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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

Local people happy with formation of border guard forces for life security, higher living standard

Border Guard Force formed in Kyaikdon, Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—The State Peace and Development Council upholds Our Three Main National Causes in pursuit of national reconsolidation. And it is working diligently for equitable development of all parts of the nation. Now, transformation processes are ongoing for national race groups, which have returned to the legal fold in recognition of the government's benevolent attitude and genuine goodwill to them, to embrace the opportunity to serve as border guard force members legally holding arms. The opening of the Border Guard Force of Kayin Peace Group (Haungthayaw Special Region) took place on a grand scale in Kyaikdon, Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, on 21 August afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Than Soe, Director-General of Central Military Accounts Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint, senior military officers, heads of department, the vice-chairman of Kayin Peace Group (Haungthayaw Special Region) and members, service personnel, townselders, families of national races, members of Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, national race troupes, students, families of members of the border guard force and guests.

After the State Flag had been hoisted, they recited the oaths of a serviceman.

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Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces of Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate an officer of BGF with Tatmadaw insignia.—MNA

Members of BGFs dancing together with national race troupes and local people at formation ceremony of border guard force in Kyaikdon, Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State.

MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Build powerful national strength

The world today is facing many conflicts in various forms such as regional wars, civil wars and terrorism. Group rivalry, double-stardard practices, and interferences in international organizations, are growing in the world.

Under these circumstances, every citizen needs to exert all-out efforts in order that the nation can stand shoulder to shoulder with global nations, maintaining national integrity. Powerful national strength must be constructed to overcome obstacles and challenges in different forms.

While trying to keep in touch with ever-advancing science and technology, all the global nations are inter-related in all aspects and they have to focus on standing tall among the global nations.

Nowadays in Myanmar, a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation is being built with the participation of the people through power of national education promotion, that of science and technology and that of national strength. Myanmar has to sustain prospects of development. Strenuous efforts are to be made for applying the modern science and technology.

Teachers of the education sector are to nurture the new generation youths to become qualified ones. They have to equip the pupils with Union Spirit, social values, good characters and sports skills. In addition, it is necessary to train the students to have wide range of knowledge and high morale.

While restoring peace and stability, a new modern nation is being shaped. With a view to continuously turning out well-versed human resources in all sectors, the teachers are to train the new generation youths with genuine goodwill.

BCB Centre to conduct Confidence-Building Program on 6 Sept

YANGON, 25 Aug—The MBA graduates-led Business Capacity Building (BCB) Centre organized by Myanmar Business Executives (MBE) Network plans to conduct Confidence-Building Program course on 6 September. All matriculation passed students and university students are allowed to take the class.

It includes 11 categories with the aims of improving physical and metal behaviours for youths. The course will be open weekdays from 9 am to 12 noon from 6 September to 19 October.

For more information, contact BCB Centre, Room No. 405, No. 8 at the corner of Bagayar Road and Damazady Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Yangon (Ph: 538531).

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People's Desire

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

Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service meets

***Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung speaking at 10th coordination meeting on prevention against recruitment of minors for military service.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug— The tenth coordination meeting of the Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service was held at the meeting hall of the Adjutant-General's Office of the Ministry of Defence here this morning, attended by Chairman of the committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

Also present were members of the committee the deputy ministers, the deputy chief justice, the deputy attorney-general, senior military officers and guests.

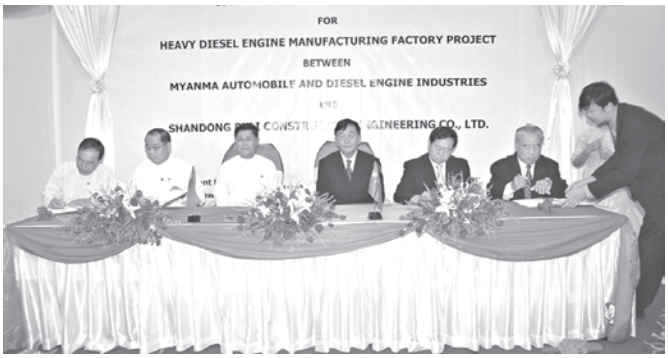
In his address, Chairman of the committee Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung called on those present to analyse Plan of Action (draft) and undertakings of the committee.

Next, Joint-Secretary of the committee Maj-Gen Ngwe Thein made a report on ongoing tasks. Those present held discussions on Plan of Action (draft) and undertakings of the committee.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Committee Chairman Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung. — *MNA*

Contract signed for Heavy Diesel Engine Manufacturing Factory Project

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—The contract signing ceremony for Heavy Diesel Engine Manufacturing Factory Project between Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 and Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China was held at Mount Pleasant Hotel here this morning.



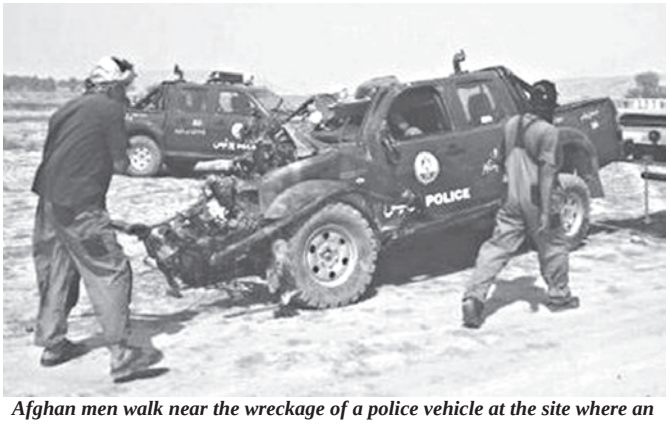
***Contract Signing Ceremony for Heavy Diesel Engine Manufacturing Factory Project between the Ministry of Industry-2 and Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co Ltd of PRC in progress.*—MNA**

It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Deputy Director-General Mr Cao Wen of Ministry of Commerce of Shandong Province of the PRC, Second Secretary Ms Zhou Nan of Office of the Economic and Commercial Counsellor of Chinese Embassy and responsible persons of Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co Ltd.

First, Director-General U Myo Aung of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning and Deputy Director-General Mr Cao Wen gave speeches respectively.

Acting Managing Director U Aye Than of the Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries and President Mr Liu Jian Ye of the Chinese company signed the agreement and exchanged the notes.

The project is planned to build in Thagara Industrial Region in Bago Region. When completed, the factory will manufacture 2200 HP diesel engines within first year and further 7000 HP diesel engines step by step. Those engines will be used in trains and vessels. And then co-related products will also be manufactured by the factory.—*MNA*



Afghan men walk near the wreckage of a police vehicle at the site where an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated, wounding several police officers in Jalalabad on 24 August, 2010.—INTERNET

At least 11 killed in Baghdad suicide car bombing

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug— At least eleven people were killed and some 34 others wounded by a suicide car bomb hitting a police station in Baghdad earlier on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"The latest reports said that 11 people were killed and 34 wounded by the suicide car bombing earlier in the day," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The attack took place around 8:00 am (0500 GMT) when a suicide car bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the entrance of a police station in Baghdad's northern neigh-bourhood of al-Qahira, the source said.

The powerful blast destroyed parts of the police station and several nearby buildings, the source added.

Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 25 Aug reached 703127 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1272031, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	703127
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1272031

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 25 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33100 Afghan people were killed and 39732 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 25 Aug.

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Internet

***An artillery shoots during a drill held in Gotenba city, Japan, on 24 Aug, 2010. Japan's Ground Self-Defence Forces (GSDF) on Tuesday started an annual military exercise at the foot of Mount Fuji in Gotenba city, some 100 kilometres west of Tokyo. More than 2,000 military personnel took part in the drill, dubbed the "Fire Power 2010 In Fuji." The 2010 exercise will end on 29 Aug.*—XINHUA**

At least two killed, 22 injured in car bombs in Iraqi cities of Basra, Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug—A string of car bombs hit downtowns of the city of Basra in southern Iraq and Ramadi city in the country's west region on Wednesday, killing at least two people and injuring some 22 others, a police source said.

Two car bomb explosionss, one apparently detonated prematurely, in Anbar provincial capital Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, killing two gunmen inside the car and injuring another 12, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anony-mity.

Separately, in Basra, some 550 km south of Baghdad, a booby- trapped car at a parking lot in the crowded Um al-Broum Square, was detonated in the morning, injuring at least 10 people, a local source told *Xinhua* on condition of anony-mity.

The blast app-arently targeted a nearby al-Ashar police station. The toll could rise as ambulances and civilian cars were evacuating the victims to the city hospitals, the source said.

Some 15 police vehicles and civilian cars were destroyed or charred by the blast, he said.

Xinhua

Policeman killed, 29 injured in Iraq's Karbala suicide car bombing

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug— A suicide car bomber struck a police checkpoint in Karbala City on Wednesday, killing a policeman and injuring 29 people, an Interior Ministry source said.

The blast took place at the rush hour when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden car into the checkpoint in the al- Nasser neighbourhood in the southern holy Shiite City of Karbala, some 110 km south of Baghdad, the source said.

Xinhua

19 killed in DR Congo plane crash

KINSHASA, 25 Aug— At least 19 people had been killed in a plane crash in the west of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), police reported said on Wednesday.

Two survivors had been found after the accident by midday, police said, adding the crash occurred when the plane was flying to the city of Bandundu after leaving the capital Kinshasa.

