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Lt-Gen Ko Ko looks into agricultural tasks, progress of Natthankwin Bridge (Sittoung)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug.—Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence heard reports on progress in cultivation of monsoon paddy presented by an official in Ayekarit Village-tract in Waw Township, Bago Division on 12 August.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko called for cultivation of monsoon paddy meeting the target and viewed broadcasting of fertilizer and weeding.

He viewed storage of water at AlopPAY Lake. In Kadok Phayagyi Village of DaikU Township, Lt-Gen Ko

Ko heard reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy presented by an official and looked into broadcasting of fertilizer and thriving monsoon paddy.

He viewed monsoon paddy fields in Shanywa Village of Nyaunglebin Township.

At the briefing hall of Natthankwin Bridge (Sittoung) construction project, the deputy superintending engineer of Bridge Construction Special Group-2 reported on construction of the main bridge and future tasks.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected progress of works and left necessary instructions.—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

Tube-wells and artesian wells, in Pyawbwe Township

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Strenuous efforts are being made to supply water for drinking and agricultural purposes in the central regions of Myanmar.

Dams and river water pumping projects implemented by the government are contributing a great deal to the tasks of supplying water to the people and the farmlands. In addition, tapping underground water and sinking tube-wells benefit rural people and

their farms.

Recently, we the news crew of Myanmar Alin went to Pyawbwe Township to observe thriving paddy plantations with the use of water from the artesian wells.

Although Pyawbwe Township is located in the arid region, greening and pleasant scenes could be seen in the region due to sinking artesian wells. We saw thriving paddy and other crops cultivated with the

use of water from the artesian wells. Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton and chilli are special interest of the local farmers.

In an interview, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U San Htay explained success achieved in growing paddy through water supply from artesian wells.

He said, "Thanks to sinking tube-wells and tapping underground water in the township, local

farmers can conveniently use water not only for consumption but for cultivation. Most of the artesian wells and tube-wells were sunk by Water Resources Utilization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Development Affairs Department. The Development Affairs Department sank tube-wells one after another for supply of potable water to the rural regions and the



Pumping water from artesian well to farmland of U Zaw Min Oo near Shawbyugon Village in Pyawbwe Township.



Water Resources Utilization Department sinking a tube-well near Ayethaya Village of Pyawbwe Township.

Water Resources Utilization Department equipped the villages with tube-wells for agricultural purpose. At present, most of the villages have enjoyed fruits of sinking tube-wells. Up to now, a total of 50 tube-wells are in use. Arrangements are being made to sink 50

more tube-wells in 2010-2011 financial year."

Township Manager U Myo Min of Myanmar Agriculture Service said, "The tube-wells and the wells of underground water tapping contribute much to cultivation of paddy in (See page 9)

PERSPECTIVES

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Grow high quality fruit and vegetables

With a view to boosting the agricultural sector, ways and means are being sought to have adequate supply of irrigation water. So, dam, river-water pumping and tube-well projects are being implemented across the nation.

Irrigation acreage has increased thanks to more than 200 dams and sluice gates. As a result, monsoon and summer paddy as well as other crops are thriving. Efforts are now being made to ensure local self-sufficiency and surpluses for export.

In some regions, agricultural and livestock entrepreneurs and departments are investing in agricultural and livestock breeding zones. Moreover, modern cultivation methods are being applied to grow globally marketable fruit and vegetables.

Mandalay, Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady divisions are growing fruit and vegetables on a commercial scale. Mango zones have been established in Kyaukse, Singaing, TadaU, Patheingyi and Htonebo and other regions.

Some regions are growing watermelon as a major crop. As seedless watermelon can be grown, it is now thriving. Muskmelons are being exported through border regions. Plans are under way to export quality muskmelons through regular trade system.

Similarly, flower zones are being established in such areas as PyinOoLwin, Lashio, Mandalay, Kalay and Pyay. Therefore, agriculturalists, departments and local farmers are to cooperate in establishing agricultural zones so as to increase their income.

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

MoI staff urged to carry on duties with all might and main

Information Minister attends 64th Anniversary of MRTV

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—The 64th Anniversary of Myanma Radio and Television was marked at its Auditorium, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

The minister elaborated on the power and influence of media on every sector of the respective countries and its people, the objective conditions of the Union of Myanmar and achievements of the ministry in promoting the role of media. He also urged all the staff who are serving the national interests to carry on their duties with all their might and main taking the advantages of the achievements.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan awarded three staff of MRTV who secured the Good Public Service Medal conferred on by the State Peace and Development Council, three staff who won prizes in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and gave prizes for the radio broadcasting programmes and MITV programme.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV presented prizes to staff of respective branches who served the duties conscientiously.

Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise and General Manager U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise presented prizes to outstanding staff, uniforms and cash assistance to students of the staff.



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Good Public Service Medal winning staff of Myanma Radio and Television.—MNA

Later, staff of MRTV presented songs, traditional dances and a one-act play to the guests.

Also present on the occasion were technicians of MRTV, members of the music scrutiny board, executives of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and guests.—MNA



Staff of MRTV present traditional dances at 64th Anniversary of Myanma Radio and Television.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects Patheingyi Monywa Road

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe on 10 August visited

construction site of Myaukyama creek-crossing bridge at mile post No. 447/1 on

Patheingyi-Monywa Road. The deputy minister inspected site chosen for construction of

Chyauktinkya Bridge to be built between mile post Nos. 438/0 and 438/1. He heard reports on work progress and stressed the needs.

He inspected laying of rocks at Salingyi

Junction and placing of asphalt between mile post Nos. 433/3 and 433/7. In meeting with engineers-in-charge and personnel from Naing Group Construction Co Ltd, the deputy minister

gave necessary instructions. He then inspected laying gravels at mile post no. 398/0 and laying of rocks between mile post Nos. 396/6 and 396/7.

MNA

Petraeus says withdrawal from Afghanistan depends on situation on ground

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—The timetable of US troops' withdrawal from Afghanistan will be driven by situation on the ground, the commander of US forces in Afghanistan said in an interview to be aired over the weekend. David Petraeus, the four-star general recently installed to take over the Afghanistan war, told NBC's David Gregory that President Barack Obama has made clear he wants the best military advice possible concerning the drawdown of US forces in Afghanistan.

"Certainly, I am aware of the context within which I offer that advice," Petraeus said. "But that just informs the advice; it doesn't drive it. The situation on the ground drives it."

Obama has set July 2011 as a deadline to begin withdrawing troops. Petraeus said the challenge now is to demonstrate signs of progress, according to excerpts of the interview released by NBC on Friday. The interview will be broadcast on Sunday on "Meet the Press."

Xinhua



Daniel Scioli (C), governor of Buenos Aires Province, inspects the site of plane crash in Mercedes, Argentina, on 13 Aug, 2010, in this handout photo released by Buenos Aires provincial government. A light plane crashed here on Friday, but passengers aboard were rescued.—XINHUA

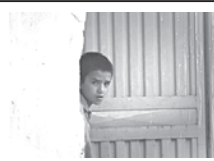
NATO soldier killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Aug—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed Saturday in Afghanistan's restive southern region bringing the number of casualties of the alliance to three over the past two days in the war-torn nation, ISAF said in a press release.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today," the press release added. Two more ISAF soldiers were killed in similar incident in similar incidents also in the southern region of Afghanistan on Friday.

However, the alliance did not disclose the nationalities of the victims by saying "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities."

Xinhua



An Afghan boy peeps out from the doorway of his home at the scene of militants attack in Kabul, Afghanistan recently. Two suicide attackers struck a building rented by a private security company in Afghanistan's capital Tuesday, detonating their explosive vests to kill two company drivers, police said. INTERNET

Afghan woman killed during fire fight in Helmand

KABUL, 14 Aug—Afghan and coalition forces operating in the Musa Qal' ah District of Helmand Province Wednesday were attacked by insurgents (Taliban fighters) with small arms.

After forces gained positive identification of the enemy, they returned fire to suppress the threat and as a result of that engagement, an Afghan civilian woman was shot by

International Security Assistance Force soldiers. The woman was given immediate medical attention by coalition forces, but subsequently died of her

wounds.

ISAF officials deeply regret this unfortunate loss of life and express their sincerest apologies to the family.

Xinhua



Villagers stand around the bodies of Afghans who they said were killed by US forces during a raid in Sayed Abad district of Wardak province west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 12 Aug, 2010. INTERNET

Eighteen wounded in bomb attacks in north of Baghdad

TIKRIT, 14 Aug—Eighteen people were wounded in three bomb explosions which hit houses of Iraqi security members in the city of Samarra in Salahudin province on Friday, a provincial police source said.

Unidentified gun-men planted three bombs at the houses of a government-backed paramilitary leader and two police officers in

central Samarra, some 110 km north of Baghdad, and blew them up, wounding 18 people, including three policemen, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Violence is still common in Iraqi cities as part of recent deterioration in security which shaped a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country

Security personnel gather at the site of a bomb attack in Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, on 13 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET



about two weeks ahead of the deadline of the US combat troops' withdrawal from Iraq.

