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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Divisions designated as Regions

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar today issued Notification No. 32/2010 dated 20 August 2010.

The following is an unofficial translation of the notification—

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
Notification No. 32/2010
10th Waxing of Wagaung, 1372 ME
(20 August 2010)
Designation of Regions

In accord with Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which states that the State Peace and Development Council is to carry out the preparatory work before the Constitution comes into operation, to bring the Constitution into operation, and as prescribed in the Article 49 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

- Sagaing Division is designated as Sagaing Region
- Taninthayi Division is designated as Taninthayi Region
- Bago Division is designated as Bago Region
- Magway Division is designated as Magway Region
- Mandalay Division is designated as Mandalay Region
- Yangon Division is designated as Yangon Region
- Ayeyawady Division is designated as Ayeyawady Region.

By Order

Sd/ Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo

General

Secretary-1

State Peace and Development Council

District, townships designated in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union Territory

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No. 34/2010 today. An unofficial translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
Notification No. 34/2010
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(20 August 2010)

District, townships designated in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union Territory

1. Article 284 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states the provisions for the administration of Nay Pyi Taw, which is the Union Territory.

2. In accord with the Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which states that the State Peace and Development Council is to carry out the preparatory work before the Constitution comes into operation, to bring the Constitution into operation, the following district and townships have been designated as the Union Territory—

(a) **District:** Nay Pyi Taw District

(b) **Townships**

- (1) Zeyathiri Township
- (2) Zabuthiri Township
- (3) Dekkhinathiri Township
- (4) Ottarathiri Township
- (5) Pobbathiri Township
- (6) Pyinmana Township
- (7) Lewe Township
- (8) Tatkon Township

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Self-Administered Division, Self-Administered Zones delineated

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No. 33/2010 today.

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(20 August 2010)

Delineation of Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones and their seats of government

1. According to Article 56 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar the Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones are delineated as follows:-

- Grouping six townships—Hopang, Mongmao, Panwaing, Narphant, Metmang and Pangsang (Pangkham) townships—in Shan State as the 'Wa' Self-Administered Division;
- Grouping Leshi, Lahe and Nanyun townships in Sagaing Division as Naga Self-Administered Zone;
- Grouping Ywangan and Pindaya townships in Shan State as Danu Self-Administered Zone;

- Grouping HoPong, HsiHseng and Pinlaung townships in Shan State as Pa-O Self-Administered Zone;
- Grouping Namhsan and Mantung townships in Shan State as Pa Laung Self-Administered Zone;
- Grouping Kongyan and Laukkai townships in Shan State as Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

2. In accord with the Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which states that the State Peace and Development Council is to carry out the preparatory work before the Constitution comes into operation, to bring the Constitution into operation, the Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones are delineated as mentioned in the Paragraph (1) and the seats of the Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones are designated as follows:-

- (a) Hopang for 'Wa' Self-Administered Division;
- (b) Lahe for Naga Self-Administered Zone;
- (c) Pindaya for Danu Self-Administered Zone;
- (d) HoPong, for Pa-O Self-Administered Zone;
- (e) Namhsan for Pa Laung Self-Administered Zone;
- (f) Laukkai for Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 21 August, 2010

Upgrade rural earth roads into gravel ones for all-weather use

The majority of the nation's population live in rural areas. As the rural economy relies mainly on agriculture, measures are being taken to ensure adequate supply of irrigation water and drinking water. With a network of irrigation facilities, cultivation of various crops have been extended and they are thriving.

Smooth transport is one of the basic requirements for economic growth of the rural people. So, inter-village roads and roads linking urban and rural regions have been built in large numbers, and earth roads have been upgraded to gravel ones.

Ahtaung-Mankya-Thitmathi-Thayagon-Mansatku rural gravel road in Kyonpyaw Township, Ayeyawady Division, was opened on 16 August. With the emergence of the new road, people from over 40 villages will be able to travel to Danubyu and Hinthada in a short time in any season.

Likewise, the gravel entrance road to Madaukbin village in Myaungmya Township was commissioned into service. As a result, the rural people from the township can travel in all season by using Myaungmya-Yangon road.

Moreover, three-mile Kyonpataw-Asugyi rural road have been upgraded. And there has been easy access to Pantanaw-Wakema road, enabling the rural people from 16 villages to travel to Yangon, Patheingyi and Pantanaw.

All in all, the economic and social conditions of Myanmar's rural areas have developed along with smooth transport, speedy commodity flow and irrigated crops.

Second draft of Myanmar human rights report discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—The 14th coordination meeting for compilation of Human Rights of Myanmar was held at the hall of General Administration Department (Head Office) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, yesterday afternoon.

In his address, Member of Myanmar Committee of the Human Rights Deputy Attorney-

General Dr Tun Shin said that according to the regular assessment on human rights of the global countries, today's meeting was to review the second draft on Human Rights of Myanmar compiled by Myanmar Human Rights Report Compilation Work Committee to be submitted to UN Human Rights Council. If it is complete, the second draft will be submitted to the



The 14th meeting of Myanmar human rights report compilation in progress at General Administration Department in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences holds 8th Annual General Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation organized the 8th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences at the ministry, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo said that productions of the agriculture, forestry and livestock breeding and fishery sectors occupy 42 per cent of GDP. Myanmar has over 33 million acres of net farmlands out of 44 million acres of cultivable lands. Of them, various kinds of crops including double and mixed cropping are grown on 57 million acres of lands. Looking forwards to penetrating into the world market, Myanmar has adopted the plan and is undertaking cultivation of quality rice and paddy,

Myanmar Human Right Report Compilation Work Committee.

Those present discussed the second draft report.

Later, the meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin.

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beans and pulses and long staple cotton Ngwechi-6.

Arrangements are being made to boost production of quality and high yield crops in addition to extending the sown acreage in the agriculture sector. Moreover, the organic cultivation system is reliable for food safety and environmental conservation. The Nano technology can improve gene, use inputs and fertilizer and detect pests and it can be used in



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo views documentary photos displayed at 8th AGM of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences.—MNA

livestock breeding and veterinary and systematic packaging system.

The Ministry of Forestry is carrying out conservation of forest reserves, establishment of national parks, wildlife parks and forest management for protection for depletion of bio-diversity. He urged those present to study developing technology and conducting research on deforestation and improving ecosystem.

In the livestock breeding sector, it is necessary to emphasize production of quality pedigrees, development of

Appointment of Japanese Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Takashi Saito as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Takashi Saito was born on 12 April 1949. He graduated from Tokyo University in March 1974. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in April 1974 and served in various capacities at the Ministry up to 1992. He had also served in various capacities at the Japanese Embassies in France, Germany, Thailand, Canada and Consulate-General in Hong Kong from 1992 to 2002. He served as Executive Director of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) from 2004 to 2006. Since December 2006, he has been serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Senegal.

Mr. Takashi Saito is married and has two daughters.—MNA

livestock breeding technology and conservation of marine resources. He stressed the need for the local farmers to carry out livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale. Modern technology is to be provided to the local farmers to be able to undertake livestock breeding tasks on a commercial scale.

In conclusion, the minister urged the scholars of the academy to strive for enhancing science and technology, developing human resources and utilizing their expertise so as to serve the national

interest.

The 8th Annual General Meeting followed at the hall of the ministry, with an address by President of the academy Dr Myint Thein.

The paper-reading sessions were held at the designated places in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin.

The paper-reading sessions will continue at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation tomorrow.

In the evening, the Ministry of Forestry hosted a dinner to the scholars at the hall of University of Forestry in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin.

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Iraqi boys gather at the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq on 18 Aug, 2010. A bomb attached to a fuel truck detonated in the Ur neighbourhood of Baghdad on Tuesday night, causing a nearby gas station to catch fire and killing some and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET

Three policemen killed in bomb attacks in western Iraq

RAMADI, 20 Aug— Three policemen were killed and two others wounded in two bomb explosions targeting the Iraqi police in Anbar Province on Thursday, a provincial police source said. Two policemen were killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol in al-Ta'mim neighbourhood in western part of the provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, a source from the operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a sticky bomb attached to a civilian car belonging to an off-duty policeman detonated in the afternoon in the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing him and destroying his car, the source said.—*Xinhua*

Eight NATO service members injured as chopper makes hard landing in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Aug— Eight service members of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were injured as their helicopter which carried 19 people on board made hard landing in Taleban bandahar Province in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, the military alliance said in a press release.

"The helicopter was involved in a joint Afghan and coalition operation when it made the landing. There were 19 people on the aircraft and all have been safely recovered," the press release added.

It confirmed that "eight coalition members were injured" and are being treated at an ISAF medical facility.

It said that coalition forces have secured the area.

The press release, however, ruled out any hostile fire and enemy activities in the incident, saying "Based on initial reports, the incident was not the result of enemy fire. An investigation into the cause of the incident is ongoing."

Taleban militants fighting Afghan and international troops have yet to make comments.

This is the second aircraft of NATO crashed in Afghanistan over the past two days.—*Xinhua*



A wounded man receives medical treatment at a hospital in Baghdad, on 17 August. The death toll of a suicide bombing in Baghdad on Tuesday has risen to 45, while 121 others were wounded, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.—XINHUA

US forces' pullout not true: Iraqi figures in Syria

DAMASCUS, 20 Aug— Although the last US combat brigade was pulling out of Iraq, Damascus-based Iraqi figures said on Thursday that the pullout is a false one.

