,274

Internet

NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 26 Aug— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The death toll of Iraqi people as from the day they invaded the country to 26 Aug has risen to 698,430 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,258,756, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	698,430
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,258,756

Internet



An unidentified wounded man is treated at a hospital after five car bombs detonated simultaneously in Afghanistan’s largest southern city of Kandahar, on 25 Aug, 2009. The explosion killed tens of people destroying a construction company office and damaging dozens of nearby buildings.—INTERNET



2009 deadliest year for foreign troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Aug—The number of foreign soldiers killed in Afghanistan this year surpassed that for all of 2008 on Tuesday with the deaths of four US military personnel in a bomb blast in the country’s south.

The soldiers operating under NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed by an improvised bomb, the Taliban’s weapon of choice, in southern Afghanistan, the alliance force said.

The latest casualties bring to 63 the number of foreign soldiers who have died in Afghanistan this month and to 295 the death toll since January, making this the deadliest year for foreign troops since their 2001 arrival.

“Four International Security Assistance Force service members were killed today as a result of an improvised explosive device (IED) detonation that occurred in southern Afghanistan,” the force said in a statement. It said only that the soldiers were killed in southern Afghanistan, without giving the exact location. Southern Afghanistan comprises four provinces that are a major theatre for an increasingly bloody insurgency.

Internet

Clash leaves three militants, army officer dead in central Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Aug—Clash between Taliban militants and an Afghan army officer have left four persons including the officer and three rebels dead in Wardak Province of central Afghanistan, a press release of Afghan

Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

“Taliban rebels on Tuesday attacked an army officer Captain Lutfullah in Wardak Province and the officer resisted, as a result the officer and three

militants were killed,” the press release added.

Taliban militants have intensified their activities against government interests particularly security forces to destabilize peace in the country.—Xinhua

Car bomb blasts in Afghanistan kill at least 41

KANDAHAR, 26 Aug—A cluster of vehicle bombs detonated simultaneously on Tuesday in the Taliban’s spiritual homeland near a foreign-owned construction company that had recently taken over a contract to build a road through an militants-held area. At least 41 people were killed, all civilians, officials said. The thundering explosion occurred just after nightfall in a district that includes UN facilities and an Afghan intelligence office. The force of the blast shattered windows around the city and sent flames shooting into the sky.—Internet

People look at the destruction left in the wake of five car bombs that detonated simultaneously in Kandahar, southern Afghanistan, on 25 Aug, 2009. —INTERNET



Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan concludes visit to Singapore

SINGAPORE, 26 Aug—Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan left Singapore for China after winding up his four-day official visit to the city state on Wednesday.

During his stay here, Wang co-chaired the 6th China-Singapore Joint Council Meeting for Bilateral Cooperation, the 11th China-Singapore Joint Steering Council Meeting for the Suzhou Industrial Park and the 2nd China-Singapore Joint Steering Council Meeting

for the Tianjin Eco-City with his Singapore counterpart Wong Kan Seng.

They also witnessed the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) related to educational cooperation and science and technology, and a Protocol to the tax treaty between the two countries.

Apart from co-chairing the meetings, Wang also called on Singapore leaders such as President S R Nathan,

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong and Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew.

During their meetings, both sides reaffirmed the close ties between the two countries and discussed how bilateral cooperation could be further enhanced. They also exchanged views on the regional and global economy, and the challenges in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

Xinhua



Volador de Papantla, or flyers of Papantla, perform in front Mexico City's Museum of Anthropology on 25 August, 2009. The ritualistic dance is a pre-Colombian tradition from Veracruz which involves five men, representing the five elements, climbing on top of a tall pole, then four of them jumping headfirst from the pole while attached to a wound-up rope which then unwinds as they spin towards the ground.—XINHUA

Small plane crash lands in New Jersey

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—A small plane crash landed at a northern New Jersey mall parking lot around noon on Tuesday, local reports said.

A spokesperson for Rockaway Townsquare Mall in Rockaway, NJ confirmed that a single-engine Cessna plane made an emergency landing in the shopping centre's parking lot around 12 pm, just several meters from mall's JC Penny store, according to New York's TV channel PIX News.

The plane's pilot managed to walk away without any serious injuries, officials said. The condition of his only passenger is still unknown.

Xinhua



An investigator looks at a plane that crash-landed in a parking lot at the Rockaway Townsquare Mall in Rockaway Township, N.J., Tuesday, on 26, August, 2009. The small plane made an emergency landing in the mall, slightly injuring the instructor and student inside but apparently hurting no one on the ground.—INTERNET

Malaysia agrees on Indonesia's requests to improve labours' working standard

JAKARTA, 26 Aug—Malaysia agreed on Indonesia's three of several requests to improve working standard of the country's "informal labours" who work

there, the business daily *Bisnis Indonesia* quoted a minister as saying on Wednesday.

Informal labour refers to little professional skilled-workers like

household maid as well as construction and plantation worker, among others.

The three points are that Malaysian government provides one day-off for the informal workers, agrees on certain 'salary scale' and lets the workers to hold their passports by themselves.

Xinhua

Global investors look for simple, safe investment

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Aug—Simplicity, safety and quality are now the goals of global investors for making their investment, according to a latest study by a United States asset management organization.

Investors or clients were looking for simplicity that was defined by transparency and liquidity of the investment's strategies being used, said Kirk West, Managing Director for Asia and Japan of Principal Global Investors (Singapore) Ltd, here on Tuesday.

Kirk West said that clients were also keen on safe investments that would provide capital protection and quality investments that was defined by consistent risk adjusted return.—Xinhua

Six persons drown, three missing as boat capsizes in northeastern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 26 Aug—Six persons, including three children, drowned and three others were still missing as a boat capsized in northeastern Bangladesh's Habiganj district, about 163km from capital Dhaka, on Tuesday night.

Police and local officials said a small boat carrying 16 passengers sank when it was caught in a storm late on Tuesday night. Seven people managed to swim ashore.

They said the local people recovered four bodies on Tuesday night and two more bodies early on Wednesday morning.

They said the rescue operation is still going on to search for the three missing persons.—Xinhua

Iran condemns US double standards on terrorism

TEHERAN, 26 Aug—Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani said on Tuesday that the US administration has taken double-standard stance on terrorism, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported.

Referring to the United States' approach to the anti-Iran "terror group," the Mojahdeen Khalq Organization (MKO), Larijani said that "It was

obvious to us that the US (on one hand) has been using the group as a tool... and (on the other hand) Americans said that they have nothing to do with MKO because it is a terrorist organization."

"A recent report about the US policy on the MKO, released by a research centre affiliated to the US Defence Ministry, declared that Washington has not

treated the group as a terrorist organization... it is a political scandal for Washington," Larijani was quoted as saying. The Mojahdeen, a self-claimed Marxist and Islamic movement, was founded in 1965 in opposition to the shah of Iran and has subsequently fought to oust the Islamic regime which took power in the 1979 revolution.—Xinhua



Guy Laliberte (L), Canadian billionaire owner of Cirque du Soleil and Barbara Barrett, his back-up crew member, sit in an altitude chamber as they prepare for exercises during a training session in the International Space Station (ISS) at the Star City space centre outside Moscow, on 17 August, 2009.—XINHUA



All items from Xinhua News Agency



Some 90 learners follow the teacher's gesture as the first batch of employees of local tourist spots and travel agencies in Suzhou take up their two-day study of the basic hand language, in a bid to better serve the hear-impaired tourists, in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

US budget deficit projected to explode over next decade

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug—The White House said on Tuesday the federal government could face a cumulative deficit of 9.05 trillion US dollars from 2010-2019.

The figure, released by the White House budget office, is 2 trillion dollars more than the estimates made by the Obama administration in May.

