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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

Celebration of ASEAN Day Flag-Raising Ceremony in ASEAN Member States with own political, economic and social systems fully reflects this year's theme "Unity in Diversity"

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—The following is the congratulatory message from U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 44th Anniversary of ASEAN Day.

On the auspicious occasion of the 44th Anniversary of the Founding of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN), it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to ASEAN for its successful achievements which contributed to the peace and stability, economic development and well-being of the people in the region.

Inspired by One Vision, One Identity, and One Caring and Sharing Community, we are committed to intensify our work towards a people-oriented,

people-centred and rules-based ASEAN in the community building process on the basis of the three pillars, namely ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) for the benefit of all ASEAN Member States by the year 2015.

The 44th anniversary marks the unique opportunity to display ASEAN's Unity by celebrating the ASEAN Day Flag-Raising Ceremony in ASEAN

Member States which have their own political, economic and social systems, fully reflecting this year's theme "Unity in Diversity".

Taking this opportunity, we would like to reiterate our effects for the maintenance of peace and stability in the region and for the economic development, prosperity and well-being of all the people of ASEAN in the future. Furthermore, we extend our warmest wishes for the success of building a united and prosperous ASEAN Community.

Government keeps welcoming armed groups that have yet to make peace to work together with government

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially meets flood victim families at relief camp in Hpa-an.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug – Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo met the Mon State Chief Minister and ministers at the State Hall yesterday morning and gave instructions on development tasks.

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint reported on economic and social affairs of the state, land reclamation in Beyan village-tract in Mudon Township, upgrading of Strand Road in Mawlamyine, construction of a new bridge at the entrance to Kawtparan village-tract, progress in building a road around Kangyi Lake and floating rest house, upgrading of schools to improve their image, handing over of the newly-built village road and new school buildings, formation of committees at various levels for rural development and poverty alleviation, arrangements for getting loans from Central Cooperative Union, implementation of tasks for progress of border areas and national races in 2010-2011 and condition of jetties at Mawlamyine Port.

Chairman of the Subcommittee for Rural Socio-economic Development Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan explained public cooperation in implementing the tasks for rural socio-economic development and State peace and stability.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Take preparedness measures against natural disasters

Today, the world has been facing natural disasters triggered by climate changes. Accordingly, we have to take precautionary measures against issues in agriculture, health and social affairs that take place aftermath of natural disasters such as torrential rains, floods and strong winds.

If compared with previous years, Myanmar gets higher rainfall and more rainy days this year. In consequence, some rivers were swollen, thus flooding riverside and creek-side areas in Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo started his inspection tour of Mon State and Kayin State on 5 August to view flooded areas and provide relief supplies.

Now, tasks are being carried out promptly to rehabilitate the affected areas in the states, covering basic needs, education, social affairs and livelihoods of the victims.

Preparedness measures are to be taken against such natural disasters as heavy rain, drought and untimely rain that cause strong impact on growing, harvesting and winnowing crops. Myanmar has a great deal of experiences about natural disasters, so preparedness against catastrophes must be on the list of priorities.

Natural disasters are not preventable. Therefore, we should seek better ways and means to address in concert the issues triggered by natural disasters.

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — As part of efforts for alleviating poverty in Shan State, Shan State government held a meeting on a development of micro-credit schemes on 5 August in Taunggyi.

The meeting was participated by Chief Minister for Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, Shan State ministers, Chairman of the leading body of Pa-O Self-Administered Area U Khun San Lwin, Chairman of the leading body of Danu Self-Administered Area U Htoo Ko Ko, departmental officials, managers of private banks and township administrative officers in Taunggyi District.

Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat delivered opening address, and Shan State Minister for Finance and Revenue U Khun Thein Maung and Chairman of the central cooperative society and the Cooperatives Bank (CB

Shan State seeks ways for micro-credit schemes development



Coordination meeting on development of micro-credit schemes of Shan State for rural development and poverty alleviation in progress. —MNA

Bank) U Khin Maung Aye discussed matters on micro-credit schemes.

The chairmen of the self-administered areas and Shan State Manager of Myanmar Economic Bank took part in the discussion and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chief minister. —MNA

#Oppressor's Dilemma

- * 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

Union EP-1 Minister visits Yeywa Hydropower Plant



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min visits Yeywa RCC Dam and Hydropower Plant. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Yeywa Hydropower Plant installed with four 197.5-megawatt generators can supply 3550 million kilowatt hours to the power network of the State yearly.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min on 5 August visited Yeywa RCC Dam and Hydropower Plant, 31 miles southeast of Mandalay and gave instructions to officials that the ministry has built 16 power stations, one coal-fired power station and small and large dams. Emphasis is to be placed

on maintenance of dams and power plants, preventive measures against natural disasters, environmental conservation and security. Although four turbines came into operations at the power plant, the finishing works are to be carried out for timely completion.

Later, he viewed RCC embankment, power station, spillway, operating of turbine Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, dam instruments, inflow of water at the dam and overflow of water from the spillway at the dam. —MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends Concert of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization

YANGON, 7 Aug — The Concert of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization took place at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here yesterday evening.

Chief Minister U Myint Swe and ministers of Yangon Region, Chairman of the organization U Myint Thein Pe and officials attended the concert.

Chairman U Myint Thein Pe accepted K 40 million donated by SKY NET Co, K 10 million by MDG Co (Gold Roast Coffeemix) and K 5 million by AA Medical Product Co.

The concert continues tonight, beginning 7 pm.

MNA

MP-4 player explosion harms one man, two children in YeU

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — An explosion on 4 August occurred in YeU, Sagaing Region, leaving one man and two children injured (not serious).

The blast took place at the time when father U

Khin Maung Htwe opened a MP-4 player due to its low battery, which was picked up by Mg Zin Min Htwe aged eight, a Grade-3 student and son of U Myo, and his neighbour Ma Aye Aye

Win aged 11, a Grade-4 student and daughter of U Khin Maung Htwe, on their way to home, by chance in front of Mya Pan Thazin Boarding in Tabin Shwehtee Street, Aung San Ward, at 8 am

of that day.

U Khin Maung Htwe had bruises and cuts on his left first finger, Mg Zin Min Htwe, around his belly, Ma Aye Aye Win, on her left arm, due to the explosion. They are being under medical care.

MNA

Deadliest military crashes in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Aug—Some of the deadliest military air crashes in Afghanistan since the US invasion on 7 Oct, 2001:

—6 Aug, 2011: A CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashes in eastern Wardak Province, killing 31 US special operation troops, a translator, and seven Afghan commandos.

—21 Sept, 2010: US Army Blackhawk crashes in southern Zabul Province, killing nine troops on board, including four Navy SEALs.

—30 May, 2007: US Chinook crashes while under fire in southern Helmand, killing one British, one Canadian and five American troops.

—18 Feb, 2007: US Chinook carrying 22 US soldiers crashes in southern Zabul Province, killing eight and injuring 14.

—2 Sept, 2006: British Nimrod aircraft crashes near Kandahar in the south, killing 14 crew members.

—5 May, 2006: US Chinook helicopter crashes while attempting a night landing on a small mountaintop in eastern Kunar Province, killing 10 US soldiers.

—16 Aug, 2005: Spanish helicopter crashes near the western City of Herat, killing 17 Spanish soldiers.

—28 June, 2005: US helicopter is shot down in eastern Kunar Province during a rescue operation, killing 16 special operations troops.

—6 April, 2005: US Chinook helicopter crashes in a sandstorm near eastern Ghazni, killing 15 American troops and three civilian contractors.

—21 Dec, 2002: German army helicopter crashes in Kabul, killing seven German soldiers.

—4 March, 2002: US Chinook helicopter is shot down in eastern Afghanistan, killing seven American troops.—Internet

Pakistani fire fighters extinguish a fire burning NATO supply trucks after a bomb hit them at a terminal on the outskirts of Peshawar.
INTERNET



Four NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Aug—Four soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in separate incidents in Afghanistan on Sunday, bringing the fatalities of the alliance to 34 since Saturday, a statement released by the military alliance here said.

“Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” the statement stated. The statement also added, “In a separate incident, two ISAF service members died following an insurgent

attack in southern Afghanistan.” However, it did not give the exact place of the incident.

Nevertheless, it did not identify the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from US have been serving in eastern and southern parts of Afghanistan within the framework of NATO-led ISAF force.

MNA/Xinhua

Six family members killed in bomb attacks in south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 7 Aug—Six family members were killed and 14 people wounded by explosions of bombs planted in their house in a town in south of Baghdad on Sunday, a local police source said.

The incident took place in the early hours of the day when unidentified gunmen planted bombs in a house at the edge of the town of Iskandriyah, some 50 km south of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Woman and children were among the family deaths by the blasts that destroyed their house and caused damages to several nearby houses, the source said. Some of the 14 wounded were from the family members and the others were from the nearby damaged houses, the source added.

Xinhua



An injured boy receives medical treatment at a hospital in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 6 Aug, 2011. At least one person was killed and three others were injured in a gas cylinder blast near Quetta on Saturday.

XINHUA



Investigative police officers work next to a bullet-riddled police car at a crime scene on the border between Mexico and the US, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 6 Aug, 2011. Police commander Victor Nazario Moreno Ramirez was shot dead in his vehicle by unknown gunmen, according to local media.—XINHUA

Bomb destroys 16 NATO tankers in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 7 Aug—A bomb destroyed at least 16 tankers on Saturday carrying fuel for NATO troops in neighbouring Afghanistan, Pakistan police said, the latest in a string of attempts to disrupt supplies. A total of 28 NATO oil tankers were parked at a terminal on the outskirts of Peshawar, the main city in Pakistan's northwest, at the time of the explosion, which triggered a fire that engulfed 16 of the vehicles. “We are trying to move away other oil tankers. We are not clear whether the bomb was planted in the terminal or with a tanker,” police official Khurshid Khan told AFP from the site. “Sixteen tankers were completely destroyed.”

