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Workshop successfully concludes with package of pragmatic ideas



National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development in progress for third and final day.—MNA



Union Minister U Soe Thein making supplementary presentation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development designed to boost economic growth of Myanmar went on for the third and last day at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, this noon.

It was attended by Union ministers, deputy ministers, Region and State ministers for Planning and Economy, Hluttaw members, heads of department, representatives from political parties, officials from NGOs, journalists and invited guests.

Adviser at the President Office Dr U Myint,

Chairman of Session (6) “Seeking Strategies and Follow-up Programmes for Macroeconomic Development”, assessed important ones of the proposals submitted by resource persons.

Ambassador (Retd) U Kyaw Tint Swe, who

chaired Session (2), evaluated the five papers in the State’s economic infrastructure sector; Ambassador (Retd) U Hla Maung, who chaired Session (3), the five papers on services and job opportunities; Adviser to

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Resolutions passed at the workshop will be adopted as future programmes. The government and the entire people will have to work together in stepping up the macroeconomic policy for economic and social development.

Bridges under constructions on Road Network of Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on his inspection tour of Paybin Bridge on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road of Ayeyawady Region Road Network Development Project on 19 August heard reports on construction of Paybin, Salu and Wegyi bridges presented by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Thu.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works gave a supplementary report.

The Union Minister inspected drilling of bored pile and construction of approach structures on Ngapudaw bank.

He looked into construction of gravel section of Pathein-Ngapudaw Road. He also viewed construction of Salu Creek Bridge.

Paybin Bridge on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road is of RC bored pile type at lower structure and of steel truss floor at upper structure. The facility will



be 720 feet long and 24 feet wide flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way. Water clearance will be 98 feet wide and 17 feet high. It can withstand 60-

tonloads. Salu and Wegyi bridges will be of RC type and they will be 60 feet long each.

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Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint looks into progress of Salu Creek Bridge Project.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Build prosperous economic community

Today, the world is coping with many challenges inclusive of global financial crisis, climate change, food security, and energy shortage. So, many countries are diverting more resources into environmental conservation to ease the adverse impact of climate changes.

Since 1988, Myanmar has been making economic reforms. As a result of the macroeconomic reforms made systematically by the Tatmadaw government, the nation did not suffer much effects of the global financial crisis. However, the nation's macro economy was under external influences due to the fall in international official development aid and economic sanctions imposed by western countries.

So, the government is working hard with natural resources and internal strength for national development. Macroeconomic policies should be applied in combination with other related policies for improvement of present fiscal and monetary policies, banking systems, and trade and industries.

Now, it is building a modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development and all-round development of other sectors of the economy, exercising the market economy. The nation can enjoy economic growth only if domestic products are delivered to both national and international markets.

In this regard, quality control is a high priority. Reviews must be made from all aspects for sustainable development. Only then will it be possible to bridge the gap between the rich and poor. And every citizen will have access to the fruits of the tasks.

The participation of the government is being decreased and that of the private section, being increased in the tasks to ensure proper evolution of the market economy. The role of the cooperation and discussions of the people play is becoming important. The people are therefore urged to work hard in concert, rebuilding the morale, capabilities, hard work and unity of the private sector to set up a prosperous economic community.

17,407 acres of poppy fields destroyed

YANGON, 21 Aug.—From 1 September, 2010 to 6 August, 2011, a total of 17399.5 acres of poppy fields were destroyed in Regions and States. Furthermore, from 7 to 13 August, 2011, further five acres in Momauk Township and 2.5 acres in Pinlaung Township of Shan State were destroyed and thus a total of 17,407 acres (7044.51 hectares) of poppy fields have been destroyed in 2010-2011 poppy cultivation season.—MNA

Union Ministers receive Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Myanmar

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug.—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party at the ministry, here, at 3.30 pm today.

They discussed progress of Myanmar, improvement and protection of human rights.

Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party called on Chairman of Human Rights Committee of Myanmar Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko at

his office, here, at 4.30 pm today.

They focused on improvement and protection of human rights in Myanmar.

The guests also met Vice-Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, on behalf of the Chief of MPF, at the MPF Headquarters, here, at 5.40 pm.

They held discussion on improvement of human rights.

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Construction of irrigation facilities to benefit paddy farms

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views thriving monsoon paddy plantation in Dagon Myothit (East) Township.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Aug.—Between Hlinethaya and Htantabin Townships, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irriga-

tion U Myint Hlaing yesterday heard reports on dredging of the creek for prevention against

floods at monsoon paddy farms in rainy season and plans for cultivation of 4000 acres of summer paddy presented by officials.

The Union Minister inspected dredging of Tawtamat Canal in Malit Village-tract in Hlegu Township and gave instructions on extension of the length of canal to 10000 feet for benefiting 1000 acres of monsoon and summer paddy.

In Dagon Myothit (East) Township, the Union Minister looked into thriving monsoon paddy plantation on 10,000 acres of modern farmlands and 500 acres of monsoon paddy farm of Green Asia Co.

MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug.—According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo (606) cm has exceeded by (6) cm (about 0.2 foot), that of Sittoung river in Madauk (1136) cm by (66) cm (about 2.2 ft), and that of Ngawun River in Ngathainggyoung (1178) cm by (48) cm (about 1.6 ft) above their danger levels.

The water level of Sittoung River may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hours, that of the river in Madauk above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours and that of Ngawun River above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (72) hours, commencing this noon, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

UN-Habitat donates search and rescue suits to SWRR Ministry

YANGON, 21 Aug.—UN-Habitat donated search and rescue suits to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement this morning.

Deputy Minister U Phone Swe, UN-Habitat Resident Representative Mr. Popuri and officials attended the ceremony at fire Services Department in Mayangon Township here.

The resident representative made clear the purpose of donation and presented the suits to the deputy minister who expressed thanks and returned certificate of honour and gifts.—MNA

Iran to unveil new cruise missiles in August

TEHERAN, 21 Aug—The Iranian Defence Ministry will unveil the new generation of its long-range cruise missiles later in August, local satellite Press TV reported Saturday.

Mohammad Eslami, deputy head of the Industry and Research Institute of the Iranian Defence Ministry, said Saturday that the projectiles are to be unveiled on 22 Aug on the occasion of the national "Day of Defence Industry," said the report.

"The (new) missile has a longer reach compared to (Iran's) previous cruise missiles," Eslami was quoted

as saying.

"With accurate programming, these missiles can target the enemy quickly and with the speed of lightning," he said.

In July, Iran said that it test-fired two ballistic missiles with the range of 1,900 km into the Indian Ocean from the desert area of Iran's central Province of Semnan, in the Iranian Bahman month, 21 Jan to 20 Feb. And in June, it announced the launching of a radar system which could detect cruise and ballistic missiles.

Xinhua

Flooding in eastern India leaves dozens dead

KOLKATA, 21 Aug—Dozens of people have died and tens of thousands have been displaced in India's West Bengal state due to heavy rains that have overwhelmed rivers and flooded 15 Districts.

The state government says at least 11 people have died since Friday from flood-related causes, including drowning and injury from collapsed homes. A total of 47 people have died in such accidents since the monsoon season began weeks ago in the eastern Indian state.

The government said in a statement Saturday that rivers were still flowing at extremely dangerous levels after local dams were forced



to release some of their catchment. More than 67,000 people are sheltering in 413 relief

Villagers wade through flood waters at Baharal village, in Malda District, in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, on 20 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

camp. Vast swaths of farmland have been inundated.

Internet

Rain, traffic, land contribute to deadly Pa flood

PITTSBURGH, 21 Aug—The flash flooding that killed four people and forced others to swim to safety or climb onto car roofs was a freak accident caused by heavy rainfall that overwhelmed the sewer system just as rush-hour traffic clogged low-lying city streets, officials said Saturday.