An official of the office of the prime minister said on a separate occasion that 20 people died and one survived but in critical condition.—*Xinhua*

14 killed in road accident in north of Cairo

CAIRO, 25 Aug—Fourteen Egyptians were killed and five others injured in a road accident in Qalub city, north of Cairo, Egyptian independent newspaper Al-Youm Al-Sabea reported on Wednesday.

A truck collided with a microbus full of passengers on Qalub Bridge, leading to a traffic stop for one hour. The driver of the truck lost control of the steering wheel as the tire burst on the highway connecting Cairo and Alexandria. The bodies of the dead and the injured were evacuated to a nearby hospital of Qalub and an investigation has been launched by the police.—*Xinhua*

A doctor checks a man who was wounded in a bomb attack in Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

Science

European science satellite hit by glitch

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—A satellite designed to map Earth's gravitational field has been hit by a software glitch and is unable to send its science data back home, the European Space Agency (ESA) said on Monday.

The problem began to affect the spacecraft GOCE in late July, Mark Drinkwater, head of mission science at ESA's technical division, the European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) said.

"The satellite's not transmitting its scientific data because of this anomaly. Technicians were working on a patch and hope to install it by radio link next month. All the other onboard systems are otherwise fine. We are not constrained by fuel or by time, and we have got excellent data in the bank already. The satellite has already completed two-thirds of its mission and many science objectives have already been met," Drinkwater said from Noordwijk, the Netherlands. GOCE—for Gravity field and steady-state Ocean Circulation Explorer—was launched on 17 March, 2009.

Its aim is to monitor tiny variations in Earth's gravity caused by ocean trenches, mountains and differences in density in the planet's interior. The agency describes GOCE as "the Formula 1" of satellites because of its avant-garde design.

Whereas most satellites are essentially boxes, the five-metre (16.25-feet) craft is arrow-like and has stabilising fins because it orbits Earth at an altitude of just 250 kilometres (156 miles) where there is still a lingering atmosphere. Investigations into ice cover, soil moisture, ocean salinity, cloud cover, vertical winds and the planet's magnetic field are either planned or in operation.

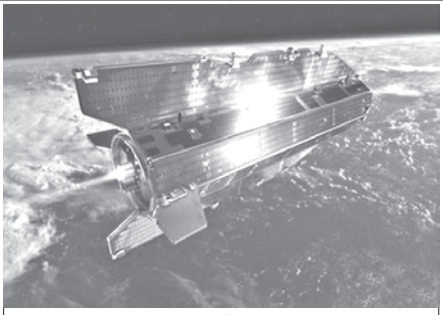
Internet

Astronomers find system with 5 Neptune-like planets

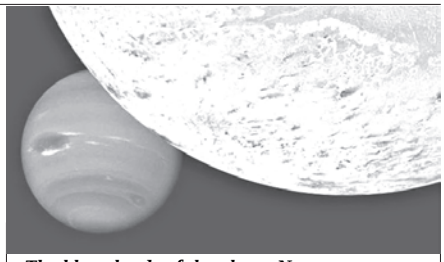
GENEVA, 25 Aug—European astronomers say they have discovered a star system containing at least five Neptune-like planets. They suspect there are two more, including one that could be the smallest found outside our solar system.

Christophe Lovis of Geneva University says the discovery was made by Swiss, French and German scientists using the European Southern Observatory telescope in Chile. Lovis said on Tuesday that the planets orbit a star called HD 10180 some 127 light-years away in the Hydrus constellation.

Five are covered with rock and ice, and have 13 to 25 times the mass of Earth. Scientists also suspect the system contains one larger planet similar to Saturn and another with only 1.4 times the mass of Earth orbiting very close to the star.—*Internet*



An artist's impression of the Ocean Circulation Explorer (GOCE) satellite which has been hit by a software glitch and is unable to send its science data back home.—INTERNET



The blue clouds of the planet Neptune are seen behind it's moon Triton.—INTERNET

Thousands of dead fish reported at mouth of Mississippi

MEXICO CITY, 25 Aug—Thousands of fish have turned up dead at the mouth of Mississippi River, prompting authorities to check whether oil was the cause of mass death, local media reports said on Monday.

The fish were found on Sunday floating on the surface of the water and collected in booms that had been deployed to contain oil that leaked from the BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the *Times-Picayune* reported.

"By our estimates there were thousands, and I'm talking about 5,000 to 15,000 dead fish," St Bernard Parish President Craig Taffaro was quoted as saying in a statement.

He said crabs, sting rays, eel, drum, speckled trout and red fish were among the species that turned up dead.

Taffaro said there was some recoverable oil in the area, and officials from the state's wildlife and fisheries division were sampling the water.

But he added, "We don't want to jump to any conclusions because we've had some oxygen issues by the Bayou La Loutre Dam from time to time."

Internet

Technology

Toshiba to launch first glasses-free 3D TV

While the cardboard disposable glasses used in 3D cinemas are inexpensive, more sophisticated models can cost up to 150 euros a pair.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 25 Aug—Japanese electronics giant Toshiba plans to market the world's first 3D television that does not need special glasses later this year, a report said on Tuesday.

Toshiba will unveil three models of the television, which will cost several thousand dollars, before Christmas, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* said.

The company has developed a new system that emits a number of rays of light with various angles from the screen so that viewers can see stereoscopic images without glasses, the daily said.

"People can enjoy images in three dimensions from various positions and suffer less stress," it said.

Japan's major electronics makers launched 3D television this year, but sales have not been as strong as expected while many customers have complai-ned of being irritated by the glasses.

However, a Toshiba spokeswoman said: "We are not in a position to make any announcement."

Internet

Intel says to beat ARM in power usage

HELSINKI, 25 Aug—The power usage of Intel's next generation wireless chip will equal processors based on designs by rival ARM, and the US firm expects to pull away after that, its technology chief said on Tuesday.

"With our Moorestown processor we equal them on standby power, in the next generation Medfield we will equal them on active power," Justin Rattner, Intel's Chief Technology Officer, said in an interview.

"I expect us to just pull away after that because we have a fundamental technology advantage, which they don't have," he said in an interview on the sidelines of a news conference opening Intel's joint research centre with Nokia in Northern Finland.

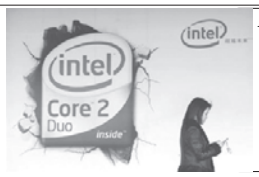


Photo shows a woman checks her mobile phone as she walks past an Intel Core Duo advertisement outside a computer shop in Beijing.

Analysts have previously said Intel's chip-and-chipset platforms will be too power-hungry for portable consumer electronics and cellphones, when compared with rival platforms based on ARM architecture. Battery lifehurt most by large screens and powerful processorsis one of the most crucial metrics in the phone industry.

Internet

A mapping satellite, "Mapping Satellite - I," is launched from the northwestern Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre, at 3:10 pm (Beijing time) on 24 Aug, 2010. The satellite, which was launched on a Long March 2-D carrier rocket, had entered into the preset orbit, according to the centre.—XINHUA

China launches new mapping satellite

JIUQUAN, 25 Aug—China successfully launched a mapping satellite, "Mapping Satellite-I," from the northwestern Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre at 3:10 pm (Beijing time) on Tuesday.

The satellite, which was launched on a Long March 2-D carrier rocket, had entered into the preset orbit, according to the centre. The satellite would be mainly used to conduct scientific experiments, carry out surveys on land resources, and mapping, said a statement on the Ministry of National Defence website.

The launch was the 128th for China's Long March series of rockets since 24 April, 1970, when a Long March-1 rocket successfully sent the country's first satellite Dongfanghong-1 into the space.—*Xinhua*

Health

Health Tip: Easy way to clean your nose pores

Everyone has pores on their face. This is a normal condition. Pores are needed for sebaceous glands to release oil from our body. The problem is, pores may appear larger than normal size. As sebaceous glands become more active, your pores will be larger. This is an ordinary problem if you have an oily skin type. You can find enlarged pores easily on the nose and cheeks.

Enlarged pores on noses and cheeks are caused by genetic, aging, sun damage, or sometimes the side effect of cosmetic you are using. Unfortunately, you can't change the pores size permanently but you can make them look smaller.

How to shrink enlarged pores on the nose in 5 easy methods:

a. Keep your skin clean.

Wash your face twice to remove excess oils on your face since excess oil can make pores on nose larger.

b. Use a face mask.

You can make a face mask from tomatoes. Just cut a tomato into half, take the seeds and apply it to your nose. You can do this a few times a week.

c. Pores strip.

It is good to remove deep blackheads and make pores look smaller.

Note: stop using this method if you find your nose become irritated. Over using pores strip can also cause redness.

d. Exfoliate.

It is good to remove dead skin cells. You can do this once or twice a week.

e. Vitamin A

Eat vegetables and fruits containing a lot of vitamins such as carrots and tomatoes. Make sure the vegetables and fruits you eat are raw.—*Internet*

Women should get antibiotics one hour before

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—Women who need a C-section should get antibiotics before, not after, they're cut — preferably within an hour of the start of surgery, says a new guideline for obstetricians in the United States. Infection occurs in 10 per cent to 40 per cent of women who undergo a caesarean delivery, making it the most common complication, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. In comparison, three per cent or fewer women who deliver vaginally get an infection.

