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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Singaporean President

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—On the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. S.R. Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore.—*MNA***

## Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—On the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2010, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.—*MNA*

### 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

## Staff of Aungban Agricultural Research Farm urged to cooperate with private entrepreneurs to distribute quality strains of crops to farmers

## Prime Minister on inspection tour of townships in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, Prime Minister U Thein Sein viewed demonstration on cultivation of high yield Hmawby glutinous paddy and broadcasting of fertilizer on two acres of farmland of farmer U Win Shwe in Taunglaylon Ywama field of Taunglaylon Village-tract in Taunggyi Township yesterday.

*Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets local farmers and departmental officials at demonstration on collective transplanting of monsoon paddy in Taunglaylon Ywama field in Taunggyi Township.*—MNA

In meeting with local farmers and departmental officials, the Prime Minister discussed cultivation of high yield paddy strains, use of correct cultivation methods, combined utilization of chemical fertilizers and natural fertilizers, expense for cultivation, per-acre yield of paddy and fetching incomes and called for saving money, trying hard to uplift living standard and providing assistance for offspring to be able to pursue education.

The Prime Minister and party viewed samples of beneficial insects and pests and rice diseases, Shweyinaye, Yezin Lonthwe, Khauknankham and Konmyint-2 paddy strains, groundnut, sunflower, green gram and pigeon pea, production of earthworm waste, fertilizers and attended to the needs.

At Agricultural Research Farm of Agricultural Research Department in Aungban of Kalaw Township, in-charge of the farm Daw Khaing Khaing Oo reported on main crops in research of the farm and their results.

She also presented reports on conducting the research works on quality strains of maize, paddy, soya bean and sunflower and future plans.

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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Boost partnership among ASEAN members

**The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded on 8 August 1967. At that time, it comprised five members: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Now, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia have joined the association, bringing its membership to 10.**

**The 10-member association is aimed at improving the economic, social and cultural sectors based on equality and partnership. It will also enhance regional peace and stability based on justice and the rule of law. These aims cover cooperation for mutual interests and reciprocal support in the economic, social, cultural, technological, science and administrative fields.**

**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe in his congratulatory message to mark the 43rd Anniversary of ASEAN Day said, "We note that the theme for this year's ASEAN Day, "Bridging Markets, Connecting Peoples", is fully in line with the concept of ASEAN Connectivity. We sincerely hope that the Master Plan would reach a win-win solution to reflect the interest of all ASEAN Member States and strive for balance between regional and national interests".**

**Now, ASEAN members are working in concert to promote regional cooperation and integrity. The ASEAN Charter has been adopted since 2008. According to the Charter, the ASEAN community will be composed of three main pillars namely ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community, and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.**

**In line with the concept that ASEAN is a community that shares common views and common character, and joys and sorrows, the members are working hard to accomplish the tasks. ASEAN is intended to become an economically successful region. ASEAN has potential for becoming the hub of transport, IT and tourism of the region.**

**ASEAN countries will be able to serve the interests of their peoples to a higher degree than ever by accelerating regional cooperation according to their topography, same objectives and aims.**

## Myanmar Classic Group awards top dealers

*Anniversary dinner of Myanmar Classic Group Co Ltd in progress.*—MNA

YANGON, 8 Aug — Myanmar Classic Group Co Ltd held prize presentation ceremony to top dealers along with its anniversary dinner at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this evening.

President and CEO of Gaungdong Chigo Aircon Co Ltd Mr Li Xinghao extended greetings. Director U Nay Myo Aung of MCG Co Ltd, which is importing different kinds of aircons explained the company's role as a sole agent of Chigo Aircon. Responsible persons awarded the top dealers.

The Gaungdong Chigo Aircon Co Ltd of China is producing and distributing locally renowned Chigo Aircon, its one and only product, worldwide. Its distinguishing features are low-cost, reliable quality, satisfactory services and spare parts availability.

The Chigo branded Air-cons come with two years' warranty, promising services plus parts for first one year and services for the rest years.

The air-cons may be bought at shops of sales reps of Myanmar Classic Group Co Ltd nationwide and at its headquarters at No (216), ground floor, 38th Street (Upper Block), Kyauktada Township, here (Ph: 373472, 705060, 09-5066939 and 09-5176789).

*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**

## FM felicitates Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—On the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr George Yeo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore.—*MNA*

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Jose Antonio Ruiz Blanco as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Panama to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Jose Antonio Ruiz Blanco was born on 16th May 1980. He obtained Bachelor of Science Degree in Merchandising Management from Michigan State University of Michigan, USA. He has served as General Manager in the Grupo Harari Company from 2002 to 2006, as owner of Jarco S.A Company from 2006 to present, and also as General Manager of Brilatoo S.A Company in January 2009. He is married.

Currently, Mr Jose Antonio Ruiz Blanco is serving as Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to Singapore and he will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Singapore.—*MNA*

## Labour Minister inspects health care services for workers in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi yesterday afternoon attended the opening of the extended building of social welfare dispensary on Bhamo Atwinwun Road in Industrial Zone 3 of Hlinethaya Township, Yangon.

Chairman of Social Security Board U Yu Lwin Aung and Chairman of Industrial Zone Management Committee U Myat Thinn Aung formally opened the extended building.

The minister accepted dispensary equipment donated by the management committee and comforted the workers who were there for medical check-up.

At the garment factory on Seikkantha Road of the Industrial Zone-2, the minister inspected measures for worksite safety and health care services for the workers and cordially greeted the workers.

The Chairman of Social Security Board presented medicines for the clinic opened at the garment factory.

At TB Hospital (Htantabin) of Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour, the minister comforted the patient workers and coordinated with officials for enabling the patient workers to have insurance rights. Later, the minister inspected preparations for prevention against infectious disease at the hospital.—*MNA*

***Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi visits garment factory on Seikkantha Road of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2.*—MNA**

# Blasts in Iraq's Basra leave over 100 casualties

BASRA, 8 Aug— Three explosions on Saturday ripped through a popular market in Iraq's southern city of Basra, leaving at least 36 people dead and around 110 others wounded, local police source told *Xinhua*.

The first blast was caused by a car bomb in the market, then a generator and it's tank were also blew up, said the source, adding the blast reason of the generator and it's tank was not immediately known.

The explosions occurred in the commercial area, huge smoke can be seen in Basra city which locates 550 km south of Baghdad. Many people can't leave the blast site because of the heavy smoke, the source added.—*Xinhua*

***Iraqi men evacuate a victim from the scene of an explosion in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometers (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 June, 2010. Health officials say evening market blasts in Iraq's second-largest city have killed several people and wounded dozens.***
INTERNET

***A wounded resident is treated at a hospital after a bomb attack in Kut, 150 km (95 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 4 August, 2010. Two bombs exploded in the usually quiet southern city of Kut in Iraq's Wasit province on Tuesday.***
XINHUA

# Three service members killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Aug—Three NATO service members — at least two of them American — killed in recent attacks in southern Afghanistan, the military coalition said on Sunday.

All three died on Saturday, making a total of five NATO deaths that day.

The two identified as American died in an insurgent attack, while the third was killed by a bomb blast, NATO said in statements. The nationality of the third service member was not immediately available, nor were any further details provided.

The Danish government previously announced two of its soldiers were killed when their vehicle struck a bomb in southern Helmand Province.

This has been a particularly bloody summer for NATO forces in Afghanistan amid a troop surge and a vigorous Taleban counteroffensive. June was the deadliest month for NATO forces of the nearly 9-year war with 103 killed.

*Internet*

***People gather at the scene of a suicide bombing in Kandahar province's Dand district recently. A suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a police truck bringing a southern Afghan official to work early Monday, killing five children nearby, officials said.—INTERNET***

# Bomb blast kills four Afghan policemen, one civilian in Taleban hub

KABUL, 8 Aug—Four policemen and a civilian were killed on Saturday morning as explosive device planted inside a hand cart went off next to a police vehicle in Nahr-e-Saraj district of Taleban stronghold Helmand province in southern Afghanistan, Interior Ministry said in a statement.

"The tragic incident occurred in the morning rush hour at 09:00 am local time. As a result five persons including four policemen and one innocent civilian were martyred," the statement said. It also added that 12 civilians and a policeman were injured in the blast. No group or individuals have claimed the responsibility for the attack.

However, Taleban militants who have vowed to speed up activities often carry out suicide attacks and roadside bombings which mostly harm civilians.

*Internet*

## Explosion hits central Baghdad, casualties unknown

BAGHDAD, 8 Aug —A loud explosion hit central Baghdad Sunday morning, but casualties were not immediately known.

The blast occurred only 100 meters away from *Xinhua* reporters' office at a bus parking lot at the east bank of the Tigris river. At least five to ten buses were destroyed in the explosion.

Huge black smoke can be seen in the sky, cross gunfire can also be heard clearly around the scene.