There were no reports of any casualties, he added. Mohammad Ijaz Khan, another senior police officer in Peshawar, said fire fighters were frantically trying to control the blaze.

Internet

MNA/Xinhua

A Sudanese man reads a newspaper at a kiosk in the capital Khartoum in July 2011. Sudan on Saturday strongly criticised the United States for intentionally distorting and damaging the country's image, and urged the US State Department not to be a “tool of war.”—INTERNET



Sudan accuses US of distorting and damaging image

KHARTOUM, 7 Aug—Sudan on Saturday strongly criticised the United States for intentionally distorting and damaging the

country's image, and urged the US State Department not to be a “tool of war.”

“We call on activists in the US Congress committees and in US foreign policy-making institutions, led by the ministry of foreign affairs, to help in consolidating peace and stability in Sudan, and to not be a tool of war,” the Sudanese foreign ministry said in a statement.

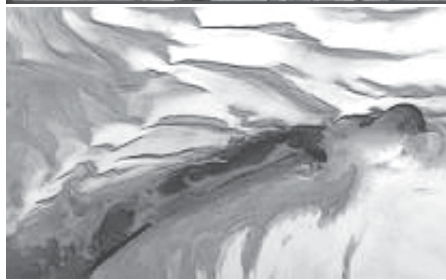
The statement came after separate accusations

in Washington on Friday, by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and senior US lawmaker Chris Smith, about Khartoum's actions in the volatile Sudanese border regions of Abyei and South Kordofan.

Smith, who heads the House Foreign Affairs sub-committee on Africa, said there were credible signs of systematic attacks by the Sudanese army against the indigenous non-Arab Nuba people.—Internet



Science



This image was acquired by the Mars Express High-Resolution Stereo Camera on 17 May 2010 and shows a part of the northern polar region of Mars at the northern hemisphere summer solstice.
INTERNET

NASA wants gas stations in space

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug—If humans are ever to live and explore in deep space for extended periods, space gas stations may prove a vital necessity. Toward that end, NASA has awarded contracts to four companies with plans to study how to store and transfer fuel in space.

It's not simply a matter of building a Shell station in orbit. Rocket fuel is cryogenic, meaning super-cold substances like liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen. If not kept extremely chilled and protected, some of those liquids tend to boil off into gases.

"Storing cryogenic propellants such as liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen in space for long periods of time with minimal boil-off is critical for deep space human exploration,"

according to a NASA statement.

NASA's Exploration Technology Development Programme awarded a total of \$2.4 million to Analytical Mechanics Associates Inc of Hampton, Va, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corporation of Boulder, Colo, The Boeing Company of Huntington Beach, Calif, and Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company in Littleton, Colo, for the project.

"Each company will provide a final report to help define a mission concept to demonstrate the cryogenic fluid management technologies, capabilities and infrastructure required for sustainable, affordable human presence in space," said the NASA statement.—Internet

Power companies prepare as solar storms set to hit Earth

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—Three large explosions from the Sun over the past few days have prompted US government scientists to caution users of satellite, telecommunications and electric equipment to prepare for possible disruptions over the next few days.

"The magnetic storm that is soon to develop probably will be in the moderate to strong level," said Joseph Kunches, a space weather scientist at the Space Weather Prediction Centre, a division of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

He said solar storms this week could affect communications and global positioning system (GPS) satellites and might even produce an

aurora visible as far south as Minnesota and Wisconsin.

An aurora, called aurora borealis or the northern lights in northern latitudes, is a natural light display in the sky in the Arctic and Antarctic regions caused by the collision of energetic charged particles with atoms in the high altitude atmosphere.

Major disruptions from solar activity are rare but have had serious impacts in the past.

In 1989, a solar storm took down the power grid in Quebec, Canada, leaving about six million people without power for several hours.

The largest solar storm ever recorded was in 1859 when communications infrastructure was limited to telegraphs.—Reuters

The delicate passion vine butterfly provides UC Irvine researchers with strong evidence that evolution is governed by a relatively small number of genes.
INTERNET



Technology



ISPs secretly hijacking search traffic to profit off customers

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug—In a study released by a UC Berkeley research group, a group of Internet service providers in the United States are watching the keywords that a user types into a search engine and redirecting those users to the brand page to rack up affiliate revenue. While Charter claims to have stopped this behavior, companies involved include Frontier, Hughes, Insight Broadband, XO Communication, Cincinnati Bell, Megapath,

Cavalier, DirecPC, Paetec, Cogent, RCN and Wide Open West. The study also identified a company called PaxFire that's the middle man for this operation.

PaxFire watches and collects the search keywords that users type into search engines. Based off typical user behavior, they redirect the user to a brand page. For instance, if a user searches for the term "best buy", they would be whisked off to the Best Buy home page rather than the search results page. Once the user lands on the page and starts to shop, PaxFire collects affiliate revenue off purchases or collects revenue based on the user simply visiting the page. There are several companies that offer this "service" to ISPs, but PaxFire was found in a relationship the majority of ISPs within this study. Lawyers have already filed a class-action lawsuit against PaxFire claiming that spying on customers is a violation of the Wiretap Act.—Internet



In this 7 June, 2011 file photo, Satoru Iwata, President of Nintendo Co, Ltd, discusses their new gaming console the Wii U during a news conference at the E3 Gaming Convention in Los Angeles. Nintendo's earnings for the April-June quarter are likely to be lackluster, underscoring how sharply the company's fortunes have turned since the days when the Wii seemed to be an unstoppable retail force.—INTERNET

Lolcats get Xbox Live Security through the day

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—Websites that specialize in photos of overbearingly cute animals are "frequently called upon" by members of the Xbox Live security team to help maintain a sense of perspective.

That's according to the mohawked, tattoo-wearing Boris Erickson, who was free to choose his own job title and, as a result, is now known as the Xbox Live Enforcement Unicorn Ninja.

"You sort of need that disconnection from the offensive content sometimes," he says, citing I Can Has Cheezburger and The Daily Squee as escapist examples. The team's job is to make sure the Xbox 360's

online community is safe and non-offensive by cracking down on instances of racism, homophobia, sexism and account hacking.

"The cross-section of bad apples we deal with every day is small — typically less than one percent of the overall population," explains team director Stephen Toulouse.

Team members work in shifts, responding to any complaints filed by Xbox Live users and playing with community members.

User reports can be filed via the Dashboard menu, accessed by pressing the controller's guide button (the one with a green Xbox logo).—Internet



Hackers have shown how to turn the mobile payment service Square into a convenient tool for criminals to pump cash from stolen credit card numbers.—INTERNET



Health



Rendering of the brain. A scientist at the Gladstone Institutes has discovered a novel way to convert human skin cells into brain cells, advancing medicine and human health by offering new hope for regenerative medicine and personalized drug discovery and development.

INTERNET

Weight loss may boost sex life of obese, diabetic men

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—Weight loss improves the sexual health of obese men with type 2 diabetes, a new study finds.

Australian researchers placed 31 obese men with type 2 diabetes on either a meal replacement-based low-calorie diet or a low-fat, high-protein, reduced-carbohydrate diet meant to decrease calorie intake by 600 calories a day.

A modest weight loss of 5 percent led to an easing of erectile dysfunction and improved sexual desire within eight weeks, and these improvements continued for 12 months, according to the study published 5 Aug in *The Journal of Sexual Medicine*. Problems with urinary tract function also improved, the team added.

“Our findings are consistent with the evidence that not only erectile function, but also lower urinary tract symptoms are a marker of cardio-metabolic risk,” noted Gary Wittert, of the University of Adelaide, in a journal news release.

The findings support previous research showing that lifestyle changes can have a positive effect on sexual function, according to journal editor-in-chief Irwin Goldstein.

“At a time when oral drugs are very popular, it can now be shown that weight loss is an important non-pharmacologic therapeutic intervention in restoring erectile and urinary function and cardiovascular health,” he said in the news release.

Internet

Household mold during infancy may trigger asthma

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug—Exposure to household mold in infancy greatly increases a child’s risk of developing asthma, a new study says. Researchers analyzed seven years of data collected from 176 children who were followed from infancy as part of the Cincinnati Childhood Allergy and Air Pollution Study. The children were considered at high risk of developing asthma because of family medical history.

By age 7, 18 percent

of the children developed asthma. Children who lived in homes with mold during infancy were three times more likely to develop asthma by age 7 than those who weren’t exposed to mold when they were infants.

“Early life exposure to mold seems to play a critical role in childhood asthma development,” lead author Tiina Reponen, a professor of environmental health at the University of Cincinnati, said in a university news

release. “Genetic factors are also important to consider in asthma risk, since infants whose parents have an allergy or asthma are at the greatest risk of developing asthma.” “This study should motivate expectant parents, especially if they have a family history of allergy or asthma, to correct water damage and reduce the mold burden in their homes to protect the respiratory health of their children,” Reponen added.

Internet



Garden designer Jon Tilley and AVERT fundraising officer Natasha Vartoukian stand in front of the HIV cell garden design named ‘Do Not Step Over The Fence.’ The garden won Gold at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show.—INTERNET



Business



The first Boeing 787 Dreamliner to be delivered to launch customer All Nippon Airways (ANA) leaves the paint hangar at Boeing’s Everett factory 6 August, 2011.

