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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Agriculturists to take part in respective sectors for socio-economic development of rural people

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing conducted the students of University of Agriculture led by Rector Dr Tin Htut round the high yield model integrated farm in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that agriculturists are to take part in the respective sectors for socio-economic development of rural people. He pointed out that students of the University of Agriculture are to hand down techniques on production of high yield crops and training to the rural farmers to enable the nation to be on a par with other countries in agriculture sector in serving the national interest.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained facts about modern cultivation methods for model integrated farm and boosting double yield paddy strains.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win
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Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explains facts about high yield model integrated farm to student of Yezin University of Agriculture in Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun addresses second meeting of Environmental Conservation Committee.

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Environmental Conservation Committee holds 2nd meeting



NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—The Committee for Environmental Conservation held its second meeting at Kyun Shwe Wah Hall of the Ministry of Forestry here this morning.

Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Conservation Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun in his speech said that the meeting was intended to enact a law for conservation of the environment; that to draw and enact a necessary law for environmental conservation is a fundamental requirement for proportionate

development of the economic, social and environmental development; that the process is in compliance with the guideline of the President for implementing national environmental conservation policy. The bill is to be amended to meeting the present situation.

Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, members of the committee deputy ministers, departmental heads and experts held discussions about matters to make necessary amendments to

the bill.

After the meeting, committee members directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under related ministries, and the Core Unit comprising experts continued talks to amend the bill.—MNA

Healthy foods a growth industry as boomers age



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Give breastfeed to babies for health and IQ development

The Ministry of Health has adopted and is implementing the national health plans for longevity and health of the entire people in cooperation with social organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

Maternal and child care is one of the tasks in upgrading the health standard of the people. Over 60 per cent of population is mothers and children. The activities on Nutrition Promotion Weeks will be launched in August with a view to reducing nutrition deficiencies, preventing chronic diet-related diseases and promoting dietary practices.

In the first week of August, a plan has been adopted to broaden horizon of the people with nutritional knowledge. The activities will be undertaken for nutritional development of children under five in the second week, that of expectant mothers and breastfeeding mothers in the third week and movements on iodine deficiencies in the fourth week.

The early breast milk is the best nutrition for babies. Breast milk contains protein, starch, vitamin, mineral salt and water. Only breastfeeding can help babies healthy and developed. Thus, educative talks have been given to give breastfeeding only to babies under six months.

Mothers have to carefully feed their babies with early breast milk within one hour after giving birth so as to contribute towards health and fitness of babies. Some mothers feed their babies with liquid of instant milk powder. It is cautious that the contaminated milk powder can cause diarrhoea, dysentery and other diseases to the babies.

The health staff and people are to cooperate in activities of Nutrition Promotion Weeks to broaden horizons of the mothers with nutritional knowledge in order to feed only breast milk to their babies under six months for health and IQ improvement of their offspring.

IT Business Contest to be held

YANGON, 3 Aug—Myanmar Computer Federation and brother associations have been holding ICT Award contests annually.

Myanmar Computer Federation in cooperation with CIESF of Japan will hold IT Business Contest to build up IT industry and develop mobile telecommunication technologies.

Ten selectees from the contest will have a chance to take training course from Japan. After the course, the trainees will have to put up their projects.

Any interested persons may take part in the contest. The projects will have to be sent to Myanmar Computer Federation during office hours no later than 3 September. For further information, contact MCF, Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-652307).—NLM

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives Chairman Mr Zhang Hui of China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation Limited (COMPLANT).—MNA

#OppressBurmese

- * 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

Public Announcement for remonstrations

1. People Democracy Party headquartered at No. 39/B in Yaythant Area of Tagundaing Ward in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay Region, on 3-8-2011 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag, and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.



Flag of People Democracy Party



Seal of People Democracy Party
Union Election Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received President of China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (CETC) Mr. Yan Lijin and party at his office here this afternoon.

They held discussions about programmes for bilateral cooperation for development and production of electronics.

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Union Minister receives Chinese guests



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Union EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2

U Khin Maung Soe held talks with Mr. Zhang Hui, Chairman of China

National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation Limited



(COMPLANT) and party, yesterday at his office here over cooperation in construction and maintenance of a natural gas-fired power plant.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo, Director-General of Department of Electric Power U Khin Maung Zaw, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung and officials.

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Five Bangladeshi hostages freed in Afghanistan

DHAKA, 3 Aug—Five Bangladeshi road workers kidnapped in Afghanistan more than seven months ago have been freed, the country's Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said Tuesday.

"We're very glad to inform you that the five abducted have been released this morning," the Foreign Minister told reporters at a press briefing here in capital Dhaka. Armed men on 17 Dec night last year attacked a sub-camp of a South Korean road construction company "Samwhan Corporation" situated beside Majar-i-Sharif in Balkh province of Afghanistan where 17 Bangladeshis were working.

During the attack, Bangladeshi national Kazi Altab Hossain, an engineer, died on the spot, and nine of them managed to flee while the remaining seven were abducted.—Xinhua



A policeman climbed a truck, used to carry fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan, after it was attacked in Khairpur, in Pakistan's Sindh province on 1 August, 2011.—INTERNET

Four killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 3 Aug—At least four people were killed in a US drone strike launched late Tuesday night in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel Samaa.

According to the report, the strike came at about 9 pm when US drones fired two missiles at an unconfirmed number of vehicles suspected of carrying militants in the Miranshah area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan.

Some local media reports said that the US drones fired four missiles at three vehicles and one house in the Quttub Khel area, a village some 4 kilometers away from Miranshah, a main town in North Waziristan.

Tuesday night's US drone strike is the 45th of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan since this year. To date, an estimated 412 people, most of them suspected militants, have been reportedly killed in such strikes this year.—Xinhua

14 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Aug—Afghan police during operations eliminated 14 Taliban and detained 43 more militants elsewhere in the country over the last 24 hours, Interior Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

"Afghan National Police (ANP) with the assistance of the Afghan army and Coalition Forces launched 12 joint and independent operations over the past 24 hours in Nangarhar, Baghlan, Kandahar, Helmand, Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Khost, Paktika and Paktia provinces," said the statement issued by Interior Ministry.

"As a result of these operations, 14 armed militants were killed, four wounded and 43 other armed insurgents were arrested."

Police also found and defused a total of 17 Improvised Explosive

Device (IED) and anti-vehicle mines elsewhere in the country over the same period of time, the statement further said.

In a separate incident, two more insurgents, who had the intention of planting an anti-vehicle mine along a road, were killed when their mine exploded prematurely in Dilaram district of the country's western Farah province on Tuesday, the statement added.

Taliban militants have yet to make comments.

The Taliban outfit, fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops, have intensified their activities against government interests and security forces since beginning May when the militants group announced to launch spring offensive against security forces all over the country.—Xinhua



Afghan men stand near scene of a suicide attack in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 2 Aug, 2011. A suicide car bomber blew up his vehicle outside a small residential hotel frequented by foreigners just after dawn Tuesday, killing at least three guards in the latest of a rising number of violent attacks in northern Afghanistan.

INTERNET



Iraqis inspect the site of an early morning car bomb attack in front of a Church in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Three policemen killed, ex-lawmaker wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—Three policemen were killed and 14 people wounded in two coordinated bomb explosions in Baghdad late on Tuesday night, while an ex-lawmaker and two of his bodyguards were wounded by a separate bomb attack, an Interior Ministry source said on Wednesday.

A roadside bomb went off at a liquor store in al-Risala district in southwestern Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The second bomb detonated as the Iraqi police arrived at the scene of the first blast, killing three policemen and

wounding six others, the source said.

Eight civilians were also wounded by the two blasts, the source added.

Also in the night, Ayad Jamal-al-Deen, a Shiite lawmaker of the former Iraqi parliament, was wounded when a roadside bomb detonated at his house in Baghdad's central district of Jadriyah, the source said. Two of Jamal al-Deen's bodyguards were wounded by the blast which also set fire to the house, he said. Sporadic attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.—Xinhua

In this 25 Aug, 2010 file photo, an Iraqi girl wears bandages after being injured in a bombing in Karbala, 50 miles (80 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq.

INTERNET



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

KABUL, 3 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 34151 Afghan people were killed and 41813 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 3 Aug.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	34151
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41813

Internet

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 3 Aug reached 706677 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1280349, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	706677
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1280349

Internet



Space Needle contest aims to send person to space

SEATTLE, 3 Aug—Organizers want to go beyond Earth to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Seattle's iconic Space Needle.

On Monday, they announced a multi-tiered contest to send a member of the public on a short ride into space using a company from the burgeoning space travel industry. "The private business of taking people to space is right in front of us," said Ron Sevart, president and CEO of the Pacific Northwest landmark. "It felt so natural for us to build a contest around that."

He said the idea came after event organizers explored the circumstances around the opening of the Space Needle in 1962.