Nearly at the same time, the Congressional Budget Office projected in a report a cumulative 7 trillion US dollars of deficit from 2010-2019, a figure roughly 2 trillion less than the White House one.

The Congressional report said the deficit this year will total 1.6 trillion dollars. The White House figures also showed that

the public debt is projected to double by 2019 and reach a size that counts for as much as three quarters of the entire US economy.

Meanwhile, the projections predicted that US unemployment could spike to as high as 10 percent this year although the average is expected to be 9.3 percent in 2009.

Xinhua

Actresses from northeast China's Jilin Province perform during a singing and dancing performance of the Korean ethnic group in Beijing, China, on 25 Aug, 2009. XINHUA



Xinhua

Air China shares rise on half-year profits boost

BEIJING, 26 Aug—Shares of Air China Ltd closed higher on Wednesday morning after the company reported more than doubled first-half-year profit from a year earlier late Tuesday.

Air China ended 6.25 percent higher to 7.65 yuan in the Wednesday morning session on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The Beijing-based airline said in a Hong Kong stock exchange statement late Tuesday that its profit in the first half of 2009 was 2.93 billion yuan (428 million US dollars), up 151 percent from a year earlier. The carrier attributed the fast growth to fuel hedging gains which helped offset weaker demand on international routes and lower fuel costs which fell 42.5 percent from a year earlier.—Xinhua

Asia's development progress weighed down by crisis

MANILA, 26 Aug—Asia and Pacific economies are struggling to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDG), such as hunger, reduction in maternal mortality rates and access to sanitation as the region is feeling the pinch of global economic downturn, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Wednesday.

"With the recent global downturn, which has led to large declines in exports, production, and aggregate demand, regional growth will continue to be under severe downward pressure," said Jong-Wha Lee, ADB Chief Economist. "Slower growth in the short-term will make progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals difficult for many countries in Asia and the Pacific."

Xinhua

Russia says first phase of ESPO pipeline to be completed by yearend

MOSCOW, 26 Aug—The construction of the East Siberia-Pacific Ocean (ESPO) oil pipeline keeps to the schedule, with its first phase to be completed by the end of this year, the president of Russian oil pipeline monopoly Transneft said on Tuesday.

"I believe that the first phase of the ESPO pipeline will be concluded by the end of this year, and then the construction of the second phase will start immediately," *Itar-Tass* quoted Nikolai Tokarev as saying at a meeting with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

A total of 2,700 km of the first stage of the pipeline has been laid and equipment is being mounted at pumping stations and the Kozmino seaport, Tokarev said, adding that the second stage's blueprints will be ready by November.—Xinhua

Workers rush to set up the iron tower for the power transmission in an emergent repair drilling to the 110 kilowatts power transmission line, organized by the Lianyungang City's Power Supply Company, in a bid to check up its staff's emergency-dealing and normalcy-restoring capability to ensure the safe and orderly electricity supply of the whole city, in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



Israel becomes first developed economy to up interest rates

JERUSALEM, 26 Aug—Israel was one of the world's first economies to cut interest rates when the world financial crisis reared its head last year, and on Monday it became the first developed nation to subsequently increase its lending rate. The Bank of Israel announced a 0.25 percent rise of its overnight lending rate, to 0.75 percent, or as Israeli biggest-selling daily newspaper *Yediot Aharonot* put it, "a 50 percent rise in its interest rate."

The effects of this increase will not be that strong in actual terms, suggested Gad Lior, the senior macroeconomics correspondent of *Yediot Aharonot*. However, it will likely have a major ripple effect around the world.—Xinhua



Postgraduate volunteers who are to set out on their obligation as assisting tutors wave their banners during the setting-off ceremony in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 25 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Indonesian police capture suspect of hotel bombings

JAKARTA, 26 Aug—Indonesian police has arrested a man suspected of collecting funds from overseas to finance suicide bombings at two luxurious hotels in Jakarta on 17 July, which killed seven people including the two bombers and injured more than 55 others, police spokesman Nanan Soekarna said here on Wednesday.

The spokesman said that the arrest was made hours after the police announced Muhammad Jibril alias Muhamad Ricky Ardhan alias Abu Jibril as suspect of the explosions on Tuesday.

The 30-year-old man was captured in Pamulang town of Jakarta by the police anti-terror squad, he said.

Xinhua

Auto theft surges in Austria

VIENNA, 26 Aug—Austrian police have admitted that car theft has increased significantly in recent months, especially in Vienna, according to a report by Austrian Television (ORF) on Tuesday.

In the first seven months of this year, the number of stolen cars increased by 71.6 percent compared to the same period last year, while that for mini-buses and trucks increased by 49.5 percent, ORF reported.

During the period, a total of 3237 vehicles were stolen in Austria, an average of 15 units every day. In Vienna, 1718 cars were reported missing, 717 more than the same time last year. Thieves also took 151 trucks and 828 motorcycles, up 50 and 43 respectively, the report said.

Xinhua

Toyota to slash world production capacity

TOKYO, 26 Aug—Japan's Toyota Motor Corp, seeking to recover from its first year in the red, plans to slash its global production capacity by up to 10 percent to cope with weak sales, reports said on Wednesday.

Toyota will cut its output capacity by one million vehicles from the current level of 10 million, the *Nikkei* business daily said, while public broadcaster NHK reported that the reduction would amount to 700,000 vehicles.

A Toyota spokeswoman confirmed the company plans to suspend from early 2010 until late 2011 a line at its Takaoka plant in Aichi prefecture that can produce 220,000 vehicles a year, but said no other cuts had been decided.

Toyota will reduce its capacity by shutting down a US joint venture with General Motors Co

and by halting some production lines at factories in Britain and Japan, the reports said.

Toyota will soon announce a decision to shut down the California joint venture, New United Motor Manufacturing Inc (NUMMI), which produces cars such as the Corolla compact and the Tacoma pick-up truck, they said.—Internet

Australia approves China, India gas project

SYDNEY, 26 Aug—Australia on Wednesday approved a massive energy project that will supply natural gas worth tens of billions of dollars to China and India, giving new impetus to its resources boom.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett imposed 28 conditions to protect wildlife but said he saw no reason to block the Gorgon liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant off Western Australia, allowing it to clear the final regulatory hurdle. The project is a joint venture by Chevron, Shell and ExxonMobil, which has signed a record 41 billion US dollar contract with Chinese giant PetroChina and another worth 21 billion dollars with India's Petronet.

"I've considered it very carefully, I don't believe that there will be unacceptable (environmental) impacts and, as a consequence of that, I have made my decision today," Garrett told reporters. He said the conditions included measures to protect endangered turtles and other species on nearby Barrow Island and to minimise noise and light emissions.—Internet

Death rate spikes among migrating whooping cranes

A federal official says the world's only naturally migrating whooping cranes died at about twice their normal rate last year and will likely see an overall drop in numbers this year.

Tom Stehn, who oversees whooping crane conservation efforts for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, says 21 percent of a flock of whooping cranes that migrates between northern Canada and the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas each year died off last year.



In this on 15 Jan, 2006 file photo, a whooping crane eats a crab at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, near Rockport, Texas. More than 20 percent of the world's only naturally migrating flock of whooping cranes were lost and are presumed to have died from April 2008 to April 2009, according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Typically about 10 percent of the flock dies off.

Stehn says including new births, this year's flock is expected to drop by about 20 birds from last year's 270 when counted in the fall. The whooping crane numbered just 15 in 1941 but now numbers 539 and is considered a success story by conservationists.

The balancing art of Bill Dan

To those of us who find it impossible to balance a teaspoon on a saucer, Bill Dan is a man of awe-inspiring skill. Somehow and for some reason, he balances rock upon rock upon rock in a gravity-defying display of virtuosity.

Watch as he carefully places the tiniest point of one rock on the roundest surface of another. Bill works on the shores of San Francisco, where an occasional seagull threatens the equilibrium of his creations.

