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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing visit Biotech Pharmaceutical Factory, Hi-Tech City, TA TA Industry Co in India



NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—The visiting Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at Palam Airbase in New Delhi on 28 July morning to proceed to Hyderabad of India.

The Senior General, wife and party were seen off at Palam Airbase by Minister of State Mrs Preneef Kqr and officials.

The Senior General and wife and party arrived in Hyderabad of Andhra Pradesh State at 9.05 a.m.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and members of Myanmar delegation at TA TA Motors Ltd in India.

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Photo shows automobiles produced by TA TA Motors Ltd.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 2 August, 2010

Breastfeeding—first priority

The Ministry of Health is undertaking public health care services on a wider scale. Social organizations and international non-governmental social organizations are joining hand with the Ministry of Health in providing health care services.

Over 60 per cent of population of the nation are mothers and children in the country. The activities for launching Nutrition Week for health improvement of mothers and children will be held in August 2010. The first week of August is designated for the Breastfeeding Week. Breastfeeding is the simplest method for development of infants.

As breast milk contains protein, starch, vitamin, re-hydrated salt and water essential for the new born, breastfeeding only will contribute much to health and fitness of the children. Mothers must breastfeed their babies within one hour after giving birth and give breast milk only to their children up to six months for health and fitness of the children.

Some mothers feed their children with liquid of powdered milk. It is necessary to take note that the feeding of impure powdered milk will cause diarrhea and other diseases at children and adversely affect their health.

Breastfeeding, accepted as the best traditionally, is approved to be correct. Therefore, the mothers across the nation are placing emphasis on breastfeeding.

All the mothers should systematically breastfeed their children up to six months for children's good health. Therefore, members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, health staff and all the people are to join hands in launching Breastfeeding Week activities.

Swimming Contest of Universities, Degree Colleges and Education Colleges concludes

YANGON, 1 Aug—The final events of Swimming Contest of Universities, Degree Colleges and Education Colleges under Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) and Education Planning and Training Department took place at the University Swimming pool on Inya Road here this morning.

After the final events, Chairman of Myanmar Swimming Federation Dr Khin Shwe presented a trophy and cash award to Yangon University (East) swimming team as first prize and officials concerned to the winning teams.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) donate provisions to monasteries, homes for the aged



Provision donation ceremony to monasteries, nunneries in progress at Maha Withudarama Zaygon Monastery in Ywagauk Ward of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Families of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions to monasteries, nunneries and homes for the aged in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township today.

The donation ceremony was held at Maha Withudarama Zaygon Monastery in the township and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung donated the provisions and offertories to the Members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and senior military officers donated robes and offertories to the Members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara.

On behalf of the families of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers donated rice, oil, salt, medicine and gram to the Sayadaw.

Responsible personnel from ministries, district/township Peace and Development Councils and companies and wellwishers also donated the provision to the Members of the Sangha through Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, the commander and senior military officers.

Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained, and the ceremony came to an end.

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Sports gear for Universities, Degree Colleges in Upper Myanmar donated

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint addressed the ceremony to donate sports gear of track & field to the universities and degree colleges of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) held at the meeting hall of Mandalay University this evening.

Also present at the ceremony were member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman of Leading Committee for Myanmar Sports Plus Education Deputy Minister U Aung Myo Min, In-charge Director-General Dr Soe Win of HED, Deputy Director-General and Rectors from the universities

and degree colleges in Mandalay, officials concerned.

After the explanation

of the purpose of donation, the minister presented the documents relating to sports gear worth K 3.6 million to the deputy minister, who spoke words of thanks.

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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

Seven killed, 23 wounded in Iraqi violence

BAGHDAD, 1 Aug — Up to seven people were killed and 23 others wounded in separate attacks in central and northern Iraq on Saturday, the police said.

In Iraq's western province of Anbar, a fuel tanker was detonated near a police checkpoint in the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing a policeman and wounding another, a provincial

police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The driver of the tanker was also killed and two civilians were wounded by the blast, the source said, adding that the incident is now under investigation.

In a separate incident, a policeman was wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near his vehicle in eastern of the

provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, the source said. In northern Iraq, police patrols found the body of an off-duty soldier who was kidnapped on Friday night in the city of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, a source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. —*Xinhua*



An Iraqi army soldier searches a man at checkpoint at Azamiyah neighborhood in Baghdad, Iraq, on 31 July, 2010.—INTERNET

Death toll from Pakistan floods rises to 1,100

PESHAWAR, 1 Aug — The death toll from massive floods in northwestern Pakistan rose to 1,100 Sunday as rescue workers struggled to save more than 27,000 people still trapped by the raging water, officials said.

The rescue effort has been aided by a slackening of the monsoon rains that have caused the worst flooding in decades in Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa Province. But as flood waters have started to

recede, authorities have begun to understand the full scale of the disaster. "Aerial monitoring is being conducted, and it has shown that whole villages have washed away, animals have drowned and grain storages have washed away," said Latifur Rehman, spokesman for the Provincial Disaster Management Authority. "The destruction is massive and devastating."

The toll from the flooding could go higher

since rescue workers have been unable to access certain areas, said Adnan Khan, a disaster management official.

Internet



Locals are seen standing by flood water that entered a residential area of Muzaffarabad.

INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills six in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 1 Aug — A roadside bomb hit a minibus in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing six passengers and wounding another nine, an official said.

The minibus had travelled from Helmand Province to neighbouring Kandahar, birthplace of the Taliban movement, when a home-made bomb struck the vehicle in Maywand District, Kandahar provincial spokesman Zalmai Ayobi told AFP.

"Six civilians were killed and another nine were wounded in the blast," he said.

Home-made bombs, or Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), are the Taliban's weapon of choice, responsible for most casualties sustained by Afghan and international troops.

Internet

July deadliest month for Iraqis since 2008

BAGHDAD, 1 Aug — Official figures show 535 people were killed in violence in July, the deadliest month for Iraqis in more than two years.

The figures compiled by the defence, interior and health ministries were released late Saturday and showed

1,043 people were wounded last month.

The July death toll is the highest since May 2008 when 563 were killed.

Violence rose as politicians bickered over the formation of the next government. It has been nearly five months since

a March parliamentary election failed to produce a clear winner.

Militants are thought to be taking advantage of the political impasse, stepping up attacks to try to destabilize the country as the US draws down its forces in Iraq.

Internet

Firefighting plane crashes in Canada

VICTORIA, 1 Aug — A Canadian waterbombing plane battling wildfires deep in British Columbia's interior crashed on Saturday, search and rescue officials said.

Capt Marguerite Dodds-Lepinski, the public affairs officer at the province's Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria, said it was believed that the



File photo shows a Conair water bomber flies past a wildfire burning out of control after dropping fire retardant on the other side of the mountain in Kelowna, BC.

INTERNET

plane had two crew members on board. Their fate is currently unknown.

Dodds-Lepinski said two search-and-rescue aircraft from Vancouver Island are on the way to the crash site about 160 miles (260 kilometres) northeast of Vancouver and about 11 miles (18 kilometres) south of the town of Lytton.

Internet

Suicide rate soars among Afghan women

KABUL, 1 Aug — Continued war, insecurity, immigrations and other problems have caused increment in the rate of suicide among Afghan women, advisor to Afghan President on health affairs Faizullah Kakar said on Saturday.

"Based on research, depression is the main reason for committing self-immolation among Afghan women and approximately over 2,400 women commit self-immolation per year," Kakar told a Press conference here.

