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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

UEC Chairman meets subcommission members in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—The meeting between the Chairman of Union Election Commission and state, district, township, ward and village subcommission members in Rakhine State took place at City Hall in Sittway on 9 August.

Chairman of the UEC U Thein Soe first made a speech.

Chairman of Rakhine State Subcommission U Aung Mya, Secretary U Kyaw Myint, and district and township subcommission chairmen reported on electoral processes to the UEC Chairman.

The meeting ended with a concluding remark by the UEC Chairman.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Integrated farming helps improve rural economy

Win Thein Oo (Fishery)

Recently, I made a trip to Upper Myanmar for writing articles on progress of fishery industry and conservation of fish resource in accord with the instruction of the Director-General of Fisheries Department.

During the trip, I visited 100-acre fish pond of U Tun Yin's Mya Kantha integrated farm in Taungpyone region of Madaya Township. I saw fish ponds and concrete buildings of poultry farms on them. The integrated farming is contributing to uplifting livelihoods of rural people through the combined task of agriculture and livestock breeding which is included in five rural development tasks adopted by the State.

The integrated farming must mutually benefit agriculture and livestock breeding. Waste from livestock breeding is to be utilized as organic fertilizer and by-products from agriculture is also to be used as fertilizer so as to dou-

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ble the production. The integrated farming can boost production and create the job opportunity for increasing income of employers and employees. Such farming on a manageable scale can earn the increased income for the

families. Indeed, it is necessary to take care of bio-security due to containing bios and living organisms.

While visiting the farm in Taungpyone region, I remember the integrated fish farming training I received in China in

1997. Chinese farmers established the poultry farms at the upper stage, the pig farms at the middle and the fish ponds at the lower level and mulberry plantation on the bund of fish ponds. I saw silk weaving works at the same venue.

When the fish ponds were dried in the sun, pond silt was fed to mulberry plants. The farms created job opportunities for the local people.

In Taungpyone, the integrated farms of farmer U Tun Yin generated jobs

for 37 households and they were engaged in works of fishery, poultry breeding and growing of mango plants. All members of families were working on the farms.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Time to stand unitedly

Emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed democratic nation is the national goal. The government is taking measures to ensure peace and stability of the State and the rule of law, build firm economic infrastructures and develop human resources.

As desired by the people, nation-building tasks require constant efforts that need to be made in accord with the call of the past, present and future. It is the national duty of all to work with correct vision and true patriotism.

Peace and stability is instrumental in shaping a new nation. With the unity and national consolidation among the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, the whole country has seen peace and tranquility alongside fruits of development.

As a result, nation-building endeavours and national development work are picking up. All basic requirements are being fulfilled to ensure balanced development in every region and then the whole Union. With a lot of projects being implemented and some completed, fruitful results can be witnessed.

For the improvement of Kayin State's education sector, about 1500 universities, colleges, institutions and libraries have been opened. Sixteen 180-foot-and-above bridges, 274 under-180-foot bridges and 271 miles of roads including 144 miles of tarred roads, have been built. And these are signs of progress. Besides, the national race organizations that have returned to the legal fold are taking part in regional development tasks in collaboration with the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Overall, all the national people are to actively and unitedly participate in nation-building tasks by maintaining prevailing peace and stability and prosperity.

Lolane on display at Yangon International Product Showcase 2010



Booth of Lolane cosmetics crowded with visitors at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.—MNA

YANGON, 28 Aug — Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd is displaying Lolane cosmetics at 1st Yangon International Product Showcase 2010 at Tatmadaw

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

Kanyin Dam in Ingapu Tsp to irrigate 25,000 acres



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo views progress of Kanyin Dam Project.—A&I

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, on 24 August, visited Kanyin Dam Project in Ingapu Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Region.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on progress in construction of main dam, conduit, spillway and irrigation facilities, and gave instructions.

The main dam is of earthen type and will be 194 feet in height and 2,850 feet in length. Earthworks for construction of the main dam has so far completed by 73 per cent.

The conduit is high-pressure steel pipe and will

be 938 feet in length. Earthworks for construction of the conduit has finished by 56 per cent and concreting 14 per cent.

The spillway will be 250 feet wide and 991 feet long. Earthworks for the spillway has completed by 61 per cent and concreting 100 per cent. The whole has so far completed by 61 per cent.

The dam being built by damming up Kanyin Creek in Ingapu Township will be able to irrigate 25,000 acres of farmlands and generate 5-megawatt hydroelectricity, contributing to development of surrounding regions.

MNA

Progress of Nancho Hydropower Plant inspected



Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min looks into implementation of Nancho Hydropower Project.—EP-1

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min yesterday afternoon inspected land preparations for laying penstock steel pipeline Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

Inforithm-Maze organized the exhibition with the sponsorship of Department of Export Promotion of Thailand.

Lolane professional hairstylists from Thailand decorated models with new hairdos.

The company introduced Lolane Nature Code Colour Shampoo which can recolour one's hair going grey within five minutes after shampooing.

Those who want to retail the products may contact the company headquarters at No. 40, 67th Street, Botahtaung Township, here, (Ph: 294045, 290170, 291318, 291319, Fax: 296928, Email: grandwyn@myanmar.com).—MNA

and construction of power station and swift yard at Nancho Hydropower Project, seven miles upstream of the confluence of Nancho Creek and Paunglaung River.

He looked into progress in construction of concrete water control tank and digging of the entrance and exit at No. 2 water tunnel and concrete lining works of No. 1 water tunnel.

The minister viewed construction of concrete embankment and water intake structure and gave necessary instructions. He also inspected progress of concrete works. He stressed the need to supervise worksite safety and standards of the construction materials. Nancho Hydropower Project has completed by 57.47 per cent. On completion, the project installed two 20-megawatt generators will generate 152 million kilowatt hours yearly.—MNA



New breach in Pakistan flood levee



Pakistani villagers flee their homes due to flooding in Thatta near Hyderabad, Pakistan on 26 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET

THATTA, 28 Aug—Floodwaters made another break on Saturday in the levees protecting the southern city of Thatta, as thousands of residents fled for high ground and left the city nearly empty. Both sides of the main road were crowded with people — from Thatta and nearby flooded villages fleeing the floodwaters. Many had spent the night sleeping out in the open. Hadi Baksh Kalhoro, a Thatta disaster management official, said more than 175,000 people had left the city, leaving it nearly deserted. Some are heading for nearby towns or cities, he said, with thousands also headed for the high ground of an ancient graveyard for Muslim saints. He said the latest levee breach, which happened early on Saturday, could leave the outskirts of Thatta flooded by later in the day. The city is about 75 miles (125 kilometers) southeast of the major coastal city of Karachi.

Internet

Heavy rains kill 34, affect 85,000 in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, 28 Aug—Thirty-four people have died in constant heavy rains since May in Nicaragua as of Friday, in a developing disaster which has already affected some 85,000 people.

Twenty-three of the deaths took place in August, according to Nestor Solis Gonzalez from the Civil Defence. There were six confirmed deaths during last 24 hours. Among those affected by the killer rains, one a few were staying at the shelters established by the aid organizations.

Solis said roads in many northerner provinces were badly damaged and the rains have left many municipalities isolated. Nicaragua's Producers Union said the rains also affected the harvesting of beans, sorghum, soya and peanut as the crops died of too much water. The government is expected to launch a relief plan in the coming days.

Xinhua

600 houses flooded, 300 families displaced in E Nepal

KATHMANDU, 28 Aug—With heavy rainfall in recent days, over 300 families have been displaced by floods while around 600 houses have been waterlogged in Morang District. Similarly, a culvert collapse has obstructed vehicular movement in Jhapa District in eastern Nepal.

According to Saturday's Republica.com report, around 600 houses in Itahara and Baradanga villages have been inundated by the river that entered into human settlements following Thursday night's incessant rain. Some 60 people have been trapped by currents of water.

Security personnel equipped with boats and life-jackets have been mobilized in the flooded area. They have been working tirelessly to rescue the villagers.—Xinhua

Afghan Taleban attack NATO bases, 11 attackers killed

KHOST, 28 Aug—A group of Taleban militants launched an attack on NATO bases in eastern Afghanistan's Khost Province early on Saturday, 11 attackers were killed and two soldiers sustained injuries, press department of NATO said. "A group of Taleban terrorists raided two bases of NATO-led troops in Khost Province early on Saturday," provincial police chief Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai told Xinhua. He added that the militants attacked NATO-led forces bases in Sahra Bagh and old airfield at 05:00 am local time.

The situation in Sahra Bagh base has been brought under control as all the attackers had been killed but gun battle is going on at the old airfield. Press department of NATO-led troops in southeast Afghanistan confirmed the attack, saying 25 militants targeted military bases by rockets and small arms early morning. During the clash 11 militants were killed and two soldiers sustained injuries, the press department emphasized.

Meantime, a Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed of responsibility and in talks with media via telephone from undisclosed location said 20 suicide bombers stormed NATO bases in Khost Province this morning.

Mujahid also claimed that the militants shot down a helicopter in the old airfield.—Xinhua

Two car bombs explode in northeastern Mexico

Police patrol at the site of a car bomb explosion near the local office of Televisa TV network in the Tamaulipas state capital of Ciudad Victoria in northeastern Mexico on 27 Aug, 2010.

XINHUA



MEXICO CITY, 28 Aug—Two car bombs exploded on Friday at the same time in different places of Ciudad Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas state in northeast of Mexico with no injuries.

One of the bombs blasted early Friday morning outside the building of Mexican TV channel Televisa in the south of Ciudad Victoria, while the other explosion occurred near the facilities of the Municipal Transit Direction.

During the broadcasting of Televisa's news programme "Primero Noticias" its conductor Carlos Loret said that the bomb in Televisa building in Ciudad Victoria only caused material damages.

"There are material damages outside. Inside we do not know, because the

militaries and federal policemen cordoned off the zone and do not allow the pass," Loret said. Minutes later, another bomb exploded, some 2 kilometres away from the first, also causing only material damages.

On 15 Aug a grenade was thrown to the roof of Televisa offices in Matamoros, in Tamaulipas state, also causing only material damages. The same day in the offices of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon another grenade exploded in front of Televisa's office. In 30 July another bomb blast took place in Televisa's offices in Nuevo Laerdo, causing only material damages.

Tamaulipas is the scene of the fight between the Golfo drug cartel and Los Zetas criminal organization.—Xinhua

Homes evacuated overnight near Montana wildfire

CANYON CREEK, 28 Aug—Authorities in western Montana roused people from their beds early on Friday to flee an approaching wildfire, as thunderstorms sparked dozens more in blazes across the West in Idaho and Nevada. Cooler temperatures and calmer winds helped firefighters control wildfires that flared up a day earlier across eastern Washin-gton. Montana authorities began knocking on doors at 3 am on Friday, warning residents that a fire in the Bitterroot National Forest was threatening their homes. The Downing Mountain fire was reported Thursday evening and grew to 415 acres by Friday afternoon, said forest spokesman Tod McKay. But the blaze was moving west, away from houses and away from the town of Hamilton, which is just three miles away, he said.