But balancing rocks isn't restricted to the water's edge of northern California — it's a worldwide phenomenon, with new practitioners joining the ranks every day. If you're inspired to try a little stone stacking yourself, Bill offers this helpful advice, "Try to place a bigger rock at the bottom."

NEWS ALBUM



A woman customer shows her own style chocolates for the coming Chinese Valentine's Day at a handicraft chocolate shop in downtown Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 August, 2009. These fashionable women will welcome the Chinese Valentine's Day on August 26, 2009 with their individual style chocolates for their lovers.



Bill Dan's rock balancing works

Spain's 1st full face transplant patient smiles

The first full face transplant patient in Spain has been so pleased by his new appearance that he smiled, according to media reports.

The 43-year-old patient may go home in about a week, said transplant specialist surgeon Pedro Cavadas at La Fe hospital in the eastern city of Valencia.

He is supposed to eat and speak intelligibly again after more than a decade of not being able to, but he was so happy when he saw himself in a mirror that he smiled.

Hospital officials noted that the patient is continuing to make good progress.

Part of the patient's face was lost more than 10 years ago due to radiotherapy to treat a tumor. He received a new face from a 35-year-old man who had died in a traffic accident. The operation was conducted at the hospital.

There have been four face transplant operations in France, two in the United States and one in China, said media reports.



Bago with variety of local products gaining development momentum

Article: Reporter Singu Soe Win; Photos: Reporter Yan Naing Win (Hlaing) & Bago Township Development Affairs Committee

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“Bago Township Development Affairs Committee of Bago Division is under Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. We are working hard for all-round development of the town, with the aim of building Bago as the town of glory of the division. Production of bio-fertilizer from rubbish and wastages is already on the way to success,” explained Executive Officer U Tun Myaing showing us pamphlets and photos on bio-fertilizer production process.

The committee targeted to collect K 738.4 million as taxes during 2009-2010 fiscal year, and the total amount collected was K 755.931 million, 102.4 percent performance against the target. Thus, the Township Development Affairs Committee could exceed the target.

A total of 10 markets run under the supervision of Bago Township Development Affairs Committee, five of which are urban markets and the rest are rural ones. Bago

Myoma Market, being the central market of Bago, is selling gold jewellery, clothing, cosmetics, various kinds of consumer goods, and farming equipment, and also a large variety of goods just about from meat and fish to gold jewellery are available at other markets whereas Konthaya sebesten tree leaves market is the sole supplier of sebesten tree leaves.

Pineapple jam of Kyauktan and Htongyi villages, preserved fresh water fish of Bago, dried banded snakehead of Pyinpongyi, edible succulent tuber of Pachyrhizus angulatus and watermelon of Phayagyi market, cauliflower, water convolvulus and other vegetables of Montaing village are known to be popular local products of Bago. There are a considerable number of fish paste dealers’ in Kali village, outskirts of Bago on Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

As wide variety of fish such as Labeo rohita, Mastacembelus armatus, Wallago attu, Anabas testudineus, Mystus vittatus, Barbus spp are in abundance in the



Executive Officer U Tun Myaing of Bago Township Development Affairs Committee and personnel supervising upgrading of Bayintnaung Road into tarred one.

surroundings of Bago that about 250 tons of fish can be produced a day in monsoon season. Various kinds of meat and fish such as beef, pork, mutton, chicken, duck and dried fish are sold in the market with separate banana and coconut brokers’ sale centres. There are 457 shops in Phayagyi market, 73 in Pyinpongyi market, 32 in Intagaw market, 36 in Htongyi market, and 124 in Kyauktan market,

totaling 722 shops in the whole town.

The Township Development Affairs Committee is constantly undertaking tasks for beautifying and keeping the township clean under the 16 directives of the Township Development Affairs Committee. The Township Development Affairs Committee had planned to upgrade 24 urban roads into tarred ones and build one laterite road during 2009-2010 fiscal year, out of which 12 roads have been tarred and one laterite road built.

With respect to rural roads, seven laterite roads and one concrete road were planned to be built and now three laterite roads and one concrete road had been built. One urban bridge had been constructed and preparations for construction of two rural bridges are under way.

Bago Township Development Affairs Committee is building Bago to become the town of glory of the division. After 1998, 87 tarred

roads, two gravel roads, 92 laterite roads and 293 earth roads have been built as core roads up to now, with a view to improvement of socio-economic status of locals.

Along the both sides of Phaya Street, Thanatbin Street, Shinsawpu Street, Yangon-Mandalay Highway (From 77th Division to Kyauktwingon), Miyahtagon, at the front of Kyunthayar car park lie 42,800 feet long clean and pavements.

A total of 220 shops in markets of Bago borrowed loans amounting to K 364.2 million from Development Affairs Bank Limited mortgaging their shops in order to expand their businesses and are now said to be doing well. The Township Development Affairs Committee is supervising daily on cleanliness of all markets and no fly and no bad smell in places where meat and fish are sold.

In order to supply more water to rural areas, the Township Development Affairs Committee

is carrying out tasks for digging of two-inch diameter shallow wells and installing of manual pumps in 35 villages, sinking of two-inch tube-wells, installing of manual pumps, constructing of reservoir in Oak-phokin-chaung and Kwe-tan-shae village, sinking of four-inch tube-wells, installing of compressors and constructing of facilities for supply of water in Bawnatgyi village. Thus, rural folks can enjoy much more clean water soon.

As 12 four-inch diameter wells, 23 two-inch diameter wells, 140 two-inch diameter shallow wells, 21 1.5 inch diameter shallow wells have been sunk for supply of water to rural areas, the efforts of Bago Development Committee in the time of Tatmadaw Government is honour for the development.

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Building of Bago-Taungthusu village rural laterite road in progress.



Information Minister receives Charge d'Affaires ai of Chinese Embassy

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Cultural Counsellor Charge d'Affaires ai of the Chinese Embassy Mr Gao Hua at the Ministry of Information, here, yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals

Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, Head of Office U

Myint Htwe of the Ministry of Information and officials.—MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Cultural Counsellor Charge d'Affaires ai of the Chinese Embassy Mr Gao Hua.—MNA

Forestry Minister on inspection tour of Kayah State



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung donates cash assistance to education fund of BEPS in Padarnyay village of Loikaw Township.

FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint made speeches at the opening ceremony of new school building of Nanmekhon Basic Education High School in Dimawhso Township on 23 August and donated exercise books. After that, the school headmaster spoke words of thanks and responsible persons opened the new school building.

Afterwards, the minister, the chairman and responsible persons looked round it. The new school building is 90 feet long and 30 feet wide and built at a cost of K 13,400,000.

After that, the minister, the chairman and responsible persons asked after patients at Nanmekhon Station Hospital and provided cash assistance to them. And they donated oxygen machine and medical fund to the station hospital.

The minister and the chairman delivered addresses at the opening ceremony of new school building of OK village BEPS in Dimawhso Township.

After that, State Education Officer accepted documents related to the school building. The chairman and donors donated exercise books and headmistress spoke words of thanks. After that, the minister donated cash to buy chairs and television.

The minister and the

chairman looked round the school. The new school building is 60-foot-long and 30-foot-wide and built at a cost of K 10,400,000.

In the afternoon, the minister and the chairman met local people of Phayabyu village in Dimawhso Township. They inspected new school building of Phayabyu village BEPS and fulfilled the needs.

On 24 August, the minister and the chairman met with local people at Padarnyay village BEPS in Loikaw Township.

After that, the minister and the chairman looked into University of Computer Studies (Loikaw), Nambawwan (Shan) BEPS and BEPS in Yaynikan village in Loikaw Township.