Chief of Iraq's Tribe Coalition Isam al-Bouhlala told *Xinhua* on Thursday that the US withdrawal from Iraq is a tactical step.

"This is a tactical pullout comes in conjunction with US congress elections. There is no real pullout and there is no independent Iraqi decision," al-Bouhlala said.

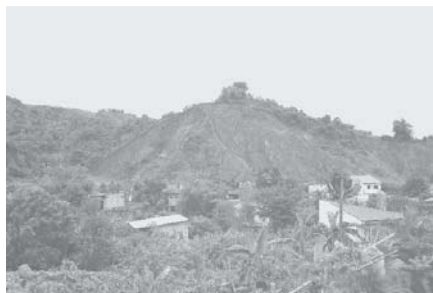
Al-Bouhlala, a prominent activist opposing to former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, argued that the United States has come to the Middle East not only to topple Saddam's regime, but also to dominate the region, control energy resources

and rearrange the region according to its own interest.

"The US administration has divided Iraq into sectarian and regional parts, which resulted in years of violence," he said. Meanwhile, Damascus-based Iraqi journalist Bassam Mahdi told *Xinhua* that the US pullout is a partial one as the US forces have left behind 50,000 troops who will play a noncombat role, in addition to US military bases and other military features in Iraq. "It is not a full pullout, it is a scheduled partial one based on an agreement between the US administration and the Iraqi government," Mahdi said.

"It is a formal pullout, and the Iraqi forces are incapable of preserving security and stability," he added.

Xinhua



Houses are seen at the foot of an excavated hill in San Mateo, Rizal, Philippines, on 18 Aug, 2010. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysics and Astronomical Services Administration warned the public about possible landslides due to a shallow low pressure area 60 kilometres northwest of Catarman, northern Samar. Some areas in the country that are prone to floods and landslides are inhabited by residents, according to the National Geohazard Mapping and Assessment Programme done by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

XINHUA



Raymond Baker looks over a road torn apart by a flash flood on 18 Aug, 2010 in Cookeville, Tenn. Heavy rainfall has soaked some of the same parts of Middle Tennessee that were inundated with severe flooding in May, and forecasters are warning that more rain is expected.

INTERNET

Afghan militants leader captured; US troop killed

KABUL, 20 Aug—A deputy commander for an al-Qaeda linked militants group was apprehended in an overnight operation in eastern Afghanistan that claimed the life of a woman, NATO said on Friday. Separately, the coalition reported that a US service member died on Thursday in an explosion in the south, bringing to at least 18 the number of American troops killed so far this month. NATO did not release details about the death.

NATO said the deputy commander, who was captured by a joint Afghan and coalition force in Khost Province, ran weapons for the Haqqani network and reported directly to the group's senior leaders across the border in Pakistan. US officials have described the Haqqani network as the most potent threat to American forces in Afghanistan.

When the troops arrived at the scene, they saw two men running from the targetted compound to another nearby. They fired after seeing someone point a weapon out of a window. Inside the room, they found one woman dead and another with a minor injury. An AK-47 was next to the female victim and a rifle and another AK-47 also was found in the building, NATO said.—*Xinhua*



Science

Ancient birds jabbed at prey with axelike beaks

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—Ninety-pound birds that once lived in South America wielded their giant, sharp beaks in quick jabs, much like the boxing tactics of Muhammad Ali, according to a new study.

Originally dubbed terrorbirds because of their fearsome head, the flightless creatures were built to strike forward, attacking their prey with sudden jabs, researchers reported in the online journal *PLoS ONE*.

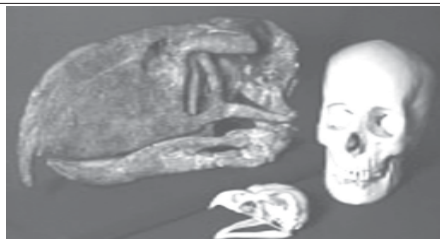
In other words, while the birds couldn't float like a butterfly, they could sting like Ali. "These guys were not sluggers, they couldn't go in and grapple with prey. They had to stand back and dance around and make hatchet-like jabs," Lawrence Witmer of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine said of the birds, officially known as *Andalgalornis* (an-DAHL-gah-lohr-nis). Its skull had a deep, narrow bill armed with a powerful, hawk-like hook. We found that *Andalgalornis* had turned mobile joints into rigid beams. This guy had a strong skull, particularly in the fore-aft direction, despite having a curiously hollow beak," said Witmer.

An engineering analysis showed that the bird was well-adapted to strike with its beak and pull back, but would have been badly strained had it tried to shake prey from side-to-side.

Also, it's hollow beak could be damaged by hard

The most complete woolly mammoth specimen ever found is seen on display at the new exhibit called 'Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age' at the Field Museum in Chicago recently.

INTERNET



This undated handout image provided by Ohio University shows a fossil skull of the terror bird *Andalgalornis*, compared with the skull of a modern-day golden eagle and a human skull for scale.—INTERNET

sideways shaking.

And while it's bite would not have been a quite as strong as that of a similar-sized mammal, it could compensate by using the beak like an axe, according to the researchers led by Witmer and Federico J Degrangue of Museo de La Plata in Argentina.

Andalgalornis was one of a variety of different sized terror birds that lived in South America at the time. At least one larger type, *Titanis*, invaded North America, but the animals later disappeared.—*Internet*



Humans didn't eradicate the woolly mammoth

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Aug—Human beings have finally been exonerated in the until-now unsolved disappearance of the woolly mammoth.

Brian Huntley, a professor at England's Durham University, says his new study shows that the mammoth didn't disappear due to over-hunting, as has been argued.

Instead, it was because of a lack of food due to climate change and the widespread disappearance of grasslands from Western Europe, northern Asia, Alaska and the Yukon.

Huntley and his team found that the cold, dry conditions during the last ice age were perfect for grassland-areas where the large herbivores could graze.

"Those grasslands were replaced by forests over most of the area leaving only a very limited part of northern Siberia with any grasslands suitable to sustain these animals," Huntley said on Thursday.

"It grossly reduced the available habitat and the food resources available to the animals."

Eventually the beasts retreated to a small corner of Siberia before finally dying out about 4,000 years ago.

The giant deer, woolly rhino and cave bear are also believed to have gone extinct for the same reasons, Huntley said.

"If climate change and carbon dioxide increases that are happening now have the effect we think they are going to have in terms of changing ecosystems leading to habitat loss, then species extinctions are likely to follow if that is allowed to happen," Huntley said.—*Internet*

Technology

Video game lets players be 'Bad' to Jackson hits



Visitors play with a PlayStation 3 at their exhibition stand at the Gamescom 2010 fair in Cologne on 19 Aug, 2010. The Gamescom convention, Europe's largest video games trade fair, runs from 18 to 22 Aug. Sony created a "home" environment as a marketing tool.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—An upcoming video game starring Michael Jackson is set to be "Bad."

Video game publisher Ubisoft announced on Wednesday its dancing-and-singing "Michael Jackson The Experience" game will feature such Jackson hits as "Bad," "Beat It" and "Billie Jean." The title is scheduled to be released later this year for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Wii, as well as the handheld consoles Nintendo DS and PlayStation Portable.

Other tunes for the game centered on the late King of Pop include "Earth Song," "The Girl Is Mine," "Who Is It" and "Workin' Day And Night." "Michael Jackson The Experience" will be among the first to use Kinect and Move, the new gesture-recognition systems for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. The game's songs were announced at the Gamescom convention in Cologne, Germany.

Internet

PlayStation 3 security foiled by jailbreak USB stick?

HONG KONG, 20 Aug—Sony's PlayStation 3 was long popular with the homebrew and tech-savvy gamer crowd, in part because Sony initially supported running Linux on the console. However, Sony removed Linux capability in a firmware update earlier this year, allegedly to staunch game and content piracy, and since then PlayStation 3 security has been garnering more than a little attention from enthusiasts and console modders eager to get back inside the console.

What can users do with PSJailbreak? Perhaps the most significant use of the product would be to copy games to the PlayStation 3's internal hard drive or other USB storage device. PSJailbreak can also enable users to run a range of homebrew applications.

PSJailBreak supposedly works with firmware 3.41 on all PlayStation 3 models, including the recent PlayStation 3 Slim. If the product works as advertised, it's a safe bet that Sony is working very hard on a firmware update that disabled PSJailbreak—as well as looking into any legal options it may have.—*Internet*



An Apple iPad is pictured showing live television channels through a software application for Verizon FiOS TV customers during a demonstration in New York, on 18 Aug, 2010. Verizon Chief Information Officer told reporters at a demonstration of the new technology that his company is in talks with content providers such as Time Warner Inc to gain rights to extend programming agreements to tablet computers.—INTERNET

BSNL now free to buy Chinese telecoms gear



A general view shows headquarters of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province on 29 June, 2009.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 20 Aug—The government had asked BSNL in May last year not to buy equipment from Chinese vendors for use in sensitive regions near the country's land border, citing national security.

Last month, the government revised telecoms licence rules saying telecom equipment vendors must allow inspection of their gear and made carriers solely responsible for the security of their networks.

