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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Indonesian President

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True patriotism

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

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof. Dr Boediono, M.Ec, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August, 2011.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham sends message of felicitations to Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof. Dr Boediono, M.Ec, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August, 2011.

MNA

Union FM sends message of felicitations to Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr R. M. Marty. Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August, 2011.—MNA

Hluttaw reps to report to Hluttaw Office on 19, 20 Aug

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Hluttaw representatives to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, and Amyotha Hluttaws are to report to Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Office on 19, 20 August so that necessary preparations can be made in advance of the sessions. Hluttaw representatives are to take Hluttaw representative certificates and representative identity cards in reporting to the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Cultures and customs of national races somewhat different from one another in character, but the same in theme, and all have own rich traditional performing arts

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The Work Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held a work coordination meeting with representatives from Regions and States at the Ministry of Culture here yesterday afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present at the meeting were members of the Committee for organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions deputy ministers, heads of department, representatives from Regions and States, artistes and officials.

In his speech, the Leading Committee chairman said that the competitions are held with national outlook. Cultures and customs of national races are somewhat different from one another in character, but the same in theme,



Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan speaking at work coordination meeting.—MNA

and all have own rich traditional performing arts, he noted.

The competitions are organized at the national level, so governments of Regions and States are urged to take part in them in all seriousness with a sense of nationalistic fervour, he said.

Artistes will be sent to Regions and States to share traditional cultural performing arts and subcommittees will be formed to hold talks and interviews for their knowledge, he said.

In previous years, not all Regions and States took part in all the competitions and all level, he said, urging them to

try to participate in more competitions than 2009, even if they were not able to do so.

Secretary of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin reported on the objectives of the competitions, formation of the (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards prosperous nation with stability and peace

Today, Myanmar is in the process of being transformed from old to new system. To build a modern, developed nation is a very demanding and formidable task, which cannot be implemented by the government alone, but by the entire people.

Stability and peace is the most fundamental to development of a nation, especially Myanmar, where more than 100 national races have been making their homes in amity and unity. That is the reason why successive governments gave major priority to national solidarity.

In many regions especially in border areas, national unity disintegrated in the post-independence period, stemming from localism and racism. Armed insurrection jeopardized stability and peace. After all, border areas lagged behind other regions in development, and local people withstood the stresses and straits of armed insurgence.

Accordingly, we should take every measure necessary for ensuring that the nation will not face such untold miseries again. So, national races of us have to build mutual understanding and trust for perpetual peace. And we have to work diligently for national development. Regional stability and peace can lead to better socioeconomic status for the people.

Myanmar is a country made up of small unions. Therefore, the people of us have to stick to each other with a sense of Union Spirit to ensure that the Union will exist forever.

It is simply believed that we can pave the way to prosperity with peace and stability if we keep working in harmony in nation-building tasks, preserving and promoting fine traditions for restoring tranquility and peace with Union Spirit that have been in existence for thousands of years in the Union.

Labutta organizes nutrition promotion month activities

LABUTTA, 16 Aug—Labutta launched nutrition promotion month activities at Shwenadi Hall on 10 August. It was attended by administrators, departmental officials, executives of Maternal and Child Welfare Organizations, members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Organizations, responsible persons from local and international social organizations, pregnant women and mothers from Labutta District and its townships.

District Medical Superintendent Dr Sein Hlaing explained activities of nutrition promotion month in August. Then, personnel and responsible persons distributed Vitamin A tablets and zinc tablets to babies and mothers.

Labutta IPRD

Myanmar, Vietnam eye bilateral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Ho Xuan Hung and party at the ministry here this morning.

They friendly discussed matters related to investment and mutual cooperation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry. MNA



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing receives Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Ho Xuan Hung and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi met Regional Director Ms. Anupama Rao Singh of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office of UNICEF based in Bangkok of Thailand and party at the ministry here this noon.

They discussed cooperation in protection of children and promotion of children rights between the ministry and UNICEF.

The meeting was also attended by Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department and head of office of the ministry.—MNA

Labour and SWRR Ministry, UNICEF discuss child protection



Union Minister U Aung Kyi receives Regional Director Ms. Anupama Rao Singh of East Asia and Pacific Regional office of UNICEF.—MNA

Refresher Course No (42) for Basic Education Teachers opened

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — The opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (42) for Basic Education Teachers was held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) yesterday, with an opening address by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

The Union minister in his address said it is the national duty for all citizens to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes which needs the political, economic and defence strengths to be accomplished.

Human resource development which the education sector implements is the basic need to gain those strengths and basic education sector is the most important one, he added. He called for assuming education duties of the nation with firm believes of True Patriotism and Union Spirit.

Member of Union Civil Service Board U Khin Maung Aye, Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, officials and 1509 trainees attended the ceremony.—MNA



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye addresses an opening of Special Refresher Course No (42) for Basic Education Teachers.—MNA



Residents walk on the Espiritu Santo street where 10-year-old Cleverson Alvez Correia was killed on Sunday night in Vespasiano, metropolitan region of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on 15 Aug, 2011. According to the military police, the child was shot dead in the head by a 38 caliber Russian roulette with other children.—XINHUA

Suspected US drone strike kills four in N Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 16 Aug—A suspected US drone fired missiles at a house in northwest Pakistan before dawn Tuesday, killing four militants in the country's main sanctuary for Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters near the Afghan border, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The house was located in the bazaar in Miran Shah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal area,

said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. Initial reports indicate two foreigners were among the dead, but their precise nationalities were not known, said the officials. The attack also injured two suspected militants, they said.

The US has repeatedly demanded that Pakistan launch an offensive in North Waziristan since

militants use the area to stage cross-border attacks against foreign troops in Afghanistan.

Pakistan has refused, saying its troops are stretched too thin by operations in other parts of the semiautonomous tribal region along the Afghan border.—INTERNET



Iraqi security forces inspect the site of a suicide car bomber plowed his vehicle into a checkpoint outside a police building just outside the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, on 15 Aug, 2011. Bomb blasts ripped through more than a dozen Iraqi cities Monday morning, killing scores of people—most of them in the southern city of Kut—in a wave of violence that shattered what had been a relatively peaceful holy month of Ramadan.—INTERNET

One Taliban local leader killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Aug—A Taliban local leader was killed when Afghan and NATO-led forces carried out a security operation in country's northern Baghlan Province, the NATO said on Tuesday.

"A combined Afghan and coalition security force killed a Taliban leader and detained one suspected militants during a security operation in Pul-e Khumri District, Baghlan Province, yesterday," said a Press release issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) here on Tuesday.

The deceased Taliban leader, namely Zalmi, was directed a cell of fighters who

conducted roadside bomb attacks against the local Afghan civilians and Afghan National Security Forces, the Press release further said.

"Following the engagement, one of Zalmi's associates was detained for further questioning," the release said.

Taliban militants, as a major anti-government group, have yet to make comments. 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.

Xinhua

Mogadishu food aid stolen; UN investigating

MOGADISHU, 16 Aug—An Associated Press investigation in Somalia has found that thousands of sacks of food aid are being stolen and sold in markets, undermining the international response to the country's crippling famine.

Sacks of food stamped with emblems from the UN World Food Programme, the US government aid arm USAID and the Japanese government are for sale in Mogadishu.

In response to AP questions, the World Food Programme for the first time acknowledged

it began investigating possible theft of aid two months ago. WFP says suspending distributions would lead to many deaths.

The thefts are depriving famine victims of urgently needed food and call into question aid groups' ability to reach the starving.—INTERNET



In this photo of Monday, on 8 Aug, 2011 labourers unload a consignment of food aid at the market in Mogadishu, Somalia.—INTERNET

12 insurgents killed, 28 captured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Aug—Afghan police, backed by army and NATO-led forces, have eliminated 12 insurgents and detained 28 others around the country over the past 24 hours, Interior Ministry said on Tuesday. "Afghan National Police (ANP), Afghan National Army (ANA) and Coalition Forces launched 10 joint operations over the past 24 hours in surrounding areas of the Kabul, Kunar, Kapisa, Helmand, Paktia, Zabul, Logar, Ghazni, Kandahar and Khost provinces," said a statement issued by Interior Ministry here.

"As a result of these operations, 12 armed insurgents were killed and 28

other armed insurgents were arrested," the statement said.

Numerous light and heavy weapons and ammunitions were also seized during the operations, it further said.

ANP, during separate operations, also discovered and seized two rounds of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), four AK-47 guns, four rounds of artillery shells, 19 rounds of mortar mines, three rocket launchers (RP-G) and 80 rounds of RP-G bullets in the same timeframe in Kunar, Kapisa, Baghlan, Kandahar, Ghazni and Khost provinces, according to statement.—MNA/Xinhua

Two killed, six injured in Iraq's Diyala province

BAGHDAD, 16 Aug—Two people were killed and six others injured in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Tuesday, a provincial police source said.

A police lieutenant col. escaped unharmed a roadside bomb explosion near his convoy in Diyala's capital city of Baquba's western district of al-Moalmen, leaving two of his bodyguards and a passer-by injured, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. In a separate incident, unknown gunmen with their assault rifles attacked a former municipality member's house in Bohroz district, some eight km off Baquba, killing two of his sons, said the police source.—MNA/Xinhua

Seven hostages killed in Iraqi mosque

BAGHDAD, 16 Aug—Seven members of a Sunni paramilitary group in Iraq were kidnapped and then killed by gunmen who claimed to be affiliated with al-Qaeda's branch in a mosque near Baghdad on Monday evening, a local police source said.

