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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

Ministry of Mines mobilizes private coal mine companies to set up organization to create opportunities for exploration of coal mines

9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—The members of ASEAN Forum on Coal Council are different in steps of production and use generally due to unequal balance of coal resources and industrial development, said Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik at the 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting, here, this morning.

The Union Minister said that AFOC obviously adopted long-term plans and projects on promotion of coal trade, advancement of new technology, carbon control and coal gasifier. New technology on carbon control, coal gasifier, declining of greenhouse gas omission will be discussed at the forum for the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement and similar production security. He added that ASEAN energy cooperation has been included in the APAEC 2010-2015. It is necessary to seek finance and technology with the assistance of developed nations and he expressed thanks for valuable helps of JCOAL.

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Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik delivers an address at 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting.

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Asia-Pacific region is the most populous and becomes one of the most energy use regions due to economic development. Coal mining entrepreneurs association will play a key role in private coal cooperation sector of Myanmar.

Traffic rules talks given

YANGON, 4 Aug—As a token of disseminating knowledge movement, forming seven groups, All Private Bus Line Control Committee (Yangon West District) gave educative talks on traffic rules to more than 7000 students and parents at 21 basic education primary schools, 11 basic education middle schools and 3 basic education high schools from 25 till 29 July.

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6.0-magnitude quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 Aug—An undersea earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale struck off Sumatra Island earlier Thursday, but no tsunami threat was reported, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here. The quake jolted at 07:16 am Jakarta Time (0016 GMT) with the epicentre at 37 km southwest Mukomuko of Bengkulu Province of Sumatra and with a depth at 28 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told *Xinhua* by phone.

The intensity of the quake was felt by 4 to 4 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) in Mukomuko, 3 MMI in Bengkulu City, the capital of Bengkulu Province and Padang Pariaman of West Sumatra Province and Jambi Province, he said. The USGS reported earlier on its website that the quake was measured at 5.8 magnitude. Indonesia is prone to earthquakes as it lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called "the Pacific Ring of Fire."

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PERSPECTIVES

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Increase production of high yield seeds of crops

Myanmar was a top paddy export country throughout the world in the past. About 70 per cent of population of the nation are now living in rural areas, and most of them are engaged in agriculture, meat and fish production. Boosting production of rural region and economic growth plays a crucial role in economic development of the nation.

Due to climate change across the world, many countries need food security more. Meanwhile, Myanmar, being an agro-based nation, must give priority to development of agriculture sector in rural areas, increasing incomes of rural people and alleviation of poverty.

Myanmar must try its best not to lag behind other countries in paddy production sector. Utmost efforts are to be made for production of quality hybrid paddy strains with double to trouble yield of per acre. Farmers are to apply modern cultivation methods skillfully.

Agriculturists are to participate in respective sectors as agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in development of socio-economic life of the rural people and poverty alleviation. Researches are to be conducted for more distribution of hybrid paddy seeds that actually benefits the increased income of farmers.

It is necessary to produce high yield seeds of paddy and other crops and provide training courses and hand down modern cultivation methods from research works to farmers. The experts are to steadfastly carry out their tasks for enabling the nation to stand tall as successfully agricultural country among other nations.

Departments concerned and experts are to work in concert for distribution of quality hybrid seeds of crops, observation at plantations being cultivated through good agricultural methods and seeking market and good prices in sales of agricultural produce in the market so as to revitalize the agriculture sector of Myanmar.

PDP submits application for registration to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug — People Democracy Party which has been permitted to form as a political party submitted its application for registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission on 3 August.— *MNA*

Ecotourism workshop held

YANGON, 4 Aug—Myanma Tourism Services organized the ecotourism workshop at the Traders Hotel here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung and Myanma Tourism Board Chairman Dr Khin Shwe made opening speeches.

A total of 17 papers will be read out at the workshop that will be held till tomorrow.

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People's Desire

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

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointments of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

	Name	*Appointment*
(a)	Daw Myat Myat Soe	Director-General Foreign Economic Relations Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(b)	U Kyaw Win	Director-General National Achieves Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(c)	U Tin Moe	Director-General Fire Services Department Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

	Name	*Appointment*
(a)	Daw Thein Nyunt Deputy Director-General Civil Service Selection and Training Department Union Civil Service Board	Director-General Civil Service Affairs Department Union Civil Service Board
(b)	U Cho Than Maung General Manager Myanma Port Authority Ministry of Transport	Managing Director Myanma Port Authority Ministry of Transport
(c)	U Eikdi Hla General Manager Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs	Managing Director Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

Union Construction Minister receives Indian Ambassador

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint receives Indian Ambassador Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received Indian Ambassador Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

They focused on ongoing construction tasks between the Construction Ministry and India.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin, Officer on Special Duty Thura U Sein Thaung, Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works, Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, deputy managing directors and departmental officials.

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Computer Accounting Course No. 2 opens

Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung speaks at opening of Computer Accounting Course No. 2.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—The opening ceremony of Computer Accounting Course No. 2 was held at Union Auditor-General Office here today, attended by Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint, the director-general of Union Auditor-General Office, directors, and officials concerned.—*MNA*

Storm abates after killing seven in Thailand

Thai children stand in flood water during a tropical storm. Seven people have died in flooding caused by the tail end of tropical storm Nock-ten. INTERNET

BANGKOK, 4 Aug—Seven people have died in flooding across northern Thailand caused by the tail end of tropical storm Nock-ten, which left more than 60 people dead in the Philippines, officials said Thursday.

Rising waters affected the livelihoods of almost half a million people, with 16 provinces inundated since last week, Thailand's Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Depart-ment said.

Twelve people were injured and four remain missing in floods and mudslides caused by unusually heavy rain across north and northeastern parts of Thailand due to Nock-ten, which has been downgraded to a depression, the department added. Nock-ten, named after a Laotian bird, left at least 66 people dead and 17 others missing in the Philippines when it struck the country last month.

Most of those killed in the Philippines were said to be drowned or buried in landslides, while most of the missing were fishermen who vanished at sea when the storm hit. Nock-ten also claimed one life in Vietnam when it arrived late Saturday.—*Internet*

Tour bus full of riders overturns on NY roadway

WHITNEY POINT, 4 Aug—A tour bus carrying more than 30 passengers flipped over on an upstate highway Wednesday night and landed upside-down in a ditch, injuring several people and trapping at least one woman underneath it.

Four people were seriously injured and 36 others suffered minor injuries, a dispatcher for the Broome County Sheriff's Office said.

The accident, the latest in a string of bus crashes in the Northeast this year, occurred on Interstate 81 in a southbound lane near Whitney Point, a scenic village of about 1,000 residents. The bus, which appeared to have no markings on its sides, sat in the ditch on its roof with its wheels in the air.

First responders worked frantically to free a woman who was trapped under the bus, Whitney Point Fire Department Chief Nicholas Sculley said.

In this photo taken from the WBNG website, first responders work at the scene of an overturned tour bus on Interstate 81 in Whitney Point, NY, on 3 Aug, 2011. WBNG.COM reports that the accident happened just after 7 pm.—INTERNET

The woman, who was conscious and alert, had been partially ejected through the bus roof escape hatch, which had come open. She was lying on her back with her head under the bus, in a gap between the ground and the bus. She was rescued with no obvious external injuries other than a couple of cuts to her face, Sculley said.

"A centimetre either way," he said, "and it would have been a different outcome."

State Police Sgt Todd Burdick told the *Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin* that the bus was coming from Niagara Falls and heading to Trenton, NJ He said weather and speed too fast for conditions caused the accident.—*Internet*

Man in Afghan police uniform kills NATO soldier

KABUL, 4 Aug—A man in Afghan National Police uniform opened fire and killed a NATO soldier in eastern Afghanistan Region on Thursday, NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member was killed today when an individual wearing an Afghan National Police uniform turned his weapon against the service member in eastern Afghanistan." said a statement issued by ISAF here.—*Xinhua*

People look at the burning NATO oil tankers near southwest Pakistan's Mastung on 3 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Local intelligence official killed in Afghan Kunduz blast

KUNDUZ, 4 Aug—A provincial intelligence official was killed on Thursday and two people were injured when a roadside bomb went off in Kunduz City, provincial capital of Kunduz Province 250 km north of capital Kabul, police said.

"A bomb placed along a road in Bandar -e-Khanabad area of Kunduz City was detonated at around 06:00 am local time Thursday when the car of a security official with the intelligence service was passing by," police spokesman in the province, Sayed Sarawar Housainni told *Xinhua*.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far but Taleban militants have been behind most suicide and roadside bomb attacks across the war-ravaged country. The Taleban-led militancy has been rampant since the militant group announced to launch a spring offensive from 1 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in Afghanistan. The militant group warned people against supporting government and foreign troops. *Xinhua*

Back-to-back bombs kill nine people in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug—Two bombs targeting police exploded in the western Iraqi City of Ramadi on Wednesday, killing nine people and wounding 13, Iraqi officials said.

The bombs exploded in central Ramadi, with the second one going off just steps away from the first after police and other people gathered on the scene. Staggering the blasts is a common tactic by militants who hope to lure in rescuers and onlookers with the first blast to maximize the carnage with the second explosion.

Jasim al-Halbusi, head of the Anbar provincial council, said the blasts went off about 6 pm. He said one of the dead was a policeman and three of the injured were police officers.

The deputy governor of Anbar Province, Hikmat Jasim Zaidan, said nine people were killed.

"A bomb exploded first and when the police and people gathered, a sticky bomb attached to a tractor exploded near the scene," he said. "The enemies of Iraq, al-Qaeda and others armed groups, are behind these explosions."—*Internet*

Chopper crash kills 10 in Indonesia

A rescue team evacuates a survivor of a helicopter crash at Dua Sudara mountain in Bitung, North Sulawesi. 10 people, including at least two Australians employed by Melbourne-based Newcrest Mining, were killed in the crash officials said Thursday.—INTERNET

JAKARTA, 4 Aug—A helicopter crash in central Indonesia killed 10 people including at least two Australians employed by Melbourne-based Newcrest Mining, officials said Thursday.