"Accordingly, now BSNL may enter into agreement with foreign vendors for purchase of equipment/software/services," Pilot said, citing the revised rules, in a written reply in parliament to a question whether BSNL was barred from procuring equipment from Chinese vendors.

In June this year, BSNL invited bids to supply equipment for 5.5 million GSM lines, but excluded Chinese companies.—*Internet*

Health

Health Tip: What causes abdominal pain while running?

Many have definitely experienced sudden abdominal pain while running. This stomach ache force the someone to slow down or even stop running.

According to Runningtimes, some conditions can lead to pain, which is due to stomach cramps, body dehydrated while running, did not allow sufficient time for the body to rest after eating, do not have optimal stamina when running, and running too fast or using too much power at the beginning.

But the cause of this pain varies, which are:

Body lack of oxygen

Experts said that this condition occurs because the supply of oxygen in the body have been reduced, so that the abdominal pain may arise as a direct result of an intense heavy breathing.

This pain occurs in the muscular wall of the stomach and may spread to other places. To prevent this condition, then one must know how to control the breathing techniques.

Lack of body fluids

Lack of body fluids or dehydration is something that can not be avoided when the body is sweating. Therefore to avoid this condition make sure to consume enough water.

The occurrence of abdominal cramps

The condition of abdominal cramps occur when the body is less heating or running when the stomach is full. Avoid this condition by warming up enough and do not run after eating a large meal.

Colon or bladder problems

When the organ in the body such as the colon, bladder or pelvic floor experience disorder, then this will affect the occurrence of pain in his stomach.

Because of that, avoid running too fast or too hard at the beginning of a run, and try to slow down if the body begins to feel pain.—Internet



Glass capsules containing ketamine are seen in 2008. Ketamine, a general anesthetic usually administered to children and pets, is also highly effective in low doses as an anti-depressant, according a study published on Thursday.—INTERNET

Cholera outbreak kills 231 in Nigeria

KANO, 20 Aug—The death toll from a cholera outbreak in northern Nigerian has risen to 231 while 4,600 others have been infected, Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu said on Thursday.

“As of two or three days ago, the figure we have in the federal ministry of health is that 4,600 people have been infected with cholera in some states of the federation, out which 231 have died,” he said in an interview on the Hausa service of the BBC, monitored in Kano.

Officials in the northern states of Bauchi and Borno had earlier put the death toll at 107.

Cholera causes serious diarrhoea and vomiting, leading to dehydration. With a short incubation period, it can be fatal if not treated in time.—Internet

Common anaesthetic is anti-depressant ‘wonder drug’, says study

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug —Ketamine, a general anaesthetic usually administered to children and pets, is also highly effective in low doses as an anti-depressant, according a study published on Thursday.

Researchers at Yale University wrote in the 20 August issue of the journal *Science* that unlike most anti-depressants on the market which can take weeks to take full effect ketamine can begin to counter depression in hours.

“It’s like a magic drug—one dose can work rapidly and last for seven to 10 days,” said Ronald Duman, professor of psychiatry and pharmacology at Yale and senior author of the study.

The researchers noted that ketamine was tested as a rapid treatment for people with suicidal thoughts. Traditional anti-depressants can take several weeks to take effect, they noted.

About 40 percent of people suffering from depression do not respond to medication, and many others only respond after many months or years of trying different treatments.

The researchers found that ketamine improves depression-like behaviour in rats by restoring connections between brain cells damaged by chronic stress.

Internet

Business

BMW plans electric super sports car



An employee of German car maker BMW polishes the logo on the bonnet of a BMW Z4 sDrive during the company's annual results press conference in Munich in March. The German economy, Europe's biggest, should grow by 3.0 percent this year, the central bank said, raising a previous forecast of 1.9 percent following record second quarter growth.

INTERNET

MUNICH, 20 Aug—BMW is planning to compete with Mercedes and Audi in building a 450 hp electric super sports car with a concept car likely to be showcased at next year's Frankfurt Motor Show and production to start in 2013, Germany's *Auto Bild* newspaper reports.

Under a project dubbed “442” the super car would include many elements of the Megacity clean-drive project such as the Drive Module chassis

manufactured mainly with aluminium and a Life Module bodywork of lightweight carbon fibre.

In contrast to the Mercedes SLR and Audi e-tron, however, the vehicle would be a rear wheel drive with two more passenger seats. As with the smaller Megacity electric cars, the super sports car could also come in a hybrid version with a six cylinder engine of the future M3 positioned in the rear, *Auto Bild* reports.

For most motorists the super car would remain a dream with a price tag around 170,000 euros (about 226,000 dollars), according to the report.

Internet

LG Electronics to base first European R and D centre in Poland



The LG Electronics logo. South Korean giant LG Electronics has decided to set up its first-ever European research and development centre in Poland, its Polish arm said on Thursday.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—South Korean giant LG Electronics has decided to set up its first-ever European research and development centre in Poland, its Polish arm said on Thursday.

“The decision has been made. LGE has picked Wroclaw,” spokeswoman Joanna Prasznic told AFP, referring to the southwestern Polish city which is already a hi-tech hub.

LGE chose Wroclaw over London, she added.

Prasznic said the centre would be up and running within five years. Its role, she explained, would be to adapt LG's product range to the European market.

“There will be a particular focus on televisions, refrigerators and washing machines,” she said.

The cost of setting up the centre has yet to be revealed.

It is set to employ around 300 researchers and engineers, mainly from the respected Wroclaw University of Technology.

LGE already has production facilities at Kobierzyc near Wroclaw and Mlawa north of the Polish capital Warsaw.

Internet

HP profit rises on strength in servers, PCs

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Aug—HP, which first reported the results on 6 Aug when it announced Hurd's exit, on Thursday posted net income of \$1.77 billion, or 75 cents a share, for the third quarter ended on 31 July, up from \$1.67 billion, or 69 cents a share, a year ago.

Excluding items, HP earned \$1.08 a share.

Revenue rose 11 percent to \$30.7 billion.

HP, the world's largest technology company by revenue, forced Hurd out on 6 Aug for expense account irregularities related to a female contractor. Hurd, CEO since 2005, has been credited with reviving the company's fortunes.

HP shares have fallen about 12 percent since Hurd left.

For fiscal 2010, HP repeated its forecast from two weeks ago, predicting non-GAAP earnings of \$4.49 to \$4.51 a share on revenue of \$125.3 billion to \$125.5 billion.

Shares of Palo Alto, California-based HP closed at \$40.76 on the New York Stock Exchange.—Internet

Kellogg unveils ad for Coco Pops Choc N'Roll

BEIJING, 20 Aug—Kellogg is unveiling an integrated advertising campaign to promote its new Coco Pops variant Choc N' Roll.

The ads by Leo Burnett, will air on TV over the next month. They will then re-air between 11 October and 7 November, and again between 22 November and 19 December. Digital activity will complement the TV ad.

The new cereal is Kellogg's first with

nutrition credentials that pass the stringent Food Standards Agency's nutrient profile for advertising to children. However, the company has decided against this.

Kellogg says Choc N' Roll offers mums a lower salt, lower sugar, low saturated fat, high fibre, wholegrain and fortified chocolate cereal her kids will eat.

Greg Peterson, Kellogg UK managing director, says: "The bottom line is mums don't want

their children to skip breakfast. The fact is one in five do, and spend £656 million a year on a sweet shop breakfast on the way to school."

Outdoor and radio ads will also run later on in the year.

Kellogg says that by mid-2011, it will remove 15 percent of sugar in all its Kellogg's Coco Pops cereals, effectively reducing sugar content to one and a half teaspoons per serving and removing almost 750 tonnes of sugar from the nation's diet annually.—INTERNET



Clients shop for shoes at a store in downtown Taipei. Taipei said on Thursday its economy grew a higher-than-expected 12.53 percent year on year in the second quarter of 2010, confirming the export-dependent island's recovery from the global downturn.—INTERNET

Foxconn, following suicide crisis, to hire 400,000 workers



A Chinese worker walks past a Foxconn factory in Foshan City, southern China's Guangdong Province in June 2010. The Taipei IT giant Foxconn plans to hire up to 400,000 new employees in China over the coming year, partly to keep up production despite cutting maximum overtime hours.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 20 Aug—Foxconn, the Taiwanese maker of Apple's hottest mobile devices, plans to hire as many as 400,000 workers in the next year.

You'd probably never heard of Foxconn until a number of worker suicides made the news

earlier this year. But it's a well-known company in Asia, manufacturing hot devices like the iPhone and the iPad for Apple.

Hiring this many more people is expected to help cut into overtime costs while maintaining

productivity.

Thirteen workers have jumped to their deaths in the past year, raising concerns about conditions that have led to employees being overworked and mistreated. The company recently raised wages to offset the employees' needs for OT in order to support their families. Foxconn also hired counsellors and put up safety nets to discourage potential jumpers.

Meantime, thousands of young Foxconn workers packed a stadium in Shenzhen, China, on Wednesday for a pep rally of sorts, in an attempt to put the spate of suicides behind them. The facility in Shenzhen already employs 300,000 people and is home to most of the Foxconn suicides.