MNA

Magway Div WVOSC holds preliminary conference

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—The preliminary conference (2009) of Magway Division War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee

took place at City Hall of Magway on 19 August.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe gave

an introductory speech, and presented cash awards to outstanding students of members of Division War Veterans Organization.

MNA

Books donated to self-reliant libraries

YANGON, 26 Aug—Bagan publishing house donated 593 books of knowledge and literature having price of K 600,000 to self-reliant libraries of

Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information at production division (Yangon) of the Information and Public Re-

lations Department this morning. Bagan is located in Yakin Centre on Saya San Road, Yankin Township, Yangon.

MNA

Fire stations inspected in Bago (West) and Yangon Divs

YANGON, 26 Aug—The Director-General of Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement inspected fire stations in Thayawady, Letpadan and Minhla townships in Bago Division (West) yesterday.

At Taikkyi and Hmawby townships, he looked into fire engines and their maintenance and drills of firemen. Next, he presented light fire engines, fire hoses and uniforms for auxiliary fire brigade members of Thaikwa-chaung

village in Letpadan township, of Sitkwin, Letpankyaw, Seinkantlant and Thayettabin villages in Minhla township, and cash donations, exercise books, stationery and uniforms for schools.

MNA

REGENT to hold talks on education

YANGON, 26 Aug—Organized by REGENT Education, talks on education will be held at Konbaung Tagaung Hall of Traders Hotel

on Sule Pagoda Road at 5 pm on 29 August (Saturday).

Mr Jeremy Histon of Curtin Singapore and Mr Scott Spragg of Curtin

Sydney will give talks on courses and academic matters.

Any interested person may attend the talks.

NLM

Tobacco Kills



Medicines donated to Kyaiklat Township Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—A ceremony to donate medicines and medical equipment to Kyaiklat Township People's Hospital was held at the hall of hospital on 22 August.

Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and

Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing made a speech.

U Kyaw Swa Min of Grand Lotus Co explained the purpose of donations and presented medicines and medical equipment. Township Medical Officer Dr Daw Khin May Than accepted the donations and gave a certificate of honour to

the wellwisher.

The minister and party comforted the patients and presented cash assistance to them.

At the golden jubilee hall of the township, the minister met departmental officials and responsible persons of construction companies.

MNA

Industry-2 Minister inspects No.1 Machine and Machine Tools Manufacturing Factory (Nyaungchaydauk)

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected production workshops of PVC wire, Enamelled copper wire, power cable, bare copper wire, copper rod, transformer, generator and machine

tools in No.1 Machine and Machine Tools Manufacturing Factory (Nyaungchaydauk) on 23 August, and met with staff.

After that, the minister urged officials to produce the quality goods so as to meet the market

demand, to be efficient staff and to use machines at full capacity.

The minister reviewed implementations of nine objectives for 2009-2010 financial years and urged them to work harder than ever.

MNA

8th Meeting of Management Committee for SEAMEO CHAT commences

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—The 8th Meeting of Management Committee for Southeast Asian Ministers for Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Centre for History and Tradition was opened at Myat Tawwin Hotel, here, this morning.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and Mr Noorhaisamdin Abdullah of the Thailand-based SEAMEO Secretariat made

speeches.

Also present at the meeting were members of the management committee, officials of the SEAMEO Secretariat, ambassadors of Vietnam, Brunei, the Philippines and Indonesia to Myanmar and Charges d'Affaires of the embassies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education, the director of the SEAMEO CHAT and officials.

After the first-day meeting, the participants to the meeting paid homage to Upptasanti Pagoda and visited the water fountain garden, Thabyegon Roundabout, Lotus Roundabout, Raza Thingaha Roundabout, Gems Museum and Junction Centre. They viewed progress of the Hluttaw Building and the Government House.

The meeting continues tomorrow.

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Professor Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Thin of Microbiology Department of Yangon University of Medicine-1 gives talks on A (H1N1).

EDUCATION

Commander attends conclusion ceremony of training courses in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut delivered an address at the conclusion ceremony of Advanced

Tailoring Course No (23/2009), Basic Tailoring Course (51/2009) and Wicker Work Course No (5/2009), organized by Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National

Races and Development Affairs, at Women's Vocational Training School in Lashio on 14 August.

The commander presented completion certificates and viewed works of the trainees. —MNA



Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects machines on display in No.1 Machine and Machine Tools Manufacturing Factory (Nyaungchaydauk).—INDUSTRY-2

Minister inspects sites chosen for construction of railway stations

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than on 21 August heard reports on maintenance of Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road presented by officials at the project office of Public Works in Ottwin

Township.

At the project office near Ywapu Village of Paukkaung Township, officials reported on maintenance of the road and progress of the region. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

The minister and party looked into the site

chosen for construction of Paukkaung Station.

After inspecting the site for construction of Paungtale Station, the minister and party viewed the level crossing of the motor road and the railroad near Shwedaga station.

MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township Association (Yangon) to honour outstanding students

YANGON, 26 Aug—The social group members of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township Association (Yangon) will hold the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students of the township at Shwegyin Dham-

mayon, the southern stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda, here, at 9 am on 13 September.

At the ceremony, those present will be served with Lewe Monhinga.

All the dwellers of the

township residing in Yangon have been invited to attend the ceremony.

The list of the distinction winning students is to be sent to U Win Myint, Tel: 095143176 and 537761.

MNA

MAAS organizes talk

YANGON, 26 Aug—Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science organized subject talk (4/2009) at Yangon Institute of Education this morning. President U Than Oo of the academy made a

opening speech.

Professor Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Thin of Microbiology Department of Yangon University of Medicine-1 gave talks on points of New Influenza A (H1N1) virus and those present

took part in the discussion.

Next, President U Than Oo spoke words of thanks and presented gift to Professor Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Thin.

MNA

Mandalay Division WVO holds preliminary conference 2009



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivers an address at Mandalay Division War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2009.

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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Mandalay Division War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2009 took place at the National Theatre in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, on 16 August morning.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivered an address and presented cash assistance to the outstanding children of the war veterans who passed the matriculation examination.

MNA

Western Command Commander inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, on 16 August, met with officers and other ranks at Pardalaik Station in Sagaing and donated sports gear.

Next, the commander accompanied by departmental personnel concerned inspected road works near Sin-inn-gyi village in Ponnagyun Township and Kyauktaw Township, and quarry in Ponnagyun Township.

The commander then attended the ceremony to cultivate monsoon paddy held in Apaukwa village of Kyauktaw Township and there he gave necessary instructions after hearing the reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy submitted by officials.

After that, the commander attended a ceremony to put fingerlings into Zeechaung Dam.

The commander and party looked into integrated paddy farms of farmer U Aung Shwe Mra in Htaikwapyin village of MraukU Township, repairing of tarred road in Tainnyo village in MraukU Township.

At Okphokan village primary school in MraukU Township, the commander and party met local people and donated stationery and sports gear to them.

MNA

Technological University (Monywa), a source of well-qualified engineers

Byline: Kyawt Maung Maung; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



Dr Kyi Soe, Principal of Technological University (Monywa).

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He said that the university came into being as a government technical high school on 30 July 1982; that it was upgraded to a government technical institute on 1 December 1986; and that and it was again upgraded to

a government technological college on 10 November 1999, and to a technological university on 20 January 2007.

Technological University (Monywa) has 757 first-year A.G.T.I students, 670 second-year A.G.T.I students, 671 first-year

B.Tech students, 332 second B.Tech students, 436 B.E students, 54 M.E Second Batch students, 29 M.E Third Batch students



I think after I get my degree I will work with the knowledge I have gained from the classes in the national interest. (Ma Zarchi Seint Thu from Kyaukse)

and 49 M.E Fourth Batch students, amounting to 2998.

We also interviewed some students there. A male student told the Myanma Alin, "I am Maung Aung Zay Phyio from Monywa. I am a second year student, specializing in B.Tech. The higher grade I am in, the harder I have to try to do well in my studies."