The company said two South Africans were also killed but Indonesian officials insisted all four foreigners who perished in the accident were Australians, citing the passenger list.

Six Indonesians also died when the chopper went down in heavy rain Wednesday afternoon shortly after taking off from Manado on Sulawesi island, local officials said.

"The helicopter crashed in a mountainous area and it was raining when the accident happened," transport ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan told *AFP*.

An Indonesian man who was found alive at the crash scene on Thursday morning later died of his injuries, raising the toll to 10, officials said.

Search and rescue workers discovered the badly damaged wreckage in dense forest about 10 kilometres (six miles) from Manado, North Sulawesi Province. The Bell 412 aircraft was flying to Newcrest's Gosowong mine on the island of Halmahera, some 2,400 kilometres northeast of the capital Jakarta, Australia's largest gold producer said.

The helicopter was chartered by PT Nusa Halmahera Minerals, a joint venture between Newc-rest Mining Ltd and Indonesian company PT Aneka Tambang.

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Science

Cosmonauts launch Gagarin satellite on second try

***International Space Station is seen here while being stationed over the North Caspian Sea and Kazakhstan. Two Russian cosmonauts on Thursday completed a tortuous six-hour spacewalk in which they launched a tiny satellite honouring first spaceman Yuri Gagarin after initially aborting the sensitive task.—*INTERNET**

MOSCOW, 4 Aug— Two Russian cosmonauts completed a tortuous six-hour spacewalk in which they launched a tiny satellite honouring first spaceman Yuri Gagarin after initially aborting the sensitive task. The Russian Space Agency on Thursday announced in a statement that the six hour 22 minute mission off the *International Space Station (ISS)* was "successfully completed" and that the Gagarin satellite was now spinning in space. The spacewalk was the 35th completed by Russian cosmonauts since construction of the international orbiter began in 1998.

The 50th anniversary of Gagarin's 12 April, 1961 space shot was to have been marked by the cosmonauts' launch of a student-made mini-satellite called *Kedr (Ceder)* — the call signed used during the historic mission. But television pictures from space showed Volkov and Samokutyaev — wearing Russian Orlan-K space suits that resembled large refrigerators — open the hatch 20 minutes behind schedule at 1450 GMT.

The two men then spent about 30 minutes tethering themselves into place before taking their first tentative steps into space with the micro-satellite in hand.

The craft was designed by Russian engineers and was supposed to carry out student experiments and emit greetings in 17 languages.

Internet

Scientists seek multiple universes

LONDON, 4 Aug—British physicists say the theory that our universe is contained inside a bubble, just one of multiple bubble universes in a "multiverse," can now be tested.

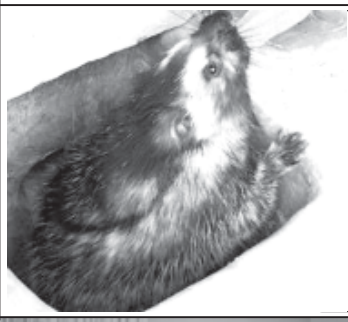
Scientists at University College London, Imperial College London and the Perimetre Institute for Theoretical Physics say the search is on for disk-like patterns in the cosmic microwave background radiation left over from the Big Bang that could Provide evidence of collisions between other universes and our own.

Efforts to identify an efficient way to search for signs of such collisions have been hampered by the possibility the disc-like patterns in the radiation could be located anywhere in the sky and could be difficult to separate out from random patterns in the noisy background radiation data.

"It's a very hard statistical and computational problem to search for all possible radii of the collision imprints at any possible place in the sky," researcher Hiranya Peiris said Wednesday in a UCL release.

A new computer algorithm will allow the researchers to analyze huge amounts of background radiation data from a NASA probe, the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe.

"The work represents an opportunity to test a theory that is truly mind-blowing: that we exist within a vast multiverse, where other universes are constantly popping into existence," Stephen Feeney, who created the powerful algorithm, said.—*Internet*



The African crested rat is the only mammal known that acquires its poison from a plant. The rodent masticates the poisonous bark of the Acokanthera tree and applies the mixture to its flank hairs, which absorb the poison like candle wicks.

INTERNET

Technology

Microsoft announces $250,000 'BlueHat Prize' contest for security innovation

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Microsoft announced a new contest called the BlueHat Prize, designed to spur innovation in computer security protection technology. The company has put up a prize pot worth over $250,000 for the top 3 contestants to split at next year's Black Hat USA convention.

Microsoft is easily paying out more in this contest than the bug hunt bounty offered by Google, and definitely more than the newly launched bounty programme by Facebook. The large pot is necessary as Microsoft believes that the rampant and increasing attacks against corporation and government computer systems calls for security researchers to look at a bigger picture rather than focusing on one bug at a time.

"Microsoft recognizes the need to stimulate research in the area of defensive computer security technology," said Matt Thomlinson, Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Group GM. "Our interest is to promote a focus on developing innovative solutions rather than discovering individual issues. We believe the BlueHat Prize can catalyze defensive efforts to help mitigate entire classes of attacks."

The first-place winner will receive the lion's share of $200,000. Second-place winner will receive $50,000 and the third place winner get's a subscription Microsoft's security developers network. Contestants will be allowed to retain the rights their intellectual property but they are required to irrevocably license the IP to Microsoft royalty-free and forever.

Senior director of Adobe product security Brad Arkin said, "this research has the potential to lower costs for third-party developers and increase the level of security assurance for end users. I am looking forward to seeing what the creativity of the community can deliver."

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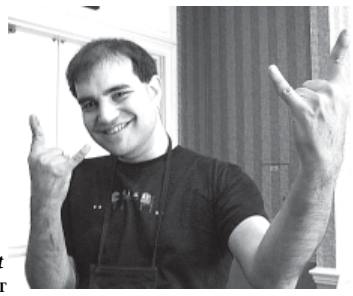


***Computer security star Dan Kaminsky (pictured in 2008) has revealed plans to release software that will track whether Internet service Providers are favoring some websites or content over others. Kaminsky crafted his free "N00ter" software to expose whether Internet service providers (ISPs) are being honest with customers when it comes to the hot topic of "net neutrality."—*INTERNET**

Software set to track 'net neutrality'

NEW YORK, 4 Aug— Computer security star Dan Kaminsky has revealed plans to release software that will track whether Internet service providers are favouring some websites or content over others.

Kaminsky crafted his free "N00ter" software to expose whether Internet service providers (ISPs) are being honest with customers when it comes to the hot topic of "net neutrality." "You don't need to flat black-out a site to cause pain to it," Kaminsky said during a briefing at a prestigious Black Hat computer security conference in Las Vegas.

"You can just make the website unreliable and then make people pay a little more to make the problem go away," he continued. "Markets should not work on a model of pay-up or things are bad things are going to happen." Kaminsky sidestepped whether he was championing "net neutrality," contending instead that he designed the software to keep Internet service Providers honest by checking whether all online traffic was treated equally.

He planned to make N00ter software available in the coming weeks. The programme can sit between computers and home or office networks, essentially splitting online traffic into two lanes in a way that compares how fast an ISP moves data to a standardized path.—*Internet*

Health

More US kids in hospital for mental illness

NEW YORK, 4 Aug— American kids are increasingly likely to be admitted to the hospital for mental problems, although rates of non-psychiatric hospitalizations have remained flat, a new study shows.

From 1996 to 2007, the rate of psychiatric hospital discharges rose by more than 80 percent for 5-13-year-olds and by 42 percent for older teens.

"This occurs despite numerous efforts to make outpatient services for the more vulnerable kids more widely available," said Joseph C Blader of Stony Brook State University of New York, whose findings appear in the Archives of General Psychiatry.

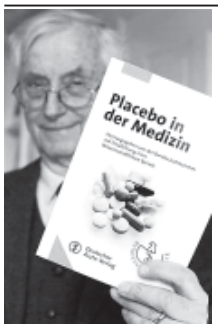
He said hospitalization is the last resort, because it's so disruptive for normal life. "It's a pretty traumatic thing for a family when your child is admitted to a psych unit," he told *Reuters Health*.

Overall, short-term hospital admissions for mental illness rose from 156 to 283 per 100,000 children per year over the ten-year study period, based on data from the National Hospital Discharge Survey.

For adolescents, the rate increased from 683 to 969 per 100,000, while it went up from 921 to 996 for adults and dropped from 978 to 808 for people 65 and older.

The change for the elderly was expected, Blader said, because of cuts in Medicare reimbursement for inpatient hospitalizations. For youngsters, bipolar disorder showed the steepest increase, while anxiety diagnoses dropped.

Although there have been concerns about overdiagnosis of bipolar disorder and other mental problems among children, Blader said that was unlikely to be hiking the rates.—*Internet*



In this 30 March, 2011 photo, Dr Peter Scriba, chairman of the German Medical Association's advisory board holds the book 'Placebo in the Medicine' poses in Munich, southern Germany.
INTERNET

A sign reading '100% Free of Smoke' is seen on the floor of a shopping mall in the Venezuelan capital Caracas, on 31 May, 2011 on the World No Tobacco Day — an iniciative of the World Health Organization (WHO) to encourage a one-day abstinence from all kinds of tobacco as a way to bring attention against the use and problems caused by tobacco on human life.—INTERNET

Stomach cancer tumours have genetic differences

SINGAPORE, 4 aug—Stomach cancer tumours have genetic differences, which determine how they respond to treatment, researchers have found.

In identifying two distinct versions of the disease, scientists found that a certain regimen of chemotherapy is more effective on one tumour type, while another drug works best on the other. The study authors said their findings would help doctors more effectively treat gastric cancer patients.