Antibiotics have long been given for C-sections to reduce that risk, but usually not until right after the baby was born. That was a precaution in case the antibiotics made it into the baby's bloodstream and prevented newborn testing from spotting an already brewing infection; another concern was the potential to spur antibiotic-resistant germs.

ACOG's new guideline, published in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, said women who need an emergency C-section should get the antibiotics as soon as possible, while those already taking antibiotics for another reason are exempt.—*Internet*

Foot and mouth breaks out in southern Zimbabwe

HARARE, 25 Aug—An outbreak of foot and mouth disease has been reported in the southern Beitbridge District of Zimbabwe amid suspicion that the disease could have originated from 25 buffaloes that strayed from nearby South Africa's Kruger National Park.

According to veterinary officials, the buffaloes are suspected to have had contact with cattle in Zimbabwe's Tshikwalakwala area this year, resulting in the spread of the disease in other areas of the district through cattle sales.

The Herald on Monday quoted a senior veterinary officer in the area confirming the outbreak, adding they started dealing with the problem a fortnight ago at a local cattle auction.

"Preliminary investigations reveal that the disease spread across Beitbridge east after stray buffaloes from South Africa mixed with herds of cattle," the official said.

"It then spread to other areas during cattle sales.

We have started vaccinations and we have enough manpower to carry out the task."

The official added that the whole district had been quarantined until the situation gets back to normal.

Foot and mouth is an endemic disease in Zimbabwe, and is given as the reason why the country stopped lucrative beef exports to the European Union after a series of outbreaks a few years ago.

Zimbabwe has a sizeable herd of cattle estimated at 5.2 million.

Cattle remain a source of wealth for both small holders and commercial farmers in the country.

Xinhua

Business

Reliance Power eyes $5 bln Indonesia investment

JAKARTA, 25 Aug—Reliance Power is considering investing as much as $5 billion in Indonesia, a spokesman for Indonesia's vice president said on Tuesday.

Reliance Power's chief executive, JP Chalasani, met Indonesia's Vice President Boediono in Jakarta to discuss investment in the southern part of Sumatra island, said Boediono's spokesman, Yopie Hidayat.

"Reliance is involved in several projects, including railway and developing a coal mine in South Sumatra. The investment is estimated at $5 billion," Hidayat said. He said Reliance Power plans to produce 50 million tonnes coal a year within five years from mines in South Sumatra Province and plans a 230-kilometre railway that will link its coal operations in Batang Hari, South Sumatra, to a port in Jambi. Hidayat gave no further details.

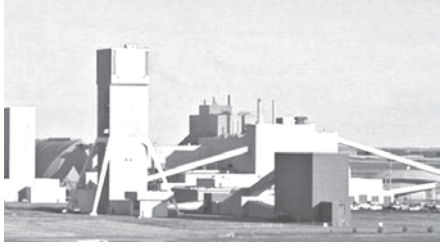
Southeast Asia's biggest economy has seen a steady pick up in investor interest over the past 18 months, thanks to a combination of political stability and improving economic growth sustained by strong domestic consumption and demand for commodities ranging from coal to palm oil.

For years, foreign investors shunned Indonesia in favour of China, India and Vietnam, citing its poor infrastructure, red tape and graft.

Now steel giants ArcelorMittal and POSCO, and sovereign wealth fund China Investment Corp are eyeing new production plants and investment in the resources sector, Indonesian government officials have said.—*Internet*

***People walk pass a billboard advertising Reliance Power, at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in Mumbai on 11 Feb, 2008.*—INTERNET**

This handout photo obtained on 17 Aug, 2010 shows the Potash Corp mine in Allan, Saskatchewan. Canada's Potash Corp, the world's largest fertilizer maker, formally rejected on Monday a hostile takeover from mining giant BHP Billiton worth 25.7 billion pounds, adding it was exploring other offers.
INTERNET



Dell sells first smartphone in US

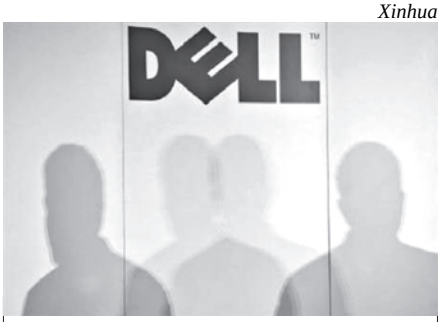
SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Aug—Dell Inc on Tuesday started to sell Aero handset in the United States, which the company said is its first smartphone launched on the US market.

The Aero is available for 99.99 US dollars with a two-year contract with wireless carrier AT&T, Dell said in a press release.

Featuring a 3.5-inch multi-touch display, the handset is equipped with a 5-megapixel camera and runs on Google's Android operating system.

The Aero is one of the lightest Android-based smartphones of similar size in the US, Dell said.

Xinhua



***Shadows of Michael Dell, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Dell, are cast under the company logo as he speaks during a press briefing in Tokyo on 24 March, 2009.*—INTERNET**

iPad the right fit for giant sumo wrestlers

TOKYO, 25 Aug—Japan's ancient sport of sumo is embracing the latest high-tech, with its governing body set to distribute Apple's iPad to wrestlers who often struggle with smaller cellphone keypads due to their giant hands.

The sumo association said it will hand out iPads to Japan's 51 "stables", or the clubs the wrestlers belong to, with the aim of improving commu-nication among the roly-poly grapplers after some in the past had missed information sent by fax or telephone.

"We will hand out the newest iPads to all the sumo stables to swiftly communicate what we need to," association vice chairman Hiroyoshi Murayama said. The iPad tablet PC, which starts at 48,800 yen ($570) in Japan, was likely chosen because many stable-masters do not use computers and wrestlers are not good at punching in messages on their mobile phones with their big hands, *Jiji* news agency said. Sumo is trying to overhaul its image after being rocked by a series of scandals including an illegal baseball gambling racket, assault and drug use.

Internet

Sumo wrestlers during an annual sumo tournament dedicated to the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo on 9 April, 2010. Japan's ancient sport of sumo is embracing the latest high-tech, with its governing body set to distribute Apple's iPad to wrestlers who often struggle with smaller cellphone keypads due to their giant hands.—INTERNET

China's schools told to strengthen safety measures

BEIJING, 25 Aug—China's Ministry of Education has called upon all schools and kindergartens nationwide to strengthen measures to ensure campus safety, according to a statement from the ministry on Tuesday.

Local education departments around China should, as soon as possible, provide all primary and secondary schools, as well as kindergartens, with safety personnel, the statement said.

Other safety measures should also be intensified to ensure a flawless campus safety system, the statement added.

The statement also asked schools in the natural-disasters-affected regions to conduct thorough checks to focus on school buildings affected by recent floods and mudslides, to eliminate any safety risks.

School buildings found to have safety concerns should be quickly overhauled before being occupied, the statement said.

The statement told school officials to take precautions to protect the students from extremely bad weather, epidemics, mass food poisonings, fire and other accidents.

The statement also asked the school officials to organize more safety education and drills, as well as training for the teachers in the upcoming semester.

Most of the schools in China are to begin the new semester on 1 September.—*Xinhua*

Drought to cut Russian economic growth

MOSCOW, 25 Aug—Russia's summer drought would lower its economic growth by at least 0.4 to 0.8 percentage points, Deputy Economic Development Minister Andrei Klepach said on Tuesday.

The drought would have a direct effect on gross domestic product due to extensive losses in the agricultural sector, Klepach said.

The Russian economy grew by 3.8 percent for the first seven months of 2010, the *RIA Novosti* news agency quoted Klepach as saying.

Russian GDP grew by 2.5 percent in July. However, it slipped 0.3 percent in July compared to June if seasonal factors were excluded.

Klepach said he expected the economy to regain momentum in September.

"We've got a potential of investment growth and industrial revival, in principal," he said. According to Klepach, prospective industrial output growth could reach 7.6 percent, up from an an earlier forecast of 2.7 percent.

Klepach played down inflation concerns, saying it was expected to be no more than 7 percent this year. In 2009, the inflation rate was 8.8 percent.

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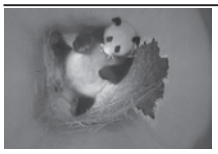

A still image from a monitoring camera shows giant panda mother Yang Yang holding her newborn cub inside a birth box at Vienna zoo, on the day of the cubs birth on 23 August, 2010. The panda cub, whose sex is not yet detectable, measures some 10 to 12 cm (3.9 to 4.7 in) and weighs about 100 grams, the zoo reported on 24 August. Picture taken on 23 August, 2010. Picture rotated 90 degrees.
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Group urges snuff-out to smoking on screen

BEIJING, 25 Aug—An anti-smoking group suggested that China's movie makers and actors butt out of the silver screen because they are luring young people into smoking.

The Chinese Association of Tobacco Control released statistics on cigarette images in 40 movies and 30 television series made in China in 2009.

"The Founding of a Republic," commemorating the People's Republic of China's 60th anniversary, had most smoking images. It showed the founding fathers of new China puffing their way through 11.8 percent of the movie.

A smash hit spy film, "The Message," had its actors smoke in 5 percent of the film. Smoking is still prevalent in most movies and TV shows. In the released data, only nine of the 40 films and two of the 30 TV series were absolutely smoking-free, *Beijing Times* reported yesterday.

Beijing's disease control centre said yesterday that 38 percent of 11,000 surveyed middle school students said they think actors who smoke in TV or films were mature and charming.