The Space Needle — with its hourglass tower and a top that resembles a flying saucer — embodied the era. "It was an optimistic time, a forward-looking time, right in the middle of the space race," Sevart said.

To mark the occasion and help celebrate the future of space travel, the Space Needle brought in a pioneer.

Buzz Aldrin, the second astronaut to step on the moon, spoke at the formal contest announcement, recounting his Apollo mission and detailing his vision of the future.

The Space Needle's contest is another step toward fulfilling his vision of the space program from more than 50 years ago, he said.—*Internet*



Buzz Aldrin, former astronaut, centre, and Richard Garriott, first second-generation space traveller, right, talk about space exploration outside the Space Needle on Sunday, July 31, 2011, in Seattle as Ron Sevart, CEO of the Space Needle, left, listens in.

INTERNET

Prehistoric ice meltings analyzed

EUGENE, 3 Aug—An analysis of prehistoric discharges of icebergs in the North Atlantic shows even slight warming can trigger a collapse of ice shelves, US researcher say.

Study lead author Shaun Marcott of the University of Oregon says the analysis provides historical evidence that warming of water by just 3 to 4 degrees was enough to trigger massive episodic discharges of ice from the Laurentide Ice Sheet in what is now Canada. The results are important because of concerns warmer water from global warming could cause a comparatively fast collapse of ice shelves in Antarctica or Greenland, increasing the flow of ice into the ocean and raising sea levels, an OSU release said Monday.

If the West Antarctic Ice sheet, one of the areas said to be most vulnerable to rising temperatures, were all to melt it would raise global sea level by about 11 feet, the researchers said. "We don't know whether or not water will warm enough to cause this type of phenomenon," Marcott said. "But it would be a serious concern if it did, and this demonstrates that melting of this type has occurred before."—*Internet*

Scientists discover elusive oxygen molecules in space

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug— Scientists have discovered oxygen molecules in deep space in a region of the Orion nebula, some 1,500 light years from the Earth, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced Monday.

The discovery was made with European Space Agency's Herschel Space Observatory, which used large telescope and infrared detectors to find the elusive molecules.

Individual atoms of oxygen are common in space, particularly around massive stars. But, molecular oxygen, which makes up about

20 percent of the air we breathe, has eluded astronomers until now.

"Oxygen gas was discovered in the 1770s, but it's taken us more than 230 years to finally say with certainty that this very simple molecule exists in space," said Paul Goldsmith, NASA's Herschel project scientist at the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Goldsmith is lead author of a recent paper describing the findings in the *Astrophysical Journal*. Herschel is a European Space Agency-led mission with important NASA contributions.—*Xinhua*



Cybercrime costs rise 56 percent in 2011 for companies



NEW YORK, 3 Aug—In a yearly study conducted by the Ponemon Institute and funded by Hewlett-Packard, the median cost of dealing with prevention and the repercussions of cybercrime rose from \$3.8 million a year in 2010 to \$5.9 million a year in 2011. Over the 50 companies in the study, the range of costs varied from \$1.5 million to \$36.5 million per organization. Over the four-week period of the study, all the organizations put up with 72 successful attacks a week. The majority of these attacks are attributed to web-based, denial of service, phishing, malicious code and malicious insider attacks.

In addition, the majority of money

spent on cybercrime by organizations is put into detection of attacks as well as recovery efforts. The study found that companies spent an average of 18 days responding to an attack with an astounding, average price tag of \$416,000. This is a 70 percent increase over 2010 figures of \$250,000 per attack with a 14-day response time. Denial of service attacks are the most costly at an average of about \$187,000 per attack.—*Internet*

Facebook nabs interactive digital book publisher Push Pop Press

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Aug—On Tuesday Facebook announced their new acquisition of Push Pop Press, a San Francisco-based startup that publishes digital books. The startup's specialty is interactive, movie-like books for the iPad and iPhone. The financial details and the purpose behind the purchase are as yet unconfirmed.

Co-founded by former Apple employees Mike Matas and Kimon Tsinteris, Push Pop came out of stealth

mode in early 2011 and as they put it "set off to re-imagine the book". They're best known for creating Al Gore's Global warming e-book *Our Choice* for the iPad, an app that garnered great press and won an award from Apple.

The company wrote in a press release on their website that the Al Gore e-book will still be available for purchase and that the proceeds will be donated to The Climate Reality Project. Aside from that exception, the Push Pop gates will be closed to any further publishing. The question is: why did Facebook buy a startup that publishes digital books? In the same Push Pop statement, Tsinteris and Matas put to rest any thoughts that Facebook would be moving into the Google and Amazon dominated publishing territory.—*Internet*



San Francisco cab driver's 'dash camera' helps catch robber

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Aug—A San Francisco cab equipped with a 'dash camera' helped to apprehend a suspect following an alleged robbery in the city last Friday.

It's an unfortunate state of affairs when you can't walk down the street and have a conversation on your cell phone without someone coming along and wrenching it out of your hand. But that's exactly what happened to a local woman in the Russian Hills neighbourhood of San Francisco the other evening. No doubt feeling rather shaken following her ordeal, she must have thought that was the end of it. And the assailant most probably believed he'd got away scot-free. But, according to a report in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, as the perpetrator hightailed it away from the scene, from along the street came a taxicab — one that had just happened to catch the whole incident on a security video camera mounted on its dashboard. —*Internet*



Health

Healthy foods a growth industry as boomers age

STOWE (Vt), 3 Aug—Food and beverage companies will need to gear up and churn out healthier food and products for aging baby boomers in the United States, a group which tracks eating habits said in a report on Tuesday. Joe Derochowski, executive director of the NPD Group, told the annual meeting of the industry group American Sugar Alliance that the “next agent of change” in food eating patterns will come from people turning 50 or older.



Some of more than 8,000lbs of locally grown broccoli from a partnership between Farm to School and Healthy School Meals is served in a salad to students at Marston Middle School in San Diego, California, on 7 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Foods rich in sugar has been blamed in part for rising obesity rates in the United States. But sugar industry groups dispute that, saying that eating too much food without exercise or physical activity is also to blame as well. NPD is a group that has been tracking the eating patterns of Americans for the past 30 years. Derochowski is with the group's Food and Beverage Services.

“With the population aging...there's going to be money to be made selling health,” he said. “That's the driver. It's all these people 50 plus (years old). It's the boomers and the empty nesters.”

Baby boomers normally refer to people born from 1946 to 1964, according to the US Census Bureau, and make up a surge in births after World War Two. Boomers are defined as a demographic group whose tastes and consumption patterns were closely followed because of their impact and sheer size in society. The first boomers are now retiring and their choice of food or health care is seen by analysts as having a huge impact in the economy.—Reuters

US hospitals poor at breast-feeding support

ATLANTA, 3 Aug—US hospitals are not doing enough to encourage mothers to breast-feed their newborns, raising the risk of childhood obesity, diabetes and other conditions, according to a federal study released on Tuesday. Less than 4 percent of the country's hospitals fully support breast-feeding, said a report issued by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

In nearly 80 percent of hospitals, healthy babies who are being breast-fed are given formula even when there is no medical need for it, making it more difficult to continue breast-feeding at home, the report says. Only a third of hospitals have “rooming in” policies that allow babies to stay in the hospital room with



A nursing mother holds her son in front of the Delta airlines counter during a protest over breastfeeding on Delta planes at Fort Lauderdale airport, Florida in this on 21 November, 2006 file photo.—INTERNET

their mothers 24 hours a day, which can increase breastfeeding opportunities.

Nearly 75 percent of hospitals do not provide adequate support for

mothers once they leave, including follow-up visits and phone calls, the report said. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends feeding babies only breast milk until they are six months old and continuing breast-feeding for at least a year. Only 15 percent of mothers currently breast-feed exclusively for six months, CDC Director Thomas Frieden told reporters on Tuesday. “We're a very long way from where we need to be,” he said. Failure to promote breast-feeding costs the US healthcare system \$2.2 billion annually, Frieden said.

If breast-feeding is halted too early, babies have a higher risk of obesity, diabetes, respiratory and ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome, the CDC said.—Reuters



Business



Asian stocks fall amid dim US economy prospects



A currency trader gestures in front of a screen showing the Korea composite stock price index, left, and the exchange rate between the US dollar and the South Korean won at the Korea Exchange Bank headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, on 3 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 3 Aug—Asian stocks fell sharply Wednesday as relief the US averted a debt default gave way to increasing pessimism over prospects for the

world's biggest economy. Oil extended losses, trading near \$93 a barrel amid expectations slower US economic growth will crimp demand for crude.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index slid 2.2 percent to 9,627.12 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 1.7 percent to 22,041.87.

South Korea's benchmark Kospi index tumbled 2.7 percent to 2,064.84. Stock markets in Australia, Taipei and Singapore also dropped.