"Our study is the first to show that a proposed molecular classification of gastric cancer can identify genomic subtypes that respond differently to therapies, which is crucial in efforts to customize treatments for patients," study senior author Dr Patrick Tan, associate professor in the Cancer and Stem Cell Biology Programme at the Duke-National University of Singapore (NUS) Graduate Medical School, said in a university news release. A microscopic pathology test developed in the 1960s, known as the Lauren classification, is a general description (either intestinal or diffuse) of how well the tumour cells clump together.

The Singapore-based team at the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, however, was able to distinguish gastric cancer tumours where the Lauren test could not. "There is a general assumption in the field that intestinal and diffuse gastric cancers [as classified by Lauren] represent two very different versions of gastric cancer, and now genomic data confirms this by demonstrating that the two genomic subtypes have very different molecular patterns," said Tan.—*Internet*

Business

D Telekom hit by staff costs, keeps outlook

BONN (Germany), 4 Aug— Deutsche Telekom said it was on track to meet its targets after the group's second quarter profit was hit by restructuring charges mainly for staff in Germany. Domestic operations in Germany — soon to account for 54 percent of Deutsche Telekom's business — have gained in importance since the company decided to sell its US business to AT&T in March.

The Bonn-based group said net profit dropped 26.7 percent to 348 million euros ($495.9 million) mainly due to 600 million euros in one-time expenses for an extended early retirement plan for staff.

Apart from Germany, Deutsche Telekom is also active in Southeastern Europe and owns a 40 percent stake in Greek telecom group OTE.

It said business at its European operations was improving although the economic situation in Greece and Romania remained difficult. "We are now also seeing light at the end of the tunnel in Southeastern Europe," Chief Executive Rene Obermann said in a statement. Second quarter earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) dropped 6.5 percent to 4.687 billion euros ($6.68 billion), the company said.

Group sales were down 6.8 percent at 14.475 billion euros.—*Reuters*

The sign of Deutsche Telekom headquarters is pictured in Bonn 25 February, 2010.—INTERNET

Employees monitor foreign exchange rates at a foreign exchange office in Tokyo on 4 Aug, 2011. Japan intervened in the foreign currency market Thursday to stem the yen's rise against the dollar.
INTERNET

AXA earnings quadruple on asset sale gains

PARIS, 4 Aug—AXA , Europe's second-biggest insurer, said on Thursday that firsthalf net income quadrupled, beating forecasts, helped by 1.44 billion euros ($2.05 billion) in one-off gains related to asset sales.

AXA said its net income for the six-month period rose to 3.999 billion euros from 944 million in a year-ago period that was depressed by a 1.478 billion exceptional loss.

The net result, boosted by gains from the sale of AXA's stake in Chinese insurer Taikang Life and of its Australia and New Zealand operations, beat the average estimate of 3.588 billion euros in a Reuters poll of nine analysts.

Underlying profit rose 11 percent to 2.22 billion euros, bolstered by improved property and casualty results, compared with the poll average of 2.187 billion.

AXA said it was taking a 92 million euro impairment for losses stemming from the Greek sovereign debt bailout.

The insurer did not provide any forecasts for the rest of the year, but AXA Chief Executive Henri de Castries said in a statement that the results showed it was "off to a good start in meeting our objectives."

In May, the insurer said it was confident it would raise profits this year in spite of a drop in first-quarter sales.—*Reuters*

Oil below $92 on grim US, Europe economic outlook

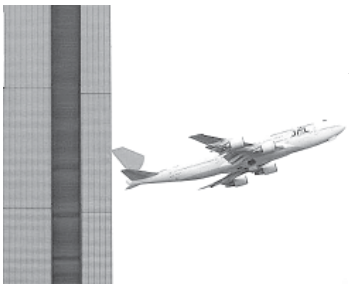
SINGAPORE, 4 Aug—Oil prices extended losses below $92 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid investor concern economic growth in developed countries may be grounding to a halt.

Benchmark oil for September delivery was down 28 cents to $91.65 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude dropped $1.86 to settle at $91.93 on Wednesday. In London, Brent crude was up 16 cents at $113.39 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Crude has dropped from near $100 a barrel two weeks ago amid a slew of disappointing US economic news. On Wednesday, the Institute of Supply Management said its index measuring the service sector of the US economy grew in July at the weakest pace in 17 months.

Investors will be closely watching Friday's jobs report for July. Economists expect that 90,000 jobs were created in the US last month, and that the unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.2 percent.

Traders are also concerned about Europe's sovereign debt crisis and its possible negative impact on economic growth and crude demand.—*Internet*



This file photo taken on 20 January, 2010 shows a Japan Airlines jetliner taking off from the Haneda International airport in Tokyo. Japan Airlines said on 3 August, 2011 it posted a net profit of $165 million in the three months to June, thanks largely to aggressive downsizing and cost cutting during its bankruptcy proceedings.—INTERNET

Bangladesh's Railway inks train procurement contract with Chinese company

DHAKA, 4 Aug—Bangladesh's Railway signed a 58.31 million US dollars contract on Thursday with Tangshan Railway Vehicle Co Ltd of China for procurement of 20 sets commuter trains.

Abu Taher, Director General of Bangladesh's Railway, and Zhen Dawei, Deputy General Manager of Tangshan Railway Vehicle, signed the contract on behalf of their respective sides here.

According to the contract, Bangladesh's Railway will purchase 20 sets Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMU). The contract value will be 58.31 million US dollars including spare parts, tools and equipment, training and services.

Syed Abul Hossain, Bangladesh's Communications Minister, Zhang Xianyi, Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka, among others, were present at the contract signing ceremony.—*Xinhua*

Building collapse in Darfur kills 20 soldiers

DARFUR, 4 Aug—A heavy rain storm in West Darfur caused two buildings housing Sudanese soldiers to collapse, killing 20 and injuring another 30, the UN peacekeeping mission said on Wednesday.

"Twenty Sudanese armed forces soldiers died and another 30 were injured yesterday in El-Geneina, West Darfur, when two buildings where they were staying in collapsed as a result of heavy rain storms," the hybrid UN-African Union mission (UNAMID) in Darfur said in a statement.

The accident happened on Tuesday and the mission immediately sent all the help it could, a UN source said, including heavy lifting equipment to clear the debris.

Sudan's military forces suffer from limited and outdated equipment and facilities, with the cash-strapped government in Khartoum struggling to support an army that officially numbers 188,000 officers and soldiers.

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A picture made available by Albany Associates shows a Nigerian soldier of the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) standing guard at a checkpoint in el-Geneina in 2008.
INTERNET

Brazil baby saved from being buried alive dies

SAO PAULO, 4 Aug— A newborn girl was saved from being buried alive when she started crying at a funeral home, but she died Wednesday after being rushed back to a hospital, medical officials said.

A 14-year-old mother who was seven months pregnant gave birth to the girl Tuesday at the Santa Casa de Misericordia hospital in the nearby city of Araxa, according to a police statement. It said the hospital reported that the baby died moments after being born and her body was sent to a funeral home. As the undertaker was preparing it for burial, the girl started crying.

The baby was rushed back to the hospital and was then transferred to a neonatal intensive care unit at the Hospital das Clinicas in the city of Uberaba.

"She died of multiple organ failure caused by a lack of oxygen in the blood," said Joao Paulo Vicente, a spokesman for the Hospital das Clinicas, speaking by telephone.

Neither police nor the hospitals released the names of the mother or child.—*Internet*

Somalis from the south of the country carry their belongings as they arrive in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 3 Aug, 2011.
INTERNET

UN declares three new regions in Somalia famine zones

NAIROBI, 4 Aug— The UN declared three new regions in Somalia famine zones on Wednesday, expanding the area where the highest rates of malnutrition and mortality are taking place, including the refugee camps in the capital of Mogadishu.

The UN's food arm said that famine is likely to spread across all regions of Somalia's south in the next four to six weeks. Famine conditions are likely to persist until December, the Food and Agriculture Organization said.

Across Somalia, 3.7 million people are in crisis, the UN says, out of a population of 7.5 million. The UN says 3.2 million are in need of immediate, lifesaving assistance.

About 450,000 people live in Somalia's famine zones, said Grainne Moloney, chief technical adviser for the UN's Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit at FAO-Somalia.

The UN said the prevalence of acute malnutrition and rates of crude mortality surpassed the famine thresholds in areas of Middle Shabelle, the Afgoye corridor refugee settlement and internally displaced communities in Mogadishu. The UN last month said two other regions in Somalia were suffering from famine.

Internet

Many buried as building collapses in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 4 Aug— A five-storied residential building in a densely populated area of the southern Pakistani port City of Karachi collapsed down, local media reported on Thursday.

According to initial reports by Geo TV, many people are buried under the debris of the building which collapsed in Lyari area of Karachi. The building houses over ten families.

Rescue teams are trying to comb the site strewn with rubble to recover the injured and dead.

Exact reason of the collapse is yet to be determined by rescue teams at this moment but shabby and poor condition of the building is considered as a culprit initially.—*Xinhua*

Tropical Storm Emily nears disaster-hit Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 4 Aug—Tropical Storm Emily spun slowly to the south of the Dominican Republic and Haiti Wednesday night, its strong winds already shaking palm trees and threatening tens of thousands of people in flimsy shelters and tents.

The storm was forecast to make landfall on Haiti's southern peninsula early Thursday and dump torrential rains across an impoverished country in which more than 600,000 people still live without shelter after last year's earthquake.

"If any storm comes, we meet our demise," said Renel Joseph, a 57-year-old resident of Cite Soleil, a seaside shantytown of Haiti's capital.

David Preux, head of mission for the International Organization for Migration in the southern City of Jacmel, said that wind, rain and lightning had begun Wednesday night. "It'll get worse overnight."

"The problem is when people wait until the last minute to evacuate," Preux said.

