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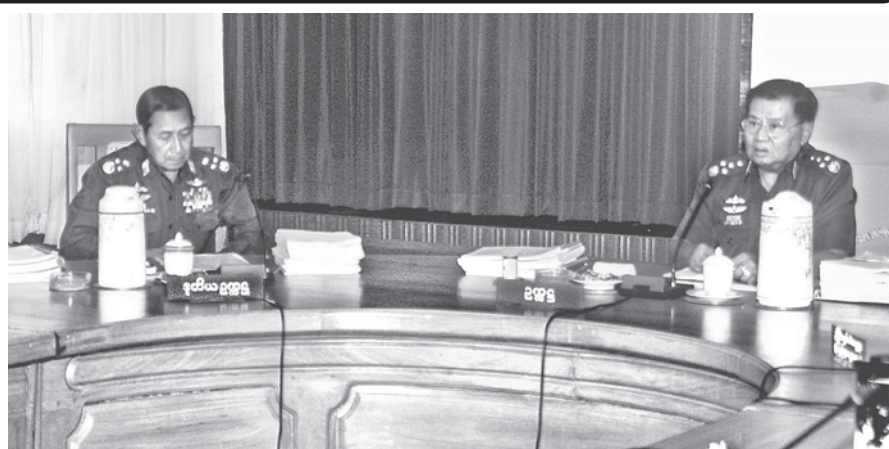
Wednesday, 18 August, 2010

Whoever takes State duties will have to continue special projects for equitable development of all parts of the Union

Special projects to be completed ahead of schedule to achieve national goal of building modern, developed nation

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The Special Projects Implementation Committee held its meeting 2/2010 at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) here yesterday, with a speech by Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the committee Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, committee members SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Secretary of the committee Secretary-1 of SPDC General



Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe makes a concluding remark at the meeting (2/2010) of SPIC.

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Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers, ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department, and officials.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min reported on hydropower plants and ongoing hydropower projects under the ministry, and two more projects to be launched soon.

Of them, Mawlaik Hydropower Project will

be launched over the river Chindwin, about 20 miles northeast of Mawlaik in Sagaing Division. It is of rock-filled / concrete dam type. On completion, the project, with a generation capacity of 520 megawatts, will be able to generate 3310 million kilowatts hours a year. Besides Mawlaik Hydropower Project, Htamanthi and Shwesaryay hydropower projects will be implemented over the river Chindwin.

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Toungoo - Yatho - Loikaw Railroad Project will be launched soon. On completion, the railroad will be 150 miles long with 25 stations and 750 bridges.

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 18 August, 2010

Special projects to be completed on schedule

Today, the government has a large number of major projects on the go to achieve the national goal. And considerable success has been achieved in the political, economic, education, health and social sectors owing to harmonious cooperation of the entire national people.

The Special Projects Implementation Committee held its second meeting for the year 2010 at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) in Nay Pyi Taw the other day, with an address by Chairman of the Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

In his speech, the Senior General said, "Today, the world is seeing rapid advancements, so we all have to keep working hard in order to catch up with other countries and provide further impetus for national development. With this object in view, it is required of the people to strive for the nation to be able to hold its head high in the global community."

A great number of projects are being undertaken sector-wise across the nation. Special projects are interrelated to one another. So, the earlier the projects are completed, the sooner the regions and local people can enjoy greater development.

All countries are now trying for their development. Therefore, Myanmar has to keep trying till it can stand shoulder to shoulder with other countries.

Ongoing major projects are designed to speed up national development. Now, the nation starts to reap the reward of concerted efforts made particularly in the agriculture sector. All those responsible are therefore to strive for completion of the projects on schedule.

Noble Nine to launch business diploma course

YANGON, 17 Aug — Noble Nine Education, an accredited branch of highly trusted City of Sunderland College of United Kingdom, is providing international marketing, management and administration course after which a diploma from UK, which can guarantee glamorous job opportunities in international community, can be received directly.

For those interested to join the classes may contact the Noble Nine Education No (7), Wutkyang Street, Yekyaw, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, (Ph: 01-73002966, 01-396915).

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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

F&R minister receives GM of Export-Import Bank of China

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received a delegation led by General Manager Mr Dai Chunning of the Export-Import Bank of China from the People's Republic of China, at the ministry here today. They discussed mutual cooperation between Myanmar and China.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials.

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Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun receives General Manager Mr Dai Chunning of the Export-Import Bank of China from the People's Republic of China.—MNA



Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono welcomes Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board

U Kyaw Thu at the 65th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia on 17 August.—MNA

Incepta penetrates Myanmar pharmaceutical market

YANGON, 17 Aug—Incepta Pharmaceutical Company, the second biggest company in Bangladesh, organized company launching program and scientific seminar at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here on 8 August.

Liver specialist Professor Dr Khin Maung Win extended greetings. Next, Bangladesh Ambassador Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc gave a speech. Business Development Manager Mr



Managing Director of Incepta Co Ltd Mr Abdu Mukhtadir speaking at Company Launching Program & Scientific Seminar.—MNA

Rakib Nazir of Incepta Co introduced the company. Liver specialists Professor Dr Khin Maung Win, Professor Dr Kyaw Soe

Tun, Professor Dr Win Naing and Dr Nyo Mi Khaing Than Hlaing read papers on Chronic Haepatic-B. Managing

Director Mr Abdu Mukhtadir spoke words of thanks and introduced products of the company.—MNA

Suicide attack kills 60 in Baghdad



An injured man is comforted by his mother at a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 17 Aug, 2010. A suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday among dozens of Iraqi army recruits who had gathered near a military headquarters in central Baghdad killing and wounding dozens of them.—INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug—At least 60 people were killed and more than 125 others wounded on Tuesday in a suicide bomb attack on an army recruitment centre in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

“The explosion occurred at the centre at Bab al-Muazem area in Baghdad, now 60 people were dead and more than 100 others were wounded,” said the source on condition of anonymity. The death toll could

continue to rise since many army recruits were badly injured, he added.

This was the bloodiest attack in the past weeks in Iraq, according to the casualty numbers.

Internet

Motorbike bomb kills two, wounds eight in Afghanistan

GHAZNI, 17 Aug—A motorbike bomb rocked Ghazni city, the capital of Ghazni Province, in south Afghanistan on Tuesday killing two persons and injuring eight others, an official said.

“The terrorists planted explosive device on a motorbike and exploded by remote control in Ghazni city this morning as a result two persons, both civilians were killed,” senior police officer Ghani Khan told *Xinhua*, adding that 8 others including one police and seven civilians were injured.

He put the attack on the enemies of peace, a reference used against Taliban militants but the outfit has not made comment yet.

Meantime, doctor Ibrahim Zai, the head of hospital in Ghazni city, confirmed receiving 8 injured including a police constable to the hospital.

On the other hand, witnesses at the site said that 10 persons were killed, some others were injured in the blast occurred in the morning rush hour.

Taliban militants have intensified their activities in Ghani Province over the past one year. Bomb attacks and rockets fired by insurgents claimed the lives of over a dozen people mostly civilians elsewhere in Ghazni Province over the past one month.—*Xinhua*

Chart showing the number of foreign troops killed in Afghanistan each year since 2001. US public support for the near nine-year war has slumped to an all-time low and the US death toll hit a monthly high of 66 in July.

INTERNET

Al-Qaida leader killed by airstrike after attack on Afghan police station

KABUL, 17 Aug—The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Monday confirmed the death of Abu Baqir, a dual-hatted Taliban sub-commander and al-Qaeda group leader.

The ISAF said in a press release that a coalition force airweapons team engaged Baqir’s truck in Kunduz Province on Sunday, killing Baqir and

another insurgent.

The airstrike occurred after the insurgents attacking a local police station, said the press release.

The strike also wounded several other insurgents, said the ISAF press release, adding that security forces detained two of the injured insurgents at hospital.

Xinhua



Afghan bombs kill three US service members, two Afghans

KABUL, 17 Aug—Bomb attacks killed three US service members and two Afghan civilians in Afghanistan on Tuesday, officials said.

The deaths — in eastern and western Afghanistan — were a reminder that the Afghan war continues to be violent far from the southern Taliban strongholds currently targeted by a surge of US troops. Recent months have been particularly deadly for both NATO forces and Afghan civilians countrywide.

Two of the Americans were killed in a bombing in the east, while the third was killed in the west, NATO said. It did not provide details on where or how they were attacked. Including these deaths, 15 US service members have been killed so far this month.