Internet

Pacific shake-up by double quakes in Samoa last year



The damaged building of the Development Bank of American Samoa is seen after a tsunami hit Pago-Pago, the capital of American Samoa on 29 September, 2009. A series of tsunamis smashed into the Pacific island nations of American and Western Samoa killing possibly more than 100 people, some washed out to sea, destroying villages and injuring hundreds, officials said on Wednesday.—XINHUA

WELLINGTON, 20 Aug—New research by New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS) has found that the deadly tsunami that struck the Pacific last year was not caused by a

single quake, as previously thought, but by a rare double earthquakes.

Global earthquake readings and GPS recordings from Samoa initially showed the 29

Sept, 2009 tsunami as a single "normal-faulting" 7.9 magnitude quake but just six weeks after the event, measurements from a small Tongan Island showed that there were in fact two large quakes that occurred within a couple minutes of each other.

Scientists have determined that the two quakes happened beneath the ocean floor about 70 km apart with one measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale and the other a magnitude of 7.9. Their findings was published on Thursday in the international scientific journal *Nature*.

GNS geophysicist John Beavan said on Thursday that it was pure detective work that uncovered the two earthquakes.

Xinhua



A Chinese customer shows off a handful of hundred-yuan notes at a bank in Beijing. A city in northeastern China has launched a trial programme allowing exporters to use the yuan to settle transactions with neighbour North Korea, local authorities said.—INTERNET

ASEAN urged to play more important role in G20 process

HANOI, 20 Aug—Vietnam held here Friday a conference on Status of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) towards the Group of 20 (G20) Seoul Summit, drawing representatives from Vietnam's Ministry of Finance and the Republic of Korea's (ROK) Ministry of Strategy and Finance.

Representatives at the meeting discussed bilateral dialogue between Vietnam and ROK as well as between G20 and ASEAN.

ASEAN has participated in two G20 Summits. Vietnam, on behalf of ASEAN, participated in G20 Toronto Summit in Canada this June.

Representatives agreed at the meeting that ASEAN should play a more important and active role in G20 process as ASEAN is one of the most energetic and effective regional organizations in the world's economic landscape.—Xinhua

A crane is used to lift containers bound for export at the Port Authority in Bangkok in 2009.

Thailand's export growth slowed sharply in July, causing the trade balance to swing into the red, official data showed on Thursday.

INTERNET



China hatches first emperor penguin

DALIAN, 20 Aug—An emperor penguin couple hatched their first chick in an ocean park in northeast China, a long way from their previous home in the Antarctic.

The hatching at Dalian's Laohutan Ocean Park in Liaoning Province was the first successful one in China.

The penguin chick was in good condition, according to the polar exploration department of China's National Bureau of Oceanography.

Under threat from global warming, the emperor penguin is the only penguin that solely inhabits the Antarctic. It is the largest of its species and can grow up to 1.2



A mother of emperor penguin feeds her newly-born baby at the polar world of Laohutan Ocean Park in Dalian, north east China's Liaoning Province, on 17 Aug, 2010. A baby emperor penguin through the artificial multiplication technology was born on early Tuesday, which was the first successful case in China.

XINHUA

metres tall and weigh as much as 50 kg.

The penguin chick hatched on Tuesday morning after 66 days of incubation, including five days in an artificial incubator when the couple deserted the egg.

During the incredibly harsh Antarctic winters, when temperatures drop below minus 50 degrees Celsius, a female emperor penguin lays only one egg and keeps it warm on the seafloor. Scientists know little about the hatching process.

The emperor penguin couple were brought to China in 2008 from the Antarctic. In the marine park, an artificial polar environment has been built for them.—Xinhua



A worker sprays water to maintain humidity in the tomb of Cao Xiu, a noted general in the Three Kingdoms period (220-280 AD), in Mengjin County of Luoyang City, central China's Henan Province, on 18 Aug, 2010. Archeologists found Cao Xiu's tomb at the end of last year.

XINHUA

Three laser beam attacks on Canadian aircraft so far this year

OTTAWA, 20 Aug—The Canadian authorities have confirmed that a laser beam was shone into the eyes of an Air Canada jetliner landing in Ottawa earlier this week, the third such attack so far this year. Transport Canada, the federal department that regulates air travel in the country, released a report on Wednesday saying that the Tuesday night attack was the second scare in the past week.

Despite the blinding flash of the light, the two pilots of the Air Canada airliner managed to land the A319 Airbus which was arriving from Vancouver on Tuesday night.

Investigators say the green laser beam flashed into the cabin when the plane was at about 2,300 metres high, making its descent. The beam shone into the cabin for about 10 seconds.

Last Saturday, a laser beam was flashed into the pilot cabin of a Sikorsky S76 air ambulance helicopter as it was ferrying a passenger to the city's main hospital. Investigators say the beam came from the Ottawa suburb of Constance Bay.

Xinhua



Photo shows a collapsed bridge triggered by heavy rain in Huaiyuan Township in Chengdu City, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 19 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA

Picasso show draws huge crowds to NYC's Met Museum

NEW YORK, 20 Aug—Pablo Picasso is as popular as ever. An exhibition of 300 works by the Spanish modernist drew more than 700,000 people to The Metropolitan Museum of Art between 19 April and 15 Aug. That makes it the most highly attended show since 2001. The museum announced on Tuesday that "Picasso in The Metropolitan Museum of Art" was the seventh-most attended show since it began tracking exhibition attendance 50 years ago. It averaged 6,700 visitors per day.

The smash show featured paintings, drawings, sculptures and ceramics by the artist, who died in 1973. "Seated Harlequin" from 1901 and "The Actor" from 1904-1905 were among the masterpieces on view during the 17-week exhibition.—Internet

Divers pull WWII plane from Calif reservoir

SAN DIEGO, 20 Aug—It was a surprising image for the fisherman hoping to find bass on his electronic fish finder: The outline of an airplane submerged 85 feet below the surface of a San Diego reservoir. Navy divers later confirmed it was a rare World War II dive bomber that crashed after its engine failed during a training exercise on 28 May, 1945.

The pilot and gunner aboard managed to ditch the craft and swim ashore to safety. But the plane remained at the bottom of the lake, forgotten for six decades until it turned up last year on the angler's device. Now private salvage divers have been slowly and gently clearing away the silt and mud covering the SB2C Helldiver. They hope to pull the craft out Thursday—65 years after it plunged into the cool waters. If it can

be restored, the National Naval Aviation Museum hopes the Helldiver fills a void in its collection, considered to be one of the world's largest displays of naval aviation history with more than 150 planes. "We've been looking for a Helldiver for quite some time," said Navy Capt Ed Ellis, of the museum in Pensacola, Fla.

Only a handful of the 5,100 dive bombers manufactured during World War II still exist.

Internet



A fisherwoman draw a painting on a wall in Wulong Village of Shengsi County, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 Aug, 2010. More and more local persons enjoy making paintings on fishing life, especially wall paintings, which also become a scenic spot in the village.—XINHUA

Michael Metzger, centre, walks along the banks of a San Diego reservoir as his brother Weston, left, and father Greg, right, hold models of WWII-era planes as they wait to see the removal of a sunken WWII plane on 19 Aug, 2010 in San Diego. Salvage divers, working with the National Naval Aviation Museum, hope to remove the World War II dive bomber on Thursday, that crashed after its engine failed during a training exercise on 28 May, 1945.—INTERNET

Researches done on fine arts



Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint delivering an address in the paper reading session.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—Ministry of Culture organized a paper reading session on fine arts at the ministry here this afternoon, with an address by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint.

Resource persons read out papers on Myanmar puppets, Myanmar orchestra, dances of Myanmar traditional plays and plot creation and answered queries raised by those present.

The minister assessed the papers. Also present were Members of Myanmar Language Commission U Myint Kyi and Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu), Member of Myanmar Historical Commission U Chit San Win, puppeteer U Ye Dwe of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, directors-general from Ministry of Culture, rectors, guests from ministries, researchers and enthusiasts.

MNA

Shine sells apartments, tiles, lifts at Lifestyle and Car Expo

YANGON, 20 Aug—Lifestyle and Car Expo 2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road, here, up to 23 August.



Shine Group of Companies sells apartments at K 600,000 per month through installment system. Vietnam-made Viglacera brand tiles are also sold at the expo. The group of companies as sole agent distributes Helco Korea lift.

The ground floor

apartments located in downtown Yangon are put on sales at reasonable prices for entrepreneurs and banking entrepreneurs.

For more information, contact No. 29 on the ground floor on Gyobu Street at Gyobu Condo, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 01-385344.

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Shine Group of Companies partakes in Life Style & Car Expo 2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road.

MNA

MCPA, MCIA to meet for first time

YANGON, 20 Aug—Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association organize first plenary meeting at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline University Campus here on 28 August.

Executives of MCPA, MCIA, MDs and personnel from IT companies, IT technicians, members of MCPA, students, and those wishing to join IT industry are invited to attend the meeting focusing on bridging the gap between industry and professionals.

It also includes job offer and scholarship grants. Those interested may register at MCPA, Room-4, Building-4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Ph: 01-652276 and MCIA, Room-203, First Floor, Main Building, Ph: 01652238 by 25 August.—MNA

Cash donated to funds for dredging lake in Thakayta Tsp

YANGON, 20 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for dredging Mingala Lake in West Ward 6 of Thakayta Township was held at the office of Township Development Affairs Committee on 17 August.