*Xinhua*

# NATO troops kill 14 insurgents in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Aug—Afghan and NATO-led troops eliminated over a dozen insurgents in Taleban's hotbed, the southern Afghan province of Helmand on Saturday, a statement of the alliance said.

"Fourteen insurgents were killed and no civilians were hurt in the operation," the statement added.

However, it did not give the exact place of the operation, only saying that Afghan and coalition forces uncovered a large stockpile of weapons and communications equipment during an operation in Helmand province on Saturday.

"While investigating the weapons find, the force was engaged by insurgents with small arms fire, rocket propelled grenades and sniper fire," it said.—*Xinhua*

***In this photo taken on 4 Aug, 2010, a boy tries to clean up mud outside his house at a makeshift camp where displaced Pashto families from Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, live on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan.***
INTERNET

# Bicycle bomb wounds eight in Afghan province

GHAZNI, 8 Aug— A bicycle bomb attack carried out by Taleban insurgents wounded eight people including two policemen in Afghanistan's southern Ghazni province on Sunday, police said.

"The bomb planted on a bicycle went off in Ghazni city this morning as a result eight people including two police were injured, " a senior police officer Ghani Khan told *Xinhua*.

Ismael Ibrahimzai, the director of health department in Ghazni city, the capital of Ghazni province, told *Xinhua* that six injured civilians had been taken to hospital.

Taleban militants who were largely behind suicide and roadside bombings have yet to make comment.

More than 1,000 civilians have been killed and over 1,300 others injured in conflicts and Taleban-led insurgency so far this year in Afghanistan.

*Xinhua*

# Science

## Hot summer increases electricity use in Toronto

*Photo shows China's icebreaker "Xue Long", or "Snow Dragon", sailing in the Arctic Ocean at 86 degrees and 55 minutes north latitude, 178 degrees and 53 minutes west longitude.*—XINHUA

TORONTO, 8 Aug—Residents in Canada's Toronto have been using much more electricity this summer than in the same period of last year, according to a report released by Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) on Friday. Electricity consumption is up largely due to air conditioning loads, according to the report, adding that this is because cooling degree days this June and July have increased by a whopping 187 percent over June and July 2009.

As a result, people in Toronto overall have used approximately 12 percent more power this summer than last. Consumption for residential customers is up more than 18 percent. The highest temperature of Toronto has kept on above 30 centigrade degrees. Together with a humid index value, the actual temperature was well above 35 centigrade degrees. From May 15 to Sept 30 of each year, Toronto Public Health staff monitors the Heat Health Alert System to determine when the Medical Officer of Health should declare a Heat or Extreme Heat Alert.—*Xinhua*

## Climate talks appear to slip backward

BONN, 8 Aug—Global climate talks appeared to have slipped backward after five days of negotiations in Bonn, with rich and poor countries exchanging charges of reneging on agreements they made last year to contain greenhouse gases.

The sharp divide between rich and poor nations over how best to fight climate change — a clash that crippled the Copenhagen summit — remains, and bodes ill for any deal at the next climate convention in Cancun, Mexico, which begins in November.

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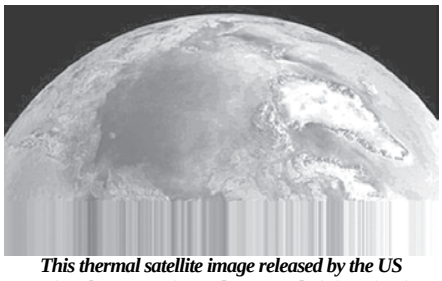
*This handout photo taken on 12 July, 2009 and released by Greenpeace shows a section of the Petermann glacier.*—INTERNET

## Climate change sparks 'quickest evolution ever'



*This thermal satellite image released by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration in April 2010 shows the world's arctic surface temperature trends during autumn between 1981 and 2008. Temperatures have increased over the Arctic due to dramatic recent decline in sea ice cover.*
INTERNET

VANCOUVER, 8 Aug—At least one fish species can adapt in just three generations to survive a sharp change in temperature, researchers said in a study on the fastest rate of evolution ever recorded in wild animals.

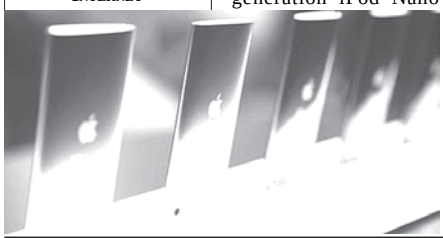
"Our study is the first to experimentally show that certain species in the wild could adapt to climate change very rapidly," said on Friday lead researcher Rowan Barrett. In their research, scientists from Canada and Europe removed marine stickleback fish from the ocean, put them into ponds with gradually dropping temperatures, and studied them for three years.

Over three generations, one per year, the fish evolved to survive water 2.5 degrees Celsius below the limit for their great grandparents, said the study released online and to be published in the September 7 issue of the Proceedings of the Royal Society B. The findings suggest at least some animals may be able to change quickly enough to survive predicted climate change.

*Internet*

# Technology

*In this file photo, Apple iPod Nanos are shown after an Apple event in San Francisco. After prodding from the Japanese government, Apple Inc will post prominent notices on its website warning some iPod Nano music players in Japan may overheat.*
INTERNET



## Apple to set up Japan Web warning on problem iPods

TOKYO, 8 Aug—After prodding from the Japanese government, Apple Inc will post prominent notices on its website warning that some older iPod Nano music players may overheat.

Sixty-one cases of batteries overheating have been reported in first-generation iPod Nano machines sold in 2005 and 2006, accor-ding to Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Some units were warped by the heat that caused minor burns when people touched them, but no serious injuries or damage have been reported, it said.

Apple spokesman Tom Neumayr said an easily accessible web page will be set up by early next week that outlines how to get a battery replacement.

Apple will also send e-mails to registered owners, he said in a telephone interview from California. "Safety is the highest priority for Apple," said Neumayr.

The ministry said 1.8 million first-generation iPod Nano players have been sold in Japan, but it is unclear how many of those have the problem battery.

*Internet*

*Hewlett-Packard Company Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mark Hurd speaks during an appearance in Conway, Ark.*

## HP CEO ouster leaves leadership hole

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Aug—The ouster of Hewlett-Packard Co's CEO leaves a hole in the world's largest technology company.

Mark Hurd engineered a stunning turnaround of the Silicon Valley stalwart. Under Hurd, HP has spent more than $20 billion on acquisitions to transform itself from a computer and printer maker dependent on ink sales for profits to a well-rounded seller of hardware and lucrative business services. HP's market value nearly doubled during his five years.

The company is suddenly leaderless as it stands at a turning point to integrate some of those acquisitions, the most recent of which was the purchase of smart phone maker Palm Inc. for $1.4 billion in June.

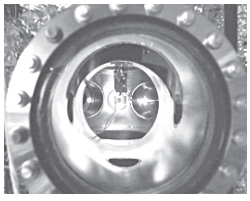
Hurd was forced to resign on Friday after HP's board of directors said Hurd falsified expenses to hide numerous private dinners with a woman who was paid up to $5,000 per event to greet people and make introductions among executives attending HP events that she helped organize.

*Internet*

## Saudi Arabia halts BlackBerry services

BEIJING, 8 Aug—Saudi Arabia suspended BlackBerry services on Friday over security concerns with the popular smartphones, stemming from data being processed by servers outside the country, according to media reports.

BlackBerry subscribers in the country said they were no longer able to use the messaging services from around midday (0900 GMT), according to *AFP* report. The Saudi telecommunications authority said in a statement that "the way BlackBerry services are provided currently does not meet the regulatory criteria of the commission and the licencing conditions;" BlackBerrys let users send e-mail, browse the Internet and make phone calls. There are more than 700,000 BlackBerry subscribers in Saudi Arabia. BlackBerry's encrypted emails and data are stored on servers in Canada, the headquarters of its maker, Research in Motion.—*Xinhua*



*A small PETE device made with cesium-coated gallium nitride glows while being tested inside an ultra-high vacuum chamber.*
INTERNET

# Health

## Health tips: Three tips for choosing a health-care plan

With health-care reform one of the hot-button issues of the year, many consumers are searching for answers about what the changes will mean when it comes to choosing the right plan.

FOXBusiness.com asked Laura Casey, author of "How to Get the Health Care You Want," for some tips on selecting the perfect fit.

**FOXBusiness.com:** What should people look for when shopping for new plans?

**Casey:** Do the math involved in figuring out potential costs for each plan. Figure out what is the worst-of-the-worst total pocket outlay. Figure out for each plan: 'If I get really sick, how much money will that cost me and my family for a calendar year?'

**FOXBusiness.com**: What are some things often wrongly overlooked when one is choosing a new plan?

**Casey:** If you have your doctor already, you want to make sure they are in the network associated with [your new] plan. If not, you need to see if that the plan is broad enough to include doctors where you live. In general, if you pick a major player, their networks are going to be big enough. It costs you a lot more if they are not in the network.You have to read the fine print as boring as it is. You have to pay attention to what the plan excludes.

