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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

March towards goal of eternal peace and stability by building mutual trust, amity, magnanimity, and goodwill, safeguarding prevailing peace and stability

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Kayin State Government



Vice-President

Thiha Thura U Tin

Aung Myint Oo

visits No. 1 Cement

Plant (900 tons) in

Hpa-an Town-

ship.—MNA

Progress could be seen nationwide due to prevailing peace and stability in regions; that only if one's own region was peaceful, could he and his family enjoy improved socio-economic life and the region would make progress.

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visited No. 1 Cement Plant with production capacity of 900 tons per day and No. 2 Cement Plant with production capacity of 4000 tons per day in Hpa-an yesterday.

First, the Vice-President and party inspected the crusher, raw mill, preheater, EP (electrostatic precipitator) and rotary kiln of the 900-ton cement plant. Next, they also inspected AQC and waste heat boiler and generator of the 4000-ton cement plant.

The Vice-President in meeting with managers of the two plants heard reports on production of the plants and progress in installation of equipment for

increased production capacity. Managing Director U Khin Maung Soe of Myanmar Economic Corporation made supplementary reports.

The Vice-President put questions for his knowledge and called for standardized quality of the products and systematic measures for minimizing loss and wastage. No. 1 Cement Plant was built in 1983 and its original production capacity was 800 tons of clinkers per day. With the passage of time, the capacity of the plant has declined, producing only between 500 and 600 tons of clinkers a day. And thus, in 2010-2011, the plant was repaired and upgraded into the one with production capacity of 900 tons per day.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Towards people-oriented, people-centred, rules-based ASEAN

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) founded in 1967 is on its anniversary on 8 August.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein in its congratulatory message on the occasion of the 44th anniversary of ASEAN Day says that they would like to reiterate their efforts 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; and that furthermore, they extended their warmest wishes for the success of building a united and prosperous ASEAN Community.

ASEAN is rich in natural resources and human resources and attractive for investments with plenty of economic opportunities. With integration, peace and friendship, ASEAN has become a region with the highest development rate in the world.

Inspired by One Vision, One Identity and One Caring and Sharing Community, ASEAN is committed to intensify its work and is in the community building process on the basis of the three pillars.

They are ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. It is marching towards a people-oriented, people-centred and rules-based community.

On the threshold of economic development, ASEAN has potential for occupying strategic position for regional transport, IT and tourism industry.

In spite of different political, economic and social systems, ASEAN peoples will enjoy the fruits of its might and integrated unity including regional peace, stability economic growth and prosperity.

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo 625 cm has exceeded by 25 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. It may reach above its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Sittoung River in Madauk 1190 cm has exceeded by 120 cm (about 4 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon.

Likewise, the water level of Shwegyin River in Shwegyin 724 cm has exceeded by 24 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 700 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Ngawun River at Ngathanggyoung 1159 cm has exceeded by 29 cm (about 1 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

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100 Years of Myanmar

- * 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 Minister on inspection tour of hybrid paddy research field

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing yesterday morning inspected high quality Sanhmay paddy strain 3-acre research field near Seinsarbin Village, Zeyathiri Township, where he instructed in-charges of the field to have a diary on daily research and give delivery service.

On arrival at hybrid paddy strain 100-acre research field of Yezin University of Agriculture, he heard reports presented by Rector Dr Tin Htut and seed production technician Daw Khin San Tint on progress of seed production and scientific methods for cultivation.

The Union Minister

gave high quality bags of rice as gifts to teachers and students who temporally lent a hand to the farmers plowing in the field.

He then encouraged female transplanters



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing meets seed production technicians of Yezin University of Agriculture in hybrid paddy strain 100-acre research field.—MNA

nurturing 21-day paddy strains cultivated through scientific methods in 20-acre field, Zeyathiri Township. MNA

School Health Week activities from 8 to 12 Aug

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Basic education schools across the country have carried out health care activities for children and sanitation



Union Minister for Education Dr. Mya Aye looks into activities for School Health Week (2011-2012) at No. 6 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Football Tourney kicks off in Loikaw

YANGON, 8 Aug—The Loikaw Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Chairman's Cup Football Tournament kicked off at the Kayah State Sports Ground in Loikaw on 28 July afternoon.

The tournament was participated

by 28 contending teams from villages and wards.

Chairman of the committee U Tin Nu opened the tournament.

The football tournament will last up to 1 September.

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to mark the School Health Week which is designated from 8 to 12 August in the education calander of this year.

Union Minister for Education Dr. Mya Aye inspected activities for School Health Week at schools here today.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, the Union minister visited No.5 Basic Education High School and No.6 BEHS in Zabuthiri Township and viewed sanitation works, medical check ups for school children, educative talks on prevention of infectious diseases and giving nutrition to the children.

During the visits, they gave anti-worm tablets to the children.

MNA

Nine killed, 21 wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Aug—Nine people were killed and 21 wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in eastern and central Iraq on Sunday, the police said.

In Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, an Iraqi soldier was shot dead by gunmen using silenced weapons in front of his house in the town of Khalis near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala's operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Separately, five people were wounded in two bomb attacks in Baquba, the source said.

Earlier in the day, the

Iraqi police reported the killing of six family members and the wounding of 14 people in the early hours of the day when gunmen blew up bombs planted in a house at the edge of the town of Iskandriyah, some 50 km south of Baghdad.

Women and children were among the deaths in the blasts that destroyed their house and caused damages to several nearby houses, the source said. Iskandriyah is part of the once restive area, dubbed Triangle of Death, which is a cluster of towns scattered north of Hilla city, the capital of Babil province, some 100 km south of Baghdad.

Xinhua

NATO helicopter makes hard landing in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Aug—A NATO helicopter made a hard landing in Afghanistan's eastern Paktia Province on Monday, the military alliance said in a Press release. "An International Security Assistance Force helicopter made a hard landing in Paktia Province, today," said the Press release issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) here.

However, the brief Press release did not provide details, only saying "What caused the aircraft to make the hard landing is under investigation, however initial reporting indicates there was no enemy activity in the area at the time of the incident."

The Taliban-led militancy has been rampant since the militant group announced to launch spring offensive from 1 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in Afghanistan. A total of 30 US Special Forces with ISAF, one civilian interpreter for foreign troops and seven Afghan commandos were killed when an ISAF CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan's Wardak Province on Saturday.

Taliban outfit fighting Afghan and NATO forces have claimed responsibility for the incident which has been the deadliest air crash for US and NATO forces in the decade-long war in the militancy-hit country.—*Xinhua*

Bomb 'wounds 10 Pakistani soldiers'

ISLAMABAD, 8 Aug—A bomb attack on Monday wounded at least 10 Pakistani soldiers in the Taliban and Al-Qaeda hotspot of Waziristan on the Afghan border, officials said.

The device was detonated by remote control as a military vehicle passed through the Sararogha village area in the mountains of South Waziristan, which is part of Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal district.

"At least 10 soldiers were wounded, three of them seriously," a security official said.

A local intelligence official confirmed the bomb blast and casualties. Pakistan carried out a sweeping offensive in 2009 in South Waziristan targeting the country's main Taliban faction, but many of their commanders and foot soldiers are believed



to have fled to neighbouring North Waziristan.

Washington is pressing Islamabad to launch an all-out offensive in North Waziristan against the Al-Qaeda-linked Haqqani network, which is responsible for killing US troops in Afghanistan and to which Pakistani spies have close connections.

Internet

Iraqis inspect the site of an early morning car bomb attack in front of a Church in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 Aug, 2011. Scores of people were injured in the attack, police said.

INTERNET



In this 19 Jan, 2011 file photo, an Iraqi policeman stands in rubble at the site where a suicide attacker driving an explosives-packed ambulance crashed through the front gate of an Iraqi guard force headquarters in Baqouba, north of Baghdad, Iraq.

INTERNET

At least seven people were killed after a landslide buried several houses in a village around 300 kms (200 miles) north of the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur. State-run Bernama news agency said two other people were seriously hurt in the landslide at the Sungai Ruil settlement after a heavy downpour.

INTERNET

Four insurgents killed, 15 injured in Afghan

KABUL, 8 Aug—Afghan police, backed by army and NATO-led forces, had killed four Taliban insurgents and injured 15 others in the country over the last 24 hours, Afghan Interior Ministry said on Monday.

"Afghan National Police (ANP) with assistance of the Afghan

National Army, NDS (National Directorate of Security) and Coalition Forces launched five joint and independent operations over the past 24 hours in surrounding areas of the Kunduz, Kandahar, Wardak, Kapisa and Nimroz provinces," said a statement, providing daily operational

updates to media, issued by Interior Ministry here.

"As a result of these operations, four armed insurgents were killed, 15 others were wounded and six other armed insurgents were detained," the statement said.