A group of gunmen wearing military uniforms broke into the mosque of Tawab in Yusufiya District, 20 km south of Baghdad, and kidnapped seven members of the Awakening Council. After recitation of the victims' names, the gunmen executed the killing with automatic weapons outside the mosque, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces who rushed to the scene later found a paper near the bodies on which wrote "the Islamic State of Iraq," the source added.

The Islamic State of Iraq is an umbrella group that styled itself as al-Qaeda's branch in Iraq and has claimed responsibility for a number of terror attacks across the country.

Xinhua



Afghan children are seen near the Wreckage of Chinook helicopter shot down last week at Tangi Valley in Wardak Province some 60 miles (97 kilometres) southwest of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 Aug, 2011. —INTERNET



Science



Hey tapir, jaguar, smile! You're on candid camera

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug.—They are the hidden family portraits of Earth's most remote jungles finally revealed: A touching snapshot of an endangered female mountain gorilla carrying an infant on her back. A giant anteater sticking its enormous snout practically in your face. Soulful eyes of a curious chimpanzee, a speedy jaguar and a rare tapir staring



This image provided by Conservation International Suriname shows a jaguar in the Central Suriname Nature Reserve, and is one of almost 52,000 photos of 105 mammal species taken as part of the first global camera trap mammal study by The Tropical Ecology Assessment and Monitoring Network in 7 protected areas across the Americas, Africa and Asia. —INTERNET

back at you. Researchers are getting an unusual peek into key tropical spots with 420 hidden automatic cameras snapping candid photos of the truly wild. The first of almost 52,000 pictures were released Monday by Conservation International, a group that promotes wildlife protection, and they are wowing some experienced wildlife biologists.

The cameras snapped away during a month of the dry season, starting in 2008, in seven different countries and will continue to take candids in future years. "These kind of captured them doing what they're doing, being themselves," said study lead author Jorge Ahumada, technical director of the Tropical Ecology Assessment and Monitoring Network.

What's key is that there were no people involved. The cameras were hidden with camouflage and don't have a visible flash. They are heat-sensitive so when something warm is nearby, the camera snaps a picture. The cameras were positioned to study mammals, but also got large birds, lizards and something else: human poachers, guns in hand.

Internet



Long March-4B rocket carrying orbiter Haiyang-2 lifts off from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 16 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

China successfully launches maritime satellite

TAIYUAN, 16 Aug.—China successfully launched a maritime satellite at the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China at 6:57 am Tuesday Beijing Time. The orbiter, *Haiyang-2*, was boosted by a Long March-4B carrier rocket from the launch center in the City of Taiyuan in Shanxi Province.

The satellite is for the supervision and survey of the maritime environment, an important measure for prevention and reduction of maritime disasters.

Xinhua

SpaceX to fly to Int'l Space Station in November

HAWTHORNE, 16 Aug.—SpaceX's next mission is to the *International Space Station*.

The Hawthorne, Calif.-based private rocket maker said Monday its Dragon capsule will launch on 30 Nov on a cargo test run to the orbiting outpost. SpaceX said the launch will be followed by a station docking more than a week later.

With the space shuttle fleet retired, NASA is depending on private companies like SpaceX to handle space station supply runs and astronaut rides. Until then, the space agency is paying for trips aboard the Russian Soyuz spacecraft.

Internet



Technology



Glass memory can hold data for centuries

SOUTHAMPTON, 16 Aug.—British researchers say using lasers to rearrange atoms in glass creates computer memory far more stable and resilient than current types of hard-drive memory.

Scientists at Southampton University say the glass memory can withstand temperatures of as much as 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, is unaffected by water and can last for thousands of years without losing information, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Monday.

Conventional hard drives, the researchers say, have a limited lifespan of a couple of decades and can be easily damaged.

A laser can write, wipe and rewrite data

into the molecular structure of the glass, encoding as much as 50 gigabytes of information on a piece of glass the size of a cellphone screen that can be read back optically, they say.

"It could be very useful for organizations with big archives," Martynas Beresna of Southampton's optoelectronics research center says. "At the moment companies have to back up their archives every five to ten years because hard-drive memory has a relatively short lifespan."

"Museums who want to preserve information or places like the National Archives where they have huge numbers of documents, would really benefit," he says.

Internet



In this 2 Feb, 2011 file photo, a Motorola Mobility Xoom tablet is shown at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google is buying cell phone maker Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc, on 15 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Google's patent play: \$12.5B for motorola mobility

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Aug.—It may be the boldest move yet by a company known for being audacious: Google is spending \$12.5 billion to buy Motorola Mobility. But the big prize isn't Motorola's lineup of cellphones, computer tablets and cable set-top boxes. It's Motorola's more than 17,000 patents — a crucial weapon in an intellectual arms race with Apple, Microsoft and Oracle to gain more control over the increasingly lucrative market for smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices.

If approved by federal regulators, the deal announced Monday could also trigger more multibillion-dollar buyouts. Nokia Corp, another cellphone manufacturer, and Research In Motion Ltd, which makes the BlackBerry, loom as prime targets. The patents would help Google defend Android, its operating system for mobile devices, against a litany of lawsuits alleging that Google and its partners pilfered the innovations of other companies.

In addition to the existing trove of patents that attracted Google's interest, Motorola, which introduced its first cellphone nearly 30 years ago, has 7,500 others awaiting approval.

Internet

'Father' of industrial robots dies

WILTON, 16 Aug.—George C Devol, credited with starting the modern robotics industry with the first digital programmable robotic arm, now used throughout industry, has died. Devol died 1 Aug at his home in Wilton, Conn, at age 99, his family said.

Devol's first invention, while still in his 20s, was the now-ubiquitous automatic opening door, manufactured as the "Phantom Doorman." The Louisville, Ky, native held more than 40 patents, including one leading to the development of the first industrial robot.

In 1956 with partner Joseph F Engelberger, he formed the world's first robotics company, Unimation Inc.

In 1960, the first Unimate robot was sold to General Motors for a factory in New Jersey to lift hot pieces of metal from a die-casting machine and stack them. Companies such as Chrysler, Ford and Fiat soon saw the benefit of tireless industrial robots and an industry was born. In May 2011, Devol was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. He is survived by four children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.—Internet



Studies show 15 minutes of daily exercise can help



In this 18 Jan, 2011 file photo Thai-Chinese men and women take morning exercise by practicing Chinese martial arts at a park in Bangkok, Thailand. New research concludes that even 15 minutes of moderate exercise like brisk walking can add years to your life.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug —Don't despair if you can't fit in the recommended 30 minutes of daily exercise. Growing evidence suggests that even half that much can help.

It's still no excuse to slack off. Regular exercise strengthens muscles, reduces the risk of some diseases and promotes mental well-being. The

more exercise, the better.

But not everyone has the time or willpower. So researchers set out to find the minimum amount of physical activity needed to reap health benefits. The findings by a study in Taipei suggest just 15 minutes of moderate exercise a day can lead to a longer life.

This "may convince many individuals that they

are able to incorporate physical activity into their busy lives," Dr Anil Nigam of the University of Montreal said in an email.

Nigam had no role in the research but wrote an editorial accompanying the Taipei study published online Monday in The Lancet. Fitness guidelines by the World Health Organization, the US and other countries recommend that adults get at least a half-hour of moderate workout most days of the week. This can include brisk walking, bike riding and water aerobics. Realizing that it might be difficult for some to break a sweat, health groups have suggested breaking it down into smaller, more manageable chunks of time such as three 10-minute spurts a day on weekdays.

Internet

Music therapy may ease anxiety in cancer patients

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—Music therapy might help lower anxiety and improve mood in people with cancer, say researchers who analyzed past studies. It's not entirely clear from those studies what kind of music-related treatment — going to sessions with a music therapist, or listening to pre-recorded CDs during hospital visits — might help patients most.

But music therapist Debra Burns, from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, said therapists especially can help patients relax during stressful treatments and think through their tension. "We can use the different music interventions to target the in-the-moment symptoms — pain, anxiety. But we can also look at longer-term interventions," such as improving communication with family members, said Burns, who was not involved in the review.

For the analysis, creative arts therapist Joke Bradt from Drexel University in Philadelphia and her colleagues reviewed data from 30 past studies that looked at the effect of music therapy or music listening in close to 2,000 cancer patients.

Compared to patients who only

received standard cancer treatment, the combined data from the studies suggested that patients who also had music treatment rated their anxiety and pain lower and had higher mood scores. In addition, their heart rates were lower by about four beats per minute, on average.

There was no effect, however, on how patients rated their depression or fatigue. That's probably because most of the studies only tested the effect of listening to music in the hospital for a single session, and didn't give patients much choice about what type of music they listened to, Bradt said. "If someone's really depressed, one music listening session is not going to reverse that," she told *Reuters Health*.

While there wasn't enough data to determine if going to a music therapist helped patients more than listening to CDs, Bradt said she suspects that's the case. With a music therapist, patients are usually involved in making music by singing or playing instruments, she explained, and therapists can design a treatment programme for each particular patient.

Reuters



Qantas overhauls with \$9 billion fleet order, two new airlines

SYDNEY, 16 Aug—Australia's Qantas Airways is setting up two new airlines in Asia and ordering \$9 billion of new Airbus aircraft as part of a do-or-die makeover to salvage its loss-making international business. Qantas will also cut 1,000 jobs in Australia as it shifts its focus to the world's fastest-growing aviation market, triggering threats by unions to block the move and a government pledge to scrutinize the plans.