INTERNET

Boeing unveils first Dreamliner for delivery to ANA

SEATTLE, 7 Aug—Boeing Co on Saturday afternoon rolled out the first 787 Dreamliner to be delivered to launch customer All Nippon Airways decked out with the blue and white colours of the Japanese airline.

Boeing presented the plane to ANA executives and crew under clear skies at its Everett factory north of Seattle. The first domestic flights are set to start in Japan in September.

“The plane is being certified to the highest FAA standards,” said Scott Fancher, vice president and general manager, 787 programme. “But the real focus of the travelling public will likely be on customer satisfaction and the elegance of the flight.”

The 787 Dreamliner is a

lightweight airplane that promises 20 percent greater fuel efficiency to operators than similarly sized planes. Boeing says as much as 50 percent of the primary structure will be made of composite materials instead of aluminum.

Aviation experts expect Boeing to apply the technology to future airplanes.

The interior of the first aircraft includes 264 seats — 12 business and 252 economy — with personal television sets, roomier seats, an automatic toilet with a wash function, more storage, an arched entry way with a beverage bar, dimmable windows and larger lavatories.

Reuters

Nissan to cut loss-making exports, boost Japan sales

YOKOHAMA, 7 Aug—Nissan Motor Co said on Sunday it aimed to boost its sales in Japan in a move that would also help reduce exports by as much as a third and reduce the impact of the yen’s crippling strength.

The dollar’s plunge below 80 yen to near record lows has hit profits at Japanese automakers such as Nissan, which exported 610,000, or 57 percent, of its domestically produced vehicles last year.

Despite the headwinds from tough exchange rates, high labour costs and risks of disruption from earthquakes, Nissan has vowed to keep production of at least 1 million vehicles a year in Japan to protect jobs and hone its manufacturing expertise.

By selling more cars in Japan and building

more vehicles for other brands under original equipment manufacturing (OEM) deals, Nissan aims to boost production of vehicles sold locally in Japan from 460,000 vehicles last year to 600,000, Executive Vice President Hiroto Saikawa said.

That would help the ratio of exports out of Japan fall to as low as 40 percent, he said, without specifying a time frame.

Nissan is Japan’s No 2 brand with 13 percent of the world’s third-biggest

auto market dominated by Toyota Motor Corp. In the business year to end-March 2011, Nissan sold 600,202 vehicles in Japan, of which 24 percent were Nissan-badged 660cc minivehicles built by other Suzuki Motor Corp and Mitsubishi Motors Corp. Despite being Japan’s No 2 brand, Nissan had just two models in the list of 10 best-selling vehicles last year excluding 660cc microcars, trailing Toyota with five and Honda Motor Co with three.

Reuters



Nissan’s cars are seen at a dealer shop in Tokyo 27 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Moving Forward ASEAN

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**"Raise our flag high, sky high
Embrace the pride in our heart
ASEAN we are bonded as one
Look-in out to the world"**

8th August 2011 marks the 44th anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and all ASEAN Member States are raising the ASEAN Flag alongside the National Flag for the first time at the respective Foreign Ministries and selected ASEAN diplomatic and consular missions while singing the above-mentioned lyrics of ASEAN Anthem.

As a symbol of solidarity among the peoples of ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Coordination Council adopted the guidelines of the Use of the ASEAN Flag at the 8th ASEAN Coordination Council Meeting in last May and then decided to fly the ASEAN Flag on the ASEAN Day.

ASEAN is putting its utmost efforts for unity and solidarity among the ASEAN Member States with diverse characteristics to realize our dream to build an ASEAN Community by 2015. At the same time, we emphasize to create a stable, peaceful, prosperous, and people-centered region through cooperation among the Member States as well as with its Dialogue Partners, other countries and regional and international organizations. Although the ambition of ASEAN is not an easy task, we are moving progressively and the fruitful achievements show its firm commitment and willingness to fulfill its goal.

Brief Background

When we look back the ASEAN activities, we may find the significant steps and progresses of ASEAN. As an association of Southeast Asia Nations, ASEAN was established on 8 August 1967 with ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) in Bangkok by the five original Member countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Subsequently Brunei joined on 8 January 1984, Vietnam on 28 July 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999.

ASEAN Charter

On 20th November 2007, the ASEAN Charter was signed by ASEAN Leaders including Myanmar at the 13th ASEAN Summit which was held in Singapore. Myanmar ratified ASEAN Charter as a Seventh State on 21st July 2008. The ASEAN Charter entered into force on 15th December 2008 after ratification of all ASEAN Member States. ASEAN became a rules-based organization.

In accordance with the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN Member States are endeavouring the building of an ASEAN Community by 2015 with its three pillars of ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC).

ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC)

The APSC aims to ensure that the people and Member States of ASEAN live in peace with one another and with the world at large creating a just, democratic and harmonious environment.

To achieve this, the APSC, will promote political development in adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law and good governance, promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms as inscribed in the ASEAN Charter. It also subscribes to a comprehensive approach to security. At the same time, the APSC seeks to strengthen the mutually beneficial relations between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners and friends.

ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

To realize the AEC, ASEAN Leaders signed the Declaration on the AEC Blueprint at the 13th ASEAN Summit which was held in Singapore on (18-22)

November 2007. The Blueprint serves as a master plan towards achieving an AEC by 2015 by indentifying economic integration measures, and targets and timelines for their implementation. To ensure that the targets can be achieved by 2015, a scorecard system to track progress and an AEC communications plan to engage all stakeholders have been put in place.

ASEAN Socio-cultural Community (ASCC)

The ASCC aims to contribute to realizing an people-centered ASEAN Community with a view to achieving enduring solidarity and unity among the peoples and Member States of ASEAN. It seeks to forge a common identity and build a caring and sharing society which is inclusive and where the well-being, livelihood, and welfare of the peoples are enhanced.

Important Treaties and Agreements

Bangkok Declaration

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967 with ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) in Bangkok by the five original Member countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

Bali Concord – I

Bali Concord is the agreement laid down by the ASEAN leaders on 24 February 1976 in Bali, Indonesia. At first, it has been noted as Declaration of ASEAN Concord or Bali Concord. However, when Bali Concord II was signed in 2003, the previous agreement was called as Bali Concord I.

This agreement sets the frame work for ASEAN cooperation which included politics, economic, social and culture, information, security in strengthening ASEAN mechanism.

Bali Concord II

ASEAN has been cooperating since last 40 years, and the year 2003 was the turning point for ASEAN when ASEAN aimed for ASEAN Community. With this community in mind, Declaration of Bali Concord II was made at 9th ASEAN Summit held in Bali, Indonesia on 7 October 2003. The declaration mentioned ASEAN Community comprising the ASEAN Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia

The Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) was signed by the original Member States of ASEAN in 1976. The First Protocol Amending the TAC and the Second Protocol Amending the TAC were made in 1987 and 1988 respectively. Myanmar signed the accession to TAC at the 28th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, Brunei in 1995. Moreover China, Russia, India, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Korea also signed the accession to TAC. French and Timor-Leste acceded to TAC in Cebu Summit in January 2007. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka signed the accession to TAC at the 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on July 2007 in Manila, Philippines respectively. Moreover, the Treaty was acceded by Democratic People's Republic of Korea in July 2008, United States of America in July 2009 and Turkey and Canada in July 2010.

TAC serves as the key code of conduct governing inter-state relations in the region and further upholding of the TAC would enhance cooperation and understanding among the parties to ensure the preservation of peace and harmony. It is encouraging that many countries are showing interest to accede to the TAC including an international organization with sovereign states. EU looks forward to accede to the Treaty as well.

Regarding EU, High Contracting Parties of the Treaty are working together on the ratification process of Third Protocol Amending the TAC so that international organization with sovereign states could accede to the Treaty.

Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality Declaration

Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality Declaration is a treaty for regional peace and security and was declared on 27 November 1971 in Kuala Lumpur. Its intention is to keep free from any form or manner of interference by outside powers and make concerted efforts to broaden the areas of cooperation which would contribute solidarity and closer relation.

Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone

The Treaty on the Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), also known as Bangkok Treaty, was signed by the leaders of all ten Southeast Asian countries at the ASEAN Summit in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 and came into force on 27 March 1997. The treaty expresses the region's desire to contribute towards the general and complete nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, the promotion of international peace and security and to preserve the Southeast Asia Region as a Nuclear-Free Zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction. Developing, manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, controlling, stationing, transporting, testing and using of such weapons are prohibited according to this treaty.

Working Mechanism

ASEAN Summit

ASEAN Summit is the highest meeting attended by the Heads of State/Government of all ASEAN Member Countries. ASEAN agreements, declarations and MoU which had prior discussion in ACC, SOM and ARF are discussed and adopted or signed for future action by all ASEAN Member Countries. ASEAN Summits are convened twice a year according to the ASEAN Charter. Moreover, the related Summits are used to convene between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners based on mutually agreeable date and venue. This year the Russian Federation and the United States of America would participate in East Asia Summit to be held in Bali in November 2011 for the first time.

ASEAN Foreign Ministerial Meeting

ASEAN Ministerial Meetings-AMM discuss the rules and procedures, plans of actions and AMMs are usually held in July and attended by ASEAN Foreign Ministers. Informal Meetings and Retreats are also held during this period. ASEAN Coordinating Council-ACC was organized according to the ASEAN Charter. ACC prepares for the ASEAN Summit and coordinates for actions decided by the Summit, and performs other duties assigned by the Summit. The series of meetings also include Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) + 1 Sessions with the Dialogue Partners of ASEAN, namely Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America, ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers Meeting comprising the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN Members and China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, the East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Consultation between ASEAN and Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States of America. The Russian Federation and the United States of America participate in EAS Foreign Ministers' Consultation for the first time this year.