Separately, ANP during an operation conducted in Paghman district, west of Kabul city of Kabul, found and seized a weapon cache include two anti-craft rockets, 10 rounds of mortar mines and a handful of ammunition, according to the statement.

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Xinhua

Seven killed in Malaysia landslide

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Aug—The death toll from a landslide near Malaysia's Cameron Highlands tourist spot rose to seven Monday after the bodies of the last four missing victims were found, official media said. The landslide late Sunday afternoon buried several houses in a village in the region, which is about 300 kilometres (200 miles) north of the capital Kuala Lumpur. State-run Bernama news agency said two other people were seriously hurt in the landslide at the Sungai Ruil settlement after a heavy downpour.

The village is occupied by "orang asli", the Malaysian term for the various indigenous tribes that inhabit the predo-minantly ethnic Malay country.—*Internet*



Science



Space shuttle Atlantis (STS-135) is rolled over to the Orbiter Processing Facility (OPF) shortly after landing at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre Shuttle Landing Facility (SLF), completing its 13-day mission to the International Space Station (ISS) and the final flight of the Space Shuttle Programme, in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 21 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Satellite grapppler snags top space business prize

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug—A company developing a new tool that is able to grab and grapple satellites in orbit has won first prize in a space business competition.

Altius Space Machines won the \$25,000 grand prize in the NewSpace 2011 Business Plan Competition, which was held over the weekend at NASA's Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, Calif. The contest aims to help startup space firms come up with potentially game-changing technologies.

Altius won for its nascent "Sticky Boom" technology, which uses electroadhesion to grab onto pretty much any surface. The company says the Sticky Boom could snag satellites at a distance and reel them in, making docking and rendezvous operations

easier.

Once developed, the Sticky Boom could be put to work reeling payloads onto the International Space Station, Altius officials said. It could also aid in satellite servicing and the removal of orbital debris. Twenty-five companies entered the competition, which was sponsored by NASA and the Heinlein Prize Trust. The \$5,000 second prize went to Celestial Circuits, which is developing a line of standardized, low-cost flight computers. Final Frontier Design, which builds and tests spacesuits, won the \$2,500 third prize.

The other two finalists were New Space Publishing, which wants to put out a print magazine devoted to commercial spaceflight, and Solar Flare.

Internet

Int'l Astronomical Union congress to be held next year in Beijing

BEIJING, 8 Aug—About 3,000 astronomers will get together in Beijing in August 2012 to attend the 28th congress of the International Astronomical Union (IAU).

The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the China Association for Science and Technology said the 28th congress will be held from 20 to 31 August.

The China Astronomical Society representing China won the bid to host the congress for the first time at the 26th congress in Prague four years ago.

The 12-day Beijing congress will include eight large academic seminars, 25 small-scale symposiums, four lectures, as well as elections for the

new IAU leadership.

Astronomical studies worldwide are booming, and major scientific issues, such as "dark matter" and "dark energy," possibly will fundamentally transform people's knowledge of the universe, said CAS Vice President Zhan Wenlong.

China's astronomical research has made "historical progress" in terms of observational studies, equipment and technological development, Zhan said.

Founded in 1919, the IAU promotes and safeguards astronomy through international cooperation. It has 10,077 individual members in 90 countries worldwide, 70 of which are national members.

Xinhua



First time ever seen by human eyes, the Moëtirra vent field. Picture shows chimneys of metal sulphides (black and rust coloured) formed at 3,030 metres below sea level. They have been precipitated from hot fluid erupting from the volcanic mid-Atlantic Ridge. The white material is anhydrite.

INTERNET

Technology

Rumour: Apple to launch a lower-spec iMac this month

NEW YORK, 8 Aug—If you're considering the purchase of a 21.5-inch iMac in the coming weeks, you may be interested to know that, according to a 9to5Mac report, the Cupertino company is about to launch a new one to add to its current range.

It's thought that the new 21.5-inch iMac will have slightly less under the hood – in which case, it should cause slightly less damage to your wallet.

Here's a quick breakdown of the expected specifications of the new machine, with information for the existing entry level 21.5-inch Mac shown in brackets:

3.1 GHz dual-core processor (2.5

GHz quad-core processor) 2 GB of DDR3 RAM (4 GB of RAM) 250 GB of hard drive storage space (500 GB) AMD Radeon HD 6750M graphics processor with 256 MB of dedicated memory (same processor but with double the dedicated memory at 512 MB).

Apple's entry level 21.5-inch iMac is currently priced at \$1,199, so it could well be that this rumored model will break the \$1,000 barrier. It may be worth a look if you're eager to save a few hundred bucks – you'll still be getting a neat piece of kit with plenty of power.—Internet



Apple iMac can be upgraded to Core i7.—INTERNET

Sony Mimics Xbox 'Summer of Arcade' with PlayStation PLAY

TOKYO, 8 Aug—Sony took a page from the Microsoft Xbox "Summer of Arcade" and launched PlayStation Network Play, a way to entice PS3 owners to download games with free bonus DLC goodies.

Over a period of four weeks, the new annual Play programme will offer users the opportunity to buy four \$14.99 games: Street Fighter III Third Strike Online Edition, The Baconing, BloodRayne: Betrayal, and Rengade Ops. If they buy all four, users can receive a code for a bonus gift, Payday: The Heist, which would otherwise cost \$19.99 as a standalone game. Play kicks

off on 23 Aug, and runs through 13 Sept; preorders start 9 Aug. Sony said that Plus members will receive an additional automatic 20 percent discount. Since Microsoft has offered a "Summer of Arcade" downloadable summer special on four separate occasions, it's difficult to see the core Play concept as something other than a direct copy of Microsoft's own offering. Microsoft's "Summer Fun Pack" offers users a free code for "Crimson Alliance" if users buy all four games on offer. (If you click the "Xbox Live Summer of Arcade" icon on the Microsoft Summer of Arcade page, you'll see video demonstrations of all the games, alongside summer scenes that look a lot more fun than sitting indoors, playing games.)—Internet



In this 5 Jan, 2011 file photo, a person operates their iPhone in New York.

Security experts say attacks on smartphones are growing fast — and attackers are becoming smarter about developing new techniques.—INTERNET

Reuters

Health



This photo taken on 11 July, 2011 shows Melissa McNeil speaking with doctors and other practitioners during a conference in Kissimmee, Fla, to train health care professionals on medical care for female veterans. The VA has been bringing hundreds of doctors and nurse practitioners to mini-residency workshops where they learn about women's health and practice doing pelvic exams.

INTERNET

Simple test spots infant heart problems

BRISTOL, 8 Aug—A quick and inexpensive test could save the lives of babies born with congenital heart defects, British doctors say.

Researchers said a study of 20,055 newborns showed testing oxygen in the blood was more successful than other checks available for such defects such as ultrasound during pregnancy or by listening to the heart after birth, BBC News reported Friday.

Doctors at six British maternity hospitals used pulse oximeters — a technology that has been available for 20 years — to detect levels of

oxygen in the blood. If oxygen levels were found to be too low, more detailed examinations took place.

The test takes less than 5 minutes and it gave warning of 75 percent of the most serious abnormalities, the researchers said. Dr Andrew Ewer, the lead researcher at the University of Birmingham, called for the test to be adopted by hospitals across Britain.

"It adds value to existing screening procedures and is likely to be useful for identification of cases of critical congenital heart defects," he said.

Internet

Gene study identifies non-hereditary links to schizophrenia

NEW YORK, 8 Aug—More than half the cases of non-hereditary — or sporadic — schizophrenia are caused by "new" protein-altering gene mutations, researchers have found.

These gene mutations, called "de novo" mutations, are new genetic errors that appear in patients but not in either of their parents, the researchers explained in the report published in the 7 Aug online edition of the journal *Nature Genetics*.

In the study, the investigators examined the genomes of genetically isolated Afrikaner families of European descent in South Africa. The participants included patients with schizophrenia and their families, and healthy people in control groups.

The researchers identified 40 mutations, all in different genes and most of them protein-altering, that were associated with sporadic schizophrenia.

The findings could point the way to finding more mutations, perhaps hundreds, that contribute to schizophrenia, the study authors said.

"Identification of these damaging de novo mutations has fundamentally transformed our understanding of the

genetic basis of schizophrenia," first author Bin Xu, an assistant professor of clinical neurobiology at Columbia University Medical Centre, said in a medical centre news release.

"The fact that the mutations are all from different genes is particularly fascinating," team co-leader Dr Maria Karayiorgou, a psychiatry professor at the medical center, said in the release. "It suggests that many more mutations than we suspected may contribute to schizophrenia. This is probably because of the complexity of the neural circuits that are affected by the disease; many genes are needed for their development and function."—Internet



Rafael Dimas eats from a plate of healthy snacks during the Shapedown programme for overweight adolescents and children on 20 November, 2010 in Aurora, Colorado.—INTERNET

Business

Toyota hopes for revival after sinking to No 3



In this 6 Aug, 2011 photo, Sandeep Singh, deputy managing director at Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private, answers questions during an interview at the Toyota Motor Corp headquarters in Tokyo. Singh says growth in India has been so solid for Toyota he is confident the company is headed in the right direction.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 8 Aug—Toyota Motor Corp has sunk to No 3 in global

vehicle sales from pole position but is counting on emerging markets to drive a revival in its fortunes.