Qantas, which has been reviewing its offshore operations to cut costs and unprofitable routes, said it will launch a new, premium Asian airline and a Japanese budget carrier, the latter jointly with Japan Airlines and Mitsubishi Corp. The new airlines will fly Airbus A320 jets,



Qantas Airways Chief Executive Alan Joyce discusses the company's launch of a new Japanese low-cost carrier during a news conference in Sydney on 16 August, 2011.—INTERNET

cementing their reputation as the plane of choice on regional networks over archrival Boeing Co. Qantas plans to acquire up to 110 of them, worth more than \$9.4 billion at list prices. As Qantas rebases its loss-making inter-national operations in Asia, it also plans to give up some of its long-haul routes and retire older planes as well as cut jobs.—Reuters

China unlikely to cool investment as its growth engine

BEIJING, 16 Aug—China's long-term plan to cut reliance on investment as a growth engine is clashing with its short-term need for protection against a worsening global outlook. Beijing has made it clear that consumption, not investment, must eventually do more of the work to drive the world's No 2 economy. But with debt troubles in the United States and Europe casting doubt on worldwide demand, it's likely China will keep investing by the billions for now, even if that takes Beijing further from its ultimate goal. Chinese consumers are a long way from becoming big spenders, so massive investment is still the fastest and easiest way for China to prop up its economy if push comes to

shove.

"China's investment carriage continues to race along," the *China Securities Journal*, an official Chinese paper, said in a front-page story on Monday. "Our investment-led growth model will not falter in the short term."

Data published on Tuesday underscored expectations that China's investment will keep growing at a healthy clip in months ahead. It showed that China pulled in \$69.2 billion of foreign investment direct in the first seven months of this year, which is 19 percent above a year ago, and putting the country on track for another year of record foreign direct investment.—Reuters

German GDP growth slows more than expected in Q2

BERLIN, 16 Aug—German gross domestic product growth slowed more than expected in the second quarter, weighed by a negative trade balance, flagging consumption and weak construction investment, the statistics office said. Growth dropped to 0.1 percent in seasonally adjusted terms, from a revised 1.3 percent in the first three months of the year, the preliminary data released on Tuesday showed, leading some economists to rethink other forecasts. With French figures last week showing its economy stagnated in the second quarter, the poor German numbers suggest the 0.3 percent forecast for euro zone growth, due at 5 am EDT, could well be optimistic.

"This is a serious disappointment," said Joerg Lueschow from West LB. "German, too, cannot evade global slowdown... This does not provide any positive signs for euro zone GDP. We cannot expect more than stagnation now." The reading, which compared to a Reuters consensus forecast for a 0.5 percent expansion, was the weakest since the first quarter of 2009, when Germany was still exiting the financial crisis and GDP contracted. Quarterly growth had been initially reported at 1.5 percent for the first quarter.—Reuters



New cars of several brands of German carmaker Volkswagen AG are covered with protective covers before they are loaded for export on a transport ship at the harbour of the Volkswagen plant in Emden on 24 April, 2009.—INTERNET



Iran's Supreme National Security Council Secretary Saeed Jalili (R front) shakes hands with Russia's Security Council secretary Nikolai Patrushev during a meeting on Iran's nuclear issue in Teheran, Iran, 15 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Polar blast to continue to affect New Zealand till Thursday

WELLINGTON, 16 Aug — After bringing the first snow in memory to cities across New Zealand, a strong polar blast is still sweeping the country and is likely to remain till Thursday, meteorologists warned Tuesday.

WeatherWatch.co.nz said snow clouds were again building up around the country's largest city of Auckland Tuesday, indicating more possible snow later in the day. Monday's snowfall in central Auckland was believed to be the first in 80 years, although it did not settle on the ground.

WeatherWatch head weather analyst Philip Duncan said it had been a tough job forecasting for Auckland over the past few days.

"This is new territory for us — for most forecast providers really — with snow in the forecast for parts of Auckland. We can't rely on what happened last time because no forecasters were alive and working then," he told the *New Zealand Herald*.—Xinhua

Israeli aircraft hit Gaza; one dead, four wounded

JERUSALEM, 16 Aug— Israeli aircraft struck five targets in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Tuesday, killing 1 militant and wounding four other Palestinians, according to a Palestinian official.

The military said four targets were hit in retaliation for rocket fire on southern Israel on Monday night that caused no injuries. In a separate strike, Israeli aircraft hit a group of armed men preparing to launch a rocket attack, the military said. Palestinian health official Adham Abu Salmia said the casualties included three militants and a 5-year-old boy.—Internet



A car runs on a snow-covered road in the northern suburb of Wellington, capital of New Zealand, on 14 Aug. A heavy snowfall hit Wellington on Sunday. XINHUA

Chlorine leak injures 20 at Sacramento water park

SACRAMENTO, 16 Aug— Twenty people, including nine children, were taken to Sacramento-area hospitals Monday after a high concentration of chlorine was released into the wave pool at Raging Waters, a private water park at the state fairgrounds in Sacramento.

At least two of the victims had serious respiratory complaints or complaints of burning eyes, said Sacramento City Fire Department Assistant Chief Niko King. Three of those taken to hospitals were park employees.

"It started out with just a few people with complaints of burning respiratory tracts and eyes," King said.

David Ong, a spokesman for UC Davis Medical Centre in Sacramento, said nine people were taken to his hospital, including three women and six children. All the patients had been released by Monday night, Ong said.

Lifeguards quickly moved visitors away from the wave pool after the 2 pm incident.

Internet



The Wilcox Garage roadster loses control and spins at the end of its run during the second day of the 63rd annual Bonneville SpeedWeek on the Bonneville Salt Flats outside Wendover, Utah, on 14 August, 2011. Hundreds of drag race cars will attempt to set land speed records during the course of the week. —INTERNET

Crew rescued after Fastnet race yacht capsizes off Irish coast

DUBLIN, 16 Aug—All 21 crew members onboard a yacht which capsized Monday evening off the Irish coast have been rescued, Irish media reported.

One crew member was airlifted to a nearby hospital, and the remaining 20 were taken back to Baltimore harbor, County Cork in southern Ireland, the country's public broadcaster RTE said.

The US registered yacht, *Rambler 100*, was participating in the Fastnet Race when it capsized at about 5:30 pm local time (1630 GMT) nearly 20 km off the coast of County Cork, RTE said. The Irish Coast Guard, upon receiving a satellite message about the accident an hour later, sent two helicopters from Shannon and Waterford. The naval vessel *LE Ciara* and a lifeboat were also deployed.

The search operation was hampered by mist and rain, while winds were gusting to Force 6 and there was a five-metre swell.

Xinhua

Nuclear contamination threatens seawaters

BEIJING, 16 Aug — China's seawaters are at risk of being contaminated by radioactive materials coming from the Japanese nuclear power plant that was seriously damaged in the large earthquake that struck in March, China's ocean watchdog said.

The State Oceanic Administration's environmental protection department told *China Daily* that China will strengthen its monitoring for radioactive substances in the waters east of Fukushima, where the nuclear plant is, and in the East China Sea. By doing so, they hope to forecast what effect the radiation released by the plant will have on the marine environment and the safety of marine food.

The latest monitoring result released by the State Oceanic Administration on 29 July showed the first group of seawater samples collected from the area contained 300 times the amount of radioactive cesium that is found in nature and 100 times the amount of strontium.—Xinhua

Search for woman swept over Niagara Falls turns up male body

BUFFALO, 16 Aug— A college student who overstepped a safety railing fell into Niagara Falls over the weekend and searchers looking for her body on Monday found an unidentified male body instead.

The 19-year-old international student from Japan was presumed drowned after she plunged into the fast-flowing waters near the brink of Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side of the falls at about 8:30 pm on Sunday, according to Canadian park police.

She had climbed over a railing and straddled it while enjoying the view with a friend, police said.

"The young woman stood up in what appeared to be an attempt to climb back over when she lost her balance and fell," reads a statement from Canadian park police.

No foul play is suspected in the incident, police said. The woman's identity was withheld pending notification of her family in Japan.

With a helicopter

hovering above, an international search party scoured Niagara Falls Gorge for her body.



On Monday, she remained missing but searchers instead spotted an unidentified male

The "Maid of the Mist" ventures at the bottom of the Horseshoe Falls, Canadian side, at Niagara Falls, Ontario, on 28 July, 2007.—INTERNET

body at the base of the falls in an area known as the whirlpool, police said.

Internet

Greenland's ice: beauty and threat

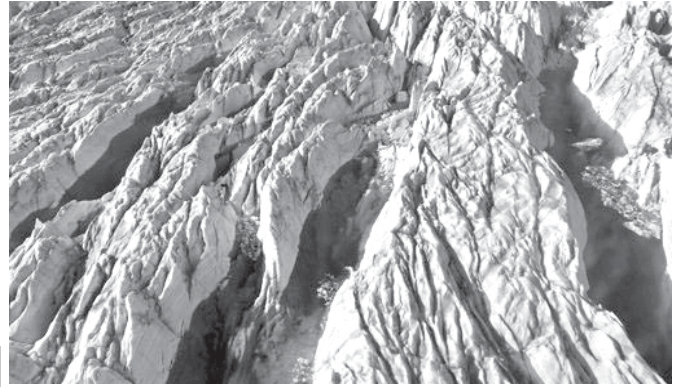
ILULISSAT, 16 Aug—Greenland's Inuit people have countless terms in their language to describe ice in all its varieties. This gallery of photographs by AP's Brennan Linsley likewise is something of a visual vocabulary for the striking and beautiful forms ice takes on and around the giant Arctic island.

Greenland's ice sheet and glaciers are melting more and more as the world warms, sending gushing water and towering icebergs into the sea, threatening to raise ocean levels worldwide in the years and decades to come. Researchers are hard at work

trying to gauge how much will melt and when.

Some of the most spectacular icebergs are calved from the 6-kilometre-wide (4-mile-wide) Jakobshavn Glacier near this town on the west central coast, icebergs that push out into the 50-kilometre-long (30-mile-long) Ilulissat Ice Fjord, and then into Disko Bay and eventually the North Atlantic.