There “seems to be a lot of fear in the market, a lot of panic,” said Jackson Wong, vice president at Tanrich Securities in Hong Kong, citing worries that the terms of a deal signed by President Barack Obama on Tuesday to avert a US default may worsen an already slowing economy. China's

Shanghai Composite Index, bucked the trend, gaining 0.3 percent to 2,686.59. The declines in Asia followed a sharp drop on Wall Street on Tuesday on a series of weak economic reports and poor earnings from several big companies.

Internet

US auto industry uneasy after weak July sales

DETROIT, 3 Aug—Auto sales rose only slightly in July as skittish American consumers pulled back on car buying and threatened to derail the industry's fragile recovery. With the economy weak, popular cars in short supply and dealers offering very few discounts, carmakers endured a third straight month of disappointing sales. Just over 1 million new cars and trucks were sold in the month, up 1 percent from last July

and flat with June. Sales started strong this year but have slowed as the economy faltered and Japan's earthquake left Toyota and Honda dealers short of popular models. Unemployment rose to 9.2 percent earlier this summer, the highest level this year, and consumer confidence is shaky.

“We're still not back on the track of recovery yet,” said Jeff Schuster, executive director of global forecasting at JD Power and Associates. “There's definitely some weakness kind of looming out there.” Adding to buyers' worries in July was the government debate over the debt ceiling. “Uncertainty, in our business, is always bad for consumers,” GM Vice President of Sales Don Johnson said.—Internet



In this on 1 Oct, 2010 file photo, visitors inspect the new 2011 Chevrolet Cruze Hatchback during a press day of the Paris Auto Show.—INTERNET

Indonesia mulls to stop mineral commodity export by 2014

JAKARTA, 3 Aug — In a bid to protect national industry and preserve the country's natural resources deposit, Indonesia plans to stop mineral commodity export by 2014.

A senior official at Indonesian government said that the ongoing massive mineral commodity export would drain out natural resources deposits and exacerbate national industry due to the lack of fuel originated from natural resources to run manufactures.

Director General International Industry Cooperation at the industry Ministry Agus Tjahajana said that the plan to stop mineral resources export would be applied to all countries to which Indonesia used to export its mineral commodities, including China, India, Japan, the United States and South Korea.

Agus said that the ministry is recommending an issuance of particular regulation that charges higher levies for mineral commodities export before the policy to stop mineral commodity is imposed in 2014.—Xinhua

Man suspected in tourist deaths arrested in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 3 Aug—An alleged drug trafficker suspected of helping abduct and kill 20 Mexican tourists has been arrested in the resort city of Acapulco, federal police said Tuesday.

Moises Montero Alvarez, nicknamed "The Korean," was captured Monday along with a 21-year-old and two teenagers believed to be accomplices. Alvarez is suspected of being a leader in the local Independent Cartel of Acapulco.

Alvarez, 42, is accused of helping to carry out the 30 Sept kidnapping of 20 vacationing men from Michoacan state. Some of the men's decomposed bodies were later found in a mass grave.

Authorities believe the tourists had

been mistaken by drug traffickers for members of the rival La Familia cartel.

Alvarez is also suspected of ordering the killings of rival cartel members at in the port of Acapulco, the kidnapping of police officers and the 7 April burning of a supermarket that left at least one man dead. He was previously arrested in 1999 on extortion charges, police said.

Federal police have reported more than a dozen killings have been reported in the area in the last two days. In one case, a 35-year-old man's torso and right arm were found on a busy street near the 23-story beachfront Grand Hotel Acapulco. In another, a taxi was found with the bodies of three men in their 20s killed with assault rifles.—*Internet*



Moises Montero, aka 'The Korean', suspected of being the leader of the 'Independent' drug cartel of Acapulco, walks down a vehicle escorted by police officers before his presentation to the media in Mexico City, on 2 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Four UN peacekeepers killed by mine in Abyei

ABYEI, 3 Aug—A landmine on Tuesday killed four Ethiopian UN peacekeepers and badly wounded seven others on patrol in the disputed Sudanese territory of Abyei, the UN said.

Most of the 4,200 Ethiopian troops in Abyei have been in the territory on the border between north and South Sudan for less than a week.

The Khartoum government, whose forces had occupied the village where the explosion occurred, has signed the Ottawa treaty banning the use of anti-personnel mines.

A UN peacekeeping spokesman said the seven injured had been airlifted to Kadugli, main city in the Sudanese state of South Kordofan where there is a UN medical facility.

The landmine detonated in the village of Mabok, which is southeast of the territory's main town of Abyei.

The village had been occupied by north Sudanese forces.

The UN Security Council approved the sending of the Ethiopian peacekeeping force to Abyei on 27 June in a bid to douse tensions ahead of southern Sudan's split from the north.

The Ethiopian peacekeepers were to monitor the withdrawal of north Sudan troops who occupied Abyei on 21 May. More than 100,000 people fled the territory, mainly to southern Sudan, after the offensive.—*Internet*



A handout picture released by the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) shows UN peacekeepers patrolling north of Abyei, in May 2011. A landmine on Tuesday killed four Ethiopian UN peacekeepers and badly wounded seven others on patrol in the disputed Sudanese territory of Abyei, the UN said.—INTERNET

One police officer killed in S Dakota fatal shooting

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug—One police officer was killed and two others wounded Tuesday in a shootout with a man in Rapid City in the western US state of South Dakota, local media reported.

The shooting started Tuesday afternoon when three officers came into contact with a group of four people, whose behavior was "suspicious," local police chief Steve Allender was quoted as saying.

One of the men later pulled a gun and exchanged fire with the officers, who wounded the suspect, Allender said.

The unidentified suspect was undergoing surgery after being sent to a local hospital. His condition remains unknown.—*Xinhua*

Australia pensioner arrested on 'ice' drug charges



A 73-year-old man has been arrested and charged in Sydney with possessing enough chemicals to make Aus\$12.5 million (US\$13.4 million) of the stimulant drug known as ice, Australian police said.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 3 Aug—A 73-year-old man has been arrested and charged with possessing enough chemicals to make Aus\$12.5 million (US\$13.4 million) of the stimulant drug known

as ice, Australian police said on Wednesday.

The man, from Sydney's wealthy north, was picked up by police investigating the manufacture of methylamphetamine while he was driving north of the city on Tuesday afternoon.

They said a search of the vehicle uncovered 24 litres of what was later identified as methylamphetamine oil.

It prompted a search of a home on the New South Wales Central Coast, described as a "safe house", which allegedly contained another 26 litres of meth oil, two firearms and ammunition.

"Nothing surprises me in relation to people involved in drugs," said Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace.

Internet

Norwegian stores withdraw violent video games after attacks

OSLO, 3 Aug—Two video games used by far-right extremist Anders Behring Breivik in planning his 22 July killing spree have been

withdrawn from a number of stores across Norway, one co-op chain said Tuesday.

Coop Norge, one of the country's major grocery store chains and its main co-op, said it took the decision "out of respect" for the families of the 77 people slain in the twin attacks.

The move was launched on 24 July "to spare people who, in one way or another, were affected by the terrorist acts," the chain's director for non-food items Geir Inge Stokke told AFP.

"We don't want them

to stumble upon violent video games while buying milk and bread in our stores," he said.

In a 1,500-page manifesto posted online, Behring Breivik said he was a fan of "World of Warcraft" and "Call of Duty - Modern Warfare" and that he had played the games while preparing his rampage.

Coop told its locations which carried video games — 50 of 900 stores — to remove about 50 products from its aisles, including the games cited by Behring Breivik.—*Internet*



The video game "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare" is one of several video games that have been withdrawn from a number of stores across Norway in the wake of the 22 July killing spree.—INTERNET

Eight killed in Brazilian Air Force plane crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Aug—A Brazilian Air Force plane crashed in the country's southern state Santa Catarina Tuesday, killing all eight passengers aboard, the Brazilian military said.

The plane took off from Rio de Janeiro at 11:35 am local time (1435 GMT) and disappeared from the radar screen before it crashed into a ravine and exploded 135 km away from Florianopolis, capital of the state, the Brazilian Air Force said in a Press release late Tuesday.

The C-98A Grand Caravan plane was from a transport unit of the Brazilian Air Force, it said.

A witness said that he saw the plane diving into the ground before it exploded and caught fire.

This is the fifth accident involving Brazilian Air Force planes in 2011. The previous four crashes killed five people.

The Brazilian Air Force said it had launched an investigation into the accident.

Xinhua

Pockets of high radiation remind of Fukushima plant danger

TOKYO, 3 Aug—Pockets of lethal levels of radiation have been detected at Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in a fresh reminder of the risks faced by workers battling to contain the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power (Tepco) reported on Monday that radiation exceeding 10 sieverts (10,000 millisieverts) per hour was found at the bottom of a ventilation stack standing between two reactors.