About 70 homes in the Blodgett and Canyon Creek



areas were evacuated and fire officials said residents of another 100 homes were warned they may have to leave.

"This is not an easy process for residents to be told at 3 am that they must leave their homes which are currently threatened. Thankfully everyone has been very understanding and cooperative," said Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman.—Internet

Suspected US missile strike kills four in NW Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 28 Aug—Suspected US missiles struck two vehicles carrying militants in northwest Pakistan, killing four of them, intelligence officials said on Saturday.

The overnight attack happened in the Kurram tribal region bordering Afghanistan. The slain men were from Taleban's Haqqani network, which is blamed for launching attacks across the border against the American and NATO forces in Afghanistan, one of the three intelligence officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Although the CIA has repeatedly targeted militant positions in Pakistan's tribal regions, such strikes in Kurram are rare.—Internet

Flames from a prescribed burn that turned into a wildfire are visible from Highway 279 on 26 Aug, 2010 near Canyon Creek, Mont.

INTERNET



Science

Tiny Gulf Sea creature could shed light on Oil Spill's impact



An anemone of the same species Jenny is studying.—INTERNET

ALABAMA, 28 Aug—A University of Alabama molecular biologist will soon bring dozens of tiny, transparent animals that live in Gulf Coast waters

back to his campus laboratory as part of an effort to better understand the oil spill's long-term impact on the coastal environment and creatures living there.

The National Science Foundation awarded Dr Matthew Jenny, assistant professor of biological sciences at UA, a research grant for the project focusing on sea anemones, small animals related to the corals that build ocean reefs.

Jenny, working in collaboration with researchers at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, will collect and preserve anemones pulled from coastal waters from Alabama to Louisiana.—*Internet*

Researchers listen to 'ringing' star

BOULDER, 28 Aug—A distant star US scientists say is "ringing like a bell" could provide clues to other stars that might have planets that might be able to host life.

Scientists at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo, with colleagues in France and Spain, studied a star known as HD49933,

located 100 light years from Earth in the constellation Monoceros,

The team examined the star's acoustic fluctuations, using a technique called "stellar seismology" that measured "starspots," areas of intense magnetic energy similar to the sun's sunspots.

"Essentially, the star

is ringing like a bell," NCAR scientist Travis Metcalfe, a co-author of the new study, says. "As it moves through its starspot cycle, the tone and volume of the ringing changes in a very specific pattern, moving to higher tones with lower volume at the peak of its magnetic cycle."

Internet



In the image from the ASTER camera aboard NASA's orbiting Terra satellite, snow-capped volcanoes are seen from overhead that compose the picturesque Islands of the Four Mountains in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, USA.

INTERNET

High-resolution camera snaps water ice on Mars

TUCSON, 28 Aug—A NASA spacecraft with a high-resolution camera has photographed a young Mars crater and found frozen water in it, scientists say.

A recent image from NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter HiRISE camera shows water ice at the bottom of a 20-foot-wide crater on the planet's surface, SPACE.com reported on Friday.

Researchers suspect the crater in the northern hemisphere formed recently, no earlier than April 2004, Nathan Bridges, a HiRISE science team member at the University of Arizona, said.

The crater appeared in photos taken between 6 June and 7 July.

"It's showing we're getting ice pretty far south," Bridges said. "As we continue to look at these things it's a good way to determine where shallow ice is on Mars."

The ice patch covers an area of up to 20 square feet. It "is probably at the same depth and has a similar origin to that excavated by the Phoenix lander back in 2008," he said.

NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander landed in the Martian arctic in May 2008 and found evidence of water ice just beneath the surface.

During the next Martian summer "the HiRISE team will likely take additional pictures to check up on the crater," Bridges said.

Internet

Technology

Three big-carrier, Android-packing Samsung Galaxy phones down, one to go

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—We've already got the Captivate for AT&T, the Epic 4G for Sprint, and the Vibrant for T-Mobile — all three of which come armed with eye-popping 4-inch displays, slim profiles, speedy 1GHz processors, and five-megapixel cameras — and now Samsung's set to finish its

lap of the four big US carriers with the Fascinate, due in the coming weeks for Verizon Wireless.

Sure, we've had plenty of other impressive, high-profile smartphones arrive on specific carriers over the last few months, including the jumbo-sized HTC Evo 4G for Sprint, the Motorola Droid X for Verizon, and

of course, the iPhone 4 on AT&T.

But with its slim, sleek line of Galaxy S phones, Samsung's doing something a little different — namely, it's got a Galaxy phone for all four of the big carriers, rather than doling out exclusives to one carrier or another.

Internet

Kodak releases new ESP 9250 multifunction printer

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug—Kodak on Friday released a new multifunction printer (MFP), the ESP 9250. The new device replaces the ESP 9 as Kodak's top-of-the-line MFP.

The \$250 ESP 9250 has a four-colour inkjet printer, and uses two ink cartridges: one black ink cartridge, and one color cartridge with cyan, yellow, and magenta inks. The standard replacement black ink replacement cartridge is \$10; a high-volume black ink cartridge is available for \$17. The color replacement cartridge is \$18. The ESP 9250 uses the same ink cartridges as the ESP 9, but a Kodak representative said that the inks have been reformulated to produce better-looking output.—*Internet*

Secrets of the gecko foot help robot climb



Paul Day and Alan Asbeck worked on adhesives for the feet of the gecko-like Stickybot.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—A Stanford mechanical engineer is using the biology of a gecko's sticky foot to create a robot that climbs.

In the same way the small reptile can scale a wall of slick glass, the Stickybot can climb smooth surfaces with feet modeled on the intricate design of gecko toes.

Mark Cutkosky, the lead designer of the Stickybot, a professor of mechanical engineering and co-director of the Centre for Design Research, has been collaborating with scientists around the nation for the last five years to build climbing robots. After designing a robot that could conquer rough vertical

surfaces such as brick walls and concrete, Cutkosky moved on to smooth surfaces such as glass and metal. He turned to the gecko for ideas. "Unless you use suction cups, which are kind of slow and inefficient, the other solution out there is to use dry adhesion, which is the technique the gecko uses," Cutkosky said. The toe of a gecko's foot contains hundreds of flap-like ridges called lamellae. On each ridge are millions of hairs called setae, which are 10 items thinner than a human's.

Under a microscope, you can see that each hair divides into smaller strands called spatulae, making it look like a bundle of split ends.—*Internet*



3-D movies can now be transmitted via Internet and digital television channels such as via satellite.

INTERNET



Health

Health Tip: Other benefits of sugar

Reducing sugar consumption can reduce the risks of obesity and diabetes. But sugar is not always dangerous because sugar can also be a medicine. According to Health, here are some benefits of sugars:

1. Healing wounds

Zimbabwean society tradition teaches that sugar is a very effective disinfectant. Local people sprinkle with granulated their open wound with sugar, so the healing process could be faster.

Research in the UK has proved that sugar are capable of pulling fluids around the wound so it does not overgrown with bacteria. The effect is the same as salt, but does not cause pain.

2. Pain relief

A research published in the *Pediatrics* journal reveals sugar solution efficacy in relieving pain in infants during immunization injections. Most babies which are given 1 cup of the solution did not cry when injected, due to less pain.

3. Soften rough skin

Sugar is a softener (exfoliant) for natural skin. To soften the damaged skin, use a recipe from The Groove Park Inn Resort & Spa in North Carolina below.

Combine 1 cup granulated sugar with 1/2 cup canola oil, add three drops of lavender essential oil. Use as a scrub, rubbed with a circular motion.

4. Keep the flowers bloom longer

A little extra sugar on the water in the vase of the flower. According to Rita Azar, owner of a flower shop in Los Angeles, one teaspoon of sugar is enough to make fresh flowers bloom longer.

Internet

Austria reports two cases of superbug, NDM-1

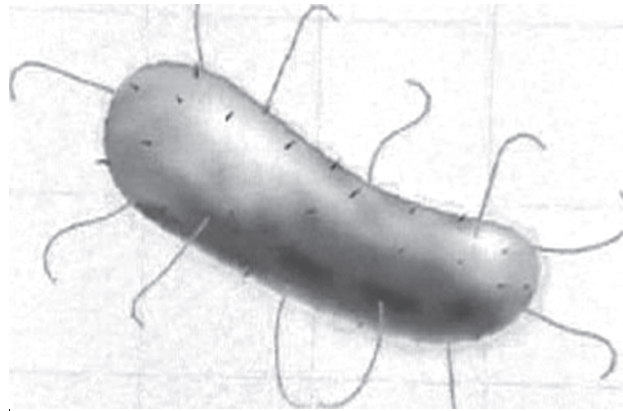


Photo shows superbug NDM-1.—INTERNET

VIENNA, 28 Aug—Austria's health ministry is reporting two cases of a new gene that allows bacteria to become a superbug.

The ministry says experts at the medical university in the southern city of Graz detected the gene, known as NDM-1, in two people, both of whom are believed to have been infected in hospitals abroad.

A statement on Friday said a person from Pakistan was released in good health from Graz's university clinic last year after successful treatment. It said another person from Kosovo is still under medical supervision there.

Researchers say the gene—which appears to be circulating widely in India—alters bacteria, making them resistant to nearly all known antibiotics.—Internet

FDA finds salmonella in chicken feed in farms

BEIJING, 28 Aug—US food officials say they have found salmonella that links two farms in Iowa to an egg recall on Friday.

Salmonella was found in chicken's feed at Wright County Egg and also Hillandale Farms, the FDA said. More than 550 million eggs from the two farms were recalled after they were linked to the recent salmonella poisoning across the US.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) official Sherri McGarry said the salmonella found at Wright County Egg in Iowa matches the fingerprints of the salmonella found in many of the sickened.

The officials emphasized they do not yet know how the chicken feed became contaminated. Investigators are studying 600 samples from 24 locations at the two farms. Wright



Eggs are seen at a supermarket in New York, the United States, on 20 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA

County Egg said in a statement that they will work with the FDA for reviewing the feed ingredients purchased from outside vendors. The life-threatening illnesses is expected to increase. However, no deaths have been reported due to this outbreak.—Xinhua

Business

Wall Street rallies after Bernanke speech

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Wall Street gained sharply on Friday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank would take actions if the economy deteriorates significantly.

Bernanke admitted the economic recovery is "less vigorous than we expected," but he believed the economy would pick up next year. He assured investors by saying the Fed still had tools to help support economic activity and guard against disinflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average rallied 165.37 points, or 1.66 percent, to 10,151.18. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 17.37 points, or 1.66 percent, to 1,064.59 and the Nasdaq rose 34.94 points, or 1.65 percent, to 2,153.63.