The ice, much of it tens of thousands of years old, originates in the 1.7-million-square-kilometre (660,000-square-mile) ice sheet covering 80 percent of Greenland.—Internet



In this 19 July, 2011 photo, pools of melted ice form atop Jakobshavn Glacier, near the edge of the vast Greenland ice sheet. Greenland is the focus of many researchers trying to determine how much its melting ice may raise sea levels.—INTERNET

Indian defence personnels take part in a parade at the historic Red Fort during celebrations for India's Independence Day in New Delhi on 15 Aug, 2011.
XINHUA



Somali man tries to raise children without mother

DADAAB, 16 Aug—First Aden Ali Mohamed's 25-year-old wife died just days after giving birth to twins. Then his newborn son succumbed to malnutrition. His baby girl did not survive either, leaving the Somali man to now raise his surviving children alone in a refugee camp.

Mohamed says it's been difficult to find work when he must always look after 4-year-old Ibrahim and 2½-year-old Sharmarke, who do not even know yet that their mother is dead.

"Taking care of children, like a mother, is very hard," Mohamed said as the little boys slept on a



In this photograph taken on 7 Aug, 2011, Aden Ali Mohamed poses with his two children 4-year-old Ibrahim and 2 and a half-year-old Sharmarke in Dagahaley refugee camp north of Dadaab, eastern Kenya, 100 kms (60 miles) from the Somali border.—INTERNET

Somali pirates release Maltese owned vessel

NAIROBI, 16 Aug—Somali pirates have released Maltese-flagged and owned bulk carrier which was hijacked in February in the North Arabian Sea, European

Union anti-piracy task force confirmed late on Monday.

EU Naval Force Somalia spokesman Harrie Harrison said the MV *Sinin* which was seized on 12 Feb, approximately 350 nautical miles East of Masirah (Oman) in the North Arabian Sea with 23 crew members was released late on Sunday. "On 14 Aug, following payment of a ransom, the owner of MV *Sinin* has confirmed the release of

the vessel after 182 days in captivity," Harrison said in a statement issued on Monday night.

The MV *Sinin* is a Maltese flagged and owned Bulk Carrier and has a crew of 22 (12 Iranian and 10 Indian nationals).

She has a deadweight of 52,466 tonnes and was on route to Singapore from Fujairah (UAE) when she was attacked. The ship is now on its way to a safe port.

Xinhua

thin mattress nearby. "If people bring me uncooked food, I don't know how to cook it. Most of the time, neighbours prepare breakfast or lunch for my children hours after they're done with theirs. When I'm alone with my children, tears follow freely."

Mohamed broke down several times as he spoke to *The Associated Press* about his plight, especially when talking of the pain of raising children alone without support from relatives. Somalia is a predominantly Muslim, deeply conservative country where women bear the primary responsibility for tending to children.

Mohamed and his 9-month pregnant wife were among the tens of thousands of Somalis who already have fled starvation amid the country's worst famine in 60 years.

Internet

Indian navy detains nine suspected pirates

MUMBAI, 16 Aug—The Indian navy says it has detained nine suspected pirates in the eastern Arabian Sea.

A navy statement says a patrol aircraft spotted the suspects Friday aboard a cargo ship that is believed to have been hijacked and used to smuggle contraband.

An Indian naval ship closed in on the vessel Sunday, and the "overwhelmed" crew did not offer

any resistance. The statement says automatic weapons were found on the ship.

The crew included five Yemenis, two Tanzanians, one Kenyan and one Somali.

Piracy has long plagued the shipping industry off East Africa. Violence has escalated in recent months despite the presence of a flotilla of international warships.

Internet

US City Houston issues water restrictions due to continuing drought

HOUSTON, 16 Aug—The fourth largest US City Houston on Monday announced mandatory water restrictions and other steps because of continuing drought.

The restrictions, issued by Houston Mayor Annise Parker, demand that residents repair all detectable leaks within 72 hours of recovery, and limit outdoor irrigation to two days a week.

The city will begin with warnings and an informational campaign, said Parker, adding that repeat offenders will be fined.

Other water conservation measures include suspension of scheduled washing of windows and buildings, discontinuing washing city vehicles or equipment except for health, safety or critical maintenance reasons, and ordering an audit of all irrigation systems.

Houston is following a number of cities in the area that imposed water restrictions due to the ongoing drought.—Xinhua



Tourists standing on rocks view the Hukou Cataract on the Yellow River in Jixian County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 15 Aug, 2011. Tourist arrivals at the scenic spot pick up steadily as the water volume of the waterfall increases during the annual flood season.

XINHUA

Cultures and customs of national races...

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committees and subcommittees, reconstitution of the Leading Committee to improve the competition in setting and theme, ongoing work programmes by respective committees, and schedules of the committee to render assistance to Regions and States.

Representatives from Regions and States reported on formation of respective committees for the competitions, schedules to launch the 18th competitions and work progress.

Representatives of Security and Disciplines Enforcement Subcommittee, Competitions Scrutiny Subcommittee, Invitation, Welcoming and Transport Subcommittee, Fund-raising, Awarding and Award Ceremony Subcommittee, Information and Organizing Subcommittee, Ceremony Subcommittee, Accommodation, Administration and Welfare Subcommittee, and Assessment, Judging Supervision and Dialogues Censor Subcommittee reported on work progress and follow-up programmes.

Chairmen and leaders of the Songs Judgment Group, Dances Judgment Group, Composing Judgment Group, Musical Instrument Playing Judgment Group, Kwetseik (Story Narration) Judgment Group, Drama Plays Judgment Group, Puppet Plays Judgment Group, and Modern Songs Judgment Group reported on arrangements subject-wise for the competitions.



Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Information and Culture Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greets those present at work coordination meeting.—MNA

Attendees held all-round discussions about the tasks.

The Leading Committee chairman fulfilled the requirements and gave concluding remarks, thanking representatives from Regions and States for their wholehearted talks for successful completion of the competitions. He said that this year, the competition will be broadcasted live on TV, and mini groups will

be formed to review this year's competitions. He again expressed thanks to the attendees for their active participation in the discussions.

After the meeting, the minister cordially greeted the artistes from Regions and States, and viewed the paintings for decorations for the competitions, and the board design.

MNA

Seminar on assessment on the situation of Children in Residential Care Facilities held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—

Discussion on assessment on the situation of Children in Residential Care Facilities in Myanmar was launched at the office of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association here this morning, with an address by Chairperson of the National Child Rights Committee Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that in 2009,



the Social Welfare Department developed a book on Minimum Standards of Care and Protection for Children in

Residential Care Facilities and distributed to institutions and training schools in Regions and States; that to assess the implementation of the minimum standards, the department in collaboration the UNICEF made field trips to collect the information from November 2010 to March 2011.

The assessment has covered 147 residential care facilities, of which some are registered and

some non-registered. From the assessment, there are four main important follow-up points to be made:

- (1) To issue the "Minimum Standards of Care and Protection for Children in Residential Care Facilities" as an official directive, and to disseminate to all residential care facilities and training schools, and to develop the minimum

standards as a law.

- (2) To ensure implementation of the Minimum Standards among all residential care facilities and training schools.
- (3) To have a strengthened mechanism to ensure implementation of the standards.
- (4) To have a concrete action plan on care of the children through new guidelines derived from the minimum

standards.

The Union Minister added that the assessment would strengthen care for children in residential facilities, including those children who are in need of protection under article (32) of the Child Law. He called for collaborative efforts to ensure bright future of the children, the shining stars of the nation.

Next, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional (See page 9)



Medical teams providing healthcare for flood victims at Shwegyin relief camp on 16 August.

MNA

Proficiency Course for Officers of Cooperatives Dept commences

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — The opening ceremony of Proficiency Course for Officers of Cooperatives Department was held at the Ministry of Cooperatives this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint.

The Union minister defined the nature of the cooperatives as the society which balances strength, unity, insight and fruitful undertaking.

He also urged the attendees to organize the lawful emergence of private credit societies.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister U Than Tun, directors-general, deputy directors-general and 60 trainee officers.—MNA

Union FM receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

Both sides discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.—MNA

Union Construction Minister inspects transport facilities

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint called for improvement of roads and bridges and roads run through BOT system in Sagaing District, at the engineer office of Sagaing District Public Works yesterday.

He met responsible persons at Zeya Yadana

micro-finance institution in Sagaing and left necessary instructions.

The Union Minister inspected the condition of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) and called officials for durability of the bridge. Next, the Union Minister and party oversaw road and bridge works on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

(Sagainn-Taguntaing road section), expansion of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo road section and construction of box culverts, and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).—MNA



Union I&P Minister tours Taninthayi Region



Low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011 sells out 205 jade lots

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Organized by Central Committee for holding Myanma Gems Emporium, Low-grade Utility Jade Sales continued for the last day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Gems Museum here today.

Patron of the central

committee Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik visited the sales and encouraged the gem merchants purchasing the jade lots through open tender system. A total of 205 jade lots were sold in the sales.

Secretary of the

Central Committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe presented gifts to U Khin Zaw of Jade Dragon Company who purchased most, bringing the Low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011 to an end.—MNA



Low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011 in progress in Mani Yadana Jade Hall.—MNA

Seminar on assessment ...

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Director Ms. Anupama Rao Singh delivered a

speech. The Union Minister and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Sherstha handed over assessment books to officials.

The opening ceremony was followed by discussion on assessment on situation of children in residential care facilities.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, departmental heads of ministries, resident representatives of UN agencies, social organizations, representatives of institutions and training schools and guests.