Toyota sold 3.7 million vehicles around the world in the first half of 2011, down 11 percent from a year earlier, mainly because of production disruptions caused by the March earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan.

That put it behind General Motors Co, which sold 4.5 million vehicles during the same period, and Volkswagen AG of Germany, with 4.13 million vehicles sold.

Sandeep Singh, deputy managing director at Toyota's joint venture in India, says growth in India has been so solid for Toyota he is confident the company is headed in the right direction.—Internet

Oil plunges below \$84 after S&P downgrades US debt

SINGAPORE, 8 Aug—Oil prices sank below \$84 a barrel Monday in Asia after Standard & Poor's lowered the US credit rating — a blow to confidence that could hurt economic growth and demand for crude.

Benchmark oil for September delivery was down \$3.27 to \$83.61 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude rose 25 cents to settle at \$86.88 on Friday.

In London, Brent crude was down \$2.46 at \$106.91 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Oil plunged after Standard & Poor's announced Friday it was lowering its rating for US debt one notch from AAA to AA+ Investors are concerned the first-ever US debt rating downgrade will batter already weakening consumer confidence and hurt economic growth.

Crude has dropped from \$100 last month and near \$115 in May.

"A drastic weakening of sentiment has brought oil prices down sharply, with sovereign debt fears key in a mounting loss of faith in economic, and hence demand, prospects," Barclays Capital said in a report.

Crude traders often look to stock prices as a barometer of overall investor confidence, and oil prices were swept down Monday by a major sell-off across Asian stock markets.

Internet

AIG to sue BofA over mortgage bonds

NEW YORK, 8 Aug—US insurance giant American International Group is planning to sue Bank of America to recover more than \$10 billion in losses on \$28 billion of investment in mortgage-backed securities, the *New York Times* said citing three people with knowledge of the complaint.

AIG's move adds to the surge of investors seeking compensation for the troubled mortgages that led to the financial crisis, the *Times* said.

The complaint claims that Bank of America along with its units Merrill Lynch and Countrywide Financial misrepresented the quality of the mortgages placed in securities and sold to investors, the newspaper reported.

Bank of America is likely to dispute AIG's claims in the suit, which is expected to be filed on Monday in New York State Supreme Court, the paper said.

Bank of America spokesman Lawrence Di Rita told *NY Times* that the mortgage securities disclosures were robust enough for sophisticated investors. He said many of the loans lost value because housing fell.—Reuters



The logo of American International Group (AIG) is seen at their offices in New York on 22 September, 2008.—INTERNET



**Vice-President
Thiha Thura
U Tin Aung Myint
Oo speaking in
meeting with
school heads of
Basic Education
Primary, Middle
and High Schools
at No. 1 BEHS in
Hpa-an.**

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Moreover, Air Quenching Chamber (AQC) of the No. 2 Cement Plant, due to applied technology and its design when built, was affected by the excessive boiling heat which damaged its inner metal structure. And so, in 2010, the old AQC was replaced with the new design one, with which the plant is running more smoothly.

The kiln of the Cement Plant-2 has to be heated at 1300° C in producing clinkers, radiating heat as by-product. Plans are underway to generate 6.2 megawatt of electricity by running steam boiler with waste heat.

The plant using the above-mentioned electric power generated with waste heat, can save 5.8 megawatts of electricity from national grid, contributing to increase supply of electric power to the region.

Later, the Vice-President and party met Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, state ministers and departmental personnel at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an.

The chief minister reported to the Vice-President on location and area of Kayin State, borders with Thailand, structure of Kayin State, population and diverse races residing in Kayin State, land utilization, cultivation of 10 major crops, rice and oil sufficiency, progress in extended cultivation

of rubber, rubber production in 2010-2011 and stockpiling of young rubber plants for 2011-2012 cultivation season, use of farm equipment, fish and prawn breeding, afforestation for environmental conservation, number of dams, reservoirs, sluice gates, diversion weirs and river-water pumping stations, number of basic education schools and students, informal education campaigns, number of hospitals and clinics, progress in supply of electricity, transportation, and communication, net production and service values, and supply of water to the urban areas.

Next, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Rural Socio-Economic Development Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan explained efforts for development of the nation, implementation of eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks as the national project, initial steps in implementation of socio-economic development of rural areas, which is one of the eight tasks by setting work programmes, fulfillments of the government and destructive acts of some armed groups with the aim of undermining peace and stability of the nation, fabricated news against and rumors about 2008 constitution spread by anti-government organizations at home and abroad and said that

representatives of political parties of nationalities were discharging duties as members of respective governments and they now had chances to exercise three branches of the power of the state. He then called on all the governmental staff and people to take preparedness measures against natural disasters and participate in relief and rehabilitate works in unison and urged them to raise political awareness to fight back the threats designed to harm the peace and stability of the Union and political blows.

The Vice-President then gave a speech saying that he and entourage went to Hpa-an yesterday and discussed condition of the flood areas in Kayin State; that he also went to relief camps in urban Hpa-an and provided the victims with necessities.

His intention of meeting with state ministers and departmental officials was to learn about progress of the state and coordinate essentials, said the Vice-President.

He said that all had knowledge about establishment of the Union in line with the constitution; that representatives from political parties are taking part in Hultaws at central, region and state levels, reflecting that all nationalities were working in tandem for development of the nation.

Today, he noted that progress could be seen nationwide due to prevailing peace and stability in regions; that only if one's own region

was peaceful, could he and his family enjoy improved socio-economic life and the region would make progress; that it was vitally important that everyone was to safeguard the stability, furthermore to march towards the goal of eternal peace and stability through mutual trust, amity, magnanimity, and goodwill, protecting the prevailing peace and stability.

He pointed out that over 70 percent of the population of Myanmar was rural folks and it was needed to develop the rural regions and improve the socio-economy of the rural folks, which represents the majority of the population; that the President himself was leading rural development and poverty alleviation tasks according to Millennium Development Goals and that all were to give a hand to accomplishing

such tasks.

The Vice-President also said that today, almost every country is ill with the impact of climate change. So, it is necessary to take preventive measures against climate change in a systematic way.

It is needed to seek ways and means to deal with rehabilitation works, social, economic and health problems resulting from disasters triggered by environmental degradation.

On behalf of the State, he appreciated Kayin State government and local people and well-wishers for their earnest contribution to rehabilitation works in Kayin State.

Kayin State needs to cultivate the crops more than targeted rate in 2011-2012 financial year.

In doing so, to see more economic boom in Kayin State, it is required

to grow rubber as the market of industrial crop rubber is much wider and its price for one ton reaches about US\$ 5000 in global market. Myanmar has had experience of rubber growing. Today, rubber helps improve Kayin State's economy. He called for extension of rubber plantations as there remained more than hundreds of thousands of vacant lands in Kayin State.

He continued that as to Kayin State, it is needed to take steps to meet GDP of 733 billion and per capita income of K 760,000 and exceed 6.3 per cent of Kayin State development.

Regarding education sector, Kayin State sees improvement in education sector and needs to make continued efforts to enjoy more development than current status.

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**Union Minister
for Information
and
for Culture
U Kyaw Hsan
donates
10 million
kyats for
construction
of rural
self-reliant
libraries
in Kayin
State
through
Kayin
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Chief
Minister.**

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets departmental officials at Zwekabin Hall in Hpa-an.—MNA

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It is needed to attach great attention to the drive adopted by the government such as school enrollment for all school-age children, free learning of primary education, complete pursuit of primary education, and constant learning system.

As Kayin State has fair economic background, it is necessary to take measures for more economically viable prospects, and regional tranquility.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presented K 10 million for building 10 rural libraries in Kayin State to the Kayin State Chief Minister.

Next, cash and kind were donated for the flood victims of the state. Chief Minister U Zaw Min accepted cash donated by the government from Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe and cash donated by Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, local entrepreneurs and companies from Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, AK Co Chairman U Aye Ko and Shwe Thanlwin Co Chairman U Kyaw Win.

Then, Shwe Thanlwin Co Chairman U Kyaw Win donated three sets of Sky Net receiver each for Hpa-

an University, University of Computer Studies, Technological University and Education College and one set of Sky Net receiver each for Basic Education High School (Shwegun), which won the highest pass-rate in the state, and BEHS (Branch) (Naunglon), which won the second highest pass rate.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and party cordially greeted those present. Then, the Vice-President and party visited Hpa-an University. At the meeting hall, Rector In-charge Dr Mya Mya Aye reported on background history of the university, teaching of specialized subjects, number of students, lecture halls, IT centres, personnel affairs and newly-built university buildings.