Patron of the lake dredging committee U Aung Kyaw Nyunt, Secretary U Aung Aung and Treasurer U Thet Tin accepted K 100,000 donated by Daw Win Kyi (Deputy Director (Rtd) of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and her younger brother U Hoke Thein.)

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds may contact Thakayta Township DAC, Tel: 556857.

MNA

Secretary of Kayah State Election Subcommission inspects sites for polling stations

YANGON, 20 Aug—Secretary U Khin Maung Yi of Kayah State Election Subcommission together with the chairman and members of Loikaw Township Election Subcommission and members of Ward/Village Election Subcommissions, polling booth officers, deputy polling booth officers and members of polling stations today inspected the sites for construction of polling stations and sample polling stations in Naungya (A) Ward, Naungya (B) Ward and DawUkhu Ward in Loikaw Township.—MNA

Lifestyle & Car Expo-2010 commences

YANGON, 20 Aug—The Lifestyle & Car Expo-2010 was opened at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road, here, this morning.

Managing Director Daw Nan Hsu Yati Soe of Milky Way International Co Ltd, main sponsor Managing Director U Myo Ko Ko of Shine Construction and responsible persons formally opened the expo.

The expo display the housing showroom and designs of Shine Construction Materials Co Ltd, furniture, new mobile phones and accessories of Coffey and E-Lite, computer and advanced GPS systems of Lucky Birds Co Ltd (True Value), advanced saves and office and housing furniture of Leeco, fibre technology of Fibre Tech, furniture of Universal Furniture, clothes dryers and other machines of Three Friends Trading, fuel and lubricants of Alpha, sprayings of TWGS, engine oil, watercooler and waterheater, regulator and vehicles of various companies.

Milky Way International Co Ltd will organize the lucky draw programme for 24-inch LCD TV. The expo will be put on display from 9 am to 6 pm. Admission is free.—MNA



Lifestyle & Car Expo 2010 crowded with observers at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road.—MNA

7th CAEXPO, an opportunity to seek new markets

YANGON, 20 Aug—The 7th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) will be held in Nanning City, Guanxi Province, the People's Republic of China from 20 to 24 October.

Brother associations of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, businessmen from industrial zones and entrepreneurs interested may contact Trade Fair Committee of the UMFCI at No. 29, Minyekyawswar Street, Lanmadaw Township here, Ph: 214344, 214345, 214346, 214347, 214348 and 214349 by 7 September.—MNA

Thonze Dam leading to bountiful water supply for 50,000 acres of summer paddy in western Bago Region

Byline & Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Our Myanmar Alin news hunters made a study trip recently to Thonze Dam construction project which is due to supply irrigation water to 50,000 acres of farmlands in Thawady and Thonze of Bago Region. With the assistance of the deputy director-general of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, We had a chance to study the



"Water from left canal is flowing to 21,500 acres of farmlands."

U Wai Lwin
Staff Officer (Civil)
Construction Group-9

1320 feet long and 150 feet high. A diversion dam which is 150 feet wide and 27 feet high was constructed about seven miles under the primary dam. Constructions of the dam, spillway, diversion dam and outlet channel are coming to totally complete. Even under the construction period, irrigation water is being supplied to farmlands to grow summer paddy through 9.15 miles long main canal and 203.52

construction of the dam and the left canal said, "Construction works for the dam and canals were carried out simultaneously. A total of 15,088 acres of summer paddy plantations were delivered irrigation water since 2005-2006. In 2009-2010, irrigated acres reached 34,083. We are targeting to supply much irrigation water to more than 40,000 acres in coming 2010-2011. To prevent



"Summer paddy can be grown by consuming irrigation water from Thonze Dam."

U Sein Kyi
Staff Officer (Civil)
Construction Group-9

Bogyigon Village enjoys the light."

Myanmar is ever seeking ways and means to get bountiful irrigation water to grow monsoon and summer paddy. The diversion dam construction project of the Thonze Dam in Bago Region (West) undertaken by Construction Group-9 of the Irrigation Department is contributing a great deal not only of outlining the Economic



Photo taken on 14 August shows 500 acres of quality and high yield paddy plantation in Thintawyo Village of Thawady Township.

project together with Deputy Director U Min Aung Than of Construction Group-9, and Assistant Directors U Nyi Nyi Lwin (Civil) and U Thein Htwe (Mechanical).

Both Thawady and Thonze get annual average rainfalls from 80 to 100 inches. So, it was easy-going to grow monsoon paddy. But, in summer, it was uneasy for farmers to grow summer paddy due to lack of irrigation water. To ease those difficulties, Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry constructed 12 dams in the townships in Bago Yoma (West) including Thonze Dam damming the Thonze Creek near Hlegu Village in

Thawady Township.

The Thonze Dam lies about 19 miles east of Mile Post No. 79 on Yangon-Pyay Road. The embankment of the dam is earthen type which is

miles long left and right canals, and tributary canals.

In-Charge Officer U Sein Kyi (Civil) of Construction Group-9 for

canals from being ruined by natural affects, drainage system has been methodically built."

He continued, "Plan for power

generating system, two hydropower 3 KV machines will be installed in Bogyigon Village, Kanywathit Village and Taungsu Village each. Now,

Objectives of the State but also of earning much income for local farmers.

Translation: ZZS
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Two motor pumps to supply irrigation water to 200 acres of farmlands.

US recalls 380 mln eggs due to salmonella-related outbreaks

BEIJING, 20 Aug— Iowa-based Wright County Egg company has issued a recall of 228 million eggs because of salmonella-related outbreaks in several US states, according to media reports on Thursday.

The egg recall includes product packaged under the following brand names: Lucerne, Albertson,

Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms and Kemps.

In addition, NuCal Foods in California issued another notice, saying it was also recalling several brands it had packaged from Wright County Egg.

It is estimated that

the eggs need to be recalled could reach as many as 380 million, according to the Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Food and Drug Administration posted Wright's recall notice, noting that common salmonella symptoms include fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

Xinhua



Fresh egg cartons are priced at a local market on 18 Aug, 2010, in Los Angeles. Hundreds of people have been sickened in a salmonella outbreak linked to eggs in three states and possibly more, and health officials on Wednesday dramatically expanded a recall to 380 million eggs.

INTERNET

Four miners killed at illegal gold mining in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 Aug— Four miners were killed by stone slide at an illegal gold mining in Lombok Barat regency of Indonesia's West Nusa Tenggara Province, detikcom online news reported on Thursday.

Five other miners were seriously injured and got a treatment at a local health centre while another 10 got mild injuries.

Local Police Chief Adj Comm Fauzan Wadi told the news portal that the victims were already evacuated and the scene was sterilized for investigation.

"We have an accurate information that four died, five seriously injured and others were safe," said Wadi. The incident occurred on Wednesday night in the remote area of the Province.

Xinhua



Abseilers with the company Taskmasters UK gesture while conducting a survey of the glass on the clock faces of Big Ben, 70 metres (230 feet) above the ground at the Houses of Parliament in London on 12 August, 2010.

INTERNET

Body of Russian tourist found in Turkey

ANKARA, 20 Aug— The body of a Russian tourist, who disappeared when swimming in southern Turkey, was found on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Andrey Anfalov was swimming in Manavgat River in Antalya Province before he disappeared

on Wednesday, according to the report.

Four divers had tried to find the 42-year-old Anfalov but failed, the report said, adding that later, the body of the man was found washed up on

shore of the river.

The report said his body was taken to morgue of Manavgat State Hospital. Anfalov was having holiday with his wife in the resort town of Alanya of Antalya.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 18 Aug, 2010 shows a 5-kilogram silver Shanghai Expo souvenir badge sold in Beijing, capital of China.—XINHUA

Third flight of Chinese aid arrives in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 20 Aug— The third flight carrying the second batch of humanitarian aid from China arrived at the Chaklala Airbase near the capital city on Friday, bringing relief goods to flood-ravaged Pakistan.

The aid carried by another two flights has been delivered to Pakistan on Thursday as China began delivering the second batch of relief goods worth 50 million yuan (7.4 million US dollars).

The shipments mainly consisted of daily necessities, including 1,200 tents, 30 tons of compacted rations, 23,800 blankets, 1,000 generators as well as medicine, bottled water and water purification equipment.

As a part of the second aid, another consignment of 20

million yuan relief goods will be sent soon by land transportation from China to Hunza victims in north Pakistan's Gilgit-Baltistan province, said sources from the Chinese embassy in Islamabad.

Receiving the second batch of the relief help from China on Thursday, Secretary Economic Affairs

Department Sibtain Fazal Haleem said that China was the first country to deliver aid to Pakistan in this time of need, reflecting the special friendly relations between the two neighbouring nations. The first batch of humanitarian aid from China worth 10 million yuan was delivered on 4 Aug.—Xinhua



A guard stands beside humanitarian goods donated by the Chinese government at a military airport in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on 19 Aug, 2010.

The second batch of relief goods donated to Pakistan by the Chinese government were transported to Pakistan on Thursday.—XINHUA

Train carriages fall into river after floods destroy bridge in SW China

CHENGDU, 20 Aug—At least two carriages of a passenger train fell into a river after floods destroyed a bridge in Guanghan, southwest China's Sichuan Province on Thursday afternoon, local authorities said.