MNA



Director Ms. Anupama Rao Singh of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office of UNICEF delivers an address.—MNA

He also visited Dawei Deep Sea Offshore Terminal and heard reports submitted by officials.

In the evening, the

Union minister met staff at the office of Region head of Immigration and National Registration Department. He heard reports presented by officials and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi addresses in meeting with officials in Dawei.—MNA

Union FM receives foreign guests



Union Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Ms. Anupama Rao Singh, Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), East Asia and Pacific Regional Office.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Ms. Anupama Rao Singh, Director of the United Nations

Children's Fund (UNICEF), East Asia and Pacific Regional Office at the ministry here at 3 pm today and discussed cooperation between Myanmar and UNICEF.—MNA

SSA (Wanhai) armed group's bomb attack wounds five civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Aiming to make the public shocked and to disturb peace and stability in any way, SSA (Wanhai) armed group are committing destructive acts. It was reported that their bomb attacks left five innocent civilians wounded in Mingye Township, Shan State on 12 August.

The violence occurred at the time when the SSA group gave a blow of six 40 mm bombs to a village bazaar packed with a stream of dwellers in Mansan Village, Mingye Township,

Shan State, three civilians—Ma Nan Shwe Sein aged 23, U Lone Maung aged 40 and U Lone Saw aged 40 plus two children—Mg Sai Kham Pan aged 6 and Ma Nan Mway Khaung aged 10 were seriously wounded and the house of Village Administrator U Sai Ohn collapsed in the fire.

Ambulances rushed the victims into the Mingye Hospital and Lashio Hospital. Officials concerned are taking care of them.

MNA

NTSB: Plane struck Alaska mountain in heavy fog

ANCHORAGE, 16 Aug—A federal investigator looking into a fatal plane crash in Alaska said Monday one of the four survivors told him the small aircraft struck the side of a mountain in fog so thick, it created whiteout conditions.

The single-engine Cessna was carrying all three teachers for the tiny Athabascan Village of Anvik when it went down Saturday night in the wilderness, killing one of the teachers just days before classes were set to begin. The pilot also died.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Clint Johnson said he spoke Monday with survivor Don Evans, a new teacher along with his wife, Rosemarie, who also survived.—Internet



Tsinghua University - the only one in China. Forbes asked a panel of architects and campus designers to nominate their picks for the best-looking campuses in the world. These are their top choices.

INTERNET

Int'l military exercises held in Panama Canal

PANAMA CITY, 16 Aug—Military forces from 17 countries began on Monday the Panamax 2011 exercises aimed at preventing terrorist attacks against the Panama Canal and drug trafficking, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) said.

ACP administrator Alberto Aleman Zubieta said 20 ships and airplanes along with around 3,500 personnel are

taking part in the exercises scheduled to end 26 Aug.

Aleman said Panama is responsible for the canal's security, but other countries' support, especially on intelligence, is also crucial.

The participating countries, all from the Americas, include Panama, the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Canada.—Xinhua

Defence Service Personnel Hluttaw Representative reshuffled

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar today issued Announcement Nos. 45/2011 and 46/2011 dated 16 August 2011 to reshuffle Defence Service Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative BC/30065 Major Zaw Wan with BC/27387 Major Min Ko Oo; and Defence Service Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representative BC/27268 Major Thein Win with BC/23048 Major Zawana.—MNA

Flood announcement

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada (1,352) cm has exceeded by (10) cm above its danger level. It may continue to rise about (10) cm (about 0.3-ft) during the next (48) hours commencing noon today and will remain above its danger level (1,342) cm.

According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Zalun is (1,160) cm. It may continue to rise about (15) cm (about 0.5-ft) during the next (48) hours commencing noon today and will remain above its danger level (1,160) cm.

According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (797) cm has exceeded by (47) cm (about 1.5 ft) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung (1,149) cm has exceeded by (19) cm (about 0.6-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1,130) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today, announced by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Swiss gov't alarmed by worsening Geneva crime rate

GENEVA, 16 Aug—The United Nations has warned its staff to avoid going out alone in Geneva at night after a vicious assault on the son of an American diplomat in this self-styled "city of peace."

The attack also caused alarm at the top tier of Swiss government, with the Foreign Ministry saying Monday that President Micheline Calmy-Rey has written to Geneva authorities to voice her concern at "the deterioration of the security situation in Geneva in recent months." Serious violent crime is rare in wealthy Switzerland, but reports of the attack have spooked Geneva's large foreign and diplomatic community, prompting water cooler tales of muggings, break-ins and assaults. Geneva police spokesman Jean-Philippe Brandt said nobody has been arrested in connection with the attack, which occurred in the center of Geneva during the early hours of 17 July.

The victim — who was identified only as the son of an American UN diplomat — was attacked by up to a dozen assailants who beat him with metal rods and attempted to throw him into the river Rhone before a passing cyclist raised the alarm.

The UN, whose European headquarters in the city employs thousands of people, sent a series of emails to staff, including a note warning that "one should not, repeat not, be out alone late at night in the city centre." A subsequent toned-down memo urged diplomats to "exercise caution and prudence when out in the evening or early morning hours in downtown Geneva" and added that the victim "could have lost his life" in the attack. UN officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the victim suffered fractures and bruises and was recovering.—Internet

Thais say toxic exposure may have killed tourists

BANGKOK, 16 Aug—Thai authorities say findings of an investigation into the mysterious deaths of six tourists in the northern City of Chiang Mai are inconclusive but suggest some died from exposure to toxic chemicals or pesticides.

The victims were tourists from New Zealand, France, the United States, and Britain, and a Thai tourist guide, staying at three different hotels in Chiang Mai last January and February. Three tourists also got ill but recovered.

The Department of Disease Control said on its website Tuesday that the specific causes of the deaths and illnesses cannot be identified but evidence suggests some were caused by exposure to toxic chemicals or pesticides. They added authorities are taking measures to reduce the risks to visitors.

Internet

Vietnam's sovereign debt rises to 32.5 b USD in 2010

HANOI, 16 Aug—Vietnam sovereign debt rose to 32.5 billion US dollars in 2010, an increase of 16.7 percent from the end of 2009, reported the Vietnam Ministry of Finance (MOF) on Tuesday.

The total amount was equivalent to about 42.2 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) of 104 billion US dollars.

Of the total, the government debt accounted for about 27.9 billion US dollars, while the remaining 4.6 billion US dollars by local governments and state-owned companies, the report said.

Vietnam's leading creditors in 2010 were the governments of Japan, France, Russia and Germany, and the

International Development Association, the Asian Development Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Bondholders held 2 billion US dollars in 2010, over 1 billion US dollars in the previous year.

According to MoF, the country repaid 1.67 billion US dollars to its creditors in 2010, up 30 percent year-on-year, and expects to repay 1.3 billion US dollars this year.

During 2012-2016, Vietnam's debt payments will total nearly 8.4 billion US dollars in principal, fees and interest, even if the country takes out no further foreign loans, which will be a potential challenge to the government, MoF said.

Xinhua



MS Turanor PlanetSolar, a solar powered boat, sails at the Victoria Harbor in Hong Kong, south China, on 15 Aug, 2011. The solar powered catamaran, MS Turanor PlanetSolar, arrived at Hong Kong on Monday. PlanetSolar, a 31-metre-long ship with a total of 500 square meters' solar battery, will anchor in Hong Kong from 15 to 23 Aug, as a waypoint during its voyage around the world.—XINHUA

A Delta Airlines jet takes off from Washington's Reagan National Airport in Alexandria, Virginia on 4 August, 2011.

INTERNET



Airports generate revenue, jobs in Virginia

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—Airports in Virginia, including the mammoth Washington Dulles International, generated \$28.8 billion in economic activity in 2010, the states' governor, Bob Mc-

Donnell, said on Monday.

Citing a study by the state's aviation department, McDonnell said Virginia's 66 public airports created \$11.1 billion in payrolls alone.

Commercial service airports account for 71 percent of the state's total economic activity, the study found.

The department, which surveyed airport managers and tenants, as well as visitors and businesses, found that airports support more than

250,000 jobs, with 45,000 coming from "Virginia businesses that rely on public-use airports."

Virginia will complete a larger study on its aviation infrastructure, policy, funding and impact on quality of life by this fall, McDonnell said. "This report makes it clear that continued and increased investment in our airport system is an effective way to grow the Virginia economy," he said.

Reuters

Weather traps Russian investigators at Far East air crash site

VLADIVOSTOK, 16 Aug—The investigators, who had worked on the site where a An-12 cargo plane crashed in Russia's Far East last week, were confined to the area due to poor weather conditions, local media reported on Tuesday.

The 40-member team of investigators, forensics and aviation experts are forced to remain in a tent camp some five km from the crash scene in the Omsukchan region as it rains heavily and the visibility is close to zero.

The Omsukchan Region is a remote and hard-to-reach area in Russia's Far East. The plane, flying from the city of Magadan to the Chukotka Autonomous Area in Russia's extreme northeast on 9 Aug, was carrying 11 people and around 16 tons of cargo when it crashed. All those onboard were killed.—XINHUA

Bright Food to buy Australian producer

BEIJING, 16 Aug—Bright Food Group Co Ltd, a leading Chinese food manufacturer, is finalizing an acquisition deal with an Australian food distributor in a bid to expand its presence overseas, a company spokesman said on Monday.

The move would see Bright Food "form a comprehensive strategic partnership" with Manassen Foods Australia Pty, a branded food business, as the State-owned Chinese company seeks to boost overseas sales to as much as 30 percent of its total in five years, said Pan Jianjun, a company spokesman.