Internet

Blast at funeral kills five Afghans

KANDAHAR, 17 Aug—An explosion hit a funeral killing five mourners and injuring 20 others in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said on Monday.

“A group of mourners were busy burying a relative at a graveyard in Sarwan Qala village of Sangin District on Saturday when a bomb went off suddenly killing five on the spot and injuring 20 others,” Ahmadi told *Xinhua*.

He blamed Taliban insurgents for carrying out the blast, saying the village is in Taliban control.—*Xinhua*

Afghan police officers gather at the site of an explosion of a bomb hidden on a motorbike, killing two Afghan street cleaners in Ghazni, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Aug, 2010.

INTERNET

Troops detain several insurgents

KABUL, 17 Aug—only that these Taliban Afghan and the NATO-led forces have captured several Taliban insurgents including their commander during an operation in Paktika Province in eastern Afghanistan, a statement released by the alliance said on Monday.

“Afghan and coalition security force detained several suspected Taliban insurgents in Paktika Province on Sunday including a Taliban commander,” the statement said.

However, it did not give the name of the commander, saying



An Afghan man injured in an explosion is tended by a doctor in Ghazni, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Aug, 2010. The bomb, hidden on a motorbike, was remote-detonated and killed two Afghan street cleaners, appeared to be targeting a police truck that was driving down the street in Ghazni city, said a provincial government spokesman.—INTERNET



Science

Scientists successfully use human induced pluripotent stem cells to treat Parkinson's in rodents

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—Researchers at the Buck Institute for Age Research in California have successfully used human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to treat rodents afflicted with Parkinson's Disease (PD), according to a research published on Monday in on-line edition of the journal *Stem Cells*. The research can be used to manufacture the type of neurons needed to treat the disease and paves the way for the use of iPSC's in various biomedical applications.

Researchers used human iPSCs that were derived from skin and

blood cells and coaxed them to become dopamine-producing neurons. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter produced in the mid-brain which facilitates many critical functions, including motor skills. Patients with PD lack sufficient dopamine; the disease is a progressive, incurable neurodegenerative disorder that affects 1.5 million Americans and results in tremor, slowness of movement and rigidity.

Internet

A customer hold the new iPad tablet computer at its UK launch at an Apple store in central London in this May 28, 2010 file photo.

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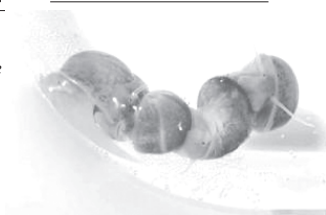
These Physa acuta snails prefer to mate with a partner rather than fertilize themselves. But if a suitor is nowhere to be seen, solitary snails change their dating and mating strategy when danger is near.

INTERNET

Scared snails opt for single parenthood rather than wait for a mate

DURHAM, 17 Aug—Solitary snails in search of a mate put off parenthood as long as possible in the hopes that a partner will appear. But when *Physa acuta* snails smell predators, they don't wait as long for a mate. Scared snails settle for single parenthood much sooner than their calm counterparts, says a new study by biologist Josh Auld of the National Evolutionary Synthesis Centre in Durham, NC.

They can't wait for a mate indefinitely — especially if the risk of mortality is high," said Auld. A brown speckled snail found in rivers, lakes, and streams, the hermaphroditic snail *Physa acuta* has everything it needs to reproduce — each snail is both male and female at the same time. Because each snail can produce sperm as well as eggs, they have more than one option when it comes to having kids — they can either find a mate, or they can fertilize themselves.—Internet



US astronauts install spare pump on space station

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—A pair of US astronauts installed a spare ammonia pump module on the International Space Station on Monday, reviving a disabled cooling system on the station during the third spacewalk in 10 days.

The spacewalk, conducted by Expedition 24 Flight Engineers Doug Wheelock and Tracy Caldwell Dyson, ended at 1:40 pm EDT (1740 GMT), NASA said.

The 780-pound spare pump module was removed from an external stowage platform by Wheelock. The module was successfully installed on the S1 Truss after Wheelock attached four bolts and Caldwell Dyson mated five electrical connectors.

Ground controllers confirmed the module was in healthy condition when it began receiving power. After a pressure check and more fluid cable connections, the module was filled with ammonia.

Due to time constraints, ground teams and the crew decided not to attach a power cable extension from Quest to a cable on the Unity module.

Internet

Technology

Call to improve password security

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—The growing use of graphics cards as surrogate supercomputers could spell trouble for users of short passwords.

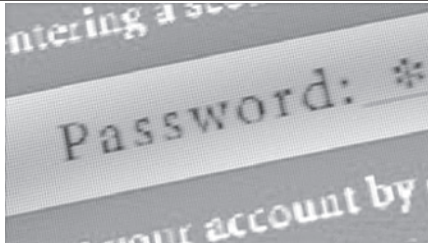
Researchers say the growing number of processors on graphics cards will soon make it trivial for them to crack short passwords.

A password of seven characters or less will soon be "hopelessly inadequate" they claim. The researchers suggest passwords should be at least 12 characters long to be safe. A team led by Richard Boyd from the Georgia Tech Research Institute has been investigating what effect the number-crunching power of modern graphics cards could have on the crackability of passwords.

Many graphics cards employ hundreds of so-called stream processors working in parallel to render images. Many scientists now use the basic arithmetical properties of these processors to help crunch through data generated during experiments.

The number crunching abilities of graphics cards are now comparable to the multi-million dollar supercomputers built about a decade ago, said Mr Boyd. The parallel processing systems inside graphics cards are very good at carrying out so-called "brute force" attacks that effectively try every possible combination of letters and numbers until the right one is found.

Longer passwords take longer to crack and offer better protection, say the researchers. "Right now we can confidently say that a seven-character password is hopelessly inadequate," said Mr Boyd, "and as GPU power continues to go up every year, the threat will increase."—Internet



As computer power gets cheaper it gets easier to crack passwords, suggests research.—INTERNET

Vodafone backs down in Android row

NEW YORK, 17 Aug—Phone giant Vodafone has backed down in a row with customers over software updates for Google Android phones.

Last week, many customers who own HTC Desire smartphones were prompted to download a software update which they believed was an upgrade to Android. Instead it installed irremovable Vodafone-branded apps and bookmarks, including links to dating sites.

Following a raft of complaints, the firm has backed down and will now offer an update without the applications. The software will upgrade users to the latest version of Android, as many had expected the original upgrade to do.

A spokesperson said the software - known as Froyo or version 2.2 - would be ready in the next seven to 10 days. The firm's apps - known as Vodafone 360 - will be offered as an optional download, a spokesperson said. —Internet

Facebook 'dislike' scam warning

NEW YORK, 17 Aug—Facebook users are being targeted in a scam that offers them a chance to install a "dislike" button.

The scam tricks users into allowing a rogue application to access their profile page, which then posts spam messages.

It also attempts to lure people into completing an online survey, for which the scammers are paid money. The social network already offers a "like" button that allows people to rate other user's comments and posts.

Graham Cluley of security firm Sophos said it was the latest in a series of

"survey scams" that included links to a video purporting to show an anaconda vomiting up a hippo. "One thing we commonly see is that the message starts 'OMG, shocking video'," he said.

"And they appear to come from your Facebook friend, giving it a ringing endorsement." The dislike button scam prompts people to download an application with the message: "Download the official DISLIKE button now."

When users click on the link it prompts them to install a rogue application, which does not function as a dislike button. Once a user has given it permission to access their profile, it updates the user's page with a link and a message: "I just got the dislike button, so now I can dislike all of your dumb posts lol!!!"

Internet



Android 2.2.—INTERNET

Health



Doctors perform heart surgery. People who tend to be confrontational, especially those who are competitive and aggressive, run a higher risk of heart attack and stroke, according to a study released Monday.—INTERNET

Cancer is the world's costliest disease

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—Cancer is the world's top "economic killer" as well as its likely leading cause of death, the American Cancer Society contends in a new report it will present at a global cancer conference in China this week.

Cancer costs more in productivity and lost life than AIDS, malaria, the flu and other diseases that spread person-to-

person, the report concludes.

Chronic diseases including cancer, heart disease and diabetes account for more than 60 percent of deaths worldwide but less than 3 percent of public and private funding for global health, said Rachel Nugent of the Center for Global Development, a Washington-based policy research group.