About 33 percent of them said they will try to smoke following the movies. But many directors said banning smoking would be hard because smoking often serves the purpose of the story, the report said.—*Internet*

A person receives a vaccine against the so-called swine flu (H1N1) in 2009 in Strasbourg, eastern France. Finland's National Institute for Health and Welfare has recommended halting the use of the Pandemrix swine flu vaccine until a probe into a possible link to narcolepsy among children is concluded.—INTERNET

Japan may consider unilateral yen-selling - Nikkei

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—Japan's Ministry of Finance may consider unilateral yen-selling market interventions if speculators drive up the currency, *Nikkei Business Daily* reported on Tuesday.

The yen rose to a 15-year high against the US dollar and a nine-year peak versus the euro on Tuesday amid fears the global economy is slowing, testing Japanese authorities' resolve to stem the currency's climb.

Nikkei also said in its 25 Aug morning edition that the Bank of Japan is considering additional steps to loosen monetary policy. Depending on market conditions, the policy board may decide to take action sooner by convening an extraordinary meeting, according to the report.

Japanese yen notes are piled atop US dollar bills during a photo opportunity at an office of Interbank Inc. money exchange in Tokyo on 27 November, 2009.—INTERNET

Actions could include boosting its facility that provides three-month funding at a low 0.1 percent to 30 trillion yen from the current 20 trillion yen. Extending the funding period to six months would be another option, *Nikkei* said.

The US dollar briefly pared losses against the yen after the *Nikkei* report. It was last down 1.1 percent at 84.14 yen, not far from a session low of 83.61 yen, according to *Reuters* data.

"Going the quantitative easing route seems to be the preferred policy move from Japanese authorities should they decide to act," said Brian Dolan, chief strategist at Forex.com in Bedminster, New Jersey. "With US yields were they are, all simple intervention will do is give speculators better levels at which to buy yen."

The *Nikkei* report cautioned that the impact of unilateral intervention could be muted given that other major economies are not expected join the move. Japan's Ministry of Finance may consider unilateral yen-selling market interventions if speculators drive up the currency, *Nikkei Business Daily* reported on Tuesday.—*Internet*

Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and party, national race leaders and members of Border Guard Force pose for a documentary photo.

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Members of Border Guard Force taking oaths as a member of Tatmadaw at formation ceremony of Border Guard Force in Kyaikdon region.

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members of national troupes.

The commander and party and leaders of local national races posed for documentary photos in commemoration of the ceremony.

A luncheon was hosted in honour of members of the border guard force at the assembly hall near the parade ground. The commander and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn delivered speeches and cordially greeted the members.

Border guard force members are feeling a glow of pride in the opportunity to serve national defence duties thanks to the formation of a border guard force in Kyaikdon region. Local people are happy with the formation of border guard forces as their regions will enjoy life security and higher living standard.—*MNA*

Local people attend formation ceremony of Border Guard Force in Kyaikdon region of Kya-in Seikkyi Township.

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Local people happy with formation of border guard forces for life…

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Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Maj-Gen Than Soe and Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint decorated officers with Tatmadaw insignias.

Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn delivered speeches, and presented cash assistance provided by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to the members through the commandant of the border guard force.

Members of the border guard force enjoyed themselves, dancing with troupes and local people.

The commander presented cash awards to

Topcon products to be introduced on 30 August

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Topcon Brand products made in Japan and imported by Concordia Int'l Co Ltd: RTK system DGPS, Geodetic Total Stations, GPS for GIS work, Digital Theodolite, Civilcad Sofward and other land survey equipment will be introduced at Myat Taw Win Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone from 5 pm to 7 pm on 30 August.

As a special programme, contour map and the maps of 25 cities will be imported into GPSs, computers and mobile phones at fair prices.

Those land survey products are resistant to Myanmar's climates. The one-year guarantee is offered on all machines. Products are on sale at service centres at Shwegon Plaza on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-544824, 558170, 540026, 73009223, 73009207, 09 5005912) (Fax 544199), and at SY Building on 30th Street between 77th and 78th Streets in Chanaye Thazan Township, Mandalay (02-36428, 69303 and 09-5067172) and Thiri Yadana Supermarket at No 144 in Nay Pyi Taw (067-420189, 421362, 09-49200951, 09-49200952).—*MNA*

MGS's academic talks on 4 Sept

YANGON, 25 Aug — Myanmar Geosciences Society has planned to conduct academic talks at Myanmar Engineering Society Building in Hline Universities Campus here at 1 pm on 4 September.

MGS Vice-President U Soe Myint will give talks on Energy to 2035 and Beyond and Patron Dr Win Naing of Myanmar Geologists Society (Singapore) on Seismotectonics of Myanmar and Geotechnical Foundation.

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Copyright talks on 28 Aug

YANGON, 25 Aug— The educative talks titled "Copyright" jointly organized by Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association and sponsored by Family Small Loan Building, will be held at Thiri Anawah Hall of the MFF on Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township here at 2 pm on 28 August. Professor U Kyaw Zaw Naing will give talks on "Copyright". Any interested persons may attend the talk.

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Special projects will bring present and future outcomes

Kyaw Myo Naung

As the Union of Myanmar is marching on towards the national goal—the modern, developed, genuine discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the national goal is now within its reach. In the past, the nation lagged behind in development due to various reasons. The Tatmadaw government is making strenuous efforts in implementing the short- and long-term plans, undertaking social and economic development of border regions by establishing the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and constructing infrastructures. Now, remarkable progress can be seen in all aspects.

The existing government is to hand over the responsibilities of the State to the new government that will emerge after the 2010 election through the democracy system. Looking forward to the interests of the entire national people and the State, the government with genuine goodwill is still striving for development of all sectors without losing momentum. The government adopted the sound foundations for enabling the people to enjoy fruits of development overcoming difficulties and obstacles.

Nowadays, the world is developing in leaps and bounds day by day. All the national races of our nation have to strive for keeping abreast with other global nations. With correct concepts, we all are to place emphasis on sector-wise progress to enable the nation to stand tall among other nations not only for serving the present interest of the people but also for building the sound foundations for the posterity.

The government did not focus on short-term development just for show. Sound foundations have been constructed and are under construction in all sectors such as agriculture, industry, transport, electric power and communication sectors for their long-term development. Special project tasks are playing a crucial role in the short-term and long-term interests of the State.

Photo shows a water pumping station in Sagaing Division to irrigate farmlands.

After the second meeting of the Special Projects Implementation Committee has been held this year, the important special plans were laid down for the State. It was leant that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will implement four projects. The first one is to build Tarli Diversion Weir by damming Tarli Creek in Momauk Township of Bhamo District in Kachin State. The diversion weir will irrigate about 3500 acres of farmlands around Nwelan Village of Momauk Township. The irrigation facility will contribute to the arrangements for creating Kachin State as the fourth granary of Myanmar.

The second project is to undertake Sarkyo Dam Project with the earthen embankment on Sarkyo Creek near Ainggyi Village in Chauk Township, Magway Region. It will be very important project not only for supplying drinking water but also for greening the region. The project will irrigate about 1000 acres of arable lands.

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Nantkyan Dam in Lashio seen with Shan mountain ranges in the background.

Special projects will bring present and future outcomes

Kyaw Myo Naung

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The third project is Nantkyan Dam Project to be implemented on Nantkyan Creek near Nantkyan Village in Lashio Township, Shan State (North). It will be an arthen embankment. The facility will supply water to 179 acres of lands in Lashio Township and potable water to 20 lakes at Yaygan Hill that provides potable water to five wards in Lashio.

The fourth is Hsimeegon-3 river water pumping project. The project located near Hsimeegon Village of Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, will have two water pumping stations installed with four pumps. The water of Ayeyawady River will be pumped onto the bank and its tasks will be carried out through four pumping stages. The locals prefer water more than gold or silver similar to that Sarkyo Dam in Magway Region. The project is aimed at providing potable water to Natogyi Township of dry region, contributing to greening task of the region and supplying water for agricultural purpose. It is estimated that the project will irrigate about 15,000 acres of cultivable lands from seven village-tracts in Natogyi Township.

I would like to express my opinion. Myanmar did not face food problem although a vast area of farmlands were damaged in Ayeyawady Region hit by storm Nargis in 2008. Myanmar had achieved food sufficiency. In 2009, almost all of the agricultural tasks of Ayeyawady Region returned to normalcy and other regions had been boosting production of paddy thanks to proper rainfalls and irrigation facilities. As a result, Myanmar exported its surplus paddy to foreign countries. However, it is necessary to observe changes of climate across the globe. Forest fire breaks out in the Russian Federation where temperature is under freezing point. In China, floods and landslides destroyed a vast farmland and killed and wounded a large number of people. Over 20 million people in Pakistan are facing floods and they have lost a large area of farmlands similar to that of China. In addition to Asia, floods destroyed a vast area of cultivable lands in Brazil of America. Damaging arable lands will harm the food sufficiency.

Indeed, food security is the most important not only for the world but for Myanmar. Implementing dam projects is making preparations to protect the nation against the impacts of climate change. Preparations have been made for ensuring availability of water in order to produce foods sufficiently and to provide food security for the people even climate changes. Thus, the nation will achieve food sufficiency and its surplus will contribute to other food deficiency countries.