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Yangon Region marks World Breastfeeding Week

YANGON, 7 Aug—Yangon Region held the opening of World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month at the Institute of Nursing in Landamaw Township this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe in his speech called for maintenance of the momentum in breastfeeding in the medical institutions in Yangon Region.

The chief minister and Patron of Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay presented prizes to winners of commemorative essay contest and quiz.

Head of Yangon Region Department of Health Dr Hla Myint reported on activities on World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month; and Manager U Ohn Mya of



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presents prize to a winner in the contest to mark World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month organized by Yangon Region.—MNA

Yangon Region Myanmar Salt Enterprise, on programmes for distribution of iodated salt across the nation.

The chief minister and party visited the

commemorative booth and watched the iodated salt test demonstration. They gave Vitamin tablets to under-5s, and iron tablets and Vitamin B1 tablets to pregnant women.—MNA

Taunggyi Zone Universities (Men's) Volleyball Tournament commences

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing Taunggyi Zone Universities (Men's) Volleyball Tournament of Shan State 2011 Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat delivered an opening address at the volleyball match between Loikaw University and Kengtung University at the Shan State Gymnasium in Taunggyi on 5 August.

The Opening of Taunggyi Zone Universities (Men's) Volleyball Tournament was held at the gymnasium in the afternoon.

The Chief Minister and party enjoyed the match.

The tournament will last up to 8

August. Taunggyi, Loikaw, Kengtung, Panglong and Lashio universities are taking part in it.

On 6 August morning, Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat delivered an address at the opening of the Shan State Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-District Men's and Women's Volleyball Tournament at the state gymnasium in Taunggyi.

Mongphyat District played against Kyaukse District in the opening match. The Chief Minister of Shan State and party watched the match.

The tournament with the participation of 12 districts will last up to 11 August.

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Monsoon season Bowling open contest on 20, 21 August

YANGON, 7 Aug—Jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Bowling Federation, Monsoon season Bowling open contest will take place at Right Track Bowling Hall in Tamway Township from 20 to 21 August.

First prize winner can win K 150,000, the second prize winner K 100,000 and the third prize winner

K 50,000 each in the contest.

The contest includes male and female individual categories.

Outstanding athletes who emerged from the contest will be selected and trained to participate in the 27th South-East Asian Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013.

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ASEAN Regional Forum

Foreign Ministerial level ASEAN Regional Forum- ARF used to convene annually in July during ASEAN Foreign Ministerial Meeting period in which the participants can exchange their views on regional and international political-security issues openly. ASEAN Regional Forum comprises of twenty seven participants of ASEAN, its Dialogue Partners and other regional countries namely Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, United States, and Viet-Nam.

ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting SOM

ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting is the one in which discussions are made on Political and Security Affairs and ASEAN's Plan of Action. SOM has to report to ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. SOM Working Group Meetings are occasionally held.

ASEAN Secretariat

The ASEAN Secretariat was established in Jakarta, Indonesia in order to facilitate the ASEAN's functions. ASEAN Secretary-General is appointed by the ASEAN Summit for a term of office for 5 years with the rank and status of Minister. Secretary-General is assisted by 4 Deputy Secretary-Generals; 2 will be selected from among nationals of ASEAN Member States based on alphabetical rotation. Other 2 will serve a term of three years, which may be renewed for another three years. They are recruited based on merit.

The Committee of Permanent Representatives-CPR was established with a Permanent Representatives from each ASEAN Member State with the rank of ambassador based in Jakarta to facilitate ASEAN activities. CPR supports the work of the ASEAN Community Councils and ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies. CPR coordinates with ASEAN National Secretariats and other ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and liaise with Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat on all subjects relevant to its work.

Chairmanship of ASEAN

The Chairmanship of ASEAN rotates annually, based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States. ASEAN has, in a calendar year, a single Chairmanship by which the Member State assuming the Chairmanship shall chair:

- the ASEAN Summit and related summits;
- the ASEAN Coordinating Council;
- the three ASEAN Community Councils;
- where appropriate, the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and senior officials; and
- the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

The Member State holding the Chairmanship of ASEAN shall:

- actively promote and enhance the interests and well-being of ASEAN, including efforts to build an ASEAN Community through policy initiatives, coordination, consensus and cooperation; ensure the centrality of ASEAN; ensure an effective and timely response to urgent issues or crisis situations affecting ASEAN, including providing its good offices and such other arrangements to immediately address these concerns;
- represent ASEAN in strengthening and promoting closer relations with external partners; and carry out such other tasks and functions as may be

mandated.

For the year 2011, Indonesia takes ASEAN Chairmanship.

Myanmar and ASEAN

Myanmar became member of ASEAN on 23 July 1997 after 30 years when ASEAN was founded on August 8, 1967. Myanmar has signed TAC in July 1995 before its full membership. By signing TAC, which is the most important Treaty of ASEAN, Myanmar participated in ASEAN as observer.

Myanmar, before its full membership to ASEAN, also signed the Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone - SEANWFZ Treaty at the 5th ASEAN Summit held in Bangkok in December 1995 along with other Southeast Asia countries.

After its membership, Myanmar actively participated in ASEAN activities, including political, security, economic, social and culture areas.

Myanmar continues to uphold the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy. Based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, Myanmar maintains friendly relations with all nations and stands firm as a responsible member of the global community while actively participating in the regional and international organizations including ASEAN. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 18th ASEAN Summit in Jakarta, last May of this year and also paid a State Visit to Indonesia in May 2011.

To exercise the rights and obligations as a responsible Member of ASEAN in accordance with the principles of the Charter, Myanmar has decided to take ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. There was a consensus by the ASEAN in 2005 to accord Myanmar to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship whenever Myanmar is ready to take the position.



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets chief minister, state ministers of Mon State and departmental officials.
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He said that the President led the decision-making process of the eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks which cover rural socio-economic development. Rural socio-economic development task includes various fields such as education, health, communication and rural transport development, supply of clean water and development of human resources. Committees have been formed in states/regions, districts and townships and the subcommittee has laid down action plans. Each field has 13 action plans.

The action plans must be implemented through 10 strengths including, State, local people, foundations and well-



wishers. So, all the people as well as responsible officials are urged to play their respective roles in the tasks. Only then, can the targeted rate of poverty alleviation, one of the Millennium Development Goals for 2015, be reached.

The Union Minister warned against the threat posed to peace and political threats as well as natural disasters. So, while working for regional development, the people are to prevent any threats and dangers to peace and stability. Only then can a peaceful, modern and developed nation be built.

Everybody wants peace and without peace and stability, development tasks cannot be carried out. Thanks to the efforts of the previous Tatmadaw government, 40 national race armed groups returned to the legal fold, and there has prevailed peace and stability that had never been achieved before. Since then, a goal has been set to reach eternal peace from temporary peace. However, five groups failed to reach the agreement. The State wishes to build a nation through peace and wants no war and bloodshed. So, discussions are being

made in a persuasive manner so that those groups come to understand and accept the State's goodwill efforts.

Despite the State's goodwill and patience, KNU and KIA adhered to their destructive acts, destroying 88 small and large bridges. The State immediately had those bridges repaired. Such destructive acts left 15 innocent people dead and

State and Kayin State and to meet officials and townsenders in order to fulfill the needs for regional development.

According to the report of the State Chief Minister and studying present conditions, Mon State is found to be progressing. Particularly, rubber business in Mon State is thriving. As the previous government encouraged Mon State to grow

cuss basic and higher education status of the state; that the progress of basic education sector of Mon State based on pass rate of matriculation exam can be said advancing well.

With regard to economy of the state, he said that 2011-2012 fiscal year was the first year of the five-year short-term plan from 2011-2012 fiscal year to 2015-2016 fiscal year; that targets—

14 others injured and 98 were arrested.

Moreover, some local and international organizations are criticizing the 2008 constitution and making various accusations. Indeed, a peaceful, modern and developed Union must be built step by step, based on the constitution. And this is the most correct and safest way for the State and the people. So, if the government, the Tatmadaw and the people are to work together to prevent natural disasters as well as threats to peace and political threats and dangers, all difficulties can be overcome and success will be achieved, noted the Union Minister.

Then, administrators of Mudon, Chaungzon and Paung townships reported on education and transport requirements. The Vice-President coordinated and fulfilled the needs for regional development.

Next, the Vice-President made a speech saying that he and entourage were there to provide necessary assistance for the flood victims in Mon

rubber on a commercial scale as a state of rubber, now rubber has been exported as a new export item and rubber growers have been economically successful. Rubber is in much demand in global market. Ten years ago when the encouragement was given to rubber growing, the price of a ton of rubber was US\$ 1000. But now the price has jumped to 5000 US\$. Today, Myanmar has seen vast stretches of rubber plantations in many parts.

The Vice-President added that there remained vacant lands in Mon State which were to be allocated to whom wishing to grow rubbers.

He said that he went to Kyaikkhami and inspected damages caused by tornado; that he also inspected weather-stricken passage of Kyaikkhami Yayle Pagoda and coordinated essentials for reconstruction of the new passage.

Likewise, he said that he visited basic education high schools and universities to meet teachers and instructors and dis-

target production of paddy, maize, beans and pulses, edible oil crops, rubber and other crops as well as targets for livestock breeding and forestry sectors—had been set for Mon State for the five-year plan including current fiscal year.

He noted that following the formation of Region and State Governments, Mon State now had relatively more capacity and more chances to co-operate closely; that using such advantages, the state government was to accomplish the economic target. Furthermore, he added that over 60% of the population of Mon State resides in rural regions; that nowadays eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation were adopted nationwide and such tasks were being performed by central committee led by the President and work committees; that subcommittees were also formed in respective regions and states. Union level and region/state level committees are to harmoniously perform such tasks and it

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Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan participates in discussion.