Internet

Home care after hip surgery may aid survival, study says

QUEBEC, 17 Aug—Providing home care to elderly people after they've had hip surgery improves their chances of survival, finds a new study.

Canadian researchers looked at 11,326 men and women age 65 and older in Quebec who had partial hip surgery between 1997 and 2004.

Those who received home care after leaving the hospital were 43 percent less likely to die within three months after their surgery than those who didn't receive home care. But the study, published on 16 Aug in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, found that home care was given to less than 16 percent of the elderly patients who were discharged home after partial hip surgery.

Internet

Weight-loss surgery cuts diabetics' costs

CHICAGO, 17 Aug—Three-fourths of obese diabetics who had weight-loss surgery were able to quit taking diabetes drugs within six months of their operation, US researchers said on Monday, citing a new study.

They said the surgery may eliminate the need for chronic medications to treat the disease and reduce overall healthcare costs, providing a strong argument for insurance companies to pay for the procedures.

Once developed, diabetes and obesity are rarely reversed, Dr Martin Makary of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and colleagues reported in *Archives of Surgery*, a medical journal.

"Until a successful non-surgical means for preventing and reversing obesity is developed, bariatric surgery appears to be the only intervention that can result in a sustained reversal of both obesity and type 2 diabetes mellitus in most patients receiving it," they wrote.—Internet



Women meditate in Buenos Aires in 2009. A Chinese-influenced meditation technique appears to help the brain regulate behavior after as little as 11 hours of practice, according to a study released Monday.

INTERNET

Business

Lowe's 2Q profit rises 10 pct; cuts sales outlook



Photo shows, customers leave a Lowe's store in New York. Home improvement retailer Lowe's Cos. said on Monday, its profit rose 10 percent in the second quarter as sales improved and the company controlled its spending.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 Aug—People bought more air conditioners and grills at Lowe's Cos in early summer, boosting second-quarter net income 10 percent, but overall spending was hurt by hot weather and the weak economy, the home-improvement retailer said on Monday.

The No 2 home improvement retailer joined a long line of companies in sounding a cautious note about consumer spending and cut its yearly revenue guidance as worries grow about a stalling economy.

Lowe's CEO Robert Niblock said in an interview on Monday with The Associated Press that Americans are responding to programmes such as the federal cash-for-appliances rebates and sales but says 2010 is a "bouncing along the bottom" year.—Internet

China surges past Japan as No 2 economy; US next?

BEIJING, 17 Aug—China has eclipsed Japan as the world's second-biggest economy after three decades of blistering growth that put overtaking the US in reach within 10 years. Japan is still far richer per person after confirming on Monday that economic output fell behind its giant neighbour for the three months ending on 30 June. However, the news is more proof of China's arrival as a force that is altering the global balance of commercial, political and military power.

Internet

File photo show a Chinese worker labors at a production line at the factory of Lenovo Electronic Technology Co., Ltd. in Shanghai. Japan lost its place as the world's No. 2 economy to China in the second quarter as receding global growth sapped momentum and stunted a shaky recovery.

INTERNET



Dollar and Japan shares test lows on global woes



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 16 August, 2010. INTERNET

SINGAPORE, 17 Aug—The US dollar headed toward a 15-year low against the yen on Tuesday and Japanese shares slid as weak US data added to worries about a global slowdown.

Other Asian stock markets were slightly firmer although analysts said there was little reason for them to rise much higher given the weak sentiment.

"We are worried that some people are saying there is a 25 percent chance of a double-dip recession, and some people are talking about deflation," said Peter McGuire, managing director at CWA Global Markets in Sydney. The dollar slid as low as 85.11 yen in early Asian trade, within sight of a 15-year low of 84.72 yen reached last week. Traders said it is only matter of time before the greenback drops below 85.00 yen and threatens to pass last week's milestone due to the general mood of risk aversion.

The MSCI share index for Asia excluding Japan (.MIAPJ0000PUS) rose 0.60 percent following Wall Street's relatively flat finish. Last week the index lost nearly 2.9 percent on growing concerns about the global recovery, its worst performance in six weeks.

Internet



Bank skyscrapers grace Bay Street in Toronto's financial district, on 16 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Heat stroke sends 31,000 people to hospital in Japan

TOKYO, 17 Aug— More than 31,000 people rushed to hospital due to heat stroke between 31 May and 15 Aug in Japan, the government said on Tuesday.

The number of people who died of heat stroke shortly after being hospitalized reached 132, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency's preliminary report.

In July alone, 17,680 people were taken to hospital for heat stroke, of whom 94 died — both record highs for the month since the agency started compiling relevant data in 2008, *Kyodo News* reported.

The number of people suffering heat stroke is continuing to move at high levels in August. By age bracket, 47.7 percent were aged 65 or over.

Internet

Central bank expects strong economic growth in Australia in 2012

CANBERRA, 17 Aug— The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) on Tuesday said the bank was expecting inflation to remain under control before economic growth surges to above-average levels in Australia next year.

Releasing the minutes of its August meeting, the central bank said global financial market volatility made it "appropriate" to leave interest rates on hold.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) also said economic growth would strengthen in 2011 and 2012 to "above-average rates" even though consumers are still cautious.

Like Treasury, the RBA sees an expansion pace of up to four percent by the middle of next year.

The experts saw this as a sign interest rates would remain on hold at 4.5 percent in the short term.

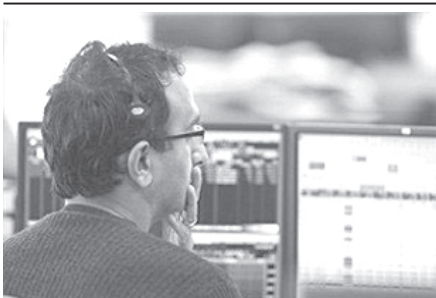
"It is clear that the Reserve Bank is unlikely to move on interest rates until more concrete economic data is available," Commonwealth Securities economist Savanth Sebastian said in a statement.

"No doubt the new era of consumer conservatism and weak trading environment for retailers would add weight to the argument for interest rates to remain on hold over the next few months."—*Xinhua*



File photo shows a man selling iPhone accessories at a shop in Shanghai. China Unicom plans to launch Apple's latest iPhone next month in the world's largest mobile market, state-run media said on Tuesday.

INTERNET



A TSX floor trader reacts to markets recently.

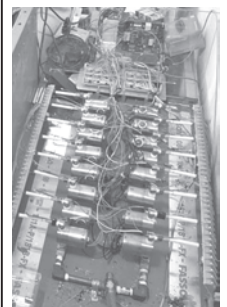
INTERNET

Oil hovers above \$75 in Asia amid economic worries

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Aug—Oil prices edged up in Asia for the first time in five days Tuesday with gains tempered by signs of a slowing global economic recovery that could dent demand for fuel.

Benchmark crude for September delivery was up 14 cents to \$75.38 a barrel at afternoon Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 15 cents to settle at \$75.24 a barrel on Monday.

Oil rebounded Tuesday after dropping from above \$81 a barrel early last week amid resurgent fears that the world economy may not grow as much as expected in the second half. —*Internet*



A new study at Berkeley Lab shows that ozone can react with the nicotine in secondhand tobacco smoke to form ultrafine particles that may become a bigger threat to asthma sufferers than nicotine itself.

INTERNET

Influenza A/H1N1 vaccinations to run out in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 17 Aug— Influenza A/H1N1 vaccine doses are expected to run out by the end of this month in New Zealand, according to local media on Tuesday.

Six deaths are being linked with the pandemic Influenza A/H1N1 this winter in New Zealand and 389 people have been hospitalized with the virus.

The deaths of a 22-year-old Hawkes Bay man, a 44-year-old Christchurch woman, a 48-year-old Tauranga woman, 51-year-old Northland man and a 38-year-old Wellington man have all been reported linked to the flu.

However, the New Zealand Ministry of Health is not offering comment on details of the sixth death.

Four of the six deaths are still being investigated by the coroner. Ministry of Health Director of Public Health Mark Jacobs estimated that there are only 6,400 vaccinations left in New Zealand and the ministry are looking at options for extending immunization while demand continued.—*Xinhua*

World oil prices firmed but gains were capped by news that the Japanese economy experienced a sharp slowdown in the second quarter of the year, fanning worries about weak energy demand.

INTERNET



China finishes construction of first unmanned space module

BEIJING, 17 Aug — China has finished construction of its first unmanned space module, Tiangong-1, and it is testing the module's electronic, mechanical and thermal properties, a military source said here Tuesday.