On Tuesday Tepco said it found another spot on the ventilation stack itself where radiation exceeded 10 sieverts per hour, a level that could lead to incapacitation or death after just several seconds of exposure.

The company used equipment to measure radiation from a distance and was unable to ascertain the exact level because the device's maximum reading is 10 sieverts.—Internet



Debris is seen at Unit 3 of the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima prefecture, in this picture taken on 12 July and released on 1 August, 2011.—INTERNET

No one injured in Russian military plane emergency landing in Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, 3 Aug—A Russian military plane made an emergency landing early Wednesday morning in at the Petropavlovsk Kamchatsky airport in the Far East after a failure of one of its four engines, but none of all the 23 people onboard were injured. An A-50 — a Russian airborne warning and control system aircraft based on the Ilyushin Il-76 transport plane — landed after emptying its fuel tanks, local reports said. In many aspects, the A-50 is comparable to the E-3 Sentry of the US Air Force.

It is fitted with an aerial refueling system and electronic warfare equipment, and can detect targets up to 400 km away. —Xinhua



Passengers check the exchange rate outside a currency exchange shop in Geneva, Switzerland on 2 Aug, 2011. The exchange rate for Euro versus Swiss francs hit record low on Tuesday, at around 1.10, the lowest ever since the debut of Euro in 1999.—XINHUA

Homeless man arrested for climbing over White House fence

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug—A homeless man was arrested on Tuesday for climbing over the White House fence, the US Secret Service said.

The man, identified as James Dirk Crudup, 41, was taken into custody Tuesday evening by Secret Service agents who are guarding the White House complex around the clock. He has been

transferred to District of Columbia police for processing, Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan said.

Crudup had a backpack with him, and it was examined for possible explosive material. He faces charges of unlawful entry and contempt of court for violating a court order to stay away from the White House,

Donovan added.

US President Barack Obama was believed to be in the White House at the time.

Secret Service agents were leading Crudup across the North Lawn on the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the White House, according to a video report by the US TV news network CNN.

Xinhua

Tropical storm Emily threatens Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti

MEXICO CITY, 3 Aug—Tropical Storm Emily Tuesday continued its way to the northeast of the Caribbean Sea and brought heavy rains and winds to Puerto Rico on its way to the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

The US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said the storm which was still "little organized," could bring 15 centimeters of rain to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, enough to cause flooding and landslides in areas that had already received considerable rainfalls.

The storm, which formed on Monday, marks the beginning of the most active months of the hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean.

Emily passed near the Dominican Republic. On Tuesday morning, NHC meteorologists said that Emily was located at 425 km southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and had winds of 65 km per hour (KPH).

The rain hit hardest western Puerto Rico, largely sparing the capital. Local governments have declared a state of emergency and most government offices were closed.

Xinhua

Debris from space shuttle Columbia disaster found in Texas

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug—A piece of debris from NASA's space shuttle Columbia has been discovered in Texas, eight years after the 2003 disaster that destroyed the spacecraft and killed its seven-astronaut crew during re-entry, NASA officials confirmed today (2 Aug).

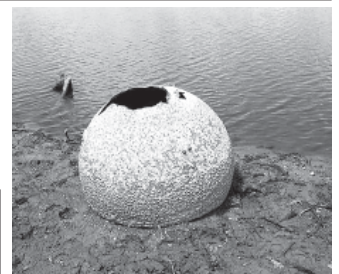
The debris was discovered last week in eastern Texas. It is a round aluminum power reactant storage and distribution tank from Columbia, which disintegrated over Texas as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere near the end of a 16-day science mission.

The tank was discovered in an exposed area of Lake Nacogdoches, in Nacogdoches, Texas, about 160 miles northeast of Houston.

"The only reason it's exposed is because there's a drought going on and the tank was under the lake," Lisa Malone, a NASA spokeswoman at the agency's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, told SPACE.com. "The tank itself is full of mud."

Nacogdoches police informed NASA of the find and sent pictures for identification.

Internet



This Aug. 1, 2011 handout photo provided by the Nacogdoches Police Department shows a 4-foot in diameter sphere found in Lake Nacogdoches, Texas on 1 Aug.

XINHUA



US Coast Guard crew members from the Cutter Oak offload some of the 15,000 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$180 million on 2 August, 2011 in Miami Beach, Florida. The cocaine was seized from a self-propelled semi-submersible vessel in the western Caribbean Sea on 31 July.

INTERNET

Heat claims 12 lives in US city of Dallas

HOUSTON, 3 Aug—Twelve people have died from the heat in the US city of Dallas this summer, as a record-breaking heat wave is scorching many US states, officials said Tuesday.

Dallas, the third largest city in Texas, has had over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) for 32 straight days as of Tuesday, with 12 heat deaths confirmed since mid-June, according to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office. Temperatures are expected to reach record highs this week in several major Texas cities, including Dallas, Austin and San Antonio. Parts of at least 14 US states have been suffering from extremely high temperatures, according to the National Weather Service. Moreover, the blazing temperatures have caused dozens of deaths across the central United States, US media reported.

For example, in Oklahoma, high temperatures have killed 11 people, CNN quoted a state health official as saying. An excessive heat warning has been issued until Friday for most of Oklahoma.

Xinhua

Agriculturists to take part...

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briefed them on arrangements for broadening the horizon of farmers from rural areas with 14-point good agricultural methods through TV, Radio and newspapers.

Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service conducted the students round the high yield paddy, sunflower and sugarcane plantations.

The students viewed farming equipment and vehicles.

The 420 students and faculty members of excursion group observed facts about the integrated farm.—MNA

Students from Yezin University of Agriculture observing model integrated farm in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Union Mines Minister receives Chinese delegations



Union Minister U Thein Htaik receives Vice-President Mr Liu Jie and party of Poly Mining Co Ltd in Beijing, the Republic of China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Vice-President of Poly Mining Co Ltd in Beijing, the Republic of China, Mr. Liu Jie and party at his office here this morning.

The talks focused on bilateral cooperation for

mining explorations.

The Union minister also received Chairman Mr. Zhang Hui of China National Complete Plant Imp & Exp. Yunan Co Ltd (COMPLANT YUNAN) in Kunming, Yunan Province, China, and party at the same venue at noon today.

Also present at the calls were the directors-general of the Mining Department and the Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, and the managing directors of No. 2 Mining Enterprise and the Myanmar Gems Enterprise.—MNA

Myanmar to compete in Asian Youth Wushu C'ship

YANGON, 3 Aug—The selected team of Myanmar Wushu Federation will take part in the 6th Asian Youth Wushu Championship in Shanghai of the People's Republic of China from 16 to 20 August.

The team led by President of the federation Dr Sai Hsam Tun with manager U Tun Tun Oo in

Sanshou event and U Khun Ja Aung in Taolu event will comprise two foreign coaches and Myanmar coaches U Aung Lwin in Sanshou event and U Naing Naing Aung in Taolu events, referees U Khin Soe and U Aung Sithu, men athletes Kyaw Zin Thit, William Thein Tun, Sein Thiha Aung, Win Maw

Oo and Wai Lyan Lin and women athletes Myat Thet Hsu Wai Phyto, Thant Susan, Aye Thitsa Myint, Thu Htoo San and Hsu Hlaing Oo.

President Dr Sai Hsam Tun and managers U Tun Tun Oo and U Khun Ja Aung will attend the technical committee meeting of Asian Wushu Federation.—MNA

Bago Region meets to coordinate agricultural work

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Bago Region held a work coordination meeting at Bago Region government yesterday.

In his address, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win called for growing rice in the fields that had been flooded recently, and increasing

use of heavy machinery in the harvest season.

The secretary of Bago Region government reported the lists of the flooded rice paddies and the fields put under rice again.

Attendees reported on agricultural work, conditions of the dams,

flooded rice paddies and the fields in compensation of flood areas.

At the opening of Ayeyawady Bank (Bago Branch) on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Bago this morning, the chief minister unveiled the bank and inspected the sections around it.—MNA

Plywood sheets donated for school in Haka



On behalf of Union Minister U Win Tun, Chin State Minister U Hong Ngai presents plywood sheets to headmaster and members of school board of trustees.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—At the meeting hall of Chin State Government, Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun on 1 August made a donation for a Basic Middle School in Chonkyone Village, Haka Township, Chin State, with a ceremony which Chin State Chief Minister U Hong

Ngai addressed.

On behalf of the Union Minister, the Chief Minister presented a total of 375 Plywood sheets to be used in repairing the school's ceilings through the headmaster and members of school board of trustees.—MNA

RUMFCCI President leaves for Cambodia

YANGON, 3 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung left

here by air for Cambodia on 1 August morning to attend Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) 17th Ministerial Conference to be held at Phnom Penh

from 2 to 4 August.