Xinhua

Intel downgrades third quarter revenue forecast

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Intel slashed on Friday its third quarter revenue forecast due to lower demand for computers, leading to a sharp sell-off of the microchip giant's shares.

It said revenue would come in around 11 billion dollars, lower than the earlier estimate of 11.2 to 12 billion dollars.



"Revenue is being affected by weaker than expected demand for consumer PCs in mature markets," the world's biggest chip manufacturer said in a statement.

"Inventories across the supply chain appear to be in-line with the company's revised expectations," it said.

The impact of lower volume is being partially offset by slightly

higher average selling prices stemming from solid enterprise demand, it added.

Trading of Intel shares on the Nasdaq stock exchange was suspended for some 20 minutes after sinking following the release of the downward figures. They later rebounded, trading 1.76 percent higher at 1650 GMT.

In July, The Santa Clara, California-based technology bellwether reported a second-quarter net profit of 2.9 billion dollars compared to a loss of 398 million dollars during the same quarter a year ago. On 19 Aug, Intel announced it was buying Internet security firm McAfee for 7.68 billion dollars, as the computer chip giant sought to expand its reach to mobile and wireless devices.

The acquisition of one of the world's largest anti-virus software companies underscored Intel's bid to move into mobile phones, in-car navigation systems, televisions and medical devices as the traditional PC market neared saturation.

Internet

China to let exporters keep some forex overseas



A bank clerk counts US dollar bank notes and Chinese yuan.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 28 Aug—China said on Friday it will launch a one-year trial programme to allow some exporters to keep part of their foreign exchange revenue overseas in an apparent loosening of currency controls.

The trial, which starts on 1 October, will help re-adjust the nation's international balance of payments, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange said in a statement.

Exporters have so far had to repatriate all their forex revenues back to China, boosting the nation's swelling foreign exchange hoard, which surged to a record 2.454 trillion dollars

at the end of June.

The massive reserves are troublesome for China as the central bank has to issue more yuan currency to mop up the foreign exchange inflows, making it more difficult to curb inflation.

China's forex reserves have ballooned in recent years, fuelled by strong foreign investment, large trade surpluses and inflows of "hot money"—short-term speculative funds in search of quick profits.

The trial to be carried out in Beijing and three coastal export hubs also aims to help reduce costs incurred by companies in transferring and converting foreign currency, the forex regulator said.

Qualified exporters in Beijing, Guangdong Province in southern China and eastern Shandong and Jiangsu Provinces can keep a certain portion of their foreign exchange revenue overseas, it said without elaborating.—Internet

Five trapped Chilean miners suffer from depression



Relatives watch on a screen a video recorded with a camera in a probe on 26 Aug, 2010 of trapped miners in Chile.

INTERNET

COPIAPO, 28 Aug—Five of the 33 Chilean miners trapped deep underground for 22 days suffer from depression and will be treated remotely by a psychiatrist, Health Minister Jaime Manalich said on Friday. “Five of the miners are isolated, are not eating well and do not want to appear on camera” after some of their colleagues filmed a video with a micro-camera and sent it back up a narrow shaft, Manalich said. “This is what we call depression.”

The depressed miners were due to speak with a psychiatrist later Friday, the minister added.

But Manalich also noted that the miners’ health overall had made significant progress.

“We have successfully hydrated them. They are not suffering from thirst, their urine is normal, they no longer have diarrhoea,” Manalich said.

Internet

Visitor arrivals to S’pore up 24.1% to exceed 1 million in July

SINGAPORE, 28 Aug—Visitor arrivals to Singapore grew 24.1 per cent to reach 1,095,000 in July, the highest ever recorded visitor arrivals in the month of July.

This is also the first time that visitor arrivals have exceeded 1 million in a single month. The Singapore Tourism Board attributed the buoyant growth in visitor arrivals in July largely to improved travel sentiment and the draw of Singapore’s Integrated Resorts and the Great Singapore Sale.

It said tactical promotions by airlines and hotels, as well as marketing initiatives by STB’s regional offices also boosted tourist arrivals. Visitor days increased 21 per cent on-year in July to 4.3 million days. Indonesia, China, Australia, Malaysia and India were Singapore’s top five visitor-generating markets. They accounted for 53 per cent of total visitor arrivals for the month.

Indonesians made up



232,505 visitors, China 117,728, Australia 87,273, Malaysia 82,512 and India 64,862 visitors.

12 out of the top 15 markets registered positive year-on-year growth in July this year. China registered the highest growth of 62.8 per cent, followed by Malaysia at 52.6 per cent and Hong Kong SAR at 39.9 per cent. Hotel room revenue increased 37.2 per cent on-year to S\$173 million. Average occupancy rate rose 10.2 percentage points on-year to reach 90 per cent, while the average room rate increased 19.9 per cent to about S\$209 in July.—Internet

Ukraine not to introduce quotas on grain exports before 15 Sept

KIEV, 28 Aug—Ukraine will not introduce quotas on grain exports before 15 Sept, Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Slauta said on Friday.

“Let us wait by 15 Sept to see how the market operates. If nothing extraordinary happens we will not impose any restrictions,” Slauta told reporters. Grain export quotas would be imposed just in case of a sharp rise in prices on world markets or speculative processes inside the country, he said, adding that “the country’s grain export works normally.”

Ukraine’s Ministry of Agrarian Policy confirmed it recently revised the grain export forecast for 2010/11 marketing year from 15 million tons to 40.8 million.

Meanwhile, Ukraine’s Agrarian Fund has suspended the purchase of grain due to a sharp rise in prices, Slauta said. According to early reports, the government was considering the introduction of such quotas as one million tons for barley and 1.5 million tons for wheat by the end of 2010 due to fears of a domestic food shortage.—Xinhua

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen sues Apple, Google and other companies



SAN FRANCISCO, 28 Aug—Interval Licensing LLC, a company run by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, on Friday filed a complaint in a US court against Apple, Google and other nine companies, accusing them of patent infringement.

In addition to Apple and Google, the eleven defendants also include AOL, eBay, Facebook, Netflix, Office Depot, OfficeMax, Staples, Yahoo and YouTube.

The patents in the lawsuit cover fundamental web technologies first developed at Interval Research, a now defunct business founded by Allen and David Liddle in 1992, according to Interval Licensing.

“Interval Research was an early, ground-breaking contributor to the development of the internet economy,” David

Postman, a spokesman for Paul Allen, said in a statement.

“This lawsuit is necessary to protect our investment in innovation,” Postman noted.

Xinhua

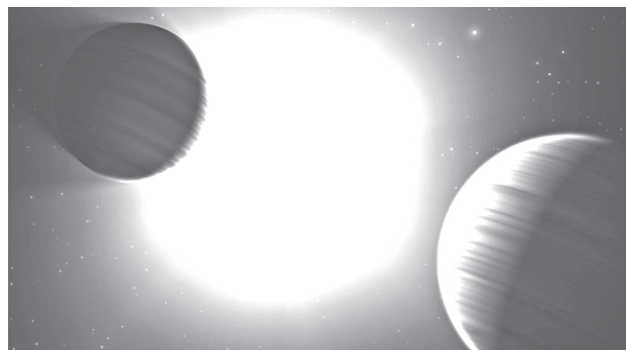


US entrepreneur Charles Simonyi (L) meets his friend, Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 25 March, 2009.

XINHUA

NASA spacecraft finds multiplanet solar system

ALASKA, 28 Aug—Scientists at NASA have made a huge find: a star 2,300 light-years away with a solar system of two, and possibly three, planets orbiting around it. NASA’s Kepler spacecraft, which is equipped with a powerful telescope, made the find while scanning the stars in the Milky Way, searching for other solar systems. Kepler “noticed” that a star, dubbed Kepler-9, had two, and possibly three, planets “transiting” the star — meaning the planets were regularly crossing in front of their star. The two planets, given the clunky names of



This artist’s concept illustrates the two Saturn-sized planets discovered by NASA’s Kepler mission.—INTERNET

“Kepler-9b” and “Kepler-9c”, appear to be orbiting their star at speeds of 19.2 and 38.9 days. NASA scientists were able to conclude that the planets are about the size of Saturn by using Kepler’s ultra-precise camera to measure the way the

planets interrupted the star’s light. Earlier this week, European astronomers said they discovered a solar system too. The system, around a star called HD 10180, is 127 light years from Earth and may contain a stunning seven planets.—Internet

Sony attempts glasses-free 3-D

TOKYO, 28 Aug — Sony Corp is working on 3-D televisions that don’t need special glasses, joining a race with rival Toshiba Corp, but sees cost and technological hurdles to overcome before they can go on sale.

Toshiba said earlier this week it is working on glasses-free 3-D TVs, although no decision had been made on when they will go on sale.

Mainstream 3-D TVs now on sale, such as those from Panasonic Corp and Sony Corp, require glasses. But there are already screens that don’t require glasses, mainly intended for store displays. They require the viewer to stand in specific spots for the 3-D effect to emerge, and the image quality is much lower than that of screens using glasses.

“Seeing 3-D without glasses is more convenient,” Sony Senior Vice President Yoshihisa Ishida said on

Thursday at Tokyo headquarters. “We must take account of pricing before we can think about when to start offering them.”—Internet



Sony unveiled six models of quick-start Blue-ray players/recorders for the Japanese market on Thursday.—INTERNET

Clearwire plans pay-as-you go service

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Clearwire Corp said on Friday that it is planning a pay-as-you-go service, representing a new customer segment for the high-speed wireless service provider. The company, which is majority-owned by Sprint Nextel, currently focuses on so-called postpaid services where consumers pay a flat monthly fee for wireless data services for laptop computers. Clearwire declined to give more details in following a statement flagging a conference call on Monday morning. Bigger rival AT&T Inc recently started offering tiered service pricing instead of flat monthly fees for unlimited data services. Clearwire is the first US service provider to offer fourth-generation wireless services but its biggest rival, Verizon Wireless, is expected to follow suit with a 4G service later this year. Verizon Wireless is a venture of Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group Plc.

Reuters



Honest living behind Myanmar's popular cuisine Hmyit-chin (bamboo shoot pickle)

By A M Soe

When the rain comes in Myanmar, bamboo shoot pickle is abundant and smell from the pickle is floating in markets. The bamboo shoot pickle dish is one of popular Myanmar cuisines and gives a good appetite.

But, who knows how does the bamboo shoot pickle dish come to a dining table? In Myanmar, almost every town has its local food product. While bamboo shoot pickle from the regions of the eastern part of Pyinmana is popular than other bamboo shoot pickles from other areas, tea leaves and “Pe-poke”, dried sheets of soya beans, from Taunggyi and other towns in Shan State are well known in the country.

I, being an inquisitive man, was very eager to find out how do local people in rural areas work to get bamboo shoots and how does the pickle come to markets.