**FOXBusiness.com:** Where do you see the general direction of health care in the future, in terms of choice level?

**Casey:**I am hoping it is easier [to navigate] ... and more transparent for the consumer, but I still think it is a wait and see.—*Internet*

## Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo has cancer

***Paraguay's President Fernando Lugo, front, leaves a hospital after a surgery in one of his legs in Asuncion, Paraguay, on Wednesday, 4 Aug, 2010.***

ASUNCION, 8 Aug — Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo has been diagnosed with cancer but his prognosis is good, doctors said Saturday. Physicians found non-Hodgkin lymphoma in a growth they removed from Lugo's groin last week, hematologist Alfredo Boccia said. The cancer affects the lymphocytes, or white blood cells. Lugo will likely have to undergo chemotherapy treatments every three weeks, Boccia said, adding that the cancer "is absolutely treatable and curable." Doctors found a second tumor but due to its location near Lugo's lungs and other vital organs, at the moment they consider it too risky to remove, Boccia said. He said Lugo will be admitted to a hospital in Sao Paulo for more thorough tests on Tuesday. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is sending a plane for Lugo, his personal physician, Nestor Martinez, told a news conference on Saturday.

"He will be able to continue performing his duties ... even as he is receiving treatment," Public Health Minister Esperanza Martinez told reporters on Friday night.

*Internet*

## Exports of traditional Chinese medicine reaches 1.46 billion US dollars

BEIJING, 8 Aug— Exports of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) in the global market were valued at 1.46 billion US dollars, Wang Guoqiang, director of the State Administration of TCM , said on Saturday. Wang, also vice minister of the health ministry, said the number of countries and regions which recognize the advantages and special features of TCM in treating modern diseases were on the rise and many countries were seeking cooperation with China on TCM.

Traditional Chinese medicines are mostly mixtures of a number of ingredients or medical plants such as herbs, which makes them much more difficult to explain and analyze in a quantitative sense than western drugs.

One major obstacle Chinese drug firms face when obtaining market approval in the US and European countries is how to explain how traditional Chinese medicines work using a scientific language that appeals to Westerners.—*Xinhua*

# Business

## EU's $580 billion safety fund up and running

BRUSSELS, 8 Aug— A European Union financial stability fund with the potential to raise up to 440 billion euros ($580 billion) to help EU countries weather debt problems is now fully operational, officials said on Friday.

With financial markets restabilising after the worst of the Greek-inspired debt crisis and Athens itself getting a positive report from European Union and International Monetary Fund officials this week, it is hoped the fund will never be tapped.

The fund — officially called the European Financial Stability Facility — was agreed by EU leaders in June and is effectively under-written by all 27 EU member states.

It became fully operational on 2-4 August when Italy confirmed its commitment to providing guarantees, EFSF officials said.

"I am pleased that the euro zone member states have taken the final step to set up the EFSF," Klaus Regling, the chief executive of the fund, said in a statement.

The EFSF is fully operational now and can, if necessary issue bonds with the help of the German Debt Office, which would be guaranteed by the euro area member states."

While the fund, headquartered in Luxembourg, is operational, it has still not received a credit rating, which will be critical to determining how much it has to pay when issuing debt — if it ever has to do so.

*Internet*

***Toyota Motor will start producing the Prius hybrid in Thailand this year, stepping up overseas output of the fuel-sipping vehicles amid swelling global demand, according to the latest reports.*—INTERNET**

## China to issue 273-day book-entry T-bonds next week

BEIJING, 8 Aug — China's Ministry of Finance announced on Friday it will float a batch of 273-day book-entry treasury bonds worth 10 billion yuan (1.48 billion US dollars) next week.

A statement on the ministry's website said the bonds will be sold at 98.62 yuan per bill, with an annual yield of 1.88 percent. The bill will be sold to the public from 9 to 11 Aug, and become tradable in the exchange markets since 13 Aug, according to the statement. The interest is to be calculated on 9 August.

This is the 10th batch of its kind launched by the ministry this year.

*Xinhua*

## Net income falls 40 percent at Buffett's company

***Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett gives an interview before the company's annual shareholders meeting in Omaha, Neb. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. releases quarterly earnings, on Friday, 6 Aug, 2010, after the market close.***

OMAHA, 8 Aug— Warren Buffett's company reported a 40 percent drop in second-quarter profit on Friday because the improvement at Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s operating companies couldn't overcome $1.4 billion in paper losses on derivative contracts. Berkshire's strong performances from its railroad, insurance and manufacturing businesses was overshadowed by the plummeting value of the Omaha company's derivatives — many of which are tied to the value of four major stock markets. "To me, the overall picture is strong," said Andy Kilpatrick, the stockbroker-author of "Of Permanent Value, the Story of Warren Buffett." "I do think the derivatives mask the underlying thing a lot."

Berkshire reported $1.97 billion net income, or $1,195 per Class A share. That's down from $3.3 billion, or $2,123 per share, a year ago.

Its revenue grew 7 percent to $31.7 billion.

*Internet*

# Worst-case assumption in property risk tests does not signal policy

BEIJING, 8 Aug—China's banking regulator on late Thursday said the hypothetical situations in the risk tests of banks, such as a possible slump in property prices, does neither indicate the regulator's judgment on the property market nor possible changes in government property policies.

The China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) reaffirmed in an online statement that it allows banks in regions with soaring property prices to suspend loans for third homes according to their assessment on credit risks.

The CBRC also said the down payment and the lending rate for third homes mortgage loans should be raised, but the specific amount should be determined by banks.

The declaration was made in response to domestic reports that the CBRC had ordered banks in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hangzhou to stop issuing loans to third home buyers. According to Bloomberg's Thursday report, the banking regulator had told lenders to include worst-case scenarios of prices dropping 50 to 60 per cent in cities where they have risen excessively, which signaled that the government might be growing more concerned about the health of the real estate market.

*Xinhua*

***NASA-issued image shows the space shuttle Discovery during construction and maintenance work on the International Space Station. Two astronauts on the outer space platform have been preparing to set out on the first of two spacewalks to fix a cooling pump that dramatically failed last week.***

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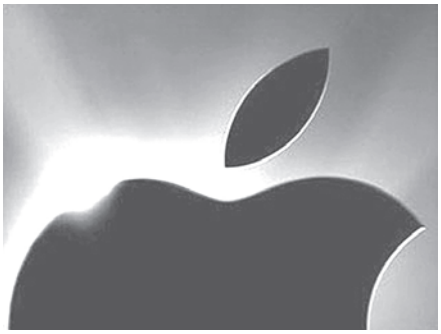
# Apple exec leaving in wake of iPhone four problems



***Apple logo, from Apple.com, on 8 Jan, 2006.***

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CUPERTINO, 8 Aug—An Apple Inc. executive whose responsibilities include iPhone hardware is leaving the company in the wake of antenna problems with the newest version of the smart phone. Apple was forced to offer a free fix after consumers complained and numerous media outlets reported a problem with dropped calls.

Mark Papermaster, Apple's senior vice president of iPhone and iPod hardware engineering, is leaving the company, according to Apple spokesman Steve Dowling.

Dowling wouldn't comment beyond a brief statement or say whether Papermaster was fired or is leaving voluntarily.

Papermaster's departure comes weeks after Apple announced it will give free protective cases to buyers of its latest iPhone model to alleviate the so-called "death grip" problem: holding the phone with a bare hand can muffle the wireless signal.

*Internet*

# Thrid spacewalk needed to restore cooling system

CAPE CANAVERAI, 8 Aug—A pair of space station astronauts had to hammer loose a stuck connector during an urgent spacewalk to restore a crucial cooling system on Saturday, then an ammonia leak erupted and hampered the entire repair effort.

Despite making one of the longest spacewalks ever, Douglas Wheelock and Tracy Caldwell Dyson had to give up trying to remove a broken ammonia pump and retreat inside. Disappointed managers said two more spacewalks now will be needed to replace the pump and get the International Space Station's cooling system operating normally again. The original plan called for two spacewalks.

Another spacewalk won't be attempted until Wednesday at the earliest. Engineers huddled following Saturday's eight-hour, three-minute effort — the sixth longest spacewalk ever — to consider their options.

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# APEC ascertains reforms for balanced growth in the region

TOKYO, 8 Aug—The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum highlighted the need for structural reforms and cooperation with the Group of 20 major economies to realize balanced growth in the region during a high-level meeting in Beppu in southwestern Japan, local media reported on Saturday.