A female student said, "I am Ma Zarchi Seint Thu. I specialize in B.E. I am from Myittha Village in Kyaukse. I think after I get my degree I will work with the knowledge I have gained from the classes in the national inter-

est."

The university conducts courses on Civil Engineering, Electrical Communications Engineering, Electric



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Power Engineering, Industrial Design Engineering, IT Engineering, Industrial Electronics Engineering and Textile Engineering.

So far, the university has brought about 1292 B.Tech graduates, 889 B.E graduates, and 5945 A.G.T.I diploma holders. Technological University (Monywa) stands tall, nurturing the students to be a source of well-qualified engineers necessary for national development, economic growth and boosting production of goods.

Translation: MS

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26-8-2009



China's CNOOC 1H net profit falls 55% on lower crude oil prices

BEIJING, 26 Aug—China's CNOOC Limited, the listed subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), said Wednesday its net profit dropped 55 percent from a year ago to 12.4 billion yuan (1.82 billion U.S. dollars), or 0.28 yuan per share, in the first half.

The profit decline, down from 27.54 billion yuan a year earlier, was a result of lower crude oil prices in the first half, as the global financial crisis led to a world recession that curbed demand for fuel,

despite a rise in oil and gas output, China's biggest offshore oil and gas producer told the Hong Kong stock exchange.

The company's revenue fell 42 percent year on year to 40.65 billion yuan.

The oil producer said its oil and gas output rose 15.2 percent to 105.8 million barrels of oil equivalent in the first six months.

But its average selling price of crude oil was 49.35 U.S. dollars a barrel in the first half, down 52 percent

from 102.5 U.S. dollars a barrel in the first half last year.

Despite the profit drop, Chairman Fu Chengyu expressed optimism about the company's future growth.

"2009 will become the company's next milestone in its history of stable growth," Fu said.

He expected the company's net output to increase 15 percent for the whole year, and announced the beginning of 10 new production projects within the year.—Xinhua



The picea schrenkiana, a kind of coniferous evergreen, is a unique species on Tianshan Mountains. Its needles, or leaves, are slightly bent and its pine cones are shaped like an eclipse. It is said to have been transferred from the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau 40 million years ago and have evolved into a unique tree species in the northwest of China. These trees cover 90 percent of Tianshan Mountains and are most luxuriant on Nalati Mountain along Yili Lake, where they grow up to 60 meters and are commonly more than 300-400 years old. Their roots grow deep into the soil to absorb water, and each mature tree can store 2.5 tons of water.—INTERNET

Canadian scientist aims to turn chickens into dinosaurs

MONTREAL, 26 Aug—After years spent hunting for the buried remains of prehistoric animals, a Canadian paleontologist now plans to manipulate chicken embryos to show he can create a dinosaur.

Hans Larsson, the Canada Research Chair in Macro Evolution at Montreal's McGill University, said he aims to develop dinosaur traits that disappeared millions of years ago in birds.

Larsson believes by flipping certain genetic levers during a chicken embryo's development, he can reproduce the dinosaur anatomy, he told AFP in an interview.

Though still in its

infancy, the research could eventually lead to hatching live prehistoric animals, but Larsson said there are no plans for that now, for ethical and practical reasons — a dinosaur hatchery is "too large an enterprise."

"It's a demonstration of evolution," said Larsson, who has studied bird evolution for the last 10 years.

"If I can demonstrate clearly that the potential for dinosaur anatomical development exists in birds, then it again proves that birds are direct descendants of dinosaurs."

The research is funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research

Council of Canada, the Canada Research Chairs program and National Geographic.

The idea for the project, Larsson said, came about during discussions with renowned American paleontologist Jack Horner, who served as technical advisor for the Jurassic Park films.

Internet

The raiser looks at the new tooth of the wild Asian elephant "Yongyong" at the Xishuangbanna Asian elephant breeding base in Dai Autonomous Prefecture of Xishuangbanna, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 3 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA



Zimbabwe reports fresh cholera outbreak

HARARE, 26 Aug—Twelve cholera cases have been reported at Chibwe Clinic near Chipinge farming town, more than 180 miles southeast of Harare, Zimbabwe's Health and Child Welfare Minister Henry Madzorera said on Tuesday.

The minister confirmed the outbreak, saying "Yes, there were reported cases of cholera at Chibwe Clinic and all the patients were successfully treated and discharged. The situation is now under control."

Ten patients were successfully treated and discharged while two were being held for observation. No one died of the bacterial disease, The Herald said on Wednesday.—Internet

The euro climbed back above 1.43 dollars after news of buoyant business confidence in Germany, Europe's biggest economy.

INTERNET

A/H1N1 flu cases increase to 242 in Laos

HANOI, 26 Aug—The number of A/H1N1 influenza cases in Laos has risen to 242, Lao newspaper the Vientiane Times reported Wednesday.

Flu patients have been detected in ten municipalities and provinces of the country, said the newspaper. As the flu cases continue to rise, Lao Minister of Health Ponmek Dalaloy urged all government sectors to increase screening and surveillance measures to deal with the influenza as a matter of priority, according to the newspaper.

Various ministries should have adequate plans in place to respond to any potential outbreak of the disease, particularly in rural areas of the country, said Ponmek.

The goals are to reduce the spread of the virus, decrease the number of infected people, avoid A/H1N1 related deaths and maintain socio-economic development, the newspaper quoted Ponmek as saying. It is also the responsibility of the general public to be conscious of the symptoms of the A/H1N1 influenza and participate in general surveillance to prevent a possible outbreak, according to Ponmek.

Laos has reported one death of A/H1N1 influenza so far in the country. —Xinhua

Hong Kong's confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases exceed 10,000

HONGKONG, 26 Aug—Hong Kong has confirmed 333 cases of Influenza A/H1N1 in the 24 hours to 02:30 p.m. Wednesday, bringing the total number of the cases to 10,089, Hong Kong health authorities said.

The new cases involved 176 males and 157 females, aged between five months and 93 years old, said a spokesman from the Center of Health Protection of Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's Hospital Authority said that currently, a total of 100 confirmed cases are staying in public hospitals for treatment. Among them, 84 cases are in stable condition, five in serious and 11 in critical condition.—Internet



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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD

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Seven killed in floods in eastern Nepal

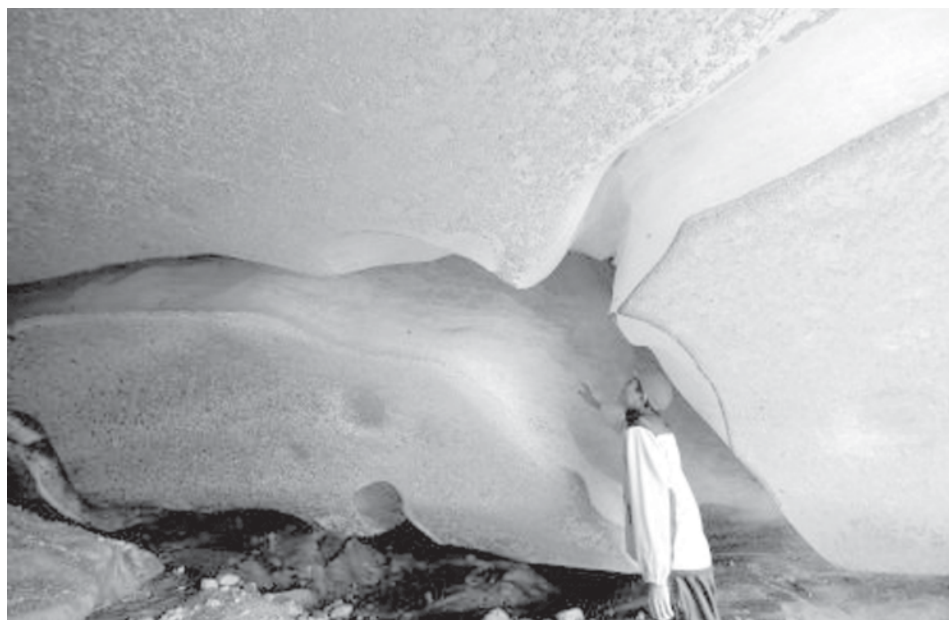
KATHMANDU, 26 Aug—At least seven persons died, one went missing due to the floods that lashed the district of Jhapa in eastern Nepal last week, *The Rising Nepal* reported on Wednesday.