The storm had stalled off the coast of the Dominican Republic but appeared set to skirt that country's southern tip. It had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph (85 kph).

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A motorcyclist rides along the Santo Domingo waterfront as Tropical Storm Emily approaches the shores of the Dominican Republic, on 3 Aug, 2010.
INTERNET

Leaving mother country with reckless abandon

Maung Tin Aye (Thayet)

It has been a long time since I was inspired to write this article. Now, I have happened to write it as it is opportune to do so. What I will present are just my personal opinions, so there may be some persons who do not accept them.

In general, people can be divided into two groups to support the title of the article: those who are not citizens of any country, and those who are citizens of the countries concerned.

Many stories featured in today's newspapers reveal that some peoples are trying to put their lands on the world map, and some peoples are struggling not to have their countries removed from the world map. But, not many readers notice that point. For instance, Palestinians have been trying for many years to put their country on the world map. However, they have not achieved their goal yet.

Israel has been already on the world map and a member of the United Nations. Israelis with national outlook and nationalistic fervour keep a watchful eye on what their enemies surrounding them are attempting to devastate them, in order that their land will not be got rid of the map of the world.

I would rather not make comments on the historical backgrounds of those countries and peoples and what they want to be as that is none of my business.

I am a citizen of Myanmar who love and value his motherland, races, religion and cultural heritage. I would like to present some facts about some people who have abandoned their countries and those Myanmar citizens who have absconded their mother country.

So, what we have to consider is the country, not the government. The 4th of January 1948 is recognized as the day on which Myanmar regained independence, and the Myanmar Flag was being hoisted atop the mast while the British's Union Jack was falling down the mast. That is a gazetted holiday. In other words, the Flag of a powerful country was removed from the mast and the Flag of Myanmar was hoisted atop the mast officially.

It was at 4.20 am on 4 January 1948 on which sovereignty and independence the entire Myanmar people had been waiting for a very long time with great aspiration were declared at the hluttaw. Speaker of Constituent Hluttaw Nyaungshwe Chieftain was elected the interim President of the country.

At the assembly hall of the hluttaw on the morning of 4 January 1948, Prime Minister Thakin Nu announced the Independence Declaration that says our declaration is made known to everyone all over the world. Then, a stake was driven for building an independence monument in Bandoola Park.

All the citizens should bear in mind how Myanmar regained independence. That is prescribed in school syllabuses, so we have learnt that since we were at school.

It was in 1885 in which British colonialists took King Thibaw and the Queen by a bullock cart from Yadanabon Palace onto their ship moored in Gawwain Port. Any Myanmar people who witnessed that scene felt inconsolably heartrending. If the year of 1825 is counted in which British colonialists annexed the lower Myanmar, Myanmar fell under the alien subjugation for 123 years. During the period, Myanmar people were going through untold miseries and the hell of the yoke of colonialism.

It took 123 years for Myanmar people to throw off the yoke of the colonial rule, but it claimed contribution made by the Thirty Comrades, and very large numbers of lives of the people and monks in the anti-British colonialists struggles and Anti-Fascist Resistance.

The regaining of independence was followed by mass exodus of people to foreign countries. Indeed, they did abandon the motherland. Those service personnel who are abroad for further studies in the national interest and those who are earning foreign exchanges for national economic growth are worthy of praise. But, some service personnel while drawing salaries from the State are accepting dollars provided secretly by the foreign countries they are posted to. And they sought political asylum to become the citizens of those countries, thus abandoning the homeland in their own interest. Therefore, they are to be denounced as national traitors disregarding our forefathers and servicemen who sacrificed their lives to pull the country out of the hands of British colonialists and Fascists, and as those who push younger generations onto the wrong path.

They make varieties of lame excuses for their being abroad. The educated of them compare domestic salary rates and the salary rates in foreign countries, and the uneducated of them claim that there is high employment rate in the nation and put all the blame on the government.

The educated with right views who preserve the dignity of own race keep guarding the country against dangers with the concept that they have to work hard in the national interest with what they have learnt. One of them is Dr Myo Thant Tin. While in the US on education, I read a number of his articles. Now, he is participating in interviews conducted by the Myanma TV. So, I feel encouraged that he is not among those who have abandoned the mother country.

Should a citizen leave the country only due to poor salary rates and great gap of living conditions between the country and foreign countries? I would say that they should bear in mind our ancestors who sacrificed their lives in the national interest. And should they abandon the mother country with the excuse that they are not in support of the ruling government? They point out the weak points of the present government, but have they ever sent a letter of advice to the government, and pointed out the government's mismanagement with positive attitude. Citizens should shoulder their duties, giving advice and making suggestions with optimism and genuine goodwill based on the knowledge they have learnt from their experiences. Those citizens who are not willing to and have never shared national duties are good for nothing for the nation.

What type of attitude the countries and their peoples who accept those who have abandoned the mother country and gone to foreign countries for good? And how do they treat the absconders. I would like to ask if they have ever remembered in mind that point. Is the amount of dollars they get for working what they are asked by those countries enough for leading a comfortable life forever? Myanmar people follow the Teachings of the Buddha. Nothing except the Teachings of the Buddha can make Myanmar people have a peaceful life. So, they should ponder whether they are right to abandon the country for dollars.

Do they have their future in the foreign countries they are living in? There are so many examples I can present in that regard. Prince Nyaungyan and Prince Myinkun born of a Myanmar monarch died in the foreign country. So, they did not establish a good reputation in the Myanmar history. The people of us cannot know where their posterity are now.

Therefore, every citizen who is anxious to leave the mother country should take account of all the points they ought to ponder. What I would like to highlight is that today's Myanmar is the country of the year of 2011. The country has seen many political reforms and administrative patterns. All in all, I would say that Myanmar will be prosperous if the people of us carry out duties with a sense of duty like our forefathers.

Translation: MS

Nutrition Week Movement-2011 observed in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung attended the ceremony to open the Nutrition Week Movement-2011 held at Myanmar Medical Association in Pathein yesterday.

Head of Region Health Department Dr Aye Ko Ko explained the nutrition activities. MMA (Pathein) Chairman Dr Kyi Pe presented K 0.5 million for flood victims in Phatsalat Village, Thatkepyin Village-tract of Ngathaingchaung Township to Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Tin Soe.

The Chief Minister and party viewed administration of drugs to expectant mothers and breastfeeding mothers, and quality control of iodized salt displayed by the Ministry of Mines.

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***Chief Minister U Thein Aung addresses opening of Nutrition Week Movement-2011.*—MNA**

Ministry of Mines mobilizes private coal mine

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The Union Minister pointed out that Asia-Pacific region is the most populous and becomes one of the most energy use regions due to economic development. He said that the use of energy will double in 2030. If it does not take care of higher energy demand and increased population, the poverty will rise. The Ministry of Mines mobilized private coal mine companies to set up an organization to create the opportunities for exploration of coal mines, he said. The coal mining entrepreneurs association will play a key role in private coal cooperation sector of Myanmar, he added. The Union Minister expressed his hope for development of coal sector the same ways as that of APAEC 2010-2015.

The Union Minister cordially greeted the delegates.

Chairman of the ASEAN Coal Council Dr M Lobo Balia and Acting Executive Director Mr Christopher G Zamora of ASEAN Energy Centre delivered addresses at the meeting of the council. Director-General U Win Htein of Mining Department was elected as the alternate chairman of the ASEAN Coal Council.

The delegates from Indonesia discussed coal resources of ASEAN countries and remnants, upgrading coals, CCT technology, index of coal price, upgrading of capabilities of coal fired power plant; those of Malaysia, quality control of coal in ASEAN region, use of coal and trade in ASEAN region; those of Vietnam, most successful CCT sample; those of Thailand, prevention against environmental degradation, strong point of coal, CCT in Asia, and human resource development; those of the Philippines, equilibrium of coal-fired machinery and conferring of medals for coal; those of Cambodia, publishing of ASEAN coal newspaper; those of Myanmar, upgrading of coal in private sector and prospect of coal in Myanmar; and those of Japan, future coal trade between Japan and ASEAN.

In the evening, the Mines Ministry hosted a dinner to the delegates.

The ninth meeting was attended by chairman and members of ASEAN Energy Centre and ASEAN Coal Council, departmental heads and delegates of ASEAN countries and Japan.—*MNA*

9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting in progress. **MNA**

CBM Governor, Dy Head of British embassy hold talks

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug — Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and Mr. Jeremy Andrew Hodges, Deputy Head of Mission of the embassy of the Britain, held talks over economy and financial matters of Myanmar today.

Also present at the call at the office of the governor here were heads of department of Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

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Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives Deputy Head of Mission of the embassy of the Britain Mr. Jeremy Andrew Hodges and party. **MNA**

Taunggyi University holds Body Beauty and Physical Culture, beauty contests

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Taunggyi University in Shan State held Body Beauty and Physical Culture Contest and Pageant at its multipurpose hall on 2 August.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat enjoyed the second legs of the contests.

Shan State ministers presented the consolation prize for Body Beauty and Physical Culture Contest to Maung Min Htet Naing (Chemistry), third prize, to Maung Hsaw Yai (Law), second prize to Maung Maung Tun (History), and the chief minister, first prize to Maung Win Myint Aung (Geology).

The wife of the Shan State auditor-general presented consolation prizes to Ma Su Mon Htwe (Maths) and Ma Myo Theint Theint Han (Pali); the wife of the Shan State advocate-general, fifth prize to Ma Mya Sansar Aung (Law) and fourth prize, to Nan Wah Wah Tun (Statistics); and the wife of the Shan State chief justice, third prize to Ma Nu Nu Htwe (Myanmar), second prize to Ma Aye Sandar Oo (Philosophy), and first prize to Ma Myo Thandar Htwe (Chemistry).—*MNA*

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat presents prizes to winners in Body Beauty and Physical Culture Contest-2011. **MNA**

Magway Region Chief Minister partakes in regional activities

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe attended the ceremony to open Yogyi Creek Bridge constructed by Irrigation Department near Taungman Village, Minbu (Saku) Township yesterday.