A mother and her two daughters died in Friday's flood after becoming trapped in their vehicle and rising water pinned it to a tree. Another woman's body was washed into the Allegheny River, where she was found Saturday morning. Back-to-back storms pounded the city with 3 to 4 inches of rain. The water drained rapidly onto Washington Boulevard, a main street near the Allegheny River on the city's east side, with a force too great for a pair of sewer pipes 9 feet in diameter. The torrent blew off 60-pound manhole covers.—Internet



Afghans stand by a damaged bus in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 20 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

NATO drone crashes in east Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 21 Aug—A pilotless plane of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) has crashed in Nangarhar Province in east Afghanistan, spokesman for the provincial government said on Sunday. "An ISAF drone crashed in Naranj Bagh neighbourhood in provincial capital Jalalabad City at around 9:00 pm local time on Saturday," Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Xinhua.

Abdulzai also said the incident caused no loss of life on the ground according to initial investigation. Meanwhile, purported Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told local media via telephone from undisclosed location that the militants shot down the drone.

Xinhua



Fans of soccer club Santos walk on the field after leaving the bleacher area after hearing shooting outside the stadium Territorio Santos Modelo in Torreon, Mexico, on 20 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Mexican soccer match suspended because of gunfire

MEXICO CITY, 21 Aug—A First Division Mexican soccer match was suspended Saturday after gunmen opened fire on police outside the stadium in the northern City of Torreon, causing players and referees to run for cover.

Local clubs Santos and Morelia were tied 0-0 at the 40-minute mark when the shots were heard inside the stadium.

Televised footage showed the players and referees dashing off the field to take cover inside the stadium.

Santos' Argentine forward Emanuel Luduena ran with his child in his arms.

Fans, many with children, ducked for cover and hundreds ran onto the field to move away from the sound of the gunfire outside TSM stadium. Torreon police and local soccer officials said the attack left one police officer injured, but no one was hurt inside the stadium. Gunmen opened fire on a police patrol near the stadium, said Fernando Olivas, the regional delegate for Coahuila state's attorney general's office.—Internet

Romy Connolly is lifted from a rescue boat by Pittsburgh emergency responders after being caught in a flash flood, on 19 Aug, 2011, in Pittsburgh.—INTERNET



Trio roadside bombs kill seven Afghans, wounds 16

KABUL, 21 Aug—A string of three roadside bombings organized by militants in the militancy-hit Afghanistan claimed the lives of seven people including four civilians and injuring 16 others on Saturday, Afghan officials confirmed.

In the latest wave of using roadside bombs as lethal weapon, the militants planted a mine on a road in Helmand Province, 555 km south of Afghan capital Kabul, leaving four civilians dead.

"A mine planted by militants struck a civilian car in Naw Zad District at around 12:30 pm local time (0800 GMT) leaving all the four commuters aboard dead," a Press release issued by Helmand's provincial administration said.

Earlier, two more identical incidents in the western Herat and eastern Nangarhar Provinces claimed the lives of two and one person respectively and injuring 16 others.

Xinhua

NEW YORK, 21 Aug—Regular vaccinations for adults can help protect children, seniors and people with weakened immune systems, but few American adults get the recommended immunizations, experts say.

A recent report from the non-profit Trust for America's Health found that less than one-third of adults in the United

Adult vaccinations protect children

States get an annual flu shot and only 2 percent are vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Adults should stay current on their vaccines for many reasons, according to Dr William Schaffner, chairman of the preventive medicine department at Vanderbilt Medical School in

Nashville, Tenn.

Doing so not only protects adults against many diseases, it prevents them from transmitting those diseases to family members, infants and elders, bolstering public health in general.

Getting the Tdap vaccine against whooping cough, diphtheria

and tetanus is particularly important.