He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Tun Aung and officials.—MNA

Research: key to exceeding rice and oil demands



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing inspects agricultural implements at Meiktila Agricultural Mechanization Training School.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met the principal, lecturers and trainees at Meiktila Agricultural Mechanization Training School yesterday afternoon.

After hearing report submitted by Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise at the hall of Shwedaung agricultural research farm, the Union Minister called for extracting the fruits of research in fulfilling rice and oil demands.

An official reported the Union Minister on research works of the farm.

The Union Minister left necessary instructions and inspected the research farm.—MNA

Bago Region Chief Minister receives Israeli Ambassador



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win receives Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Israeli Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer at Bago Region government office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myint Lwin Oo and

Secretary of the Region Government U Maung Maung Than.

MNA

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin views stone inscription in the precinct of Htupayon Pagoda in Sagaing.

MNA

Kyeeni Lake designed...

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and from the watercourses whose sources are on western central Yoma mountain ranges flows into the lake. The spilled water from the lake flows to southern Nawin and northern Samon. The lake has five sluice gates. The catchment areas of the Lephyu Creek, the Kyauktin Creek that rises upstream Myaungmadaw, and the Pothudaw Creek total 68 square miles. The full surface area of the lake is 1525 acres. It is 15 feet high with 12,300 feet long embankment (north) and 9500 feet long

embankment (south). It can store as many cubic acre feet of water as 8066. Its arable acreage is 6500.

No. 1 Canal has been straightened, rock-filled retaining walls of No. 1 Canal and No. 2 Canal have been built. And a two-foot rock-filled guard rails have been built to ensure that motorbikes and bicycles do not slew into the lake accidentally. The road leading to the lake and the bridge have been built. So, the project really brings considerable benefit to local residents. Rural products can be delivered promptly to other regions only with smooth transport. So, priority has given

to repair to the road. As a result, local people enjoy smooth transport from and to school, market and work.

Yamethin Township gets higher-than-ever rainfall in the late monsoon, thus filling the dams and lakes in it with water. In the 2011 season, local farmers grew 2333 acres of summer rice, well exceeding the target of 1800 acres.

Therefore, local farmers are getting well on with their agricultural farming and will soon make greater profits.

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Over 100 auditors receive auditing skills

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — On-job training course No.34 for auditors of the Union Auditor-General Office was opened at the office here today.

At the opening ceremony, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung delivered an opening address, calling

for the trainees to stand with the people and stay away with corruption when they carry out auditing work and to become good audits.

A total of 104 audits are attending the course.

MNA



Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung addresses opening of on-job training course No.34 for auditors.—MNA

Deputy Culture Minister on tour of Mandalay, Amarapura, Sagaing, Pinya, Inwa

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin on 31 July met departmental personnel of Mandalay Region at the National Theatre (Mandalay).

The deputy minister visited U Pein Bridge, Tilawaguru Cave, Ariyawuntha Monastery, stone inscription in the precinct of Htupayon Pagoda, Asaykhan Fort, Buddhology Museum and Culture Museum.

On 1 August, she observed mural paintings at ancient pagodas in Inwa region, Gugyi Thonlo pagodas in Pinya region and Inwa archaeological museum.

In the evening, she viewed rehearsal of cultural show to be presented to the public at the National Theatre (Mandalay).

The deputy minister met Mandalay Region Development Minister U Phone Zaw Han and discussed cultural tasks.

Yesterday morning, the deputy minister visited Shwenandaw Monastery, Maha Atula Waiyan (Atumashi Monastery), Myanan Sankyaw Golden palace and Amarapura Kyauktawgyi Pagoda and Thudhamma public rest houses.—MNA



Union A&I Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Chairman Mr Yan Lijin and party of CETC International Co Ltd of China at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed cooperation in modern agricultural comprehensive development programme of Myanmar.

They coordinated development of production of paddy in Myanmar, development of sugarcane crop, investment of CETC Co in construction of 200,000-ton sugar mill and fertilizer plants, long-term mutual interest for cooperation in agricultural technology.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, and departmental heads of departments and enterprises.—MNA



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Chairman Mr Yan Lijin of CETC International Co Ltd of China.—MNA

Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun received Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at

his office here this morning.

They talked about matters for boosting bilateral cooperation in mobile communication, upgrading Mandalay-Kalay-Tamu communication link, seeking fields

of companies of the two countries to work together in IT, and technological cooperation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin and departmental heads.

MNA



Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA

Mexico police detain prison director, four guards

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 3 Aug—Mexican authorities say they have detained the director and four guards at a prison in Ciudad Juarez where 17 inmates were killed in fighting last week.

Chihuahua state prosecutors say in a Tuesday statement that Ciudad Juarez state

prison director Lucio Cuevas is accused of giving privileges to some inmates and the four guards of covering up for inmates and corrupting minors. Authorities in the border city said 16 male and 1 female inmates were killed in a fight at the prison.

A surveillance video

shows two inmates opening doors to allow armed prisoners into a room where the slain victims were reportedly holding a party.

Prosecutors are investigating reports that guards brought four women, including a minor, into the prison before the shootings.

Internet

A car runs on a highway in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 2 Aug, 2011. The total length of highways in Inner Mongolia stands at 157,000 kilometers, including 2,365 kilometres of freeways, which will extend to 6,000 kilometres in 2015.—XINHUA



Mine blast injures one monk, one person

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—A mine on Namhan-SiU village road in Mansi Township planted by insurgents exploded at about 9 am on 19 July, causing injuries to one monk and one person.

Sayadaw U Agga Dhamma, son of U Nyein, from the monastery of Namthan Village of Mansi Township and U Aung Min, son of U Hla Maung, from the same village driving off on a motorcycle on their way from Namthan Village to

Tonkwa Village of Mabain Township hit the mine. The mine blast caused them injuries (not serious). The two injured were rushed to Mabain Township People's Hospital and being provided with necessary requirements.

The insurgents are committing rebellious acts persistently to destabilize peace and stability of the State and cause public panic. Officials request the people to come forward with information if they find any suspicions.—MNA

Promising ovarian cancer drug trial

BLOOMINGTON, 3 Aug—An experimental two-drug combination to treat late-stage ovarian cancer is producing strong results, Indiana University researchers say.

Kenneth Nephew, a cancer researcher in the Indiana University Medical Sciences Programme-Bloomington, says a surprising 70 percent of patients in the phase II trial show a positive effect from the new therapy.

The researchers say they may have discovered biomarkers that could help identify women who would respond best to the therapy. "The potential that this regimen is efficacious, combining decitabine with the carboplatin therapy, is very exciting," Nephew says in a statement. "It's well tolerated and didn't have any dose-limiting toxicities. We could enroll patients with confidence because of these results."

Lead investigator Dr

Daniela Matei, an oncologist and associate professor of medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, says the women in this phase II study had already undergone other experimental therapies once their cancer had become resistant to

carboplatin, so the high rate of women experiencing a positive effect from their carboplatin-decitabine combo was surprising, as was the number of women who remained in remission after six months.

Internet



Family members of former soldier Reyes Collin Gualip (C, back facing camera), on trial for accusations of massacre during the civil war, embrace after his sentence was read at the Supreme Court in Guatemala City on 2 Aug, 2011. Guatemala on Tuesday sentenced four soldiers, including Gualip, who belonged to an elite unit known as the Kaibiles, to 6,060 years of prison each, in the first conviction for a massacre during the country's brutal 36-year civil war. More than 200 people were killed when Guatemalan soldiers attacked the northern village of Las Dos Erres in 1982 at the height of Guatemala's civil war.—XINHUA

China's steel industry rakes in higher output but weaker profitability in H1

BEIJING, 3 Aug—China's steel output grew by 9.6 percent year-on-year in the first half to 350 million tonnes, but its sales-profit ratio dropped to 2.42 percent, the lowest in years, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said Tuesday.

The ministry said on its website that the soaring price of iron ore was the main reason for the weaker profitability. Chinese steel producers' average sales-profit ratio stood at 7.26 in 2007. Since then, the figure began to slip.

The transformation and upgrading of the industry are urgently needed to enhance steel producers' competitiveness, MIIT said. In the first half of this year, China imported 334 million tonnes of iron ore, 8.1 percent more than the same period last year, with the average price up by 42.4 percent year-on-year to 161 US dollars per tonne.

MIIT predicted steel output will hit a new record high of 690 million to 700 million tonnes in 2011. "The whole industry will maintain high output but low profit for quite a long time," MIIT said.—Xinhua

Brazil sets up security agency for 2014 World Cup

BRASILIA, 3 Aug—The Brazilian government published on Tuesday in the Official Journal a decree creating the Special Secretariat of Security for Major Events, a body that is responsible for the security in events such as 2014 World Cup.

According to Brazilian Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo, the new secretariat will be responsible for coordinating federal, state and municipal efforts in the field of public safety.