Fortunately, I found local farmers carrying bamboo shoots on their way back from Wae-gyi Village, just about 20 miles east of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, last month.

For me, it was a rare opportunity to see how ordinary people worked in the forests. I got up early morning the next day and took a motorbike taxi to the foot of the mountain ranges. When I arrived there, I found there were many locals carrying baskets with wooden handles on their back and strings help them carry the baskets easily, inside the baskets are only some bamboo skewers and choppers. Some are marching along the lane flanked by bushes and trees leading to the mountain ranges.

“We are farmers, our job after completing ploughing in rain-fed field is collecting bamboo shoots in the forests on the mountain ranges”, said a farmer from the village of Te-gon, which is famous for producing bamboo shoot pickle.

When the rain pours in the central Myanmar, bamboo shoots are mushrooming in the forests along the mountain ranges.

As they have finished ploughing and while women plant rice seedlings in rain-fed field, local farmers carry on for gathering the bamboo shoots on the Shan Mountain Ranges during the four-month of rainy

season from June to September. Getting up before the sun rises, entering the forests on mountain ranges to cut bamboo shoots and going back before the sun sets are their daily routine in the rainy season. Children also go to the forest along with their fathers to help their families in the week-ends. According to the farmer, the number of bamboo shoot hunters has increased this year, reaching over 100 every day.

Unfortunately, I was dissuaded to go along with them to the forests as they thought that I was not as tough enough as themselves to struggle the hard work in the forests. But, I had a chance to wait for them at the water fall which is just 30-minute-walk from the foot of the mountain ranges.

After trekking around three hours, they arrived at the top of the mountain range. After having lunch brought from their homes, packed in plantain leaf, they entered into the forests along the mountain ranges, said Win Soe, 37, father of two, living in the village of Wae-gyi, 15-minutes drive from the foot of the mountain ranges.

“If it's just about one foot in size, we cut it,



A bamboo shoot hunter walking down slowly with basket full of bamboo shoots.

peel the outer layers, string them on skewers and arranged them in the “Pa” he said. The “Pa” is the bamboo basket with string and two handles specially designed to carry the baskets comfortably on their backs.

Around 3 o' clock in the evening, I, while splashing my face with water at the water fall, found some farmers carrying the baskets heavily loaded with bamboo shoots, were walking down slowly from the mountain, sweat were pouring on their face and their shirts were soaked with sweat. It was the most exciting sight I witnessed during my stay there.

They have to take their time to reach the foot of the mountain ranges before the sun sets to sell the shoots. They sold their bamboo shoots to the brokers waiting at the foot of the mountain.

A farmer collects from 30 to 40 viss of bamboo shoots per day, earning around K 8000 in the mid-rainy season. The price of bamboo shoots declines, reaching around K200 for one viss in the mid-rainy season when the bamboo shoots are plentiful due to sufficient rain falls from around K600 for one viss in early

rainy season.

As the region usually enjoys poor rain falls in early rainy season, they can collect only two or three viss of bamboo shoots per day during those days when the price has increased up to K600 per viss.

The bamboo shoot season is also the time for local farmers to earn more income.

However, they can't go to the forest every day since it is a tiring job. “Our work is very very tiring and risky. Sometimes, we slipped on stones and got muscle pains. That's why we can't go to work every day, and have to stay at home for two or three days in a week to take a rest,” Win Soe said.

Though so tired, some go to Te-gon, the village of the bamboo shoot pickle makers, to get a good price. After taking pictures of bamboo shoot trading at the foot of the mountain, I proceeded to the village of Te-gon by motorbike.

While I was chatting with some pickle makers, I found transporters drove motorbikes loaded with bags of bamboo shoots to the village located about 20-minute drive from the foot of the mountain. When the dark comes, villagers

are ready to start the process of making bamboo shoots pickle.

Bamboo shoots are chopped into slices and soaked in water for two days in a tank. The bamboo shoot pickle makers sold their products to shops in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. At the shops, the bamboo shoot pickle was labeled in different names and sold to customers.

“There are many labels of bamboo shoot pickle packages at shops in the town. All are our pickle.” a man said as he was slicing the raw bamboo shoots at his home in the village of Te-gon. Thanks to the forests, even children are earning now as they do in lighter work of slicing the bamboo shoots.

As they said, they don't need to worry for their food and they owe a great debt of gratitude to the forests and mountain ranges for their livelihood. The mountain ranges take care of their livelihood, giving the seasonal job to locals. Yes, they can also find other seasonal crops growing naturally in the forests, to make their honest living.



Villagers shouldering baskets of bamboo shoots on their way back home.



White Elephants of Myanmar

Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

Animals with striking features, beauties and pleasant voices are revered and venerated because they are believed to possess auspiciousness, magical spell and supernatural power, capable of bringing glory, greatness, peace, progress, prosperity, longevity of life and good fortune to the owner and to the country where they appear. White tiger, white horse, white buffalo, white ox, white cow, white crow, white dove, white peacock and white elephant are regarded sacred and lucky mascots in human civilization till today.

White elephant played a major role in Buddha Jatakas. The story of Sadan White Elephant, the Jataka of King Vessantara, the Lord of the White Elephant, the conception of Bodhi Saththa in the womb of Queen mother Maha Maya when she dreamt the entering of a male white elephant into her womb are there eminent evidences. White horse and white elephant are two of seven ratanas (treasures) of Cakravartin (Universal Monarch) according to the texts of ancient treatises. Myanmar kings performed royal ploughing ceremony riding bejewelled gilt plough pulled by a pair of richly caparisoned oxen of milky white complexion.

King Anawrahta, the builder of the first Myanmar Union used white elephants to bring to his Naypyitaw Bagan 33 sets of Tipitaka, a white elephant named "Palei Pyone" (Smiling Pearl) to convey replica of sacred Tooth Relic and another white elephant named "Than Myan Swar" (Strong and Swift) for choosing five auspicious sites for building five Sacred Tooth Relic Pagodas. He owned 38 white elephants and King Alaungsithu had 35 white elephants.

Among Mon, Rakhine and Bama kings of successive historic periods, there were kings who assumed the title "Lord of White Elephant or Elephants" because they owned them. Thus we have Tazi Shin (One White Elephant) Thihathu and Ngazi Shin (Five White Elephants) Kyaw Swa of Pinya Period; Tayaphya, Thihathu and Shwe Nan Kyaw Shin were lords of White Elephant of Inwa Period, Wareru, Binnya U and Rajadarit were Mon kings who assumed the title "Hsinbyu Shin" (Lord of White Elephant). Rakhine King Minyazayi was the Lord of White

Elephant. He even struck silver coins with letters "Hsinbyu Shin".

King Bayint Naung of Hamsavadi, the builder of the second Myanmar Union was designated "Emperor of the Ten Directions" by his tributary lords. He was entitled "Hsinbyumya shin" (Lord of many white elephants). European visitors to his Palace Kambozathadi such as Caesar Fredrick of Venice, Italy, Gasparo Balbi of Portugal and others reported in their travelogues their eyewitness account of his white elephants and war elephants. King Taninganwe of Nyaung Yan Period was the Lord of white Elephant named "Sadan Pyaung Mon".

Alaungpaya of Ratanatheinkha, the builder of the third Myanmar Union addressed himself in credential letters "Lord of White, Pink and Spotted Elephants". His second son and successor Myeydu Min who gilt and raised Shwedagon Pagoda to present height assumed "Hsinbyu Shin" because he received the tribute of a handsome White Elephant named "Sadan Pyaung Kyaw". King Bodawpaya, the third son and the fourth successor and donor of the great Mingun Bell possessed eleven white elephants. Besides, another white elephant of Sadan type was found in Niban village near Bago Yoma hill range and so he assumed "Sadan Hsin Min Thakin". It was given Pali name "Nibana Pyitsaya Naga Yaza". This great White Elephant outlived five successive Myanmar kings. Its fantastic tusks were last seen on display in the Natural History Museum in London.

Kings Bagyidaw, Thayawady, Bagan, Mindon and even the last Myanmar king Thibaw also owned white elephants and so they were "Hsinbyu Shins". When the British occupied Mandalay Palace in 1885, they sent to Yangon Zoo, King Thibaw's White Mount "Zeya Watana Pyitsaya Naga Yaza", which passed away not long after. Myanmar people thought the death of last Myanmar king's white elephant was a foreboding that the British rule in Myanmar would not last long. Myanmar regained independence in 1948, just 63 years after Mandalay Palace was taken over by the British garrison in 1885.

In 1958, a female white elephant of about 19 years old was found in Indawgyi of Myitkyina District. She was sent to Yangon Zoo and kept in a

specially built hall. But in 1977 she passed away.

Nearly over four decades, there was no emergence of white elephant until 2001 when a male white elephant of about 16 years in age appeared in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State. On 15 November of the same year he was brought to Yangon and ceremonially named "Rajagaha Thiripyitsaya Gaza Raja". He was given residence in a specially built pavilion in a garden near Mindhamma hillock, Insein. A year later, 2002, second white elephant, a female of about 32 years in age was found in the forest of Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. She was brought to Yangon and accommodated in White Elephant Pavilion on 5 April, 2002. She was named "Theingi Marlar". In the same year the third white elephant, a female of about 12 years in age was found in Maungtaw Township, Kinchaung Stream, Rakhine State. On 6 December 2002, she was brought to Yangon and was given residence in White Elephant Pavilion. Her name is "Rati Marlar".

The fourth white elephant, a female of about 38 years old was found on 26 June, 2010 in the forests of Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. On 9 August, 2010 she was ceremonially conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw and was given residence in a specially constructed White Elephant Pavilion, in the precincts of Uppatasanti Zeditaw. She received five Mingala rites namely (1) Anantayika Mingala (Warding off harm) (2) Gehapavesana Mingala (House warming) (3) Battabhunjana Mingala (Feeding) (4) Ravindudasana Mingala (Showing her to the Sun and the Moon) and (5) Namakarana Mingala (Naming). She was named "Bhaddawady".

These four white elephants that emerged within the current decade (2001-2010) bear all characteristics and features of a White Elephant as prescribed in the texts of ancient treatises on White Elephant, Buddha Jatakas and Tipitaka. Most auspicious symbols of peace, progress, prosperity, glory, longevity of life, good rain, good harvest and good fortune, the four white elephants are admired, marvelled and venerated by Myanmar people. They augur well for Myanmar's future.

Minister meets Customs Department staff

YANGON, 28 Aug — Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun met with the staff of the Customs Department this morning at the head office of the department.

The directors of seven sections of the department reported on formation of the sections and their duties and functions, work to be done in the fiscal year and progress in work implementation. The minister left necessary instructions.

Next, the minister visited Asia World Container Inspection Camp where he inspected examination of the



Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun meeting with staff of Customs Department.