However he said a national survey is needed to find the exact number.

He said that fears and concerns over the continued conflicts, continued instability, forced and under-age marriages, handing over of girl's hand to rival side as compensation to settle a dispute in murder cases are the main factors for women who decide to end their precious lives.

In Afghanistan's tribal areas, often elders give the hand of a girl to the warring side as compensation in order to settle disputes particularly murder case between feuding tribes or families. —*Xinhua*



Emirates Airlines' A380 passenger plane of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) arrives at Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Aug, 2010. Emirates Airlines launched its first A380 service in China, flight EK306/307 between Dubai and Beijing on Sunday. —XINHUA

China's largest saltwater lake grows after 50 years of shrinking

XINING, 1 Aug—The surface area of China's largest saltwater lake had grown in size over the past five years amid increased rain and decreased evaporation, an expert from the Qinghai Provincial Centre of Geomatics said on Saturday.

The surface area of the Qinghai Lake had

reached 4,249.3 square kilometres, 4.3 square kilometres more than in 2005, Wang Yuan, deputy director of the center, said.

"The year 2005 was a turning point. Before then, the lake's size was decreasing due to climate change and human activities," Wang said.

The government's

environmental protection work had contributed to the increase in surface area, Wang said.

The lake's surface area shrunk more than 300 square kilometres beginning in the 1950s, according to the Qinghai Province Meteorological Sciences Academy.

Internet



People take cash at an ATM machine in Bangkok. Banks use "remote management" software to monitor and control their ATMs, and a computer security researcher used a weakness in that kind of code to take control of machines by way of the Internet. INTERNET

Space farms could mine minerals from moon dirt

TALLAHASSEE, 1 Aug—Future manned missions to the moon or Mars could use plants as bio-harvesters to extract valuable elements from the alien soils, researchers say. Now they hope to launch new experiments to follow up on tests done with plants and lunar regolith during NASA's Apollo progra-

mme that landed men on the moon.

Lunar regolith is a loose mixture of dust, soil, broken rock and other related materials that lie on top of solid bedrock. The Apollo-era research showed that returned lunar samples of the regolith did not have toxins or contain alien life-form contaminants that could threaten plants, animals or humans on Earth.

Internet



The fifth orbiter into space, as part of its satellite navigation and positioning network known as Beidou, or Compass system, is launched on the Long March 31 carrier rocket at Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Xichang, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 1 August, 2010. —XINHUA

China launches new global positioning satellite

BEIJING, 1 Aug—China took a further step on Sunday toward ending its dependence on US satellites to provide navigation and positioning services.

A rocket carrying the fifth of a planned array of 35 orbiters blasted off from the Xichang space launch centre in Sichuan, southwest China, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Beijing started a drive to end its reliance on the US Global Positioning System in 2000, when it sent an experimental pair of positioning satellites into orbit.

China's necklace of satellites aims to provide navigation, time and short message services in the Asia-Pacific region before 2012 and will be capable of offering global navigation by 2020, Xinhua said.

The system, codenamed "COMPASS," will be crucial for the transport and oil exploration industries as well as for weather and disaster forecasting, telecommunications and public security, the news agency said.—Xinhua

Science



Visitors look at e-books as they attend the Hong Kong Book Fair on 21 July, 2010. After years of lurking in the literary wilderness, the e-book market has exploded with online retailer Amazon.com's digital volumes recently overtaking sales of their hardcover counterparts.

INTERNET

Communications watchdog approves mobile services on Australian airlines

CANBERRA, 1 Aug—Australians could soon be able to use their mobile phones in flight after the latest ruling from the national communications watchdog, local media reported on Friday.

Phones were banned on board flights because of their potential to interfere with navigational equipment but new technology has changed that.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has now approved phone use after consultation with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

"This particular technology, which was the one applied for, has been approved and that will give the optionally, if you like, to the airlines," ACMA spokesman Chris Chapman told ABC News.

Internet

Hacker builds \$1,500 cell-phone tapping device

LAS VEGAS, 1 Aug—A computer security researcher has built a device for just \$1,500 that can intercept some kinds of cell phone calls and record everything that's said. The attack Chris Paget showed Saturday illustrates weaknesses in GSM, one of the world's most widely used cellular communications technologies.

His attack was benign; he showed how he could intercept a few dozen calls made by fellow hackers in the audience for his talk at the DefCon conference here. But it illustrates that criminals could do the same thing for malicious purposes, and that consumers have few options for protecting themselves.—Internet



In this 30 July, 2010 photo, hacker Chris Paget sets up a long range RFID reading device at the DefCon hacker conference in Las Vegas.

INTERNET

Showgirls take a selfportrait using a mobile phone during computer expo.

Throughout the exhibition hall, the same scene plays out again and again — packs of men of various ages with cameras call out to girls who smile, pout and lean against oversized models of video game characters.

INTERNET



Japan mobile phone makers to roll out 'augmented reality'

TOKYO, 1 Aug—The "Terminator" had it, US fighter pilots use it and it's the next hot feature on Japanese smartphones — "augmented reality" which peppers the world around you with useful bits of information.

Imagine wearing high-tech glasses and having small, cartoon speech balloon-style tags pop up within your field of vision, overlaying real-world objects and buildings to describe what you're looking at.

That is essentially what Japan's two largest cellphone operators are about to offer their millions of customers, except they will use the cameras and screens of smartphones plus vast online databases.

By harnessing the power of the Internet and bringing it more deeply into people's everyday lives, they plan to change the way we perceive reality and move a step closer to digitising our world view — literally.

Japan's NTT DoCoMo is set to launch "chokkan nabi", or "intuitive navigation", in September to help people find their way around megacities such as Tokyo and Osaka and other places in Japan.—Internet

Technology

Why Cancer screening campaigns can backfire

NEW YORK, 1 Aug —Health campaigns that highlight the problem of low screening rates for prostate cancer to promote such screenings seem to have an unintended effect: They discourage men from undergoing a prostate exam, a new German study suggests.

The finding, reported in the current issue of *Psychological Science*, stems from work by a research team from the University of Heidelberg that gauged the intention to get screened for prostate cancer among men over the age of 45 who reside in two German cities.

In earlier research, the study authors had found that men who had never had such



screenings tended to believe that most men hadn't either.

In the current effort, the team exposed men who had never been screened to one of two health information statements: either that only 18 percent of German men had been screened in the past year, or that 65 percent of men had been screened. In fact, the researchers noted that both statements are factually accurate, as the first statement referenced only a one-year screening period while the latter statement reflected lifetime screening patterns.—*Internet*

Health Tip: Dealing with separation anxiety

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—It's common for young children to have a tough time when mom or dad leaves them with someone else.

The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions to help ease separation anxiety:

- Try not to leave the youngster with an unfamiliar caregiver while the youngster is aged 8 months to 1 year. This is when separation anxiety most commonly begins.
- Try not to leave your child when the youngster is very tired or hungry.
- Practice leaving the youngster with someone new for short stints, then extend those periods.
- Stay relaxed and calm, and be consistent in your drop-off routine. This will help your child understand that although are leaving, you will be back.
- Always come back to get your child at the promised time.
- Don't allow crying or tantrums to deter you from leaving.—*Internet*



A HIV-positive boy is seen at the paediatric hospital in Hanoi 29 July, 2010. Of the 300,000 people infected with HIV/AIDS in Vietnam, about 1,200 are children, according to government statistics.