Xinhua

A wounded resident is treated at a hospital after a bomb attack in Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, on 13 August, 2010. INTERNET



Five soldiers wounded in PKK attack in southeast Turkey

ANKARA, 14 Aug—Five soldiers of the Turkish security forces were wounded in an armed attack by the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK)

while military vehicles were passing by in southeast Turkey, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Friday.

The attack took place on Thursday evening when the military convoy was heading from Yuksekova town of Hakkari province to the neighboring town of Semdinli, according to the report. A security operation has been underway in the region after the attack, said the report.—Xinhua

Xinhua

Gun battle in Afghan capital kills 10

KABUL, 14 Aug—A gun battle between Hazara and Kuchi ethnic groups in the Afghan capital of Kabul on Friday claimed at least 10 lives, witnesses said.

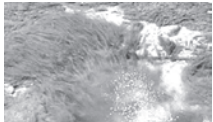
The clash started at noon and was underway at the moment.

Xinhua reporter heard gunshots near the spot in the westside of the city, but the police cordoned off the scene and rejected to offer any information. Witnesses said over 10 people from the Kuchi group have been killed.

Kuchi people, which live a nomading life around the country, have for many times been involved in conflicts with other ethnic groups, most of which over land disputes.

Science

Algae biofuel production possible in 10 years



THE HAGUE, 14 Aug—Algae cultivation for fuel production could be viable in 10-15 years, researchers here said.

Such biofuel could even replace traditional fossil fuels in the future, Prof. Rene Wijffels and Dr. Maria Barbosa from Wageningen University & Research Center in the

Netherlands said.

Sunlight feeds algae, sustainably breeding biodiesel and almost limitless protein and oxygen, they said in an article published Friday in the journal *Science*. Fresh water use would be minimal because seawater can be used, they said. Algae beat agricultural crops like oilseed rape in converting sunlight and fertilizers into usable oily compounds, as it does not need full

sunlight, the researchers said.

They also said the cultivation of algae could be done by extracting fertilizers such as nitrogen and phosphates from manure surpluses and wastewater. Carbon dioxide that the cultivation needs would come from industrial remains, they added.

Europe should become sustainably independent of fossil fuels, the researchers said.—*Internet*

Newly found fault caused Haiti quake

LAFAYETTE, 14 Aug—The devastating earthquake that rocked Haiti in January was unleashed by a previously undetected fault line — not the well-known one scientists initially blamed, according to an analysis of new data.

It's unclear how dangerous the new, unmapped fault might be or how its discovery changes the overall earthquake hazard risk for Haiti, said Eric Calais, a professor of geophysics at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

"If there are other faults capable of producing earthquakes besides the Enriquillo and this new one we need to know about them. We need to go after them," said Calais, who presented the findings this week at a scientific conference in Brazil. Calais said that at the time of the quake, Haiti had no seismic stations. Researchers who flocked to the Caribbean nation have since installed about 10 stations to monitor the earth's movement.

Ross Stein, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif., said Calais' findings were fascinating and raise many questions about the complexity of Haiti's faults and what actually occurred during January's quake. But he said the discovery is not surprising, given the many unknowns about earthquakes. Earthquakes typically occur along fault lines, areas where two sections of the Earth's crust grind past each other. When decades or centuries of accumulated stress become too great at a fault boundary, the land gives way, causing an earthquake.—*Internet*

Robot to expose hidden secrets of the pyramids

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—The robot explorer, built by researchers at the Leeds University, England, in collaboration with French aviation company Dassault and British robotics company Scoutek, will incorporate a small fiber optic camera for looking around corners, an ultrasonic probe for testing the quality of the rock and a releasable mini-robot that can fit through spaces as small as 0.7 inches in diameter. Additionally, the robot uses special nylon and carbon fiber wheels that won't deface the pyramid's sensitive rock.

All the robots were designed from scratch to do as little damage to the shafts as possible. "The previous robots both used tracks that scrubbed away at the floor and ceiling as they moved. We use soft brace pads to grip the walls, like an inchworm or the technique that rock climbers use for ascending 'chimneys.' The wheels don't need to grip, they need to slip as much as possible."—*Internet*



The homepage of the WikiLeaks.org website is seen on a computer after leaked classified military documents were posted. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange insisted Thursday the whistleblower website still planned to release its final batch of US military files on the Afghan war, despite American demands it hold back. INTERNET

Technology

Advertisers flocking to Facebook



Internet research firm eMarketer on Thursday reported that advertisers are flocking to Facebook and will spend more than a billion dollars at the world's top online social network. INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Aug—Internet research firm eMarketer on Thursday reported that advertisers are flocking to Facebook and will spend more than a billion dollars at the world's top online social network. "Brand advertisers are making Facebook a core buy," said eMarketer senior analyst Debra Aho Williamson. "Ad spending is building quickly and the mass audience is one that marketers cannot ignore

any longer."

Facebook membership topped 500 million people in July and it is not unusual for users of the service to spend hours weekly, if not daily, at the website. Facebook's success in luring ads is due in part to a "self-serve" software tool that lets advertisers create their own virtual pitches and target them based on basic demographics such as age or gender. The tool accounts for half of the ads placed at Facebook, according to eMarketer.

Meanwhile, advertising revenue at News Corp.-owned social networking service MySpace was expected to slip to 297 million dollars, a 14 percent drop from the 347 million dollars taken in worldwide last year, the market tracker said.

Internet

Microsoft's Xbox 360 smokes Wii, Sony's PS3 closes ranks

LONDON, 14 Aug—The Wii may be tumbling at last, as Microsoft's Xbox 360 outpaced it by several hundreds thousand units in NPD Group's July 2010 retail sales.



The games industry was steady, year-on-year, losing a few points in software and

accessory sales but gaining notably in hardware sales.

Overall video games revenue totaled \$847 million, a nominal 1 percent decline from last July's \$851 million. Software sales were down 8 percent to \$403 million and game accessories dipped 2 percent to \$129 million, but games hardware rose 12 percent to \$314 million, not doubt bolstered by Microsoft's new slimline Xbox 360.—*Internet*



An electron microscope is seen in a laboratory. Indian doctors warned earlier this year about the threat from a new multi-drug resistant "superbug" — months before a British study that New Delhi has condemned for scaremongering. INTERNET

Microsoft will release IE9 beta with accelerated HTML5

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Aug—Microsoft said Thursday it will launch the first public beta of Internet Explorer 9 at an event in San Francisco next month. The goal is to show off new online experiences enabled by the software giant's next-generation web browser, which delivers "a more beautiful web that feels native on Windows," Microsoft said.

Earlier this month, Internet Explorer General Manager Dean Hachamovitch noted that IE9 started from the premise that the Internet will soon be delivering HTML5 experiences that feel more like native applications than

web sites. "Building on hardware-accelerated SVG [Scalable Vector Graphics], canvas, video, audio and text, developers will use the power of the whole PC to achieve great performance," Hachamovitch wrote in a blog. "On the modern web, developers will use the same markup across different HTML5 browsers."—*Internet*



Google rolled out an application that lets people use voice commands to have Android-based smartphones do tasks such as send email or fetch driving directions. INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Simple ways to avoid skin aging

When our skin get older, it will get thinner and wrinkle. Productivity of the oil glands in the skin layer decreases, so the skin gets dry. The number of blood vessels in the skin also decreases, so the skin is much weaker. The youthful glow has faded.

Appropriate treatment will inhibit the aging process. Here is a simple habit that can help keep skin healthy and shiny.

1. Protect skin from sunlight

The sun's rays damage the skin and cause wrinkles, dryness, rough skin, black spots, and can trigger cancer. For that you should:

- Avoid the sun between 10 am until 4 pm.
- Wear protective clothing. Choose long sleeves, long pants, and hat.
- Use sunscreen 20 minutes before outside activity. Put more on every two hours after severe sweating or swimming.

2. Do not smoke

Cigarettes accelerate the aging process of skin and cause wrinkles. Change can be seen clearly in young adults who smoked at least for 10 years.

Cigarettes also narrow the blood vessels in the outermost layer of skin, so skin has lack of nutrients and oxygen. This will reduce skin elasticity and strength.

3. Wash gently

- Use warm water, not too hot. Hot water removes the skin's natural oils. Limit the hot water bath of less than 15 minutes.

- Avoid soaps that are too hard. This will also clear oil in the skin.
- Avoid cosmetic allergens, especially if your skin is sensitive.

4. Give moisturizer

The need for moisturizer depends on many factors, such as age and skin type. The best way to assess that need, wait 20 minutes after bathing. If the skin feels tight, the sign you need a moisturizer.

Internet

Vietnam reports blue ear disease in two more provinces

HANOI, 14 Aug— Vietnam reported blue ear disease in the country's southern provinces of Tay Ninh and Vung Tau, bringing the total number of localities affected by the disease to 19, said a report of the Animal Health Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Thursday.

In Tay Ninh province, the disease has spread to 22 communes, killing 610 out of 4,791 infected pigs. In Vung Tau, blue ear disease hit six households, making 235 pigs ill. Of the total, 35 pigs were dead or destroyed.