The idea was agreed on by the representatives of the 21-member economies as they gathered in Oita Prefecture for a two-day discussion on a long-term comprehensive growth strategy, which is aimed to secure balanced and sustainable economic growth in the region following the global financial crisis triggered in 2008, Kyodo News reported. Balanced growth aims to unwind imbalances within and across APEC economies through macroeconomic policies and structural reforms and is part of the five aspects the strategy would focus on. The four other pillars are inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth, according to Kyodo News. APEC involves such members as Australia, China, Japan and the United States. It accounts for more than half the world's economic output and 44 percent of its trade by value.—*Xinhua*

# Google buys social networking application maker Slide

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Aug—Google on Friday announced that it has bought hot online networking application maker Slide as part of a drive to "make Google services socially aware."

Slide is the San Francisco-based startup behind playful or practical applications such as SuperPoke and FunSpace that have become hits on Facebook and other social-networking websites.

"This is a really exciting day for me and my team, but this also marks an exciting development for the social Web," Slide founder Max Levchin said in a message posted on the home page of the firm's website.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the two companies to come together and change the way people socialize on the Web."

Levchin, a co-founder of PayPal online financial transactions service, launched Slide in 2005.

"As the Slide team joins Google, we'll be investing even more to make Google services socially aware and expand these capabilities for our users across the web," Google engineering director David Glazer said in a blog post.

"We're working to develop open, transparent and interesting (and fun!) ways to allow our users to take full advantage of how technology can bring them closer to friends and family and provide useful information just for them."

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

*Internet*

***The Google logo is seen on 4 Aug in Paris. Google on Friday announced that it has bought hot online networking application maker Slide as part of a drive to "make Google services socially aware.***

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*Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (2nd R in the background) and Governor of the Moscow Region Boris Gromov (3rd R in the background) meet with residents of the village of Mokhovoye, Lukhovitsi municipal district, effected by wildfire at the Gazprom VNIIGAZ Scientific and Research Institute of Natural Gases and Gas Technologies outside Moscow, on 3 August, 2010. Efforts to fight Russia's devastating forest fires have been crippled by a law passed four years ago at the behest of Vladimir Putin and powerful logging interests, environmentalists and politicians said on Tuesday.*—INTERNET

# The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Myanmar

*Maung ASEAN*

*(Continued from yesterday)*

**Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality Declaration**

Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality Declaration is a treaty for regional peace and security and was declared on 27 November 1971 in Kuala Lumpur. Its intention is to keep free from any form or manner of interference by outside powers and make concerted efforts to broaden the areas of cooperation which would contribute to solidarity and closer relation.

**Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone**

The Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), also known as Bangkok Treaty, was signed by the leaders of all the ten Southeast Asian countries at the ASEAN Summit in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 and came into force on 27 March 1997. The treaty expresses the region's desire to contribute towards general and complete nuclear disarmament and the promotion of international peace and security. Possession and transportation, testing and use of such weapons are prohibited according to this treaty.

**Declaration of Bali Concord II**

ASEAN has been cooperating since last 40 years, and the year 2003 was the turning point for ASEAN when ASEAN aimed for ASEAN Community. With this community in mind, Declaration of Bali Concord II was made at 9th ASEAN Summit held in Bali, Indonesia, on 7 October 2003. The declaration mentioned ASEAN Community comprising the ASEAN Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

**Working Mechanism**

**ASEAN Summit**

ASEAN Summit is the highest meeting attended by the Heads of State/Government of all ASEAN Member Countries. ASEAN agreements, declarations and MoU which had prior discussion in ACC, SOM and ARF are discussed and adopted or signed for future action by all ASEAN Member Countries. ASEAN Summits are convened twice a year according to the new ASEAN Charter.

**ASEAN Ministerial Meeting**

ASEAN Ministerial Meetings—AMM—discuss the rules and procedures, plan of actions and AMMs are usually held in July and attended by ASEAN Foreign Ministers. Informal Meetings and Retreat are also held in between. ASEAN Coordinating Council—ACC—was organized by ASEAN Charter. ACC prepares for the ASEAN Summit and coordinates for actions decided by the Summit, and performs other duties assigned by the Summit.

**ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting—SOM**

ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting is the one in which discussion are made on Political and Security Affairs and ASEAN's Plan of Action. SOM has to report to ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. SOM Working Group Meetings are occasionally held.

**ASEAN Secretariat**

The ASEAN Secretariat was established in Jakarta, Indonesia in order to facilitate the ASEAN's functions. ASEAN Secretary-General is appointed by the ASEAN Summit for a term of office for 5 years with the rank and status of Minister. Secretary-General is assisted by 4 Deputy Secretary-Generals; 2 will be selected from among nationals of AMS based on alphabetical rotation. Other 2 will serve a term of three years, which may be renewed for another three years. They are recruited based on merit.

The Committee of Permanent Representatives—CPR— was established with a Permanent Representatives from each ASEAN Member State with the rank of ambassador based in Jakarta to facilitate ASEAN activities. CPR supports the work of the ASEAN Community Councils and ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies. CPR coordinates with ASEAN National Secretariats and other ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and liaise with Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat on all subjects relevant to its work.

**Chairmanship of ASEAN**

The Chairmanship of ASEAN rotates annually, based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States. ASEAN has, in a calendar year, a single Chairmanship by which the Member State assuming the Chairmanship shall chair:

(a) the ASEAN Summit and related summits;
(b) the ASEAN Coordinating Council;
(c) the three ASEAN Community Councils;
(d) where appropriate, the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and senior officials; and
(e) the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

The Member State holding the Chairmanship of ASEAN shall:

(a) actively promote and enhance the interests and well-being of ASEAN, including efforts to build an ASEAN Community through policy initiatives, coordination, consensus and cooperation; ensure the centrality of ASEAN; ensure an effective and timely response to urgent issues or crisis situations affecting ASEAN, including providing its good offices and such other arrangements to immediately address these concerns;
(b) represent ASEAN in strengthening and promoting closer relations with external partners; and carry out such other tasks and functions as may be mandated.

For the year 2010, Vietnam takes ASEAN Chairmanship.

**Myanmar and ASEAN**

Myanmar became member of ASEAN on 23 July 1997 after 30 years when ASEAN was founded on 8 August, 1967. Myanmar has signed TAC in July 1995 before its full membership. By signing TAC, which is the most important Treaty of ASEAN, Myanmar participated in ASEAN as observer.

Myanmar, before its full membership to ASEAN, also signed SEANWFZ Treaty at the 5th ASEAN Summit held in Bangkok in December 1995 along with other Southeast Asian countries.

After its membership, Myanmar actively participated in ASEAN activitis, including political, social and security areas.

With the realization of an ASEAN Community by 2015 in accordance with the ASEAN Charter, the three main pillars—ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)—action plans are being actively implemented by ASEAN Member States. Myanmar along with other ASEAN family member countries is also striving for the achievement of these noble objectives.

# Staff of Aungban Agricultural Research Farm urged to cooperate…

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Minister U Htay Oo and Minister U Tin Naing Thein gave supplementary reports on providing quality strains of maize, paddy, edible oil crops and beans and pulses in addition of cultivation methods to farmers, assistance rendered to them in conveniently exporting products to internal and international markets and efforts being made for enabling the farmers to rise per-acre yield of crops and to increase their incomes.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister stressed the need for the farmers to widely use quality strains of crops, for departmental personnel to cooperate with private entrepreneurs to distribute quality strains of crops to the farmers and for the staff to conduct research works systematically, and fulfilled the requirements.

*Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets medical superintendent, doctors and nurses at Pindaya Township Hospital.*—MNA

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The Prime Minister and party looked into thriving hybrid soya bean and maize plantations at the farm.

*Prime Minister U Thein Sein looks into thriving crops in Aungban Agricultural Research Farm in Kalaw Township.*—MNA

*Photo shows demonstration on collective transplanting of monsoon paddy on farmland of U Win Shwe in Taunglaylon Ywama field in Taunggyi Township.*—MNA

At Pindaya Township Hospital, the Prime Minister met the medical superintendent, doctors and nurses and asked about common diseases in the township and providing health care services to the patients at the hospital and called for organizing talks on health knowledge to the people and preventive measures.

The Prime Minister and party comforted the patients and inspected the Operation Theater and medical stores. They left there by car and arrived in Kalaw in the evening.

*MNA*

*Prime Minister U Thein Sein views Agricultural Research farm in Aungban of Kalaw Township.*

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**MNA**

# Commander attends monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug— Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo attended monsoon tree-planting ceremony of the Shan State (East) in Kengtung on 4 August.

It was also attended by senior military officers, departmental personnel, officers, Tatmadawmen and families, members of social organizations, teachers, students and local people.

After an official had explained the purpose of the ceremony, the commander gave away saplings to commandants of regiments and units and those present. The commander and officials planted commemorative trees and viewed the collective tree planting.—*MNA*

# Kayah State Election Sub-commission preparing for election

YANGON, 8 Aug—Chairman of Kayah State Election Sub-commission U Kadio in company with Secretary U Khin Maung Yi and members yesterday went to Sanpya 6th Village-tract and Ngwetaung Village-tract in Dimawhso Township and inspected lists of eligible voters, ongoing electoral courses and samples of polling stations.