He later attended the ceremony to hand over affiliated basic education middle school in Taungman Village along with national scrutiny cards issuing ceremony. The Chief Minister presented school uniforms for teachers and sports gear for students to the headmaster. Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Ant Zaw presented national scrutiny cards to local people.

Next, the Chief Minister was present at the opening ceremony of Inter-University/College Men's Volleyball Tournament for Magway Zone for 2010-2011 academic year held at the region gymnasium, and enjoyed the match between Magway University team and Pakokku University team.—*MNA*

Union A&I Minister receives Country Director of Oxfam Great Britain

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Country Director Mr John Patrick James Prideaux-Brune and party of Oxfam Great Britain (Oxfam) at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed ongoing tasks in Myanmar, projects to be implemented in central Myanmar and delta region, vocational matter and food sufficiency.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.—*MNA*

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing receives Mr. John Patrick James Prideaux-Brune, Country Director of Oxfam Great Britain (Oxfam).— MNA

KIA opens fire at a vehicle on its return from Tarpein to Momauk, leaving seven dead, one injured

KIA intentionally opens fire at vehicle with small arms, not blast of mine planted by KIA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— KIA opened fire at a vehicle on its return from Tarpein (1) Hydropower Plant to Momauk between mile posts No. 19 and 21, leaving seven dead and one injured.

On 2 August evening, three mechanics, one Chinese interpreter, two police members and two drivers, totaling 8 left Tarpein by car after repairing air-conditioners at the communication room of Tarpein (1) Hydropower Plant. Between mile posts No. 19 and 21 before Gwekahtaung Village, the KIA opened fire at the car with the use of small arms. In the incident, SIP Aung Kyi Tun, drivers U Nan Shaung, (father) U Lahsan Tu Lun and U Than Htay Aung, (father) U Aye Pe, air-conditioner technicians U Nay Myo Thein, (father) Thein Htay and U Zaw Htwe, (father) U Ohn Swe, interpreter Maung Khant Min Htet, (father) U Aik Hlaing, totaling 6 onboard the vehicle were killed on the spot due to gun fires. The remaining air-conditioner technician Maung Thaw Lin Tun, (father) U Mar Naw was injured at belly (serious) and constable Myo Thant Naing Hsan, (father) U Aung Hsan, at left arm and right leg (unserious). The two injured reported their incident to the frontline military camp. The military column cleared the place of incident and found five dead persons in the car and one beside the car. Maung Thaw Lin Tun, one of two injured persons who reported to the military column died the next morning due to his wounds.

KIA made a false claim through BBC saying the car hit its landmine; that dead and injuries were due to the mine blast, putting the blance on the car for travelling in its prohibited area before ceasefire has reached.

In reality, KIA intentionally opened fire at the vehicle small arms on its return from Tarpein, leaving seven persons dead and one injured out of eight, not by the blast of mine planted by KIA. Bullet wounds were found on the dead bodies, the injured person. Bullet holes were also found on the vehicle.

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Photo shows the vehicle which come under fire by KIA and bodies.— MNA

Photo shows the vehicle which come under fire by KIA.— MNA

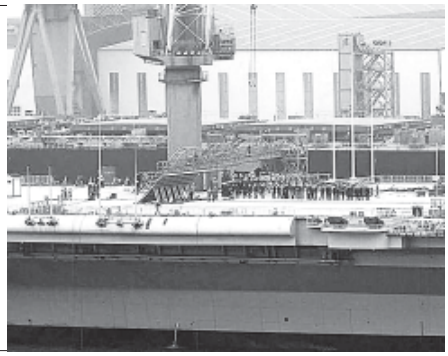
Photo shows bodies of the victims killed by KIA.— MNA

Myanmar badminton, Judo players to participate in Asian Junior Sports Exchange Games

YANGON, 4 Aug— The Selected Myanmar Badminton Team and Judo Team will take part in the Asian Junior Sports Exchange Games 2011 to be held in Tokyo of Japan from 22 to 29 August 2011.

The selected badminton team comprises men players Lin Htet Kyu, Shwe Maung and Phone Pyae Naing and women player Ei Ei Chaw, Thet Htar Thuza and Nan Mo Hwam under control of manager Vice-President of Myanmar Badminton Federation U Ba Hlaing, coaches U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin and Daw Win Pa Pa Tun.

The selected Judo team comprises Aung Naing Oo, Chit Min Thu and Benny Lyan Oak, Thein Thein Pyae, Hnin Akayri and Yu Yu Mon, Manager U Aung Naing Swe, Coaches U Kyi Naing and Daw Khin Nu Nu together with interpreter U Min Thein.—*MNA*



This undated photo shows navy officials and sailors are on board the imported aircraft carrier, known as the Varyag. The carrier Varyag, which was previously owned by the former Soviet Union, is being refitted by China after being purchased from Ukraine. —XINHUA

Japan to establish new nuclear safety agency

BEIJING, 4 Aug— The Japanese government will work to establish a new nuclear safety agency following last March's nuclear disaster. The Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano says the establishment of a new body is desirable, and that the new institute will be under the authority of the Ministry of the Environment.

The new agency will be charged with administering the removal of radioactive substances from contaminated soil around the crippled Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant, and other health services to residents living in the vicinity of nuclear power stations. The state minister in charge of the nuclear crisis will release a draft initiative to outline the new institute. Officials say the new agency could be launched as early as next April.

Public trust in Japan's NISA has fallen following several highly publicized scandals.

Xinhua

A "spiderman" (window cleaner) cleans windows outside a highrise building in Taiyuan City, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 3 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Iconic turtle, on the mend, back at sea off Florida

Andre, an 85kg sea turtle, is pictured during its release into the Atlantic Ocean at the Loggerhead Marine Life Centre, in Juno Beach, Florida, on 3 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

JUNO BEACH, 4 Aug— A plucky sea turtle was released back into the wild off Florida's coast on Wednesday after months of intensive medical care to reverse damage caused by the propellers of a wayward motorboat.

The release of Andre, a green turtle named after US wrestling star Andre the Giant, marked a rare success story for the state's endangered sea turtles.

Hundreds of dead, sick or injured turtles are found on Florida's beaches every year because of run-ins with speedboats, entanglement in fishing lines and sudden changes in water temperature.

Andre was among those lucky enough not to be given up for dead. Marked with a distinctive bar code before his release, his supporters see him as a poster-child for the air breathing reptiles fighting to survive challenges, including climate change, in tropical and subtropical waters everywhere.

Some 500 people showed up to cheer as Andre made his triumphant return to the Atlantic Ocean from the care of the Loggerhead Marine Life Centre, in Juno Beach, Florida.

Reuters

Man trying to steal copper gets major shock, police say

CHARLESTON, 4 Aug— A man allegedly trying to steal copper from a South Carolina power substation was shocked by 7,200 volts of electricity, burning him and cutting power to more than 3,000 homes, police said on Wednesday.

Phillip David Tinskey, 25, was being treated in an Augusta, Georgia burn centre for the second and third-degree burns he suffered during the incident on Tuesday.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the substation on Tuesday after reports of power outages in Ladson, about 15 miles from coastal Charleston. They found a cut ground wire, a scorch mark on a transformer and a green duffel bag containing bolt cutters and copper wire. A South Carolina identification card found near the duffel bag had Tinskey's name and address on it. Police went to his house and found him "very seriously injured," said sheriff's spokesman Dan Moon.

"People have done this before, but it is extremely dangerous," Moon said.

No charges have been filed. "If he makes it, there will be charges down the road," Moon said. "He was in pretty serious shape, so we're just waiting to see how he does."—*Reuters*

Wild mustangs spared roundup in Wyoming for now

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug— Wild horses on the vast rangelands of Wyoming can continue to roam free, for now, after the US government's Bureau of Land Management postponed a planned roundup, horse advocates said on Tuesday.

The roundup was due to start on 16 August to reduce horse overpopulation on more than 700,000 acres of public land in Wyoming, but the federal agency agreed to put it off until at least September after facing a lawsuit.

The bureau had planned to remove 700 wild mustangs in southwestern Wyoming and return 177 geldings or castrated stallions to the land, according to the lawsuit filed 25 July.

The plaintiffs — the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign, the Western Watersheds Project, a Wyoming couple and wildlife photographer Carol Walker — accused the BLM of intending to "manage the wild horses to extinction."

Reuters

A helicopter is used by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to gather wild horses in the Conger Mountains near Border in Utah in this 7 Sept, 2010 file photo.—INTERNET

India navy, coast guard rescue 30 off sinking ship

NEW DELHI, 4 Aug— An Indian official says that navy and coast guard helicopters and ships have rescued 30 crew members from a sinking merchant ship off Mumbai's coast hours after it sent a distress signal. Indian navy spokesman Capt Manohar Nambiar told *The Associated Press* that the *MV Rak* sent out a distress signal early Thursday morning. The navy and coast guard immediately began rescue operations. The entire crew was rescued. The sailors from Indonesia, Jordan and Romania were taken to the naval base in Mumbai.

The vessel was carrying a cargo of coal and was travelling from Indonesia to the western Indian state of Gujarat. Nambiar said the ship was being monitored by the coast guard to estimate the rate at which it was sinking and to check for a possible oil spill.

Internet

14 die in another Zimbabwe bus crash

HARARE (Zimbabwe), 4 Aug—At least 14 people were killed after a minibus crashed in Zimbabwe, the second deadly accident involving an overcrowded bus in the southern African country in recent days, state radio reported Wednesday.

Police spokesman Oliver Mandipaka said the minibus carried nine more passengers than its licensed capacity. State radio said the bus burst a rear tire on Tuesday and overturned twice about 120 miles (195 kilometres) east of the capital, Harare.