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is needed to take necessary measures in order that international non-governmental organizations, entrepreneurs and departments concerned could participate in fighting poverty and promoting rural development.

He then explained current conditions of the State saying that representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaw had been elected in accordance with 2008 constitution ratified by the massive support of the people and other related rules and laws; that commencing 30 March, 2011, Union Government, Region/State Government and Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Division and Region had been formed.

He added that the



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo comforts flood victims from rescue camps.

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President delivered a state address covering politics, economy, social affairs and defence of the Union at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March, 2011; that the state address was the guidelines of the future plans for the Union Government; that the president had spoke about political, economic, social, defence and nationalities affairs in detail and all were to strictly follow the guidelines in implementing each work.

He then explained peace groups for the public knowledge that na-

tional people had faced all kinds of difficulties and hardships due to over-50-year long fight between nationalities resulted from different isms, attachment to parties concerned, and racism.

The former Tatmadaw Government could hold successful peace negotiations with 40 groups including 17 armed groups except KNU and SSA from Shan State (South); that the Tatmadaw Government could make peace with nationalities armed groups through building

mutual trust and its magnanimity towards them; and that due to co-operative efforts of the government and the peace groups for regional development, border areas had progressed like a modern city and that some of the border town were more developed than inner cities.

Moreover, he noted that the government had tried to solve the problem of cold and distant relations among national brethren through ensuring smooth transportation so that national brethren can meet frequently and

can be on intimate terms with each other.

The previous government worked hard for development of border areas including peace groups in various sectors such as education, health, agriculture and transport. Steps were taken with the team spirit to build unity among national brethren living in the Union. In other words, the goal of peace was achieved with the concept based on Union Spirit.

In his inaugural speech at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March 2011, the President said that the people had various concepts, but had to work in concert in pursuing common goals in the national interest.

He disclosed that the government keeps welcoming the armed groups that have yet to make peace to work together with the government.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe presented cash assistance and relief supplies donated by the government to Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint.

Deputy Minister U Phone Swe presented relief aid and cash donations; Deputy Min-

ister for Education U Aye Kyu, books and stationery; Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, medicines and medical equipment; Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Co U Kyaw Win and entrepreneurs, cash donations; and Shwe Than Lwin Co, one SKY NET TV lines each to Mawlamyine University, Mawlamyine Technological University, and Mawlamyine University of Computer Studies.

After the meeting, the Vice-President and party cordially greeted the departmental officials.

The Vice-President, accompanied by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Deputy Ministers, Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint left Mawlamyine by car for Kayin State. Along the way, they inspected the conditions of the swollen Thanlwin River.

On arrival at Kayin State Government Office, the Vice-President held a meeting with the Kayin State chief minister, the speaker and the deputy speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw, Kayin State chief justice, ministers and departmental officials.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets flood victims.—MNA

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Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min reported on location and area of Kayin State, the areas it shares with Thailand, formation of Kayin State, and the Kayin State's annual rainfall of 147.57 inches in 2010, and 119.41 inches up to July 2011, accounting for an increase by 53.39 inches, danger levels of rivers and creeks in the townships in Kayin State; the records showing danger levels of the watercourses, the blueprint showing flooded wards in Hpa-an due to raging Thanlyin River in July 2011, floods that hit Shwegun Village, erosion of the bank of the river near Shwegun, floods between Hlinebwe and Myawady, opening of relief camps following floods in urban wards due to heavy overflow of water from the Thanlyin River, supply of relief, health care, initial capitals, microfinance, programmes for continuing education, supply of

meals, supply of provisions to victims before they go home, and putting fertilizers into the affected farmlands.

The Vice-President fulfilled the requirements, calling for ensuring good health of the victims and prevention of outbreak of related diseases, good relations among the victims, supply of foodstuff for one week's meals and reasonable cash assistance after they get home, better preparedness measures against floods, and ensuring no effects on the agricultural processes due to untimely rains.

On arrival at Mebaung Monastery in Hpa-an, the Vice-President and entourage paid reverence and donated offertories to members of the Sangha led by Chairman of Kayin State Sangha Nayaka Committee.

They visited the relief camp in the precinct of Shwe Yin Hmyaw Pyaydawaye Pagoda in Ward (2). They offered flowers and waters to the Buddha Image in the chamber of the pagoda.

The Vice-President spoke words of encouragement to members of the 183 families.

They comforted members of the 63 households in the relief camp in the Islamic charity school on Thitsar Street in Ward (2). They also comforted members of the 56 families at the relief camp in Sumedha Rama Gyardawya meditation centre in Ward (1), 207 families at the relief camp in the gymnasium in Ward (1), 110 families at the relief camp in Aung Thanlyin State sport complex in Ward (5), 70 families at the relief camp in the hilly missionary Parahita monastery, 61 families at the relief camp in No. 3 Basic Education High School, and 26 families at the relief camp in Basic Education Primary School.

On the tour of the relief camps, they provided relief supplies, exercise books, foodstuff, medicines, clothes and cash donations.

And the Vice-President gave instructions on ensuring good health of the victims, supply of provisions for one week's meals for the victims before they get home, and arrangements to be made by the state government for giving health care and clean water to them.

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Farmers from Kayin State on study tour in Nay Pyi Taw Council Region



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explains facts about 100-acre integrated farm to Kayin national farmers of Thandaunggyi Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing conducted farmers of Kayin national race from Thandaunggyi Township, Kayin State, around the 100-acre integrated farmland in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Region today.

Fifty farmers from Leiktho and Bawgali from Thandaunggyi Township are on tour here to study modern agricultural methods.

The Union minister called on the farmers to practise the modern agricultural methods they studied during

the tour when they arrived back their respective areas to increase their income.

Taking measures for development of the agricultural sector extensively from villages to nation-wide would help alleviate the poverty and would lead to development of the country, the Union minister said at the meeting with farmers.

The visiting farmers also visited the 10-acre high-yield special plantation of sugarcane in Pobbathiri Township and thriving plantation of rice grown with the use of scientific methods.

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Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released news today that according to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlyin River in Hpa-an has reached 833 cm and has exceeded by 83 cm (about 2.7 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River in Shwegyin 712 cm has exceeded by 12 cm (about 0.4 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 700 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon.—MNA

Information plays important factor in combating NCDs

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — To effectively decrease the deaths of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), information on major NCDs, death rate of NCDs and risk factors in the public are important factors for the plan for fighting the diseases, Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin said.

In his opening address at the Country level multi-sectoral Meeting on NCDs jointly organized by Ministry of

Health and World Health Organization (WHO) at the Ministry of Health here today, Union Minister Dr. Pe Thet Khin said that the ministry has made efforts for fighting the NCDs.

The participants of the meeting discussed the draft of "National Policy on Prevention & Control of NCDs in Myanmar" for prevention and control of NCDs presented by Ministry of Health.—MNA



Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin speaking at Country level multi-sectoral Meeting on NCDs.—MNA

Two students wounded in fire of heavy and small arms of KNU insurgent in Kamamoung

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—A 30-member group led by Pha Satee, company commander level of Battalion-101 of Brigade-5 of KNU insurgent opened fire with the use of heavy and small arms at Wathokho Village near Kamamoung-Papun Road in Kamamoung Sub-Township of Kayin State at 11.40 am on 5 August.

Of the teachers and students from the primary school in Wathokho Village hiding in the bomb shelter, Maung Pha

Khet Khet (a) Chit Aung, 10, first standard student, son of U Tun Myint Lwin was wounded his left thigh (unserious) and Ma Regina (a) Kaloh Htoo, 8, first standard student, daughter of U To To, at her left thigh (unserious) in explosion of launcher shell.

The headmaster of the school rushed the injured students to Kamamoung Hospital. Officials gave necessary treatment to them.

MNA

Malnourished Somali baby thriving as rare success

DADAAB, 7 Aug—Only 10 days ago, Minhaj Gedi Farah was too weak to cry and his skin crumpled like thin leather under the pressure of his mother's hands. Now doctors say the severely malnourished 7-month-old appears out of danger of joining the more than 29,000 children who already have died in the famine.

It's a rare success story amid unimaginable misery for parents at the world's largest refugee camp — a place where a father must bury two of his daughters one day, and their brother the next. Seven-month-old Minhaj though now weighs more than 8 pounds (3.8 kilograms) — still well below what he should for his age, but a major improvement from 7 pounds (3.2 kilograms) when he first arrived at a field hospital ward here.

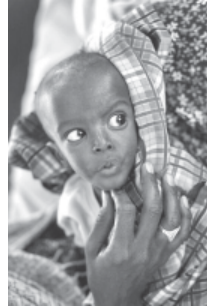
"He is in stable condition and he is doing well," said Dr John Kiogora of

the International Rescue Committee, who has been treating the infant since his arrival in late July.

Startling photos of Minhaj's twig-like arms and hollow cheeks made him the frail face of the worst famine in 60 years. On Saturday, though, the wide-eyed baby looked around the ward inquisitively and became captivated with a journalist who was taking his picture.

It's a miracle for his mother, and a testament to just how hard doctors and other health care workers here are trying to save lives as more and more malnourished children arrive each day.

"He has no problem compared to the past days," said his mother Asiah Dagane, who now smiles broadly and frequently plants kisses on the baby's cheeks. "Now he sleeps the bulk of the night. When he wakes up, he is hungry and wants milk."—Internet



Minhaj Gedi Farah, a seven-month-old child who arrived with a weight of 3.4 kilos on 26 July, 2011 at the International Rescue Committee hospital in the Eastern Kenyan village of Hagadera near Dadaab, 100 kms (60 miles) from the Somali border, is photographed in his mother's hands, on 6 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Teen struck by Ohio campus officer's stun gun dies

CINCINNATI, 7 Aug—Police say an 18-year-old attending summer classes at the University of Cincinnati was struck by a campus officer's stun gun and died of cardiac arrest.