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containers through X-Ray scanning machine, export and import tasks in the warehouses and export/import

supervisory work. Then, the minister gave officials necessary instructions.— MNA



SWRR Minister visits training schools in Yangon



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe inspects the site for construction of Institute of Social Welfare.—MNA

YANGON, 28 Aug—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe visited Institute of Social Welfare of Social Welfare Department here this morning.

The minister then went to Training Centre for Disabled Youth and inspected progress of hall measuring 50x30 feet donated by Singapore Association of Myanmar and attended to the needs.—MNA

Construction of Kyweshin Bridge, Nay Pyi Taw-Kanbya...

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Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road being undertaken by two road special groups, four district groups and 11 companies. After giving necessary instructions, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

He then met departmental personnel, company staff and officials.

The minister also inspected placing of gravel between mile post Nos 65 and 70 on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road by Minbu District Public Works and between mile post Nos. 70 and 75 by King General Service Co Ltd and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Yangon Mayor attends opening of tube well

YANGON, 28 Aug—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Linn attended the opening of reinforced tube well at Aungchantha Housing Complex in East Shwegondaing Ward, Bahan Township here this morning.

The mayor formally opened the tube well and looked round 24000-gallon capacity water storage tank, ground tanks and piping of water to apartments. He then visited Myagyuntha Recreation Park in Mayangon Township.—MNA

Free medical treatment given

YANGON, 28 Aug —Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe this morning visited Sangyoung Township Health Department where the specialists of Yangon Region Health Department, Yangon West General Hospital, Yangon Eye Hospital, Yangon Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital were giving free treatment to the public.

The specialists carried out hepatitis B screening and screening of other diseases and vaccinated the public against hepatitis B. Similarly, 288 patients were given treatment and some needed to be operated were transferred to specialist hospitals. Traditional medicine practitioners from the Traditional Medicine Department also gave free treatment to 35 patients.

On 27 August morning at Yangon Central Women Hospital, the deputy minister met with the medical superintendent, professors, specialists, doctors, nurses and hospital staff.—MNA

Integrated farming helps improve...

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A total of 12 species of fish were being bred at the ponds to become the poly culture. Fish were bred at three levels of water in the ponds minimizing loss and wastage of feedstuff.

Fish was fed with

wastage of feedstuff of chicken and planktons through the indirect feed. Feces of chicken were collected whenever the sanitation was carried at at poultry farms, and then the feces were fed to mango plantations as fertilizer.

Feces of chicken

were not fed to fish directly for the sake of bio-security. Two workers were assigned at every poultry farm and they were provided with safety equipment for the farms. The poultry farms were sprayed pesticides under inspection of veterinarians. Therefore, any animal diseases including bird flu did not break out at the farms in



Photo shows a cow bred at integrated farm in Shwedaw Village of Hpa-an Township.



Workers put fingerlings into ponds of integrated farm.

Taungpyone region.

The integrated farming has doubled the incomes of employer and employees. The worker families invested their surplus incomes in the farms at fare interests. The employer said, "The workers are my investors."

Some youth from the integrated farm became graduates and are discharg-

ing duties of teachers at the villages around Taungpyone region. The employer donated a building for Basic Education Primary School.

At present, about 100 persons are engaged in poultry and fish farming and they possess private cars and motorbikes.

The integrated farming creates new fam-

ily system that the family members do not depend on the income of the family head only and carry out tasks of family on their bit to be able to earn incomes. Actually, the integrated farming is serving the national interest and promoting the meat and fish sector.

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Rains trigger landslide in Turkey, 12 killed



A man walks past a house tilted sideways after landslides and floods triggered by heavy rains swept through a Gundogdu near Turkey's Black Sea coast on 27 Aug, 2010. People were killed when the landslide collapsed homes in Gundogdu, in the tea-growing Black Sea province of Rize.

INTERNET

ANKARA, 28 Aug—Landslides and floods triggered by torrential rains swept through a town in northern Turkey, killing at least 12 people, officials said on Friday.

The landslide hit dozens of homes in Gundogdu, in the tea-growing Black Sea Province of Rize. The region has become prone to landslides because of deforestation to clear way for plantations. The rains began late Thursday, as many people were breaking their dawn-to-dusk fasts for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, according to the *Anatolia* news agency.

The Interior Ministry said 11 people were killed and two were reported missing. Rescuers later pulled out the body of an elderly woman, the *Anatolia* news agency reported, raising the death toll to 12.

Private NTV television said dozens of homes collapsed and cars were buried in mud. Several roads, including a major Black Sea coastal highway, were shut down. One survivor, Burak Akat, said his family was dining when a loud sound was heard.

"We realized that the house was going to collapse. It did before I could say, 'Run it's going to collapse!' *Anatolia* quoted Akat as saying. "I managed to throw myself out but my mother-in-law and my brother could not escape. They were buried in the landslide."

At least seven people with injuries were rescued, said Rize Gov. Seyfullah Hacimuftuoglu.

Firefighters and other rescuers also evacuated scores of people who were stranded in homes, he said.—*Internet*

At least three gunmen involved in attack in Peshawar, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 Aug— At least three gunmen were involved in the firing incident which broke out early Saturday morning near the US consulate in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar, reported local media.

According to the reports, the security forces have cornered the gunmen inside a government building and the situation is completely under their control.

A large number of security forces have been deployed around the area where the incident took place.

Helicopters have been called in to monitor the development. Saturday's attack by unknown gunmen reportedly started at about 5:00 am in Shama chowk area in Peshawar, an area considered to be very sensitive in the city as many government, military and inter-national organization buildings including the US consulate are located there.

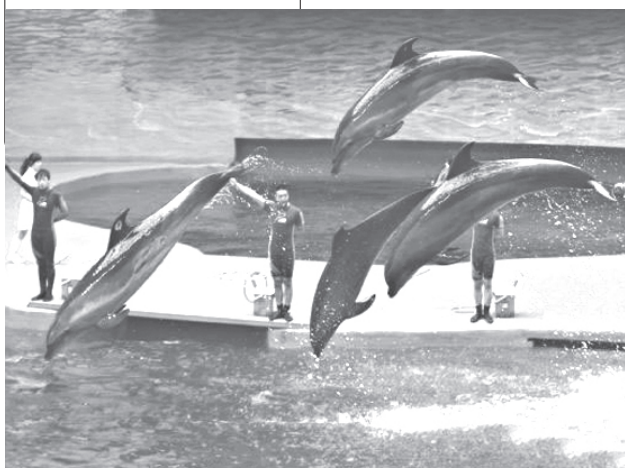
Eyewitnesses said that the firing first broke out with a low- intensity blast followed by fierce gunfires.

Latest news reports said that the firing broke out when unknown gunmen tried to force into the secured area nearby the US consulate. Shortly after the shoot-out took place, the security forces have cleared the area and all the roads leading to the site have been closed down.

Xinhua

Animal trainers perform with dolphins jumping out of the water in Haichang Polar Ocean World in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 26 Aug, 2010.

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Italian man kidnapped in Dominican Republic

Hurricane Danielle weakens to Category 3 storm

MIAMI, 28 Aug—Hurricane Danielle weakened to a Category 3 storm on Saturday, as the season's first major hurricane churned over the open Atlantic Ocean, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Danielle, located some 345 miles southeast of Bermuda, had top sustained winds of 120 miles per hour, the Miami-based hurricane centre said.

Category 3 storms have the potential to cause devastating damage but Danielle is still far off at sea and is expected to pass well east of Bermuda, the closest land to its path, on Saturday night. Computer models show Danielle tracking northwest and the Hurricane Centre said it was expected to turn northward later on Saturday before heading northeast on Saturday night and Sunday. Strong surf is expected along parts of the US seaboard but the hurricane has posed no direct threat to land or the US Gulf of Mexico oil patch.—*Internet*

US ambassador's daughter, 17, dies in NYC fall

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—The 17-year-old daughter of the US ambassador to Thailand slipped off her shoes and climbed out onto a window ledge Friday at a Manhattan apartment before plummeting more than 20 stories to her death, police said. Nicole John fell at about 4:15 am from the top floor of the 25-storey Herald Towers, police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. Her body landed on a third-floor ledge, a camera nearby. It's not clear whether she had been trying to take a photo when she died, and her death is believed to be accidental.

The girl's father, Eric



The 25-storey Herald Towers high-rise apartment building in midtown Manhattan is seen on 27 Aug, 2010, in New York where the 17-year-old daughter of the US ambassador to Thailand plummeted to her death overnight.

INTERNET

John, was appointed US ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand in 2007. John, an incoming freshman at Parsons The New School for Design in New York City, was thought to have been drinking. Ilan Nassimi,

25, who rents the apartment, was arrested later Friday on charges of giving alcohol to a minor, police said. He was awaiting arrangement in Manhattan court and it wasn't clear if he had a lawyer.—*Internet*

Indonesia's population boom spells multi-sectoral burst

JAKARTA, 28 Aug—An Indonesian population experts said that exponential annual growth rate of 1.49 percent will overload and over-stretch the

country's limited resources, potentially ushering in a host of new problems in coming years, local media reported on Saturday.

The rate translates into at least 3.5 million births per year which will significantly augment the current population size of 237.6 million people. In just five more years, Indonesia's population could swell to more than 250 million people.

According to Sri Sunarti Purwa-ningsih, a demographer at the Indonesian Institute of

Sciences (LIPI), the rapid population growth would impact the provision of basic needs.

"Planning and the provision of facilities for certain age groups becomes vital with large populations," she was quoted by the *Jakarta Post daily* as saying.

Already problematic housing issues would amplify as more people migrate to cities and set up low-cost houses in squatter areas by river sides and railway tracks, she added.

Xinhua

SANTO DOMINGO, 28 Aug—Police in the Dominican Republic say kidnappers have seized an Italian citizen and are holding him for ransom.

Police spokesman Nelson Rosario says the kidnappers are demanding \$1.5 million for the release of Federico Dalmasso. The spokesman said on Friday that the victim was abducted Wednesday night as he arrived at his home in the Boca Chica tourist community 20 miles (35 kilometres) east of the Caribbean nation's capital, Santo Domingo. Police say a special anti-kidnapping unit has been raiding several neighbourhoods in hopes of locating the Italian. The 36-year-old Dalmasso is married to a Dominican woman and owns a restaurant in Boca Chica, a beach district that is home to a large Italian community.—*Internet*



Mexico's largest airline to shut down on Saturday



A Mexican airlines plane is seen at the Benito Juárez international airport in Mexico City on 22 August, 2010. Mexicana de Aviation, one of Mexico's two major airlines, will cease operations by midday on Saturday, Mexico's Transport Minister Juan Molinar told reporters on 27 August, 2010.—XINHUA

MEXICO CITY, 28 Aug—Mexico's debt-laden airline Compania Mexicana de Aviation will cease all operations on Saturday, senior government officials announced Friday.