Tuesday's crash brings to 33 the number of passengers killed in bus wrecks in the country in three days. On Saturday, 19 people died when a rear wheel of their 16-seater bus broke off. Police reported 29 people had crammed into that vehicle.—*Internet*

Hitachi and Mitsubishi 'to open merger talks'

TOKYO, 4 Aug—Japanese manufacturing giants Hitachi and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries are to start merger talks, reports said Thursday, as they look for growth beyond a shrinking domestic market and battle a strong yen.

The two companies have combined annual sales of more than 12 trillion yen ($155 billion) and the move would create a Japanese industrial behemoth and one of the world's biggest infrastructure firms.

Hitachi's president was reported as saying his company and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries had agreed to start merger talks.

"We will negotiate a merger from now," Hitachi president Hiroaki Nakanishi told reporters in Yokohama, near Tokyo, according to *Kyodo* news agency.

Kyodo and other media quoted sources saying the two firms aimed to integrate infrastructure businesses such as railways and power stations, in early 2013. The news boosted shares of the two companies. Hitachi was up 3.23 percent at 478 yen in late morning trade and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was up 4.58 percent at 365 yen.

"With opportunities for the social infrastructure business expected to expand especially in emerging countries like China and India, the two Japanese companies on their own do not have sufficient management resources to compete globally," said Yukihiko Shimada, an analyst at SMBC Nikko Securities.—*Internet*

***File photo of a Dubai Metro train, built under contract by a consortium lead by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.*—INTERNET**

Cargill recalling 36 m pounds of ground turkey

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—Meat giant Cargill is recalling 36 million pounds of ground turkey linked to a nationwide salmonella outbreak that has killed one person in California and sickened at least 76 others.

Illnesses in the outbreak date back to March and have been reported in 26 states coast to coast.

Cargill said Wednesday that it is recalling fresh and frozen ground turkey products produced at the company's Springdale, Ark, plant from 20 Feb through 2 Aug due to possible contamination from the strain of salmonella linked to the illnesses.

Company officials said that all ground turkey production has been suspended at the plant until the company is able to determine the source of the outbreak.

"Given our concern for what has happened, and our desire to do what is right for our consumers and customers, we are voluntarily removing our ground turkey products from the marketplace," said Steve Willardsen, president of Cargill's turkey processing business.

The Minnesota-based company said it was initiating the recall after its own internal investigation, an Agriculture Department investigation and information about the illnesses released by the CDC this week.

All of the packages recalled include the code "Est P-963" on the label, according to Cargill.—*Internet*

***Products subject to meat giant Cargill's recall of 36 million pounds of ground turkey linked to a nationwide salmonella outbreak is seen on display at a grocery store in Redwood City, Calif, on 3 Aug, 2011.*—INTERNET**

In this 27 Feb, 2010 file photo, a killer whale raises its head out of the water at the SeaWorld theme park in Orlando, Fla.
INTERNET

Court blocks export of rescued whale

AMSTERDAM, 4 Aug—A Dutch court on Wednesday blocked the export of a young orca whale that had been rescued sick and emaciated a year ago off the Netherlands' northern coast.

The Amsterdam District Court ruled that Morgan, a killer whale 3 or 4 years old who was due to be shipped to a Spanish amusement park, would remain in the Harderwijk Dolphinarium for now, but would be moved from her small cement tank to a larger enclosure with other animals.

The court ruled that more research be conducted to find a solution for Morgan, and ordered the dolphinarium, the government and the animal rights activists who filed the case to work together.

The activists, who had filed the suit to block a government-issued export permit, hailed the ruling as an unprecedented victory, even though they failed to win immediate approval for their plan to gradually reintroduce Morgan back into the ocean.

A Free Morgan Group, reminiscent of the popular 1993 film "Free Willy," began gathering an international following soon after the black-and-white whale was caught in the Wadden Sea in June 2010.—*Internet*

Rio Tinto announces record H1 earnings

SYDNEY, 4 Aug—Anglo-Australian mining giant Rio Tinto on Thursday reported record first-half earnings of 7.6 billion US dollars, up 30 percent of the company's first-half figure in 2010.

Its underlying profit for the first half of 2011 was up 35 percent to 7.8 billion US dollars compared to the same period last year.

The result is slightly below analysts' consensus expectations of an underlying profit of about 8.03 billion US dollars.

The company said it would pay an interim dividend in line with expectations of 54 US cents a share, up 20 percent. "Market conditions have remained favourable over the past six months due to strong Asian demand, although the volatile economic environment that we highlighted eighteen months ago continues to exist, driven by significant macro economic imbalances," Rio Tinto chairman Jan du Plessis said in a statement.—*Xinhua*

Healthy eating is privilege of the rich

SEATTLE, 4 Aug—A healthy diet is expensive and could make it difficult for Americans to meet new US nutritional guidelines, according to a study published Thursday that says the government should do more to help consumers eat healthier.

A update of what used to be known as a food pyramid in 2010 had called on Americans to eat more foods containing potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin D and calcium. But if they did that, the *journal Health* Affairs said, they would add hundreds more dollars to their annual grocery bill. Inexpensive ways to add these nutrients to a person's diet include potatoes and beans for potassium and dietary fiber. But the study found introducing more potassium in a diet is likely to add $380 per year to the average consumer's food costs, said lead researcher Pablo Monsivais, an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology and the School of Public Health at the University of Washington.

"We know more than ever about the science of nutrition, and yet we have not yet been able to move the needle on healthful eating," he said.

Internet

Holidays 4 UK Limited collapses

LONDON, 4 Aug—Small British tour operator Holidays 4 UK Limited has collapsed with 12,000 travellers abroad, after running into financial difficulties due to dwindling demand, administrators announced on Wednesday.

PricewaterhouseCoopers said in a statement that the company had applied to go into administration — the process whereby a troubled firm calls upon independent financial help to restructure the business and remain operational.

Brighton-based Holidays 4 UK Limited specialises in package holidays and flights to Turkey. The travel firm employs just 18 people and trades under the names Holidays 4 U and Aegean Flights. Its annual turnover is about £35 million.

"The company has suffered because of the difficulties faced by the travel industry during 2010 and 2011, as a result of the economic downturn," added Ian Oakley-Smith, joint administrator and director at PwC, in the statement.

"The director has determined that the business is no longer able to trade and placed the company into administration.

"The company will cease operating with immediate effect. Regrettably most staff have been made redundant."

In a separate statement, the government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office said that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) would arrange repatriation for all 12,000 Holidays 4 UK customers that are currently stranded abroad.—*Internet*

***A tourist walks in downtown Istanbul in 2009.*—INTERNET**

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***In Pierrelatte, southern France, a wind turbine operates near a uranium enrichment plant in May 2011.* —INTERNET**

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***This undated photo courtesy of Tucson Audubon Society/Jim and Deva Burns shows a red-faced warbler.* INTERNET**

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Bird-watching is big business in Arizona

PHOENIX, 4 Aug—From the sandhill crane to the red-faced warbler, rock stars of the birding world have spawned a tourism industry in Arizona that draws bird-watchers from around the world.

"It's one of the two or three best places in the United States to look for birds," said David Pashley of the American Bird Conservancy. "Arizona makes a lot of money off of bird-watchers going down to the southeast corner of the state."

More than 140 bird species are found in southern Arizona, and birding festivals take place year-round throughout the state, including Yuma and in northern Arizona's Verde Valley.

Internet

European wind power output tipped to treble by 2020

PARIS, 4 Aug—Energy producers expect European wind power generation to triple by 2020, with tens of thousands of new, ever-bigger wind turbines springing up, an industry body said on Tuesday.

The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA), which groups energy giants with wind interests and also many involved in nuclear or gas-fired electricity generation, released its figures in a new report aiming to influence EU energy policy after 2020.

By the end of last year, the 'Pure Power' report said, wind power produced about 5.3 percent of demand across the EU's 27 states, some 182 Terawatt hours (TWh). Its share is tipped to reach 15.7 percent by 2020, or 581 TWh.

By the end of 2010, there were more than 70,000 turbines in operation, and the EWEA says 60,000 more of the same size would be needed to meet 2020 targets, although installing bigger machines could reduce the number to half or less depending on technology developments.—*Internet*

Nissan says electric car can power family home

TOKYO, 4 Aug—Nissan's Leaf electric car can feed power from its battery back into a family home and run appliances for up to two days under a new project the Japanese car-maker unveiled on Tuesday. Using the "Leaf to Home" system, the lithium-ion batteries of the zero tailpipe emission Leaf can be used as an emergency power backup for the home during a natural disaster or a power blackout, Nissan said.

Nissan, 44 percent owned by Renault of France, said it aims to commercialize the technology in Japan by March 2012. The system works by linking the car via a quick charging port to the house's electricity distribution panel. —*Internet*

***A Nissan employee demonstrates how to use the company's electric vehicle "Leaf" to power a smart home near their headquarters in Yokohama, suburban Tokyo.*—INTERNET**

***This image courtesy the National Folk Festival shows the Sounds of Korea performing at the 2009 National Folk Festival in Richmond, Va. This year, the National Folk Festival will be in Nashville, Tenn.*— INTERNET**

European bank gives Zambian firm 20 mln USD for lime plant

LUSAKA, 4 Aug—The European Investment Bank (EIB) has agreed to give a Zambian firm funds to set up a lime manufacturing plant, which will become Zambia's second lime producer, the *Zambia Daily Mail* reported on Thursday.

Astrea Investment Zambia Limited has since completed a bankable feasibility study to construct the 20 million US dollars quick lime plant to be situated in Ndola City on the Copperbelt Province.—*Internet*

Live rat found in Aussie loaf

An Australian woman said Thursday she was horrified after finding a live rat nestled inside a loaf of bread she bought at a supermarket.