Officers received a 911 call about an assault at Turner Hall early Saturday. The university's assistant police chief, Jeff Corcoran, tells *The Cincinnati Enquirer* that the teenage boy approached officers in the dorm hallway, appearing agitated and angry.

Corcoran says officers ordered the teen to back off, but he refused. He was then hit once by an officer's stun gun.

Afterward, the teen appeared incoherent. He went into cardiac arrest after paramedics arrived and was pronounced dead at University Hospital.

The department has suspended the use of stun guns until his cause of death is determined. Authorities are also investigating the original 911 call.

Internet



A local woman learns first aid knowledge at a work training school of the Ministry of Defence on the outskirts of Pretoria, South Africa, on 5 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

Rat poison mixed in school meals in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 7 Aug—Police say a cook has confessed to placing rat poison in meals served in a public-school cafeteria in southern Brazil. Police inspector Cleber Santos de Lima tells the Globo television network's G1 website that 22 students and 16

teachers and employees of the Pacheco Prates school fell ill in the City of Porto Alegre after eating beef stroganoff. He says all were treated in a local hospital and released. He says police were called when open packages of rat poison were found in the school

kitchen. Police questioned cafeteria employees, and one of the cooks confessed to lacing the strogan-off with rat poison.

Lima says the cook was unable to explain why she poisoned the meals.

Internet

Israeli bomb technicians inspect the remains of a rocket launched from Gaza Strip near the southern kibbutz of Yad Mordechai on 1 August, injuring one woman.

INTERNET



Hamas seizes suspected rocket firers

GAZA CITY, 7 Aug— Hamas security forces in the Gaza Strip on Saturday detained two members of an Islamist group suspected of firing rockets at Israel, a source close to the Palestinian group said.

The source said the militants, who belonged to a Salafist organization called Al-Tawfid wal Jihad, were detained in Gaza City by Hamas security forces who suspected them of being behind rocket attacks on the Jewish state.

On Thursday night, a rocket was fired at the southern town of Kiryat Gat without causing any harm, the Israeli army said.

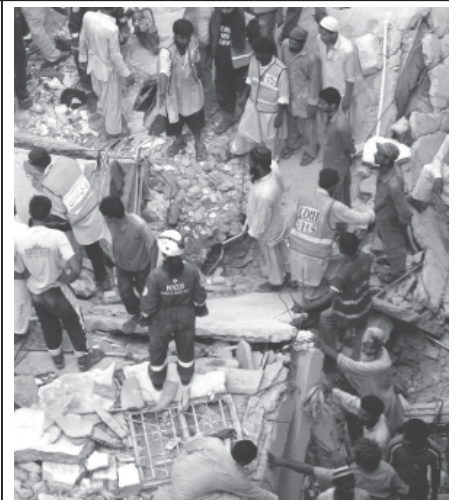
In response, an Israeli warplane attacked a group suspected of firing the

rocket, a military spokeswoman said.

Israeli retaliation for attacks from Gaza has focused on targeting bases of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, the military branch of Hamas.

The past month has seen an increase in rockets and other projectiles fired at Israel from Gaza after several months of calm following a flare-up in April when an anti-tank missile hit an Israeli school bus, killing a teenager.

Internet



Moreno Valley brush fire shuts freeway

MORENO VALLEY, 7 Aug—A fast-moving brush fire in Riverside County that briefly trapped about 50 drivers when it jumped a major freeway has burned about 450 acres.

County Fire Department spokeswoman Cheri Patterson says the fire started burning dry grass and brush around 4 pm Saturday in a rugged hillside area between Moreno Valley and Beaumont.

The fire threatened drivers when it jumped State Route 60 until California Highway Patrol officers escorted them to safety. A 2-mile section of the freeway was shut while firefighters beat back the flames; the lanes slowly reopened by the evening.

The fire was 35 percent contained. Patterson said about 250 firefighters will use bulldozers through the night to clear a containment line around the fire.—Internet

6.1-magnitude quake hits Santa Cruz Islands

HONG KONG, 7 Aug—An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale jolted Santa Cruz Islands at 0623 GMT on Sunday, the Hong Kong Observatory said.

The epicenter was determined to be 11.70 degrees south latitude and 168.20 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

Rescuers and local people work at the site of a residential building collapse in southern Pakistan's City of Karachi on 6 Aug, 2011. The death toll has risen to 24 following the five-story building collapse on Thursday in Karachi.

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1. BIDS are invited by the MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE, NO.44, COMPLEX, NAY PYI TAW, MYANMAR for the supply of
(AA) IFB NO.1 (T) MCY-MOGE/EXP (2011-2012) CAP
 1. Natural Gas Pipe Line Booster Compressor Unit - (2) NAP
(BB) IFB NO.2 (T) MCY-MOGE/EXP (2011-2012) CAP
 1. Pressure Reduction Skids, Metering System & Gas Supply Accessories - (5)NAP
 2. Bidding documents shall be available commencing from 11th August, 2011 up to 5th September, 2011 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No.44, Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar during office hour by payment to the order of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank attesting remittance of US\$ 100 (US Dollars : One Hundred Only) in favour of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (or) FEC 100 (FEC : One Hundred Only) to the above office for each set of document.
 3. Bids shall be accepted only from the bidders who officially purchased the bidding document and for each quotation is needed to refer each set of bidding document.
 4. The Bids received shall be opened in the presence of Bidders or Representatives who choose to attend at 13:00 hours on 12th September, 2011 at the office of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. 44, Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Managing Director
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British honeymooners die in Maldives road accident



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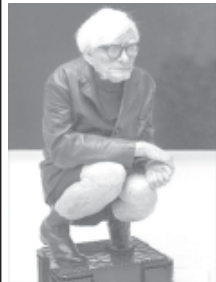
MALE, 7 Aug—Two British honeymooners have died in the tourist paradise of the Maldives, after their vehicle crashed into a tree, police said on Sunday. Staff at the northern Kuredu Island Resort discovered the unidentified couple early Saturday, while another foreign national believed to be involved in the accident, was found injured.

"They were riding a four-wheel scooter similar to a quad bike, which met with an accident," Police spokesman Ahmed Shiyam told AFP by telephone from the capital Male.—Internet

Andy Warhol depicted as an old man in new sculpture

BIRMINGHAM, 7 Aug—A sculpture of pop artist Andy Warhol, depicting what he might have looked like had he still been alive, has been unveiled to mark his 83rd birthday. Artist Edgar Askelevic spent three months working on the piece, which is being displayed at McDermott Galleries in Birmingham. Askelevic sold his car to buy the silicone and clay used in the lifelike work, which is based on an old photo.

"I thought long and hard about what he might look like today," Askelevic said.—Internet



The sculpture shows Warhol with deep wrinkles and without his teeth.—INTERNET



Newlyweds march in during a group wedding at a tourist site featuring Danxia landform in Taining County, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 3 Aug, 2011. A group wedding was held here Wednesday, with the participation of sixteen couples from both sides of the Taipei Strait. —XINHUA

Baby heart defect test 'could save lives'

LONDON, 7 Aug—A quick and cheap test could save the lives of babies born with congenital heart defects, doctors say. A study of 20,055 newborns, published in *The Lancet*, showed testing oxygen in the blood was more successful than other checks available. The researchers have called for the oxygen test to be used in hospitals across the UK.

The British Heart Foundation said the test could "make a real difference" as cases go unnoticed. Congenital heart defects — such as holes between chambers in the heart and valve defects — affect around one in every 145 babies. They are detected by ultrasound during pregnancy or by listening to the heart after

birth, however, the success rate is low.

Doctors at six maternity hospitals in the UK used pulse oximeters — a piece of technology which has been around for 20 years — to detect levels of oxygen in the blood.—Internet



It is believed to be only the second time such a carnivorous plant has been documented eating a bird.—INTERNET

Killer plant 'eats' great tit at

Somerset nursery

LONDON, 7 Aug — A plant has killed and "eaten" a great tit at a garden nursery in Somerset. Nurseryman Nigel Hewitt-Cooper, from West Pennard, was inspecting his tropical garden when he discovered one of his pitcher plants had trapped the bird. He said he was "absolutely staggered" to find it had caught the creature.

It is believed to be only the second time such a carnivorous plant has been documented eating a bird anywhere in the world. "I've got a friend who's studied these particular plants extensively in the wild and he's never found evidence of any of them having caught birds," said Mr Hewitt-Cooper.—Internet

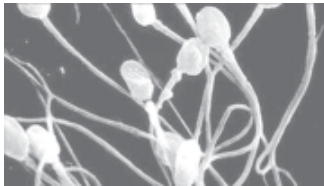
Boeing pilots to make space trip

NEW YORK, 7 Aug — Boeing says two of its own employees will crew the first manned mission of its new astronaut capsule. The US company has confirmed it will use the Atlas 5 rocket to test its CST-100 ship on three flights in 2015.

An unmanned capsule will be used on the first and second launches. On the third, Boeing test pilots will take the vessel to the space station. The plan is dependent on a successful development programme and the availability of sufficient funding.