According to the daily, more than 180 families have been displaced after the gushing floods destructed many houses in the district, some 320 km east of Kathmandu.

The number of people displaced by floods was recorded at 6,265, who have been living in 50 camps temporarily. The floods also damaged 415 houses, Lekha Nath Pokharel, Assistant Chief District Officer was quoted by the daily as saying.

Meanwhile, owing to the continuous rainfall from the Monday night, Nepalgunj Holiya Village Development Committee, three villages had been submerged, while the level of the water has increased in Rapti River has started breaching its embankment.

Nepal Police has helped to transfer the flood hit victims to safe places, said the report.—*Internet*



The staff of Chinese Academy of Science observes the changes of the cave in the Yulong Snow Mountain in Lijiang, southwest China's Yunnan Province. Affected by the Global warming, Yulong Snow Mountain's glaciers are melting at an unprecedented rate in recent 20 years. —XINHUA

At least two killed, 15 injured in Colombia explosion

BOGOTA, 26 Aug—At least two people were killed and 15 others were injured in an explosion in southern Colombia's Caqueta province, authorities said on Tuesday. The explosion took place at 16:00 local time (2100 GMT) in the center of the San Vicente del Caguan city, media reports quoted the city's mayor Hernan Cortes Villalba as saying.

Witnesses said a group of armed men on motorcycles attacked a patrolling police vehicle, and a man threw a grenade towards the vehicle, which exploded and hurt passers-by.

The injured had been rushed to hospitals, and five of them were in serious condition, the police said. Authorities were investigating the attack.—*Internet*

One killed, five injured in Mumbai building collapse

NEW DELHI, 26 Aug—An elderly woman was killed and at least five others were injured when an over 70-year-old building collapsed in India's financial capital Mumbai late Tuesday night, a senior police official said.

"The accident claimed the life of the 85-year-old landlady of the building Zubeida Khambati. All

of them were trapped inside the rubble of the four-storyed building when it collapsed in Lamington Road in south Mumbai. All have been admitted to a local hospital where the landlady succumbed to her injuries," the official said.

Meanwhile, residents have blamed a shop owner on the ground floor of the building for the collapse,

claiming that he was renovating his shop and had illegally dug into the foundation of the building.

"We have registered a case against the shop-owner and he will be nabbed soon," the official said, adding that rescue operations are still on to find out if some other people are being trapped inside.

—*Internet*

Sony's new 3G wireless e-reader to be powered by AT&T

BEIJING, 26 Aug—AT&T will provide wireless service for Sony's new Reader Daily Edition, announced by the two companies. Sony on Tuesday launched a wireless edition of its electronic-book reader, which closes a key feature gap with Amazon's market-leading Kindle.

The Reader Daily Edition, with a price of 399 US dollars, will be 17.78-cm wide with an aluminum body and standard E Ink electronic touchscreen display. Sony said about 30 to 35 lines of text will be visible when the device is in portrait mode. It'll boast enough built-in memory to store around 1,000 standard e-books, with integrated slots for optional memory expansion. The wireless connection in the Reader Daily Edition is

provided through AT&T's 3G mobile broadband network. The deal is AT&T's second step into the electronic reader market this summer. Just last month, the company announced it would provide 3G access for an upcoming Plastic Logic e-reader set to debut in 2010.—*Internet*

Costa Rica delivers China-donated bicycles, balls to poor youth

SAN JOSE, 26 Aug—The Costa Rican government on Tuesday delivered 600 soccer balls and 335 bikes donated by China to poor young people in rural areas.

The delivery was part of the donation of 10,000 balls and 1,000 bikes from the Chinese government after agreements were reached between the two countries last November.

"I want my first words to thank the Chinese government for this generous donation of bikes for our youth and soccer balls for our students," Costa Rican President Oscar Arias said at the delivery ceremony.

"China is an example to follow," Arias said. "In the last 25 years it has helped 300 million people out of poverty ... It is the fastest growing economy in the world."

About 400 million people ride bikes in China, said Chinese Ambassador to Costa Rican Wang Xiaoyuan.—*Internet*

Australian automobile maker Holden to cut more jobs

CANBERRA, 26 Aug—Australian automobile maker Holden is expected to cut about 200 jobs, mainly from its Melbourne headquarters, the company has confirmed on Wednesday.

"We're offering voluntary packages within some of our functions, primarily office-based functions at our Port Melbourne headquarters," company spokesman Scott Whiffin was quoted as saying by *Australian Associated Press*.

"Some of these functions have remained more or less untouched over the years as we've gone down to one shift out at our Elizabeth plant, as export and engineering projects have come and gone, and as our domestic markets have contracted."—*Internet*



Sculptor Pablo creates a sculpture of comic character Mafalda in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 25 Aug, 2009. The 80-centimetres-high sculpture is to be placed in front of the house of Quino who created the character Mafalda in the 1960s

XINHUA

Breast screen in Australia helps reduce mortality rate of cancer

CANBERRA, 26 Aug — New figures released on Wednesday show that national breast screening has helped reduce the proportion of women dying from the breast cancer.

“It’s likely that the Breast Screen Australia programme has played a role in this decrease certainly, but there’s also been a lot of improvements in treatment for breast cancer over this time,” report co-author Alison

Budd told *Australian Associated Press*.

Dr Budd says one of the aims of the screening is to maximize the number of small cancers found because early detection leads to better treatment and improved survival.

The report shows over the decade to 2006, the proportion of invasive breast cancers detected that were small remained above 60 percent.

Xinhua

Anti-breast cancer drug may cause severe symptoms

BEIJING, 26 Aug — A study from a research centre in Seattle recently shows a drug which is known widely to cure breast cancer may lead to even severer symptoms, according to news reports on Wednesday.

Introduced in 1978, tamoxifen is used to prevent recurrences of cancer in women who have already undergone surgery to remove their tumors. However, a new

research recently suggests it raises the risk of getting a more aggressive cancer in the healthy breast by more than four times.

“All treatments have risks and benefits,” said Dr Christopher Li, an associate member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle. “If you consider the full balance, for most women the benefits are going to far outweigh the risks.”—Xinhua

US scientists decode bats’ courtship songs

HOUSTON, 26 Aug — US scientists have decoded love sounds made by romantic bats after spending three years listening to thousands of Mexican free-tailed bat recordings to understand their meaning, local media reported on Tuesday.

The findings by experts at the University of Texas and Texas A&M

were published this week in an online journal of the Public Library of Science, according to the newspaper *Austin American-Statesman*.

After three years’ study, researchers determined that male bats have very distinguishable syllables and phrases that they use as love songs to attract females and in

some cases, to warn other males to stay away.

“The sounds they make are very difficult for the human ear to pick up,” said lead researcher Kirsten Bohn.

“They are at a very high frequency range, but our recording equipment could track them very well.”

Internet

A photographer takes photos of a group of fish in the Atlantic near Fernando de Noronha, an island to the northeast of Brazil, on 24 Aug, 2009. The island of Fernando de Noronha, surrounded by the Atlantic with good quality of seawater and different kinds of beautiful fishes, attracts many diving fans to experience there.