INTERNET

Health

Prostate cancer 'cell of origin' identified

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—For researchers, a key to studying any cancer is finding its "cell of origin." Now scientists at the University of California at Los Angeles say they've found just that—a specific type of cell that gives rise to prostate cancer.

For years doctors worked under the assumption that prostate cancer arose from cells called luminal cells, which line the inside of the prostate's tiny ducts and secrete the prostate gland's fluid.

But by using a new method to grow human tissue in mice, researchers have found a new origin of prostate cancer—a type of cell called basal cells, which support the luminal cells and regenerate prostate tissue.

Cancer experts say the discovery may lead to better treatments in the future.

"Just because something looks like a luminal cell, doesn't mean it's a luminal cell," said Owen Witte, of the UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center and lead author of the study published today in the journal *Science*.

The finding was surprising, because cells in most prostate tumors look similar to luminal cells.

"The basal cells, we've almost always ignored, and it turns out it may be causing cancer," said Dr. Anthony Smith, chairman of the public media committee for the American Urological Association, who was not involved in the study.

Using a new mouse-human model for research

Witte had noticed basal cells were giving rise to tumors in his previous research with mice, so he and his colleagues decided to test the idea in human cells.—*Internet*

ICICI Bank profit up 17 percent on better loans

MUMBAI, 1 Aug—ICICI Bank, India's largest private sector bank, said quarterly profit rose 17 percent as it cut costs and eliminated bad loans amid revived credit demand in India's growing economy. Net profit in the quarter ended 30 June was 10.3 billion rupees (\$221 million), roughly in line with expectations, up from 8.78 billion rupees (\$189 million) in the year ago period, the company said on Saturday. Total income slipped 18.8 percent from the year-ago quarter, to 74.9 billion rupees.

ICICI has been slow to benefit from India's growing demand for credit because it has been restructuring its loan book, trimming higher risk retail loans in favour of lower-risk corporate loans.—*Internet*

A visitor looks at children's clothes at a Gucci showroom on June 24, 2010 in Florence, Italy. As the owner of Gucci, Yves Saint Laurent and Puma — French luxury goods giant PPR — on Friday joined a string of high-end brands reporting ballooning 2010 profits, firms and consultants predicted rosy days ahead for luxury goods.

INTERNET

GUCCI



Eurazeo in exclusive B&B Hotels talks with Carlyle

PARIS, 1 Aug—French financial holding firm Eurazeo said on Saturday it is in exclusive talks to sell its B&B Hotels chain to US private equity firm the Carlyle Group. The negotiations assume an enterprise value for the business of 485 million euros (\$633 million), Eurazeo said in a statement. "This short-term negotiating period will end before the end of next week and may be extended if certain conditions with regard to the financing of the transaction are fulfilled," Eurazeo said.

Rival private equity firm Bridgepoint had also been in talks to buy B&B Hotels, but Carlyle raised its bid at the last minute, a person close to Bridgepoint told *Reuters* on Saturday.

Internet

Students of e-commerce pack commodities for delivery sold through online store at Yiwu Industry and Commerce Vocational College in Yiwu, east China's Zhejiang Province, 29 July, 2010.—XINHUA



BP may sell German gas stations for \$2.6 billion

VIENNA, 1 Aug—BP Plc is seeking to sell its German petrol station chain Aral for around 2 billion euros (\$2.6 billion), German magazine *Wirtschaftswoche* reported on Saturday, citing investment bankers familiar with BP's plans.

BP last week unveiled plans to sell \$30 billion of assets—mainly upstream oil and gas fields—over the next 18 months to cover costs related to the Gulf oil

spill, the worst in US history.

Wirtschaftswoche said France's Total, Russia's Rosneft and Avia, an independent chain of filling stations, were among the possible buyers. Rosneft would also be interested in BP's two German refineries, it said.

BP and Rosneft declined to comment on the story. An industry source said that a sale of Aral was unlikely because the chain was

integrated into BP's refinery system and BP's asset sales were focused on oil and gas fields.

Aral is the market leader in Germany where around 2,400 filling stations operate under its brand, it says on its website. BP bought the chain in 2002 as part of a larger deal with German energy group E.ON.—*Internet*

Business

UAE to suspend some Blackberry services



The RIM Blackberry 8900 smartphone. The United Arab Emirates has decided to suspend some Blackberry services from October 11 until a solution compatible with local laws is reached, the state news agency on Sunday quoted an official as saying.

INTERNET

DUBAI, 1 Aug—The United Arab Emirates has decided to suspend some Blackberry services from October 11 until a solution compatible with local laws is reached, the state news agency on Sunday quoted an official as saying.

"In the public interest, we have today

informed the providers of telecommunications services in the country of our decision to suspend the Blackberry services of messenger, email and electronic browsing," Telecommunications Regulatory Authority chief Mohammed al-Ghanem said, WAM reported.

Xinhua

Diarrhea spreading in mid-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 1 Aug—Diarrhea that spread in mid-western Nepal a few days ago has not yet come under control, The Rising Nepal reported on Sunday. According to the daily, the patients of the epidemic frequented local hospitals also on Friday and Saturday in the district.

The hospitals informed that more than 400 diarrhea patients were undergoing treatment in the local hospitals. Local Bheri Zonal Hospital, Teaching Hospital and United Hospital of the city, some 365 km west of Kathmandu, have been filled with the diarrhea patients, many of whom are on the hospitals' floor because of the lack of beds and space.

According to the hospitals, five patients died of diarrhea in recent days. Though the Teaching Hospital confirmed cases of cholera, the Banke Public Health Office said it did not have any proven incidents of cholera.

Dhiraj Jung Shahi, chief of the public health office, said that as the testing process was being carried out, it would be too early to talk about the spread of cholera.

A group of doctors started distributing medicines as well as water guards in the affected areas.

Xinhua



Tourists stroll along a commercial pedestrian street for shopping, dining, and entertainment in Guilin, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 31 July, 2010. —XINHUA

Missing Japanese journalists found unresponsive

TOKYO, 1 Aug—Two Japanese journalists reported missing by their television network were found unresponsive on a mountain Sunday, though police said an official declaration of death would have to wait until they could be taken to a hospital.

Nippon Television reporter Yuji Kita and cameraman Jun Kawakami had been on their way to the scene of a helicopter crash that killed five people last weekend. The two men were discovered in a pool of water in a gorge about 980 feet (300 meters) below a mountain trail in Chichibu city, about two hours northwest of Tokyo.

An official declaration of death could only be made by a doctor, said Kiyomitsu Yashiro, deputy chief of the Chichibu police department. Rescuers were still trying to transport the two journalists from the mountain to a hospital, he said.

The journalists began their trek early Saturday morning. Nippon Television said it contacted authorities after they had not returned in the evening.

Internet

Sleep disorder may be sign of dementia

ROCHESTER, 1 Aug —A sleep disorder may signal dementia or Parkinson's disease up to 50 years before diagnosis, US researchers said.

Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn, found an average span of 25 years between the start of the sleep disorder and the symptoms of dementia in 13 study participants, a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in another 13 participants and in one participant a diagnosis of multiple system atrophy — a disorder that causes symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease.

The study, published in *Neurology*, found the 27 people had experienced rapid eye movement sleep behavior disorder for at least 15 years before developing one of the three neurologic conditions. REM sleep behavior disorder is characterized by "acting out" dreams, including violent movements such as punching.