At the township General Administration Department, they met with members of sub commissions, returning officers and deputy returning officers from village-tracts, wards and the township for electoral works.

*MNA*

# Singaporean BCA academy entrance test in Myanmar

YANGON, 8 Aug— The Future Way Education and Services has a plan for those who have passed matriculation exams to help sit for an entrance test to study engineering in BCA Academy in Singapore. The government-run institution is prestigious in Singapore for its modern pedagogical aids and stipends for outstanding students.

The courses conducted in the academy are Construction Engineering, Diploma in Design, Mechanical Engineering (Green Building Technology), Strategic Facilities Management, Electrical Engineering and Clean Energy and Building Information Engineering.

Talks about the subjects and prosperities will be given at Future Way Education & Services from 10 am to 3 pm on 15 August.

Interested persons may sign up on phone or in person. Attendees to the talks can join the preliminary course at discount. Future Way Education & Services runs at No. 9, Room 6/A, Yawmingyi Street in Thamada Condo, Yangon (Ph:241099, 254185).—*MNA*

# Maubin District concludes ploughing

YANGON, 8 Aug—A ceremony to conclude ploughing for monsoon paddy, and to weed and broadcast fertilizer of Maubin District, Ayeyawady Division was held at Ngagyigayat Village-tract, Maubin Township on 3 August.

A total of 60 female paddy transplanters transplanted paddy plants at the paddy filed of farmer U Soe Tint. Also present on the occasion were Secretary U Nyunt Sein of Maubin District Peace and Development Council and party, members of the district and township commissions for boosted production, personnel from Yewady Rice Co Ltd (Maubin) and local farmers from nearby villages.

*MNA*

# Namkyan Dam in Lashio Township to supply irrigation …

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Deputy Director (Civil) U Phone Tin told the Kyemon, "Due to the dam, we will soon be able to launch the double-cropping pattern of monsoon and summer paddy in 179 acres of irrigated farmlands."

Arable areas cannot be utilized if without irrigation water. Namkyan Dam, the 11th facility of its kind in Shan State (North), will soon make contribute towards regional development.

***The two-foot outfall conduit of Namkyan Dam, through which irrigation water flows to benefit 179 acres of farmlands.***

***Potable water will be supplied to the 20 water tanks in urban areas through the one-foot outfall conduit.***

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# New hall of Xu Beihong Memorial to rebuild

*A visitor appreciates galloping horse paintings created by Xu Beihong at Xu Beihong Memorial in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Aug, 2010.—*XINHUA

BEIJING, 8 Aug—Famous Chinese artist Xu Beihong was born into a poor painter's family in Yixing, east China's Jiangsu Province, in 1895. He learned traditional Chinese painting early in his childhood and dedicated himself to creative art and to art education when he returned home from abroad. Xu is best known for his galloping horses. His Chinese traditional paintings, oil paintings and sketches cover a wide range of topics including human figures, birds, animals, flowers and landscapes. In his works it is expressed rich national flavor with a high level of Chinese and western painting technique. Xu Beihong is lauded as the founder of China's realistic art education and as the father of China's modern painting. Xu Beihong Memorial, with a total area of 3,700 square meters, was set up in Beijing in 1983. It was built to replace the old one at his residence, which was opened in 1954 soon after his death. The memorial stores and displays Xu's traditional Chinese paintings, oil paintings, sketches, rough sketches, and other collections all year round. A new hall of the memorial is planed to rebuild to meet the demands of visitors.

*Xinhua*

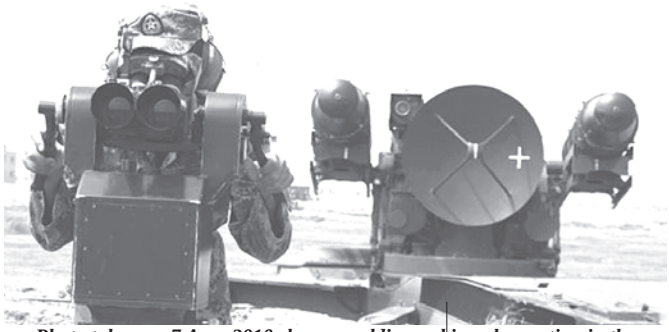
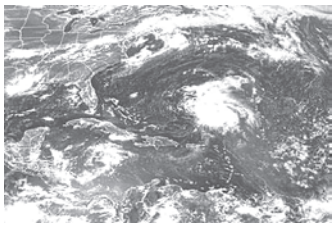


*Photo taken on 7 Aug, 2010 shows a soldier making observation in the military exercise coded "Vanguard-2010" in east China's Shandong Province. The five-day long air defense military exercise, the largest-scaled of its kind with over 12 thousand troops mobilized, comes to an end on Saturday.—*XINHUA

# Colin heads for Bermuda; Estelle forms in Pacific



*This NOAA satellite image taken on Thursday, 5 Aug, 2010 at 01:45 PM EDT shows a circular cloud structure produced by the remnants of Tropical Storm Colin. —*INTERNET

MIAMI, 8 Aug—Tropical Storm Colin is heading toward Bermuda, while Tropical Storm Estelle has formed in the Pacific.

Colin's center is expected to pass near or over Bermuda on Saturday. A tropical storm warning was issued for the British territory, and authorities closed beaches, warning of high winds and dangerous surf.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said on Saturday the center of the storm is about 230 miles (365 kilometers) south-southwest of Bermuda and is moving north around 4 mph (6 kph). Its maximum sustained winds are 45 mph (75 kph). In the Pacific, Estelle's center was about 220 miles (355 km) southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico, as it moved away from the coast. The storm has top sustained winds of 50 mph (85 kph) and is heading west at 10 mph (17 kph).—*Internet*

# Over 80 dead, 2,000 missing after rain-triggered landslides in NW China

*Screen grab taken on 8 Aug, 2010 shows the flooded city zone of Zhouqu County, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Gansu Province. —* XINHUA

ZHOUQU, 8 Aug— More than 80 people have been confirmed dead and some 2,000 others are missing in landslides triggered by torrential rains in northwest China's Zhouqu County, Ga-nan Tibetan Autono-mous Prefecture in Gansu Province, said Mao Shengwu, head of the prefecture.

*Xinhua*

*Flamingo chicks are gathered before being ringed at the Fuente de Piedra natural reserve, near Malaga, in southern Spain on 7 Aug, 2010. Around 600 flamingos are ringed and measured before being placed in the lagoon, one of the largest colonies of flamingos in Europe, according to authorities of the natural reserve.* XINHUA

# Four killed in flooding in northern Czech Repulic

PRAGUE, 8 Aug—Four people were killed in floods triggered by heavy rainfall in north of the Czech Republic on Saturday.Heavy rainfalls hit Liberec and Decin in northern parts of the country Saturday, submerging streets and cutting off power and gas supplies in some areas, according local television reports.Much of Pilsen region was affected by flooding, as the Uhlava River was swelling sharply, forcing the evacuation of about 110 local residents. At least 17 cities and towns were flooded in the region.—*Xinhua*

*Firemen put out fire at the forest near Orekhovo-Zuyevo village, Russia, on 7 Aug, 2010. Soldiers and residents have been mobilized to put out forest fire day and night to prevent further disaster.—* XINHUA

# Three drown in German flooding

BERLIN, 8 Aug—Three people were found drowned on Saturday in a town in the eastern German state of Saxony, as heavy rains caused flooding there.

A 74-year-old man and his 72-year-old wife, as well as their 63- year-old neighbor, were found dead in the basement of their building, police in Neukirchen town said.

Initial investigation showed that the couple and their neighbor were trying to save their belongings in the basement when they were suddenly caught by the flooding, which soon filled the whole basement, the police said.

Heavy rains fell in the region around the town in recent days, and more rains are still on the way, according to local media reports.

The police have advised local residents to stay safe and not to risk their lives for saving the belongings.

*Xinhua*

*Residents clean the silt and waste beside their house in Huadian, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 6 Aug, 2010.* XINHUA

# Fidel Castro appears in Parliament, warns of nuclear war

*Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro addresses a meeting of the National Assembly in Havana, Cuba, on 7 August, 2010. Fidel Castro delivered a speech on the Iranian nuclear issue before Cuba's parliament Saturday, his first official government appearance in four years.* —XINHUA

HAVANA, 8 Aug— Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro delivered a speech on the Iranian nuclear issue before Cuba's parliament Saturday, his first official government appearance in four years.

Dressed in an olive green military shirt without rank insignias, the 83-year-old bearded revolutionary was greeted with applause as he walked in.

Castro warned that there could be a nuclear war if US President Barack Obama ordered an attack on Iran.

The special session broadcast on live television was held to debate Castro's warnings about the risks of a nuclear war.

The former Cuban leader has recently made several public appearances recently after recovering from a serious illness in 2006 that forced him to disappear from public view and later hand over the presidency to his younger brother Raul.