Local authorities are taking measures to contain the disease from spreading to other places. —Xinhua



A man wearing a surgical mask, talks on a phone inside the Jorge Chavez International Airport in Lima. The death of a 29-year-old woman from pneumonic plague has brought the number of plague victims in the country to three in two months, the health ministry said.—INTERNET



A microbiologist is pictured working on a microscope at Prince of Wales Hospital in, Sydney. The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) said no new antibiotics to treat NDM-1 infections were likely to be available for at least 10 years.

INTERNET

HFMD cases increase in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 14 Aug— The number of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) cases is on the rise in Singapore with some 900 cases reported last week alone, local media reported on Friday.

This brings the total number of cases since the start of this year to 18,000, or 67 percent higher compared to the same period last year, local TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia reported.

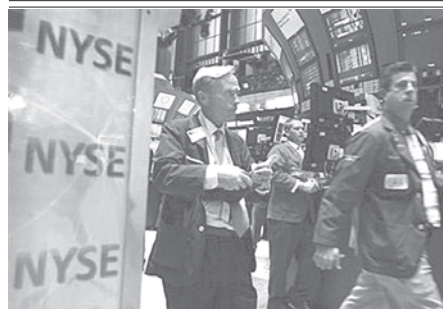
Of the cases notified this year, about 65 percent occurred in children aged less than five years old.

Twelve percent of the patient samples testing positive for EV71 in July.

The current rise in the number of notified HFMD cases is in keeping with the regional situation.

Xinhua

Business



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York, on 13 August, 2010.—

INTERNET

China to issue 28 bln yuan of 30-year bonds next week

BEIJING, 14 Aug— China's Ministry of Finance (MOF) said Friday it will sell 28 billion yuan (4.13 billion US dollars) of 30-year book-entry Treasury bonds next week.

The bonds will have a fixed annual interest rate of 3.96 percent and interest will be paid every half year, the ministry said in a statement on its website.

The bonds will be sold to the public from 16 until 18 Aug. They will become tradable on 20 Aug through the national inter-bank bond market and over the counter at designated commercial banks.

The bonds will be the fourth batch of 30-year government bonds to be issued this year and the 26th batch of book-entry government bonds.

Xinhua

Euro-zone economy grows by 1% in 2nd quarter

BRUSSELS, 14 Aug—Eurozone economy grew by 1 percent in the second quarter compared with the previously quarter, the European Union (EU)'s statistical bureau Eurostat said on Friday.

According to flash estimate of Eurostat, the gross domestic product (GDP) of the 16-nation bloc that share the single currency increased by 1.7 percent year-on-year.

For the 27-member EU, the economy also registered a quarterly increase of 1 percent and a 1.7-percent increase over the same period of last year.

As the largest economy in the Eurozone, Germany's GDP rose by 2.2 percent in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter.

During the first quarter of this year, GDP in both the Eurozone and the EU gained 0.2 percent.—Xinhua

Agricultural Bank of China has claimed the title of the world's largest initial public offering after fully exercising the over-allotment option of its Shanghai share offering, according to Dow Jones Newswires.—INTERNET



A mono-rail is seen making its way through the business-hub of Kuala Lumpur.

The IMF asked Malaysia Friday to take "decisive" action on reforms under a model program aimed at revamping a controversial four-decade-old affirmative action policy

INTERNET



A look at economic developments around the globe

PARIS, 14 Aug—A look at economic developments and activity in major stock markets around the world Friday:

The eurozone grew at its quickest rate in nearly four years, and faster than the US during the same quarter.

Germany's economy surged 2.2 percent in the second quarter, the fastest pace in at least two decades, as a global recovery fed demand for its exports.

Hong Kong's economy expanded for a fifth straight quarter, boosted by growth in China and elsewhere in Asia, the government said. It also warned of the risk of a dangerous property bubble.

Economic data showed a sharp divergence in growth in Eastern Europe, with the Baltics and Slovakia bouncing back but Hungary and Bulgaria still lagging badly. —Xinhua



The US Federal Reserve Building is seen from the air over Washington, DC. The lone dissenter on the US Federal Reserve's policy-making body lashed out Friday at its decision to keep interest rates at virtually zero percent, warning such a policy could boomerang.—INTERNET

Toy rattles, baby monitors



In this product image provided by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, a sample of the Levana wireless video baby monitor is shown. The monitor was recalled because the wiring can overheat, posing a burn hazard.

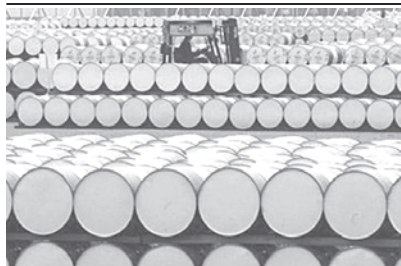
NEW YORK, 14 Aug—Wooden toy rattles and video baby monitors are among the recalled products in this week's roundup. A few food items are included, too, along with some dietary supplements used for erectile dysfunction. Plus, there's another auto recall to add to the mix.—Internet

US FDA approves ella tablets for prescription emergency contraception

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday approved ella tablets for emergency contraception. The prescription-only product prevents pregnancy when taken orally within 120 hours after a contraceptive failure or unprotected intercourse. It is not intended for routine use as a contraceptive. Ella is a progesterone agonist/antagonist whose likely main effect is to inhibit or delay ovulation. An FDA Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs discussed ella in June, 2010. The committee unanimously voted that the application for ella provided compelling data on efficacy and sufficient information on safety for the proposed indication of emergency contraception.

One study was a prospective, multi-center, open-label, single-arm trial conducted in the United States; the other was a randomized, multi-center, single-blind comparator—controlled trial conducted in the United States, United Kingdom and Ireland.

Xinhua



A worker rides a fork lift among drums of lubricants in Jakarta in 2007. The Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Friday revised upwards its world oil demand growth estimate for 2010 to 1.2 percent but urged caution in predicting future trends.

INTERNET

Jiangxi foreign trade in first months up 66.3%

BEIJING, 14 Aug—East China's Jiangxi Province registered 10.5 billion US dollars in foreign trade in the first seven months of this year, a rise of 66.3 percent over the same period of last year, according to the provincial customs house. The growth rate was 25.4 percentage points higher than the national average. The total trade volume included 6.2 billion US dollars in export value, up 78.9 percent year on year, 4.3 billion dollars in import value, up 50.8 percent.—Xinhua

Guangxi foreign trade up in first 7 months

BEIJING, 14 Aug.—South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region generated 9.24 billion US dollars in foreign trade in the first seven months of last year, a rise of 36.7 percent over the same period of last year, according to the regional customs house. The total included 3.11 billion US dollars in trade with ASEAN members, up 38.6 percent year on year, 890 million dollars in trade with the United States, up 44.4 percent, and 710 million dollars in trade with Australia, up 72.2 percent.—Xinhua

Beijing foreign trade up 50%

BEIJING, 14 Aug—China's capital recorded 169.6 billion US dollars in foreign trade in the first seven months of this year, a rise of 52.8 percent over the same period of last year, according to local customs house. The total included 31.1 billion US dollars in export value, up 17.9 percent year on year, and 138.5 billion dollars in import value, up 63.7 percent.—Xinhua



An aircraft belonging to easyJet is pictured at Liverpool's John Lennon Airport in north-west England in 19 April, 2010. French authorities may sanction the budget airline "with the greatest severity" for barring unaccompanied disabled passengers from flights, the transport ministry warned on Friday.—INTERNET

US-born panda sisters to return home in SW China

CHENGDU, 14 Aug — Two female giant pandas born in the US will return to their hometown in southwest China this month, the Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Center said on Saturday.

The sister pandas, Su Lin and Zhen Zhen, will leave San Diego, California for southwest China's Sichuan Province on 23 Aug, stopping on the way at Shanghai.

The pandas will be in a rigorous quarantine for one-month at the Ya'an breeding base before they are shown to

the public.

Su Lin and Zhen Zhen were born in 2005 and 2007, respectively. Their father, "Gao Gao", and mother, "Bai Yun", were sent to the United States for panda breeding research programs. The

program seeks to increase global understanding of the endangered species' feeding and breeding patterns.

Xinhua

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A hamburger with four beef patties, topped with bacon, cheese, sauce, lettuce, pickles and onions with a side order of fries. Fast food restaurants could hand out free cholesterol-busting statin drugs with their burgers and fries so customers can offset the heart disease risks caused by the food, researchers said.

INTERNET



Fujian real estate investment up 64%

BEIJING, 14 Aug— East China's Fujian Province invested 85.8 billion yuan (12.6 billion US dollars) in real estate development in the first seven months of this year, a rise of 64.4 percent on the same period of last year, according to the provincial bureau of statistics.

The January-July period saw 360.5 billion yuan invested in fixed assets in Fujian, up 28.7 percent year on year. The growth rate was 11.7 percentage points higher than the year-earlier level.