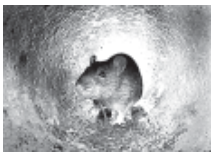


Photo illustration shows a rat inside a sewer. An Australian woman said Thursday she was horrified after finding a live rat nestled inside a loaf of bread she bought at a supermarket.

The woman, who had been shopping in Aitkenvale, in Queensland's tropical north, noticed there were holes in the sliced bread as she was packing her bags into the car.

"I said to my friend, 'this bread's got a hole in it, it looks like a rat's eaten into it'," the woman, who asked not to be identified, told the *Australian Associated Press*.

When she lifted the bag out she found a live rodent had chewed through the packaging and was lurking inside.

"The thought of a live rat in my loaf of bread and so close to me was pretty gruesome," she said.

"I didn't want to vomit, I just wanted to throw it away, I got all squeamish."

Pictures in the *Townsville Bulletin* newspaper showed the rat inside the loaf's plastic packaging.

Ray Horton sells Mercedes for $20

A cafeteria worker for the Pittsburgh Steelers said former secondary coach Ray Horton sold him his Mercedes convertible for only $20.

Maurice "Mo" Matthews said Horton visited the cafeteria on his last day before leaving to serve as defencive coordinator for the Arizona Cardinals and asked him how much money he had in his pocket, *the Pittsburgh Post -Gazette* reported Wednesday.

"I got $20," Matthews responded.

He said Horton then announced, "Sold for $20!" and handed him the keys to his red 1999 Mercedes Benz SL500 convertible roadster.

"I'm like, 'Stop playing with me Ray; don't play with me,'" Matthews said. "The other (workers) were looking at me, their jaws dropped.

"Ray said, 'Hey, you always liked the car, you're a good dude, I know you'll take care of it. It's yours,'" he said.

Matthews said Horton handed over the title and other paperwork when he gave him a ride to the airport the next day.

India airline told to pay in death of pugs

An Indian airline has been asked to pay the New Delhi owner of two pugs 144,000 rupees ($3,260) in the death of the dogs on one of its flights.

A New Delhi consumer forum said the deaths of four-year-old Jimmy and three-year-old Bantu had caused an "emotional setback" to their owner, Rajendra Tandon, *The Times of India* reported Wednesday.

The dogs, who had been on a Jet Airways flight from Mumbai to New Delhi in May 2009, were found dead upon arrival, the report said. Tandon was aboard the same flight. The consumer forum blamed the pilot for the deaths of the pets, saying he had failed to turn on the air circulation system in the live animal section of the cargo hold, the report said.

The compensation ordered by the forum includes 9 percent interest dating back to May 2009 and litigation charges, the report said.

The report did not say if the airline had made any comment. Tandon plans to give the money, when received, to charity, the report said.

Stolen helicopter found abandoned

Oklahoma City police said a stolen helicopter was found in the driveway of an abandoned property the day after it was taken.

Bruce Akbaran, 48, who said he purchased the "toy" about five months ago at an Oklahoma City Public Schools auction and has not yet attempted to fly it, said the vehicle was taken from his business, Stone and Stucco, between when he left at 9:30 pm Monday and when he arrived for work at 5 am Tuesday, The Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, reported Wednesday.

Police Sgt Jennifer Wardlow said the chopper was found at 5 pm Tuesday in the driveway of an abandoned property on Wilshire Boulevard.

News Album

***Oprah Winfrey, who along with James Earl Jones, will be receiving an honorary Oscar.—*INTERNET**

Jones, Winfrey to get honourary Oscars

BEVERLY HILLS, 4 Aug—James Earl Jones and Oprah Winfrey are to be honoured by Hollywood's Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The group, which annually presents the movie industry's Oscars, has announced it will present honourary awards to actor Jones and makeup artist Dick Smith, and its Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award to Winfrey.

The awards are to be handed out at the academy's 3rd annual Governors Awards dinner 12 Nov at the Grand Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland Centre in Los Angeles, the academy said Tuesday.—*Internet*

'Lost' Hitchcock film found in New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND, 4 Aug—One of the earliest films made by British master director Alfred Hitchcock has been found in New Zealand, resear-chers said.

The New Zealand Film Archive on Wednesday said the first three reels of the six-reel feature "The White Shadow" were found in a cache of ageing nitrate prints given to the archive in the 1990s.

It said the silent-era film, made in 1923, was believed to be the oldest surviving feature by Hitchcock, who went on to conquer Hollywood with classic thrillers such as "Psycho", "Vertigo" and "North by Northwest".

The archive described the film as "a wild atmospheric melo-drama" about two sis-ters, one angelic and the other without a soul. No other copies are believed to exist.

"This is one of the most significant developments in memory for scholars, critics, and admirers of Hitchcock's extraordinary body of work," David Sterritt, chairman of the US National Society of Film Critics, said.

Internet

***This handout image received from the New Zealand Film Archive shows a still from what is thought to be a lost film made in 1923 by British director Alfred Hitchcock.* INTERNET**

"J Edgar" slips into theaters 9 November with limited bow

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—"J Edgar," the J Edgar Hoover biopic starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Clint Eastwood, will get a limited release on 9 November and a wide release two days later, Warner Bros said Wednesday.

Dustin Lance Black wrote the script. The movie also stars Armie Hammer, Naomi Watts, Josh Lucas, Lea Thompson and Judi Dench.

The studio announced several other releases, as well:

"Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," a drama starring Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock, gets a limited release on Chri-stmas Day and a wide release on 20 January, 2012.—*Internet*

***Cast member Leonardo DiCaprio attends a news conference to promote the movie "Inception" in Tokyo 21 July, 2010.—*INTERNET**

***British singer Amy Winehouse performs at the Brit Awards at Earls Court in London in this 20 February, 2008 file photo.—*INTERNET**

Amy Winehouse duet with Tony Bennett going to charity

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—A duet between jazz great Tony Bennett and the late singer Amy Winehouse is being released as a single to benefit a charity established by her father, Bennett's spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

The classic pop standard "Body and Soul" that Winehouse recorded with Bennett in March is one of her last works. She died unexpectedly at age 27 on 23 July, after a long battle with alcohol and drugs. An official cause of death for Winehouse has not been determined. Her father, Mitch, is creating a foundation in her name to help drug addicts. Proceeds from Bennett and Winehouse's "Body and Soul" recording, which is being released as a single, will go to the foundation, said Liz Rosenberg, a spokeswoman for Bennett.—*Reuters*

Rangers' McCoist proud despite costly defeat

MADRID, 4 Aug— Rangers manager Ally McCoist says he is proud of his players despite his side crashing out of the Champions League following a 1-1 draw away to Malmo.

The Scottish champions, trailing 1-0 from the first leg at Ibrox last week, levelled the aggregate score in the 24th minute through Nikica Jelavic despite being reduced to ten men six minutes earlier when Steven Whittaker was sent off for throwing the ball at Jimmy Durmaz.

Fellow Rangers defender Madjid Bougherra, in what could be his last game for the club if his proposed transfer to Qatari side Lekhwiya goes through, saw red in the second-half.Malmo's Ricardinho joined him up the tunnel for a second bookable offence for elbowing Dardan Rexhepi in the head.—*Internet*

Rangers manager Ally McCoist

Ribery, Robben, hope to be fit for season start

MUNICH, 4 Aug— Bayern Munich revealed on Wednesday that star duo Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben hope to be fit for Sunday's Bundesliga season-opener against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Ribery had spent five days in plaster after suffering an ankle injury in training but, on what was a day off for the majority of the Bayern squad, the 28-year-old French international was to be found hard at work at the club's Saebener Strasse training ground.

Bayern Munich star duo Franck Ribery

"I'm totally knackered, but I'm feeling good and there's no pain," he told the club's official website.Robben was also on the training ground, and said he hopes to "be back training with the team on Thursday."

"I'm relieved actually, because it could all have been a lot worse," Robben, 27, continued, before adding that he was "optimistic" as to his chances of featuring against Gladbach.The former Chelsea and Real Madrid man was forced off in last month's friendly meeting with AC Milan after injuring his ankle in a challenge with Taye Taiwo.

Internet

Van der Sar bids farewell at star-studded Ajax finale

LONDON, 4 Aug—Manchester United's former Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar bid farewell to his adoring public on Wednesday in the company of several star internationals in front of 53,000 Ajax fans.

"I want to thank everyone in the stadium ... thanks for your support down through the years," van der Sar told the crowd at the Ajax Arena where he started his career in 1990. The towering 1.97m goalie selected a "Dream Team" made up notably of Wayne Rooney, Ryan Giggs, Dirk Kuyt, Edgar Davids, Rio Ferdinand and Dennis Bergkamp, who played for an hour against Dutch giants Ajax.

To a standing ovation from the crowd, Van der Sar left the pitch several minutes before the end of the game which was won 2-1 by the "Dream Team" thanks to goals from Louis Saha and Bergkamp.

Internet

Manchester United's former Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar

Spain beats Ecuador 2-0, advances at U20 World Cup

BARRANQUILLA, 4 Aug—Real Madrid playmaker Sergio Canales sparked Spain to a 2-0 win over Ecuador on Wednesday, and put his team into the second round of the Under-20 World Cup.

Surprising Saudi Arabia also advanced after routing Guatemala 6-0. Nigeria did the same by beating Croatia 5-2, while Costa Rica kept alive its hopes of reaching the second round with a 3-2 victory over Australia.

Spain struggled early against Ecuador in Manizales but picked up the pace after Canales came off the bench in the 56th minute, playing for the first time after a lingering muscle injury.Canales scored from close range in the 67th and set up Alvaro Vazquez's goal in the 85th.—*Internet*

Spain's Marc Bartra, front right, kisses teammate Sergio Canales after scoring during a U-20 World Cup group C soccer match against Ecuador in Manizales, Colombia, on 3 Aug. —INTERNET

Federer trusts himself to thrive past age 30

NEW YORK, 4 Aug— Roger Federer will turn 30 next week, but the Swiss winner of a record 16 grand slam singles titles said on Wednesday he will not pause for reflection since he is too busy plotting for more tennis success.