I would like to present my opinion a little with regard to the project. It can be seen that a although large sum of money was spent on implementation of the project, it is not commensurate with the fruits enjoyed by the benefited areas. The British government established businesses by building roads and bridges, serving self interest. Therefore, it avoided the tasks with larger investment and less benefit. It was obvious that the British did not give priority to the public interest, but for self interest. Looking forward to the present and long-term interests of the people, the existing government is carrying out the tasks that even it will not be in conformity with the operation ratio. Indeed, such endeavours are genuine goodwill of the government for the people and the State.

The Ministry of Industry-2 has three future plans in addition to ongoing projects. The first project is to implement the Hydraulic Press Extended Production Project that is essential for manufacturing the industrial products in the State and private sectors. The project will be implemented at Hydropower Turbine and Power Plant in Thagara Industrial Region. According to the market demand, the plan has been adopted to manufacture one hundred 100-ton, 150-ton, 300-ton, 800-ton and 1000-ton Hydraulic Presses per year.

The second one is the 10-ton to 15-ton Medium Truck (TE-31) Production Project. No. 1 Automobile Factory in Yangon will be installed with new production lines to be able to manufacture the new products. Based on the market demand, about 3000 vehicles with various sizes will be manufactured yearly. The heavy trucks weighing 20-30 tons will be manufactured at Magway Automobile Factory. The third project is to implement the small automobile production project. The plan of production will be carried out at No. 3 Automobile Factory in Magway. The factory will manufacture the four-seats small vehicles for the domestic market by applying advanced technology. A plan is under way to produce 1000 small vehicles per year spending effective cost.

We must march on toward the industrialized nation so as to shape the modern and developed ountry we expect. Only when, the nation can be industrialized, will it be on a par with global nations. It is obvious that these projects play the very important role in establishment of an industrialized nation. In the past, the nation bought machines to manufacture products. For example, the country purchased rice mills to produce rice and machines to manufacture textiles. At present, the factory projects are being implemented to manufacture machines, vehicles and heavy machinery. Automobile is essential for human being but for luxury one. If the State and the people always buy the essential goods, it will not cover the economy. As these goods need in the future, the production of goods on self-reliant basis will cover the economy. As such, the basic industrial structures are to be established and then to be upgraded in the future to enable the products penetrate into the world market. Thus, the nation will become the industrialized nation achieving the economic growth. The industrial development is basic need in building a modern and developed nation.

An excavator manufactured by Ministry of Industry-2 in Thagara Industrial Region.

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Translation: TTA

Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory under Ministry of Industry-2.

Bagan International Theravada Buddhist Research Dhammathabin Zabudipa Beikman opens

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug— The opening of Bagan International Theravada Buddhist Research Dhammathabin Zabudipa Beikman of Religious Affairs Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs, took place at the Beikman, in Bagan Ancient Archeological Region in NyaungU township, NyaungU District, Mandalay Region this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of State Shangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay and Sayadaws, Lt-Gen Soe Maung of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental heads and officials from the Religious Affairs Department, members of social organizations and donors.

The commander, the minister and the chairmen of the Regions opened the archway of the Beikman. Lt-Gen Soe Maung unveiled bronze plate of the Beikman and sprinkled it with scented water. The commander, the minister and the chairmen of the Regions also sprinkled it with scented water.

The minister supplicated religious matters. After that, they offered robes and provisions to Sayadaws. Wellwishers donated cash for the Beikman. Sayadaws consecrated Buddha images.

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***Photo shows Bagan International Theravada Buddhist Research Dhammathabin Zabudipa Beikman in NyaungU Township.*—MNA**

***Lt-Gen Soe Maung of Ministry of Defence unveils bronze plaque of Bagan International Theravada Buddhist Research Dhammathabin Zabudipa Beikman.*—MNA**

Khabaung Dam contributes to growing summer paddy...

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In the early morning, we left for the dam by car. I saw lush and green fields on either side of Toungoo-Ottwin motor road. We then proceeded to Ottwin Township PDCoffice, about nine miles away from Toungoo. There, we asked Chairman of Ottwin Township PDC U Naing Win Zaw about the dam. He said, "Before the emergence of the dam, 6805 acres of farmlands could be put under summer paddy. But now, 13473 acres of summer paddy can be grown. In 2009-2010, 21084 acres of summer paddy had been grown. It benefits the farmers."

Then we left for the dam located on motor road to Paungde, about ten miles away from Butalet village. Khabaung multi-purpose dam project is built downstream of Khabaung creek and Pagaing creek in Ottwin Township, Bago Region. It is of earthen dam. It is 200 feet in height and 920 feet in length. Its saddle dyke is 800 feet and its water storage area 878570 acres feet. Still water area is 83,000 acres feet. Its Water surface area is 14657 acres. It was built by Construction-5 under the Irrigation Department.

It includes spill way and tunnel and generates hydro power. And it can generate 120 million KWh a year. Khabaung diversion dam is located near Shwelaung village. It is RC type structure measuring 150 feet in width and 25 feet in height. Right retaining dyke is 2350 feet long and the left 5300 feet long. Since 2008-2009, water was supplied to farmlands for summer paddy through the right retaining dyke including a total of five small and big canals. Due to the diversion dam, farmers in Toungoo and Ottwin Townships can grow summer paddy more and more year by year. In the past, farmers could not grow summer paddy due to lack of water in late monsoon. Starting from 2008-2009, farmers can grow summer paddy successfully. After storing water from Khabaung diversion dam, it is supplied to 29 miles long canal through right sluice gate. Thanks to Khabaung multi-purpose dam project, farmers could grow 100,000 acres of summer paddy. It contributes to boosting production, creating more job opportunities, greening of the region, preventing floods and generating hydro power. So, local farmer are enjoying the benefits of the dam.

Photo shows Khabaung dam in Ottwin Township.

Translation: MT

Myanma Alin (22-8-2010)

Driverless vehicles go manual in Moscow

File photo shows a technician controls an unmanned electric-powered vehicle by a remote device, in Parma, Italy on 24 Aug, 2010.— **INTERNET**

MOLAN, 25 Aug—A pair of fender-benders, two technology-loving hitchhikers and 22 hours blocked at the Russian border. That's the balance sheet so far for a team of driverless vehicles on a 13,000-kilometre (8,000-mile) roadtrip from Europe to China.

A group of Italian engineers from the University of Parma's Vislab are testing sensory technology that allow unmanned vehicles to avoid obstacles on the longest-ever roadtrip of driverless technology.

One month into the three-month journey, most errors have been human.

"We were trapped in customs for one long day. We had a small accident — well, two small accidents, caused by human error. As far as the technology is concerned, everything has been smooth. We are very happy," project leader Alberto Broggi said on Tuesday.

The first accident occurred a couple of days into Russia, when the group stopped for the day and got out of the vehicles. One team of engineers turned off the sensory equipment, but neglected to switch off the automatic driving mechanism.

"So it was able to steer and drive, but it had no perception. It couldn't see anything," said Broggi, who is monitoring the journey and troubleshooting from Parma. The vehicle drove right into the rear of another driverless van parked three metres (yards) away.—*Internet*

VW vintage cars are on display during the NYC Volkswagen Traffic Jam classic VW car show on the Governor Island in New York, the United States, on 22 Aug, 2010.— **XINHUA**

Sloth and Gluttony hard to shake even for the healthy

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—The effects of a sedentary, gluttonous lifestyle are hard to shake, even after the person has become an upstanding, healthy individual, a new Swedish study suggests.

Researchers found that even a short period of overeating and a lack of exercise can have lasting effects on a person's physiology and make it harder to lose weight and keep it off.

Eighteen healthy people of normal weight were given the arduous task of limiting their physical activity (to no more than 5,000 steps a day) and increasing their food intake for four weeks. The participants in this so-called intervention group ate 70 percent more food, for a total of about 5,753 calories a day, over the study period.

At the study's start, the participants, whose average age was 26, had to be willing to gain between 5 percent and 15 percent of their weight in the name of science.

A second, control group ate and exercised as they normally would.

The couch-potato group added 14 pounds (6.4 kilogrames) on average, with gains in both their body fat and their fat-free body mass. Six months after the group was allowed to go back to eating normally and exercising, they lost 71 percent of the gained weight, on average.

However, one year after the study period, those individuals still had more body fat than they did at the study's start.

Internet

NASA gears up for big asteroid encounter

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—NASA has begun the countdown for its Dawn spacecraft's encounter with the giant asteroid Vesta, slated for less than a year from now.

Beginning next July, Dawn will orbit Vesta for a year, conducting a detailed study and becoming the first spacecraft ever to orbit a body in the asteroid belt. Previous missions have shown us a handful of asteroids, but Vesta will be special, scientists say.

"Vesta is going to amaze us," said Marc Rayman, Dawn's chief engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

At 350 miles (565 km) across, Vesta is nearly a world unto itself. It's the second-largest body in the asteroid belt, containing almost 10 percent of the entire belt's mass. The asteroid Ceres, so large it is considered a dwarf planet, is the only belt object bigger than Vesta.

"It's a big, rocky, terrestrial-type body — more likely similar to the moon and Mercury than to the little chips of rocks we've flown by in the past," Rayman said of Vesta. "For example, there's a large crater at Vesta's south pole, and inside the crater is a mountain bigger than asteroid Eros."