XINHUA

Costa Rica declares phytosanitary emergency over rat plague

SAN JOSE, 26 Aug — The Costa Rican government has declared a phytosanitary emergency in the north and central Pacific regions of the country, where a camp rat plague known as “*Sigmodon hirsutus*” has been raging, the Phytosanitary Service of the State said on Tuesday.

The camp rats affect sugar cane, rice, corn and pineapple harvests in the region, and the Costa Rican authorities have issued a decree requesting the collaboration of local farm owners in controlling the plague.

The phytosanitary service said it would take harvest samples to determine the damage, and conduct researches to decide the population of the rats.

Luis Sanchez, chief of the agency’s Plague Vigilance and Control Office of the Gunacaste region, said regional organizations and independent producers would also join in the efforts to control the plague.—Internet



Dominican Republic confirms three new A/H1N1 flu deaths

HAVANA, 26 Aug — Dominican health authorities reported three new deaths of A/H1N1 influenza on Tuesday, raising the death toll to eight in the country.

The eight deaths were reported in Santiago, Bani, San Cristobal and the capital city of Santo Domingo, news reports quoted Health Minister Bautista Rojas Gomez as saying.

With a new school term about to begin, there could be a second outbreak, but the health ministry was prepared to deal with it, he said.—Xinhua

Brazil confirms eight more deaths of A/H1N1 flu

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Aug — Brazilian health authorities confirmed eight more deaths of A/H1N1 flu on Tuesday, raising the country’s death toll to 511.

So far, Sao Paulo state has registered the highest death toll with 179 victims, followed by southern Parana state with 154 and Rio Grande do Sul with 94.

According to the World Health Organization, about 20 percent of the world’s A/H1N1 flu death cases occurred in Brazil.—Xinhua

Thailand’s death toll due to A/H1N1 virus infection rises to 119

BANGKOK, 26 Aug — Thailand’s Public Health Ministry on Wednesday announced eight more deaths due to the A/H1N1 influenza infection, bringing the country’s death toll to 119.

The trend of the A/H1N1 infection is seen not to decrease dramatically, the ministry said in a statement, the website by *Bangkok Post* reported.

Since the start of the outbreak, some 14,976 have been confirmed as the A/H1N1-infected patients, the ministry’s statement said.—Xinhua

Indonesia’s flu death toll stands at six

JAKARTA, 26 Aug — A two-year-old Indonesian boy has died of swine flu, bringing the total fatality of the H1N1 virus to six in the country, the Health Ministry said here on Wednesday. Director General of Disease Control and Environmental Health of the ministry Prof Dr Tjandra Yoga Aditama said that the boy died several days ago.

“He died with suffering pneumonia and laboratory test showed he is positive of H1N1,” Yoga told Xinhua over phone.—Xinhua

A/H1N1 flu death toll climbs to 179 in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 26 Aug — The Mexican Health Ministry on Tuesday reported a total of 179 deaths caused by the A/H1N1 epidemic and 20,860 confirmed cases in the country since the virus’ breakout.

The ministry said in a statement that out of the deceased, 85.5 percent showed the symptom of coughing, 83.3 percent of fever, 75.4 percent of respiratory problems, 52 percent of expectoration, and 46.6 percent of seriously worsening health condition. Among the victims, 49.2 percent were female, and 50.8 percent male. About 72 percent were between 20 and 54 years old.

Health authorities said the A/H1N1 virus was continuing to exist among Mexicans, so “it is important to keep preventive measures.”—Xinhua

SPORTS

Davydenko advances to third round at New Haven tennis

NEW HAVEN, 26 Aug—World No. 10 Fernando Verdasco steamrolled over Chile's Paul Capdeville 6-0, 6-3 in just 49 minutes in the second



Russian player Nikolay Davydenko during a match in May. Top-seeded Davydenko beat American Robert Kendrick at the Pilot Pen Tennis tournament to advance to the third round.—INTERNET

round of the Pilot Pen Tennis tournament.

The Spaniard broke Capdeville's serve five times from 11 opportunities and surrendered just three points on his first serve to ease to victory in the men's and ladies hardcourt tournament on Tuesday.

It was the pair's first meeting since the 2005 US Open, when Verdasco also won in straight sets.

Top seeded Russian Nikolay Davydenko also got through by beating American Robert Kendrick 7-6 (12-10), 6-3.—*Internet*

Sneijder Inter signing imminent

ROME, 26 Aug—Wesley Sneijder is on the verge of joining Inter Milan, according to Italian press reports on Tuesday.

The Dutch attacking midfielder is surplus to requirements at Real Madrid following the big-money signings of Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka and has been linked with a move to the Italian champions for several weeks.

Inter coach Jose Mourinho is known to be in the market for an attacking midfielder who can play at the head of his midfield diamond formation and now seems to have got his man.



Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder

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"The agreement between Inter and Sneijder is imminent," said La Gazzetta dello Sport on its website.—*Internet*

Dolphins' deal with Williams sisters announced

DAVIE, 26 Aug—The Williams sisters stood at the edge of the Miami Dolphins' practice field, easy to spot in elegant, color-coordinated beige dresses and high heels that dug into the turf.

The team's workout had ended, and it was time for introductions. Joey Porter, meet Serena Williams. Jason Taylor, meet Venus Williams.

The NFL and the best of women's tennis converged Tuesday when the Williamses paid a visit to the Dolphins' complex as the latest celebrities to buy a small stake in the franchise. Their deal with owner Stephen Ross, first reported last week, was confirmed at a news conference overlooking the field.

Venus and Serena live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., about an hour's drive from the Dolphins' stadium.—*Internet*



Serena, left, and Venus Williams pose for photo while displaying their Miami Dolphins jerseys after it was announced the tennis stars had become minority owners of the NFL football team, during a news conference in Davie, Fla., on 25 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Football star Ronaldo needs time to adapt to Real



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo

MADRID, 26 Aug—Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini says Cristiano Ronaldo needs more time to adapt to his new club after the Portuguese winger failed to impress

during his side's trouncing of Rosenborg on Monday in the Santiago Bernabeu Trophy.

"Cristiano Ronaldo needs a little time to adapt to his new team's style. Every player on the squad is working hard to be fit and play well," he said in comments published Tuesday on the Real Madrid website.

"Cristiano has experienced a change in style and now lives in a different country. He needs a little more time unlike those who already know La Liga."

Internet

Federer, Murray seeded 1-2 at US Open

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—Fifteen-time Grand Slam winner Roger Federer and rising Scottish star Andy Murray are seeded one-two in men's singles respectively for the US Open, the United States Tennis Association announced Tuesday.

Russian Dinara Safina is the No. 1 women's seed for the tournament which begins Monday at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Former world No. 1 Rafael Nadal follows Murray as the third seed while Serbian Novak Djokovic and American Andy Roddick round out the top five on the men's side of the draw.

Djokovic was the runner-up to Federer in the 2007 tournament while Roddick won the 2003 US Open for his only major title so far.—*Internet*



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates defeating Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the Singles Final during day seven of the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters on 23 August, 2009 at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.—INTERNET

Vidic happy at Man Utd

MANCHESTER, 26 Aug—Serbian defender Nemanja Vidic insisted Tuesday that he is not seeking a move from Manchester United.

Vidic, who made his first start of the season in Saturday's 5-0 win over Wigan after recovering from injury, was responding to speculation that he is looking for a move. "I've never said anything about Barcelona or Real Madrid or AC Milan - or any club," he said. "I never speak about my future so I don't know why someone else does. I showed at Wigan on the pitch how happy I am at this club."

"Any fan of United only has to see how I played to know how committed I am. I spoke with my agent about this and what he said. I know about all the rumours about me but I don't want it to have an impact on the club.—*Internet*

Manchester United's Serbian defender Nemanja Vidic pictured during a training session at the Carrington training complex in Manchester, north-west England, in May. INTERNET



Campbell backs County's Premier League dream

LONDON, 26 Aug—Former England international defender Sol Campbell believes he could play in the Premier League again with Notts County after signing a five-year deal with the League Two side on Tuesday, where he teams up again with ex-England

boss Sven-Goran Eriksson. Campbell, who has 73 caps for England and played in three World Cups, joins on a free transfer from Portsmouth.