"More research is needed on this possible link so that scientists may be able to develop therapies that would slow down or stop the progression of these disorders years before the symptoms of Parkinson's disease or dementia appear," study author Dr Bradley Boeve said in a statement.

Internet



People instruct to draw a heavy vessel to safe place on the Songhua Lake, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 31 July, 2010. Twelve heavy vessels used for river gold mining, which broke their moorings and were swept into the Songhua River by floods on Saturday morning, have all been halted as of 5:40 pm Saturday, local authorities said. Many boats and 300 soldiers were mobilized Saturday noon to stop the vessels before they could pose any possible threat to the Fengman Hydropower Plant dam on the Songhua River, Jilin City police said. —XINHUA

Afghan, NATO troops kill armed militant in Kabul

KABUL, 1 Aug—Afghan and NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) killed an anti-government militant during a joint operation in the Afghan capital Kabul, said a statement of the alliance released on Sunday.

"Afghan and coalition force killed one armed militant in Kabul," the statement said, without mentioning the exact date of the operation and nationality of killed man.

However, it said that the militant was targeted and killed in Musahi District outside Kabul.

It also said that the killed militant belonged to a network that was planning double suicide bombing attacks in Kabul city.

Taliban militants who often target Kabul and other Afghan cities have yet to make comment.

Xinhua



Rescuers try to evacuate the South Korean tourists in Fushun, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 31 July, 2010. —XINHUA

2.4 tons of hashish seized in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 1 August — The Turkish gendarmerie seized 2.4 tons of hashish in 18 separate operations in southeastern Turkey on Saturday, an official statement said.

The statement issued by governor's office of Diyarbakir Province said two suspects were detained in the operations. According to the statement, the gendarmerie teams launched operations targeting some houses and fields in Ucari and Kayacik villages in Lice town of Diyarbakir Province.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.

Xinhua

Special Refresher Course No. 37 for Basic Education teachers concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — The Central Institute of the Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) held the closing of Special Refresher Course No. 37 for Basic Education Teachers at the institute in PyinOoLwin Township yesterday.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made a speech.

In his speech, he said the government has been building necessary infrastructures and has been implementing long and short term plans for promoting the basic education sectors which can be reached by every citizen, and the higher education sector which can turn out intellectuals



Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung speaking at concluding of Special Refresher Course No. 37 for Basic Education Teachers.—MNA

and intelligentsia for building the nation.

Only when teachers are qualified for teaching, can they nurture the youth into human resources capable of ensuring national development and safeguarding, he said. He urged teachers to work harder to improve their teaching skills.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, as the skills of

the teachers have been polished, the syllabus and curriculums have been upgraded to meet the international education standard and teaching aids have been provided to schools, teachers are to work hard to produce qualified students, the minister said.

He continued to say that only when the basic education sector is within the reach of every citizen

including in rural areas, would the educational goals be achieved, he said

The minister urged the teachers to make the best use of the basic infrastructures for and opportunities of the education sector as they play a key role in achieving the educational goals.

He also called on the teachers for nurturing the students to become good citizens who conserve the

traditional customs, observe morality and obey laws.

Afterwards, the minister awarded the outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Chairman of Mandalay

City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, deputy ministers, members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, the rector, pro-rectors, deans and instructors of the CICS (Upper Myanmar).

A total of 1317 teachers from basic education schools attended the five-week course. —MNA

2010 World Breastfeeding Week, 2010 Nutrition Week launched



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the launch of 2010 World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Week.

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—A ceremony to launch the 2010 World Breastfeeding Week and the 2010 Nutrition Week, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health, WHO and UNICEF, was held at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that the movements of Nutrition Week will be held from the first to the fourth week of August yearly and that of World

Breastfeeding Week in the first week of August. This year, the first week of August is designated for launching the activities for Breastfeeding Week, the second week for nutrition development week for the children under five, the third week for the nutrition development of expectant mothers and breastfeeding mothers and the fourth week for the iodine deficiency control week. Organizing the nutrition weeks in August will contribute to

health and nutrition conditions of children and women. Systematical breastfeeding would decrease the problems of malnutrition and diarrhea.

Thanks to implementing the breastfeeding plan since 1993, a total of 504 hospitals could be recognized as baby friendly hospital initiative and 178 townships as the baby friendly home delivery. This year's motto for World Breastfeeding Week is

"Breastfeeding: Just 10 steps. Baby Friendly Way. The relevant ministries, NGOs and the entire people are to harmoniously participate in carrying out health care tasks for the people. In conclusion, the minister urged those present to give priority for systematically breastfeeding the children to be able to decrease loss of children's lives due to malnutrition and speed up development of the children to be able to turn out healthy and fit good

sons and daughters.

Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha of UNICEF gave a speech.

The minister presented 2010 Baby

Friendly Hospital Initiative Awards to respective hospitals through officials.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe and Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha presented awards for the hospitals to officials.

The minister, the deputy minister and guests fed vitamin B capsule to children between six months and five years and gave toys to them. They also gave ferrous sulphate and gifts to expectant mothers.

Officials of the ministry awarded health staff of the prize winning hospitals.—MNA

Dy Minister inspects construction of infrastructures

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe heard reports presented by officials on work completion of roads and bridges at the briefing hall near mile post No. 22/3 of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road yesterday morning.

He also inspected construction of piers for Ngamoeyek Diversion Bridge being undertaken by special bridge construction group No. 13 at mile post No. 22/0.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party hear reports on enhancement of IT in India presented by Director Mr P Venugopal of Software Technology Parks of India, Ministry of Communication & Information.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing ...

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They were welcomed by Director of Protocol Mr. N V Ramana Reddy and officials Andhra Pradesh State.

They proceeded to Taj Krishna Hotel.

In the evening, the Senior General and delegation members visited the pharmaceutical factory of Bharat Biotech International Ltd. Chairman and Managing Director Dr Krishna M Ella wel-

Director Dr Krishna M Ella presented gifts to Senior General Than Shwe.

At Cyber Towers of Hi-Tech City, the Senior General and party heard reports on the aims of the Indian Government for IT development, progress of task, investment, future programme and functioning of IT companies in Hyderabad presented by Director Mr P Venugopal of Software Technology Parks



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and party look into a car at TA TA Motors Ltd.—MNA



Photo shows automobiles produced by TA TA Motors Ltd.—MNA

comed them and explained production of pharmaceuticals and medical research work.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint explained production of pharmaceuticals in Myanmar and asked what he wanted to know. Next, Managing

of India under the Ministry of Communication & Information.

Marketing Manager Mr Vishal Rasogi of L&T Infocity Limited explained main plans of Hi-Tech City, task for market development and manufacturing of IT products.

Minister U Thein Zaw and Minister U Thaung Sought more information.

The Senior General presented gifts to those who explained facts about their sectors, and left there. The Senior General and party arrived back at the hotel.

Accompanied by the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and wife, the Myanmar Ambassador to India and wife, in-charge of Protocol Department of the External Affairs Ministry, the Senior General, wife and party left Hyderabad by special flight at 8.10 am

on 29 July and arrived in Kolkata.

They were welcomed at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport of Kolkata by Myanmar Consul-General to India U Sein Oo and wife, staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and

the Military Attaché Office, General Secretary Mr Singh of West Bengal State Government, Chief Justice of the State Mr Kumar, Police Commissioner Mr Mukherjee and officials of the state.