The largest Mexican air carrier will fly its last plane at midnight on Friday, before it grounds

its entire fleet by Saturday noon, said Communications and Transportation Minister Juan Molinar Horcasitas at a joint Press conference with Labour Minister Javier Lozano.

No sanctions are foreseen against Mexicana, which filed for bankruptcy protection in early August, and its staff's employment contracts remain valid, the two ministers said.

The announcement came after Tenedora K, a private equity firm that has acquired 95 percent of Mexicana's shares, voiced its intention to seek additional investors.

Xinhua

Smoking causes inflammation in lungs

WESTMINSTER, 28 Aug —Secondhand smoke triggers a complex inflammatory response and inflammation is linked to heart disease, diabetes and other diseases, US researchers say.

Adelheid Kratzer, an investigator at the University of Colorado-Denver working under principal investigator Laima Taraseviciene-Stewart, says to determine how lung tissue may respond to secondhand smoke, the team exposed male Sprague Dawley rats to secondhand smoke in a

special chamber five times per week for two months or four months.

The exposure was a mixture of 89 percent sidestream smoke, which comes from the end of a lit cigarette and is exposed to the whole body, and 11 percent mainstream smoke — smoke directly inhaled by the rats. The rats were exposed for two 3-hour shifts twice a day, separated by a 2-hour break.

The study, presented at the American Physiological Society conference, finds two months of exposure to

secondhand smoke were enough to cause significant changes in the rats' lung tissue. The results were more profound after four months.

For example, the study finds the numbers of white blood cells — macrophages lungs exposed to secondhand smoke — indicates the rats' bodies had developed an immune response, also known as inflammation.—Internet

Hands/mouthing separate in brain

LONDON, 28 Aug—In a study using British Sign Language, signers made different mistakes in the sign and mouthing, meaning hand and lip movements are separate, researchers say.

David Vinson of University College London and colleagues propose hand and lip movements are separated in the signer's brain. Vinson explains when study participants translated English words into British Sign Language, the hands sometimes made a mistake but the lips didn't.

The study, published in *Psychological Science*, suggests differences in signs and in mouthing indicated hand and lip movements are not part of the same sign.

"In essence, they're doing the same thing as reading an English word aloud without pronouncing it," Vinson says in a statement. "So they seem to be processing two languages at the same time."

Vinson and colleagues recruited both deaf and hearing signers who had grown up signing with deaf parents. The participants sat in front of a video camera and were asked to sign pictures or words shown on a monitor — shown at a fast pace to encourage mistakes that may reveal how language is processed.—Internet

Brazil scrambles to put out forest fires

BRASILIA, 28 Aug—Brazilian firefighters are scrambling to extinguish rampant forest fires across the country as at least 1,391 fire outbreaks were reported from Thursday midnight to Friday noon.

A total of 22,730 fire out-breaks have been reported so far this month, according to latest statistics provided by National Institute of Space Research (INPE) on Friday.

INPE recorded 41,636 fire outbreaks year to date, a 135-percent increase year on year.

About 10,000 people are involved in the work of fire-fighting, especially in the areas of environmental protection. The Federal Police, the Army and the National Security Force are also supporting the work to combat fire.

Environment Minister Izabella Teixeira said the government has

invested about 17 million US dollars to prevent forest fires, but the structure to combat fire may be insufficient due to weather and the large number of illegal fires started mainly by farmers.

This week, Brazilian Environmental Institute gave fines amounting to more than two million dollars for illegal burning in Brazil's North Region where the Amazon rainforest is located.

In the region's Rondonia State, one person was arrested in flagrante and fined 1.9 million dollars on Thursday for setting fire on a pasture, without permission.

In Para, another state in the region, seven farmers were also fined for causing fires in 724.91 hectares of pasture and forest regeneration.

Xinhua



A man walks past the Bank of Japan building in Tokyo on 28 August, 2010. The Bank of Japan is examining holding an emergency meeting early next week to ease monetary policy as the strong yen threatens the country's fragile economic recovery, a source familiar with the matter said.

INTERNET

A drug may reset the body clock

MANCHESTER, 28 Aug—US and British researchers say they have succeeded in resetting the 24-hour body clock in mice.

Researcher Andrew Loudon of the University of Manchester, England, says several enzymes are responsible for fine adjustments in synchronization of circadian rhythm — a timing system that regulates biological processes plants as well as creatures.

Loudon, Dr Mick Hastings of the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England, Dr Travis Wager of Pizer in Groton, Conn, and colleagues say a drug that inhibits one of the enzymes — casein kinase 1 — helps in re-setting the body clock in mice.

"We've discovered that we can control one of the key molecules involved in setting the speed at which the clock ticks and in doing so we can actually kick it into a new rhythm," Loudon says in a statement.

The study, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, suggests the finding may help treat a number of health problems linked to disrupted circadian rhythms.—Internet



Vehicles carrying relief materials head for Pakistan from Kashi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 27 Aug, 2010.

More than 30 vehicles carrying relief materials that worth 20 million yuan headed for the flood-hit areas in Pakistan Friday. The materials include life necessities such as rice, flour, sugar and so on.

—XINHUA

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
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INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for supply of the following in Euro:
- | Sr No | Tender No | Description | Qty |
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| 1. | 15(T)6/MR(E)
2010-2011 | (i) 60 lb BS Fish Plates
(ii) 60 lb BS Fish Bolts & Nuts
(iii) Dog Spike | 10220 Pairs
40880 Sets
300000 Nos |
| 2. | 15(T)7/MR(E)
2010-2011 | Raw Materials for Concrete
Sleeper Production | 7 Items |
- Closing Date/Time - 30.9.2010 (Thursday) (12:00) Hours
2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 31.8.2010 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.

Eight signs that 'must be checked for cancer'

LONDON, 28 Aug — Eight key signs of cancer that should be investigated immediately have been identified by scientists. The symptoms predict the risk of cancer with such accuracy in certain age groups that patients should be referred to a specialist straight away unless there is a plausible explanation. The research, led by Mark Shapley and colleagues from Keele University, was published in the *'British Journal of General Practice'*. Identifying these symptoms should improve the number of early diagnoses, when people have the best chance of responding to treatment. The team said GPs should be given better computer systems to arm them with the tools to identify cancers much earlier.

The signs are:

- * Bleeding from the rectum (indicative of colon cancer in older age groups).
- * Iron deficiency anaemia (indicative of colon cancer).
- * Breast lump (possible breast cancer).
- * A rectal examination which suggests cancer may be present (possible prostate cancer).
- * Blood in the urine (indicative of cancers related to urology).
- * Coughing up blood (potential lung cancer).
- * Post-menopausal bleeding (possible cancers related to gynaecology).
- * Difficulties with swallowing (indicative of oesophageal cancer).

Professor Amanda Howe of the UK's Royal College of GPs said: "It's useful to see these well known 'red-flag' symptoms and signs validated in primary care research, and reinforces the importance of encouraging patients to discuss worrying symptoms early with their GP." — *Internet*

Older men's testosterone varies by country, race

NEW YORK, 28 Aug — New research shows older men's sex hormone levels depend on both race and geographical location, casting further doubt on the criteria for "male menopause." More than a million testosterone prescriptions are being written in the US every year, experts say, and many go to middle-aged and older men with stunted libido and depressed mood presumably caused by low levels of the male sex hormone. — *Internet*

Actress Anne Heche, left, and actor James Tupper arrive at the Entertainment Weekly and Women in Film Pre-Emmy Party in West Hollywood, Calif. on 27 Aug, 2010.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (397)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (397) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.8.2010 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Hand-held detector aims to diagnose disease

CAMBRIDGE, 28 Aug — Family doctors could instantly detect a raft of diseases — from breast cancer to MRSA — using a cheap hand-held device being developed by the UK-based R&D company Cambridge Consultants. The CliniHub, now in its early stages of development in partnership with XenBio Fluidics of San Diego, California, centres on a cheap detector that senses a telltale fluorescent glow from a raft of disease markers that the developers say will be the subject of patent applications.

Credit-card-sized sample trays inserted in a modern-sized reader hold antibody-coated polystyrene beads containing a fluorescent label. The antibodies interact with specific disease markers, causing the beads to clump together, quickly producing a strong red fluorescence under UV light from an LED.

Internet

China donates 5.36 million Rupees to Tagore Museum

NEW DELHI, 28 Aug — Rabindranath Tagore's popularity in China will soon to be displayed in Kolkata's Tagore Museum as the Chinese government will donate 5.36 million rupees (116,500 US dollars) for the establishment of a gallery on "Rabindranath and China" in the museum.

An agreement for this purpose between the Chinese Ministry of Culture and Rabindra Bharati University was

signed in India's Kolkata on Friday at Tagore House by Mao Siwei, Consul General of China and Prof Karuna Sindhu Das, Vice-Chancellor of the university, according to the Chinese Consulate General in Kolkata on Saturday.

Mao said Rabindranath Tagore was very popular in China. The Complete Works of Tagore was published in 24 volumes in China ten years ago.

Internet

Tortured maid to have surgery to remove 24 nails

COLOMBO, 28 Aug — A Saudi couple tortured their Sri Lankan maid after she complained of a too heavy workload by hammering 24 nails into her hands, legs

and forehead, officials said on Thursday. Nearly 2 million Sri Lankans sought employment overseas last year and around 1.4 million, mostly maids, were employed in the Middle East. Many have complained of physical abuse or harassment.

LT Ariyawathi, a 49-year old mother of three, returned on Friday after five months in Saudi Arabia. Her family only realized what had happened to her when she complained of pain and they took her to see the doctor, Foreign Employment Bureau officials said. "The landlord and the wife of the landlord hammered 24 nails into her when she complained of the heavy workload," Kalyana Priya Ramanayake, media secretary of the Foreign Employment Bureau, told *Reuters*. — *Internet*



An X-ray shows nails in the hands of L.T. Ariyawathi, 49, who returned to Sri Lanka after five months as a maid in Saudi Arabia. — *INTERNET*



Missouri boy, 2, youngest in world to use artificial lung

ST LOUIS, 28 Aug — When 2-year-old Owen Stark arrived at St Louis Children's Hospital, he wasn't given much chance for survival. The little boy had collapsed at a store and his heart and lungs were shutting down.

But doctors used a German-built artificial lung that stabilized him so well that, at least for now, he no longer needs a lung transplant. The hospital said Owen is believed to be the youngest person to receive an artificial lung. "I don't think there's any question it saved his life," Dr Mark Grady, a pediatric car-



2-year-old Owen Stark



Visitors walk past a Disney World sand sculpture during a Hollywood-themed exhibition of sand sculptures in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk.

Kayaker slapped by fish

A kayaker in the Missouri River 340 boat race said he was hit in the face by an Asian silver carp that leaped from the water.