Xinhua



A Sudanese man smokes water-pipe at a market in 2006 in the provisional southern Sudanese capital of Juba. Cafes in Khartoum have been forced to implement a ban on the smoking of water pipes, a popular activity throughout the Arab world, in a move welcomed by Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir.—INTERNET

Guangdong's foreign sales of ships up 90%

BEIJING, 14 Aug — South China's Guangdong Province sold abroad 1.73 billion US dollars worth of ships in the first seven months of this year, an increase of 90.4 percent over the same period of last year, according to the provincial customs house. Of the total, 97.7 percent, or 1.69 billion US dollars worth, were exported in processing trade, up 93.8 percent year on year. In June, Guangdong's ship export volume stood at 350 million US dollars, setting a monthly record, and in July, the figure was 340 million dollars, up 170 percent year on year.

Xinhua

China approves more inter-city rail projects



A bullet train ready for departure at the Tianjin Railway Station.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 14 Aug — China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the top economic planning body, gave approval Friday to the building of a batch of inter-city rail transit networks spanning more than 2,000 kilometers in a bid to promote regional integration.

New inter-city lines with a total length of 496 kilometers would be built

in central China's Henan Province over the next ten years, a report of the China Daily said Saturday.

The NDRC also approved amended plans to build 1,478 kilometers of rail networks between cities across the Pearl River Delta region until 2020, said the report.

Further, cities including Xi'an in northwest China's Shaanxi Province and Nanning in the southwestern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region also received approvals from the NDRC to expand their rail lines.—Xinhua

Four found dead in abandoned South Africa mine

JOHANNESBURG, 14 Aug—Police in South Africa say they have discovered four bodies deep in an abandoned mine, after a Johannesburg newspaper reported that guards at the mine owned by relatives of Nelson Mandela and President Jacob Zuma shot and killed illegal miners.

Police spokeswoman Col Noxolo Kweza said rescuers recovered one corpse and were trying to bring three others to the surface Thursday. Kweza said police could not yet confirm the four had been shot and were investigating reports in The Sowetan newspaper they were shot Monday by guards.

The mine east of Johannesburg is owned by Zuma's nephew Khulubuse Zuma and Mandela's grandson Zondwa Mandela. The two are embroiled in a pay dispute with mineworkers they inherited from several mines they bought from an insolvent company.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 Aug, 2010 shows a baby panda after she was born at the Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Center in Ya'an, southwest China's Sichuan Province. Jini, a giant panda owned by the Beijing Zoo, gave birth on Friday to the cub weighing 125.1 grams.

XINHUA



People visit the 2010 Latin American business aviation exhibition in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 13 Aug, 2010. A total of 120 exhibitors displayed 55 aircraft in the event.

XINHUA

Finnish Patria wins armored wheeled vehicle contract from Sweden

HELSINKI, 14 Aug—Finnish arms producer Patria on Friday announced it had won a contract for selling 113 armored wheeled vehicles to Sweden.

The deal is valued at around 250 million euros (about 320 million US dollars) and also includes an option of selling another set of 113 Patria AMV vehicles at a later date. The 113 vehicles ordered by the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration will be delivered by the end of 2013, making it possible for the Swedish Army to have the operating capability with them during 2014. Seppo Seppala, president of Patria Land & Armament, said in a statement that Patria offers the Swedish soldiers a safe and field-proven vehicle which can be of vital importance in extreme conditions. "Patria's focus on its key competencies will be also strengthened further since the final assembly of AMVs will take place in Finland," Seppala added.—Xinhua



In this Thursday, 12 Aug, 2010 Kieron Williamson, an eight-year-old painting prodigy holds one of his paintings in Holt, Norfolk in England. He's Britain's most talked-about young artist.

His paintings sell for thousands of dollars and there's a long waiting list for his eagerly anticipated new works.—INTERNET

Nurse dies after 26 years on death row

SAN QUENTIN, 14 Aug—Robert Diaz, the "Angel of Death" convicted of killing patients he nursed at two Southern California hospitals, has died after 26 years on death row.

Corrections officials said Diaz, 72, succumbed to natural causes at a hospital near San Quentin Prison. The Riverside Press-Enterprise reported.

Patrick Magers, a retired judge who prosecuted Diaz, said the investigation began with a cluster of patient deaths at Community Hospital of the Valley in

Perris. Bodies were exhumed and tissues tested, and investigators concluded Diaz killed a dozen patients by giving them massive overdoses of lidocaine, which relaxes the muscles of the heart.

Diaz was convicted by a judge of the murder of 12 patients at Community Hospital and another patient at a hospital in Banning and sentenced to death. During the trial and his years on death row, Diaz insisted he was innocent.

The Department

of Corrections released no information on survivors. Diaz's son, Matthew, a lawyer and lieutenant commander in the US Navy, was sentenced to six months in prison for leaking the names of detainees at Guantanamo. California now has more than 700 people awaiting execution. Since 1978, the state has put 13 people to death, while more than 50 have died of natural causes and 17 have taken their own lives

Xinhua

Eleven dead, three injured at railway construction site in north China

HOHHOT, 14 Aug—Eleven people were confirmed dead and three others injured in a train derailment at a railway construction site in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Friday morning.

On Saturday morning a spokesperson with the railway department of Hohhot, the regional capital, confirmed the death toll and revised number of the injured to three, which earlier report said was one.

The accident happened at around 9 a.m. when a train carrying stones, which were used to pave the railroad, derailed at the construction site. The new 85-km line is to link Inner Mongolia's Baotou to Mandalt, a border town near neighboring Mongolia.

The three injured people have been hospitalized.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Xinhua

Forty killed in DR Congo as overloaded truck plunges into lake

KINSHASA, 14 Aug — About 40 people were killed after the overloaded truck they were aboard plunged into a lake in Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday, media reported.—Xinhua

Emergence of fourth white elephant, an omen of good future

Wai Yan Maung

(Continued from yesterday)

In successive periods from Myanmar monarchs to date, it is very hard to get a white elephant in one or two decades. According to the documents I have read, a female white elephant was born in the elephant camp of the Myanma Timber Enterprise in Innawgyi Township, Myitkyina District, in 1958. She was named Ma Phyu. She was moved with her mother Mei Su to Yangon Zoological Garden, and was well kept there. But, she died at the age of 19 in 1977.

It is very heartening to note that there have emerged four white elephants over the past decade from 2001 to 2010. And emergence of a white elephant is a source of national pride. The profiles of the four white elephants are as follows:-

(a) Razagaha Thiri Piccaya Gazayaza (first white elephant)

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| (1) Title | - Razagaha Thiri Piccaya Gazayaza |
| (2) Sex | - Male (with a pair of tusks) |
| (3) Age | - 16 years (estimated) |
| (4) Height | - 8 feet and 2 inches |
| (5) Circumference of the body | - 12 feet and 8 inches |
| (6) Tusk (left) | - 2.3 feet long, 8 inches in circumference |
| (7) Tusk (right) | - 2.2 feet long, 8 inches in circumference |
| (8) Back | - slightly curved |
| (9) Ear | - Large |
| (10) Eye | - Pearl colour |
| (11) Tail | - 4 feet and 7 inches long, straight |
| (12) Toe nail | - Fore legs have five toe nails each, hindlimbs, four toe nails each |
| (13) Complexion | - Whitish pink in the rainy season, russet pink in cold season and summer |
| (14) Fur | - Grey |
| (15) Native region | - Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State |
| (16) Arrival date | - arrived at Yangon on 15 November 2001. It is kept in white elephant shed near Mindhamma Hill. |

(b) Theingi Marlar (second white elephant)

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| (1) Title | - Theingi Marlar |
| (2) Sex | - Female |
| (3) Age | - 32 years (estimated) |
| (4) Height | - 7 feet and 9 inches |
| (5) Circumference of the body | - 12 feet and 3 inches |
| (6) Tusk | - Normal (a pair of tusks) |
| (7) Back | - slightly curved |
| (8) Ear | - Large in the shape of triangular brass gong |
| (9) Eye | - Pearl colour |
| (10) Tail | - 3 feet and 9 inches long (russet colour thin fur at the end) |
| (11) Toe nail | - Fore legs and hindlimbs have four toe nails each |
| (12) Complexion | - Light pink, turns bright pink when get wet |
| (13) Fur | - Grey |
| (14) Native region | - Kainggyi Chaungphyay, Maungtau Township, Rakhine State |
| (15) Arrival date | - arrived at Yangon on 5 April 2002. It is kept in white elephant shed near Mindhamma Hill. |

(c) Yati Marlar (third white elephant)

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| (1) Title | - Yati Marlar |
| (2) Sex | - Female |
| (3) Age | - 12 years (estimated) |
| (4) Height | - 6 feet and 11 inches |
| (5) Circumference of the body | - 9 feet and 10 inches |
| (6) Tusk | - Normal (a pair of tusks) |
| (7) Ear | - Large |
| (8) Eye | - Pearl colour |
| (9) Tail | - 3 feet and 9 inches long |
| (10) Toe nail | - Fore legs have five toe nails each, hindlimbs, four toe nails each |
| (11) Complexion | - Light pink |
| (12) Fur | - Grey |
| (13) Native region | - Kainggyi Chaungphyay, Maungtau Township, Rakhine State |
| (14) Arrival date | - arrived at Yangon on 6 December 2002. It is kept in white elephant shed near Mindhamma Hill. |

(d) Baddhawady (forth white elephant)