The body is also responsible for security at the 2013 Confederations Cup, but not in Rio 2016 Olympic Games, which remains under the jurisdiction of the Olympic Public Authority.

The decree provides the extinction of the secretariat in July 2015, although a request for extension may be sent to Brazil's Presidency, if necessary.

Under the command of the Federal Police commissioner, Jose Ricardo Botelho, the secretariat will have its own budget and will receive proposals from all the states that will host the 2014 World Cup matches.

Botelho said that the next steps will be the training of security forces, the purchase of equipment and specific technologies.—Xinhua



Anime fans dress themselves as their favourite animation characters at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in south China's Hong Kong, on 2 Aug, 2011. The 13th Ani-Com & Games Hong Kong closed here Tuesday.
XINHUA

Horn of Africa shows family planning need

DAKAR, 3 Aug—The Horn of Africa food crisis shows the need to provide the world's poor with better access to family planning as part of efforts to prevent future tragedies, the head of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said. The United Nations has declared a famine in two regions of southern Somalia, where 3.7 million are going hungry, with over 12 million people now in need of urgent aid throughout areas including northern Kenya, Djibouti and Ethiopia. Despite regular food shortages and high

infant mortality, the region's population has more than doubled since it was hit by major droughts in 1974, spurred by factors such as limited contraception use and a tradition of large families. While stressing the root cause of the crisis was the recent rain failures, UNFPA Executive Director Ba-batunde Osotimehin said it highlighted the plight of those living in parts of the world where the land struggles to support human life.

"We need to improve food production ... and to work with member

states to ensure women and particularly young girls have access to education, including sexual education, and access to health services and reproductive health services including family planning," Osotimehin told *Reuters* in a telephone interview.

Reuters



A displaced family from Somalia stand in front of their makeshift shelter in south Mogadishu in Hodan district on 1 August, 2011.

INTERNET

Saudi billionaire to build world's tallest tower



RIYADH, 3 Aug—Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal unveiled plans Tuesday to build the world's

tallest tower in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah, signing a 4.6 billion riyal (755.52 million pounds) contract with Bin Laden

Group.

The proposed tower, which will rise more than 1,000 metres and take just over five years to complete, is the centrepiece of the planned Kingdom City development being built outside Jeddah by Prince Alwaleed's Kingdom Holding.

"Building this tower in Jeddah sends a financial and economic message that should not be ignored," Prince Alwaleed told reporters.

"It has a political depth to it to tell the world that we Saudis invest in our country despite what is happening around us from events, turmoil and revolutions even."

When completed, the tower would replace Dubai's 828-metre Burj Khalifa as the tallest tower in the world. The Burj Khalifa was built by Emaar Properties for a total cost of \$1.5 billion (921.3 million pounds).

Reuters

Box at London's Albert Hall on sale for \$900,000

LONDON, 3 Aug—A five-seat box at the world-famous Royal Albert Hall in London is up for sale for a princely £550,000 (630,000 euros, \$900,000), the estate agents said Tuesday.

Harrods Estates described the box, which it is claimed contains the best seats in the concert hall, as the "ultimate gift" for a loved one.

Although the same money would buy a two-bedroomed flat in the exclusive Chelsea district not far away, the 865-year lease should give the owner and their descendants enough time to make it worthwhile.

The box is the only



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one left in the hall still featuring its original timber veneer and mirrored panels, while its location on the second tier on the eastern side of the auditorium offers spectacular views of the main stage.

Shirley Humphrey,

sales and marketing director at Harrods Estate, said: "The boxes at the Royal Albert Hall are extremely rare and those with original features are even rarer, so we anticipate to receive a high level of interest."

"This five-seat box is perfect for entertaining, whether it is business or pleasure."

The Royal Albert Hall was part of a plan envisaged by Queen Victoria's consort Prince Albert to create an estate to promote the understanding and appreciation of the arts and sciences in the South Kensington area of London. When he died in 1861, the plans went ahead and the hall was opened in March 1871. Since then it has become one of Britain's top music venues, hosting everything from the series of classical concerts known as the Proms to gigs by Jay Z.

Internet

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Ancient Egypt was destroyed by drought, discover Scottish experts

EINBURGH, 3 Aug — They built the iconic pyramids and the Great Sphinx of Giza, which still stand as a monument to their skills and tenacity to this day.

But the fall of the great Egyptian Old Kingdom may have been helped along by a common problem which remains with us now — drought. Researchers from the University of St Andrews have confirmed that a severe period of drought around 4,200 years ago.

Using seismic investigations with sound

waves, along with carbon dating of a 100-metre section of sediment from the bed of Lake Tana in Ethiopia, the team were able to look back many thousands of years.

They were able to see how water levels in the lake had varied over the past 17,000 years, with the sediment signalling lush periods but also times of drought. Lake Tana — the source of the Blue Nile river — flows to the White Nile at Khartoum and eventually to the Nile Delta.

Internet

Giant fungus discovered in China



Small fragments have broken off the single giant fungus.

INTERNET

LONDON, 3 Aug — The most massive fruiting body of any fungus yet documented has been discovered growing on the underside of a tree in China. The fruiting body, which is equivalent to the mushrooms produced by other fungi species, is up to 10m long, 80cm wide and weighs half a tonne. That shatters the record held previously by a fungus growing in Kew Gardens in the UK.

The new giant fungus is thought to be at least 20 years old. The first example of the new giant fungus was recorded by scientists in 2008 in Fujian Province, China, by Professor Yu-Cheng Dai of the Herbarium of biology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Shenyang and his assistant Dr Cui.

Internet

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Study shows pollinators lured away by farmland



The researchers say their findings could be applied to habitats around the globe. — INTERNET

Snake rides car bonnet

NEW YORK, 3 Aug — A family from Tennessee had an unexpected passenger during a trip down a busy highway. A large snake emerged from the windscreen wiper vents of their car and slithered across the bonnet before falling off the wing mirror.

Rachel and Tony Fisher, who filmed the incident, think the snake had been resting inside the car's engine.

Internet

LONDON, 3 Aug — A study has challenged the idea that areas such as farmland provide pollinating insects with a "corridor" between fragmented habitats. Researchers suggested that the pollinators in their survey were "fickle foragers" and would concentrate on areas rich in pollen and nectar. The team warned that these behaviour could have an impact on rare native plants that are pollinated by insects. The findings have been published in the journal *Current Biology*.

The team of researchers from Oxford University and Earthwatch UK said their findings were a surprise, as the result challenged the long-held assumption that areas that were rich in resources would encourage the movement of pollinators from one group of native trees to another. However, they added, it actually created a barrier effect for non-specialist feeders. "Looked at from an insect's point of view, it makes sense," explained co-author David Boshier. — Internet

SUV crashes into bank

ROCHESTER, 3 Aug — A sport utility vehicle crashed through the front doors of a bank in Rochester, NY, injuring five people, officials say. The SUV crashed through the glass doors of the Citizens Bank in Waring Plaza shortly after 9 am EDT on Monday morning, the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* reported.

Rochester Police Lt Frank Alberti said the driver of the vehicle was backing out of a parking space after leaving the bank. The driver then decided to pull back in to correct her angle and her foot slipped off the brake and hit the gas. The SUV shattered the glass doors of the bank, coming to a halt against a counter in the bank's main room.

Of the five people who were injured, four were struck by the car. All were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Although still investigating the crash, police believe it to be an accident. — Internet

Smokers may feel depressed after quitting

OTTAWA, 3 Aug — Researchers in Canada, using an advanced brain imaging method, say they may be able to explain why smokers are at high risk for clinical depression. Senior scientist Dr Jeffrey Meyer and colleagues at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health discovered that MAO-A levels in the brain regions that control mood rose by 25 percent 8 hours after withdrawal from heavy cigarette smoking.

MAO-A "eats up" chemicals in the brain, such as serotonin, that help maintain a normal mood. When MAO-A levels are higher, as in early cigarette withdrawal, it means this removal process is overly active, making people feel sad. For this study, MAO-A was detected using a brain imaging technique called positron emission tomography. These levels were much higher than in a comparison group of non-smoking study participants. — Internet



Music fans enjoy themselves at the Zhangbei Grassland Inmusic Festival held in Zhangbei County, north China's Hebei Province, on 31 July, 2011. The third Zhangbei Grassland Inmusic Festival, lasting from 29 to 31 July, gathered 56 bands and artists from at home and abroad and attracted tens of thousands of fans. — XINHUA

Man who found \$200 convicted of stealing

PERTH, 3 Aug — An Australian man was convicted of stealing for picking up \$200 on a casino floor, officials say. Adrian Lamonica-Miraglio, 22, was found guilty in Perth Magistrate's Court on Monday on one count of stealing, PerthNow.com reported. Lamonica-Miraglio, an apprentice refrigeration mechanic, was having drinks with friends at the Burswood Casino in Perth, Australia, March 27th when he noticed the \$200 on the floor. "I noticed there was a note on the floor ... I put my foot on it and dragged it," Lamonica-Miraglio told the court. "Once I picked it up there were not that many people around. I hadn't decided to do anything with it." — Internet

Man detained over nuclear plans

A Swedish man said he was detained by police for attempting to build a nuclear reactor in the kitchen of his home.