The Vice-President asked about the academic and management matters and left necessary instructions on teaching and training students both practically and theoretically in order to develop their study, innovations and good practices, ensuring that the subjects students are taught suit their practical worksites and preparations for building more lecture rooms by calculating the number of students that can increase in future.

Afterwards, the Vice-President and party proceeded to No.1 BEHS in Hpa-an and met school heads of high, middle and primary schools at the meeting hall.

Kayin State Education Officer U Saw San Yin reported on organizational setup of Kayin State Education Department, opening of basic education schools in townships, the number of basic education (branch/affiliate) and post primary schools in townships, the strength of teachers and ratio of teachers and students in townships, annual matriculation pass rates, repairing and upgrading of schools to improve their image, participation of teachers in relief work during the close of schools due to floods and academic matters.

Then, the Vice-President left instructions on ensuring that all school-age children go to school, their constant learning, successful implementation of the tasks for ensuring that everybody learns and knows primary education, use of teaching aids that are not expensive but effective and cooperation between parents and teachers for training students to improve not only their education but also their discipline. — MNA

Tasks for school health week motivated

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—The Ministry of Education is implementing the 30-year long-term basic education national education promotion plan. Education practical development works are being undertaken in accord with the education calendar at the basic education schools. The School Health Week is designated from 8 to 12 August. Therefore, all the basic education schools are to carry out five school health tasks such as sanitation at schools and their environs, school health inspection and treatment, prevention against infectious diseases, educative works for school health and school nutrition development tasks.

School officials are to cooperate with parents for enabling the students to meet prescribed height and weight in accord with their age.—MNA

Warning on overflow

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River in Mawlaik is 1152 cm. It may reach its danger level 1230 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon. The water level of Chindwin River in Kalewa is 1540 cm. It may exceed above its danger level 1550 cm during the next 12 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Bago River is 858 cm. It may reach its danger level 910 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Capital provided to set up micro-finance institutions

YANGON, 8 Aug—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik on 6 August attended the ceremony to provide capital for setting up private micro-finance institutions in 17 townships of east and south districts of Yangon Region.

It was also attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, departmental officials, businessmen, farmers, odd-

job workers and mining entrepreneurs. The Union Minister delivered an address on the occasion.

Chief Minister U Myint Swe reported on measures to be taken for successful of micro-credit associations. A total of capital of K 5288.146 million was provided as part of implementation of micro-finance institutions in 17 townships in Yangon Region.—MNA



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik speaking at ceremony to present capital for setting up micro-finance institutions.—MNA

Perpetual natural heritage relayed with good volition

A Staff Member (MEPE)

The government is working hard for national industrialization in its bid to improve the economic sector. Development in the electric sector is at the centre of the process. So, the government is implementing electric power projects one after another for raising the electric power sector.

Today, Myanmar has seen large numbers of private-run and State-run factories and plants, a sign of industrial development. National productivity and use of modern farm machinery are on the increase in the agricultural sector. The electric power consumption has increased several times due to extensive urbanization and high living standard of the people. Many countries have turned to large-scale generation of electricity from hydropower, wind power, gas-fired power, coal-fired power and nuclear power. Only two of them: wind power and hydropower are eco-friendly processes.

According to the statistics, on average, Myanmar's annual electricity consumption increases by 15 per cent. Therefore, hydropower projects are being implemented with the use of rich watercourses across the nation.

The electric power sector plays a crucial role in improving the socioeconomic status for the people. To implement a hydropower project, feasibility study is carried out and designs are drawn first. The process also calls for measuring annual rainfalls of the regions along the river or creek that is to be dammed for the project, number of places available for projects, possible effects on the regions upstream and downstream the watercourse. At least, the process takes about 18 months.

Based on the findings of the feasibility study, the most suitable site is chosen, and further study is done till a detailed design is drawn. This stage takes about 12 months.

So, it takes about 30 months to complete feasibility study and drawing a design. A hydropower project takes a certain period for detailed feasibility study even before it is put into action. Based on its size, a hydropower project takes three to 10 years and costs massive manpower, huge funds and technology.

In 1988, Myanmar had only nine power plants: two hydropower plants and seven gas power plants with installed capacity of only 529 megawatts in total. Now, it has 17 hydropower plants, one coal-fired plant and 14 gas power plants with the total installed capacity of 3360 megawatts. So, between 1988 to date, the nation has seen 23 more power plants with the total installed capacity of 2831 megawatts. The government launched the 30-year electricity strategic plan since 2001-2002 for satisfying the

domestic demand of electric power. The total installed capacity of the ongoing 63 hydropower projects and coal-fired power projects, totalling 66 is 45,303.5 megawatts.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has a huge number of watercourses from which electricity can be generated. It is implementing hydropower projects in the basins of its main four rivers. Some of them are those hydropower projects in the basin of the Ayeyawady River that rises in Kachin State.

Now, further impetus is given to the implementation of the hydropower projects to meet the local demand in a short time. As a result, the generation of electric power is picking up momentum year by year. Yet, some persons and organizations are manufacturing fabricated news stories to mislead the international community and the people into misunderstanding the ongoing hydropower projects at the confluence of the Maykha and Malikha rivers that meet and form the Ayeyawady River.

The hydropower projects at the confluence total eight: namely Myitsone, Chipwe, Chipwenge, Wusauk, Khaunglanphu, Yinan, Fizaw and Laizar whose total installed capacity is 18,499 megawatts. The projects are all due to be completed in 15 years. They create jobs for local people such as pre-engineering stages including production of gravels and sand, constructing structures and building roads. According to the figures, the projects so far have identified over 2600 jobs for Myanmar people.

Due to the hydropower projects, there will be an all-weather road (about 261 miles long from the confluence to Yinan) on the east bank of the Maykha River in Kachin State, and an all-weather road on the west bank of the Malikha River (about 170 miles long from the confluence to Laizar). To complete the projects, seven bridges will be constructed: one in the south of the confluence, five on the Maykha River and one on the Malikha River, each of which can withstand 80 tons of loads per vehicle. Now, an Ayeyawady River bridge is being built in the south of the confluence, which is due to be completed this year. The roads and bridges that will come into existence will help improve the social and economic affairs and relations between national brethren in the state, as well as social relations and friendship between one region and another in the state.

When in operation, the power plants will give jobs for local youths and educated people. And the electricity generated by the plants will speed up local industries, and social affairs and education, health, economic and transport services.

In addition, issues for environmental conservation and rehabilitation are being addressed in all seriousness as a national duty. All necessary

measures have been taken thoroughly since the pre-feasibility study to ensure no adverse effects on the regions downstream the Ayeyawady River. The average annual rainfall of the region where Myitsone Hydropower Project is in progress is 91 inches. The volume of the water that flows into the river in a year is 128.52 million acre feet. The concrete face rockfill dam is 4300 feet long and 458 feet high. Its water storage capacity is 9.788 million acre feet, which accounts for only 7.6 % of the inflow water. And 92.4 % of the inflow water flows into the river again. Moreover, the storage water of Myitsone Project will flow into the river through the outlet channel when the power plant is in operation.

So, the project has no adverse effects on the agriculture, businesses and social work. When it comes to the monthly flow of the Ayeyawady River, its current rate is 1830 m³/s in the dry season from November to April. However, it will increase to 2120 m³/s at the same period when the dam is completed. Due to the storage of water by the dam, the current rate will decrease by 3.5% in the rainy season, but increases by 16% (from November to April). So, the water level can be about 1.5 feet higher than normal downstream the river in the dry season.

In general, seawater enters the Delta in summer in which the water level of the river gets low, and that has impact on the farmlands at the mouth of the river. Myitsone Hydropower Plant will be kept in operation in summer, so the water from the dam will flow into the river through the outlet channel of the plant. Due to the operation of the plant, the water level of the Ayeyawady River will be about 1.5 feet higher than normal in summer. So, that will contribute towards blocking seawater from entering the region and the water transport along the waterway.

The dams and hydropower plants on completion will be able to bring the following benefits to local people of the riverside regions along the rivers and creeks in the Regions and States.

- The courses of the waterways can be changed for better positions.
- Hydropower produced by the plants will be supplied to local people.
- Irrigation water can be provided as needed for farmlands.
- The projects will prevent formation of sandbanks to some extent downstream the river.
- They will prevent floods when rivers are swollen.
- They will prevent the entering of seawater into riverside regions.

In connection with the hydropower projects along the confluence of the Ayeyawady River, the Maykha River and the Malikha River, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U In Phon San (a) U In Htu Phon San from Machanbaw Constituency in Kachin State, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Za Khun Ting Ring from Kachin State Constitution (4) and Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Yee from Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6) submitted proposals at the first regular sessions of Hluttaws. The minister for Electric Power-1 answered the questions.