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| (1) Title | - Baddhawady |
| (2) Sex | - Female |
| (3) Age | - 38 years (estimated) |
| (4) Height | - 7 feet and 4 inches |
| (5) Circumference of the body | - 10 feet and 10 inches |
| (6) Tusk | - Normal |
| (7) Back | - Fairly straight |
| (8) Ear | - Large |
| (9) Eye | - Pearl colour |
| (10) Tail | - 3 feet and 6 inches long with fairly thick fur |
| (11) Toe nail | - Fore legs have five toe nails each and hindlimbs, four toe nails each with white colour |
| (12) Complexion | - Sweet sop skin colour |
| (13) Fur | - Whitish colour |
| (14) Native region | - Maungtau Township, Rakhine State |
| (15) Arrival date | - arrived at Nay Pyi Taw on 9 August 2010. It is kept in white elephant shed in precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda. |

According to the facts about elephants, the forth white elephant is of Thaytagazayaza species which is the noblest species of its kind, because it is white colour like periwinkle flower; it has a pair of same size tusks; its eyes have pearl colour; its fur is whitish colour; and its fore legs and hindlimbs have white toe nails. In olden days in Myanmar, people were categorized into four classes: royal class, Brahmin class, ministerial class, and ordinary class. The forth white elephant can be deemed to be similar to royal class, as supported by the facts that it is tall and big; its face is as reddish as the sunshine; its eyelids are bronze colour; its trunk is in the shape of a peacock's neck; the colour of the whole body is equally like the colour of lotus stamen; its fur strands are a little smaller at the top; its ears are in the shape of lotus leaf; it sleeps shorter time than ordinary elephants; and it is brave. In addition, it has fair complexion like the colour of white lotus, so it can also be deemed to be punnayika species among the four elephant species. On the whole, the forth white elephant has more characteristics of a white elephant. It has fair complexion the whole body with better looking than other white elephants. The emergence of the forth white elephant is an omen that the nation will remain peaceful and free from various forms of dangers. Paddy and crops and gems will be abundant. And the Union and the entire national people will enjoy greater progress than at present.

In conclusion, white elephants are now well kept in white elephant sheds. The occasion mysteriously coincides with the nation's transition to democracy. Therefore, I would say that the national goal has been within the touching distance with peace, stability, prosperity and being free from harms.

Translation: MS

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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence views broadcasting of fertilizers and weeding in farm of Ayekarit Village-tract in Waw Township.
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C-in-C (Air)'s Shield Boxing concludes

YANGON, 14 Aug—The prize presentation for the winners in the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Boxing Championship took place at the hall of Mingaladon Airbase yesterday evening.

Among the spectators were the commander of Mingaladon Airbase, senior military officers, referees of Myanmar Boxing Federation, Yangon Command, Defence Services (Air), Myanmar Police Force and Yangon City Development Committee, guests, servicemen and family members.

After the final matches, the commander of Mingaladon Airbase, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), presented championship shield to the



Commander of Mingaladon Airbase presents championship shield to the winning team.

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first prize winning team.

The Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield

Boxing Championship was opened on 10 August.

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EP-2 Minister receives Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint received General Manager Mr Geoffrey Kim of Hyosung Corpora-

tion of the Republic of Korea and party at the ministry here on 12 August.

They discussed cooperation in electrical sector between the two

countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, departmental heads and personnel.

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Electric Power No. 2 Minister U Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr Geoffrey Kim of Hyosung Corporation of Republic of Korea.—MNA

Tube-wells and artesian wells, ...

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the township. Moreover, water can be supplied to cattle and other animals. Thanks to arte-

"Thanks to tube-wells, the rural people are enjoying fruits of potable water supply."

U San Htay, Chairman of Pyawbwe Township Peace and Development Council.



Photo shows thriving paddy plantations irrigated by water from artesian well in Twin Village of Pyawbwe Township.



Water being pumped from artesian well at farmland of U Soe Nyi in Twin Village of Pyawbwe Township.

sian wells, the residents are enjoying fruits of higher living standard."

With the aim of supplying potable water to the rural regions and irrigating cultivable lands, the Water Resources Utiliza-

tion Department has sunk 2979 shallow wells and 5033 deep wells up to 2009-2010. These water resources benefit 98,355 acres of farmlands.

Sinking tube-wells across the nation has

contributed to the improved livelihoods of the rural people for cultivation of crops.

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Rainstorms hit China's northeast as south bathes in heat

BEIJING, 14 Aug—China's Central Meteorological Centre (CMC) said on Saturday heavy rains were making a return to the country's northeastern regions after several days of respite.

The meteorological agency issued a second most urgent alert Saturday warning the northeastern provinces of Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning were expecting heavy rains or rainstorms until Sunday. Since June, rain-triggered floods had left 85 people dead and 67 others missing in Jilin as of 10 Aug, according to the local flood control authorities. Provinces and regions including Sichuan, Shaanxi, Shandong, and Yunnan would also see downpours until Sunday.

The observatory warned local authorities in those areas to guard against mud flows, landslides, and flooding. Meanwhile, China's southern regions are being baked. The highest temperature in Shanghai, according to forecast, will reach almost 40 degrees Celsius Saturday. Chongqing city and parts of Zhejiang Province are also to see maximum temperatures exceeding 40 degrees on Saturday, according to the CMC forecast.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 Aug, 2010 shows the scene of the ponding area in landslide-hit Zhouqu County, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Gansu Province. Over 80 multi-storeyed buildings are still in seriously ponding area, with water depth of 3-5 meters at present.

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Two injured in favela fire in Brazil's biggest city

BRASILIA, 14 Aug—At least two people were injured and more than 100 homes were destroyed by a fire in a favela on Friday afternoon in the eastern part of Brazil's largest city of Sao Paulo.

The fire at the Tiquatira favela was under control at about 20:40 local time (2340 GMT), according to the Fire Department. The two people were slightly injured, one fainted and the other was wounded in a fist, but neither suffered burns. They have already been taken to hospital, the sources added.

Among the 100 huts destroyed in the fire, 80 were already empty, said the local government. It is the second fire in the favela in a month, and the Sao Paulo municipal government is investigating weather the fire was caused intentionally by local



Firefighters work in the slum Tiquatira in the west of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 13 Aug, 2010. The slum caught fire at around 17 on Friday. Lots of houses in the slum were destroyed.

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residents as a way of achieving social inclusion programs. In total, the municipal government estimated 2,000 families were living in Tiquatira favela.—Xinhua

Wildfire raging close to Russia's top nuclear centre

MOSCOW, 14 Aug—A forest fire has grown in size near the town of Sarov, home to Russia's top nuclear research centre, local media reported on Friday. Authorities have previously said all nuclear fuel has been removed from the centre.

The fire, which broke out in a wildlife reserve in Mordovia region, had spread to neighboring Sarov in Nizhny Novgorod region, Itar-Tass news agency reported, citing Mordovia's emergency services chief.

"Fire broke out in an eastern sector of the

A woman watches flood waters rise from the outside wall of her compound in Pakistan's Muzaffargarh district in Punjab province on 13 August, 2010. Disease outbreaks pose grave new risks to victims of Pakistan's worst floods in decades, aid agencies said on Friday, potentially hindering already complicated relief efforts as desperation grows.—XINHUA



Local resident rides a bike across the partially destroyed village of Klyuchi in Ryazan region, some 360 km (224 miles) southeast of Moscow.

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wildlife reserve two days ago after a lightning stroke. Now it has expanded to pose a certain hazard," Major General Vyacheslav Kormilitsyn said. Efforts were being taken to contain the fire, said Kormilitsyn, adding that chief of the Volga region emergencies center Igor Panshin had ordered all forces involved in fire fighting operations to work round the clock.

More than 2,600 people and about 200 pieces of machinery are currently involved in fighting the fire at Sarov, a small town 300 km east of Moscow. The town hosts the Russian Nuclear Research Center, which includes an atomic reactor.

Sergei Kirienko, head of Russia's Atomic Agency Rosatom, assured the National Security Council last week there was no danger of radiation contamination because all nuclear fuel had been removed from the Sarov research center.—Xinhua

Strong earthquake hits Mariana Islands

BEIJING, 14 Aug—An earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale jolted Mariana Islands at 5:19 am Saturday Beijing time (2119 GMT Friday), according to China's Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of about 10 kilometres, was located at 12.5 degrees north latitude and 141.6 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

5.2-magnitude earthquake hits Japan

HONG KONG, 14 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit Bonin Islands, Japan at 0134 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with the depth of 108.8 km, was initially determined to be 26.273 degrees north latitude and 141.054 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

Two quakes hit Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 Aug—Two moderate earthquakes with magnitudes of 5.4 and 5.0 rocked eastern and western parts of Indonesia on Saturday morning, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The 5.4 magnitude quake struck at 08:08 am Jakarta time (0108 GMT) with epicentre at 96 km southwest Jayapura of Papua in easternmost of the country and with the depth at 29 km, the agency said.

Twenty-four minutes later, the other quake struck off Banten province in western parts of Indonesia with epicenter at 86 km southwest Unjungkulon and with the depth at 37 km, it said.