"Young babies are the most vulnerable [against whooping cough]," Schaffner said in a Society for Women's Health Research news release.

"Everyone needs to get vaccinated who will have contact with babies in the home.—Internet



HEALTH

Infants with autistic siblings at higher risk.
INTERNET

HEALTH

Health Tip: Using a Nasal Spray for Allergies

A nasal spray can help many allergy sufferers find relief from symptoms, but it's important that the spray be used correctly.

The American Academy of Family Physicians mentions these suggestions when using a nasal spray:

- * It may take as long as two weeks before you notice the spray's full effect.
- * At least once per week, wash the canister that delivers the spray.
- * Before you spray, sniff air into each nostril to allow the medication to go deep inside the nose.
- * Aim the spray straight toward the back of your head.
- * If used correctly, the spray shouldn't leak from your nose or down your throat.
- * Stop using the spray for a few days if you have a nosebleed or feel pain in the nose.
- * Use the medication as directed by your doctor, and store it out of direct sunlight.—Internet

Doctor Katarzyna Koziol (unseen) injects sperm directly into an egg during in vitro fertilization (IVF) procedure called Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) at Novum clinic in Warsaw 26 October, 2010.
INTERNET



Test for Calcium buildup may spot heart attack, stroke risk

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—A calcium test performed with the assistance of a CT scanner seems to provide insight into the likelihood that certain patients at moderate risk of heart problems will have a heart attack or stroke, researchers say.

The test to detect coronary calcium can help physicians determine whether the patients should take cholesterol-lowering drugs to reduce their cardiovascular risks, the study authors explained.

At issue are people who fall into the middle area between those who are at high risk of heart problems due to factors like high blood pressure and those who are at low risk. People in the so-called "gray zone" may have risk factors, such as being overweight or having high blood sugar levels, but they aren't considered in great

danger.

The question is: Should those in the middle range of risk — an estimated 6 million people in the United States — be prescribed the anticholesterol drugs known as statins, which often work well but have side effects?

The study, published in the 19 Aug issue of *The Lancet*, sought to determine whether a test of calcium in the arteries is more helpful at estimating risk than a blood test that examines levels of C-reactive protein.—Internet

HEALTH

BUSINESS

Did the market get it wrong about Hewlett-Packard?

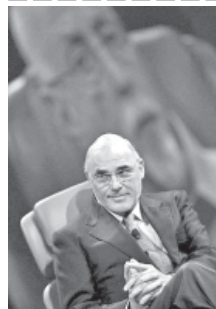
WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—Hewlett-Packard has announced that it will either spin off or sell its PC and mobile computing business units. After this announcement, the market took HP's stock price down 20 percent. My question is: did the market get it wrong about Hewlett-Packard?

IDC and other tech industry observers will note that while Apple has roughly 15 percent of market share of unit sales of personal computers, Apple has roughly 90 percent of all earnings created by sales of personal computers. Apple has purposefully avoided the low-margin commoditized segments of the personal computer market. The same can be said about the mobile computing segments.

Renowned management theorist Peter Drucker said that only two things matter in a company: innovation and marketing; everything else was a (commoditized) expense. Innovation provides for differentiated products and services; marketing conveys the value of that differentiation.

Without a clear sense of product differentiation in the personal computer and mobile computing segments, products will be seen as commoditized. One should expect few profits without innovation and differentiation.