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The Ministry of Electric Power-1 and China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) of the People's Republic of China signed the MoU on the hydropower projects in the confluence of the Ayeyawady River and along the Maykha River and the Malikha River on 28 December 2006. According to the MoU, the projects will be implemented with the assistance of a scientific organization for the water resources. In December 2007, Changjiang Survey, Planning, Design and Research Co Ltd (CDC) completed the Planning Report on progress of the hydropower projects. The CDC completed the Term of Reference (TOR) of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report in March 2008, and approved it in June 2008. And it finalized the Feasibility Research Report on Myitsone Hydropower Plant on the Ayeyawady River in October 2009.

Altogether 260 members from the CDC, the Ministry of Water Resources and Chinese Academy of Science, Institute of Hydrology (IHE), South China Botanical Garden Chinese Academy of Sciences (SCBG), South China Institute of Endangered Animal (SCIEA), and Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) carried out the feasibility study on the Environmental Impact Report of Hydropower Development in Upper Reaches of Ayeyawady River Report from January to July in 2009. The 260 members included over 100 experts from China and Myanmar.

The 569-page report features 12 chapters, as follows:—

- introduction
- overall review of the project
- analysis of feasibility study and environmental situations
- finding out environmental impact
- assessing and deciding on environmental impact
- assessing and deciding on social impact
- analysis of environmental impact on surrounding areas of the model hydropower plant
- reducing environmental impact
- analyzing environmental impact from the economic point of view
- public participation
- environmental conservation plan
- resolutions and proposals

The CDC completed the Term of Reference (TOR) of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report manifests the benefits from the hydropower projects upstream the Ayeyawady River as follows:—

- The hydropower projects upstream the Ayeyawady River will have installed capacity of about 18,400 megawatts, will be able to produce 99,110 million kilowatt hours a year, and will contribute towards the prevention of river floods, water transport and other related businesses.
- The projects will also help improve the transport, communications and industries.
- Regarding flood control, the projects will have storage capacity of about 0.85 billion m³. So, floods can take place in Myitkyina only once in every five to 20 years.
- The waterways in the watershed areas will improve.
- If compared with other coal-fired power plants, the hydropower plants in the basic of the Ayeyawady River will emit far less carbon dioxide and cause far less air pollution.
- Resettlement and rehabilitation tasks will help reduce environmental impact and improve the

economy and the natural ecology of theregions. Every hydropower project has strong points and weak points. If a hydropower project is considered to be more of good results than undesirable consequences, it is implemented. And if a hydropower project is considered to be more of undesirable consequences than good results, it is to reduce as few weak points as possible. With respect to the Environmental Protection, some of the following programmes have been completed and some are in progress.

- to avert social, economic and environmental impacts in constructing hydropower structures
- to minimize environmental impact by utilizing water resources effectively
- not to sacrifice the water quality
- to conserve the species of the fish and other aquatic animals
- to resettle local people who were displaced due to the projects
- to ensure no adverse effects on the religion, social affairs and culture
- to minimize loss of forests, farmlands and resources
- to give health care to the staff and workers of the projects

Under the close instructions by the government and harmonious supervision by the Ministry of Electric Power-1 and local administrative bodies, the resettlement plan could be implemented for 2146 people of 410 households from five villages that are inside the area of Myitsone Project: Tanphe, Kyeinkharan, Myitsone, Khappar/Aunggyayan and Daungpan villages. Now, Tanphe, Kyeinkharan and Myitsone villages have been upgraded to Aung Myin Tha Model Village; and Khappar/Aunggyayan and Daungpan villages, to Maliyan Model Village with better conditions. The main roads of the model villages are of concrete type. Based on the area of previous house compounds, the relocated people have had 80 ft x 60 ft, 80 ft x 80 ft, 100 ft x 100 ft, and 100 ft x 120 ft lands with fences.

So far, in the model villages are 410 two-storey wooden houses, one basic education high school with a two-storey building, three primary education schools, one police station, one post office, the office of the administrator of the General Administration

Department with a fire service station, a 16-bed hospital, and four Buddhist/Christian buildings. The two-storey wooden buildings are of Kachin traditional style, and other buildings are substantial concrete ones. All houses are supplied water and electric power, and their conditions are much better than previous houses. The villagers are at the model level, close to the road linking between Myitkyina and the confluence of the river. So, they are like a small town, and the relocated residents are happy with better living conditions.

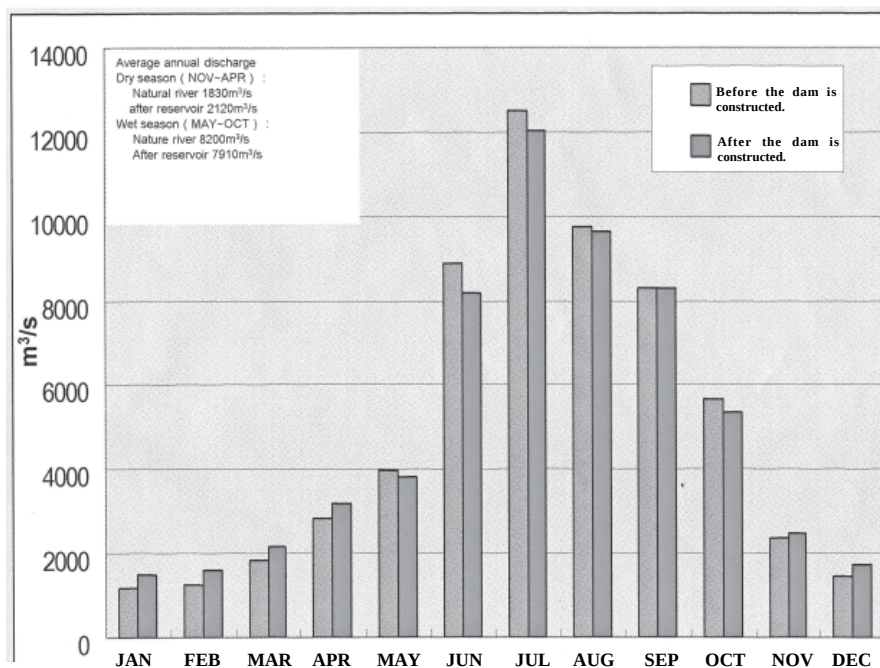
Moreover, local administrative organs have compensated for the removed farmlands and perennial crop plants at the rates fixed in talks, and land allotments have been allocated to the farmers. The villages and locals of the irrigated areas upstream the project have been allocated land allotments arranged by local authorities in order that they will enjoy better living standard than previous to the project.

All the hydropower projects the government has been implementing across the nation including the ones on the confluence of the Ayeyawady River, upstream the Maykha River and the Malikha River in Kachin State are prudent ones for all-round development of the regions, and creating job opportunities. So, they are the facilities of national heritage.

To sum up, the government has been investing heavily in generation of electric power and building national grids and power houses to supply electricity to the people. It indicates that the government is taking measures in all sectors, utilizing natural resources and aquatic and terrestrial resources across the Union most effectively, in the long-term interests of the democratic nation and the generations to follow. In its drive for improving the infrastructures with benevolent attitude, the government aims to narrow the gap of the rich and the poor and accelerating the development momentum of respective regions in order to hand down the perpetual natural heritage.

Translation: MS

Chart showing monthly water-flowing rate of Ayeyawady River



Every one who really wants peace to work with goodwill efforts in view of the interest of the entire Union and to stay away from acts that may break up the Union

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives U Hsaung Si, U Saw Nay Kaw Gyi, U Khun Maung Thauang, U Ngun Moung, U Saw Thein Aung, U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan, Dr Than Win, U Sai Thiha Kyaw, Daw Mi Yin Chan, Daw Nan Wah Nu, Daw Dwe Bu, Daw Nan Nwan, Daw Khin Saw Wai, Daw Mi Myint Than, U Thurein Zaw, U Win Sein, U T Khun Myat, U Maung Toe, U Hla Myint Oo, U Than Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives U Za Khun Ting Ring, U Nay Win Tun and U Mahn Aung Tin Myint, totaling 23 signed and released an open letter for peace proponents dated 8 August 2011 with the name of People's Representatives, National Races Representatives. The translation of the open letter is as follow:

Open Letter

-To Peace Proponents

Date: 8 August 2011

Truly, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is a country formed with various nationalities since yore. As you know, national brethren of the country had to face the abject miseries resulting from multiple internal armed conflicts that broke out soon after our country regained independence. Actually, the prolonged armed conflicts are one of the many factors that made our country lagged behind in development. The past successive governments had applied various means in their endeavors to restore peace.

Evidently, the current government of President U Thein Sein leaves no stone unturned in its endeavours in seeking ways to restore peace through negotiations with local authorities and ethnic leaders region-wise or organization-wise. We acknowledge the endeavours of President U Thein Sein government and also thank the government.