A fire-fighter involved in the rescue operation told Xinhua that the two carriages had been swept 200 meters away in the river, but it was not

immediately known how many passengers were inside the carriages.

They are trying to get close to the carriages in the river and save the passengers trapped, he said.

People aboard five other carriages on the bridge have been transferred to safe places, he added.

The accident happened at about 3:20 pm on the Shitingjiang Bridge section of the

railway line linking Chengdu and Baoji, northwestern Shaanxi Province, when floods caused two bridge piers to collapse and the train deviated from its track, said a spokesman with the Chengdu Railway Bureau.

The train was traveling from Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi, to Kunming, capital of southwestern Yunnan Province.

Xinhua



Flood survivors negotiate a flooded road at Muzaffargarh, in central Pakistan on 19 Aug, 2010. The floods have affected 20 million people and about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining its civilian government as it struggles against al-Qaeda and Taliban violence. Aid groups and the United Nations have complained foreign donors have not been quick or generous enough given the scale of the disaster.—INTERNET

Flooding kills at least nine in Algeria

ALGIERS, 20 Aug—Floods triggered by heavy downpours in several of Algeria's Provinces have left at least nine people dead and toppled some houses in the past two days, local media reported on Thursday.

Three people died on Tuesday in floods caused by burst river banks in Djelfa Province and two were killed in Medea Province. Road traffic was disrupted in some areas.

A spokesman for civil rescue authorities said four people drowned and their bodies were retrieved from a swollen river in the northwestern Province of Musila. Torrents of rain also caused landslides in Algiers Province.—Xinhua



Cranes remove barriers to speed up flood discharge in landslide-hit Zhouqu County, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Gansu Province, on 19 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA

Father saves girl from bear in zoo

BERLIN, 20 Aug—A Dutch man braved an angry bear to save his three-year-old daughter after the girl climbed a fence in a German zoo and tumbled into the animal's pen, police said on Thursday.

Both father and daughter needed to be hospitalized, but their wounds were not life-threatening, police in Trier said. The incident occurred when the 34-year-old man, his wife and their two children were visiting the Luenebach zoo in southwest Germany on Wednesday afternoon. While her parents were not watching, the girl scrambled over the approximately 3-foot (1-metre) high fence and fell into a moat, police said.—Internet



Fire fighters attend a fire fighting drill in a large building in Ningde city of southwest China's Fujian Province, on 19 Aug, 2010. Fifty-six fire fighters took part in the drill. XINHUA

Hong Kong Jockey Club donates 5 million HK dollars for Gansu relief work

HONG KONG, 20 Aug—The Hong Kong Jockey Club announced on Thursday that it would donate 5 million HK dollars (643,000 US dollars) to support relief work after mudslides in Zhouqu county, Gansu Province caused widespread damage.

The Club said in a statement that it will maintain close contact with agencies working in the affected area and follow the situation closely. It will also learn about the effective channels that would benefit the victims.

Internet

Lightning claims 94th victim of 2010 in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 20 Aug—Lightning killed a woman in Banteay Meanchey Province's Malai District on Monday, bring the total number of lightning deaths in Cambodia for the year so far to 94, local media reported on Friday, citing the figure from the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM).

Koy Vy, 37, was struck by lightning at about 6 pm while carrying rainwater to a house located in a cornfield in O'Sampoar

commune, the *Cambodia Daily* quoted deputy District chief Duong Tum as saying.

"Right now the lightning is very powerful and dangerous," he said. "We told the villagers not to go out when it rains, but it's hard for them to get out of the rain because they are farmers."

The NCDM's count of lightning deaths at this point last year was

120. While there have been fewer deaths this year due to lightning strikes, six deaths were recorded across the country this week.

"This week a lot of people were killed by lightning... mostly due to all the rain," Keo Vy, deputy director of information and relations for the NCDM, was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

Passenger ferry capsizes in NE China amid strong current, high winds

HARBIN, 20 Aug—A passenger ferry capsized on Friday morning in the Songhua River in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, local authorities said.

The number of passengers aboard the ferry was not immediately known.

The accident occurred at about 7:50 am near a floating bridge on a section of the river in Harbin, the provincial capital, said Feng Peisheng, deputy director of the floating bridge's administration station.

Four people were saved after staff at the administration station threw life buoys into the water, said Feng, who witnessed the capsizing.

Rescue operations were underway for the passengers in the wide river's fast-flowing waters amid strong winds.—Xinhua



A vendor sits in her booth during the Sorochyntsi Fair in Sorochyntsi village, Poltava, Ukraine, on 18 Aug, 2010. The Sorochyntsi Fair mostly sell traditional craftwork with an aim to promote their traditional culture.—XINHUA

Crocodile tips Australian PM to win elections

DARWIN, 20 Aug—A crocodile that picked the winner of the soccer World Cup has predicted Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard will be reelected.

The saltwater croc named Dirty Harry made his choice on Thursday in his enclosure in the northern city of Darwin when he snatched a chicken carcass dangling beneath a caricature of Gillard. Opposition leader Tony Abbott's chicken was left hanging.

Analysts say Australia's elections on Saturday could be the closest contest since 1961 when a single seat decided who governed. The crocodile used a similar technique to correctly predict that Spain would defeat the Netherlands in the World Cup last month. He joined an octopus named Paul in Germany, said to have correctly picked the winner for the final plus seven other games.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV MCPALTONA VOY NO (017)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCPALTONA VOY NO (017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P. 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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1032) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKHONTHI VOY NO (146) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) 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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CO, LTD**

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The high-speed photo, by Dutch photographer Lex Augusteijn, captures the moment a bullet hits objects. — XINHUA

Wild music festival

BEIJING, 20 Aug—More than 100 musical acts will perform at a music festival set in the windswept forests of the capital's Yanqing county, through which snake many of the Great Wall's most famous stretches. From 27 to 29 Aug, the performers will take to three stages at the Great Wall Tanglewood Forest Music Festival. The site is 53 km away from Badaling Great Wall - about an hour's drive from downtown.

Mainland rockers, such as Xie Tianxiao, folk singers, such as Cao Fang, and bands, such as Buyi and Twisted Machine, will headline the event. It will also be Taipei veteran singer/songwriter Lo Ta-yu's first performance at a

mainland festival. US singers and bands, such as The London Souls, and German musician Maximilian Hecker will also take to the stage.

The performance area will transform into nightly electronic music parties from midnight until 7 am.—Internet

Japan tells ships to be more vigilant in Hormuz Strait

TOKYO, 20 Aug —The Japanese transport ministry has issued an advisory to Japanese ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz to be more alert, a source familiar with the issue said on Friday. The ministry issued an advisory to the shipping industry to be "sufficiently alert" when passing through the Strait, especially calling for vigilance at night regarding movements of small ships, the source told Reuters.

The strategic waterway is the gateway to the oil-producing Gulf and handles 40 percent of the world's seaborne oil. The ministry has called on the industry to strengthen its own security measures, the source said.

Internet



Crowds revel in the fun of the Strawberry Music Festival in May, Beijing. Some of the same bands will perform at the Tanglewood Festival. — XINHUA

Fate of Universe revealed by galactic lens

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—A "galactic lens" has revealed that the Universe will probably expand forever. Astronomers used the way that light from distant stars was distorted by a huge galactic cluster known as Abell 1689 to work out the amount of dark energy in the cosmos. Dark energy is a mysterious force that speeds up the expansion of the Universe.

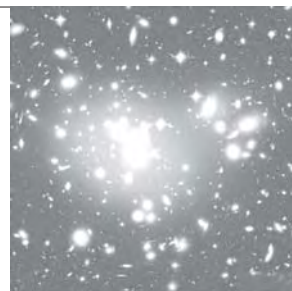
Understanding the distribution of this force revealed that the likely fate

of the Universe was to keep on expanding. It will eventually become a cold, dead wasteland, researchers say. The study, conducted by an international

team led by Professor Eric Jullo of Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, is published in the journal *Science*.

Internet

The huge galactic cluster known as Abell 1689 acted as a cosmic magnifying glass.
INTERNET

**Plane grounded at US airport after possible security threat**

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Aug—An American Airlines flight has been grounded on the tarmac and then moved to a secure area at San Francisco International Airport (SFO) after police received a possible security threat, local media reported on Thursday.

American Airlines Flight 24 was supposed to take off at 7:30 am local time and headed to New York's John F Kennedy Airport, but has been sitting on the tarmac at SFO for several hours, the ABC7 television channel said in a report.

A passenger on the plane was quoted as saying that they were told by the pilot that police had received a security threat.

The passengers are expected to be taken off the plane by law enforcement officers and rescreened by the Transportation Security Administration.

Xinhua



American Airlines Flight 24, bound for New York's John F Kennedy Airport, top, sits on a runway at San Francisco International Airport on 19 Aug, 2010. — XINHUA

Tsunami drill conducted in northern Chile

SANTIAGO, 20 Aug—A total of 80,000 people were evacuated in less than 20 minutes in a tsunami drill in northern Chile on Thursday, local officials said. Alvaro Fernandez, governor of the Antofagasta region, said the drill covered the cities of Taltal, Antofagasta, Mejillones and Tocopilla, as well as some fishing communities, all of them over 1,200 km north of the capital Santiago.