So, was HP's decision a good one? I would say yes. Capital that is currently allocated to these low-margin segments is a waste. Redeploying such capital seems smart. Now, what about HP's purchase of Palm. Yes, it's wasted money. But, it's a sunk cost. HP's management must look forward not back. It's about admitting that they tried something, it didn't work, now they're moving on. With HP selling at half of its 52-week high, it seems to be a buy.—Internet



Hewlett-Packard Company CEO Leo Apotheker is shown in this publicity photo speaking during a session from the All Things Digital conference in Palos Verdes, California 1 June, 2011. Hewlett-Packard Co sees the WebOS software it acquired from Palm running devices besides its own and is open to licensing the operating system, Apotheker said Wednesday.
INTERNET

Gold at record on S Korea exchange

SEOUL, 21 Aug—Gold prices hit a record price in Seoul on Saturday, climbing to \$234.30 per don, as the price has climbed 14 percent in the past month. On the Korea Gold Exchange, the price of gold has added more than \$33 per don in the past month, *Yonhap* reported. A don is the equivalent of 3.75 grams. In New York on Friday, gold for December delivery rose to a record \$1,852.20 per troy ounce, as investors flocked to the precious metal, which is seen as a safe haven when other investments appear risky. A troy ounce weighs more than a standard ounce, as there are 12 troy ounces to a pound, rather than the standard 16 ounces to a pound.

Gold has climbed sharply since the financial crisis hit. In Korea, gold was at \$101.08 per don in August 2008.—Internet



In this photo taken 26 July, 2011, Rony Pineda browses his iPad at a Starbucks in Miami. Starbucks reports quarterly financial results 28 July, after the market close.
INTERNET

Science

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—If or when intelligent extraterrestrials discover us, it's anybody's guess what they'll do. They might befriend us. They might eat us.

As Carl Sagan once noted, they might find amusement in some talent we have that they lack and use us as entertainment, just as we keep sea lions in captivity because of their remarkable ability to balance rubber balls on their noses.

All of these scenarios and more are fleshed out in a new article in the journal *Acta Astro-nautica* by researchers at Pennsylvania State University.

One possibility they've raised has garnered more attention than any other: An extraterrestrial civilization might notice our planet by detecting changes in the spectral signature of Earth—the light radiated by our planet and atmosphere—caused by

New report: Aliens will fix Global Warming ... or Kill us

greenhouse gas emissions. And they might frown upon our behavior.

The group's thinking goes like this: From the rate of change of the chemical composition in our atmosphere, the aliens will deduce our rapid expansion and, because of that, possibly view us as a threat, thinking we'll soon pursue resources on other worlds. "If [they] doubt that our course can be changed, then they may seek to preemptively destroy our civilization in order to protect other civilizations from us," the researchers write. (Several media outlets have inaccurately reported that NASA is behind the new report. One of its authors, astrobiologist Shawn Domagal-Goldman, recently began working at NASA, but wrote the paper with former colleague Seth Baum and others at Penn State, whose institution was

solely responsible for funding their research.)

"This is a highly unlikely scenario," said Jacob Haqq-Misra, a meteorologist and astrobiologist at Penn State and a co-author of the new paper. "We're not really saying this is going to happen, but it's a possibility."

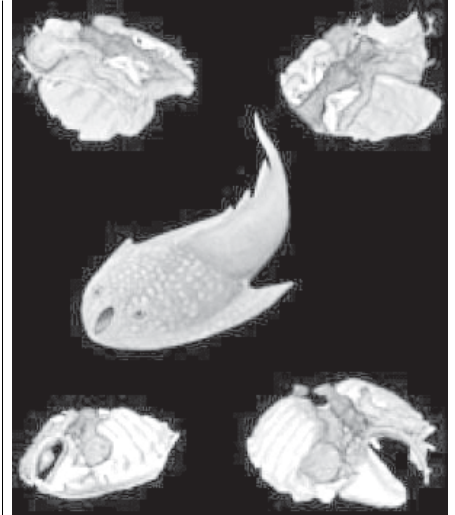
The motivation for explaining this possibility is that we are doing this technology already. We are looking at other planets and their spectral signatures."

Haqq-Misra explained that astronomers are currently capable of detecting spectral changes in light coming from large (Jupiter-size) planets up to 200 light-years away. In galactic terms, this is a very small neighbourhood (the Milky Way is 100,000 light-years across). However, more advanced civilizations would be capable of seeing much farther.