Boeing is one of a number of companies being encouraged by the US space agency (NASA) to develop a commercially operated crew transport service to and from low-Earth orbit.—Internet

Stem cell sperm study leads to successful mouse births



The scientists were able to coax stem cells into early sperm cells.—INTERNET

LONDON, 7 Aug —Fertility experts are hailing a mouse study in which working sperm cells were created from embryonic stem cells in mice as "hugely exciting". Japanese researchers successfully implanted early sperm cells, made from the stem cells, into infertile mice. The working sperm which they made was then used to father healthy, and crucially fertile, pups, *Cell* journal reports. A UK expert said it was a significant step forward in infertility research.

The Kyoto University team were able to turn mouse embryonic stem cells into early sperm cells called primordial germ cells (PGCs). When these were transplanted into infertile mice, the animal played "host" as the stem cells developed into normal-looking sperm. This

was then used to successfully fertilise eggs. These eggs were then transplanted into a female mouse and healthy offspring were born who grew into fertile male and female adult mice.

The team, led by Mitunori Saitou, suggest the same procedure could be carried out using stem cells derived from adult skin cells. —Internet

Polar bear kills British boy in Arctic

LONDON, 7 Aug—A polar bear has mauled a 17-year-old British boy to death in the Arctic and injured four other UK tourists. Horatio Chapple, from Wiltshire, was with 12 others on a British Schools Exploring Society trip near a glacier on the



Rescuers took the polar bear away from the site after it was shot dead by a team member.—INTERNET

Norwegian island of Spitsbergen. The four who were hurt — two severely — included two leaders of the trip. They have been flown to Tromsø where their condition is stable.

BSES chairman Edward Watson described Mr Chapple as a "fine young man". Mr Watson said the society had been in touch with his family — who live near Salisbury — and had offered "our utmost sympathy". He said: "Horatio was a fine young man, hoping to go on to read medicine after school. By all accounts he would've made an excellent doctor."—Internet



The test that could spot heart defects in newborn babies.—INTERNET



A lady visits "Bubble House", which is located in the city of Roubaix, northern France.

"Lucy" look-alikes honour Lucille Ball's 100th birthday

More than 900 red-lipsticked, redheaded women — and men — gathered near a "Vitameatavegamin" sign in the hometown of "I Love Lucy" star Lucille Ball to mark her 100th birthday on Saturday with a world record for most Lucy look-alikes. Sporting upswept hairdos and blue and white polka dot dresses, the crowd of 915 Lucy Ricardos set to establish the first Guinness world record in her honour. It was all part of the annual Lucy Fest in Jamestown, which drew fans from as far away as Australia to the normally sleepy town of 30,000 people in upstate New York.

"This is a once in a lifetime experience. It has to be the best time in my life," said Cindy Wilson, 22, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Wilson started watching the "I Love Lucy" show in reruns when she was 7 years old and has a Lucy stick figure tattoo on her left foot, while sitcom husband Ricky adorns her right. She said her fiancé's name is Ricky, and joked that's one reason she is marrying him.



Girl takes part in an attempt to set a new Guinness world record for most Lucy Ricardo lookalikes assembled in one place, in Jamestown.

Company says bread mouse not from factory

An Australian bread company said its investigation into a live rodent discovered in a bag of bread determined the animal chewed its way in through the bag.

Goodman Finder, owner of Townsville-based Helga's Bread, said the mouse was not packaged with the bread, but rather chewed its way into the bag, *the Townsville Bulletin* reported Thursday.

Fielder said Department of Health inspectors inspected the Townsville bakery and they "did not think" the mouse entered the bag on the premises.

The mouse was discovered by a woman who purchased the bag of bread Sunday from Coles at Centro in Aitkenvale.

Woman's cries drowned out by headphones

A British cyclist who pulled a woman from a river said several joggers passed the woman without noticing because they were listening to headphones. Matt Drury, 38, said he was cycling 26 July alongside the River Thames in Reading, England, when he heard the woman splashing and gasping for air, *The Daily Telegraph* reported

Friday.

"She was lying on her back in the water but her head was under water and her legs were sticking up," Drury said. "As usual there were joggers on the path. I saw a group of them run straight past her before I got there, but they had their headphones in and they couldn't hear her.

They should just keep their headphones in one ear so they can hear what's happening around them. "I screamed for help

and threw my bike down. Another man jumped straight in and, with the help of a man who was on a riverboat, we pulled her out," he said.

Drury said the woman was conscious but distressed and her lips were dark purple. She was taken to Royal Berkshire Hospital, where *The Telegraph* said she made a full recovery.

It was unclear how the woman, whose identity was not released, ended up in the river.

News Album

NYC woman charged with stalking Marion Cotillard

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—French actress Marion Cotillard received threatening emails and videos from a New York City woman through a fan website, law enforcement officials said.

FBI agents said in a court filing that Teresa Yuan sent a series of spooky messages in July to the Oscar winner that included ramblings about wanting to play Russian Roulette with her.

"(W)ould you be willing to play Russian Roulette?" the woman said, according to a complaint that was unsealed Thursday in federal court in the Eastern District of New York. "If you weren't willing and you had no

choice, I'd say 'yeah, that's pretty unfair.' But would you still like it that at least there's only one bullet in this pistol?" Yuan faces a charge of interstate stalking. Her lawyer, Michael Schneider, told *The New York Daily News* he wouldn't comment on the case.

Yuan was arraigned Thursday and released on \$50,000 bail. She was ordered to stay away from Cotillard and her fan website, and barred from using Internet access outside her home or on any mobile device. All other Internet use will be monitored.

Internet



In this 8 July, 2010 photo, cast member French actress Marion Cotillard arrives for the world premiere of the film "Inception" in London.—INTERNET



Winner of the 2011 Miss Korea Pageant Lee Sung-hye celebrates after she was crowned in Seoul 3 August, 2011. Twenty-three-year-old Lee, who aspires to be a fashion business CEO, beat 54 other participants to win the first prize.—XINHUA

Canadian rock band Alexisonfire breaks up

TORONTO, 7 Aug—The Canadian rock band Alexisonfire said Saturday it is splitting up after two members decided to leave the group in a break up that frontman George Pettit said is "not really" amicable.

The band announced its decision in a lengthy note posted to its website. The note was written by Pettit.

"There is no good way to put it so I'm just going to say it," he wrote. "After 10 years, Alexisonfire has decided to part ways. ... Was the break up amicable? Not really. Was it necessary? Probably."

The band issued its self-titled debut album in 2002 and followed up with 2004's platinum-selling breakthrough "Watch Out." A moody fusion of emo, metal and hardcore, "Watch Out" won the group a mass audience that identified with its searching, angst-ridden lyrics. In 2005, they won a Juno — Canada's version of the Grammy's — for Best New Group of the Year.—Internet

Amy Winehouse's goddaughter performs at UK fest

EASTNOR CASTLE DEER PARK, 7 Aug—Amy Winehouse's 15-year-old goddaughter performed an outstanding set at the Big Chill music festival, mirroring her late mentor by closing her show with a cover of Winehouse's "Love Is a Losing Game."

Dionne Bromfield got teary-eyed when she performed the song, barely able to sing its last few words, though the crowd cheered her on.

"She was an amazing singer," Bromfield said. "She was not only my godmother, but she was my mentor and my boss as well."

The big-voiced singer sang with ease during her 30-minute performance on Saturday, the second day of the UK music festival.

Bromfield was a reminder of Winehouse: She stood close to the mic while belting lyrics, with



Dionne Bromfield, a British singer and Amy Winehouse's goddaughter.

INTERNET

her big hair and tiny build.

She was backed by a 5-piece band and dancers, performing songs from her two albums and singing mainly about boys and relationship troubles.

Her scratchy voice was top-notch as she sang soul songs with pop flavors, especially on the old-school sounding "Remember Our Love" and the up-tempo "Yeah Right."—Internet

Redknapp concern over Pienaar groin injury

LONDON, 7 Aug — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp fears South Africa midfielder Steven Pienaar may have suffered a groin tear during his side's 2-1 friendly win over Athletic Bilbao on Saturday. Pienaar came off in the 24th minute at White Hart Lane after pulling up sharply and Redknapp confirmed after the match that he will



South Africa midfielder Steven Pienaar

go to a specialist to check the extent of the injury.

That could mean Pienaar misses the start of Tottenham's Premier League campaign against his former club Everton next weekend. "Steven Pienaar picked up an injury today," Redknapp told ITV4. "He might have torn his groin. I think we're going to take him to a specialist and have a look at him. We'll see how it goes." —Internet

Evans beats Ortiz in main event of UFC in Round 2

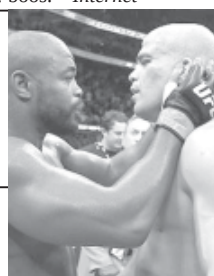
PHILADELPHIA, 7 Aug — In the 14 months Rashad Evans stayed out of the octagon, he stewed as he

watched fight after fight go on without him. His layoff stretched so long, Evans even stopped feeling like a fighter. With each vicious barrage, Evans showed in his return he's still as dangerous as ever.

Evans delivered a crushing knee to Tito Ortiz's chest, then ended the fight with a series of blows to the head to shake off an unusually long lay-off and win the main event of UFC 133 on Saturday night. "I knew what I had to come in and do," Evans said. Evans hardly looked rusty — just spectacular, in front of a Philly crowd that showered him with boos. —Internet

Paris Saint-Germain's player Jean-Christophe Bahebeck clashes with Lorient's defender Lucas Mareque during their French L1 football match at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris. —INTERNET

Rashad Evans (L) and Tito Ortiz chat after Evans' second-round TKO victory in Saturday's UFC 133 main event. —INTERNET



Woods endures another erratic day at Firestone

AKRON, 7 Aug — Tiger Woods again mixed the good with the bad on his PGA Tour return as he toiled to a two-over-par 72 at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational on Saturday in only his third tournament round in three months. Shaking his head in disgust with each missed putt or wayward tee shot, the former world number one battled to a one-over total of 211 as most of his rivals gorged themselves on birdies at Firestone Country Club.