Xinhua

7.2-magnitude earthquake hits southwest of Guam

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—A major 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck southwest of US territory Guam on Saturday local time, the United States Geological Survey reported on its website.

The quake occurred at 7:19 am on Saturday local time (2119 GMT on Friday), 375 km (230 miles) southwest of Hagatna (formerly Agana), capital of Guam, at a depth of 4.7 km (2.9 miles), the USGS said. The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said that, based on historical earthquake and tsunami data, no destructive widespread tsunami threat exists.—Xinhua

NYC sues Christie's over 150-year-old drawings

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—The City of New York is suing Christie's auction house for the return of architectural drawings dating back to 1860, according to a lawsuit made public on Wednesday.

The historic drawings, done in watercolor, show designs for famous city landmarks such as Central Park, and were created by British architect Jacob Wrey

Mold, who was employed by the city between 1860 and 1885.

The drawings were either lost or mistakenly thrown out and found by a man in a Manhattan dumpster sometime in the 1950s, according to the lawsuit filed in New York Supreme Court last month. The man then passed on the drawings to his son, who approached Christie's this year with the historic treasure. Christie's

declined comment pending litigation.

The city first became aware of the 86 historic renderings when the auction house approached them for an estimate, said Gerald Singleton, a lawyer for the city. He said the owner of the drawings was cooperating with the city to return the property. "We expect an amicable resolution in this matter," Singleton said.—Internet



Two car models promotes MG6 in an auto show in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Aug, 2010. The 4-day auto show kicked off on Thursday.

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Gang of women attack man

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Aug—A half-dozen females fishing for a fight pummeled a man on Market and Church streets on 6 Aug, police said.

The victim told cops he was walking down the street around 2 am, minding his own business, when one female bumped him "very hard," police said. An altercation ensued, the man tried to flee, but was swallowed in a sea of punching and kicking females, police said.

He ended up with a bloody nose and slight swelling to his cheek, police said. Cops said they caught four suspects. Three were positively identified. The fourth had several outstanding warrants, police said. They were booked.—Internet



A woman tries to protect herself from heat in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 13 Aug, 2010. The highest temperature in Ningbo topped 39.5 degrees Celsius on Thursday.

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Children cool off at a fountain in the Battery Park in New York, the United States, on 11 Aug, 2010. The highest temperatures in New York stand at more than 30 degrees Celsius this month.

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Newark fire destroys two homes, damages five buildings

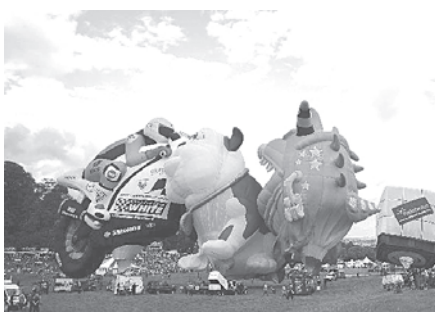
NEWARK, 13 Aug—Officials in New Jersey's largest city say they have controlled a blaze that damaged seven buildings on a residential block.

Authorities say the fire broke out on Wednesday afternoon in an abandoned building about two miles west of downtown Newark.

Hot weather and low water pressure hampered the firefighting effort. Two houses burned to the ground, and five nearby buildings were damaged. The cause hasn't been determined.

No injuries were reported among residents. But fire department spokesman John Brown says about a dozen firefighters were treated for heat-related injuries after working in 90-degree weather.

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Liquid caustic soda spilt on E China's highway after collision

HANGZHOU, 13 Aug—Firemen are clearing 27 tonnes of liquid caustic soda spilt on a highway in east China's Zhejiang Province after a tanker carrying the chemical collided with a container truck on

Friday morning.

The driver of the container truck died in the accident, which happened at a highway section in Shengzhou City at 5 am, police said. The chemical is highly corrosive.

Xinhua

Hot-air balloons are inflated during the 32nd Bristol International Balloon Fiesta at the Ashton Court Estate in Bristol. More than half a million people are expected to attend the four-day festival involving some 150 balloons from around the world.

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US woman found beheaded in hotel in western India

NEW DELHI, 14 Aug—A US woman has been found beheaded in her hotel room in the western Indian state of Rajasthan, a senior police official said Friday.

"The American woman, in her 50s, was staying with her 15-year-old son John in the hotel in the town of Jodhpur. The hotel staff discovered her body in the bathroom on Friday morning. The mother and son are from Pennsylvania and landed in Jodhpur from

Mumbai on 11 Aug," the official said.

The woman's son has been detained by the police as he is a suspect.

"The son had allegedly left the hotel early this morning. We have questioned him and he had admitted that he had an altercation with his mother recently," he said.

The body has been sent for autopsy.

"We are waiting for the report," the official said.—Xinhua

Unidentified women look at the scene of a multiple shooting outside the City Grill bar and restaurant, where seven people were shot and four died, in Buffalo, New York on 14 August, 2010.

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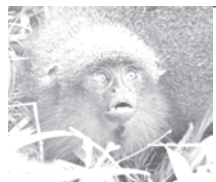
Chinese dancers perform during the opening ceremony of the Zimbabwe Culture Week in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province, on 12 Aug, 2010. Zimbabwean cultural masks, characteristic dance, unique musical instruments and elegant stone sculptures were presented to audience in Lanzhou at the Zimbabwe Culture Week, which kicked off here on Thursday.—XINHUA

New Amazon monkey species discovered in Colombia

BOGOTA, 14 Aug — A new Amazon monkey species has been discovered in Colombia, and researchers said on Thursday they believe the small, isolated population is at risk due to the cutting of forests that are its home. The find was announced by Conservation International, a group that helped finance the research in remote rain forests that until recently were considered too dangerous for scientific work due to the presence of leftist rebels.

A team of researchers from the National University of Colombia observed 13 groups of the new species — dubbed the Caqueta titi monkey because it was found in the southern state of Caqueta, near Peru. The researchers, who published their findings in the journal *Primate Conservation*, believe the

species may be critically endangered. They estimate less than 250 of the monkeys exist and say the felling of forest for agriculture threatens their habitat.—Internet



A new species of titi monkey, *Callicebus caquetensis*, was found in the Colombian Amazon region. The monkey is the size of a cat.—INTERNET

Firefighters' helmets melted in fatal fire

LOS ANGELES, 14 Aug — The house fire that claimed the life of Christchurch-raised aspiring actor Eitan Diji was so hot it melted the firefighters' helmets. The 14-year-old former Prebbleton School pupil died at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Centre on Friday after being pulled unconscious from a top floor bedroom in his family's burning Sherman Oaks two-storey home on Tuesday.

Firefighters braved the intense heat and flames to rescue Eitan, only succeeding on the third attempt and later photographs showed their helmets had started to melt, the *Los Angeles Daily News* reported.—Internet

Hong Kong player wounded by stray bullet during women's baseball game in Venezuela

CARACAS, 14 Aug — Authorities suspended play at the women's baseball world championship tournament on Friday after a player from Hong Kong was wounded in the leg by a stray bullet during a game. The player's injury was not serious, Venezuelan Vice President Elias Jaua told state television. He said the day's other games scheduled in Caracas were canceled while police investigate what happened.

The incident occurred while the Hong Kong team was playing the Netherlands in a stadium at the Fort Tiuna military base. It wasn't clear whether the bullet was fired on the base or from outside it.—Internet

Salmonella can kill cancer cells, says Italian study

ROME, 14 Aug — An injection of salmonella could kill some types of cancer cells, according to a study by Italian researchers released today. When the food poisoning bacteria was injected into melanoma tumours in mice, the injected tumours — and those in other parts of the body — shrank.

According to the European Institute of Oncology in Milan, the presence of the bad bacteria signalled to the body to attack like cells, including the cancerous ones infected with salmonella. "We now have a 'gun' to kill specifically tumour cells," said lead study author Maria Rescigno, in medical journal *Science Translational Medicine*. "We are inducing an immune response to that 'fingerprint' which is specific for the tumour."

Dr Rescigno's team successfully vaccinated the mice against melanoma by using the salmonella, and the hope is to use the technology to develop a similar vaccine for humans. She is seeking permission from the Italian Ministry of Health and hopes to start human trials "by May or June next year".—Internet



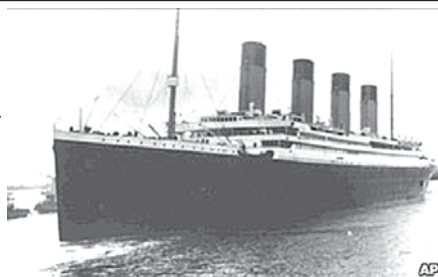
Feng Huanjian beholds a flour mold in Qingdao, a coastal city of east China's Shandong Province, on 13 Aug, 2010. Feng Huanjian loves collecting antique flour molds, which Chinese people used to make flour foodstuff with different figures and patterns, such as peaches and lotus standing for happiness and fertility since the late Tang Dynasty in the 9th century until the 1960's. His collection has risen beyond 7,000 molds made of wood, stone, pottery, stannum and silver, which brought him a world record confirmed by the Shanghai Great World Guinness Book of Records.—XINHUA

US firm awarded \$110m for salvaging Titanic artefacts

VIRGINIA, 14 Aug — A judge has awarded a US exhibition company \$110m for salvaging artefacts from the wreck of the RMS Titanic. The US federal judge ruled that RMS Titanic Inc, which displays the artefacts in museums across the world, is entitled to their full market

value. The court will decide whether to grant the company ownership of the objects or sell them and give it the proceeds.