In fact, every one needs to know the truth behind the emergence of the armed struggle line of the groups at odds, their means to exist throughout the successive eras, and their goals. There will be correct action only if there is correct conviction and vision, a product of right knowledge.

Well, we all should have the correct knowledge of the failure of the peace programmes the past successive

governments had launched. In building internal peace, the government and people take a firm stand on Our Three Main National Causes – non-disintegration of Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. In certain cases, peace negotiations collapsed due to extreme doubts, fanaticism, outside influences, broken promises and terrorist acts. However, you see, armed groups embracing a genuine goodwill to serve national, regional and public interest have already achieved peace.

At 1730 hours on 2 August 2011, innocent service personnel and people died in KIA gunfire. We are totally heartrending and shocked to hear this horrible killing of innocent persons who were returning home from Tarpain hydropower plant in Momaik Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State. The act in fact is a menace to peace process.

However, the government on its part continues to work in the interest of the people and peace with great benevolence. We, the people's representatives and national races representatives fully welcome and support the government's peace endeavour. We hereby make a serious request to every one who really wants peace to work with goodwill efforts in view of the interest of the entire Union and to stay away from acts that may break up the Union.

People's Representatives,
National Races Representatives

MNA

Union Sports Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan received Secretary of World Body Building Federation and Asia Body Building Federation Mr Paul Chua and Executive Director of Asia Body Building Federation Ms Christina Y Kam at the ministry here this morning.

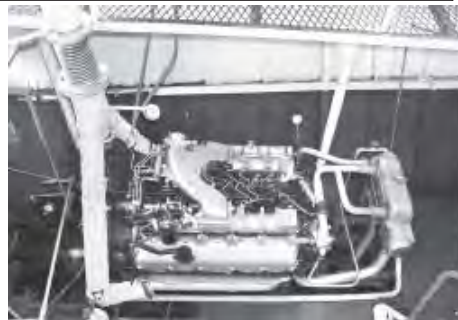
Both sides cordially discussed matters relating to holding of body building and physical culture invitational contest before XXVII SEA Games, sending trainees abroad for international coaching courses, participation in overseas invitational contests and hiring of foreign coaches.

Next, the Union Minister attended the opening of English language proficiency course and ICT instructor course No (2/2011). The four-week course is being taken by 24 officers from states and regions.

MNA



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan receives Secretary of World Body Building Federation and Asia Body Building Federation Mr Paul Chua and Executive Director of ABBF Ms Christina Y Kam.—MNA



ASEAN leaders...

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transformed into a rules-based ASEAN in conformity with the ASEAN Charter. ASEAN is now striving to build an ASEAN Community in 2015. As Myanmar is ready to take the ASEAN Chairmanship, the matter has been duly informed to ASEAN. He also stressed that the rotation of ASEAN Chairmanship is traditionally decided by the ASEAN member countries. Furthermore, the ASEAN leaders supported Myanmar's proposal to take the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 at the 18th ASEAN Summit in Jakarta and the decision will be made in the forthcoming 19th ASEAN Summit in November 2011. In accordance with this year's ASEAN Day theme, "Unity in Diversity", ASEAN has displayed its unity despite having diverse political, economic and social systems. ASEAN Flag Raising Ceremonies in ASEAN member states show the best reflection of ASEAN's unity.

Afterwards, the Myanmar version of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Blueprint launching ceremony was held in commemoration of ASEAN Day. During the ceremony, the Union Minister presented the translated copies of APSC blueprints to the representatives of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

Tasks of inland water transport inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung on 6 August inspected substitution of Nissan RH-10 (Japan) engine in the place of MWM TBD-234 V8 (China) engine at Banya Latt Vessel at Lanthit Jetty in Yangon.

He also viewed replacement of MWM (China) engine with Hino V-10 (Japan) engine at Hsin Haing-3 tub boat, arrival of watercraft from Yangon-Khanaungto ferry route and Hsaphachaung ferry route at the jetty and condition of Lanmadaw Port.

At Ahlon Dockyard, the Union Minister looked into construction of new watercrafts and maintenance of old watercrafts. At the hall of the dockyard, the Union Minister met workers and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung inspects substitution of new engine at Banya Latt Vessel.—MNA

Bridge on Lashio-Mandalay railroad mined, no major damage Trains running their daily routines

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Acting on information that there were signs of explosions on southern part of about-100-foot-long No. 624 Bridge between milepost Nos (550/9-10) on Lashio-Mandalay railway between Lashio station and Namhmyaw station in Lashio Township, officials rushed to the scene on 6 August. According to the squad, it is assumed that 200-gram five TNTs each were separately attached to two parts of the bridge. But, the explosions did not cause major damage to the railway and trains are running normally.—MNA

An audience attends a 2004 presentation in Kuwait City on the proposed Bubiyan island state-of-the-art container port.

INTERNET



Kuwait will build megaport despite threat

KUWAIT CITY, 8 Aug—Kuwait said on Sunday that threats by Iraqi militants will not

deter the oil-rich emirate from completing the construction of a controversial megaport between the two nations.

"We are not scared by threats and we are continuing the construction work in the project. Work is ongoing smoothly and as planned," foreign ministry undersecretary Khaled al-Jarallah told reporters.

The Kuwaiti official was responding to new threats by Iraqi Shiite militant group Ketaeb Hezbollah that it will

strike the port if Kuwait did not halt construction.

The group made its first threat last month and Kuwaiti newspapers on Sunday published new threats by the same group. "This threat is unfortunate and irresponsible," Jarallah said after a presentation on Mubarak Al-Kabeer port to heads of foreign diplomatic missions in Kuwait. "There must be an official Iraqi handling of these threats," the Kuwaiti official said.

Internet



China has downgraded the typhoon threatening its coast to a severe tropical storm, but warned Muifa would still bring strong winds and rain.

INTERNET

China downgrades typhoon to tropical storm

BEIJING, 8 Aug—China on Monday downgraded the typhoon threatening its coast to a severe tropical storm, but warned Muifa would still bring strong winds and rain.

Tens of thousands of people living along China's east coast were evacuated over the weekend as Typhoon Muifa approached, amid fears it would hit the country's densely populated commercial capital Shanghai.

Chinese airlines cancelled hundreds of flights and thousands of fishing boats were ordered to stay in port.

But the city was spared a direct hit, suffering only some power outages and minor damage as the storm passed by. On Monday, the national meteorological centre said it had downgraded Muifa to a severe tropical storm and now expected it to make landfall in the northeastern Province of Liaoning on Monday evening.

Internet

Concerns ahead of S Africa climate talks

DURBAN, 8 Aug—South Africa's preparations to host the next major round of climate talks have met with scepticism from activists critical of what they say is the country's lack of leadership on environmental issues.

The high-level meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, scheduled for 28 November to 9 December in the eastern port city of Durban, is seen as the last chance to renew the Kyoto Protocol, the only international agreement with binding targets for cutting greenhouse gases.

But environmentalists have voiced concern that South African organizers are not doing enough to lay the groundwork for an ambitious conference that will make hard commitments on climate change and raise the cash to achieve them.

"In terms of preparation, in terms of setting the agenda and setting the level of ambition and so on, we still do not have as much clarity as there should be," the international head of Greenpeace, South African activist Kumi Naidoo said.—Internet

Ice cream makers try to eat high ingredient costs

CHAMPAIGN, 8 Aug—The cost of the milk, butter fat and sugar that are key to Jim Capannari's ice cream have spiked this year, but he hasn't passed much of the cost along to customers.

The Illinois ice cream maker and a lot of his colleagues don't feel like they can, saying customers will only pay so much in a down economy, even for high-end treats.

"The bottom line is you want to stay in business," said Capannari, who went so far as to hang a sign in his suburban Chicago shop, explaining why cones went up 10 cents.

There's no question the price increases for ice cream's raw materials have been steep — milk prices have gone up an average 38 percent in the past year, according to the US Department of Agriculture, while sugar prices are up almost 20 percent and the cost of high-fructose corn syrup rose just over 22 percent.

Yet the US Bureau of Labour Statistics says the average price of a half-gallon of ice cream has increased just 7 percent in that time.—Internet



In this on 3 Aug, 2011, photo Jim Capannari makes ice cream at his shop in Mount Prospect, Ill. While milk prices are almost 40 percent over the past year the US Bureau of Labour Statistics says the cost of ice cream is up just 7 percent over that time.

INTERNET

Long working hours linked to alcohol addiction

WELLINGTON, 8 Aug—A New Zealand study has found that people who work at least 50 hours a week can be up to three times more at risk of alcohol problems than people who work fewer hours.