"This was a success," Fernandez said. "All of them were evacuated in less than 20 minutes. In some cases were 10 minutes or 16 minutes. All of them were done within the time margin we had set for this drill." He said more detailed data will be available later.—Internet

DWI suspect drives eleven miles without tire

Authorities said a western New York man whose license expired 33 years ago has been charged with driving while intoxicated after police said he drove a van 11 miles without one of its tires. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office said another motorist reported seeing a tire falling off a van weaving on a road in Bethany late Monday night.

Deputies later arrested 61-year-old Duane Bush at his home in Bethany, 32 miles southwest of Rochester. Deputies said the van travelled 11 miles through the rural town without a rear right tire.

Bush was charged with aggravated DWI and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Deputies said his blood-alcohol level was more than three times above the legal limit of .08 percent. Police didn't know if Bush has a lawyer and there is no phone listed for him.

Man lived in NJ library for nearly two weeks

Police said a homeless man lived unnoticed in the basement of a New Jersey library for nearly two weeks. Police said a custodian saw Charles Jones Jr. peeking out a basement window of the Ocean Township library in Monmouth County on Friday night.

Neptune police Detective Lt Steven Peters said Jones told officers he had been living in the building. Police discovered several books in the

basement and found the 26-year-old had taken food from the employee break room. Jones was released on a criminal summons. He's charged with burglary and theft.

News Album



This undated image shows a young gorilla named Kumi rolling on his back having a good old belly laugh at the Bronx Zoo in New York, on August, 2010.

A Thailand's elephant pours wine for a newlywed at the World Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 Aug, 2010, also the day of Qixi festival, which falls on Chinese lunar on 7 July and is regarded as the Chinese Valentine's Day.



Ky family claims they found dead mouse in milk

A Kentucky family has sued Wal-Mart, saying they found a dead mouse in a milk container the family had been drinking from for three days. The *Courier-Journal* reported that Robert and Rosalind Grant and their 23-month-old granddaug-hter sought medical attention and treatment in May after finding the mouse. The family filed suit in Jefferson Circuit Court on Monday.

Wal-Mart spokesman Phillip Keene said the retail giant takes quality and safety seriously and is looking into the complaint, along with the supplier, Ohio-based Superior Dairy Inc.

The Louisville paper reported that the child had blood in her stool from drinking the tainted milk.

The Grants claim they bought the milk 1 May at Sam's Club, which is owned by Wal-

Mart, and the container had not been tampered with.

Attorney William Davis, who represents the family, described his clients as "completely shocked."

Indonesia launched women-only train carriages on Thursday to counter sexual harassment on public transport. Photo taken on 19 August, 2010, shows a women-only carriage.



Hairdresser defrauds Hollywood starlets

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—Police have arrested a Beverly Hills hairdresser accused of defrauding high-profile celebrity clients including Jennifer Aniston, Cher and Anne Hathaway.

Maria Gabriela Perez, 51, is accused of

thousands of dollars.

Perez, who was arrested without resistance in front of her clients, faces 25 years in prison if convicted.

Among others allegedly targeted by her scheme are Melanie Griffith and Liv Tyler, from whom Perez is accused of stealing some 241,000 dollars via transactions that used the actress's credit card information.

In addition to the credit card fraud allegations, Perez is also accused other crimes including pick-pocketing and social security fraud.

Internet



using the credit card numbers of the film and music stars who frequented her saloon to fraudulently run up bills in the hundreds of

In this film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, the character Neytiri, voiced by Zoe Saldana, and the character Jake, voiced by Sam Worthington are shown in a scene from, 'Avatar.' —INTERNET

China plans to make more films, build theaters

BEIJING, 20 Aug—China said it will expand its movie industry by making more films and building more theaters to meet growing demand.

"So far this year, we have already matched the number of total theaters built last year, but we still have yet to meet the increasing demand," Zhao Shi, deputy director of China's State Administration of Radio, Film and Television, said at a news conference on Thursday.

The disaster drama "Aftershock" set the all-

time box office record for a Chinese film with 532 million yuan (\$79 million) in ticket sales earlier this month. "Aftershock" overtook the "The Founding of a Republic," which earned 420 million yuan (\$62 million). China remains highly protective of its film industry and limits the country to 20 imports each year. James Cameron's 3-D sci-fi epic "Avatar" raked in \$204 million this year.

Zhao said there are no plans to implement a

ratings system for movies in China, since research has shown it has not been an effective method of preventing young people from watching certain movies.

Internet

Bono says U2 is working on a 'club-sounding' album

NEW YORK, 20 Aug—You too will dance to U2. Bono tells Rolling Stone that the band is working on "club-sounding" album.

The bands also plans to release a rock album and "Songs of Ascent," a set of tunes from the recording session of their latest disc, 2009's "No Line On the Horizon." Bono and The Edge will also score for the upcoming Spider-Man musical. Bono had emergency back surgery



In this on 6 Aug, 2010 file photo, U2 singer Bono performs in Turin, Italy. —INTERNET

in Munich in May. The group's 360-degrees World Tour resumed on 6 Aug in Turin. Bono says he thinks he "could have made a limp work."

He adds: "There are a lot bigger problems out there than the ones I was facing. But I came out of it perfect. And I feel incredibly grateful."

The September issue of Rolling Stone hits newsstands on Friday.—*Internet*



Babel earns Liverpool slender advantage



Liverpool's Dutch forward Ryan Babel celebrates after scoring the only goal of the game against Trabzonspor during their UEFA Europa League Play-Off Round - First Leg football match at Anfield, Liverpool.

INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 20 Aug—Liverpool will take a slender 1-0 lead to Turkey after a Ryan Babel goal earned Roy Hodgson's side a narrow victory over Trabzonspor in the Europa League play-off first leg at Anfield on Thursday.

But it could have been so much better for the hosts as Joe Cole suffered another moment to forget for his new club.

Former Chelsea midfielder Cole followed up his red card against Arsenal last Sunday with a glaring second half miss from the penalty spot.

Internet

Mancini delight as new boy Balotelli lifts City

PARIS, 20 Aug—Mario Balotelli got his Manchester City career off to a flying start when he scored the only goal in their 1-0 win over Timisoara in Romania in the first leg of their Europa League play-off. Balotelli, who joined City from Inter Milan last week for around 29 million euros, started on the bench before coming on as a 57th minute substitute for Gareth Barry in Thursday night's match.

In the 72nd minute, moments after Yaya Toure had hit the post, Balotelli capitalised on some fine



Mario Balotelli

work by Emmanuel Adebayor to fire the ball into the top corner. City boss Roberto Mancini was full of praise for Balotelli as the English side got an important away win.

Internet

Nadal reaches last eight in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, 20 Aug—World number one Rafael Nadal saved a match point and rallied to defeat France's Julien Benneteau 5-7, 7-6 (8/6), 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals of the three million-dollar ATP Cincinnati Masters. The reigning Wimbledon and French Open champion from Spain won for the 36th time in his past 38 matches but was on the verge of being ousted in the tie-breaker before fighting back.

"A match like this gives me a lot of confidence," Nadal said. "It's important for everything. A match point? Yeah. I am



Rafael Nadal of Spain

doing this well. I am playing aggressive. But I need to do better the next few days." Nadal reached a quarter-final against Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis, who upset Czech seventh seed Tomas Berdych 7-5, 6-4.

Internet

Olic, Robben miss start of German football season

BERLIN, 20 Aug—Bayern host Wolfsburg at Munich's Allianz Arena without Dutch winger Robben, who is recovering from the leg injury he picked up just before the



Arjen Robben

World Cup, while Croatia's Olic is struggling with a knee injury. With Olic out, Germany striker Miroslav Klose is expected to start as the lone striker for Bayern, with Mario Gomez on the bench.

Bayern captain Mark van Bommel faces a race against time to be fit to face Wolfsburg as he also has a muscular injury. If he fails to make it, Danijel Pranjić will take over in midfield.—Internet

Cleber Anderson quits Lyon

LYON, 20 Aug—Lyon's injury-plagued Brazilian defender Cleber Anderson Beraldo has reached agreement to quit the French top flight club, his agent said on Thursday. The 30-year-old is no longer under contract with the former French champions but has still not found a new club, his agent Marcelo Kiremidjian said.

Cleber Anderson arrived in Lyon in August 2007 from Benfica to fill in for compatriot Cris who had suffered a serious knee injury, but was himself sidelined several months later with a serious knee injury.—Internet



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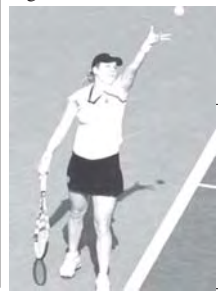
Clijsters advances to WTA Montreal Cup quarters

MONTREAL, 20 Aug—Reigning US Open champion Kim Clijsters cruised into the quarter-finals of the two million-dollar WTA Montreal Cup by defeating Estonia's Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-1. The Belgian fifth seed, who won her third title of the year last week at Cincinnati, took just 55 minutes to reach a quarter-final Friday against Russian eighth seed Vera

Zvonareva, who beat Hungary's Agnes Szavay 6-3, 6-3.