The Senior General and party left the airport of Kolkata for Sonari Airport of Jamshedpur of Jharkhand State by helicopter.

They were welcomed at the airport by West-Singhbhum District Commissioner Mrs Shila Kiskoo Rapaj of Jharkhand State, East-Singhbhum District Deputy Commissioner Mrs Himani Pandey and Project Manager Mr Manas Mishra of TA TA Motors Ltd.

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing ...

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At TA TA Motor Ltd, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Head of JSR Plant Mr SB Borwanker and party who explained manufacturing of automobiles.

The Senior General and party viewed round the courses at the Training Centre, assembling of 21-ton, 25-ton and 31-ton heavy trucks and small TA TA Nano saloons and engine parts at the Truck Factory.

The Senior General and party arrived back in



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and party being briefed on production of medicines and research at Pharmaceuticals Factory of Bharat Biotech International Ltd in Hyderabad.

MNA

Kolkata by helicopter.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party left Kolkata for Myanmar at 4.15 pm.

They were seen off at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport of Kolkata by Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and wife, General

Secretary Mr Singh and officials of the West Bengal State Government, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and wife, Myanmar Military Attaché

Col Nay Win and wife, Consul-General U Sein Oo and wife, staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Consulate-General.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party arrived back here in the afternoon by special flight of Myanma Airways.—MNA



Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe views production line of TA TA Motors Ltd.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe, wife and party attend dinner hosted by Myanmar Ambassador to India, wife

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein and wife hosted a dinner to the Myanmar delegation members led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at the residence of the Ambassador on 26 July evening.

At 8.45 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party arrived at the residence in New Delhi. They were welcomed by Myanmar (See page 10)



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Myanmar Ambassador, Myanmar Military Attaché, staff and families, doctors and scholarship trainees.

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife and party...

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Ambassador U Kyi Thein and wife, Myanmar Military Attaché Col Nay Win and wife, staff and families of the embassy and the Military Attaché office, doctors from Myanmar discharging duties at WHO in New Delhi and trainees pursuing courses in New Delhi.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and ministers met the Ambassador, the Military Attaché, staff and families of the embassy and the Military Attaché office, doctors from Myanmar discharging duties at WHO in New Delhi and trainees pursuing courses in New Delhi.

The Secretary-1 explained the aim of the Myanmar goodwill delegation led by the Senior General to the Republic of India and friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries, and urged the Myanmar diplomats to place emphasis on further strengthening friendly relationship and cooperation between the two countries, rendering of assistance for Myanmar citizens in India and progress of political, economic and social sectors in Myanmar.

The Secretary-1 presented cash assistance provided by the State to staff of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office through the Ambassa-



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing meet Myanmar Ambassador, Myanmar Military Attaché, staff and families and scholarship trainees.—MNA

dor, the Military Attaché and representative of the trainees.

The Ambassador, the Military Attaché, staff and families of the embassy and the Military Attaché office and scholarship trainees paid respects to the

Senior General and wife.

The Senior General cordially greeted those present and gave advice.

Later, the Ambassador and wife hosted a dinner to the Senior General and party.—MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing visits Akshardham Temple in New Delhi

NAY PYI TAW, 1 August—Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and delegation members visited Akshardham Temple in New Delhi on 27 July.

Responsible persons of the temple welcomed Myanmar delegation and explained history and arts of the temple.

They then greeted Myanmar delegation traditionally and conducted them round the temple. Myanmar delegation then looked round stone sculptures, paintings and statues depicting cultural tradition of India and heritage of Hindu Religion.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated cash for the temple.

MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, makes cash donations for Akshardham Temple in New Delhi.

MNA



Myanmar ministers hold discussions with Indian entrepreneurs

NAY PYI TAW, 1 August—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, who have been accompanying the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and wife on their goodwill visit to India, met with Mr



Rajan Bharti Mittal, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce

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Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and officials of UMFCCI meet responsible persons of Indian CCI.—MNA

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends opening of Mya Nanda purified drinking water plant



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye visits Mya Nanda natural purified drinking water plant.—MNA

YANGON, 1 Aug—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye this morning attended the ceremony to launch Mya Nanda natural purified drinking water plant at Pyinmabin Industrial zone in Mingaladon

Township.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win

Myint, the Deputy Managing Director and officials of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and guests.

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party took designated positions and the commander and officials formally opened

the purified drinking water plant.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the plant.

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party sprinkled scented water on the

signboard.

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party viewed production of purified drinking water with the use of modern machines. They heard reports on location and area of the plant, production and distribu-

tion of purified drinking water presented by responsible persons. SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye gave necessary instructions.

The plant applies the production method of Korea in producing purified water.—MNA

Myanmar ministers hold...

(from page 10) and Industry (FICCI) at its Headquarters in New Delhi on 27 July.

The two sides discussed promotion of bilateral trade and investment in Myanmar. The ministers together with President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) attended Myanmar-India business meeting held consecutively at FICCI Headquarters.

The two parties

hold discussion about enhancement of bilateral trade and investment opportunities in Myanmar. After the meeting, Managing-Director of Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank U Nyi Phyu Hla and Chairman and Managing Director of the Export-Import Bank of India Mr T.C.A Ranganathan signed an agreement for credit from India for railway projects in Myanmar.

Likewise, on 27 July at ITC Maurya Hotel

Myanmar ministers attend signing of agreement for credit from India for railway projects in Myanmar between Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and Export-Import Bank of India.

MNA



Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw met with President Mr Rajiv Mehrotra of Vihann Network Limited India and Vice

President (Marketing) Mr NK Mohapatra, President and Executive Director of Telecommunication Consultants India Limited Mr Rakesh K Upadhyay and General

Manager Mr Nirmal Kumart Jan, CEO Mr Sanjay Kapoor of Bhati Air Tel Limited and Director Mr Narendar Gupta and discussed cooperation in communication sector.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw holding discussion on cooperation in communication sector with Chairman Mr Rajiv Mehrotra of Vihann Network Ltd India and Vice-Chairman (Marketing) Mr NK Mohapatra.—MNA

Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein also met with Hindustan Machine Tools International Group and personnel of TA TA Motors Ltd and discussed cooperation in industrial sector.

MNA

Horn of Africa once again polio-free: UNICEF

NAIROBI, 1 Aug—The Horn of Africa is again polio-free, with Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda having reported no wild poliovirus cases for more than a year, the UN children's fund, UNICEF said. UNICEF and its partners said in a joint statement received here Saturday that the achievement marked a step towards targets in new polio eradication strategy.

"Today marks a step towards the achievement of a major objective of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's new strategy, stopping polio in Africa," they said. The outbreak began in 2008, following the reappearance of wild poliovirus type 1 in the border area of southern Sudan and Ethiopia, and spread in early 2009 to the northern Sudanese city of Port Sudan, and to Kenya and Uganda.

Internet

Wellington man sets unofficial underwater swim record

WELLINGTON, 1 Aug—A Wellington man was confident he can break the world record for swimming underwater on a single breath, after setting a New Zealand record in the event. David Mullins swam 257 meters under water in 4 minutes 18 seconds, completing the equivalent of more than five laps of an Olympic sized swimming pool in Porirua, New Zealand media reported on Sunday.

Internet

Jo Dowling texted pictures of herself dying as doctors ignored her

LONDON, 1 Aug—A young woman texted photos of herself slowly dying from Meningococcal Septicaemia while she lay suffering on a hospital bed, ignored by doctors. Jo Dowling, 25, sent her mother and best friend 40 messages, including pictures of a deadly growing rash on her skin, *The Sun* reports.