The 8.5-tonne Tiangong-1 will be put into preset orbit in 2011, the source added. The space module is expected to carry out China's first space docking, with the Shenzhou-8 spacecraft, which will be launched in the second half of 2011 after Tiangong-1. The source said experts are currently building the Shenzhou-8 and testing the Long March II-F carrier rocket on which the Tiangong-1 is expected to be launched. Chinese astronauts, including two females, are undergoing training for the space docking, the source said.—*Xinhua*

New disaster warning device being tested for Pacific

WELLINGTON, 17 Aug—A new disaster warning device using radio transmission to alert and inform people in a mass emergency is being developed for possible use in the Pacific island countries, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Yellow Bird Alert uses a wake-up radio tone to activate a flashing light and siren and to turn on emergency broadcast information.

A former director general of Emergency Management Australia, David Templeman, has been involved in developing the prototype and presented to a meeting of disaster risk managers from around the Pacific, held in the Fiji capital of Suva last week,

according to Radio New Zealand International. Templeman said interest in the device, inspired by the canary in the coal mine was very encouraging.

"Whether it's bush fire, whether its flood, even the situation following tsunami, all those sorts of situations, it has relevance to every hazard. But more importantly, not only can it be dealt with and used in the context of warning people, this is an arrangement whereby we can get rapid information to people in a recovery situation," he told Radio New Zealand International. Templeman said he hoped to secure funding for trials in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea.

Xinhua



A worker puts a craftwork on the desk during the New York International Gift Fair at the Javits Center in New York, the United States, on 16 Aug, 2010. Some 2,800 exhibitors attended the six-day fair which kicked off here on 14 Aug. —XINHUA

Grizzly in maulings was stressed, had parasites



Three traps — one with a mother bear and another with two of its offspring — are set up at the Soda Butte Campground near Cooke City, Mont., on July, 2010. Using parts of a road-killed deer as bait, wildlife agents were trying to catch a fourth bear following a rampage through the campground that left one man dead and two people injured. —INTERNET

BILLINGS, 17 Aug—Hunger and internal parasites afflicted a grizzly bear that mauled three campers near Yellowstone National Park, but investigators said Monday those factors failed to explain such aggressive predatory behaviour.

The bear's late-night rampage through a crowded campground was the most brazen by a Yellowstone grizzly in a quarter-century. It left one man dead and two people with serious injuries.

But after an in-depth investigation, wildlife officials on Monday produced a 70-page report that left unanswered a crucial question: Why did the bear attack?

"The reality is grizzly bears are predators," said Warden Capt. Sam Sheppard with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, who helped produce the report. "You never know when they're going to revert to a predatory response."

Kevin Kammer, 48, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was killed and two people were hospitalized after the 216-pound grizzly tore into their tents in a nighttime attack on 28 July at the Soda Butte Campground near Cooke City.

There was no evidence of food left out by campers that might have attracted the bear. The grizzly was captured a day later at the same campground, then was euthanized. Its three cubs are now in a Billings zoo.

Internet

Over 1,400 patients treated with stem cells in Cuba

HAVANA, 17 Aug—Stem cell treatment was successfully applied to 1,478 patients in Cuba from 2004 to 2009, the government said on Monday.

About 74 percent of those treated suffered from inadequate blood supply to the lower limbs and diseases of the blood and lymph vessels unresponsive to conventional therapy, said Porfirio Hernandez, coordinator of

the National Group for Regenerative Medicine.

There has also been an increase in stem cell treatments in orthopedics and traumatology,

he said.

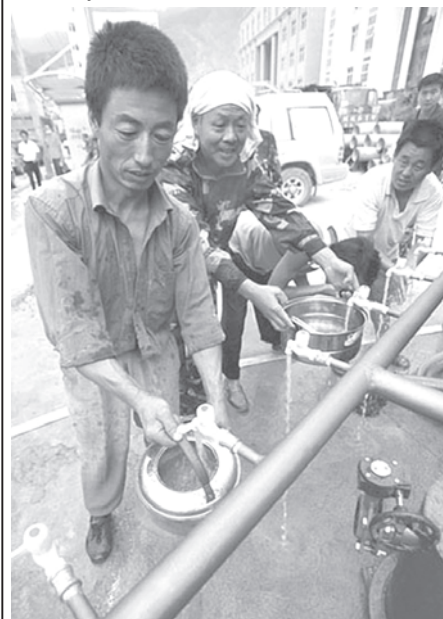
Cuba started its stem cell research in 2003, focusing on angiology and heart diseases.

Xinhua



Police officers walk near the wreckage of a Colombian passenger plane that crashed in the Caribbean resort island of San Andres, on 16 August, 2010. —INTERNET

Local people get drinking water from a newly-dug well in Zhouqu county on Monday. —INTERNET



Ten killed, eight injured in road mishap in northern India

NEW DELHI, 17 Aug—At least 10 people were killed and eight others sustained injuries in a major road mishap in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand's hilly District of Almora on Sunday night, a senior police official said on Monday.

"The 10 were killed when the bus in which they were travelling plunged into a gorge at Koofi in Almora last night, after the driver lost control of the speeding vehicle late last night. The bus skidded into the 450-foot-deep gorge, killing 10 on the spot," he said.

Xinhua

Study shows Australia's agriculture sector short by 96,000 workers

CANBERRA, 17 Aug—Australia's agriculture sector has a labour shortage of at least 96,000 full-time workers and 10,000 part-time workers, a new study showed on Tuesday.

The Australian Farm Institute on Tuesday released the study, which concluded that if the sector continues on a business-as-usual course the shortage will worsen, driving up labor costs and limiting future growth in the sector.

Executive director Mick Keogh said agriculture was competing with mining for regional workers, and he believed there was a generally poor perception of the farming sector among school leavers.

There was a lack of defined career paths for younger people and an "indifferent" attitude from employers towards helping workers with additional education or training, Keogh said in the statement on Tuesday.

Xinhua

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Kalewa Coal-fired Power Plant, 11 kilometers northwest of Kalewa Township, Kale District, Sagaing Division.

Over 1.3 million to 1.9 million tons of coal for the plant will be provided from Paluzziwa Coal Mine near Kalewa.

the committee. The projects cover setting up of 7.34 miles long 230 KV grid between Thakayta and Thanlyin, and Thanlyin 230/33/11 KV (100) MVA

He continued to report on distribution of power from the hydropower and coal-fired power plants to the grids, improvement of



Upper Hsedawgyi Hydropower Project under implementation in Madaya Township of Mandalay Division.—MNA

sion, can produce 3000 million to 4200 million kilowatt hours a year with two 300-megawatt generators. It is intended to help meet the power de-

Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint reported on the two projects that have been implemented but they are yet to be submitted to

main power house, 13 miles long 66 KV grid between Namhsan and Loilem, and Loilem 66/11 KV (10) MVA main power house.

power distribution system, and 37 more power projects for factories, and 52 grids for the projects, and 53 power houses. (See page 9)



EP-1
Minister
U Zaw
Min
presents
a report
at the
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MNA

Mawlaik Hydropower Project will be launched over the river Chindwin, about 20 miles northeast of Mawlaik in Sagaing Division. It is of rock-filled / concrete dam type. On completion, the project, with a generation capacity of 520 megawatts, will be able to generate 3310 million kilowatts hours a year.