Bloomberg reported that Bright Food has agreed to pay about A\$400 million (\$416 million) for a 75 percent stake in Manassen, the maker of the Albatros bread and Harringtons chocolates brands.

However, Pan said the details, including the bid price, are still "under negotiation" and the purchase

is subject to approval from governments on both sides.

The Chinese food maker will buy the stake from Champ Private Equity in a deal that will give Manassen an enterprise value - a measurement that includes the company's debts - of about A\$530 million, according to insiders familiar with the matter.

The initiative was first proposed several months ago, following a number of failures by Bright Food to purchase stakes in major foreign producers. "Through this partnership, our products can gain better access to the high-end Australian market, where competition is even more heated," Pan said.

Xinhua

US tourist dies in Italy by falling from cliff

MILAN, 16 Aug—A young American tourist has fallen to her death from a window overlooking rock cliffs in the Italian Riviera, police said Monday.

The tourist, identified as 20-year-old Kelly Rose Denman of Colorado, apparently fell out of a window of the room where she was staying in the Cinque Terre region of northwestern Italy early Saturday morning, said police commander Francesco Villa in the town of Vernazza.

Denman had last been seen by a friend when they returned to the room from a night out. Villa said they had been drinking, and the friend was already asleep when Denman apparently perched on the window sill from which she fell.

The cause of death was drowning after falling 25-metres (80-feet) down a rocky cliff, Villa said.

Denman was found in the water about three hours after her friends reported her missing Saturday morning. They were to have departed Italy later that day, following a three-day stay in the Cinque Terre famed for its rugged coastline.

Internet



A billboard for Bright Food Group Co Ltd at an exhibition in Shanghai.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV PHUONG NAM-68 VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHUONG NAM-68 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
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1. Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro:

Sr No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Closing Date
(1)	12(T)9/MR(ML)	Caustic Soda(Flake)	4500 Kg	15.9.11 (12:00)hr
(2)	12(T)10/MR(MC)	Roller Bearing	8 Items	16.9.11 (12:00)hr

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 16.8.2011 during office hours and for further details please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 95-1-291994.

Spain: Three children found dead

MADRID, 16 Aug—Three children were found dead Monday at a home for disabled kids and a woman who worked there has been taken into custody, officials said.

Cecilio Vadillo, a representative of the Interior Ministry in the northern Castilla-Leon region, said the children, aged 3, 9 and 14, were found after police were summoned to the home in the small town of Boecillo.

Police found the three special-needs children

and a 55-year-old woman who worked at the home with cuts to the head and wrist that could be consistent with a suicide attempt, Vadillo said.

Vadillo said she is in custody at a hospital but has not been arrested, and the cause of the children's death is under investigation.

An official in Vadillo's office said one hypothesis that police are working under is that the caretaker suffocated the children — who were severely disabled and had

very limited mobility — with a plastic bag in what she saw as a mercy killing.

This official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with department rules.

The home could house six children but was occupied by only three at the time of the incident.

The caretaker in custody had worked the overnight shift. A colleague found her in the morning lying in a bathtub and bleeding, the official said.

Internet

Homosexual zebra finches form long-term bond

The male-male pairs nestled and preened each other just like male-female pairs.—INTERNET

LONDON, 16 Aug—Same-sex pairs of monogamous birds are just as attached and faithful to each other as those paired with a member of the opposite sex. The insight comes from a study of zebra

finches — highly vocal, colourful birds that sing to their mates, a performance thought to strengthen the pair's bond. Scientists found that same-sex pairs of finches sang to and preened each other just like heterosexual pairs. The study is reported in the journal *Behavioural Ecology and Sociobiology*.

Lead researcher Julie Elie from the University of California Berkeley said that the research showed that "relationships in animals can be more complicated than just a male and a female who meet and reproduce, even in birds". Dr Elie and her colleagues are interested in zebra finches' behaviour. —*Internet*

On endless ice, searching for clues to our future

ON JAKOBHAVN GLACIER, (Greenland) 15 Aug—The pilot eased his five-ton helicopter toward the glacier's rumpled surface, aiming for the lightest of setdowns atop one of the fastest-flowing ice streams on Earth.

David Holland's voice suddenly broke in on the intercom.

"Carl doesn't like this!" the scientist shouted. "Carl says it's snow bridges!" — drifts that can hide a deep crevasse.

The chopper pulled up sharply and veered off over the chaotic icescape of white knobs and pinnacles and bluish glints

of meltwater, on to another, safer landing spot where Carl Gladish, Holland's lanky, ponytailed assistant, stepped cautiously off the skid and onto the ice, under the thudding rotor blades, to swiftly carry out his assigned task.

It was one of eight 2-minute touchdowns on which the New York University research team positioned instruments to measure the movement and internal cracking of Jakobshavn Glacier, a risky operation meant to shed light on one more tiny piece of the giant puzzle called Greenland.

Internet

Persistent depression risk 'doubles' in abused children

LONDON, 16 Aug—Childhood abuse doubles the risk of developing multiple and long-lasting episodes of depression, say scientists.

A review, published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, also suggests these patients are less likely to respond to treatment. Nearly one in 20 people in the UK has this form of depression as a result of childhood abuse, say researchers. The charity Sane said the study highlighted how damaging childhood trauma could be.

Depression in some form can affect one in five people at some point in their lives. Researchers at the Institute of

Psychiatry at Kings College London were investigating depression which keeps on recurring.

They reviewed 16 studies, on a total of more than 23,000 patients, and found that maltreatment in childhood — such as rejection by the mother, harsh physical treatment or sexual abuse — more than doubled the risk of this type of depression.

Internet

Boy (16) held over death of pensioner

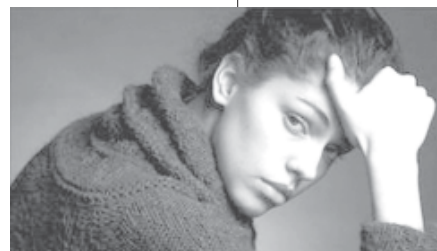
LONDON, 16 Aug—A 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of the murder of a pensioner who was attacked as he tried to stamp out a fire during the London riots, Scotland Yard said last night.

Richard Bowes (68), died in hospital just before midnight on Thursday after he was attacked in Spring Bridge Road in Ealing, west London, during Monday's unrest.

Officers investigating the death have arrested the 16-year-old on suspicion of murder and four counts of burglary and a 31-year-old woman on suspicion of perverting the course of justice, police said.

Internet

Researchers link recurring depression and maltreatment in childhood.
INTERNET





Incredible! "Big Mac"s in animal kingdom.

Chimp breaks into zoo kitchen

A chimpanzee broke out of her enclosure at a zoo in England and pilfered the zoo's kitchen, officials say.

It took Twycross Zoo staff members 40 minutes to calm Josie the chimp after she was found smashing pots and pans, and throwing food at employees in the kitchen at the Atherstone, England, zoo, *The Sun* reported Monday.

"Josie decided she wanted an extra snack and managed to get into the back kitchen area within the chimpanzee building, where her food is usually prepared.

We are not entirely sure how she managed it but a full investigation is under way," said a zoo spokeswoman, who added that "At no time were either Josie or the public in any danger."

Casino opening delayed due to bird poop

The owners of the Aqueduct Race Track, New York City's first casino, said the grand opening has been delayed due to pigeon droppings in the building.

Genting Resorts World New York said the more than \$15 million it has spent to clean up the building, which first opened in 1894, includes funds for removing pigeon droppings from the floors, ceilings and walls of the facility, the *New York Post* reported Monday.

The company said the grand opening of the casino has been pushed back to fall in part due to the cleanup efforts.

News Album

New BMW app lets drivers share top scenic routes

Life is short — so why not take the scenic route? That is the message BMW Financial Services seems to be encouraging with its new app, The Ultimate Drive.

Released last week, the free app allows users to discover, share and rate the world's most interesting driving routes contributed by users worldwide. By incorporating GPS, the app is also able to find routes surrounding a particular location, and will alert users when new routes are discovered in their neighbourhood.

"There are plenty of sites that will show you the top roads to drive", said Pawan Murthy, of BMW Group Financial Services, which provides



A BMW five series is on display at the headquarters of the German luxury carmaker.

financing for BMW and MINI vehicles. "The roads that are filtering up (in the app) include others that very few people have ever heard of, and that's what makes it so exciting."

So far more than 600 routes had been added to the app.

Murthy said the most interesting routes are those with the best scenery and, for drivers with sporty cars, include many twists and turns.

Young man steals 'Bieber'

A 23-year-old Florida man is facing theft charges for allegedly stealing a life-size Justin Bieber cutout from a record store, police say.

David Dowling and a friend entered the FYE record store at a Bradenton, Fla, mall Saturday afternoon and left the store without paying for the Bieber cutout, *The Smoking Gun* reported.

Dowling and his friend then ran through Sears, but were apprehended by an FYE assistant manager. "The assistant manager of FYE gave chase and caught up with them and retrieved the cutout and told them to return with her to the store," police said.

However, the two fled the mall and were later found outside hiding in some bushes.

Dowling, who remains in jail in lieu of \$120 bond, was charged with a misdemeanor count for allegedly stealing the cutout, which cost \$34.99.

After his arrest, Dowling told police "We were just having fun holding Justin Bieber hostage."



Chinese singer Song Zuying (R) performs during her solo concert in Shanghai, east China, on 13 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

Paul Reubens on reviving Pee-wee and his Emmy nomination

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—When Paul Reubens decided in 2009 to revive Pee-wee Herman, the character he left behind nearly 20 years ago, it could have been a disaster — or maybe even worse, a yawn.