One night after a three-set battle with American Bethanie Mattek-Sands in her first match since a three-set Cincinnati final against Maria Sharapova, Clijsters was pleased she advanced with relative ease. "I was playing an opponent who could not miss a shot while today Kanepi was missing a lot, especially since her strengths are usually her serve and her backhand," Clijsters said.—Internet

Kim Clijsters of Belgium serves to Kaia Kanepi of Estonia during the Rogers Cup at Stade Uniprix, on 19 August, in Montreal, Canada. —INTERNET



Premier League Fixtures on 21 August

16:00	Arsenal FC - Blackpool FC
16:00	Birmingham City - Blackburn Rovers
16:00	Everton FC - Wolverhampton Wanderers
16:00	Stoke City - Tottenham Hotspur
16:00	West Ham United - Bolton Wanderers
16:00	West Bromwich Albion - Sunderland AFC
18:15	Wigan Athletic - Chelsea FC

S P O R T S

Woods commits to first FedEx Cup playoff event

PARAMUS, 20 Aug—Tiger Woods is playing the first FedEx Cup playoff event with hopes that it's not his last. Woods on Thursday officially entered The Barclays, which starts 26 Aug. It's the first of four playoff events that conclude with the Tour Championship and a \$10 million prize to the winner of the yearlong FedEx Cup competition.—Internet

Henry, Marquez trail only Beckham on MLS salary list

NEW YORK, 20 Aug—French playmaker Thierry Henry and Mexican captain Rafael Marquez made the biggest news last month by joining Major League Soccer but England's David Beckham remains the US league's highest-paid player. A salary list compiled by the MLS Players Union shows Beckham, the injured Los Angeles Galaxy star who hopes to return next month from a torn Achilles tendon, will make 6.5 million dollars this season.

Henry, who helped France win a World Cup and Barcelona capture a

French playmaker
Thierry Henry

European Champions League crown, will make 5.6 million dollars in guaranteed money this year after joining the New York Red Bulls, second only to Beckham.

Internet

Safina in, Querrey out at final US Open tuneup



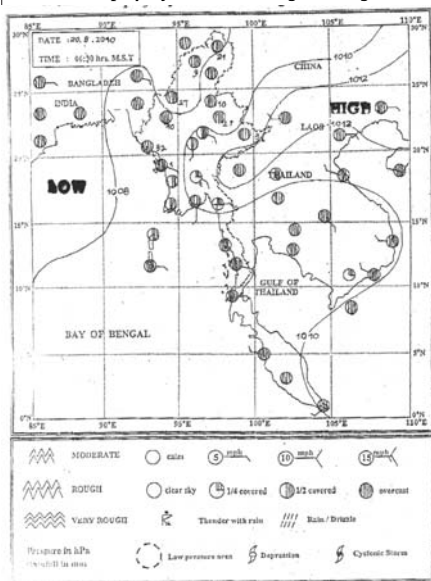
Dinara Safina of Russia

NEW HAVEN, 20 Aug—Former world number one Dinara Safina was given a wild-card entry Thursday into next week's WTA and ATP New Haven hardcourt tournament, the final tuneup before the US Open. Safina, returning from a back injury, joined the WTA side while Americans Taylor Dent and Donald Young were

granted wild-cards for the ATP event at the last stop before the year's final Grand Slam tournament begins 30 August.

US veteran Sam Querrey, who had planned to compete at New Haven, said Thursday he will skip the event to better prepare for the US Open in New York. New Haven is set to feature four of the world's eight top-ranked women, including No 2 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, No 7 Francesca Schiavone of Italy and No 8 Elena Dementieva of Russia.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 20th 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, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Magway Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungtaw (2.37) inches, Homalin (1.69) inches, Mawlaik, Paletwa and Sittway (1.26) inches each and Lashio (1.06) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 19-8-2010 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 20-8-2010 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-8-2010 was (70%). Rainfall on 20-8-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 19-8-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 20-8-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-8-2010 was (73%). Total Sunshine hours on 19-8-2010 was (5.7) hours.

Rainfall on 20-8-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon . Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (52.24) inches at Mingaladon, (58.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and

(70.59) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 19-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 21st August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated 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: Generally decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-8-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for fourth weekend of August 2010: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions and scattered in Yangon Division.

Torrential rain leaves 16 dead, 66 missing in SW China's Sichuan

CHENGDU, 20Aug—Sixteen people have been killed and 66 others are still missing in rain-triggered floods and landslides in southwest China's Sichuan Province over the past week, a local official said on Friday.

Downpours have hit 67 counties in 14 cities and prefectures since on 13 Aug, affecting 5.76 million people, said Yan Weidong, director of the Provincial Emergency Response Office.

About 3,600 homes have collapsed, 25,000 others have been damaged, and 55,000 hectares of crops have been flooded, he said. Direct economic loss was estimated at 6.89 billion yuan (1.02 billion US dollars).—Xinhua



An aerial view taken from a helicopter shows the Wangchang village surrounded by flood in Pujiang County, Chengdu City, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 19 Aug, 2010. Heavy rains hit Chengdu from 18 to 19 Aug, causing floods around the area. —XINHUA

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(21-8-2010) (Saturday)**

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission - (21 -8-10 09:30 am ~
22-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
 - * News
 - * Brilliant Youngsters
 - * Special Projects to be completed on Schedule
 - * News
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 - * Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony (Pindaya Region)
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- * News
- * Bagan; The Land of Pagoda
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanma Fashion Show of Successive Eras
- * Myanmar Orchestra “Duet Dance”
- * News
- * Sittway, Evergreen Seaside Town
- * Myanmar Movie
- * “Competition of Consecration”

Myanmar
TV

**Saturday, 21
August**
View on today

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| 7:00 am | 11. Local Talent |
| 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော် | 11:00 am |
| 7:15 am | 1. Martial Song |
| 2. အောင်တော်မူ
(စောမင်းနောင်၊
စိုင်းဦးမြင်းတေးရေး-
ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်) | 11:10 am |
| 7:25 am | 2. Musical Programme |
| 3. To Be Healthy
Exercise | 11:25 am |
| 7:30 am | 3. Game For Children |
| 4. Morning News | 11:50 am |
| 7:40 am | 4. Round Up Of the
Week's TV Local
News |
| 5. Nice & Sweet
Song | 12:20 pm |
| | 5. Yan Can Cook |
| | 12:40 pm |
| | 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊
မနွမ်းသောမေတ္တာ”
(အပိုင်း-၁၇) |

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| 1:30 pm | 6:00 pm |
| 7. International Science News | 3. Evening News |
| 1:40 pm | 6:15 pm |
| 8. မြန်မာ့ကြွေယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက | 4. Weather Report |
| 1:50 pm | 6:20 pm |
| 9. “သာယာရွှေပြည်တို့နေပြည်”
(ပြီးငွေစိုးအောင်ရဲလင်း
စင်စင်ဇော်မြင့်မောင်၊
ဗေလုဝါရှက်တယ်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-
စင်စော်မောင်မောင်) | 5. အလှူရှုမယ်လှူတာအသံ |
| 2:30 pm | 6:35 pm |
| 10. Dance Of National Races | 6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ်
(ပြီးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-
မင်းဇေယျာလင်း) |
| 2:35 pm | 7:00 pm |
| 11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ | 7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
(အတိတ်ရဲ့ပုံရိပ်)
(အပိုင်း-၇) |
| 2:50 pm | 8:00 pm |
| 12. International News | 8. News |
| 3:45 pm | 9. International News |
| 1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ်
(Delta United FC အသင်း နှင့် ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်း) | 10. Weather Report |
| 5:45 pm | 11. စည်းလုံးခြင်းရဲ့ရလဒ်တွေ
(နန္ဒစရာ၊ တေးရေး-
ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ) |
| 2. Musical Programme | 12. ကာတွန်းအစအစဉ်
“တောကောင်ငယ်
သိုင်းပိုင်နောင်မင်းမူး”
(အပိုင်း-၅၂)
“နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ”
(အပိုင်း-၁၃)
“ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး”
(အပိုင်း-၁၃) |
| | 13. “နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ”
(အပိုင်း-၁၃)
“ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး”
(အပိုင်း-၁၃) |
| | 14. ဂီတတံခါးလေးပေါ်ပါး |



- ★ 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

Banknotes exchangeable at MEBs

YANGON, 20 Aug—Ragged banknotes ranging from K 10 to K 200 can now be exchanged with new ones. Banknote exchange counter of Central Bank of Myanmar at No 198/199, corner of Bo Sun Pak Street and Strand Road and branches of Myanma Economic Bank have been offering banknote-exchange service since 3 August on condition that the ragged are in line with prescribed condition.

Central Bank of Myanmar weekly distributes banknotes of little value to All Bus Lines Supervisory Committees and Markets Departments of Development Affairs Committees in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.

MNA

Dokhtawady rises to 872 cm

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—According to observations recorded at 12:30 hrs today, water level of Dokhtawady River has reached 872 centimeters in Myitnge and it will continue to exist above 870 centimeters, the dangerous water level of that town from this afternoon to coming 24 hours, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA

Warning of high tide

YANGON, 20 Aug—The Myanma Port Authority issued a warning today that exceptionally high spring of from 20.0 feet to 20.2 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period between 25th and 29th August 2010. It is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.9 feet high above datum in the year 2008 and 2009, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.

MNA

Political parties submit lists of members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 20 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 the date they have been granted permission to register. The United Democratic Party (UDP), the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics and the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) submitted the lists of their members to the UEC today.

Up to date, 22 of 41 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

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (20-8-2010)

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