"How far you can see

depends on how big your telescope is," he told *Life's Little Mysteries*, a sister site to *SPACE*. "So this is a realistic scenario: What if ET looked at Earth?" In fact, we already know what they would see.

"People have looked at Earth's radiation reflected back to us from the moon, and you can actually observe the oxygen and methane and ozone in our atmosphere. So we know the spectral signature they would see, and the changes," said Haqq-Misra, whose primary research involves studying the atmospheric changes caused by life. That aliens would react negatively to seeing signs of our rapid expansion is only one hypothetical outcome, he explained. Perhaps aliens are actually nice. "They might think: These guys are not going to make it."—INTERNET



Artistic reconstruction of the galeaspid animal together with different views of the digital model of its brain and sense organs.—INTERNET

Bizzy app brings personalized local recommendations

NEW YORK, 21 Aug—Online marketing services company Reach-Local has recently expanded from its service targeting small to medium sized businesses with mobile consumer app Bizzy. Bizzy is an app for sharing and finding local businesses, particularly restaurants and bars. Instead of a "check-in" as on apps like Four-square, Bizzy has "check-outs."

The app is designed to encourage more reviews than other sites such as Yelp. On those sites the proportion of people who write reviews is relatively small. Bizzy is designed to encourage more participation through quick reviews with buttons ("Love it," "OK" or "No Thx") that people can click instead of writing a review. In tech lingo that's called "frictionless." People can also upload a photo of a dish as a sort of review. Check-outs with photos

get more comments and feedback which has encouraged more people to post photos. "In the Web 2.0 model, only half a percent participate," says Gadi Shamia, general manager of Bizzy. "We want to be getting every user on Bizzy to participate."

As people check-out more businesses, Bizzy recommends places from others who have similar tastes. The app is designed for people to quickly see recommendations for restaurants nearby. It's also supposed to make it easier to find trusted recommendations than services like Yelp, which have many reviews but do not tell you which people have the same tastes as you, Shamia says.

Interaction between friends is also built into the app. People can view their stream of friends' activity in different restaurants, and then add it to a "trial list" to remember for later.

Then when people check-out the places that their friends have recommended, the original person gets a notification that a friend also liked the place, a kind of real-time feedback that encourages more check-outs, says Zorik Gordon, CEO of ReachLocal.

Internet

Tech



Watch: How to shop on the Google Catalogs iPad app.—INTERNET

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NEW YORK, 21 Aug—Google has released a tutorial to go with its freshly launched Catalogs shopping app.

Featuring all the apparel, beauty products, and home goods offered by partners such as Neiman Marcus, Urban

Outfitters, or Sephora, the app lets you view items up close and shows you where to find them nearby in case you don't want to purchase them directly online. Similar to sites like Polyvore, you can also build collages of your saved favorite items from different catalogs and keep them for inspiration or share them with your friends.

Internet



Customers try the latest iPad 2 at the Apple store on Fifth Avenue in New York. Apple plans to begin trial production of a next generation iPad in October with an eye to an early 2012 launch, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.—INTERNET

Cornell researchers working to scrub fake reviews off the Web

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—A team of researchers at Cornell recently finished a paper concerning the development of a computer algorithm to determine if a review is fake or authentic. After publishing the research, many specialty travel sites approached the group to determine how this algorithm could be developed to weed out paid reviews. Some brands and companies covertly

use sites like Amazon's Mechanical Turk, Fivver and other freelance sites to build a library of positive reviews for cash. These freelancer meccas are designed to pump out results quickly, thus are exploited to create a plethora of bloated 5-star reviews to inflate the quality of products or services.