Ms Dowling was taken to hospital in Milton Keynes, England, with suspected meningitis after developing a purple skin rash and low blood pressure last November.—Internet

Mental illness in youth linked to poorer future

WELLINGTON, 1 Aug—New Zealanders who suffer mental illness in early adulthood face a range of negative economic outcomes at the age of 30, Otago University researchers said.

Their study, published in the August issue of the *British Journal of Psy-*

chiatry, found that people who had episodes of psychiatric disorder between the ages of 18 and 25 were, by 30, less likely to be working full time, earning less money, and have a lower standard of living than people who'd not had mental health problems. Researchers

studied 950 Christchurch-born people as part of the Christchurch health and development study. Participants were asked whether they suffered from symptoms of mental illness, including depression, anxiety disorder, phobias, and drug or alcohol misuse.—Internet



Nurse Andrea Keogh from Killkeny, Ireland, plays with a boy at a forest near an orphanage for mentally ill children near the Belarussian village of Vesnova, 190 km southeast of Minsk, Belarus.—XINHUA

Cradle of Chinese Kung Fu, Shaolin Temple kicks its way into UNESCO heritage list

ZHENGZHOU, 1 Aug—Home of Chinese Kung Fu and Zen Buddhism, China's Shaolin Temple is now part of humanity's cultural heritage, UNESCO has announced.

The historical architecture complex in central China's Henan Province, which invokes a sense of mystery and awe, was added Sunday morning (Beijing time) to the World Cultural Heritage List during the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in Brasilia, Brazil. UNESCO said the monument stands out for its great aesthetic beauty and its profound cultural connotation.

Nestled in the Songshan Mountains of Dengfeng City, Henan Province, the complex is composed of 11 traditional structures, including Shaolin Temple, the Observatory, Songyang Academy, Taishi Towers, and Zhongyue Temple.—Xinhua



The pagoda forest of the Shaolin Temple, including 241 pagodas built between 689 and 1803 and 2 modern pagodas, in central China's Henan Province.—XINHUA

Jail for 'feral' women who tortured friend for 18 hours over love spat

LONDON, 1 Aug—Two young British women have been jailed for the "sadistic" kidnapping and torture of a friend they discovered slept with one of their ex-boyfriends. Lucy Viner-Mood, 22, and Lois Gibson, 18, locked Georgia Fenn in an apartment and battered her unconscious during an assault that lasted more than 18

hours, Sky News reported.

She suffered a broken nose, second-degree burns to her chin and two black eyes and was covered in blood after the attack. The pair, described as "feral" by police, lured her back to their apartment in Kent, southern England, on the evening of 28 March. They stubbed cigarettes out all over her body, doused her

in boiling water and stamped on her until she passed out after they discovered she had sex with Viner-Mood's ex-boyfriend.—Internet

Boy aged four shoots and kills little girl

INDIANAPOLIS, 1 Aug—A four-year-old Indianapolis boy picked up a gun left lying on a kitchen table and fired a shot that killed the three-year-old daughter of his father's girlfriend, police say. After finding the .45-calibre handgun, the boy pointed it at Aunesti Lee Allen's head and fired, Lieutenant Jeff Duhamell of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said on yesterday.

Police said the girl's mother, Fiona Lee, 26, was home at the time of the shooting on Thursday. She was arrested on child neglect and drug charges after officers found cocaine and marijuana in the home. Police are trying to track down the father, Lee's live-in boyfriend Curtis White, 24, relatives said the two had been in a relationship for about a year.—Internet



Gorgeously dressed revellers perform as they start the 8-hour-long 43rd Toronto "Caribbean Parade" held in Toronto, Canada, on 31 July, 2010.—XINHUA

Yellow lobster pulled from RI's Narragansett Bay

PROVIDENCE, 1 Aug—It's not made of gold, but a yellow lobster pulled from Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay is very rare. Lobsterman Denny Ingram says he found the lobster in one of his pots the bay's East Passage last week. It is golden on the top and bright yellow on both sides. Experts say the genetic feature is very rare, occurring in about 1 in 30 million lobsters. It's also apparently good luck for this lobster, who will not be heading to anyone's dinner table. Ingram says he plans to keep the yellow lobster on display at the fishermen's co-op at the State Pier in Newport.—Internet

Tear gas in letter to Paris US embassy

PARIS, 1 Aug—Two men who work for the US embassy in Paris were exposed to tear gas fumes while handling a suspicious letter, police have said. Both men have been cleared and released after being examined at the Paris hospital Hotel Dieu on Friday, embassy

spokesman Paul Patin said. The mailroom employees identified a suspicious letter and the embassy alerted French authorities, he told AP.

The central laboratory of the Paris police identified the irritant as tear gas, according to a police official who was not author-

ised to speak to the media. However, Mr Patin said he could not immediately confirm the report. An embassy employee received a manila envelope sent as registered mail that had no mail inside, but it began emitting fumes after the employee opened it, the official said.—Internet



To be ironmen: Tough Guy Challenge 2010 held in UK—Competitors crawl on their bellies through icy mud beneath barbed wire in Wolverhampton, England on 25 July, 2010. Thousands run the biannual assault course, and are challenged by 21 different obstacles, including, fire, tunnels, and swamps to complete the track.

Cambodian man killed by angry elephant

A Cambodian man was killed by an angry elephant when he was trying to approach the animal with an improper manner, a police office said Saturday. Khut Sophal, a district police chief said the man who was killed by an elephant was identified as Yang Mark, 52, living in Taing Krasaing Village, Samraung Tong District in Kompong Speu province. He said the incident happened at around 6 am on Thursday when Yang Mark, the latter victim, was retaliated by an angry elephant after he had swatted the head of the elephant four to five times in a gesture to show that he was not scared of the animal even though he was earlier warned by the elephant owner that the elephant was wild, said Khut Sophal.

Two men tried to sell wood blocks as laptops

Investigators in Mississippi say two men wrapped blocks of wood in duct tape and bubble wrap, attached Toshiba labels and tried to pass them off as laptops.

Hinds County authorities charged the men with trademark infringement and selling goods with counterfeit labels. WLBT-TV in Jackson reports the men were caught Thursday when they tried to sell the fake laptops to an off-duty state trooper.

Hinds County Sheriff's Lt Jeffery Scott says authorities also found binders filled with paper being passed off as computers.

However, no one actually bought the fakes.



Creative ads on container truck.

News Album



Sun Yanling embroiders with human hair in Mudanjiang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, Sun, citizen of Mudanjiang, processes human hair into threads that she uses for embroidery.

UN names two more heritage sites

A UN agency Saturday added Sri Lanka's Central Highlands and Hawaii's Papahānaumokuākea islands and atolls to the World Heritage List. The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization said in a release issued in New York.

The Central Highlands comprise the Peak Wilderness Protected Area, the Horton Plains National Park and the Knuckles Conservation Forest. UNESCO says the region is considered a super biodiversity hot spot noted for its range of flora and fauna, including several endangered species, including the western purple-faced langur, the Horton Plains slender loris and the Sri Lankan leopard. Papahānaumokuākea is an isolated cluster of small, low-lying islands and atolls about 150 miles northwest of the main Hawaiian Islands and stretching for about 1,200 miles.