Instead, the 58-year-old and his bowtie-wearing alter-ego have been everywhere lately, including on Broadway, where his "Pee-wee's Playhouse"-style stage production sold out 80 consecutive performances, and on "Saturday Night Live," where he did shots with Andy Samberg and cracked Anderson Cooper over the head with a chair.

Reubens is also teaming with Judd Apatow on a film not too dissimilar to "Pee-wee's Big Adventure," the 1985 Tim Burton movie that



Comedian Paul Reubens, also known as Pee-wee Herman, answers a question via satellite at the HBO panel for "The Pee-wee Herman Show on Broadway" during the Television Critics Association winter Press tour in Pasadena, California on 7 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

immortalized his impish catchphrase "I know you are, but what am I?" He'll also appear, in character, on an upcoming episode of Bravo's "Top Chef" taped, where else, the Alamo.—Internet

Fans flock to Graceland to remember Elvis Presley

MEMPHIS, 16 Aug—Silent mourners with heads bowed and yellow-orange candlelight leading the way paid their respects to Elvis Presley at his grave at Graceland, his longtime Memphis home, to remember the 34th anniversary of his sudden death.

Thousands of Elvis devotees, candles in hand, walked in the humid night to the graves of Elvis and his relatives, some wiping away tears as they filed past. Flower arrangements and heart-shaped wreaths decorated the burial site as "If I Can Dream" and other

songs played softly in the background.

The vigil was to extend past midnight and into Tuesday morning, marking the anniversary of the King's death on 16 Aug, 1977. The vigil is the main draw of "Elvis Week," and some waited hours outside the stately mansion for the procession to start.

Paula Penna came with her family from Campinas, Brazil, for her sixth vigil. Penna, who met her Brazilian husband in an Elvis fan club, cried and hugged him, her sister and aunt after paying her respects.—Internet



This undated file photo shows Elvis Presley. Every year, thousands of Elvis devotees flock to Memphis to remember the singer's death on 16 Aug, 1977.—INTERNET

Hugh Dancy to star in Broadway's 'Venus in Fur'

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—Hugh Dancy has been tapped to star opposite Nina Arianda when "Venus in Fur" hits Broadway. Producers said Monday that Dancy will be in Manhattan Theatre Club's production playing a playwright. He has appeared in HBO's "Elizabeth I" and Showtime's "The Big C." Performances begin 13 Oct at the Samuel J Friedman Theatre on 47th Street. The show will run until 18 Dec. The play by David Ives made its world premiere off-Broadway in January 2010. In the play, an actress' audition for a new play based on an erotic novel gets emotional and kinky.

Dancy made his Broadway debut in the 2008 Tony-winning revival of "Journey's End."

Internet

Xiao wins women's gymnastics all-around gold amid fall-off accident

SHENZHEN, 16 Aug — South Korean gymnast Jo Hyunjo caused a scare in the women's artistic gymnastics individual all-around final of the World University Games on Monday, which was eventually won by China's Xiao Kangjun. Jo, who qualified for the final in first place, landed on her back after she fell off the uneven bars during the second rotation. Jo was stretchered off by a medical team for evaluation.

Before the end of the competition, a spokesman for the South Korean team said Jo's condition was not serious.

A spokesperson for the Universiade said that Jo just suffered a soft tissue injury to her neck, instead of a cervical vertebra fracture which was originally feared.

Xiao made her only noticeable error - a wobble as she landed a full-twisting jump on the balance beam - in the third rotation.

However, the rest of Xiao's performances were elegant and precise, and she ended with a purposeful floor exercise routine that featured well-landed tumbling elements and dramatic choreography.

Xinhua

Ferguson faces injury crisis

LONDON, 16 Aug -- Sir Alex Ferguson says Manchester United will overcome the injury blow of losing Rio Ferdinand and skipper Nemanja Vidic. Ferguson's central-defensive stalwarts both limped off during the second half of the first match of United's Barclays Premier League title defence — a 2-1 win at West Bromwich Albion.

Ferdinand appears the most serious, sidelined for six weeks with a hamstring problem that also means he will miss England's Euro 2012 double-header against Bulgaria and Wales in September, as well as the start of United's latest Champions League quest.

"Rio has a hamstring



Sir Alex Ferguson says Manchester United will overcome the injury blow of losing Rio Ferdinand and skipper Nemanja Vidic.

INTERNET

injury. He will be out for six weeks," said Ferguson. "With Nemanja, we hope it is a nerve in his calf. He felt it prior to the game but he wanted to play. That may be a couple of weeks."

Internet

Diawara has suspension lifted in mistaken identity case

CAIRO, 16 Aug—Olympique Marseille defender Souleymane Diawara has had a suspension from the African Nations Cup qualifiers lifted after the Confederation of African Football (CAF) admitted he had been a victim of mistaken identity.

Diawara had been suspended from Senegal's next two Group E qualifiers after the referee reported cautioning him in their last match, a tempestuous goalless draw in Cameroon in June during which two Senegal players were sent off and their coach Amara Traore was sent to the stands.

CAF said it had examined video evidence and found Diawara had not been booked as the Angola referee Helder Martins de Carvalho had reported.

The Cairo-based footballing body said it had been a case of mistaken identity as Diawara had been



Andy Roddick

MASON, 16 Aug—As soon as Andy Roddick smacked a ball into the stands in a fit of pique, he figured it would cost him. Sure enough, chair umpire Carlos Bernardes assessed him a point penalty that put him behind 2-0 in the third set of his 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-1 loss to Philipp Kohlschreiber Monday night in the first round of the Western & Southern Open. "Obviously a split-second thing," Roddick said. "Soon as I hit it, I

wanted it back.

Roddick already had received a warning from for flinging his racket to the court after losing the second set. It was a judgment call for (Bernardes)," Roddick said. "Pretty sure I saw an 8-year-old girl catch it on the way down. He was telling me I hit it as hard as I could. I was like, 'Dude ...' "It's so frustrating. I certainly accept what I did," Roddick said. "I put him in a bad situation out there, but I do think it's stupid in tennis that — I mean, in football if someone throws a helmet on the sideline, it's their helmet. We wonder where we lose our ratings battles to the WWF, Monday Night Raw."—Internet

Fabregas signs 5-year deal in \$42 million transfer

BARCELONA, 16 Aug—Cesc Fabregas' long awaited return to his boyhood club finally was finalized Monday when he signed a five-year contract with European champion Barcelona.

"It took a lot of years, months, days to get here ... it's nice to be home after eight years," the former Arsenal captain said in Catalan during his presentation to fans at Camp Nou, where he repeatedly kissed the Barcelona crest on his new No. 4 jersey.

But while the 24-year-old Fabregas said it was one of the happiest days of his life to once again don Barcelona's burgundy and blue, he acknowledged it was also bittersweet that he didn't leave Arsenal as a winner. "I gave everything. But it didn't show in the club because I really only won an FA Cup," Fabregas said. "One of my biggest regrets is not leaving Arsenal with a championship."

Fabregas joined Arsenal in 2003 as a 16-year-old prospect from Barcelo-

na's La Masia academy. Within a month the Catalan playmaker became the youngest starter in Arsenal's history at 16. The major titles, however, never came.

Internet



Barcelona's new player Cesc Fabregas waves during his presentation at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona, Spain, on 15 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

confused with midfielder Issiar Dia, who has already been suspended for two matches after receiving a red card in the game.

Reuters



Olympique Marseille defender Souleymane Diawara.

LA Galaxy sign Ireland's Robbie Keane

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug—Robbie Keane is the latest international star to appear in the Los Angeles Galaxy. The MLS-leading Galaxy agreed to terms with the Irish national team captain on Monday, adding another big name alongside David Beckham for the playoff run.

"I have already discussed football with (Galaxy coach) Bruce Arena, and I know exactly what he wants from me," Keane said. "I am fit, fresh and ready to go. I've come here to score goals and help this team achieve their goals. This is a massive opportunity for me in my career. I aim to grab it with both hands and hopefully help give the Galaxy fans what they want."

Keane is moving from Tottenham

Hotspur, where the 31-year-old striker has fallen behind Roman Pavlyuchenko and Jermain Defoe after scoring just one goal in 10 matches last season. Keane initially hoped to stay in the Premier League during its transfer window, but became interested in the Galaxy after training with Beckham at Tottenham earlier this year.

Internet



Ireland's Robbie Keane

S P O R T S

Camacho adapting to new life as China coach

MADRID, 16 Aug—The new coach of the Chinese football team, Jose Antonio Camacho spoke this Monday about his new role. Camacho, who has coached Benfica, Espanyol, Osasuna, Real Madrid and the Spanish national team, will make his debut as China coach against Singapore on September 2 and his aim is to qualify China for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

"I will live in Beijing for 200 days a year and will only travel to Spain between November and February, which is when the league stops in China. I am in a hotel at the mo-

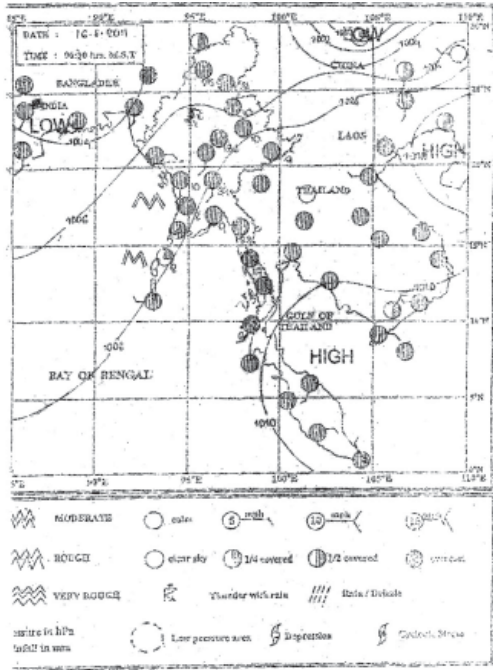
ment, but I am looking for a house," Camacho said in Monday's edition of Diario AS. The coach said he was stunned by the reception he had been given by the Chinese.