In order to establish common elements within fake reviews, the Cornell team was authorized to

create an mTurk task for the creation of 400 positive reviews of Chicago hotels. The only stipulation was that the review was to be fake. After combing through TripAdvisor, they specifically choose 400 reviews that they believed to be true and mixed them with the fake entries. These entries were shown to a group of judges, but they couldn't tell the difference between authentic and fake.—Internet

Plane crashes in Canadian Arctic, 12 killed

RESOLUTE BAY, 21 Aug—A chartered Boeing 737-200 plane crashed Saturday afternoon as it was approaching an airport in Canada's Arctic region, killing 12 people and injuring three, police said.

Residents of the tiny hamlet of Resolute

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Angelique Dignard said the plane was carrying 15 people, including four crew members. Two adults and a child were flown to a hospital in the territorial capital of Iqaluit for

"It's in three different pieces. The wings are still attached. The front and back are separated," she said. "And they were picking up pieces of bodies."

The crash has sent a wave of sorrow through the community of about

Bay in the Arctic territory of Nunavut and soldiers from a nearby military exercise rushed to the scene in a desperate effort to try and pull survivors from the flaming wreckage.

First Air charter flight, number 6560, was travelling from Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories to Resolute Bay, and was scheduled to continue on to Grise Fiord on Ellesmere Island.

In this 15 July, 2009, photo, a Boeing 737 (737-200) jetliner is seen in Edmonton, Canada. A Boeing 737 operated by First Air crashed near Resolute Bay, Nunavut, killing 12 people on 20 Aug, 2011, in Canada.—INTERNET

treatment, police said. One of the adults was in critical condition.

Doreen McDonald passed near the charred wreckage of the plane as she was returning to town from a camping trip.

230 people.

"People are still in shock," said McDonald, adding her phone had been ringing nonstop as the community tried to come to grips with the tragedy.—Internet



In this photo taken on 5 Aug, 2011, newly arrived Somali refugees wait outside a UNHCR processing center at the Ifo refugee camp outside Dadaab, eastern Kenya, 100 kilometres (62 miles) from the Somali border. INTERNET



Famine refugee camp has houses of sticks, cloth

DADAAB, 21 Aug—Kaltumo Barre's home is a flimsy, dome-shaped skeleton of sticks and ragged cloth.

Her kitchen is three twisted iron rods stuck in the ground outside, shielded from the wind and sandstorms by more sticks and tattered clothes.

Inside, the floor is dirt, and it smells of urine from the two youngest of Barre's five dust-caked children who share the space with her.

The nearest water source and latrine is several makeshift homes away.

A neighbour offered a visitor a seat by tossing a Y-shaped log on the ground in front of Barre's home and saying, "This is the best chair we've got."

Barre and her children fled the almost certain death from Somalia's drought and famine for a meager life in the Dadaab refugee camp — the world's largest.

Built in 1991 for 90,000 people, the camp has swelled to more than 400,000 registered refugees because of Somalia's long-running conflict and now its famine. Another 40,000 are waiting for official registration.

More than 3.2 million Somalis need food aid, according to the United Nations. The US says 29,000 Somali children under age 5 already have died.

Internet

Cuba rejects continued inclusion on US terror list

HAVANA, 21 Aug—Cuba is condemning Washington's decision to keep it on the list of states allegedly sponsoring terrorism.

A Foreign Ministry statement says the US has no right to judge Cuba and says the island nation has an "unblemished" record fighting terrorism. The statement also accuses Washington of manipulating the issue for political ends. Cuba's inclusion on the terror blacklist since 1982 has been a huge irritation for the island's government. Being on the list brings sanctions such as foreign aid restrictions.

The US State Department said there's no evidence Cuba has cut ties to Colombian rebels and cited media reports that militant Basque separatists continue to live in the country. The ministry's statement was published Saturday in Communist Party newspaper Granma.—Xinhua

Over two million affected by monsoon rains, flooding in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 Aug—Heavy monsoon rains and flooding have reportedly affected over 2 million people in Pakistan's southern Sindh and eastern Punjab Provinces.

Local meteorological department predicts more rains in the days ahead, posing a threat to more people in the country.