The study, conducted by the University of Otago, used data that followed more than 1,000 people born in Christ-

church in 1977 through to age 30. Study leader Dr Sheree Gibb said it aimed to examine whether working hours were related to alcohol problems in early adulthood. Data from more than 1,000 participants at ages 25 and 30 showed a significant association between longer working hours and alcohol-related problems. Longer working hours were associated with higher levels of alcohol problems including frequent alcohol use and alcohol abuse or dependence. People who worked 50 hours or more on average a week were 1.8 to 3.3 times more likely to have alcohol-related problems than those who were not working, and about 1.2 to 1.5 times more likely to have alcohol-related problems than those who worked 30 to 49 hours a week.

Xinhua

Searching for a new Sony in the rubble of the great quake

TOKYO, 8 Aug—On a recent trip to Japan's devastated northeast coast, venture capitalist Yoshihito Hori chanced upon a group of fishermen outside an evacuation centre collecting wood from the debris where homes once stood. They were pulling out the nails and cutting it up to sell as firewood for 500 yen

(\$6.37) a bundle.

The quake that triggered a once-in-a-thousand year tsunami had destroyed the port and boats that provided their livelihood, forcing the men to become small-time entrepreneurs to get by.

"History tells us that after a major quake or war there are more entrepreneurs coming

up," says Hori, the founder of Globis Capital Partners and Globis Business School.

Many of Japan's best-known firms, Sony and Honda included, grew from ventures that got their start amid the wreckage of World War II as America dismantled Japan's military-industrial complex.

Reuters



A woman rides her bicycle past a boat in the rubble of Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture, twenty days after the area was devastated by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami on 31 March, 2011.—INTERNET

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Managing Director
 Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

Mobile home tips, kills two

ST AMABLE, 8 Aug — Two men died and a third was seriously injured when the mobile home they were moving in St. Amable, Quebec, tipped over on them, officials say. Capt. Yannick Parent of the Richelieu-Saint-Laurent Regional Police said the three men were moving the home for their friend and neighbour when it toppled over on them on Friday, *The (Montreal) Gazette* reported.

The men were trapped under the house for almost an hour. Two were found unconscious by police and later pronounced dead. The third man was hospitalized in stable condition. The owner of the mobile home, who was on site when the accident happened, was not injured.—*Internet*

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Bruce Lee fur-lined coat sold at Hong Kong auction

HONG KONG, 8 Aug—A fur-lined coat once owned by martial arts film star Bruce Lee has sold at auction in Hong Kong for almost nine times the expected price. It was bought by a US couple for HK\$600,000 (US\$77,000; £47,000). The coat was worn by Lee in 1973 for the filming of *Game of Death*—which remained unfinished as Lee died later that year at the age of 32. Twelve other items, including a letter and a name-card, also went under the hammer, raising a total of

HK\$1.7m.

The items were all being sold by a private collector in what was the largest-ever auction of Bruce Lee memorabilia. The coat was worn by Lee for publicity photo shoots and to the Hong Kong premiere of his best-known film, *Enter the Dragon*, shortly before his death. Silvana and Greg Manning, the US couple who won the auction, said it was "a unique item and a memorabilia for an iconic figure".—*Internet*



Bruce Lee last wore the fur-lined coat shortly before his death in 1973.—INTERNET

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80-year-old Chinese man diagnosed with HIV through "frequent unprotected sex"

WUHAN, 8 Aug — A Chinese man nearing 80 years old was recently diagnosed with HIV and doctors say he probably caught the virus through having "frequent unprotected sex."

The case is the latest to support the opinions of experts who believe the virus is spreading fast among older Chinese men who have been

largely neglected in the country's anti-AIDS campaigns.

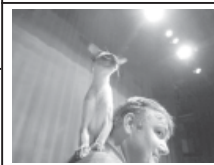
The latest diagnosed man, whose identity has been concealed for privacy reasons, was admitted to Zhongnan Hospital in central Chinese city of Wuhan with a lingering fever. He was later found to be HIV positive, doctors at the hospital said on Friday.—*Xinhua*

Highway accident kills five, wounds six in central Vietnam

HANOI, 8 Aug—A road accident occurred at 5:00 am local time on Monday in Vietnam's central Thua Thien-Hue Province, killing five on the spot and injuring six. According to VNEExpress, a passenger coach starting from southern Binh Duong province northwards collided a truck running on the opposite line on Highway 1A, in Loc Dien commune, Phu Loc district of Thua Thien-Hue Province. The crash killed five passengers in the coach, and injured another six who had to be hospitalized at Hue Central Hospital.

When the accident happened, the coach had 50 passengers, while the truck was loaded with paper. Both vehicles were seriously damaged.

Xinhua



An owner poses with his cat on 6 August, 2011 during the two-day international cat exhibition in Bratislava, Slovakia.

XINHUA

Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 8 Aug—A quake with magnitude of 5.3 jolted Maluku Province in eastern parts of Indonesia on Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 6:05 am Jakarta Time Monday (2305 GMT Sunday) with the epicenter at 127 km northeast of Tual and at a depth of 94 km, an official of the agency told *Xinhua*.

Indonesia is prone to earthquake as it lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone called "the Pacific Ring of Fire".—*Xinhua*



Followed by Stuart Nex, a member of her team, top, American endurance swimmer Diana Nyad swims in Cuban waters, offshore Havana, Cuba, on 7 Aug, 2011.

US swimmer Nyad begins swim across Florida Straits

American endurance swimmer Diana Nyad jumped into Cuban waters Sunday evening and set off in a bid to become the first person to swim across the Florida Straits without the aid of a shark cage.

Tanned and freckled from long hours training in the open seas of the Caribbean, the 61-year-old Nyad expressed confidence before starting off. She said the

still air and flat water were perfect conditions for her attempt to make a 103-mile (166-kilometre), 60-hour swim from Havana to the Florida Keys.

"The adrenaline's flowing now," Nyad said at a jetty in western Havana as she looked at the water. "... I don't believe much in destiny, but you have to take what you can get, and this is what I dreamed of: a silver platter."

She changed into a black swimsuit and blue swim cap and an assistant greased her shoulders

and armpits to prevent chafing in the salty water. Nyad played "Reveille" on a bugle, thanked several dozen well-wishers who came to see her, then jumped feet first into the sea.

She swam away just before sunset, escorted by kayaks and several larger boats carrying her support team.

Earlier in the day, Nyad said it has been a lifelong dream and she hopes her feat, if successful, will inspire people to live vigorously during their golden years.

Queen crowned in beauty pageant for sheep

When farmers in Tutaev, Russia, got together for a beauty pageant, the crown didn't go to a long-legged woman in swimsuit but to a woolly sheep.

The judges selected the most beautiful of Romanov sheep, a breed highly valued for the quality of its wool, officials say.

The winner of the contest in Tutaev in Russia's central Yaroslavl Region was the sheep that best exhibited the breed's qualities, *RIA Novosti* reported Sunday.

Purebreds Romanovs have thick, curly, black wool that turns gray as they age and are sold worldwide for their supreme wool qualities.

The winner of the pageant must not show white spots on the legs or snout, have thick coats and must weigh more than 87 pounds.



Unbelievable! One out of ten world's most bizarre relationship: Macquarie and Jonathan George planned to get married, but the latter died in a motorcycle crash two days before the wedding. Macquarie insisted on proceeding the wedding.

Woman finishes bar exam, gives birth

An Illinois woman who went into labour during the second day of her two-day bar exam said she gave birth only two hours after finishing the test. Elana Nightingale Dawson, 29, a graduate of Northwestern Law School in Evanston, Ill, said she had just started on the 3-hour final portion of the test at the school Wednesday when labour pains began, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Friday.

"I thought if I put my head in my hands and breathe deeply and do what I learned in (birthing) class, I would get through it," Dawson said. "My goal was to get through the exam as fast as I could and leave, barring anything happening that made me think there was something more imminent going on."

News Album



In this surveillance video image released on 17 Sept, 2005, by the FBI, pizza deliveryman Brian Wells, of Erie, Pa, carries a plastic bag of cash after robbing the PNC bank, on 28 Aug, 2003, at Summit Towne Centre in Erie.

INTERNET

Family, investigator question 'pizza bomber' movie

PITTSBURGH, 8 Aug—When the comedy "30 Minutes or Less" opens in theaters Friday, one small group of people will be sure to avoid it.

That would be the surviving family members of Brian Wells, the 46-year-old pizza delivery driver who was killed when a metal bomb collar he was forced to wear while robbing a bank exploded in Pennsylvania eight years ago.

The movie's handlers acknowledge the screenwriters were "vaguely" aware of Wells, but say the movie — in which two ne'er-do-wells force a pizza driver to rob a bank while wearing a time bomb vest — isn't based on the infamous Pennsylvania collar-bomb case, and especially Wells' grisly, tragic death.

Still, Wells' sister, Jean Heid of Erie, said the movie isn't funny — whether or not it was inspired by her brother's sad fate. "It's hard for me to grasp how other human beings can take delight and pride in making such a movie and consider it a comedy," Heid said in an e-mailed response to *The Associated Press*.—Internet

'Apes' rise to No 1 this weekend with \$54 million

LOS ANGELES, 8 Aug—Apes have climbed to the top rung of the weekend box office.