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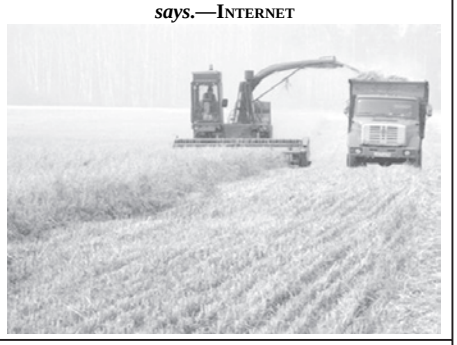
A harvester reaps corn on a field near Meshcherskoye south of Moscow on 15 Aug. Russia's agriculture industry faces losses of over one billion dollars after a record drought destroyed over a quarter of its crops, an official says.— **INTERNET**



AIG to decide on AIA pre-IPO sale by next week

HONG KONG, 25 Aug—American International Group Inc (AIG.N) is expected to decide by early next week whether to enter formal negotiations with strategic investors for its Asian life insurance business, AIA, sources familiar with the process told *Reuters* on Wednesday.

That AIG has set a deadline for the strategic bidder process shows that the company may go ahead with plans to list AIA on the Hong Kong stock exchange in the fourth quarter of 2010, a deal that could raise about $15 billion, without an outside investor taking a stake beforehand.

Some Chinese investors have expressed interest in buying stakes in AIA ahead of the IPO. But expectations are running low for the pre-IPO auction to lead to a big deal due to the limited time available.

Internet

File photo shows, an oil cleanup worker walks along the beach in Dauphin Island, Ala. In Alabama's Dauphin Island, known for its sugar sand beaches and bird sanctuaries, 90 percent fewer people booked summer rentals compared to last summer, said Mayor Jeff Collier. **INTERNET**

Study suggests link between diet sodas, preterm delivery

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—Could drinking one or more artificially swee-tened, carbonated diet sodas a day boost a woman's odds of premature delivery? A new study from Denmark suggests such a link.

The researchers looked at the soft drink habits of nearly 60,000 Danish women enrolled in a national study there from 1996 to 2002.

The investigators found a link between the intake of diet carbonated drinks and, to a lesser extent, diet noncarbon-ated drinks and delivering a baby early.

The study is published online and in the September print issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

In the report, the researchers conclude: "Daily intake of artificially sweetened soft drinks may increase the risk of preterm delivery."

The researchers defined preterm as delivering before 37 weeks' gestation. They categorized the women into groups depending on beverage drinking habits: those who never drank soft drinks or those who drank less than one per week, one to six per week, one each day, two or three per day, or four or more daily.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (070)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (070) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.8.2010 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.

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***Kenya says there has been an increase in poaching in recent years.*—INTERNET**

Kenya makes massive seizure of ivory and rhino horns

LONDON, 25 Aug —Some two tonnes of ivory and five rhino horns have been seized in Kenya's main airport inside boxes labelled as avocados to be exported to Malaysia.

The haul at Nairobi's international airport is believed to be the biggest of its kind in Kenya for several years. Two suspects have been arrested over the seizure of the ivory, which was in 317 separate pieces.—*Internet*

Aid agency warns of 'double disaster' for Niger

LONDON, 25 Aug— Niger has been hit by a double disaster as recent floods compound an existing food crisis, a UK aid agency warned.

Aid workers are struggling to help thousands of people affected by the floods which have hit many areas of West and Central Africa. Oxfam says the situation is stretching resources to the limit as it also tries to respond to the food shortages.

The agency urged donors to help Niger face what it calls a second emergency. Oxfam issued its warning as nearly eight million people, or half the population, are already facing hunger because of failed harvests.

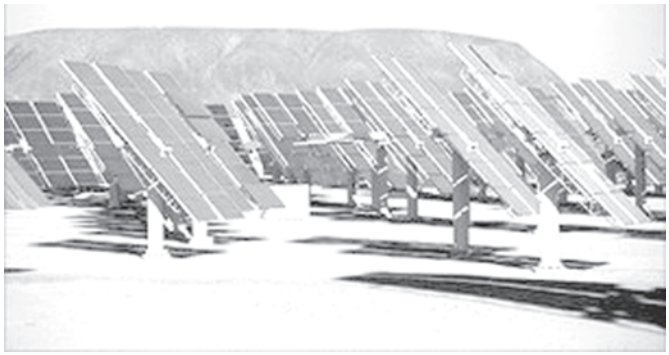
Now more than 100,000 people have been left homeless after heavy rains washed away their homes earlier this month, according to the United Nations.—*Internet*

***More than 100,000 people are homeless after rains washed away their homes.*—INTERNET**

Shooting in US kills three, wounds four

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug— A shooting in US state of Virginia left three people dead and four injured, local police said on Monday. The shooting took place in Louisa County in central Virginia on Sunday afternoon. County Sheriff Investigator Major Donald Lowe identified the gunman as 52-year-old Charles P "Zeke" Steadman Sponaugle Sr at a news conference on Monday.

Lowe said Sponaugle shot dead his own son and a nephew, while wounding four relatives including his wife. One of the wounded, a nephew, suffers life-threatening injuries. The injured were taken to the University of Virginia Medical Centre.—*Internet*



Dust and grime can dramatically reduce the efficiency of solar panels.
INTERNET

Mars technology creates self-dusting solar panels

LONDON, 25 Aug— Self-cleaning technology developed for lunar and Mars missions could be used to keep terrestrial solar panels dust free.

Dust deposits can reduce the efficiency of electricity generating solar panels by as much as 80%.

The self cleaning technology can repel dust when sensors detect concentrations on the panel's surface have reached a critical level.

The research was presented at a meeting of the American Chemical Society. Large scale solar installations are usually in sunny, dry desert areas where winds can deposit layers of dust over the solar panels.

Solar panels in the Mojave desert cover many kilometres. In one month, dust fall can reach as much as 17kg per square kilometre.

Internet

US court halts plans to increase stem cell research

LONDON, 25 Aug—A US district court has issued a temporary injunction blocking plans by the Obama administration to increase funding for stem cell research.

The court ruled in favour of researchers who say human embryonic stem cell research involved the destruction of human embryos.

Judge Royce Lamberth said lawsuits brought against the new guidelines could now go ahead.

President Obama lifted a ban on funding for stem cell research in March.

Critics say the ban, which was kept in place by Mr Obama's predecessor, George W Bush, impeded the fight to find treatments for diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes.—*Internet*

***Some experts believe stem cell research may help find treatments for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's and diabetes.*—INTERNET**

***Tens of thousands of Pakistanis have fled a threatened flood surge in the south.*—INTERNET**

Pakistan seeks IMF loan restructuring after floods

LONDON, 25 Aug—Officials from Pakistan have held talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to discuss its $11bn loan package in the wake of the devastating floods.

The IMF's regional director, Masood Ahmed, told to find a way to help Pakistan "through this difficult phase".

This could include lowering some fiscal targets or allowing Pakistan to apply for emergency natural disaster funding.

Earlier, UN officials described the humanitarian situation as critical.

They said that although the UN had raised 70% of the $460m (£295m) needed for emergency relief, many people had yet to receive any help.

In the UK, relief agencies have said public donors have given £29m ($45m) to the relief effort. They also said the international response had been slow to build up, but that donations had increased in the second week.—*Internet*

Russian agriculture damage reaches 33 billion rubles

MOSCOW, 25 Aug — The damage to Russia's agriculture sector has been estimated at 33 billion rubles (more than 1 billion US dollars), following the ongoing drought and forest fires, said an official on Monday.

"The government is compensating losses caused by drought, a special working group has been created, and losses are around 32.7 billion rubles (1.07 billion dollars)," said State Secretary and Deputy Agriculture Minister Alexander Petrikov in St Petersburg.

Assessment on damage has been done at 16,000 businesses, said Petrikov as quoted by the *Interfax* news agency.

The abnormal hot temperatures killed more than 11 million hectares of crops, which is 26 percent of the total area planted.

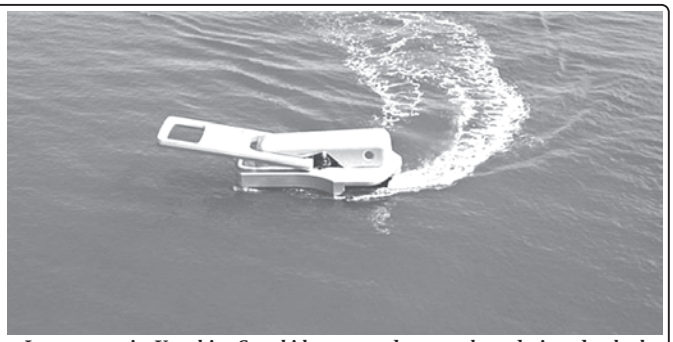
Russia banned grain exports starting on 15 Aug to counter the aftermath of the most severe drought in 130 years. The heat and drought engulfed Central Russia in mid-June with temperatures increase to 40 degrees Celsius.—*Internet*

Oregon boy takes family pickup on 100-mile joyride

A 12-year-old Oregon boy had permission to drive the family pickup truck to the end of the driveway to unload trash, but he kept going until he was stopped nearly 100 miles away in Lewis County, Wash.

The Clackamas County sheriff's office says it received a call from the boy's mother reporting the boy and the pickup missing from their home in Damascus, Ore., near Portland. An alert went out, and the eager young driver was safely stopped by a Lewis County sheriff's deputy. Detective Jim Strovink says the case will be referred to juvenile authorities for possible prosecution of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving without a license.