*Xinhua*

## Central Asian states, Japan discuss further cooperation

TASHKENT, 8 Aug — Foreign ministers from Central Asian countries and Japan gathered here on Saturday to discuss security in Central Asia and ways to strengthen cooperation between the two sides.

Fruitful results have been achieved after talks were held on Central Asia's security and stability and its economic development, Uzbek Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov told a press conference after the meeting.

The top priority for the Central Asian countries is to reinforce cooperation with Japan in such sectors as transportation, energy, industry, agriculture, ecology and sanitation, he added.

Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada said that his country would continue to support efforts of the Central Asian countries in boosting regional cooperation and safeguarding regional security.

*Xinhua*

## Small plane crash kills two in US state of Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug—A small twin-engine plane crashed into a home in western Pennsylvania on Saturday, killing at least two people.

The plane, a BE58 Beech Baron, crashed into the house in the rural area about 140 kilometers northeast of Pittsburgh in the morning, local police said. Rescuers managed to recover two bodies from the wreckage in the afternoon. They are still searching for other parts of the plane, though it was believed that only two were on board.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the small plane took off from Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe, Pa. It went down 11 minutes after the takeoff. The plane was registered to a Westmoreland County firm.

No one in the house was believed to be hurt. Steve Yanko, who lives in the house with his wife Rose, was sleeping in the couch when the plane went down, missing him by inches.—*Xinhua*

***Photo taken on 5 Aug, 2010 shows the gate of the former residence of late Chinese literature giant Mao Dun(1896-1981) in Beijing, capital of China.*** XINHUA

## Three people injured in Friday night shooting by Oakland taco truck

OAKLAND, 8 Aug—Two men and one woman were injured late Friday night during a shooting near a taco truck in East Oakland, police said.

All three were taken to a hospital, and their wounds were not considered life-threatening.

At about 11:45 pm Friday, a group of four people in a car — three men and one woman — drove to a taco truck in the 2100 block of International Boulevard. The three men stayed in the car while the woman got out to get food at the truck. While she was ordering food, a group of young men, who police believe to be gang members, came up to the car and got into an argument with the three men sitting inside, police said.

*Internet*

***Italian special acrobatic unit airforce 'Frecce Tricolori' (Tri-colour Arrows) perform on the opening day of the 11th International Air and Military Show in Kecskemet, Hungary, on 7 August, 2010.*** XINHUA

***Tangka painter Dengga introduces a piece of Tangka work at Tibet Museum in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 6 August, 2010.*** INTERNET



## Oakland airman's remains to be buried in SF

OAKLAND, 8 Aug—The remains of an American service member from Oakland, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors in San Francisco next week, the Department of Defense announced on Friday.

The airman was identified as Army Sgt John P Bonnassiolle, of Oakland.

The Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office believes Bonnassiolle died in Germany on 29 April, 1944, when he and nine other crewmen failed to return from a bombing mission over Berlin in a B-24J Liberator.

German documents captured after the war indicated the aircraft had crashed near East Meitze, north of Hannover. German forces removed the remains of three crewmen from the site and buried them in a Hannover cemetery.

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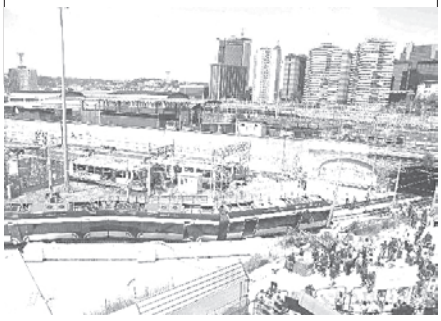
***Firefighters work on the site where a train derailed in the outskirts of Naples, Italy, on 6 Aug, 2010, killing one person and injuring around 30 people.*** XINHUA



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## 200-plus searching for missing pilot

HONG KONG, 8 Aug—More than 200 people are searching for an Air New Zealand pilot who went missing on a tramp in Hong Kong three days ago. First Officer Stephen John Morrissey was last seen on Wednesday while walking with Captain Mark Apperley on the Wilson trail in Hong Kong's New Territories on a day off. Air NZ deputy chief executive Norm Thompson said a core team searched overnight, and more than 200 personnel were involved today.

"The search has been expanded to take in a much larger geographical area, including more of the track and a wider area either side of it," Mr Thompson said."The Hong Kong police have told us this morning that, if necessary, the size and scale of the search operation will continue all day tomorrow as well." Family members and Air NZ staff in Hong Kong were drawing strength from the dedication of the police and remained hopeful Mr Morrissey would be found. There had been no suggestion of foul play.—*Internet*

## Dutch mother arrested after baby remains found in suitcases

NIJ BEETS, 8 Aug — A young Dutch mother has been arrested on suspicion of killing four of her babies and hiding their remains in suitcases in an attic. Police said they searched the 25-year-old woman's home in the village of Nij Beets and found four suitcases, each containing the remains of a baby. Police chief Wim van Essen said an investigation was started after it was reported to police that the woman had no children despite the fact that she had been pregnant several times between 2002 and 2010.

The woman first told detectives she had given her children up for adoption but could not show the documents to prove it. She then told them she was "keeping them" in separate suitcases in the attic, which led to the search of the house she lived at with her parents.

Prosecuting official Annette Bronsvoort said initial investigations showed that three of the suitcases contained the remains of babies.In a statement issued about two hours after the press conference, the prosecuting authority said the fourth suitcase was also found to contain a baby's remains.— *Internet*

***A police officer searches the front of a house where the remains of four babies were found in separate suitcases.*— INTERNET**

## No need to delay pregnancy after miscarriage

LONDON, 8 Aug — Women who have had a miscarriage do not need to wait before trying to get pregnant again, say doctors. A study by the University of Aberdeen of 30,000 women found that conceiving within six months offered the best chance for a healthy pregnancy. The findings, published in the British Medical Journal, counter international guidelines that women should wait at least six months before trying again. Doctors said the study would help them reassure and advise patients.

The researchers looked at data between 1981 and 2000 relating to women who had a miscarriage in their first pregnancy before going on to becoming pregnant again. Women who conceived within six months were less likely to have another miscarriage, termination or ectopic pregnancy, the figures showed.

*Internet*

## Prenatal test not linked to blood pressure problems

LONDON, 8 Aug—Despite concerns raised from some earlier research, a new study suggests that a prenatal test done to screen for genetic abnormalities does not raise a woman's risk of developing pregnancy-related high blood pressure. The test, known as chorionic villus sampling (CVS), is an invasive procedure done to detect Down syndrome and other genetic disorders in some women considered to be at elevated risk — such as those age 35 and older, and women with a family history of a specific genetic disorder.

CVS involves taking a tiny tissue sample from the placenta, and is typically performed between the 10th and 12th week of pregnancy. Doctors consider it an advantage to perform such tests earlier, instead of performing a test such as amniocentesis later in the pregnancy for the same purpose. Some past studies have found that women who underwent CVS were more likely than other pregnant women to eventually develop pregnancy-related high blood pressure or preeclampsia — a syndrome marked by a sudden increase in blood pressure after the 20th week of pregnancy and a buildup of protein in the urine due to stress on the kidneys.— *Internet*

***Miami Heat basketball player LeBron James, right, finishes his ride during the LeBron James Family Foundation.*—INTERNET**

## Man survives lightning strike to the head

PRINCETON, 8 Aug—A Minnesota man says he is lucky to be alive after he was struck in the head by lightning Tuesday night, KDVR reported. Brendan Baker, 31, of Princeton, Minn., told the news station he was hiking alone on Longs Peak in Denver, Colo, when it started storming. Baker took refuge under a rock, but the lightning must have bounced off the rock and hit him, according to park rangers. Baker said he does not remember the incident.

"I just remember waking up the next morning," Baker said. "I had my hat on, and I had no idea that anything had happened to my head."

*Internet*

## LeBron James thanks fans at annual bike-a-thon

AKTON, 8 Aug— LeBron James finally thanked his fans in Cleveland on Saturday, making his first public appearance since he left the Cavaliers for the Miami Heat.

At his annual "King for Kids" charity bike-a-thon in downtown Akron, James addressed a friendly crowd of several hundred people who cheered as he took the podium. "To the city of Cleveland, my fans in Cleveland, my fans in northeast Ohio," said James, "I want to say thank you for the last seven years and the years that continue to go in the future."

Then he repeated the thank you to Cleveland a second time, as if for extra emphasis.

"So I want to thank the city of Cleveland, also northeast Ohio, for all the great years that I've had," he said.—*Internet*

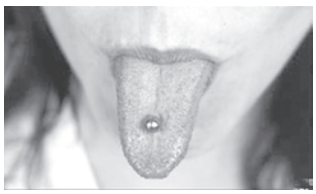
## Tongue piercings 'can cause damage to teeth'

LONDON, 8 Aug — People with tongue piercings risk developing gaps between their front teeth as a result of playing with the stud, US researchers have found.