UNESCO says the area has deep cosmological and traditional significance for native Hawaiian culture. It also is one of the largest marine protected areas in the world.

Venice Film Festival announces films

BEIJING, 1 Aug—The official selections for this year's Venice Film Festival were announced on Thursday. The Festival will screen 79 world premieres and places an emphasis on young directors and independent films.

Premiere highlights include films by directors Sofia Coppola and Darren Aronofsky, as well as the hotly anticipated adaptation of

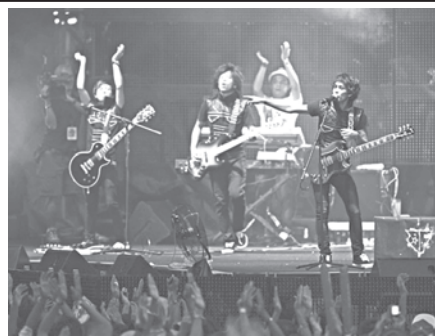
cult novel "Barney's Version." Let's find out more about the big event.

Twenty-three movies, including a surprise title yet to be unveiled, will vie for the top Golden Lion award at the world's oldest film festival, with Quentin Tarantino heading the jury that will pick the winner. Aronofsky, who won the Golden Lion in 2008 with "The Wrestler", will be opening the festival with

"Black Swan", a psychological thriller set in the ballet world starring Natalie Portman, Vincent Cassel, and Winona Ryder.

Also screening on the opening night will be Robert Rodriguez's "Machete" with a starry cast including Robert De Niro, Jessica Alba, Michelle Rodriguez, Don Johnson, Danny Trejo, and Steven Seagal.

Xinhua



Members of Malaysian rock band Bunkface perform during the MTV World Stage Live in Malaysia 2010 concert in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur on 31 July, 2010.—XINHUA

Milan Fashion Week changes format to celebrate culture

MILAN, 1 Aug—After more than 30 years, Milan's fashion week has changed its format to welcome international visitors in some of its historic buildings and celebrate not only fashion but also culture and art. The fashion week, which is to begin on 22 Sept, will cover a full seven days, instead of three as it did in February after the editor of *American Vogue* magazine, Anna Wintour, said she could only spare three days for the event in Milan.

Xinhua

Schreker's opera 'Distant Sound' heard at Bard



In this undated photo provided by Bard College, Yamina Maamar, centre, as Grete in Franz Schreker's 1912 opera 'Der Ferne Klang' ('The Distant Sound') in New York.

INTERNET

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, 1 Aug—His name is all but forgotten today, but a century ago Franz Schreker was considered perhaps the most important operatic composers since Richard Wagner.

Now Leon Botstein, an energetic excavator of neglected music, has brought Schreker's 1912 "Der Ferne Klang" ("The Distant Sound") to the campus of Bard College for its first fully staged production in the US. Friday night's premiere, played superbly by the American Symphony Orchestra with Botstein conducting, revealed a richly inventive work, full of lush melodies and dissonant harmonies, sometimes suggestive of Richard Strauss.

Internet

Bagpipers compete at Orpheus birth place in Bulgaria

GELA, 1 Aug — More than 30 musicians from all over Bulgaria participated on Saturday in a national bagpipes competition held in Gela, 250 km southeast of the Bulgarian capital Sofia.

Their vibrant songs filled the meadows around Gela — a small ancient village located in the heart of the Bulgarian Rhodopi Mountain, which was said to be the birthplace of the mythical Thracian singer Orpheus. The competition, combined with the traditional annual meeting of this village which takes place on Sunday, attracted about 10,000 people.

Folk songs, dances, and dozens of barbecue grills serving national meals such as cheverme and kebapche topped up the festive atmosphere. "The music of the bagpipes helps us to touch the depths of the Bulgarian roots and to keep the tradition," Stefan Gerdjikov, one of the event organizers, said at the opening ceremony.—Xinhua

Marquez dominates Diaz to keep lightweight belts

LAS VEGAS, 1 Aug—Although Juan Manuel Marquez's right eye was swollen nearly shut, he kept it focused on his one



Juan Manuel Marquez, of Mexico, celebrates his victory over Juan Diaz following their lightweight championship boxing match on 31 July, 2010 in Las Vegas.— INTERNET

remaining goal — a third fight with Manny Pacquiao. Marquez didn't exactly make himself more attractive to boxing's pound-for-pound champion with his systematic dismantling of Juan Diaz. Marquez unanimously outpointed Diaz on Saturday night, picking apart his younger opponent to retain the WBA and WBO lightweight titles.

Marquez captivated the crowd at the Mandalay Bay Events Centre with precise punching and slick defence in a rematch that was nearly as entertaining as the fighters' thrilling first meeting, which Marquez won on a ninth-round stoppage in February 2009.

— INTERNET



Arsenal's Marouane Chamakh (L) competes with AC Milan's Alessandro Nesta during their Emirates Cup football match at Emirates Stadium in London, England.— INTERNET

Chamakh shines as Arsenal draw with AC Milan

LONDON, 1 Aug—Arsenal new-boy Marouane Chamakh showed why Arsene Wenger spent nearly a year trying to sign him with a clinical finish in Saturday's 1-1 draw against AC Milan in the Emirates Cup. Gunners boss Wenger landed Chamakh on a free transfer from Bordeaux in May after a lengthy courtship and the early signs suggest the Morocco striker will prove to have been worth the wait.

Chamakh marked his first appearance at the Emirates Stadium with a man of the match display capped by a predatory first half strike. The Gunners were denied a winning start to their four-team pre-season tournament however as Alexandre Pato headed a late equaliser for Milan. Wenger has spent most of the close-season attempting to stop Barcelona taking Cesc Fabregas back to the Nou Camp.— INTERNET

Top seed Murray advances to ATP final against Querrey

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—British top seed Andy Murray advanced to the final of the ATP Los Angeles Open by outlasting Spanish fourth seed Feliciano Lopez 6-0, 1-6, 6-4. The Scotsman will face second-seeded defending champion Sam

Querrey of the United States in the first championship match at Los Angeles between the top seeds since Pete Sampras defeated Andre Agassi for the 1999 crown.

Querrey saved a match point in outlasting Serbian sixth seed Janko Tipsarevic 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4. Hometown favorite Querrey has won three titles on three different surfaces this season and could become the first back-to-back champion at the 700,000-dollar hardcourt event since Andre Agassi defended his crown in 2002.—INTERNET



Australian international midfielder Tim Cahill

Inter blanks Man City 3-0 in friendly

BALTIMORE, 1 Aug—Nigerian winger Nsofor Victor Obinna scored one goal and set up another to lead reigning European champion Inter Milan past 10-man Manchester City 3-0 in a football friendly on Saturday. Obinna opened the scoring in the 38th minute and fired a shot in the 54th minute that deflected off the leg of Manchester City defender Joleon Lescott and



Manchester City's Adam Johnson (L) vies with Inter Milan's Nsofor Victor Obinna.— INTERNET

into the net, the Englishman helpless to deny the goal.—INTERNET

Fergie backs Hernandez for big future

LONDON, 1 Aug—Sir Alex Ferguson believes livewire striker Javier Hernandez is poised for a bright Old Trafford future after the Mexican star scored for his old club Chivas against



Mexican Javier Hernandez (R) of Manchester United shoots the ball in front of "Chivas" of Guadalajara's goalkeeper Luis Michel during the friendly football match between the two teams in Guadalajara, Mexico.— INTERNET

his new employers. Hernandez, nicknamed Chicharito (Little Pea), played the first half for his old Guadalajara club and scored after just eight minutes in Friday's friendly which the home side won 3-2. Chris Smalling levelled but Adolfo Bautista re-established the lead for the hosts after 38 minutes and Hector Reynoso made it 3-1 just before the hour mark, before Nani pulled one back in the 79th minute.