The 20th Century Fox action thriller "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" took in \$54 million to open as the No 1 movie, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That was about \$15 million to \$20 million more than analysts expected for the "Apes" prequel, though well below the \$68.5 million opening of Tim Burton's "Planet of the Apes" remake 10 years ago.

Featuring James Franco, Freida Pinto and Andy Serkis, "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" tells the story of how lower primates began evolving to take over Earth from humans.

The film was well received by critics, who found it a smarter-than-average summer action



In this image released by Twentieth Century Fox, Caesar the chimp, a CG animal portrayed by Andy Serkis, and James Franco are shown in a scene from "Rise of the Planet of the Apes."

INTERNET

flick. Its impressive visual effects rely on performances from Serkis and other actors as the foundation for photo-realistic apes created by digital artists.—Internet

Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber win Teen Choice Awards

LOS ANGELES, 8 Aug—Selena Gomez conjured five wins at the Teen Choice Awards — one more than boyfriend Justin Bieber.

The star of "Wizards of Waverly Place" was selected as choice TV actress, female hottie and music group with her band The Scene. Gomez and her ensemble were also awarded the choice

single trophy for "Who Says" and love song for "Love You Like a Love Song," which the 19-year-old actress-singer performed at Sunday's freewheeling fan-favourite ceremony.

"This is for all of you guys," Gomez told the screeching crowd. "This isn't mine."

Bieber, Gomez's 17-year-old actor-singer

boyfriend, picked up four surfboard-shaped trophies as choice male music artist, male hottie, twit and TV villain for his "CSI" guest starring role. Other multiple winners included "Glee," "The Vampire Diaries," "The Twilight Saga," "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Robert Pattinson and Taylor Swift.

Internet



Selena Gomez, center, accepts her award onstage at the Teen Choice Awards on Sunday, 7 Aug, 2011 in Universal City, Calif.

INTERNET

Mancini wants City to learn from Wembley woe

LONDON, 8 Aug—Roberto Mancini insists Manchester City won't suffer any lasting damage from their Community Shield collapse against Manchester United as long as they learn from the Wembley defeat. Mancini's side led 2-0 at half-time on Sunday after Joleon Lescott headed in a David Silva free-kick and Edin Dzeko beat United goalkeeper David De Gea from long range. But the FA Cup winners were unable to hold onto



Roberto Mancini insists Manchester City

their advantage as United hit back to equalise through Chris Smalling and Nani before the Portuguese winger punished a mistake from Vincent Kompany to score the winner in second half stoppage time.

It was a painful way to lose, especially against a bitter rival like United, but Mancini conceded that Sir Alex Ferguson's side had the better of the game so he couldn't complain too much about the result. The City boss was more concerned that his players understand the reason why they lost — principally their failure to retain possession well enough to frustrate United — and make sure they avoid a repeat in the more important matches to come.— *Internet*

SPORTS

Berbatov on the bench for City clash

LONDON, 8 Aug—Alex Ferguson delivered another snub to Dimitar Berbatov as the Manchester United manager selected Danny Welbeck ahead of the Bulgarian striker for Sunday's Community Shield clash against Manchester City at Wembley.

Ferguson left Berbatov out of his squad for the Champions League final defeat against Barcelona at the end of last season and, despite the absence of the injured Javier Hernandez, the former Tottenham star was only among the substitutes for the traditional curtain-



Manchester United's Bulgarian forward Dimitar Berbatov

raiser to the English season.

Although Ferguson recently denied suggestions that Berbatov could be sold to Paris St Germain, his decision to partner Wayne Rooney with Welbeck, who spent last season on loan at Sunderland, is another blow to the Bulgarian's status at Old Trafford.— *Internet*

One dies during swim, one critical at NYC triathlon

NEW YORK, 8 Aug—One person died and another was in critical condition after they had trouble during the swimming portion of the Nautica New York City Triathlon. New York City police said 64-year-old Michael Kudryk of Freehold, NJ, was pulled out of the Hudson River unconscious near 79th Street at 7:45 am Sunday and was believed to have suffered a heart attack. He was taken to St Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. A 40-year-old woman from Elmhurst, Ill, also was taken to St Luke's in critical condition with heart attack symptoms, police said. Her name was not immediately available.— *Internet*



New York Yankees' Eduardo Nunez (26) celebrates his solo home run in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Boston, on 7 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Red Sox rally, beat Yankees in 10, take East lead

BOSTON, 8 Aug—Josh Reddick rounded first and took a right turn toward right field. The Red Sox rookie has been around long to figure out what was going to happen.

The Red Sox streamed out of the dugout, with David Ortiz leading the charge, to congratulate Reddick on his first career game-ending hit, a 10th-inning single that gave Boston a 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday night.

"I knew it was coming," said Reddick, who was all-too happy to be at the middle of the head-pounding and chest-bumping celebration. "Some of the guys get pretty banged up after walking off."

The victory gave the Red Sox sole possession of first place in the AL East, one game ahead of the Yankees, and clinched a win in the season series against New York for the first time since 2004.

And they needed a ninth-inning rally against Mariano Rivera, followed by some more clutch hitting in the 10th, to do it.

"It's unusual," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We're so used to seeing him do it, time after time after time." The Yankees led 2-1 on homers by Eduardo Nunez and Brett Gardner before Rivera came in to close it out in the ninth.— *Internet*

Sosa, Sanchez lift El Salvador past Venezuela, 2-1

WASHINGTON, 8 Aug — Edwin Sanchez and Herbert Sosa scored in the final 10 minutes to rally El Salvador to a 2-1 victory over Venezuela in a friendly on Sunday.

Sanchez scored the winner in the 90th minute to send a partisan Salvadorean crowd into delirium after reaching Sosa's throughball and driving a low finish off goalkeeper Rafael Romo and into the net.

Sosa struck on a free kick just seven minutes earlier, curling a 25-yard effort off the head of Venezuela defender Josef Martinez and past a wrong-footed Romo to tie the score.— *Internet*

Keselowski wins at Pocono with broken ankle

LONG POND, 8 Aug — Brad Keselowski was inspired Sunday by a relative in the Navy Seals, and that was all he needed to push through his painful ankle injury. Keselowski's cousin lost a friend who was one of 30 American service members who died when their helicopter was shot down

during fighting in eastern Afghanistan. The NASCAR driver took the sacrifice to heart, and vowed he would not leave his car no matter how bad he hurt.

So Keselowski went out and raced all 500 miles of the Sprint Cup stop at Pocono Raceway with a broken left ankle.

As if that wasn't enough, he somehow managed to win, too. Competing with a brace on his ankle, Keselowski sped off on the final restart late in the race to pick up his second victory of the season. He gingerly climbed out of his car to celebrate with his crew in Victory Lane.

Keselowski was an unlikely winner after he crashed head-on into a wall on Wednesday during a test session at Road



Brad Keselowski holds the trophy in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race, on Sunday.—INTERNET

Atlanta. He slammed a section of wall at 100 mph and was forced out of the Nationwide Series race. He insisted during practice this weekend he wouldn't leave the No 2 Dodge, no matter the aches and pain. *Internet*



Deion Sanders poses with a bust of himself during the induction ceremony at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, on 6 Aug, 2011, in Canton, Ohio.

INTERNET

Weather forecast for 9th August, 2011

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During past 24 hours, rains have been fairly widespread in Lower Sagayan, Mandagan, and Tanjayen/Tanjayen Regions, Chikan, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Upper Sagayan, Region of Rakhaine State, isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagayan, Region of Chin State and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggan and Mangung (7.59) inches each, Laokha (7.72) inches, Sitaw (6.89) inches, Mungun (6.89) inches, Mungun (6.89) inches, Bilia (6.70) inches, and Mungun (6.43) inches and Mangung (2.60) inches.
Bay Inference	There is a possibility to start the rain in the State of Chin and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Qualls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35k mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.



- ★ 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



ASEAN Flag raising ceremony held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, in progress.—MNA

ASEAN leaders support Myanmar's proposal to take ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014, decision will be made at 19th ASEAN Summit in November 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug.—The 44th ASEAN Day and the ASEAN Flag raising ceremony were held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Ministers

from the focal ministries of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Culture, departmental heads and officials.

The ASEAN Flag

raising ceremony was observed in front of the Flag Pole of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 8.30 am today.

The ASEAN Flag was hoisted simultaneously with the playing of the ASEAN Anthem. Subsequently, the 44th ASEAN Day was celebrated at the Assembly Hall of the ministry and the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs read out the ASEAN Day congratulatory message of the President of the Union of Myanmar and delivered the commemorative ASEAN Day speech.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that ASEAN founded on 8 August 1967 has achieved success and (See page 10)

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin delivers speech at 44th ASEAN Day. MNA