The University of Buffalo team says that, as well as potentially requiring cosmetic work, people can develop infections and chipped teeth.It discusses a patient in the *Journal of Clinical Orthodontics* who needed braces to correct the gap in her teeth.

UK experts advised people to "steer clear" of the adornment.

The researchers said that people with tongue piercings were likely to push the metal stud up against their teeth and consequently cause gaps and other problems to arise. Sawsan Tabbaa, professor of orthodontics at the University of Buffalo, detailed the 26-year-old's case. — *Internet*



***Wearing tongue studs has even been linked to brain abscesses.***
**INTERNET**

## Tattooing linked to higher risk of hepatitis C

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 8 Aug — Youth, prison inmates and individuals with multiple tattoos that cover large parts of their bodies are at higher risk of contracting hepatitis C and other blood-borne diseases, according to a University of British Columbia study.

The researchers reviewed and analysed 124 studies from 30 countries, including Canada, Iran, Italy, Brazil and the United States, and found the incidence of hepatitis C after tattooing is directly linked with the number of tattoos an individual receives.

The findings are published in the current issue of the *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

*Internet*

## Store manager throws hot coffee in intruder's face

An attempted burglary at a California supply store was thwarted when the manager threw hot coffee in the face of a masked intruder.

Chris Hegnes, manager of the Englund Marine and Industrial Supply, was going into work early Monday morning when he encountered a man in a mask charging at him with a hammer.

Hegnes says he hurled his hot mocha at the man's face and ran for it.

The man came after him for a few steps, then ran to a vehicle parked behind the store.

Hegnes says the man apparently had been trying to break into a safe using the store's hardware tools. The man didn't get away with much, but damaged some tools.

***Models show bladeless electronic fans during a press conference in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 7 Aug, 2010. The newly-published fan, priced some 800 RMB (around 117.6 USD), is safer and easier for cleaning, compared with the traditional ones.***

***Weird bicycles: Are they ridable?***

## Police nab Pa woman alleged as clown bank robber

Police in northeastern Pennsylvania have arrested a woman they say robbed a bank in a clown costume. Bethlehem police said the woman was captured about five minutes after the bank robbery late Friday morning. Her name has not been released.

Police said the suspect told bank employees she had a bomb, and fled with an unknown amount of cash. Arriving officers say they chased her to a nearby park and nabbed her changing out of the clown suit in her car.

## Brazen black bear breaks into Montana houses

A brazen black bear with a late-night hankering for supreme pizza surprised a Montana resident last week, and it's not the first time the animal has eluded capture.

The bear is believed responsible for about 21 break-ins in the Red Lodge area in south-central Montana over the past few weeks.

In the most recent heist, Marek Rosin said he awoke at about 1:30 am on 29 July to find the bear had pushed open the door to his back porch and was raiding his chest freezer.

"He was about four feet from me with his head in the freezer munching on a pizza," Rosin said. "It was almost comical if it wouldn't have been that close." Rosin scared the bear off before it could eat anything more.

Most of the break-ins involve the bear climbing through a screened window or breaking through a screen door to access refrigerators or freezers, said Shawn Stewart, a Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist.

Stewart said he thinks a single adult black bear is causing most of the problems. Two culvert traps were set up, but the bear has avoided them. Another bear was captured and relocated.

## News Album

***A baby competes during a crawl competition in Hong Kong, south China, on 7 Aug, 2010. Almost 100 parents with their children joined the 22nd Hong Kong Baby Crawling Contest.***

## Robbie Williams to wed US actress

***British singer Robbie Williams***

LONDON, 8 Aug — British media say pop singer Robbie Williams is to marry his girlfriend, US actress Ayda Field, in an intimate ceremony.

The Daily Mail tabloid says the 36-year-old pop star plans to have a low-key wedding among close friends and family in California on Saturday.

There are conflicting reports about the location of the ceremony. The Daily Mail said the wedding would be held in Williams' mansion in Beverly Hills, while other reports say the singer will tie the knot with Field on the island of Santa Catalina off the coast of California.

His represenatives declined to comment on media reports of his wedding.

Williams is popular in Britain and the rest of Europe, first as a member of the boy band Take That, and later when he pursued a solo singing career.

*Internet*

***The film Shanghai starring Gong Li and John Cusack was a successful collaboration between China and Hollywood. But now, China wants to do more than just provide the pretty faces.***

**INTERNET**

## Tony Judt, author of 'Postwar,' dies at 62

NEW YORK, 8 Aug—Tony Judt, a highly praised and controversial historian who wrote with sharp persistence about the changing world at large and the tragic world within—the fatal disease that paralyzed him—died on Friday at his home in New York City. Judt, a native of London who in recent years was a professor of European studies at New York University, was 62. His death, caused by complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, was confirmed by a university spokesman.

A Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2006 for his nearly 900-page history of modern Europe, "Postwar," Judt was diagnosed two years later with ALS, which attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord and destroys the ability to move and speak

*Internet*

## Emma Thompson receives star on Walk of Fame

***British actress Emma Thompson is honoured for her motion picture career with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, in Hollywood, California on 6 Aug, 2010.***

**XINHUA**

LOS ANGELES, 8 Aug—British actress, comedienne and screenwriter Emma Thompson has become the latest addition to the landmark Hollywood Walk of Fame, receiving the 2,416th star in a ceremony held on Friday.

"It's so appropriate this is outside of a pub," Thompson said of her star on Hollywood Bouleva-rd. "It's the last thing you step on before you get your first drink and the last thing you step on when you reel out."

The Oscar-winner actress, 51, dedicated her star to her late father, Eric Thompson, an English actor, writer and director. "He was a wonderful man and a great inspiration to me," Thompson noted. "He inspired me to write for children without writing for children."

*Xinhua*

***Chinese actress Zhao Wei.***

**INTERNET**

*Blackpool's players celebrate after beating Cardiff City in the 2010 Championship play-off final.*
INTERNET

## Premiership survival the goal for promoted teams

LONDON, 8 Aug—Newcastle, West Bromwich Albion and Blackpool face a baptism of fire on their return to the Premier League and all three promoted clubs enter the new season with survival on their minds.

After a single-season absence, Championship winners Newcastle will have little time to find their feet as they travel to Manchester United on 16 August, where they have not won in the league for almost 40 years.

Chris Hughton's side look the best-equipped of the three Premier League new boys to survive this season, although the manager's task has been made more difficult by the refusal of Mike Ashley, the club's multi-millionaire owner, to spend significant amounts in the transfer market.—*Internet*

## Deco seals Fluminense deal—club

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Aug—Chelsea's Portuguese international midfielder Deco on Saturday agreed a two-year deal with Fluminense, the Brazilian club announced on their website.

*Chelsea's Portuguese international midfielder Deco.*—INTERNET

"After intense negotiations, the player, who took part in two World Cups for Portugal, has got his release from the English club and will sign a two-year contract on Monday," said a club statement.

The 32-year-old Deco moved to Chelsea from Barcelona in 2008 but failed to shine at Stamford Bridge.—*Internet*

## Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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# SPORTS

## Ferguson casts his eye over Ozil

LONDON, 8 Aug—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson cast an eye over Germany midfielder Mesut Ozil in Werder Bremen's 5-1 friendly defeat against Fulham on Saturday.

Ferguson has claimed he is happy to give his youngsters a chance this season but the Scot, in London for Sunday's Community Shield clash with Chelsea, still turned up at Craven Cottage to look at potential transfer targets.

*Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson cast an eye over Germany midfielder Mesut Ozil.*
INTERNET

The Scot has been linked with Ozil since his impressive displays for Germany at the World Cup, but he didn't have much opportunity to see the 21-year-old at his best as Fulham cruised home thanks to Zoltan Gera's hat-trick. Arsenal won an extraordinary friendly clash with Legia Warsaw in Poland as the Gunners came from 3-0 down to win 6-5.—*Internet*

## Arteta signs new five-year deal with Everton

LIVERPOOL, 8 Aug—Everton midfielder Mikel Arteta signed a new five-year contract with the Premier League club on Saturday.

Arteta had been linked with a move to Arsenal but the 28-year-old has ended speculation over his future by agreeing the improved deal.

The Spaniard is the latest Everton star, after Tim Cahill, Leighton Baines, Jack Rodwell and Seamus Coleman, to sign a new contract since the end of last season.

Arteta told the club's website: "What this summer has made me realise is how important I am to the club and how important the club is to me.

*Internet*

*Everton's Spanish midfielder Mikel Arteta.*—INTERNET

## Woods struggles again with 75

AKRON, 8 Aug—Tiger Woods logged another miserable round and then all but conceded the No. 1 spot in the world to Phil Mickelson.

In the third round of the Bridgestone Invitational on Saturday, Woods had five bogeys, a double-bogey and two birdies in a 5-over 75. He is 11 over — his worst score in relation to par through 54 holes since turning professional in 1996.