"It has been incredible. The Chinese are organized, hard working and it will be very good to be able to work with them. They are a world power in everything and they soon will be in football," said Camacho, who explained the lack of Chinese football success until the present. "There are only 30,000 football licences, when there are 1,300 million Chinese. Japan for example is much smaller, but has many more licenses. The Chinese want to resolve that problem and that is why it is important to play the World Cup to draw the attention of young people."—Xinhua

Colombia and Honduras to play at Red Bull Arena

HARRISON, 16 Aug — Colombia and Honduras will meet in an exhibition at Red Bull Arena on 3 September. Ranked 35th by FIFA, Colombia lost to Peru last month in the quarterfinals of the Copa America. No 51 Honduras lost to eventual champion Mexico in the semifinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup in June.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 16th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	25/77	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
3	Kayin	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	25/73	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershower	90%
5	Upper Sagaing	27/81	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	30/87	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	30/87	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/87	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady Regions and Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Yangon Regions, Shan and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing Region, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mandalay (5.87) inches, Amarapura (3.12) inches, Hpa-an (3.03) inches, Paung (3.01) inches, Patheingyi (Shwepyithar) (2.40) inches, Shwebo and Kyaukse (2.13) inches each and Sagaing (1.77) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

A cog train heads for the Jungfrauoch the highest railway station in Europe, in the Valais Alps, Switzerland on 13 Aug, 2011. Taking the cog train up across mountains and finally getting to its last stop the Jungfrauoch is Switzerland's most popular mountain railway excursion.

XINHUA



Cambodia inaugurates part of ASEAN highway

PHNOM PENH, 16 Aug — Cambodia on Tuesday inaugurated a 9-kilometre section of the national road No 1, which is the main road in the ASEAN highway scheme, connecting Phnom Penh and Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City. The 9-kilometre section has been built since December 2009 under the Japanese grant aid of 25 million US dollars.

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony in Phnom Penh, Prime Minister Hun Sen said the national road No 1 is an international arterial road in Cambodia connecting Phnom Penh and Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, constituting an important part of the Southern Economic Corridor and the ASEAN highway connecting Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh and Bangkok.

"It plays an important role for the movement of people and the transportation of goods in the region," he said.

He added that when the construction of Japan-funded Neak Loeung Bridge, a part of ASEAN highway, is completed in 2015, the ASEAN highway in Cambodia's part will be fully operational.

The premier said that so far, Japan has provided about two billion US dollars to Cambodia, mostly are grant aid. The ambassador of Japan to Cambodia Masafumi Kuroki said during the event that Japan hopes that the assistance will further strengthen the long standing friendship between Japan and Cambodia and the people of the two countries.

Xinhua

Wednesday, 17 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme

- 8:05 am
7. Cultural Dances
- 8:15 am
8. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur (Second Division) Level Men and Women)
- 8:45 am
9. International News
- 8:50 am
10. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm
3. Dances of National Races
- 4:25 pm
4. Classical Songs
- 4:35 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Law)

- 4:50 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm
7. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:05 pm
8. International Science News
- 5:15 pm
9. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur (Second Division) Level Men and Women)
- 5:25 pm
10. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)
- 6:00 pm
11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
13. Traditional Boxing

- 6:30 pm
14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 6:55 pm
15. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
- 7:15 pm
16. Myanmar Cultural Dances
- 7:20 pm
17. Documentary
- 7:40 pm
18. Centenary of A One Soe Myint (Composer)
- 8:00 pm
19. News
20. International News
21. Weather Report
22. Korea NG Award
23. TV Drama Series
24. Dramatic Arts Competitions (Narration of Religious Stories)

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(17-8-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(17-8-11 09:30 am ~ 18-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Luckiest Moment with Lanoppearl Skincare
- * News
- * Golden Dreams & His Art
- * News

- * Livistona Speciosa (Taung Htan)
- * MI People's Celebrities "One" and the Meaning of Housewife
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- * News
- * "Youth & Language" What is she talking about?
- * News
- * Ancient Mural Paintings of Poe Win Hill
- * Working and Living in Myanmar "Tea House and Internet Cafe"
- * News
- * "Travelogue" Water Fountain Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) Blessed with a Variety of Beauties
- * Stylish Contemporary Furniture
- * Coconut Jaggery
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Travelogue in Popa
- * Myanmar Movies "Night Walker"

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Kachin ethnic groups, Shan ethnic groups, Bamar and other ethnic groups have been living in Kachin State in amity through thick and thin, and enjoying stability, peace and development

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—A forwarding letter with the heading "Request for restoring peace perpetually" under the signatures of 12 persons of Shan ethnic groups living in Kachin State: U Sai Maung Shwe, U Sai Yi Kyan, U Sai Tun Pe, U Sai Aik Pu and U Sai Aik representing Tailon ethnic group, U Saw Nwe Sartaw and U Saw Swe representing Taingkhanti ethnic group, U Myat Khaing, U Khin Aung and U Sai Sein Ohn representing Tailai ethnic group, U Mar Gam representing Taisar ethnic group, and U Sai Aung Sein representing Taile ethnic group was delivered to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 24 July 2011. The translation of the written request is as follows: —

1. Kachin ethnic groups: Jinghpaw, Rawan, Lisu, Larcheik, Lawwaw and Zaiwa, and Shan ethnic groups: Tailai, Taisa, Taile, Tailon, Taikhanti, Bamar and other ethnic groups have been living in Kachin State of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in amity through thick and thin, and enjoying stability, peace and development.
2. Due to the earnest efforts made out of loving-

kindness by the government and peace groups, ethnic groups living in Kachin State could lead a peaceful life with physical and mental wellbeing and manage social and economic affairs family-wise.

3. However, now Kachin State is witnessing instability, and stability and peace is deteriorating in the state. In consequence, residents cannot

have a peaceful life any longer.

4. Therefore, we people of Shan ethnic groups living in Kachin State kindly request leaders of both sides try to restore peace forever, showing benevolent attitude to us.

Representatives of Shan ethnic groups in Kachin State.
MNA

Union NPED Minister attends 43rd AEM and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Myanmar delegation headed by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein attended the 43rd ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) and related meetings in Manado of the Republic of Indonesia from 9 to 14 August.

Indonesian Vice-President Mr Boediono opened the AEM meeting which was attended by Economic Ministers of ASEAN member countries and ASEAN Secretary General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Nyan Lin, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myat Myat Soe and delegation members attended the ASEAN Free Trade Area Agreement Council Meeting, ASEAN Investment Agreement Council Meeting, ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation Leading Committee Meeting.

Myanmar delegation on 11 August attended AEM meeting, ASEAN-Russia Economic Ministers Meeting, and ASEAN-American Economic Ministers Meeting. On 12 August, the delegation attended ASEAN-China Economic Ministers Meeting, ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation Minister-level Meeting and



ASEAN-Korea Meeting.

On 13 August, the delegation attended coordination meeting between ASEAN and Australia, New Zealand, India, and Japan ASEAN-East Asia Economic Ministers Informal Meeting and on 14 August, Mekong-Japan Economic Ministers Meeting, and Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam Minister-level Meeting.

In the meetings, the Union Minister explained

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein together with ASEAN Economic Ministers poses for documentary photo at the 43rd ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) and related meetings in Manado of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

efforts and follow-up plans for microcredit economic development, measures for amendment to laws and regulations to boost trade and investment potentials, and efforts for development of small and medium-enterprises. The Union Minister also called on Chinese Commerce Minister Mr Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce and Industry of India Mr Anand Sharma and discussed bilateral economic cooperation.—MNA

Djokovic still human but game is out of this world

MONTREAL, 16 Aug—Novak Djokovic has been out of this world this season but the world number one says he is still just flesh and blood. The Serbian won his ninth title of the season on Sunday with a 6-2 3-6 6-4 win over American Mardy Fish in the Montreal Masters, improving his incredible match record to 53-1. "I am human, I can definitely assure you of that," laughed Djokovic.

"I've been playing incredible tennis this year,"

added the Serb, who won the Australian Open and Wimbledon and became

Serbia's Novak Djokovic. *Djokovic has been out of this world this season but the world number one says he is still just flesh and blood.*

the first to capture five Masters Series events in a single season.

"I'm aware of the fantastic year that I've had and a great streak but I'm not thinking how many matches will I lose?"

I'm thinking how many matches will I win?" While Djokovic has hovered near the top of the rankings for several years, finishing number three in the world the last four seasons, his

transformation into the sport's dominant force has been both sudden and surprising.

Internet

Van Persie succeeds Fabregas as Arsenal captain

LONDON, 16 Aug

Robin van Persie succeeded Cesc Fabregas as Arsenal's captain on Tuesday but will team out against the first leg of their League playoff is suspended.

The 28-year-old forward misses the leg of the play-off against Serie-A side Udinese at the Emirates Stadium later on Tuesday as he is serving a one-match ban after

being sent off against Barcelona in last season's Champions League round-of-16 tie.

He will have to wait until Saturday, when Arsenal play Liverpool at the Emirates, for the armband passed to him following Fabregas's departure to Barcelona on Monday. Van Persie, who has been at Arsenal for seven years, told the club's website (www.arsenal.com): "As captain you are an ambassador for the Club and I'm ready for that."

"I've been in the game now for more than 10 years, so I know how this world works. When I was 18 I didn't have a clue but now I feel experienced, so I feel ready for this."—MNA/Reuters