The 31-year-old Angelholm man, whose name was not released, told the *Helsingborgs Dagblad* newspaper he had been interested in nuclear physics since he was a teenager and recently began experimenting at home with radioactive materials he obtained from overseas and from taking apart a fire alarm, *The Local* reported Tuesday.

The man said he made no effort to hide his activities and even blogged about his experiments.

However, he said

police contacted him after he inquired to the Swedish Radiation Authority about the legality of constructing a nuclear reactor in his home.

The man said the agency responded by saying someone would be sent to measure the radiation levels in his apartment.

"When they came they had the police with them. I have had a Geiger counter and have not detected a problem with radiation," the man said.

The man said police took him in for questioning, but he was later released.

The resident said he will focus on "theoretical" nuclear research in the future.



Really hungry

Mother bites daughter's ear off

A 21-year-old Aberdeen, Wash., woman was admitted to the hospital after her mother allegedly bit off part of her ear, police say.

The incident began Friday evening when the 21-year-old and her mother got into an argument, police told KXRO News Radio, in Aberdeen. The daughter then went out for the night and returned

Saturday afternoon.

The daughter told police she and her 43-year-old mother then got into a physical fight, which led to the daughter biting her mother's arm and the mother biting off a substantial part of the daughter's right earlobe and causing damage to her outer ear.

The daughter was hospitalized. Medical personnel could not reattach the severed ear part because it could not be found, the radio station said.

Man runs 92 miles of Alaska's Denali park road

An US marathon racer braved a sore hip and a close encounter with a caribou to become the first athlete on record to run the 92 miles (148 kms) of the road stretching through Denali National Park.

Bill VonderMehden, 34, a chef who works at one of the park's lodges, finished the run in a little over 25 hours spanning 21-22 July. Running the entire road — the only one that goes through the park — was an unusual experience, even for someone accustomed to long-distance foot races, he said.

"It's one thing to do a road race where there are aid stations and people cheering you on," he said. "Out there, there's no aid stations. It's just you and the moose and the bears."

At one point, he said, he nearly had a head-on confrontation with a caribou, but the animal veered off before the two collided.

Aside from the wild animals and mountain scenery, the only company VonderMehden had for the entire run was a friend on a bicycle. VonderMehden first tried to run the length of the park road last year, but had to stop because of an injured ankle. This year, he had similar problems with a hip, but persevered at a slower pace.



Unbelievable! One out of ten world's most bizarre relationship: Erica Eiffel, a soldier who lives in San Francisco, fell in love with the Eiffel Tower. She married it and changed her surname to Eiffel.

News Album



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio attends a Japan premiere for the film "Inception" in Tokyo, Japan, on 20 July, 2010.—INTERNET

DiCaprio is highest-earning actor

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug—Leonardo DiCaprio is Hollywood's highest-earning actor, making \$77 million between May 2010 and May 2011, *Forbes.com* said Monday.

Coming in at No 2 during the same period was Johnny Depp with \$50 million, followed by Adam Sandler with \$40 million at No 3, Will Smith with \$36 million and Tom Hanks with \$35 million.

Rounding out the top tier are Ben Stiller with \$34 million at No 6, Robert Downey Jr with \$31 million at No 7, Mark Wahlberg with \$28 million at No 8, and Tim Allen and Tom Cruise with \$22 million at No 9.

Internet



In this 22 Nov, 2010 publicity image released by ABC, Capri Anderson, the woman who was found locked in a bathroom of actor Charlie Sheen's hotel room on 25 Oct, 2010 is shown during an interview on "Good Morning America," in New York.

INTERNET

U2 caps biggest concert tour ever

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug—Irish rock band U2 has closed out what was described as "the most successful concert tour of all time" over five continents and two years, according to concert promoter Live Nation.

Liz Morentin, a Live Nation spokeswoman, told *AFP* Tuesday the final numbers are not yet in from the U2 "360 degree Tour" but said "it surpassed \$700 million, beating the Rolling Stones record" from a 2005-2007 tour.

Billboard magazine

said the tour hauled in some \$736 million, topping the \$558 million established by Mick Jagger's Stones, and also breaking the record for tour attendance. The tour began 30 June in Barcelona, days after the death of Michael Jackson, and included 110 events, ending 30 July in Moncton, Canada.

During the tour, U2 performed in the Balkans for the first time since 1997 and played three home town concerts at Dublin's

Croke Park, before heading to California to perform in front of 97,000 fans at the Rose Bowl. A second European leg started in August 2010, featuring U2's first appearances in Russia and Turkey and was followed by events in Australia and New Zealand.—Internet



The Irish band U2 performs in July 2011 in Montreal, Canada. Irish rock band U2 has closed out what was described as "the most successful concert tour of all time" over five continents and two years, according to concert promoter Live Nation.—INTERNET

Sheen withdraws lawsuit over NY hotel incident

SANTA MONICA, 3 Aug—Court records show a judge has granted Charlie Sheen's request to dismiss a lawsuit filed against a woman who locked herself in the bathroom of an upscale New York hotel room that the actor left in tatters.

Sheen claimed Capri Anderson locked herself in the bathroom of the Plaza Hotel because she had taken one of his watches valued at \$165,000. His lawsuit sought reimbursement.

Anderson told police the actor put his hands around her throat during the raucous evening in late October, but she managed to slip away.

Sheen sued Anderson for attempted extortion in November after she recounted her version of events on "Good Morning America."

Court records show Sheen's attorney were granted a dismissal of the case without prejudice on Friday, which means the actor could re-file.

Internet

Pastore: 'I am going to be a PSG player'



Palermo's Argentinian midfielder Javier Pastore

PARIS, 3 Aug—Argentine international Javier Pastore's protracted transfer to Paris Saint-Germain seems finally set to go

through after the player announced the move on his own website.

"It can now officially be said that I am going to be a Paris Saint-Germain player, all that remains is for me to have my medical and sort out some other details," the 22-year-old told javierpastore-dodici.blogspot.com.

PSG and Pastore's current club Serie A side Palermo have already agreed a fee that could reportedly reach 43 million euros, a French record.

Internet

Barcelona, Guadalajara to meet in Miami

MIAMI, 3 Aug—Barcelona soccer players got to swim with the dolphins during their stay in the United States.

David Villa, Sergio Busquets, Victor Valdes and Pedro hopped in the tank Tuesday at the Miami Seaquarium during a photo shoot. They're enjoying their downtime before the match against Mexican club Chivas of Guadalajara on Wednesday night at Sun Life Stadium.

Barcelona will play the second game of its three-match U.S. tour. Manager Pep Guardiola knows there won't be many opportunities to relax once the season starts and his team begins defense of its Champions League and Spanish La Liga titles. "We are happy to be here and play far away from our home," Guardiola said.—Internet

Host Colombia progresses at Under 20 World Cup

BARRANQUILLA, 3 Aug—Host nation Colombia became the first team to reach the knockout stages of the Under 20 World Cup by beating Mali 2-0 on Tuesday. Colombia has two convincing wins in its two games and even with one group game to go, it is guaranteed of finishing either in



Colombia's Jose Valencia, center, celebrates with teammates after scoring during a U-20 World Cup group A soccer match against Mali in Bogota, Colombia.—INTERNET

the top two in Group A or being among the best of the third-place teams. The host nation's form also signaled it was a legitimate contender for the title along with teams such as Spain, Brazil, Nigeria and six-time champion Argentina.

In other games on Tuesday, France beat South Korea 3-1, Portugal defeated Cameroon 1-0 and Uruguay drew 1-1 with New Zealand.

Jose Valencia scored for Colombia in the 23rd minute and James Rodriguez added another in the 90th, giving the South Americans six points in two matches following a 4-1 opening game victory over France.

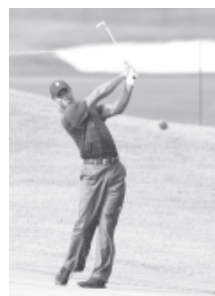
"I'm happy not only for the goal but because I helped the team reach our first goal which was to advance to the next round," Colombia's James Rodriguez said.—Internet



Portugal's Nelson Oliveira (C) celebrates with teammates Pele (L), and Luis Martins after scoring during a U-20 World Cup group B soccer match against Cameroon in Cali, Colombia, on 2 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Woods returns to Firestone after 3-month break

AKRON, 3 Aug—Tiger Woods was on the practice range just as the sun



Tiger Woods hits to the ninth green during practice for the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio on 2 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

began to rise Tuesday over Firestone, his first time on a PGA Tour golf course in nearly three months.