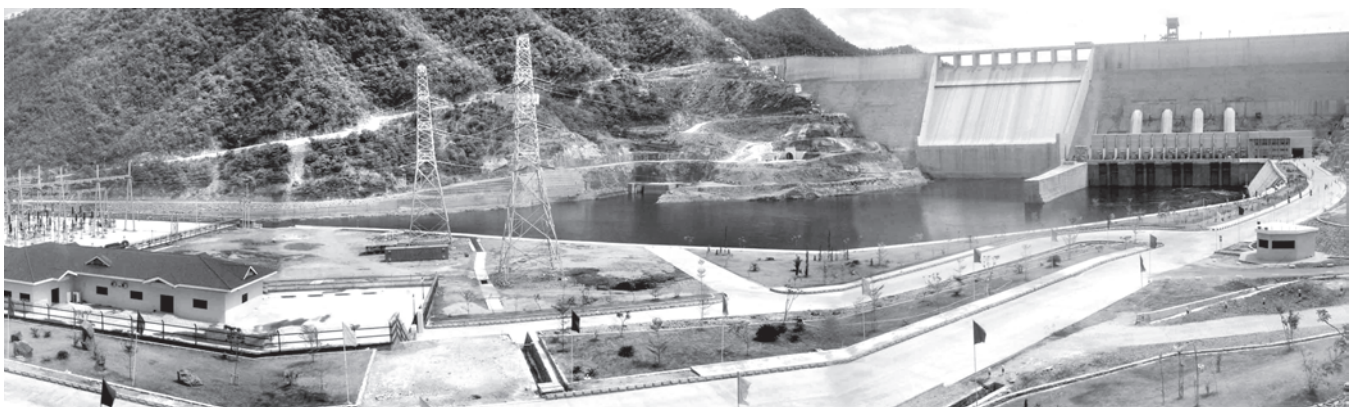
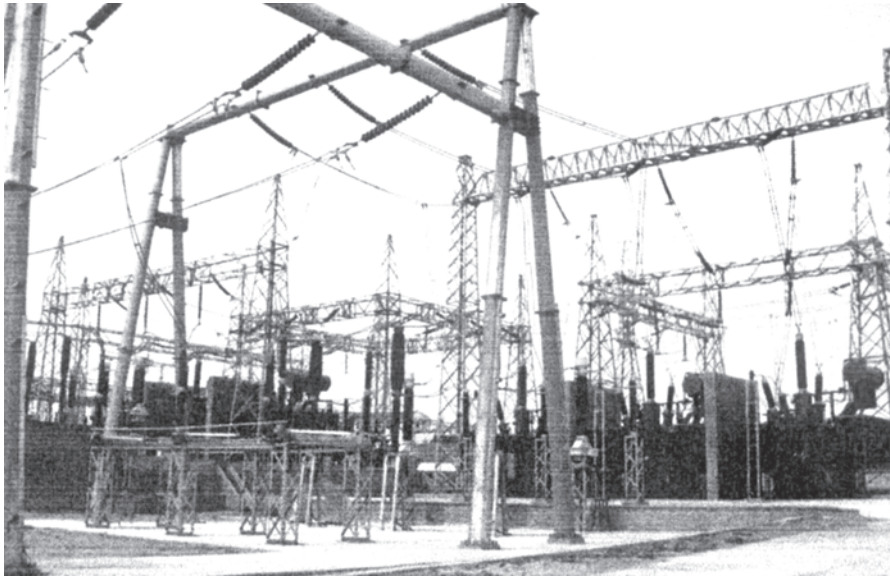


Photo shows Yeywa Hydropower Project in Pyin Oo Lwin District of Mandalay Division.—MNA



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Hydropower Project
under implementa-
tion in Buthidaung
Township,
Maungdaw District.
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Construction of 2x100 MVA Bushbar of Thazi main power house in progress.—MNA

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The projects are designed to supply power to Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Sagaing Division, Mandalay Division, Shan State and Rakhine State.

Minister for Energy

U Lun Thi reported on ongoing projects, and 97 miles long 12-inch diameter gas pipeline project that goes through Pyawbwe, Yayni and Taungphila.

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung

Energy Minister U Lun Thi presenting a report at the meeting.

MNA



EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Myint presenting a report at the meeting.

MNA

Min reported on the projects under way. Regarding five more projects to be implemented, he said that Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthae (Tatkon)-Pinlaung Railroad Project is 120 miles long, linking Hsinthae station in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township and Pinlaung in Shan

State. The railroad comprises 24 stations, 525 bridges and one tunnel.

Myitkya-Bhamo-Mabein-Momeik-Kyaukse-Hsipaw-Leikha-Namhsan Railroad Project will be 474.5 miles long with 78 stations and 2335 bridges.

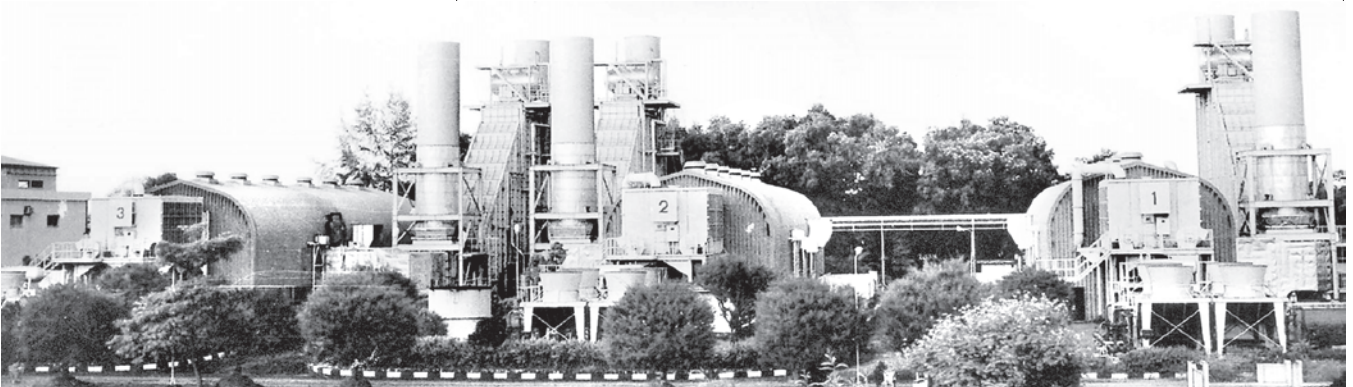
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Kamanat-Myaungtaga 230 KV power grid implemented by Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No (2).—MNA

Thakayta natural gas-fired power plant.

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(from page 9)
Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa-Kale Railroad Project will be imple-

Project will be launched soon. On completion, the railroad will be 150 miles long with 25 sta-

total, 5328 railroad bridges including 62 over-180-foot ones, and 394 stations.

In response to the reports, the Senior General gave guidance and concluding remarks,



A train starting debut run on Hinthada-Zalun Railroad Section.—MNA

From 1988 to date, the Ministry of Rail Transportation has built railroads stretching 1494.70 miles in total, 5328 railroad bridges including 62 over-180-foot ones, and 394 stations including halts.

mented for all-round development of the regions on the west bank of the river Chindwin, and Kabaw Valley region. On completion, the facility will be 135 miles long with 675 bridges including one spanning the Chindwin River.

In addition, Toungoo-Yatho-Loikaw Railroad

tions and 750 bridges.

Reinforced concrete sleeper factories will be built in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namhsan. Upon completion, these factories will be able to produce 2.2 million sleepers a year.

From 1988 to date, the Ministry of Rail Transportation has built railroads stretching 1494.70 miles in



Photo shows newly opened Seikpyu-Yawchaung Railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Construction Project.

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Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min presenting a report at the meeting.

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saying that the special projects for which green light has been given today are to be launched as soon as possible; that the projects are to be handed over systematically to whoever takes State duties and they will have to continue the projects; that only then will it be possible for equitable development of all parts of the nation and smooth transport

between one region and another.

He said that special projects will further consolidated unity in the Union along with long-term interests.

He noted that a modern, developed nation is to be built by expediting implementation of the projects for their completion ahead of schedule.

MNA



A train running on Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Sitekhaung-Namhsan-Mongnai Railroad in Shan State (South).

MNA

Employee opens fire on suspects during robbery

FAIRFIELD, 17 Aug—Gunfire erupted on Friday afternoon when two suspects attempted to rob a cell phone store in Fairfield and an employee with a gun opened fire in apparent self-defence, according to police. Officers responded to a reported attempted robbery at a MetroPCS store located at 2023 N. Texas St at around 3:15 pm, Fairfield police said.

Witnesses told police that two black men in their early 20s entered the store and one of them pointed a handgun at two employees while the second jumped over the store counter and demanded cash. One of the employees apparently drew a handgun and fired multiple rounds at both suspects, according to police. The two men fled and were last seen running west through an open field onto Tabor Avenue.

It has not been determined if either of the men were struck by the gunfire. Responding officers searched the area but did not find the suspects. One suspect was described as being 6 feet tall with short dreadlocks. He was wearing a black hoodie with a white cover over his face and baggy jeans.