Brad Pennington, 43, of Houston said he was attempting to tie his kayak to a three-man canoe to receive help repairing a damaged rudder about 11 am on Tuesday when he was hit in the face with what he initially believed was a brick, the *Columbia Missourian* reported on Friday.

Pennington said the men in the canoe explained he had been hit by a 20- to 30-pound fish.

"I just went down the river laughing afterwards," said Pennington, who dropped out of the race at Lexington, Mo, due to his damaged rudder. "I got face-slapped by a flying fish."

Duane Chapman of the Columbia Environmental Research Centre said silver carp have been known to break noses and jaws.



People walk through a life-size maze made up of more than 5000 rolls of bathroom tissue in Toronto. Entitled "Walled In", the art installation is designed to raise awareness of untreated urinary and bladder conditions such as overactive bladder.

Chinese man plays piano with toes

A Chinese man who lost his arms in a high-voltage accident as a child is electrifying audiences with his piano virtuosity using his toes, fans say.

Liu Wei, 23, appeared on the "China's Got Talent" TV competition this month, playing the classical piece "Mariage D'amour" by Richard Clayderman. His performance at Shanghai Grand Theater earned him a standing ovation and a place in the next round, *Shanghai Daily* re-ported on 13 Aug.

Liu suffered his life-altering injuries when he came in contact with a power line while playing hide-and-seek as a 10-year-old.

Torpedo under Philly highway was replica

A torpedo discovered Friday at a Philadelphia construction site turned out to be a harmless replica, police said. Archaeologists working on the site near the Delaware River noticed the torpedo when they arrived about 7 am, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported.

Two men sitting on the replica — and drinking beer — said they and a third companion discovered it in the river off Port Richmond and moved it to the area under Interstate 95, hoping they could sell it for scrap. Police Chief Inspector Joseph Sullivan said the bomb squad quickly realized the torpedo, which weighed 800 to 1,000 pounds, contained no explosives. He said a more thorough examination determined it to be a fake.

The men who said they found the device disappeared before police arrived. During World War II, a shipyard built submarines in Port Richmond and the replica may date back to that era. The archaeological team is conducting a dig on the site of a new I-95 interchange.

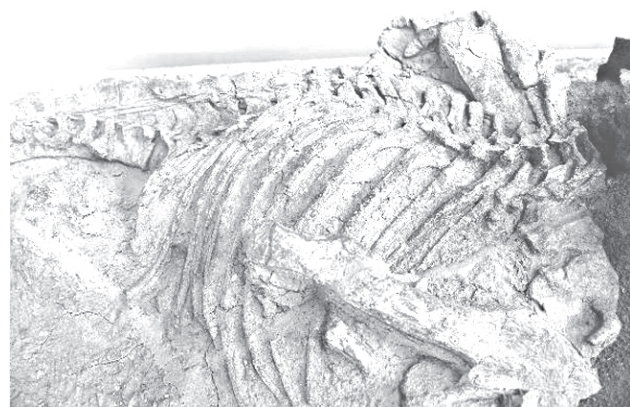


Photo taken on 27 Aug, 2010 shows the skeleton of the dinosaur fossil in Zhucheng, east China's Shandong Province.

News Album

'Toy Story 3' crosses \$1B mark



Singer, composer and songwriter Randy Newman is joined by Buzz Lightyear and Woody of Disney Pixar's "Toy Story 3" during an unveiling ceremony honouring him with the 2,411th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in front of the historic Musso & Frank Grill in Los Angeles on 2 June, 2010. INTERNET

BURBANK, 28 Aug—Disney Pixar's "Toy Story 3" crossed the \$1 billion mark at the global box office on Friday, the Hollywood film studio announced. The movie became the highest-grossing animated film of all time two weeks ago.

The Walt Disney Studios previously celebrated the \$1 billion milestone this year with its live-action blockbuster "Alice in Wonderland." Disney is the first studio to have two movies earn \$1 billion in a year.

"It's been an incredible year as we saw the Pixar team bring Buzz and Woody back to the big screen and watched Tim Burton's vision for 'Alice in Wonderland' take the world by storm," Rich Ross, chairman of The Walt Disney Studios, said in a statement on Friday.—*Internet*



Feng Ning (L, front), Lang Lang's former teacher, shows a photo of Lang Lang, a young Chinese pianist, in shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 27 Aug, 2010. Lang Lang came back to his hometown on Friday. He will hold a recital concert in Shenyang on 29 Aug, 2010. —XINHUA

Jackson's elder kids head to school

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug—The previously home-schooled son and daughter of late pop star Michael Jackson are now attending an exclusive private school in California, sources told TMZ.

Thirteen-year-old Prince and 12-year-old Paris began at The Buckley School in the San Fernando Valley Wednesday. Past atten-

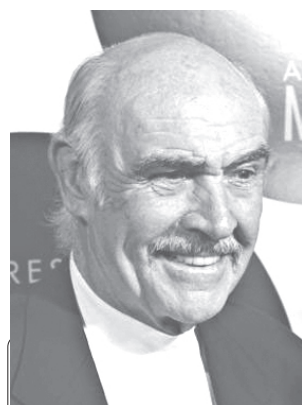
dees of the school include Matthew Perry, Alyssa Milano, Nicole Richie, Nicollette Sheridan and Laura Dern.

Internet

Paris Jackson, (L), Prince Michael Jackson I and Prince Michael Jackson II on stage during the memorial service for Michael Jackson at Staples Centre in Los Angeles on 7 July, 2009. The "King of Pop" died in Los Angeles on 25 June at age 50. INTERNET



Connery says he is retired from acting



Actor Sean Connery

INTERNET

EDINBURGH, 28 Aug—Scottish film icon Sean Connery, who is 80, indicated he's through with acting.

"I don't think I'll ever act again," he told the *Edinburgh Evening News*. "I have so many wonderful memories but these days are over. I'm swimming every day and I'm even trying to get the golf swing working again — but that might take a little

bit longer. During the summer I wasn't feeling great."

Connery is perhaps best known for playing secret agent James Bond in a string of 007 films in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. His last major live-action movie role was in the Victorian-era action flick "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" in 2003.

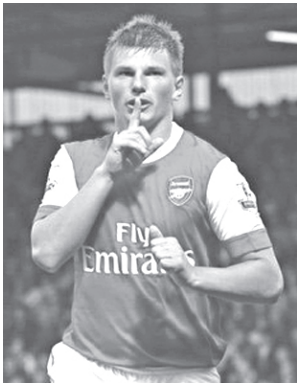
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Arshavin gives Arsenal revenge over Rovers

LONDON, 28 Aug — Andrei Arshavin scored a second-half winner as Andrei Arshavin avenged last season's loss at Blackburn with a 2-1 victory at Ewood Park on Saturday.

Theo Walcott had put Arsenal ahead in the 20th minute with a fine, low finish. Mame Diouf, on loan from Manchester United, equalised for Blackburn seven minutes later after El Hadji Diouf out-paced new Arsenal defender Laurent Koscielny.

Internet

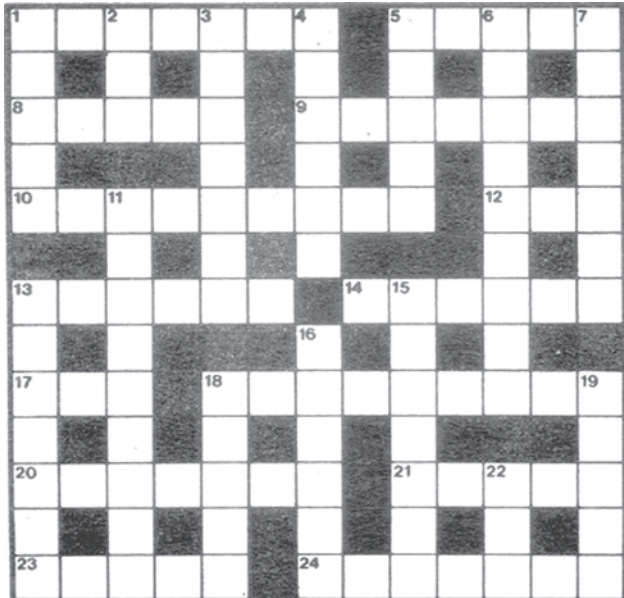


Arsenal midfielder Andrei Arshavin gestures after scoring a second goal during the English Premier League match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park, Blackburn. Arsenal won 2-1.—INTERNET



Premier League champions Chelsea are among the teams in action on a busy Saturday afternoon of action after Arsenal beat Blackburn - while Man Utd host West Ham later on. Chelsea beat Stoke City 2-0.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Chirping insect
- 5 Pours
- 8 Unlocks
- 9 Forsake
- 10 View coloured with emotion
- 12 Everything
- 13 Imbibes
- 14 Stickler for good English
- 17 Spelling contest
- 18 Alienated
- 20 Fissure
- 21 Engine
- 23 Follow
- 24 Lasts

Down

- 1 Traverse
- 2 Frozen water
- 3 Lake District town
- 4 Journey
- 5 Characteristic
- 6 Arousing affection
- 7 Vest
- 11 Silent
- 13 Sudden collapse
- 15 Weaponless
- 16 Goddess of wisdom
- 18 Banishment
- 19 Ventures
- 22 Sailor

Fergie backs Rangers fans to come in peace

MANCHESTER, 28 Aug — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson insists Rangers fans will be on their best behaviour when the Scottish champions visit Old Trafford for a potentially explosive Champions League clash.

Rangers supporters and riot police fought running battles in the streets of Manchester before and after the 2008 UEFA Cup final, which was played at Manchester City's Eastlands Stadium.

Over 100,000 Scots travelled from Glasgow without tickets for the match against Zenit St Petersburg, with 42 fans arrested and many more injured during the ugly scenes.—Internet



Manchester United's manager Sir Alex Ferguson.—INTERNET

Juventus sign Quagliarella on loan from Napoli

ROME, 28 Aug — Juventus on Friday announced that they have signed Italy international striker Fabio Quagliarella on a season-long loan with an option to buy from Serie A rivals Napoli.

Juventus are paying 4.5 million euros to take Quagliarella on loan for the 2010-2011 campaign

and will be able to make the move permanent for a further fee of 10.5 million euros.

The 27-year-old striker will be paid two million euros per season, according to Italian news agency Ansa.—Internet



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Wie leads at Canadian Women's Open in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, 28 Aug — Michelle Wie remains in the lead at the CN Canadian Women's Open after shooting a 3-under 69 in the second round.

She is at 10-under overall Friday after opening the tournament with a round of 65 that included a hole-in-one. Wie's only career victory came last November at the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

Jiyai Shin is second at 7 under. Morgan Pressel shot a 66 and is tied for third with defending champion Suzann Pettersen at 6 under.—Internet

Atletico stun Inter to lift SuperCup

MONACO, 28 Aug — Atletico Madrid defeated Champions League winners Inter Milan 2-0 on Friday to lift the European SuperCup, delivering an early-season bodyblow to coach Rafael Benitez.