Even as the season heads toward a conclusion, Woods can't wait to get started. "I'm excited to compete, to play," Woods said. "And hopefully, to win the tournament." That part about Woods hasn't changed.

It's everything else in the world of golf he once ruled that is so much different. Woods showed up at the Bridgestone Invitational at No. 28, his lowest world ranking since the start of his first full season on the PGA Tour.

Internet

Pele denies feud with Brazilian soccer chief

LONDON, 3 Aug—Pele denies he's feuding with Brazilian soccer chief Ricardo Teixeira despite failing to re-



Soccer legends, New York Cosmos' Honorary President Pele signs a signature sheet during the announcement of the New York Cosmos Opus in London, on 2 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

ceive an official invitation for the 2014 World Cup qualifying draw last week.

The Brazilian great needed an honorary ambassadorship from the government to attend the Rio de Janeiro event on Saturday.

However, Pele said Tuesday from London that he has "not had a fight with Ricardo Teixeira" and he respects him.

Teixeira also is the president of the World Cup's local organizing committee. He has been regularly attacked by the Brazilian media for alleged irregularities while running soccer in the country. A march in protest against his reign was held before the draw.

Internet

Sharapova unchallenged as world's top earning female athlete

NEW YORK, 3 Aug—Maria Sharapova may not have won a grand slam title since 2008, but the Russian tennis player remains unchallenged as the world's highest paid woman in professional sports.

For the seventh straight year, Sharapova topped the annual list provided by Forbes magazine, despite failing to add to her three grand slam titles, although she did make the Wimbledon final in July.

Sharapova's earnings, mostly off-court endorsements, were estimated at \$25 million, twice as much



Russia's Maria Sharapova reacts during her Stanford Classic tennis match in Stanford, California, on 29 July.

INTERNET

as her nearest rival, Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki, the current women's world number one.

American racing driver Danica Patrick was third with \$12 million followed by tennis players Venus Williams, Belgium's Kim Clijsters and Serena Williams.

Internet

Cahill and Schwarzer back for Wales clash

LONDON, 3 Aug—Everton attacking midfielder Tim Cahill and Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer return to the Australian line-up for their friendly match against Wales in Cardiff, but Harry Kewell is missing.

The England-based pair spearhead an 18-man squad announced Tuesday by coach Holger Osieck for the August 10 clash, but out-of-contract striker Kewell was overlooked.

Osieck said the former Liverpool star was "not in very good shape". Both Kewell and captain Lucas Neill have been released by their Turkish club Galatasaray but while Neill has maintained a training regime, Kewell has not been as diligent.

"There is a slight difference between the two of them - one is fit and one is not fit," Osieck told reporters.—Internet



Everton attacking midfielder Tim Cahill (R) and Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer return to the Australian line-up for their friendly against Wales on 10 August in Cardiff.—INTERNET

Cadel Evans to be honored with parade in Australia

MELBOURNE, 3 Aug—Tour de France champion Cadel Evans will be welcomed home to Australia next week with a parade through the capital of his home state of Victoria.

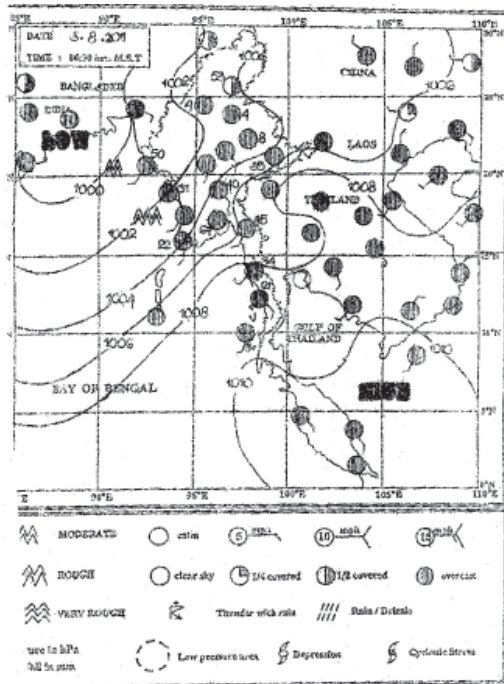
It was initially thought Evans, the first Australian — and only third non-European — to win the Tour, would not have time to return to Australia, but will make a brief trip home ahead of the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge starting 22 Aug in Colorado. The Victoria state government said Wednesday that Evans would be "honored with a public celebration of his achievement at Federation Square" in downtown Melbourne on 12 Aug.—Internet

SPORTS



This file photo taken 29 July, 2011, Australian cyclist of the BMC team and winner of the Tour de France, Cadel Evans competes during the 3rd Cibel race in Sint-Niklaas, Belgium.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 4th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
3	Kayin	26/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
4	Chin	20/68	13/55	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
7	Tanintharyi	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
8	Bago	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
9	Magway	32/90	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
10	Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
13	Rakhine	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
14	Southern Shan	22/72	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	26/79	One or two rain or thundershower	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Some rain or thundershower	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	28/82	One or two rain or thundershower	100%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin and Kayah States fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Madaon (5.47) inches, Myitkya (4.88) inches, Kawakare (3.43) inches, Thantayon (3.19) inches, Thandwe (2.87) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.72) inches, Taunggyi (2.64) inches and Bago (2.56) inches.

Bay Inference Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40 to 45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days Increase of rains in the Coastal Myanmar Areas.

Jennifer Lopez talks about split from Marc Anthony

BEIJING, 3 Aug—Newly single mother of two, Jennifer Lopez, recently explained her decision to divorce from Marc Anthony on the September cover of *Vanity Fair*.

"To understand that a person is not good for you, or that that person is not treating you in the right way, or that he is not doing the right thing for himself-if I stay, then I am not doing the right thing for me," the "American Idol" host said.

Lopez explained her decision to separate from Marc Anthony, saying "Sometimes it doesn't work and that's sad."



Jennifer Lopez and her husband, Marc Anthony, posed at the news conference to announce "The Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony" collections.

INTERNET

She told *Vanity Fair* that both she and Anthony wanted their seven-year marriage to last longer. She felt as though her marriage was robbing her of her identity: "Sometimes we don't realize that we are compromising ourselves."

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony announced their shocking split on July 9, 2011. Married three times previously, Lopez also divulged that the divorce was the hardest decision she has ever made.

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Thursday,
4 August
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:10 am
2. Morning News

7:20 am
3. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 (Live) (Australia Vs Costa Rica)

3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Yangon United & Nay Pyi Taw)

5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:15 pm
3. Cute Little Dancer

5:25 pm
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Match)

5:35 pm
5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:40 pm
6. Science and Environment

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

6:20 pm
9. Myanmar Series

6:35 pm
10. Approachaig Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
11. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
12. News

13. International News

14. Weather Report

15. Documentary

16. TV Drama Series

17. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (4-8-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(4-8-11 09:30 am ~ 5-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Visit to Htam Hsan Cave: A Miraculous Place
- * News

- * A Traditional Dish of Myanmar Lads
- * News
- * Song For You
- * A Gateway for Business Opportunities
- * News
- * "Pantomine In Yangon" Silent Comedy Show (Episode-III)
- * Booming Business of Rakhine Coastal Region

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- * News
- * Youth of The Future (Episode-10)
- * News
- * AGE Transformer Industry
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Stars in 2011"
- * IWT... Getting Ready for the People & the Country (Part-1)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Myin Ma Hti Natural Cave
- * Myanmar Movies "That's why We're"

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- ★ 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

Kyeeni Lake designed for all-round development in agricultural sector

By Reporter Nyunt Shwe



The summer paddy of farmer U Ko Ko Latt that is grown with the water from Kyeeni Lake in Yamethin Township.

Being inspired by the good news that the Irrigation Department is taking steps for development Kyayni or Kyeeni Lake, south of Yamethin Township, I made a trip to the irrigation facility together with Head U Sai Wunna of Yamethin Township Irrigation Department several days ago.

The lake was dug in the times of Myanmar monarchs. The green light was given in early April 2011 to launch Kyeeni Lake Project with

government funds. Unlike other dams each of which is constructed by damming a watercourse, Kyeeni Lake is being built in a watershed area by damming the Samon Creek that flows northwards, by the Nawin Creek that flows southwards. The Samon Creek empties into the Ayeyawady River, and the Nawin Creek, into the Sittoung River. The water from the Lephyu Creek whose source is on the eastern Shan Yoma mountain ranges, (See page 9)

Flood warnings

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announces that according to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 818 cm has exceeded by 68 cm (about 2.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1090 cm has exceeded by 20 cm (about 0.7 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung 1167 cm has exceeded by 37 cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (3-8-2011)

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