Woods, whose personal life has been in tatters since revelations of infidelity last November, has been the No. 1-ranked golfer in the world for more than five years. But Mickelson can overtake him with a high finish — something that Woods fully expects.—*Internet*

## Champions Marseille slump as PSG ride high

PARIS, 8 Aug—French champions Marseille slumped to a shock defeat to newcomers Caen as Paris Saint Germain got off to a flying start to sit top of Ligue 1 after the first day of the season on Saturday.

Marseille landed their first title success since 1992 last term but Didier Deschamps' side were reeling after falling 2-1 at home to the Normandy side.

Lyon, last season's runners-up, also failed to sparkle as they were held to a goalless draw at home to Monaco, as Auxerre, third last time out, were held 2-2 at home by Lorient.

By contrast Paris Saint Germain came through 3-1 winners against visiting St Etienne to give the side from the capital hope of success after a poor 2009/2010 campaign. Marseille were a shadow of the side that won the Ligue 1 last season, with Ligue 2 winners Caen looking the more dangerous as Nicolas Seube gave them the lead after 53 minutes at the Stade Velodrome.—*Internet*

*Caen's Youssef El-Arabi (R) is challenged by Marseille's Azpilicueta during their French L1 football.*—INTERNET

## Kuznetsova, Radwanska to square off in San Diego final

CARLSBAD, 8 Aug—Two-time Grand Slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova beat fifth-seeded Flavia Pennetta 6-4, 6-0 to reach the final of the 700,000-dollar San Diego Open final. The Russian will be playing in her first WTA final since a victory in Beijing last October, and she'll face the same opponent as she did then: Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska.

Radwanska, the fourth seed, defeated Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-2 to earn her first trip to a final since Beijing 10 months ago.

Unseeded after falling to number 21 in the world, Kuznetsova displayed her powerful forehand and capitalized on Pennetta's unprepossessing service game to win nine of the last 10 games.—*Internet*

*Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia hits a forehand to Flavia Pennetta of Italy during their semi-final match.*—INTERNET

## International club friendlies results on 7 August

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| AC Milan | 0 - 0 | Panathinaikos |
| Rangers | 2 - 1 | Newcastle U. |
| 1. FC Cologne | 2 - 0 | Sampdoria |
| Arminia Bielefeld | 0 - 2 | Borussia Dortmund |
| Arminia Hannover | 0 - 6 | St. Pauli |
| Union Berlin | 1 - 4 | Monchengladbach |
| Barrow | 2 - 1 | Bolton W. |
| Birmingham C. | 0 - 1 | Mallorca |
| Fulham | 5 - 1 | Werder Bremen |
| Hearts | 1 - 1 | Blackburn R. |
| Tottenham H. | 3 - 2 | Fiorentina |
| West Ham U. | 0 - 0 | Deportivo La Coruna |
| Wolverhampton W. | 2 - 1 | Athletic Bilbao |
| Legia Warsaw | 5 - 6 | Arsenal |
| Wolfsburg | 2 - 0 | Everton |
| Udinese | 2 - 1 | Eintracht Frankfurt |
| Bochum | 1 - 1 | Real Sociedad |
| Manchester C. | 2 - 0 | Valencia |
| Salamanca | 3 - 1 | Rayo Vallecano |
| Sevilla | 1 - 1 | Espanyol |

***Ren Yan(R2) guides the volunteers in the figure training in Southern Medical University in Shunde, south China'sGuangdong Province on 5 Aug, 2010. A total of 380 volunteers will be selected to be the medal presenters at the awarding. Xinhua***

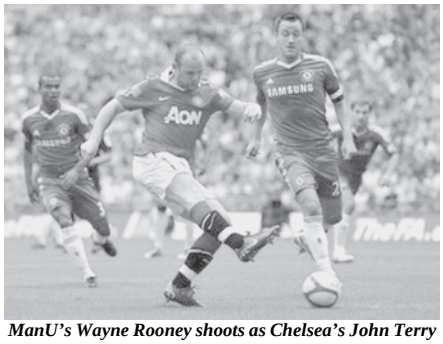
# United too good for Chelsea in season curtain-raiser

LONDON, 8 Aug—Manchester United dominated a stuttering Chelsea to score a deserved 3-1 victory over last season's Premier League and FA Cup Double winners in an entertaining Community Shield match at Wembley on Sunday.

Goals from Antonio Valencia after 41 minutes and Javier Hernandez's first for his new club after 76 gave United control in the third curtain-raiser between the two clubs in the last four seasons. Dimitar Berbatov, on as a late sub, lobbed in United's third in stoppage time.

Salomon Kalou had pulled one back for Chelsea six minutes from time when Edwin van der Sar could only parry a shot from Daniel Sturridge during a late rally by the champions who have now lost five straight pre-season games.

Valencia struck first after a brilliant move saw Paul Scholes find Wayne Rooney with a raking pass. Rooney crossed superbly for Valencia to strike. Valencia then turned provider for Hernandez to score, with the ball going in off his face.—*Internet*



***ManU's Wayne Rooney shoots as Chelsea's John Terry and Ashley Cole look on during their English Community Shield soccer match.*—INTERNET**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
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| Transmissions | Times |
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| Local | - (09:00am~11:00am) MST |
| Oversea Transmission | - (9-8-10 09:30 am ~ 10-8-10 09:30 am) MST |

**Local Transmission**

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**Myanmar TV**

**Monday, 9 August**
**View on today**

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော်
7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
7:50 am
5. "လူနတ်နှစ်လိတစ်ရစ်စီ ရွှေနတ်တောင်စေတီ"
8:00 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song
8:10 am
7. Cute Little Dancers
8:25 am
8. Song Of National Races
8:30 am
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:40 am
10. International News
8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
4:15 pm
3. Musical Programme
4:25 pm
4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဥ္စမအကြိမ်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု) (အထက (၁)မှော်ဘီ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွက်အဖွဲ့)
4:45 pm
5. Songs To Uphold National Spirit
4:50 pm
6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar modern Music Troupe)
5:00 pm
7. "ကဏ္ဍစုံလင် အားကစားအစီစဉ်"
5:30 pm
8. မြန်မာတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ
6:00 pm
9. Evening News
6:15 pm
10. Weather Report
6:20 pm
11.ဆိုကြမယ်၊ပျော်ကြမယ်
7:00 pm
12.နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မဟာဆန်သူ. . . ကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၆)
8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. ဒီမိုကရေစီခေတ်တည်ဟန် (မေအိမိုဒါလီမွန်၊ တေးရေး-တက္ကသိုလ်မြတ်သူ)
17. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (ဒုတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
19.သုခုမရင်ပြင်

# WEATHER

**Sunday, 8th August, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.**

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Naypyitaw (Airport) (1.57)inches, Kyeikmayaw (9.83)inches, Paung (6.89)inches, Mawlamyine (6.86)inches, Kawkaraik (6.22)inches, Hpa-an (6.14)inches, Bago (5.55)inches, Theinzayat (5.08) inches, Launglon (4.57)inches , Gwa (4.49) inches, Mudon (3.78)inches, Thaton (3.50)inches and Chaungsone (3.43) inches.

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather**

Maximum temperature on 7-8-2010 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 8-8-2010 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-8-2010 (100%). Total Sunshine hours on 7-8-2010 was (2.8) hours.

Rainfall on 8-8-2010 was (0.28) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon . Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (45.91) inches at Mingaladon, (53.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (62.05) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (07:30) hours MST on 8-8-2010.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 9th August 2010:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-8-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-8-2010:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-8-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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★ 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

# Namkyan Dam in Lashio Township to supply irrigation and potable water

*Yamanya Thway Mon*

*Namkyan Dam under construction, south of Lashio Township, Shan State (North), seen with Shan Yoma mountain ranges in the background.*

As part of the drive for expeditious harness of land and water sources in the public interest, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been building dams and multipurpose dams to scale up agricultural work.

Lashio Township in Shan State (North) faces scarcity of potable water in summer. So, it is in greater need of irrigation water for extensive agricultural farming and adequate freshwater supply for growing urban population. In order to help address the issue, Namkyan Dam Project is being implemented by damming the Namkyan Creek, about two and a half miles south of the township.

Lashio Township gets an average annual rainfall of 50 inches. So, the project is designed to store as much rainwater as it can get in the rainy season for ensuring uninterruptible supply of irrigation water to farmlands and safe water to urban people.

Therefore, it will have to supply water to 20 water tanks whenever urban areas are in need of safe water. With a catchment area of three square miles, the dam will have to irrigate about 180 acres of farmlands. So, double cropping pattern will be launched soon in the irrigated areas.

On completion, the facility will be able to supply 92 million gallons of potable water to urban people, and prevent floods on the highway, in the precinct of the Yantaingaung Pagoda, and in low-lying areas of Kyauktaung Ward and Ward (1).

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