Atletico Madrid's players celebrate with the trophy after winning the UEFA Super Cup football match.—INTERNET

After a disappointing first half, Europa League winners Atletico opened the scoring in the 62nd minute through Jose Antonio Reyes with Sergio Aguero grabbing the second eight minutes from the final whistle.

Benitez, who has taken over from Jose Mourinho in the Inter hotseat, then endured the further misery of seeing Diego Milito's 90th-minute penalty saved by goalkeeper David de Gea. "I think we played well at the start, but then lost control," said Benitez.—Internet

Bayern humbled by 10-man Kaiserslautern

BERLIN, 28 Aug — Defending champions Bayern Munich suffered a shock defeat in only their second German league game of the season on Friday as they were stunned 2-0 by 10-man Kaiserslautern, the Bundesliga's new boys.

Having won the sec-

ond division last season, Kaiserslautern beat Cologne last weekend and have now claimed the scalp of defending champions Bayern with goals by Ivo Ilcevic and Srdjan Lakic, who has now scored three goals in two games.

Internet



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery (R) and Kaiserslautern's midfielder Oliver Kirch. INTERNET

Petrova reaches New Haven final

NEW HAVEN, 28 Aug — Nadia Petrova is making the most of her last-minute wild-card into the Pilot Pen tennis tournament, booking her place in the final on Friday with a three-set win over ailing Maria Kirilenko.

After dropping her serve twice in the first set, Petrova bounced back to beat her fellow Russian 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Kirilenko was hindered after the first set by a sore back, which she first felt after lunging for a ball. She took a medical timeout in the second set but said she couldn't move as well in the later stages.—Internet

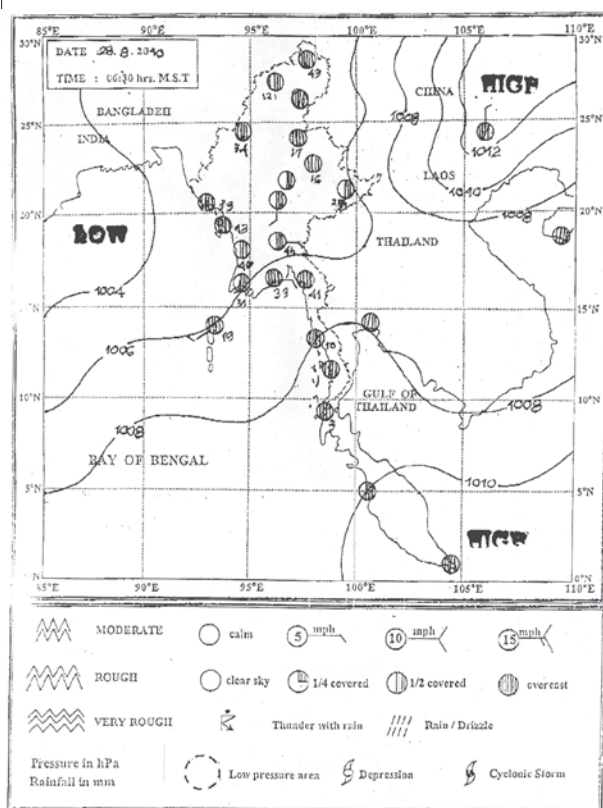


Nadia Petrova of Russia returns a shot to Maria Kirilenko of Russia during the semifinals of the Pilot.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 28th August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (3.35) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (3.11) inches, Hkamti (4.96) inches, Kawkaik (3.62) inches, Kyauktaw (3.42) inches, Mudon (3.03) inches, Kyaikkhami (2.87) inches, Hpa-an (2.60) inches and Aungmyan (0.94) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 27-8-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 28-8-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-8-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 28-8-2010 was (3.35) inches.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 27-8-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 28-8-2010 was 75°F.

Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-8-2010 was (84%). Total Sunshine hours on 27-8-2010 was (3.3) hours.

Rainfall on 28-8-2010 was (1.34) inches at Mingaladon, (1.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.99) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (56.69) inches at Mingaladon, (63.23) inches at Kaba-Aye and (73.74) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 27-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 29th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Magway Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Tanintharyi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

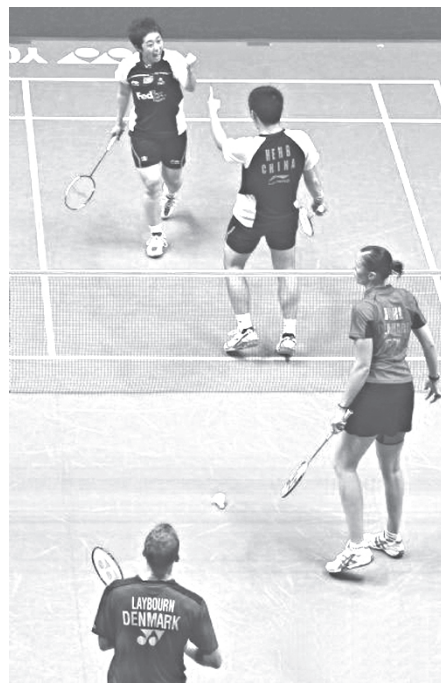
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Alzheimer's, insulin resistance linked

FUKUOKA, 28 Aug—A researcher in Japan has linked insulin resistance in diabetes and the brain plaques associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Lead author Dr. Kensuke Sasaki of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan, said more studies are needed to determine if insulin resistance — the stage before diabetes, when insulin, a hormone, becomes less effective in lowering blood sugar — may help cause these plaques. "It's possible that by controlling or preventing diabetes, we might also be helping to prevent Alzheimer's disease," Sasaki said in a statement. The study, published in *Neurology*, found people with abnormal results on three tests of blood sugar control had an increased risk of developing plaques. Plaques were found in 72 percent of people with insulin resistance and 62 percent of people with no indication of insulin resistance.—Internet



China's He Hanbin (2nd R)/Yu Yang (top) celebrate after scoring during the mixed doubles quarterfinal against Denmark's Thomas Laybourn/Kamilla Rytter Juhl at the 2010 World Badminton Championships in Paris, France, on 27 Aug, 2010. The Chinese pair were qualified for the semifinal after winning the match 2-0. INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (29-8-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (29-8-10 09:30 am ~ 30-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Caves of Myanmar
- * News
- * Beautiful Music Show
- * Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- * News
- * Photo City
- * News
- * Shwe Settaw

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
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- * Shwe Settaw
- * News
- * Coconut Dolls
- * News
- * (Being Young) Youth and Education
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * The Golden Land
- * News
- * Panning Gold in Thabeikkyin Township
- * Myanmar Movie "New Bosom"



Sunday, 29 August View on today

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| 7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် -ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပိတသန္နိပါဠိတော် | 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song |
| 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise | 8:00 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ |
| 7:30 am
3. Morning News | 8:10 am
7. Musical Programme |
| 7:40 am
4. အပျိုဇာလမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေးဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ) | 8:25 am
8. "နေပြည်တော်ရေပန်းဥယျာဉ်" (တိုးချဲ့) |
| | 8:40 am
9. International News |
| | 8:45 am
10. "ငှက်တစ်သောင်း" |
| | 11:00 am
1. Martial Song |
| | 11:10 am
2. Musical Programme |
| | 11:20 am
3. Round Up Of the Week's International News |
| | 11:30 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မနွမ်းသောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၈) |

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| 12:30 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV) | 12:50 pm
6. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်းမဂ္ဂဇင်း (နိုင်ငံခြား၊ ရဲအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဂန္ထဝင်၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ချိုမြိန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး(စန္ဒီဦး)) |
| 2:35 pm
7. Songs Of National Races | 2:40 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ |
| 2:50 pm
8. International News | 3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း နှင့် Southern Myanmar FC အသင်း) |
| 5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme | 6:00 pm
3. Evening News |
| 6:15 pm
4. Weather Report | |

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| 6:20 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS' ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၂၆) | 6:35 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာစီပယ်မျက်ဝန်း (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (ဇင်မင်းခန့်၊ ရန်နိုင်၊ သီရိရှင်၊ သန့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင် (MMG)) |
| 7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ (အတိတ်ရဲ့ပုံရိပ်) (အပိုင်း-၁၀) | 8:00 pm
8. News |
| | 9. International News |
| | 10. Weather Report |
| | 11. အောင်မြင်ပါစေမြန်မာပြည် (L လွန်းဝါနှင့်အဖွဲ့၊ သရုပ်ဆောင်-ကောင်းဆက်ထူးနှင့်အဖွဲ့၊ တေးရေး-ကိုင်းဇော်) |
| | 12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၅၅) |
| | 13. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး" (အပိုင်း-၁၆) |



- ★ 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

Construction of Kyweshin Bridge, Nay Pyi Taw-Kanbya (Magway) Road kicking into high gear

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Together with departmental officials, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning viewed upgrading of road section from mile posts No. 12/0 to 17/4 to the four-way road being undertaken by Nay Pyi Taw District and Kyaukse District Public Works and Road

Construction Project Special Group No.5 with the use of heavy machinery.

At Kyweshin Bridge construction project, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Aung of Bridge Construction Project Construction No. 3 reported on matters related to construction of the four-lane Kyweshin Bridge and officials from

two District Public Works and one special group on extended construction of five miles and four furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw-Kyweshin Road Section. The minister urged them to strive for timely completion of the construction tasks meeting standards and attended to the needs.

He inspected

expanding of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myo-thit-Kanbya (Magway) road and construction of a box culvert.

At Shwebontha briefing hall near Shwepan Village, Chief Engineer U Win Pe reported on sector-wise construction of 107 miles and 2 furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo- (See page 9)



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects construction of four-lane Kyweshin Bridge.—CONSTRUCTION

New library building opened in Twantay Tsp

YANGON, 28 Aug — Bikho village in Kabinnyi village-tract of Twantay Township in Yangon North District has got a new library building.

In the opening ceremony held in front of the facility on 22 August, the chairman of Township War Veterans Organization, Staff Officer U Thet Oo of Township Information and Public Relations Department, Chairman U San Mya Aye of Village Peace and Development Council formally opened the building.

The Township WVO chairman and the Township IPRD chairman discussed the existence of library in the long run.

The Township IPRD, Assistant Education Officer U Myo Nyunt and Township WVO donated publications and Village-elder U Kyaw Gyi a radio to the library.

Township IPRD

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (28-8-2010)

Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	(3.35) inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	(3.11) inches
Hkamti	(4.96) inches
Kawkareik	(3.62) inches
Kyauktaw	(3.42) inches
Mudon	(3.03) inches
Kyaikkhami	(2.87) inches
Hpa-an	(2.60) inches
Aunglan	(0.94) inch