"Chicharito was first class," Ferguson told the official United website. "His goal for Chivas was a marvellous strike. He showed his real qualities. "Chivas played very well and they were very quick. They pressed the ball well and made things difficult for us. They deserved to win." After completing the first 45 minutes for the Mexican side, Hernandez changed teams and played for United until the hour mark.—INTERNET

Cahill hat-trick powers Everton

LONDON, 1 Aug—Australian international midfielder Tim Cahill scored a hat-trick as Premier League Everton defeated second-tier Championship newcomers Norwich City 4-2 on Saturday in a pre-season friendly.

Former Everton goalkeeper John Ruddy gifted Cahill a sixth minute opener before the Australian added his second seven minutes before half-time. But Norwich levelled through Andrew Crofts and Andrew Surman in the second half. South African star Steven Pienaar set-up Russian Diniyar Bilya-letdinov for Everton's third before Cahill completed his hat-trick on 71 minutes.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Fans grab Henry during Red Bulls football match

HOUSTON, 1 Aug—French star Thierry Henry was grabbed and jumped upon by two spectators who ran from the stands during the New York Red Bulls' 2-2 Major League Soccer draw with 10-man Houston Dynamo. The former Barcelona and Arsenal star, who set up Colombian Juan Pablo Angel on both New York goals, received his greeting from over-exuberant fans after Houston's Brian Mullan equalized in the 90th minute to lift Dynamo to a draw.—INTERNET



Security personnel as well as fans help to secure a fan that had run onto the playing field and jumped on the back of New York Red Bulls' Thierry Henry during the game.— INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Sharapova rallies to reach WTA final against Azarenka

STANFORD, 1 Aug—Russian star Maria Sharapova is poised to capture her third title of the year and a rankings milestone after beating Agnieszka Radwanska on



Saturday in a WTA Bank of the West semi-final. Fifth seed Sharapova rallied for a 1-6, 6-2, 6-2 triumph over the Polish third seed, advancing to Sunday's championship match of the 700,000-dollar hardcourt event against eighth seed Victoria Azarenka.—INTERNET

Maria Sharapova of Russia serves against Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in a WTA Bank of the West semi-final.— INTERNET



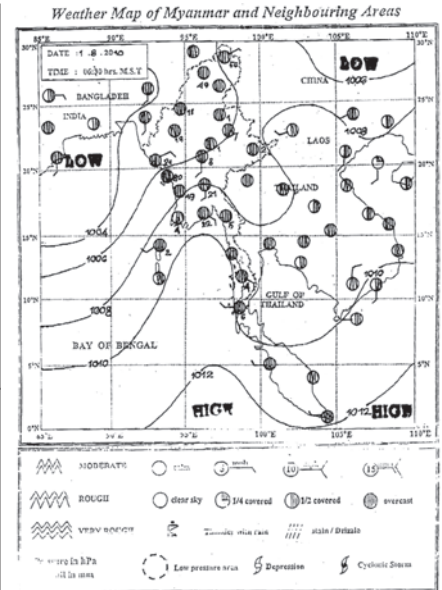
McLaren Formula One driver Jenson Button (2nd L) of Britain and Red Bull Formula One driver Mark Webber of Australia walk at track during the Hungarian F1 Grand Prix at the Hungaroring circuit near Budapest on 1 August, 2010.—INTERNET

Deadline deals: Westbrook, Lilly, Ludwick dealt

TORONTO , 1 Aug—Former All-Stars Jake Westbrook, Ted Lilly, Ryan Ludwick and Kerry Wood were traded Saturday as pennant contenders played a game of beat-the-clock. Lance Berkman went to the World Series champion New York Yankees after rejecting the Chicago White Sox. Octavio Dotel, Rick Ankiel, Kyle Farnsworth, Chad Qualls and Ryan.

Theriot also joined the playoff chase and Ryan Church highlighted a five-player deal between last-place teams.

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WEATHER

Sunday, 1st August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Magway Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.30)inches, Nay Pyi Taw (AirPort) and Taungdwingyi (1.26)inches each, Kyaukpadaung (3.16)inches, Maungdaw (2.76)inches, Hteelin (2.42)inches, Machanbaw and Hinthada (2.40)inches each, Putao (2.28)inches, Monywa (1.61)inches and Magway (1.14)inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-7-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 1-8-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-8-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 31-7-2010 was (4.2) hours.

Rainfall on 1-8-2010 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.87)inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.14) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (41.97) inches at Mingaladon, (48.27) inches at Kaba-Aye and (57.52) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 31-7-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 2nd August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin State area. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong Monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-8-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (2-8-10 09:30 am ~ 3-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Park
- * Bakery & Catering Centre for the foodies
- * News
- * Education, the Best Investment
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- * Topic on Journal "Hukaung Tiger Reserve"
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- * Culture Stage
- * Myanmar Traditional Food...Soya Bean
- * News
- * Fine Arts Podium "Open ended Drum"
- * Being Young (Youth and Music)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Disaster and Developments (I)
- * News
- * A Cup of Milk for Nutrition
- * Historical Kyaukes and its Environs (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Movie "Puzzle Angle"



Monday, 2 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
4. အပို့လေမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ပေးထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:50 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအနုလင်္ကာ စုံစွာဘုရားအာနန္ဒာ
- 8:00 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
7. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:20 am
8. Song Of National Races
- 8:25 am
9. ပြဒါးသေတစ်ဆွေ၊ သံသေတစ်ပြည်
- 8:30 am
10. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
11. International News
- 8:45 am
12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
3. Dance Variety

- 4:25 pm
4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar modern Music Troupe)
- 4:35 pm
5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆင့်မအကြိမ်၊ ဓမ္မဗြာဟ္မဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက (၆) ဝိဇ္ဇာတောင်၊ အမျိုးသား ဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:55 pm
6. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအတွဲမြို့) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:10 pm
7. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 5:15 pm
8. စိမ်းစိုလန်းဆန်းအံ့မခန်း ရတနာတန်းစင်ကျွန်းသစ်ပင်
- 5:30 pm
9. မြန်မာတေးသံရှင်ရွှေအယ်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. ဆိုကြမယ်၊ ပျော်ကြမယ်
- 7:00 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မဟာဆန်သူ ကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. သွေး (အဝမ်းရိုးမြင့်အဖွဲ့၊ တေးရေး-ကိုညွန့်ဝေ၊ မောင်ထွန်းမင်း)
18. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "အဆီသင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (ဒုတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
19. သုခရင်မြင်



- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Governor of Andhra Pradesh State hosts dinner to Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—The Governor of Andhra Pradesh State of the Republic of India hosted a dinner in honour of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing who were in Hyderabad of India on 28 July evening.

At 8 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at Raj Bhavan of Hyderabad where the dinner will be hosted. Governor



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at dinner hosted by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh State and wife.
MNA

Mr ESL Narasimham of Andhra Pradesh State and wife warmly welcomed Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing

Kyaing and extended greetings.

At Jubilee Hall,

the Governor and wife hosted a dinner to Senior General Than

Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party.—MNA