The second suspect was around 5 feet 3 inches tall and wearing a black hoodie and baggy jeans. Anyone who might have information regarding the shooting and attempted robbery is asked to contact the Fairfield Police Department at (707) 428-7300.—Internet



A girl poses for photos in front of a displayed car during an auto show in Beijing, on 15 Aug, 2010. The 4-day auto show closed on Sunday, with sales volume of 2,014 cars.
XINHUA

Lost cell-phone caller drives into river, dies

SACRAMENTO, 17 Aug—An Antioch woman died after she drove off a boat ramp and into the Sacramento River while she was talking on a cell phone with her daughter, asking for directions, authorities said today.

Kathleen Gomez Collier, 47, drove her Ford Expedition into the water near Isleton (Sacramento County) at about 11:45 pm Saturday, said Officer Michael Bradley of the California Highway Patrol. Collier was lost on Highway 160 and was trying to find her way back to Antioch, so she stopped at Vieira's Resort to get directions, Bradley said.

She was on the phone with her daughter when she drove onto the boat ramp at the resort, Bradley said. She paused briefly before driving into the river, the CHP said. Just before the call was cut off, Collier told her daughter that her car was filling up with water and to phone her insurance company, Bradley said. Divers found Collier's body at about 9:45 am Sunday.

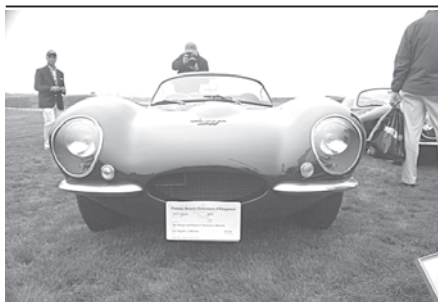
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American tourist killed in Thailand

BANGKOK, 17 Aug—An American tourist was killed on the Thai island of Phuket after a British man allegedly picked a fight with him at a bar, followed him back to his hotel and stabbed him to death, police said on Sunday.

The body of Dashawn Longfellow, 23, was found before dawn on Saturday at the Yanui Paradise Resort with several stab wounds in his chest, said police Lt Col Anukul Nuket. According to witnesses, Longfellow was at a bar near his hotel with a Thai girlfriend when a British man identified as a regular picked a fight with him, Anukul said. Police said they have issued an arrest warrant for the suspect.

Internet



Steve McQueen's 1957 Jaguar XKSS. One of only 16 in existence. Purchased by the actor 1967. Sold to the Harrah Automobile Collection but then repurchased by McQueen in 1978.
INTERNET

A man visits the reopened Museum of the War of Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Aug, 2010.
XINHUA



Another German tourist killed in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Aug—A bicyclist who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on Friday night in San Francisco has been identified as 21-year-old Nils Linke, who was a tourist from Germany, according to the San Francisco medical examiner's office.

Linke was riding southbound on Masonic Avenue near Turk Street at about 10:40 pm on Friday when a 1989 Mercedes-Benz also

going southbound on Masonic struck and killed him, police spokesman Officer Samson Chan said.

The car left the scene, but witnesses provided police with a description of the vehicle.

Officers located the car a short time later about two blocks away on Tamalpais Terrace near Turk Street, Chan said.

The suspect, a 38-year-old man, was

arrested and booked for vehicular manslaughter, Chan said. Police haven't yet released the suspect's name.

It's the second time in a week that a tourist visiting from Germany has been killed in San Francisco. Last weekend, 50-year-old Mechthild Schroeder of Minden, Germany, was fatally shot and killed while walking in the 400 block of Mason Street in the city's theater district.

Internet



Policewomen attend celebrations for India's Independence Day on 15 August, 2010.—XINHUA

"Craigslist Killer" Philip Markoff commits suicide in jail

BEIJING, 17 Aug — The American medical student jailed for the murder of a prostitute was found dead in jail due to apparent suicide, according to AFP on Monday.

Philip Markoff was found dead in his cell room in Suffolk County jail in Boston, said the police and the district attorney's office in a statement. The joint statement said that Markoff was kept alone in his jail room and it indicated that he committed suicide.



Former Boston University medical student Philip Markoff is seen during his arraignment in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston on 22 June, 2009. XINHUA

"Nonetheless...a comprehensive investigation will be conducted to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding his death," the statement

said. Markoff, who was a student in Boston University School of Medicine, was arrested in jail for the shooting of Julissa Brisman with a pistol in April last year at the Marriott hotel in Boston. Markoff's "Craigslist Killer" was named after killing women who like to put erotic ads on the website Craigslist. He was also charged with stealing cash and credit cards from another woman, who also posted her services on the website.

Xinhua

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Rise in attacks on New York's Hispanics

MANHATTAN, 17 Aug — The Hispanic community that lives on Staten Island near Manhattan has been targeted in a spate of racially motivated attacks.

The NYPD says it has investigated 25 "bias" crimes this year already on the island, compared with just 10 in the same period during 2009. The crimes have ranged from robberies to assaults, to verbal racial abuse.

Christian Vazquez was beaten unconscious by a group of men who screamed racial insults at him as he walked home from work.

Internet

Invitation To Tender

Sr No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Gas Pipe & Accessories	1 Lot	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
2.	Gear Reducer for Finish Mill No(3)	1 Set	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
3.	Drive Pinion Assembly for Finish Mill	1 Set	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
4.	Spare Parts for Hydraulic Pump	7 Items	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
5.	Spare Parts for Production Machinery	2 Items	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
6.	Feldspar & China Caly	2 Items	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
7.	Upper Mould	5 Items	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
8.	Coconut Skin Coal	25 Items	18.8.2010	3.9.2010
9.	Ball Bearing	1 Lot	18.8.2010	17.9.2010
10.	Lubricant	1 Lot	18.8.2010	17.9.2010
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ORIENTAL DESIRE VOYNO(008)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL DESIRE VOY NO (008) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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China fireworks plant blast kills 19, injures 153

BEIJING, 17 Aug—An explosion at a fireworks factory outside Harbin in northeastern China killed 19 people and injured 153, state media reported on Tuesday.

The Xinhua news agency said five people were still missing after the explosion early on Monday in Yichun city. The blast caused a shockwave felt up to five kilometres (three miles) away and prompted the evacuation of more than 2,000 residents.

A downpour had flooded a warehouse at the site and the blast occurred when workers were moving fireworks out of the building, local authorities told China Radio International. The fire spread to a chopstick factory on Monday but it was brought under control. More than 2,000 residents were evacuated after the explosion shattered windows within a one kilometre radius of the factory.—MNA/Reuters

'Ninja' robbers steal \$US60,000 in brazen mid-day New York City diamond heist

NEW YORK, 17 Aug — Two ninja-like robbers dressed head-to-toe in black pulled off a brazen, mid-day heist at a New York City Diamond District store today, tying up the owner and his son and swiping \$US60,000 (\$67,000) in cash and jewellery before fleeing. The robbers, one of whom was armed, sprinted out of the Namat Inc store on West 47th St in midtown Manhattan before cops were called about 2pm — after the victims wiggled out of their binding in their second-storey shop, cops told the New York Post.

Though the cagey robbers disabled the store's surveillance, "There are lots of video cameras on the street," said one cop at the scene. Matt Hartley, 25, with girlfriend Macey Deleon, 22, of Westchester, said they often come to Midtown to window-shop on weekends.—Internet

Scientists flesh out research into synthetic blood

LONDON, 17 Aug—British scientists have turned stem cells from spare IVF embryos into red blood cells as part of a project to manufacture synthetic blood on an industrial scale. It is believed to be the first time that human red blood cells have been created from embryonic stem cells in Britain and it marks a milestone in a project aimed at producing blood for transfusions. The aim of the £3m (¥3.7m) project is to develop an alternative source of O-negative blood, the universal donor group that can be transfused into the vast majority of the population without fear of rejection.

The project has used more than 100 spare IVF embryos from fertility clinics to establish several embryonic stem cell lines that replicate continuously in the laboratory.

Internet

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Happiness is a healthy stomach

BEIJING, 17 Aug— "It's really strange: It was cloudy, smoky and hot inside but outside, it was very cold. It was such a beautiful memory, I don't think I could ever forget it." These were general manager Daniel Aylmer's first impressions of Chinese dining: a hotpot restaurant in Nanjing.

Having been in China



Guzhen pig trotters is a signature dish at Middle 8th.

XINHUA

10 years, Aylmer says he feels like he's half-Chinese — the good half, of course (if there's another half, it is that of a typical English gentleman). At the very least, he consumes more Chinese than western food and he's currently interested in Yunnan cuisine, spending a lot of his time at the Middle 8th restaurant in Sanlitun, famous for its mushroom dishes, which he praises for its creativity but deplors for its disastrous location, traffic-wise.