Strovink says the mother didn't do anything wrong in letting the boy drive in the driveway because that's private property.



Japanese artist Yasuhiro Suzuki has created a motorboat designed to look like a giant zip which opens the sea up as it travels along.

Britain's Teletubbies Laa-Laa (L) and Po perform during their first performance at the park of the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, east China, on 23 Aug, 2010. Teletubbies presented a dancing show for the tourists of the World Expo on Monday.

Robber nabbed after mocking police in email

A German bank robber led his pursuers straight to him after taunting police in an email over their efforts to catch him. Authorities in the southern city of Wuerzburg said on Wednesday the 19-year-old sent emails to police and two newspapers to point out factual errors in the report of his bank raid in the town of Roettingen a week ago.

According to daily *Bild*, he mocked the police for getting his age, height and accent wrong then pointed out he escaped in a car, not on foot. "His game of cat and mouse went all wrong," a Wuerzburg police spokesman said. Police traced his email and arrested him in a gambling hall in Hamburg just a few hours later. "He was completely shocked," the spokesman said.

Ancient trees to get new lease of life

Haidian District of Beijing will invest a total of 3.5 million yuan on rejuvenating rare ancient trees, reported *Beijing Youth Daily* on Monday.

The project is set to start at the end of this month and should be completed by the end of November.

Haidian District has more than 14,500 ancient trees, including 207 under firstclass protection.The main species are sabina chinensis, oriental arborvitae, pinus tabula-eformis carr, lacebark pine, sophora japonica L.

The district government has called on three specialist companies to investigate 260 ancient trees and extend their life through bracket supports, soil improvement, nutritio-nal supplements, tree hole repair and tree bark complementary planting.

The district has been investigating the health of its ancient trees since 2007 and has classified them according to their age, species and protection class. So far, it has invested 796,000 yuan on the rejuve-nation of 196 ancient trees.

News Album

A kid plays in a water pond in Singapore, Temperature reached 32 degrees centigrade.

"Piranha 3D" sequel underway

BEIJING, 25 Aug—Blood and breast-filled "Piranha 3D" is getting its sequel in the works, Dimension Films announced on Monday.

"We are thrilled that audiences are not just loving 'Piranha 3D,' but cheering for it," producer Mark Canton said in a statement. "And it's fantastic that so many critics are really getting the movie and recommending it. We can't wait to get to work on the sequel." "Piranha 3D" debuts in sixth place at the box office with 10.1 million US dollars. The movie, which cost around 24 million dollars to make, is one of those rare horror movies to enjoy rave reviews.

The flick scored 81 percent on review-aggregator Rotten Tomatoes. The Holly-wood Reporter called it "a pitch-perfect, guilty pleasure."

Xinhua

Cast members (from L-R) Jessica Szohr, Elisabeth Shue, Kelly Brook and Riley Steele pose at the premiere of the movie "Piranha 3D" at the Mann's Chinese 6 theatre in Hollywood, California on 18 August, 2010. The movie opens in the US on 20 August.
XINHUA

Jennifer Aniston to guest star on Courteney Cox's "Cougar Town"

BEIJING, 25 Aug—Jennifer Aniston will guest star on old pal "Friends" star Courteney Cox's "Cougar Town" for the show's season 2 premiere on 22 Sept, *ABC* announced on Monday. "She's going to play Courteney's shrink named Bonnie," executive producer Bill Lawrence tells EW.com about their TV reunion. "Kind of a get-too-involved-in-her-life-type of therapist."

Jennifer and Courteney have had 16 years' time friendship and a hit series, therefore their chemistry is highly expected. It's likely she'll trump even her "30 Rock" appearance.

For now, Jen's character is slated for just one episode, but Bill says he left the story open for a potential role reprisal.

Jennifer Aniston.
INTERNET

"We're very intentionally implying that it's a therapist Courteney has been using for a while, and we're certainly not going to make it like they'll never see each other again," he says. "So I'm crossing my fingers that if she has a good time it'll happen again."

Xinhua

Actress Jessica Alba.
INTERNET

Jessica Alba to star in "Spy Kids 4"

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug—Jessica Alba is in negotiations to star in Robert Rodriguez's "Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World."

The Dimension movie is a reboot of sorts for the moneymaking franchise, which initially starred Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara as the kids of superspy parents (Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino). Rodriguez wrote and directed each installment.

Vega and Sabara are no longer kids — Vega is nearly 23 and recently engaged — but Rodriguez wanted to continue the series. The new movie centres on Alba as a retired spy who has been reactivated. The actress, mother of a toddler in real life, will be playing the mother of a baby and two preteen stepchildren.

The actors cast in the preteen roles will be the new Spy Kids. Other roles seeking to be filled include Alba's husband, a slightly nerdy investigative reporter, and the villain, known as the Time Keeper, whose goal it is to stop time. It is expected that Banderas, Vega and Sabara will return in supporting roles.

Like most of Rodriguez's movies, "Kids" will shoot in his hometown of Austin, Texas. The movie, with a budget of less than $30 million, is eyeing a start next month.

The picture, which also has been known as "Spy Kids 4: Armageddon," will be in 3D. The new "Kids" marks the third time Alba has worked with Rodriguez. The actress starred in 2005's "Sin City" and appears in "Machete," Rodriguez's low-budget grindhouse flick that opens 3 September.—*Internet*

Veteran Weir set for Scotland return

GLASGOW, 25 Aug — David Weir is set to return to the Scotland team after the 40-year-old Rangers captain was named on Tuesday in manager Craig Levein's squad for the Euro 2012 qualifiers against Lithuania and Liechtenstein next month.

There was speculation Weir's international career was over when Levein left him out of his first two squads after taking over from George Burley last December. But a 3-0 loss to Sweden earlier this month, in Scotland's final warm-up game, led to a recall for former Hearts and Everton defender Weir.

"The thing about Davie is he is still playing at the highest level week in, week out," Levein told www.scottishfa.co.uk:

Internet

David Weir, seen here in 2009, is set to return to the Scotland team. **INTERNET**

Inter are still the favourites, says Vucinic

ROME, 25 Aug — AS Roma striker Mirko Vucinic admitted on Tuesday that champions Inter Milan will still be the team to beat in Serie A this season.

AS Roma's Mirko Vucinic

Inter came from behind to beat Roma 3-1 in the Italian Supercup on Saturday, not least because of a horrible backpass from Vucinic that gifted Goran Pandev an easy equaliser.

But the Monetengro captain said he saw enough in that match to be convinced that Inter will be just as tough as ever, following five straight scudetto crowns.

"They're the favourites, they have many great players but so too do we," he told *Sky*.

Internet

Germany's Martin sprints to Eneco Tour victory

GHENT, 25 Aug — Germany's Tony Martin, riding for the HTC-Columbia team, sprinted to victory in the Eneco Tour on Tuesday after winning the seventh and final stage.

Martin won the final 16.9km time-trial ahead of Dutch rider Maarten Tjallingi and Dane Alex Rasmussen.

He took the title ahead of Koos Moerenhout of the Netherlands and Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen, achieving his fifth victory this season.

The 25-year-old German time-trial champion, who finished second in the Tour de France prologue in Rotterdam last month, took the leader's jersey on the third stage.—*Internet*

***Germany's Tony Martin, seen here in July in 2010 and who is riding for the HTC-Columbia team, sprinted to victory.*—INTERNET**

No Italians but no cheating, claims Moratti

ROME, 25 Aug — Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti defended his club's selection policy that includes no Italians in the first XI by aiming a swipe at their major rivals AC Milan and Juventus.

Inter Milan, who rarely fielded an Italian in their starting line-up last season, were once again completely foreign when they took to the field on Saturday for the Italian Supercup against AS Roma, a game they won 3-1.

Since selling young Italy striking talent Mario Balotelli to Manchester City, they have even fewer options to select a home grown player this season.

Internet

***Inter Milan's president Massimo Moratti, seen here in May 2010, defended his club's selection.*—INTERNET**

Man City bossing transfer market: Mourinho

LONDON, 25 Aug — Real Madrid manager Jose Mourinho has accepted Manchester City are "dominant in the market" after outbidding the Spanish giants to sign Serbia full-back Aleksander Kolarov.

***Serbia defender Aleksander Kolarov pictured during his side's World Cup group match against Germany.*—INTERNET**

Kolarov joined City last month for 16 million pounds as part of the breathtaking spending spree which has seen Sheikh Mansour, the Premier League club's wealthy owner, spend more than 100 million pounds on the north-west English side.

Former Chelsea boss Mourinho, who joined Madrid after leading Inter Milan to a domestic and European treble last season, said even a club the size of Real could not compete with City's cheque book.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Kwame Brown, Michael Jordan reunited again

CHARLOTTE, 25 Aug — The draft decision helped define both men in harsh terms: Michael Jordan was a failed executive, Kwame Brown a bust as a player.

Now, nine years after Jordan took Brown with the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, they're reuniting in hopes of shedding both labels. The Jordan-owned Charlotte Bobcats on Monday came to terms with Brown on a one-year deal for the veteran minimum of $1.3 million. Agent Mark Bartelstein said Brown will sign on Tuesday. "A really interesting story," Bartelstein said. "Instead of running away from the shadow of Michael Jordan, he kind of embraced it."