The ship sank on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on 14 April, 1912, killing more than 1,500 people. RMS Titanic Inc, a subsidiary of Premier Exhibitions Inc, has undertaken seven expeditions to the wreck site 2.5 miles (4km) below the north Atlantic, and has retrieved more than 5,500 artefacts. The Belfast-built ship sank about 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, two hours after hitting an iceberg. It was discovered in 1985 by an expedition led by Dr Robert Ballard.—Internet



The judge noted the wreck of the Titanic, shown sailing out of Southampton, is fast deteriorating.

INTERNET

Venice set for female gondolier

VENICE, 14 Aug — Venice is on its way to having its first official female gondolier. City Hall revealed that mother-of-two Giorgia Boscolo had passed the practical exam to become a gondolier. She is the first woman to pass this test, considered the most difficult of those required to pilot a boat on Venice's canals.

Mrs Boscolo, 24, must pass one further test, a written, multiple-choice exam, in order to join the guild of official gondoliers. Deputy Mayor Sandro Simionato said her success breaks "900 years of male dominance" in the profession.

Internet



Being in charge of gondolas in Venice has traditionally been a male-dominated occupation.—INTERNET

Colombia offers Bogota car-bomb reward

BOGOTA, 14 Aug — The Colombian authorities have offered 500m pesos (\$270,000; £175,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of people who detonated a car bomb in the capital, Bogota, on Thursday. President Juan Manuel Santos announced the reward, and admitted he still did not know who carried out the bombing. Some police officials have blamed left-wing rebels for the explosion.—Internet



Seduction of high heels



Wedding veil made of banknotes

News Album

Parolee jumps in unattended squad car for joyride

A parolee jumped into a Southern California police squad car and drove away with overhead emergency lights flashing while the officer was nearby investigating traffic issues.

Orange Police Sgt. Dan Adams says the patrol officer had stopped his squad car on Wednesday evening to investigate malfunctioning railroad crossing arms. The officer left the Ford Crown Victoria running with its emergency lights on.

Moments later, 35-year-old Jon Anthony Tolden jumped in and drove away.

Adams says Tolden abandoned the black-and-white about a half-mile away and jumped a wall. He was arrested a short time later and booked for investigation of theft of a police vehicle.

He's being held without bail and faces a Friday court hearing.

The police car wasn't damaged.



People watch the giant flower carpet at the Grand Place in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 12 August, 2010. The biennial flower carpet, made up with about 600,000 begonias, debuted on Thursday.

North Dakota man swallows other inmate's glasses

A North Dakota inmate was not afraid of making a spectacle of himself when he grabbed another suspect's glasses and started to eat them.

Burleigh County Sheriff's Maj. Les Witkowski says the 42-year-old inmate at the county detention centre became frustrated on 1 Aug when he was not able to talk to the chaplain, so he swallowed both lenses and a piece of the metal frame.

Witkowski says the inmate was taken to a hospital emergency room but was returned to jail after doctors determined he was OK. The glasses were worth \$250. Authorities are considering a criminal mischief charge against him. Assistant State's Attorney Lloyd Suhr says he'll be looking into the incident.



Brilliant artworks of tree carving

Ga robber takes cash, apologizes before fleeing

Sheriff's deputies in Georgia say an armed robber emptied the cash register at a video store, then told the clerk he had a drug problem and was sorry for the stickup.

The suspect fled toward a couple of schools Wednesday morning in the town of Watkinsville, about 60 miles east of Atlanta. The schools were briefly locked down.

Vision Video clerk Zach Henderson says he was talking on his cell phone at the store when he walked out of a back room and was confronted by the robber. He says the robber asked him to hang up and hand him the cash.

SHE member to release solo album

BEIJING, 14 Aug—Fans of Taiwan pop trio SHE will soon have a new album to cherish. They won't hear from Selina and Ella though. This time it's just Hebe.

Hebe Tian's first solo album, "To Hebe" will be released on 3 September, Sohu.com reports.

The first single "Love!", a simple ballad dwelling on love and happiness, has been released online.

Sources close to the singer say she wanted to try something different from SHE's music, but is not planning to leave the group.

SHE, which was named after its members Selina Ren, Hebe Tian and Ella Chen, was formed in 2001 and quickly became a highly influential group among Mandopop audiences. SHE released its 12th album, "SHERO", in March this year.

Xinhua



Singer Hebe Tian shoots photos for her first solo album "To Hebe".

XINHUA



Australian actors Jacki Weaver (L) and Joel Edgerton are shown in a scene from the film "Animal Kingdom" in this undated publicity photo released to Reuters on 12 August, 2010. "Animal Kingdom" was named best dramatic film by judges at January's Sundance film festival, and if early reviews are any indication, it is having similar sway with critics. —XINHUA

George Michael charged with drug, driving offenses

LONDON, 14 Aug—British police say singer George Michael has been charged with drugs and driving offenses after his car crashed into a building in an upscale residential area.



Singer George Michael
INTERNET

London's Metropolitan Police department said Michael, 47, was charged on Thursday with possession of cannabis and with driving while unfit through drink or drugs.

In a statement, police say Michael will appear at London's Highbury Corner Magistrates Court on 24 Aug.—Internet

Aguilera lends her voice to support the arts

LOS ANGELES, 14 Aug—Christina Aguilera is doing her part to help the arts.

The Grammy-winning singer is lending her voice to a fundraiser in support of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's latest project.

Aguilera will perform at the 25 Sept grand opening celebration of the museum's Lynda and



Singer Christina Aguilera

Stewart Resnick Pavilion, described by LACMA as "the largest

purpose-built, naturally lit, open-plan museum space in the world."

The 29-year-old pop star said she's honored to help celebrate the 45,000-square-foot exhibition building, which was designed by Renzo Piano.

The gala fundraiser is open to the public. Individual tickets are \$5,000 to \$10,000 and tables are available for \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Internet



Actress Nikki Reed poses at the party for the launch of the Blackberry Torch in Los Angeles on 11 August, 2010.

XINHUA

Wenger expects to sign new contract shortly



Arsenal manager
Arsene Wenger

his squad is close to fulfilling their potential.

"I have to show as well how much I believe in this team by showing my commitment. My situation will be sorted out very soon," he said ahead of Sunday's opening league game at Liverpool.

Internet

LONDON, 14 Aug — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger revealed on Friday that he expects to pledge his future to the Gunners by signing a new contract shortly.

Wenger will be out of contract at the end of this season and it had been suggested he could leave Arsenal if the team endured a sixth successive year without a trophy.

But the 60-year-old Frenchman, who moved to the Premier League club in 1996, confirmed he is willing to stay because he believes

Hodgson keen to keep unsettled Mascherano

LIVERPOOL, 14 Aug — Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson is determined to keep unsettled Javier



Javier Mascherano

Mascherano even though new signing Christian Poulsen is a ready-made replacement for the Argentine midfielder.

Poulsen has agreed a three-year contract following his move from Juventus and the Denmark holding midfielder could perform the same role that Mascherano currently fills for the Reds.

Mascherano has told Hodgson he is keen to move to Inter Milan, managed by former Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez, but the Reds chief doesn't believe the Argentine is certain to go.

Internet

Rangers sign striker Beattie from Stoke

GLASGOW, 14 Aug — Scottish champions Rangers signed former England striker James Beattie from Stoke City on Friday.

Beattie had travelled to Glasgow for talks with Rangers chief executive and manager Walter Smith on Thursday and is due to be officially unveiled at a press conference later on Friday.

The 32-year-old former Blackburn player had been out of favour with Stoke manager Tony Pulis since midway through last season following a reported dressing room row between the pair.

Internet

Indian tycoon eyes Blackburn takeover

LONDON, 14 Aug — Indian businessman Ahsan Ali Syed stepped up his bid to buy Premier League club Blackburn Rovers after his Western Gulf Advisory (WGA) investment vehicle was given a four-week period of exclusivity to check the club's accounts.

Citigate Dewe



Rogerson, which looks after WGA's public relations, claimed in a statement released to The Sport Briefing that the Bahrain-Swiss investment company would sign a memorandum of understanding with Blackburn on Monday before beginning detailed due diligence.

Syed has reportedly allocated 300 million pounds to complete the takeover, cover outstanding debts and "provide the necessary capital to buy new players and invest over the longer term so it can once again become a title contender".

Internet

Inter claim three-way pre-season tournament

ROME, 14 Aug — Serie A champions Inter Milan scored a psychological victory over rivals AC Milan and Juventus by winning the three-way TIM Trophy pre-season tournament in Bari on Friday.

The three teams played each other for 45 minutes each, meaning each side played an entire 90 minutes throughout the

evening.

Having earlier beaten Juventus 1-0, Inter then defeated Milan on penalties following a 0-0 draw to claim the trophy.