Internet



Models and staff members gather at the stage of the world's longest catwalk in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 14 Aug, 2010. About 250 models strutted their stuff for a mile (1,609 metres) along downtown Copenhagen's famous shopping street Stroget on the world's longest catwalk during the Copenhagen Fashion Week on Saturday.—XINHUA

Fla pastor spends three days 50 feet in the air

A South Florida pastor who spent nearly three days living on a mechanical lift 50 feet in the air has come down from his lofty perch.

Pastor TJ McCormick, of Coastal Community Church, had pledged to stay on the lift until 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies were donated for kids in Collier City. McCormick braved summer heat and rain storms from the time his mission began on Tuesday until he stepped down from the lift Thursday night, after the 1,000 backpacks were collected. Nonetheless, he says he'd do it again.



Photo shows dishes made mainly by paper at a restaurant in Nantou, southeast China's Taiwan. As a paper factory manufactures a kind of edible paper by fibers of vegetables and fruits, many local restaurants develop new paper-made dishes to attract customers.



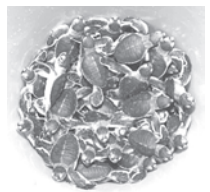
News Album

Rare 'princess' turtle returns to Malaysia

A leatherback turtle has made a surprise return to a Malaysian beach after 32 years, a report said on Friday, hailed as a "miracle" by conservationists and renewing hopes for the endangered species.

The leatherbacks — the largest of all sea turtles — were once a star attraction at Rantau Abang beach in Malaysia's northern state of Terengganu but overfishing, poaching and pollution caused the population to plummet.

The turtle, dubbed the "Puteri Rantau Abang" or Rantau Abang Princess and identified by special markings, returned last month to end a long dry spell of turtle landings which have been rare in Terengganu since the 1980s.



Leatherback turtle hatchlings are prepared for release at a turtle sanctuary in Malaysia.

Bangladeshi villagers take part in a frog wedding in Ramchandrapur village. Farmers in a parched district of northern Bangladesh are marrying off frogs in a desperate bid to bring on monsoon rains and protect their crops, local officials said.



Can you imagine how small these artware are?

James Cameron to celebrate his birthday underwater



James Cameron

SANTA MONICA, 17 Aug—James Cameron is going from outer space to under water.

The writer and director of "Avatar" says he'll celebrate his 56th birthday Monday deep beneath Russia's Lake Baikal. Cameron will be in a submersible about 5,200 feet (1,600 metres) from the surface of the world's oldest and largest lake — "unless it's bad weather, in which case I'll be getting drunk with the Russian crew in the port."

A longtime ocean

enthusiast, Cameron has other underwater projects in the works. He says he is building a submarine in Australia that will take him 36,000 feet underwater — twice as deep as anyone has gone before. He is also developing an upgraded 3-D underwater camera and has plans for an underwater feature film that he said he might make before taking on an "Avatar" sequel.

Internet

"Jersey Shore" cast member arrested for unpaid parking tickets

BEIJING, 17 Aug—"Jersey Shore" castmember Ronnie Ortiz-Magro was arrested on Sunday in Seaside Heights, New Jersey, for outstanding warrants related to unpaid parking tickets, according to media reports. He was released later in the afternoon after meeting the conditions of the warrant.

This is the second arrest of the 24-year-old within the last year. He was also arrested last September for a fight in Seaside Heights.

The arrest came about two weeks after fellow cast member Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi was arrested on the Seaside Heights beach and charged with disorderly conduct.—Xinhua



Marcelo Rossi, 75, an Elvis Presley impersonator, sings during a performance marking the 33rd anniversary of Presley's death, at a restaurant in Valparaiso city, about 121 km (75 miles) northwest of Santiago on 15 August, 2010. Presley died on August 16, 1977.
XINHUA

Hilary Duff marries hockey player Mike Comrie

BEIJING, 17 Aug—US pop star and actress Hilary Duff and her Canadian hockey player boyfriend Mike Comrie get married on Saturday, according to media reports.

The couple tied the knot at 20-minute ceremony at a 29 million US dollar estate near the San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, California, where Hilary's actress sister, Haylie Duff, served as maid of honor.

The Edmonton Oiler asked Hilary's hand in marriage back in February while the couple were seen vacationing in beautiful Hawaii.

Comrie is a professional ice hockey player who took up with Duff in 2007. This is the first marriage for both.

Xinhua



Actress and singer Hilary Duff and hockey player Mike Comrie pose in the press room at the Teen Choice 2010 Awards in Los Angeles on 8 August, 2010.

XINHUA



Rozanna Purcell, Miss Ireland 2010, holds a pair of Galway Crystal candlestick holders that she brought as her national gift for the Miss Universe National Gift Auction in Las Vegas, Nevada on 14 August, 2010. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Nevada Cancer Institute.—XINHUA

Results on 16 August

International club friendlies

Racing Santander 1-0 Sporting Gijon

English Premier League

Manchester United 3-0 Newcastle

Germany DFB Pokal

Germania Windeck 0-4 Bayern Munich

FTVfR Aalen 1-2 Schalke

Fergie wants United to keep pressure on Chelsea



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson celebrates his team's 3-0 win over Newcastle United.

INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 17 Aug.—Sir Alex Ferguson insists keeping pace with Chelsea is Manchester United's main priority despite the Premier League season only being days old.

Champions Chelsea started the defence of their title with a 6-0 victory over West Brom on Saturday. And United followed that up two days later with a 3-0 win against Newcastle at Old Trafford.

Ferguson's side have already defeated Carlo Ancelotti's Chelsea in the Community Shield this month.

And the United manager is keen to stay in touch with the Blues in the league as he feels the Stamford Bridge side are once again the team to beat.—*Internet*

Liverpool decide not to appeal Cole's red card

LONDON, 17 Aug.—Liverpool star Joe Cole will serve a three-match suspension after his club decided not to appeal against the England midfielder's red card against Arsenal.

Cole was shown a straight red card by referee Martin Atkinson on his debut following a lunging challenge on Arsenal defender Laurent Koscielny in first-half injury-time of the 1-1 draw at Anfield on Sunday.

Liverpool boss Roy



Liverpool star Joe Cole, seen here, will serve a three-match suspension.—INTERNET

Hodgson hinted after the match that the Reds might launch an appeal because he felt the tackle was not malicious.

INTERNET

Bayern toil in German Cup first-round win

BERLIN, 17 Aug.—Holders Bayern Munich were far from their best as they laboured to a 4-0 victory over fifth-division Windeck in the first round of the German Cup on Monday. Reigning German champions and finalists in last season's Champions League, Bayern had to wait until the 43rd minute to take the lead.

Michael Kessel had twice gone close for the amateur team before German international Miroslav Klose put Bayern ahead by acrobatically converting a cross from Diego Contento.



Striker Miroslav Klose

France winger Franck Ribery doubled the advantage two minutes later to put the Bavarian giants 2-0 up at the change of ends. It was not until the game's closing stages that Bayern's class began to shine through, with strikes from Toni Kroos (in the 84th minute) and Mario Gomez (85) finally putting the game beyond their opponents.—*Internet*

Gerrard praises Liverpool manager Hodgson

LIVERPOOL, 17 Aug.—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard insists Roy Hodgson's arrival as manager has already transformed the atmosphere at Anfield.

Gerrard's side ended last season in disarray as Rafael Benitez's reign petered out with the team suffering their worst Premier League finish for over a decade.

The Reds' morale was at rock-bottom as players lost faith with Benitez, who left Liverpool to take charge at Inter Milan during the close-season.

But England star

Gerrard believes Hodgson has erased all the gloom since his move to Merseyside from Fulham.

INTERNET



Liverpool Roy Hodgson plays with a ball during train session.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Kaymer might be capable of more majors

SHEBOYGAN, 17 Aug.—Even with the Wanamaker Trophy at his side, Martin Kaymer could not believe he was a major champion.

Neither could anyone else.

Even after winning the PGA Championship, he had to share the spotlight with hard-luck Dustin Johnson, the victim of a two-stroke penalty on the final hole when he grounded his club in a bunker without realizing he was in a hazard.

It will be hard to mention Whistling Straits without thinking of Johnson, just as Jean Van de Velde and his comical collapse remains such an ingrained part of the history at Carnoustie.—*Internet*



Martin Kaymer of Germany admires the Wanamaker Trophy after winning in a playoff in the PGA Championship.