Federer will spend his birthday on Monday in Montreal at the Rogers Cup tournament, where adoring fans have serenaded him in the past to mark the occasion.

"I'm looking forward to turning 30, excited to see how the Canadians are going to celebrate my birthday this time around, because sometimes they start singing 'Happy Birthday' during my match," Federer told reporters during a conference call. Federer said the milestone birthday would not move him to take stock of his career and his future.— *Internet*

Switzerland's Roger Federer hits a return to Portugal's Rui Machado during their men's singles Davis Cup tennis match in Bern on 8 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Video game braces NBA lockout with 'Greatest' mode

ATLANTA, 4 Aug— Video game makers are bracing for an extended NBA lockout by focusing on former players who made the league popular in hopes of taking the attention away from the impact labor strife will have on their product.

In the upcoming "NBA 2K12," which goes on sale Oct. 4 despite the lockout, 2K Sports plans to introduce a new mode called, NBA's Greatest, that will feature the league's top 15 players of all-time and some of the most famous rivalries.

Hall of Famers such as Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Julius Erving will be featured on the latest installment of the best-selling basketball video game franchise. Jordan, Johnson and Bird will appear on three separate covers on the front of the game.—*Internet*

In this undated video generated image released by Take-Two Interactive Software Inc./2K Sports, the likeness of Julius Erving (6) is shown in a video game "NBA 2K12."
INTERNET

SPORTS

Liverpool's Dalglish says Gerrard won't be rushed

LONDON, 4 Aug—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard may be recovering quicker than anticipated from a groin infection but Reds manager Kenny Dalglish still expects to be without his skipper until next month.

The England midfielder was troubled by a groin problem last season and Liverpool announced last week he would miss the start of the upcoming campaign because of an infection that required hospital treatment.

"Steven won't be too far away," Liverpool great Dalglish said Wednesday."All the tests that have come back are far better than what was anticipated so we're delighted with that for him.

"He's had some really positive news and we'll just wait for the progress to continue," the former Scotland international added. "But the date that has been mentioned hasn't been changed."

Internet

Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard (L)

McIlroy leaning toward joining PGA Tour

AKRON, 4 Aug—US Open champion Rory McIlroy loves playing in America so much that wants to join the PGA Tour again.

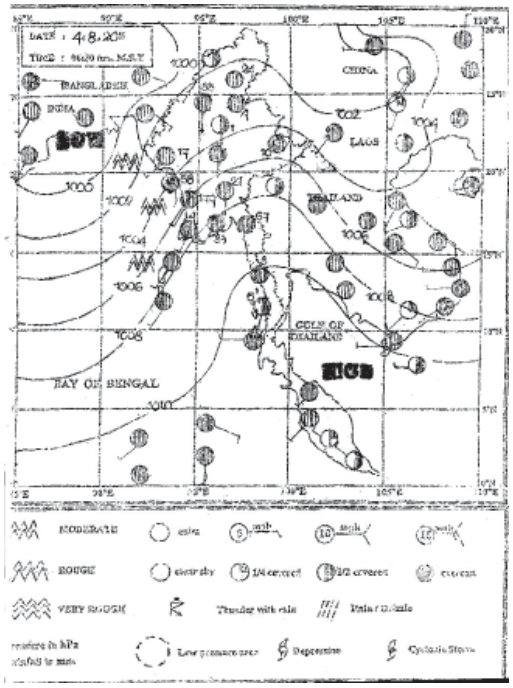
McIlroy spoke to PGA Tour officials Wednesday morning and said he was leaning toward taking up his tour card next season, meaning he would play at least 15 events on the PGA Tour in 2012.

The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland said he would start looking for a place to live in Florida — either Orlando or the West Palm Beach area — after the PGA Championship next week.

"I feel I play my best golf over here," McIlroy said. "I'm very comfortable in this country. Yeah, I'm definitely looking toward coming back and playing a full schedule.—*Internet*

Rory McIlro signs autographs for fans on his way to the third tee during practice for the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club on 3 Aug, 2011.
INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 5th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	100%
2	Kayah	24/75	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
3	Kayin	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
4	Chin	20/68	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
7	Taninthayi	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
8	Bago	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
9	Magway	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
11	Mon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	100%
12	Yangon	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
13	Rakhine	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	100%
14	Southern Shan	22/72	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	24/75	Some rain or thundershower	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	One or two rain or thundershower	80%

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, fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (7.24) inches, Taungup (4.57) inches, Hpa-an (3.66) inches, Thaton (3.39) inches, Myaungmya (2.95) inches, Naunglebin and Kawkaraik (2.76) inches each.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occassional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Likelihood of increase of rains in the Northern Myanmar Areas.

Two young campers attacked by black bear in New Jersey

NEW YORK, 4 Aug—Two young campers were attacked by a yearling black bear that entered their tent in New Jersey on Wednesday in the nation's latest bear mauling this summer, state officials said.

The predawn attack occurred in Stokes State Forest in the lake-filled northwestern part of the state at a campsite being used by the Trail Blazers Camp of Montague, New Jersey, said Larry Ragonese, a spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

An 11-year-old boy from Brooklyn, New York, and a 12-year-old from Jersey City, New Jersey, escaped death or serious injury, which has marked other attacks in Arizona and Alaska as well as in Yellowstone National Park.

"Our best assumption is that the bear smelled food and went into the tent following the scent and encountered people and was a bit more aggressive than you would normally expect," Ragonese said.

"More and more, bears are looking for food and they'll break through sliding doors or windows," he said.

The boys, whose names were not released, were treated for minor injuries at a local hospital. By afternoon, they rejoined the seven other youngsters at the campsite, said Riel Peerbooms, executive director of Trail Blazers Camp.

Last month, a woman was killed in Arizona by a male black bear digging through a dumpster at a country club, and at Yellowstone National Park a hiker was killed by an adult female grizzly bear with two cubs.

The same month, seven teens were attacked by a grizzly bear in Alaska, though none were killed.

Wednesday's run-in with a black bear in New Jersey was the state's first reported bear attack since a man sustained minor scrapes last summer when he was attacked while walking his dog in West Milford.

Reuters

Sergio Orteman (R) of Olimpia from Paraguay, fights for the ball with Nelvin Soliz (L) of The Strongest from Bolivia, during the match of the first phase of the South American Cup, in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, on 3 Aug, 2011.

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Friday, 5 August
View on today

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

7:20 am
2. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 (Live) (Brazil Vs Panama)

3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Magway Vs Ayeyawady United)

5:00 pm
2. Songs of Yester Years

5:10 pm
3. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)

5:25 pm
4. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:30 pm
5. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin

6:00 pm
6. Evening News

6:15 pm
7. Weather Report

6:20 pm
8. Internet Garden

7:00 pm
9. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
10. News
11. International News
12. Weather Report
13. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
14. TV Drama Series
15. Song Lover

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Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(5-8-11 09:30 am ~ 6-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Seeking Beauty In Yoga
* News
* Ever Blooming Flower
* News
* The Beauty of Myanmar Pearl In Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium
* News
* Music Gallery
* Icons of Myanmar

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★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
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★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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- 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

Functions of power stations in Mandalay District inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe on 2 August heard reports on progress of implementing the projects, site for 66KV Kyaw power station, survey of alignment for 66 KV Kyaw-Gangaw-Haka power line, construction of Myaukpyin power station and switch yard, installation of two KV100 MVA transformers presented by the project manager of Power Supply Project Department (North) at Patheingyi Township 230KV Myaukpyin power station.

The Union Minister inspected installation of two transformers, construction of switch yard and arrival of construction materials.

Yesterday, the Union Minister looked into functions of 230 KV Shwesayan power station, supply of electricity to Shwehlanbo river water pumping project, Patheingyi, Aungmyaythazan and Chanmyathazi townships through four 33 KV power lines and arrival of Shant reactor.

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Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe looks into functions of 230 KV Shwesayan power station.

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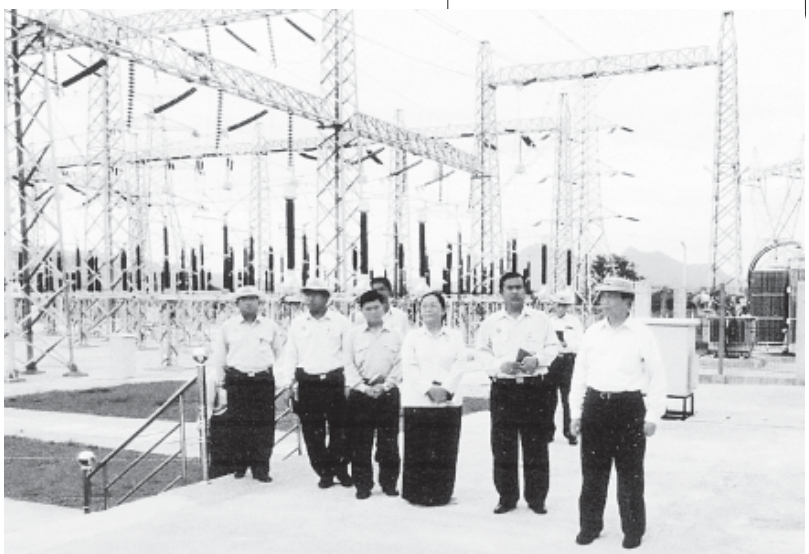

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the 13:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River in Shwegyin is (675) cm. It may reach its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (4-8-2011)

Thandwe	(7.24) inches
Taungup	(4.57) inches
Hpa-an	(3.66) inches
Thaton	(3.39) inches
Myaungmya	(2.95) inches
Naunglebin	(2.76) inches
Kawkaraik	(2.76) inches