The defender, who turns 35 next month, revealed he turned down offers from Premier League clubs to become part of the revolution at Meadow Lane where he joins Eriksson, Notts County's new director of football.

"If we win promotions it is possible that I will play in the Premier League again," said Campbell.

Internet



Former England international defender Sol Campbell

Lisandro hat-trick underlines Lyon's C1 credentials

PARIS, 26 Aug—A first-half hat-trick from new Argentinian signing Lisandro crushed Anderlecht's hopes of qualifying for the Champions League group stages as Lyon showed their last 32 credentials in a 3-1 win in Belgium.

Thanks to their 5-1 victory over the Belgian side at the Gerland stadium last week, giving them an 8-2 aggregate result, Lyon were the most convincing team of the five who qualified for the group stage on Tuesday.—*Internet*

Lyon's Lisandro reacts as he scores a goal during the second leg of the match RSCA Anderlecht vs Olympique Lyon, in the first round of the play offs for the UEFA Champions League, in Anderlecht, Brussels. Lyon won 3-1. INTERNET





The naming and launching ceremony of a new helicopter destroyer "Ise" is held at Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries (IHI) Yokohama Shipyard in Yokohama, Japan, on 26 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

LLNL research reveals how blast waves may cause human brain injury even without direct head impacts

SCIENCE AND DAILY, 26 Aug—New research on the effects of blast waves could lead to an enhanced understanding of head injuries and improved military helmet design. Using numerical hydrodynamic computer simulations, Lawrence Livermore scientists Willy Moss and Michael King, along with University of Rochester colleague Eric Blackman, have discovered that nonlethal blasts can induce enough skull flexure to generate potentially damaging loads in the brain, even without direct head impact.

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) results from mechanical loads in the brain, often without skull fracture, and causes complex, long-lasting symptoms. TBI in civilians is usually caused by direct head impacts resulting from motor vehicle and sports accidents. TBI also has emerged among military combat personnel exposed to blast waves. As modern body armor has substantially reduced soldier fatalities from explosive attacks, the lower mortality rates have revealed the high prevalence of TBI.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (27-8-2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

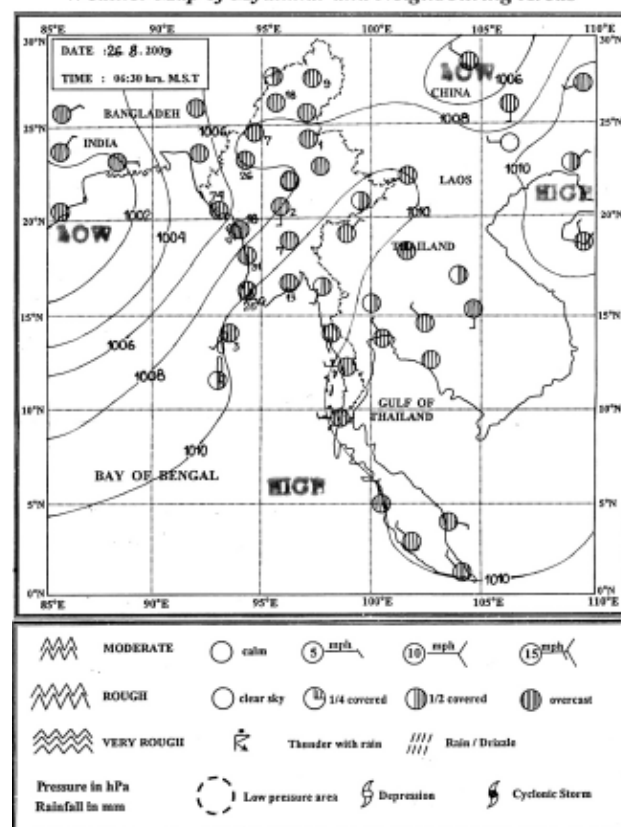
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Virtuous Women
- * Revive traditional Performing Arts and Promote National Character
- * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
- * A Leisure Day in Ngapali
- * Myanmar Modern Song "This Rain"
- * The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Virtuous Women
- * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
- * Culture Stage "Unity and Amity"
- * A Leisure Day in Ngapali
- * Myanmar Modern Song "This Rain"
- * The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- * Myanmar Modern Song "Ever graceful Lady"
- * Archaeological Museum, Pakhangyi (II)
- * Let's taste "Sabuti"
- * Culture Stage "Dasagiri's Proposal towards Thidar"
- * Myanma Natural Spirulina (Part-III)
- * Let's go to the zoo (Part-I)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 26th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolate in Mon State, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (3.03) inches, Maungdaw (2.56) inches, Bhamo (1.77) inches, Kalay (1.65) inches, Hakha (1.49) inches, Taunggyi and Kyauktaw (1.24) inches each, Meiktila, Kyaukpadaung and Ngathaingchaung (1.37) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 25-8-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 26-8-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-8-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 25-8-2009 was (3.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-8-2009 was (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.39) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (83.38) inches at Mingaladon, (94.53) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 25-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mon, Kayah and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. 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 extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-8-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 27 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. အောင်တော်မူ (စောင်မင်းနောင်၊ ဝိုင်ညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. "လေးဆူခါတစ်ရွှေစာရံ"

8:00 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

7. Dance Variety

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am

11. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဓမ္မဝတ (အဂ္ဂမဟာ ပဏ္ဍိတ) ငွေကြာရံကျောင်းတိုက်၊ တောင်ဥက္ကလာပမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းထဲမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Cute Little Dancers

4:30 pm

4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံ

ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တတိယ အကြိမ်မြောက်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု) (အထက(၁)သာကေတ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ခုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:10 pm

6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. Song of National Races

5:20 pm

8. နားဝင်ပီယံသူလက်သံ

5:30 pm

9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

5:45 pm

10. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင် (မေတ္တိ)

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "စက္ကူမြားပစ်နည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁) (သူရလင်း၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ယုဇနဗိုလ်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:30 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၅၂)

20. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည့် "မြို့တံ ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့" (အပိုင်း-၈)

21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်



- ★ 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

Technological University (Monywa), a source of well-qualified engineers

Byline: Kyawt Maung Maung; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Just as we left Monywa, we were greeted by Technological University (Monywa). For local people, such a fine university is certainly an educational institution to be proud of as it serves as a source of technological professionals necessary

for national development.

The campus of Technological University (Monywa) near Thambuddhe Pagoda in Monywa, Sagaing Division, has an area of 48.209 acres.

During our trip, our news crew from the

Myanma Alin Daily conducted an interview with Principal of the university Dr Kyi Soe for the historical background and development of the educational facility.

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Technological University (Monywa).

Slight earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

YANGON, 26 Aug—A slight earthquake of intensity 4.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Sea) about 280 miles South-west of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 09 hr 29 min 22 sec M.S.T today.—MNA

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—According to the 06:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge is 844 cm. It may reach its danger level 870 cm during the next 48 hours.—MNA

Twenty-third A (H1N1) patient discharged from hospital

Remaining three on the mend

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—A 12-year-old child undergoing medical treatment at Insein General Hospital was discharged from the hospital today as the child had fully recovered. Surveillance measures against four family members together with the patient were halted.

A total of 26 persons have been infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) so far in Myanmar and 23 out of whom were discharged from the hospital because they had fully recovered from their illness. The remaining three patients are undergoing treatments systematically.

The National Health Laboratory gave lab tests to 192 flu-suspected persons. Only 26 were found to have been infected with the virus.—MNA