INTERNET



Patty Schnyder of Switzerland returns a ball to Czech Republic's Barbora Zahlavova Strycova.—INTERNET

MONTREAL, 17 Aug.—Czech qualifier Iveta Benesova and Swiss veteran Patty Schnyder progressed to meetings with the top two seeds here after recording first-round triumphs on Monday at the two million-dollar

WTA Montreal Cup.

Benesova ousted Italy's Sara Errani 6-3, 6-2 to book a second-round date with top seed Jelena Jankovic, who along with seven other top seeds has a first-round bye at the last major hardcourt tuneup event for the US Open.

Schnyder outlasted France's Virginie Razzano 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 6-3 to book a second-round date against Danish second seed Caroline Wozniacki.

US stars Serena and Venus Williams are absent with injuries, with Venus pulling out after being named the third seed, allowing China's Li Na to receive a bye as a ninth seed.—*Internet*

Derbyshire joins Birmingham on loan

LONDON, 17 Aug.—English striker Matt Derbyshire has joined Birmingham City on a season-long loan from Olympiakos, the Premier League club announced on their website on Monday.

"The 24-year-old frontman has signed up for the season with the possibility that the deal could be made permanent at the end of the 2010-11 campaign," read a statement on the Birmingham website.

Derbyshire began his professional career with hometown club Blackburn Rovers before joining Olympiakos on loan in January 2009.

The former England Under-21 international signed a four-year contract with the Greek giants later that year, having scored a crucial late equaliser in Olympiakos's Greek Cup triumph over AEK Athens in the 2008-09 season.—*Internet*



English striker Matt Derbyshire, seen here in March 2010, has joined Birmingham City on a season-long.

INTERNET

Time for another shake-up to Earnhardt's team

CHARLOTTE, 17 Aug.—With a nondescript 19th-place finish at Michigan International Speedway, Dale Earnhardt Jr. all but ensured he'll miss the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for the third time in four years.

That wasn't supposed to happen. Not with all the resources Hendrick Motorsports poured into rebuilding Earnhardt's team in an effort to turn NASCAR's most popular driver if not into a champion, then at least a winner again.

Yet Earnhardt and his No. 88 team have fallen short again, and with three races left to set the Chase field, he's 129 points out of the 12th and final qualifying spot.

He was short with reporters follow-

ing Sunday's race, in which he struggled most of the afternoon and was in no mood to discuss his Chase chances after his fifth consecutive finish outside the top 15.

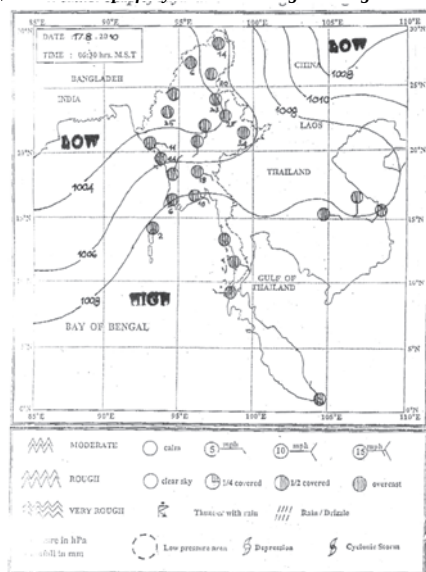
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Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, talks with crew members at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 17th August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (3.31) inches, Bhamo (3.08) inches, Shwegyin (2.87) inches, Nyaunglebin (2.76) inches, Mogoke (2.27) inches, Pinlaung (2.28) inches and Kengtung (2.16) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 16-8-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 17-8-2010 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-8-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 17-8-2010 was (Tr).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 16-8-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 17-8-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-8-2010 was (89%). Total Sunshine hours on 16-8-2010 was (4.5) hours.

Rainfall on 17-8-2010 was (0.35) inch at

Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (50.47) inches at Mingaladon, (56.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (68.66) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (08:30) hours MST on 17-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 18th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of light rain in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Defence chiefs of China, Bolivia pledge stronger military ties

BEIJING, 17 Aug.—China and Bolivia on Tuesday pledged to expand military ties by maintaining exchanges and strengthening officer training.

The pledge came out of the hour-long talks between Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie and his Bolivian counterpart Ruben Saavedra, who is on a week-long visit to China.

Liang reviewed the growth of China-Bolivia relations, particularly military ties, since the two countries forged diplomatic relations in 1985.

Liang said China would continue to develop military exchanges and cooperation with Bolivia.

China would like to work with Bolivia to maintain and strengthen military personnel exchanges and training.—Xinhua



A girl plaits her hair during a folk custom show held in Kashi, a city in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 17 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-8-2010) (Wednesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
 Oversea Transmission - (1 8-8-10 09:30 am ~ 19-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Monastery Bagayar Kyaung
- * Songs for you "Dual Thoughts, Crystal Palace"
- * News
- * Myanmar Handicrafts
- * Tachileik
- * News
- * On the LEDO Road
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- * Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
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- * The Activities of MOSA
- * News
- * Orchid Products for Healthy Lifestyle
- * The Graceful Palaung Dance
- * News
- * Woking & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mobile Education Activities for Wildlife Conservation
- * News
- * Fine Arts Podium (Conch Shell, Wind Instrument)
- * Myanmar Movie "The Moon Born from the Sun"



Wednesday, 18 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၊ စိုးညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. "စစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး မညှိုးသည့်သာသနာ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:10 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:20 am

7. မြေမြေကြွယ်သင့်ကျေးဇူးအတ

8:30 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:40 am

9. International News
10. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am

11. ဘဒ္ဒန္တသောဘဏ (အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်) နိုင်ငံတော်ဩဝါဒီရီယ ရွှေတိဂုံစေတီတော် ဩဝါဒီရီယ ညောင်တုန်းပိဋ် တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းထဲမှ နတ်ဂူပေါ်သထင်လ ခံလှဆောင်တည်ခြင်း။

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (Delta United FC အသင်း နှင့် လေယာဇရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း)

5:00 pm

2. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ် မွေစကြာဝင်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက (၁) သန်လျင်)၊ (အမျိုးသမီးဝင်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

5:20 pm

3. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm

4. Classical Songs

5:35 pm

5. ရွှေယံနီလင် အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

5:50 pm

6. International Science News

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. မြန်မာ့မလေ့ရှိရာလက်ဝှေ့

6:35 pm

10. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

11. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

7:40 pm

12. အလင်္ကာဝတ်ရည်မြန်မာမှု တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report

8:10 pm

16. စည်းလုံးတဲ့မြေ (စန္ဒရားမောင်လှအေးနှင့်အဖွဲ့ တေးရေး-မောင်သိကြည် (မအူပင်))

8:20 pm

17. "နီငြိမ်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ချစ်တေးသံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၉)

8:30 pm

18. ၂၀၀၉ ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက်မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ "ဥက္ကသေန ဇာတ်တော်ကြီးပြိုင်ပွဲ" (ဒုတိယဆု) (မန္တလေးတိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)

8:40 pm

19. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာတာဝန်များများခြင်း တရားတော်

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

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

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Application for registration as political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and allowing groups that submit applications to form political parties. The UEC found that People's New Society Party (PNSP) was consistent with Political Parties Registration Law and Rules. So, the UEC allowed the PNSP to form the political party today.

Up to date, there have been 47 parties that submitted applications to form and to subsist as political parties. Forty of 42 parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

MNA

Political parties submit lists of members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Political parties are to submit the lists of their members organized in line with Political Parties Registration Rule 13 (a) to the Union Election Commission within 90 days as from registration has been granted. The Shan Nationalities Democratic Party submitted the list of their members to the UEC today.

Up to date, 17 of the 40 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted member lists of their parties to the UEC within the prescribed date.

MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Island, India Region) about 370 miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (03) hrs (09) min (31) sec M.S.T on 17th August 2010. —MNA

Resolving the Paradox of the Antarctic Sea Ice



A tabular iceberg floating within Paradise Harbor, Antarctica.—INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 16 Aug—While Arctic sea ice has been diminishing in recent decades, the Antarctic sea ice extent has been increasing slightly. Researchers from the Georgia Institute of Technology provide an explanation for the seeming paradox of increasing Antarctic sea ice in a warming climate.

The paper appears in the Early Edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science the week of August 16, 2010.—Internet