Milan finished second after they beat Juventus on penalties after a 1-1 stalemate.

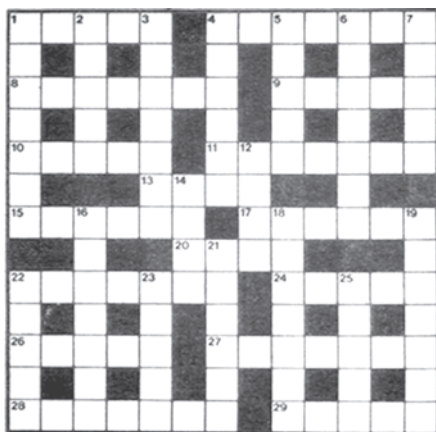
The first 45 minutes of the day saw the champions tackle last season's major under-achievers, Juventus.

Inter dominated throughout and the 1-0 scorline, achieved through Wesley Sneijder's 25th minute wonder strike, was kind on Juve.—Internet



Inter Milan's Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Tiny spot
- 4 Titillates
- 8 Sunshade
- 9 Black and white beast
- 10 Sequence
- 11 Serious
- 13 British nobleman
- 15 Commotion
- 17 Teaching session
- 20 Kind of chalcidony
- 22 Garb
- 24 Barrels
- 26 Throw out
- 27 Rushing
- 28 Go before
- 29 Procrastination

Down

- 1 Prevent from falling
- 2 Went astray
- 3 Small falcon
- 4 Rudder bar
- 5 Frolic
- 6 Square dance
- 7 Clever
- 12 Friend in need
- 14 Smallest particle
- 16 Official letter
- 18 Pardoned
- 19 Small bouquet
- 21 Sewing implement
- 22 Low-priced
- 23 Release knot
- 25 Yet

Chelsea seal Ramires deal



English Premier League champions Chelsea on Friday completed the signing of Brazil midfielder Ramires.

INTERNET

LONDON, 14 Aug — English Premier League champions Chelsea on Friday completed the signing of Brazil midfielder Ramires from Benfica for a fee thought to be around 17 million pounds (20 million euros).

The 23-year-old has joined the Stamford Bridge side on a four-year contract having received a work permit and passed a medical. The former Cruzeiro player will miss Saturday's opening Premier League game against West Brom.

"Every player in the

world would love to play for Chelsea and it's a great opportunity that was given to me, I will give my best to repay this chance, and I am very happy," Ramires told www.chelseafc.com.

Internet

Matt Kuchar in control for now at PGA Championship

SHEBOYGAN, 14 Aug — The only thing clear after two days of fog-induced



Matt Kuchar reacts after making a birdie on the second hole during the second round of the PGA Championship.

INTERNET

havoc at the PGA Championship is that Matt Kuchar is playing very, very well.

Kuchar ran off three straight birdies on his way to a 69 on Friday and, at 8 under, the early second-round lead. But half of the field won't complete their second rounds Friday after morning fog delayed the start of play for a second straight day.

Internet

S P O R T S

Two rebels killed, five people wounded in S Philippines gun battle

COTABATO, 14 Aug—Two leftist rebels were killed and four others and a soldier were wounded on Friday in a gun battle in the southern Philippines, a military official said on Saturday.

Government troops under the Army's 30th Battalion were patrolling in the village of Putting Bato, Cabadbaran town of Agusan del Norte Province around 11:35 am when they encountered some 20 New People's Army (NPA) rebels, Lt Col Randolph Cabangbang, regional military spokesman, said. A gun battle ensued, leaving two rebels dead, four others and Private First Class Zolona wounded, Cabangbang added. Two days ago, two soldiers were wounded as they clashed with another group of guerillas in the town of Columbo in Sultan Kudarat, the military said.—Xinhua



Visitors look around at an exhibition commemorating 60 years of China's overseas aid in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Aug, 2010.

XINHUA



Sunday, 15 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ ဇောရေး-ပိုင်လိကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ပြာမီလာ

8:10 am

7. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. "ကုသမနော့တီဘီတေး"

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week International News

11:30 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

11:30 am

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2:50 pm

7. International News

3:35 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup 2010 တောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဥသယူနိုင်တက်တက် FC အသင်းနှင့် ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်း)

5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

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7:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အတိတ်ရဲ့ပုံရိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

8. News

9:00 pm

9. International News

10:00 pm

10. Weather Report

11:00 pm

11. နိုင်ငံတော်အတွက် ထာဝရသစ္စာ (စောမင်းနောင်နှင့်အဖွဲ့၊ ဇောရေး-စန္ဒရားကွန်းဇော်)

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-8-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (15-8-10 09:30 am ~ 16-8-10 09:30 am) MST

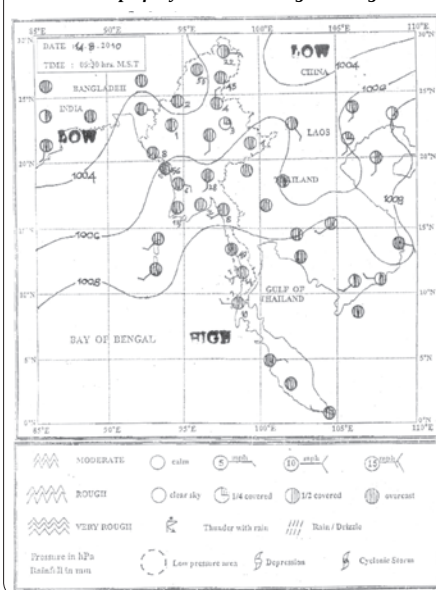
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- * "Live Concert" Junction, Like Before
- * News
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- * The Richly Blessed Gem Land

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 14th August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.98) inch, Myitkyina and Machanbaw (3.03) inches each, Kyauktaw (2.48) inches, Kyaukpau (2.24) inches, Hkamti and Thandaunggyi (2.17) inches each, Thaton and Theinzayat (2.05) inches each and Magway (0.71) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 13-8-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 14-8-2010 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-8-2010 (92%). Rainfall on 14-8-2010 was (Tr) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 13-8-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 14-8-2010 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-8-2010 (100%). Total Sunshine hours on 13-8-2010 was (0.8) hour.

Rainfall on 14-8-2010 was (0.87) inch at Mingaladon, (0.36) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.34) inches at Central Yangon . Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (48.35) inches at Mingaladon, (55.24) inches at Kaba-Aye and (66.77) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 13-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 15th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

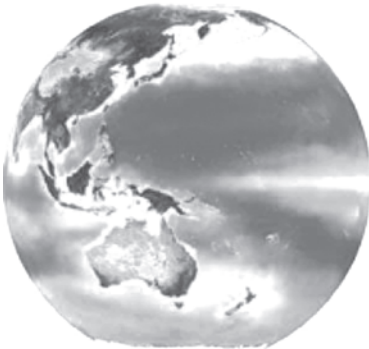
- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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

Ocean's colour affects hurricane paths



SCIENCE DAILY, 14 Aug—A change in the colour of ocean waters could have a drastic effect on the prevalence of hurricanes, new research indicates. In a simulation of such a change in one region of the North Pacific, the study finds that hurricane formation decreases by 70 percent. That would be a big drop for a region that accounts for more than half the world's reported hurricane-force winds.

It turns out that the formation of typhoons — as hurricanes are known in the region — is heavily mediated by the presence of chlorophyll, a green

pigment that helps the tiny single-celled organisms known as phytoplankton convert sunlight into food for the rest of the marine ecosystem. Chlorophyll contributes to the ocean's color.

"We think of the oceans as blue, but the oceans aren't really blue, they're actually a sort of greenish colour," said Anand Gnanadesikan, a researcher with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory in Princeton, New Jersey. "The fact that [the oceans] are not blue has a [direct] impact on the distribution of tropical cyclones."

In the study, to be published in an upcoming issue of *Geophysical Research Letters*, a journal of the American Geophysical Union, Gnanadesikan's team describes how a drop in chlorophyll concentration, and the corresponding reduction in ocean colour, could cause a decrease in the formation of hurricanes in the colour-depleted zone. Although the study looks at the effects of a simulated drop in the phytoplankton population (and therefore in the ocean's green tint), recently-published research argued that global phytoplankton populations have been steadily declining over the last century.—*Internet*

Supplement of Region or State Hluttaw constituencies

The 32-page supplement carrying the list of Region or State Hluttaw constituencies issued under Notification No. 87/2010 of the Union Election Commission is attached to this daily issued today.

Talks on development of rural libraries held

YANGON, 14 Aug—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and Yangon Division Information and Public Relations Department jointly organized the talks on development of rural libraries and improving public reading skills in Taikkyi and Hmawby townships, Yangon Division this morning.

After the talks, Chairman of MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), Vice-Chairman-2 U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit) and Secretary U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) presented books and journals to libraries of the two townships.

Literary houses and journal houses also donated books and publications worth K 1.2 million on the occasions.

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The emergence of the forth white elephant is an omen that the nation will remain peaceful and free from various forms of dangers. Paddy and crops and gems will be abundant. And the Union and the entire national people will enjoy greater progress than at present.

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