Woods, whose previous tour event was the Players Championship in May, recorded four bogeys and two birdies to end the third round 13 strokes off the lead, a day of frustration summed up by a missed three-foot par putt at the last. —Internet

Barcelona tops Club America 2-0 in US exhibition



FC Barcelona's David Villa, left, controls the ball while defended by Club America's Jorge Reyes. —INTERNET

ARLINGTON, 7 Aug — David Villa scored on a header midway through the first half and Barcelona lived up to its reputation as the top club team in the world, beating Mexico's Club America 2-0 Saturday in the final game of the Spanish team's American tour.

The win at Cowboys Stadium was the first for Barcelona in three tries in the World Football Challenge, an exhibition tournament featuring top club teams from European leagues, Major League Soccer and Mexico's first division. Barcelona lost 2-1 last week to Manchester United and 4-1 Wednesday to Chivas of Guadalajara. —Internet

Chelsea agree fee for Belgian starlet Lukaku

LONDON, 7 Aug — Chelsea are set to sign Belgian wonderkid Romelu Lukaku from Anderlecht after agreeing a fee for the striker on Saturday.

Blues boss Andre Villas-Boas had spoken of his admiration for Lukaku following Chelsea's friendly win over Rangers and just hours later the Premier League club moved closer to sealing a deal for the 18-year-old. Lukaku, who has been capped 10 times by Belgium, has been on Chelsea's wanted list for several months after he scored 16 league goals in 37 appearances for Anderlecht last season.

He already has two goals in two games this

SPORTS

Real Madrid destroy Tianjin Teda

LOS BLANCOS, 7 Aug — Real Madrid thrashed Tianjin Teda 6-0 in a pre-season friendly on Saturday as Los Blancos wrapped up their China tour with a display of the skills they will be deploying against Barcelona next week.

Kaka opened the scoring with a penalty eight minutes in, with the Brazilian star slotting low past Tianjin keeper Song Zhenyu, who was rattled by the onslaught of shots he faced against the Spanish giants.

Di Maria, who also scored against Guangzhou Evergrande on Wednesday, added another

minutes later on a rebound after Song failed to hold his shot.

With the score 2-0 at half time Los Blancos asserted their authority in the second half as striker Gonzalo Higuain made it 3-0 with some nifty dribbling in the box, sending it low and extinguishing any hope Tianjin had of revenge.

It took second-half substitute Cristiano Ronaldo less than 10 minutes to get on the board by crashing in a left footed effort from 12 yards. Frenchman Karim Benzema swiftly added a double to make it 6-0.

Internet



Anderlecht striker Romelu Lukaku

Rockies pitcher Nicasio has neck surgery after hit

DENVER, 7 Aug — Rockies pitcher Juan Nicasio underwent neck surgery Saturday to stabilize a fracture after he was struck in the head by a line drive.

The team said in a statement he was "resting comfortably" at a Denver hospital after surgery on the C-1 vertebrae in his neck.

The rookie right-hander was injured in the second inning Friday night on a liner by Washington's Ian Desmond. The ball slammed into the

right side of Nicasio's head and bounced back into foul territory.

Nicasio went down and lay on the mound for several minutes as he was treated by the training staff. He was moved onto a cart by four medical personnel workers. Teammate Todd Helton and manager Jim Tracy assisted. Rockies head athletic trainer Keith Dugger planned to give an update on Nicasio on Saturday afternoon.

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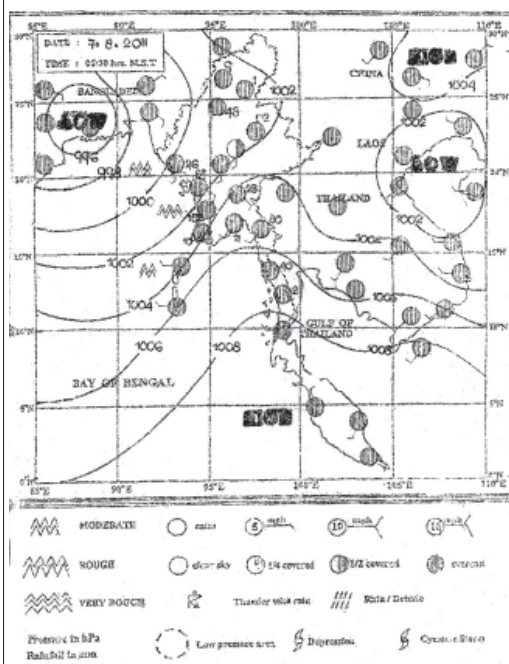


Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Juan Nicasio (44) lies on the mound with trainer Keith Dugger attending to him after being beamed by a come-backer from Washington Nationals' Ian Desmond (6) during the second inning of a baseball game on 5 Aug, 2011 in Denver. —INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 8th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29.84	23.73	Fairly widespread rain	100%
2	Kayah	27.81	19.66	Widespread rain	100%
3	Kayin	29.84	23.73	Widespread rain	100%
4	Chin	21.70	13.55	Widespread rain	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	23.82	21.70	Widespread rain	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	36.97	26.79	Fairly widespread rain	100%
7	Tanintharyi	28.82	23.73	Widespread rain	100%
8	Bago	30.86	21.70	Widespread rain	100%
9	Magway	33.91	27.81	Scattered rain	100%
10	Mandalay	35.95	26.79	Scattered rain	100%
11	Mon	28.82	21.70	Widespread rain	100%
12	Yangon	29.84	23.73	Widespread rain	100%
13	Rakhine	27.81	21.70	Widespread rain	100%
14	Southern Shan	23.73	17.63	Widespread rain	100%
15	Northern Shan	30.86	20.63	Widespread rain	100%
16	Eastern Shan	28.82	22.72	Widespread rain	100%
17	Ayeyawady	29.84	25.77	Widespread rain	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31.88	23.73	One or two rain	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29.84	23.73	One or two rain	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35.95	26.79	Isolated rain	80%

During the past (24) hours, rain have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Mandalay, fairly widespread in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region and Kayah State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (6.46) inches, Tamu (5.59) inches, Hpa-an (5.12) inches, Thaton (4.92) inches, Ye (4.88) inches, Taunggyi (4.53) inches, Mawlaik (4.21) inches, Kyaukse (4.17) inches, Mawnglaw (4.01) inches, Kyaukse (3.81) inches, Kyaukpada and Thetazay (3.74) inches each and Chaungzone (3.54) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of Increase of rain in extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Man United beats City in Shield with comeback win



Nemanja Vidic of ManU lifts the Community Shield after victory in the FA Community Shield match.

Nani scored in injury time Sunday at Wembley to give Manchester United a 3-2 win over Manchester City in English football's season-opening Community Shield, completing his team's comeback from 2-0 down.

WEMBLEY, 7 Aug—New players, same old spirit. Six Alex handed four players competitive debuts at Wembley in the Reds' injury-time Community Shield victory on Sunday, but despite the fresh faces United displayed the same never-say-die attitude that has become the hallmark of the manager's modern teams.

In the space of six second-half minutes, goals from Chris Smalling and Nani turned around a two-goal deficit and seized back the momentum Manchester City had stolen at the end of the first period. Then, with the match in the fourth minute of injury time and seemingly poised for penalties, Nani charged down a Vincent Kompany clearance on the halfway line, sprinted clear, rounded Joe Hart in the City goal and slid the ball home to clinch the season's first piece of silverware.

Many had written United off by half-time after goals from Joleon Lescott and Edin Dzeko—albeit against the run of play—had given the Blues what looked to be an unassailable lead. But changes at the break, including the introduction of debutants Phil Jones and Tom Cleverley, prompted a United fightback that epitomised the strength of character Sir Alex so often speaks of. The Reds began brightly at Wembley, barely allowing City a kick for the first five minutes and going close when Smalling

volleyed goalwards amid a mini melee inside the Blues' penalty area. The young defender, usually deployed as a centre-back, enjoyed plenty of freedom down the right flank and delivered a number of dangerous crosses.

Internet



Monday, 8 August View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:05 am

7. Cute Little Dancer

8:20 am

8. Song Of National Races

8:30 am

9. Documentary

8:40am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:40 pm

5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Zoology)

4:55 pm

6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:15 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:30 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

6:55 pm

13. Documentary

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International News

8:00 pm

17. Weather Report

8:00 pm

18. Documentary

8:00 pm

19. World's Stars

8:00 pm

20. Myanmar Video Feature

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- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "New Model"
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies "The Moon Born from the Sun"

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Union Construction Minister inspects Twantay-Maubin road, Maletto-Mezali road



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects Zibyugon Bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected roadworks on Hlinethaya-Twantay Road being carried out by Zay Kaba Company with B.O.T system yesterday.

The Union Minister inspected condition of

roads and bridges along Twantay-Maubin Road and called for earliest completion of tarring Twantay-Maubin Road in meeting with Superintending Engineer of Yangon Region U Thein Hsaing, Superintending Engineer of Ayeyawady Region U Kyaw Kyaw and Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of

Public Works at the briefing hall.

He then inspected laying of gravels and asphalt between mile post No. 15/1 and 17/2 on the road. While inspecting roadworks along Maletto-Mezali Road being carried out by Maubin District Public Works, the Union Minister called for stockpiling of gravels in monsoon and proper flow of drainage.—MNA

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo is 573 cm. It may reach its danger level 600 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Farmers from Kayin State on study tour in Nay Pyi Taw Council Region



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