While the Bobcats need help in the middle after trading Tyson Chandler to Dallas last month, Brown would seemingly be the last center Jordan would turn to as he begins his first full season as majority owner.—*Internet*

Cambiasso admits to Benitez changes

ROME, 25 Aug — Inter Milan's Argentina midfielder Esteban Cambiasso said on Tuesday that new coach Rafael Benitez has made some changes since replacing Real Madrid-bound Jose Mourinho.

The Portuguese boss left at the end of last season having guided the nerazzurri to a treble, unprecedented in Italian football. He was promptly replaced by Benitez, a Champions League winner with Liverpool and the man who guided Valencia to two La Liga titles in three years before that. And Cambiasso said the Spaniard has brought some new methods to the all-conquering team.—*Internet*

***Inter's Milan Esteban Cambiasso(L), seen here listening Rafael Benitez on 21 August.*—INTERNET**

Barca must pay right price for Mascherano: Hodgson

Javier Mascherano

MANCHESTER, 25 Aug— Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson insists Javier Mascherano will not move to Barcelona unless the Spanish giants offer the fee the Merseyside club feel he is worth.

Argentina captain Mascherano was left out of Liverpool's 3-0 Premier League loss away to Manchester City on Monday because, Hodgson said, "his head was not right".

Mascherano is desperate to leave Liverpool because his family have failed to settle on Merseyside and he is understood to be keen to move to Spain.

But Hodgson said the player, who is rated in the 25 million pounds bracket by his club, would have to serve the remaining two years on his contract unless a club came up with the right money.

Internet

Rubin sign Brazilan midfielder Eduardo

MOSCOW, 25 Aug — Russian champions Rubin Kazan have strengthened their squad by signing Brazilian midfielder Carlos Eduardo from Bundesliga side Hoffenheim on a four-year deal, local media reported on Tuesday.

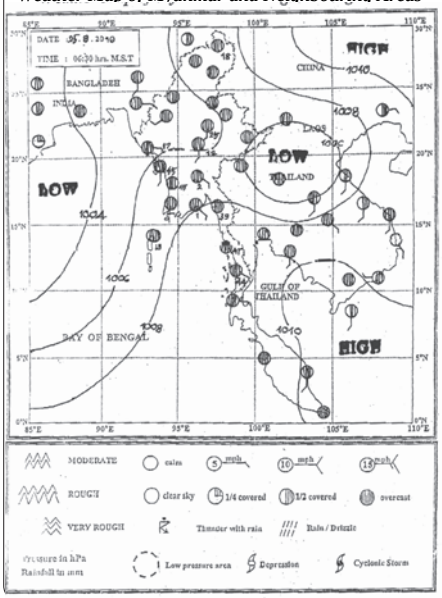
The Russian champions will reportedly pay the German club 20 million euro over 18 months for the 23-year-old Brazilan, who played in four friendly matches for his national squad.

"Eduardo is a very fast player with a precise pass," said Rubin manager Kurban Berdyev, who personally went to Germany to sign the Brazilan. "He's able to play in different positions and, I believe, will strengthen us."

Internet

***Russian champions Rubin Kazan have strengthened their squad by signing Brazilian midfielder Carlos Eduardo.*—INTERNET**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wedensday, 25th August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundersowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, Magway Region, scattered in Mandalay and Bago Regions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (4.29) inches, Patheingyi (Shwesayan) (3.50) inches, Wundwin (3.20) inches, Sagaing (2.87) inches, Dawei (2.79) inches, Bilin (2.52) inches, Manaung (2.40) inches, Kyaukse and Kyaikmaraw (2.16) inches each, Monywa and Myinmu (2.05) inches each, Myitnge (1.50) inches and Mandalay (1.41) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 24-8-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-8-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-8-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 25-8-2010 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 24-8-2010 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 25-8-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-8-2010 was (84%). Total Sunshine hours on 24-8-2010 was (3.6) hours.

Rainfall on 25-8-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (53.74) inches at Mingaladon, (60.08) inches at Kaba-Aye and (71.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 24-8-2010.

Special Features: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, tropical storm ''Mindulle''over South China Sea (Gulf of Tonkin) has crossing North coast of Vietnam.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 26th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Chin States and Magway Region, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States . Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Lee, Lin the favourites at badminton worlds, says Gade

PARIS, 25 Aug—World number two Peter Gade believed that world number one Lee Chong Wei and three-time world champion Lin Dan are the favourites to win the men's singles title at the Badminton World Championships.The 33-year-old Dane easily beat Daniel Paiola from Brazil 21-10, 21-7 on Tuesday, setting up a clash with South Korean Shon Wan Ho in the second round.

"I knew it may not be a really tough game against the Brazilian, but there were still a lot of good rallies," said the veteran, who thought he has been experienced a good preparation and was ready for the challenges coming out.China's ace Lin believed top seed Lee was the favorite for the title and named Gade as the second favourite, but Gade couldn't see eye to eye with the third seed.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 25 Aug , 2010 shows the words written by residents who come to mourn for eight dead tourists, in Hong Kong, south China. People in Hong Kong expressed deep sorrow and condolence over the hostage crisis that ended in the deaths of eight tourists from Hong Kong. —XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(26-8-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	-	(26-8-10 09:30 am ~ 27-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)
* News
* Myanmar-Thai Business Cooperation
* Iron Cross(Part-IV)
* News
* A Visit To Kayah State (Part-I)
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* News
* Myanmar Movies Impact ''Home Sweet Home''
* The Beauty of Ingyin Fossils From Chindwin Diver
* News
* Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda
* Music Gallery
* News
* The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
* News
* Sightseeing aroung Mandalay (Mandalay)
* Myanmar Movie "Story of a flower"

Myanmar TV

Thursday, 26 August
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်-ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am
2.Morning News

7:40 am
3. အင်္ဂလိပ်မင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့် တေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
5. Dance Variety

8:15 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am
7. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am
8. International News

8:45 am
9. Musical Programme

3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဥသာယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း နှင့် မနောမြေ FC အသင်း)

5:00 pm
2. Cuite Little Dancers

5:10 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

5:25 pm
4. Songs To Uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm
5. "ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင်အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေးမိခင်"

5:45 pm
6. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

6:20 pm
9. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "အချစ်ကော်ဖီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ငြိမ်းချမ်း၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ ဇော်ဇော်အောင်၊ ယုဇနဝိုလ်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm
10. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm
11. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ဆူးလွှမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၂၈)

8:00 pm
12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. မနေ့ ကသည်နေ့ နဲ့မနက်ဖြန် (L-ဆိုင်းဇီ ၊ သရုပ်ဆောင်-နန်းဆုရတီစိုး နှင့် အဖွဲ့ (တေးရေး-ဒီနေ့ပုဏ္ဏက)
16. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ချစ်သူ့နယ်နိမိတ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
17. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၇၂)

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★ 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

Political parties submit lists of party members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—The political parties are to submit list of their party members organized in line with Article13 (a) of Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission within 90 days from the date they have been granted permission to register.

The Union Democratic Party submitted the lists of its party members to the UEC today.

Up to date, twenty-seven of the 42 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted lists of party members to the UEC within the prescribed period.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (25-8-2010)

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Khabaung Dam contributes to growing summer paddy and other crops

Article: *Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)* ; Photos : *Ko Thant Zin (Meiktila)*

One can see thriving paddy fields on both sides of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Bago Region. During my visit to Toungoo Township in Bago Region, I saw paddy transplanters and tractors at work in the fields.

In Toungoo District, Khabaung Dam plays an important role in growing summer paddy. It is located in Ottwin Township in Bago Region and included in Sittoung Basin development project. Construction of the dam started in September 2002 and completed in 2006.

In order to write an article about development of Toungoo in Bago Region, I met secretary of Bago Region Peace and Development Council. He urged me to write an article on Khabaung Dam. So, I visited the dam along with assistant director U Tin (Constrcution-5).

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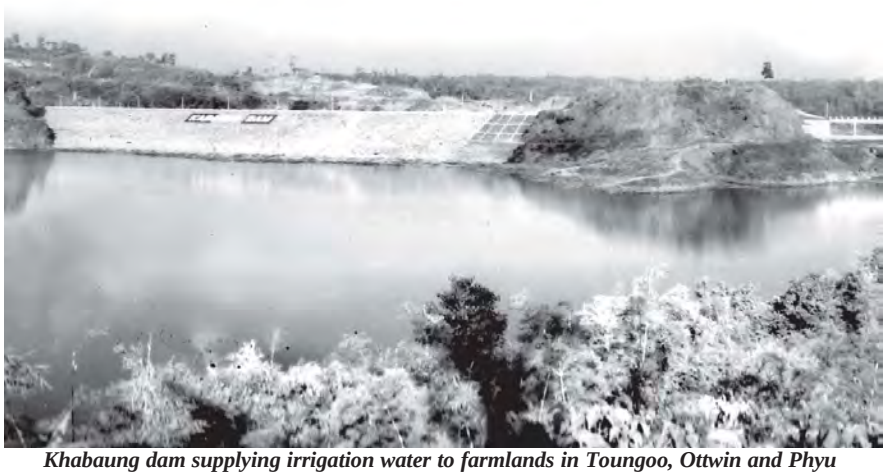

Khabaung dam supplying irrigation water to farmlands in Toungoo, Ottwin and Phyu townships.