The National Disaster Management Authority says over 200,000 people have

been affected in flood-hit areas in interior Sindh. Media quoted the authority as saying 100 villages were flooded in Badin District of Sindh after a breach in a major salinity drain. As a result of the flooding, people have in some cases been left marooned and have to be evacuated by Navy boats. Pakistan's biggest eastern Punjab Province was also affected by monsoon rains and flooding, according to officials. Flooding of the

Sutlej river has inundated several villages in Kasur District, Punjab Province.

Syed Arshad Hussain, the district coordination officer for Kasur, a city on the eastern side of Punjab bordering India, said that relief centres have been set up in eight locations and the authorities are making all other arrangements to help the affected people. He also said an assessment of needs was under way.—Xinhua



Participants pull an aeroplane in the ORBIS Pull for Sight 2011 in Toronto, Canada, on 20 Aug, 2011. A total of 40 teams attended the competition on Saturday. The ORBIS Pull for Sight is a fun team competition. Teams are made up of 25 members, who all line up adjacent to a huge rope attached to the aircraft, to see which group can pull a 60-ton cargo aeroplane for 12 feet in the shortest time.

XINHUA



Members of the Shanghai Baoshan Miaohe Art Group perform during the 42nd Flower Carnival held in Debrecen, Hungary on 20 Aug, 2011. The floats parade is the main event of the 42nd Flower Carnival, which is one of the most prestigious events of Debrecen. August 20th is the national day of Hungary.—XINHUA

Five headless bodies found in Acapulco

MEXICO CITY, 21 Aug—Authorities in Mexico found the decapitated bodies of four men and a woman in Acapulco on Saturday, the latest in a string of slayings in the popular Pacific resort this week.

Federal police said the corpses of two men and a woman were found tied up in the back of a

sport utility vehicle near Acapulco beach, in what appeared to be a crime related to drug gangs.

Reforma newspaper said messages were left in the vehicle linking the killings to the powerful Sinaloa cartel, headed by Mexico's most wanted capo, Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman.

The dismembered

and decapitated bodies of two other men were found at the entrance to an outlet of Sam's Club, a unit of US retailer Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Daily Excelsior described the past few days as a "black week" for Acapulco, noting at least 25 people had been killed before Saturday's events.—Reuters

DaikU Township growing Hsinthukha strain rice on broader scale

By Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt

Fourteen scientific methods are being applied across the nation to boost rice per acre yield to over 100 baskets. Bago Region is replacing conventional with mechanized farming to meet the rice per acre yield of more than 100

we dropped in the field of Hsinthukha strain rice grown with scientific methods near Dayei-mee Village on 16 June. Manager U Myint Aung of DaikU Township Myanmar Agriculture Service said that the township was taking

strain rice thrived in their region; that it could be harvested when it was at the age of 135 days; that the per acre yield of Hsinthukha strain rice was expected to exceed 100 baskets; that Hsinthukha strain rice was of high quality with higher per acre

been organizing local farmers to apply the 14 scientific methods, by staging demonstrations in Gadok Phayagyi, Paukdabin, DaikU Myoma, Hsapa Farm, and Natkin agricultural camp; and that they took measures to ensure that local farmers could draw farm subsidies in time and settle the agricultural loans.

Farmer U Thaung Nyunt who grows rice with the seed-bed method at Plot No. 410-B/7 of Economic Holdings No. 27/1 said that his rice field was successful.

It was heartening to view thriving rice plants of Hsinthukha strain rice fields which looked like a very large green carpet. Thriving rice plants of Hsinthukha strain rice in



Farmer U Thaung Nyunt of Dayei-mee Village, DaikU Township.

the field were eye-catching.

He said that in addition, they would grow such quality rice strains as Hsinneweyin, Yadana Aung and Yadanatoo as summer rice to distribute quality rice seeds to local farmers.

Local farmers of Bago Region are therefore

making increasing profits from their rice farms and enjoying better socioeconomic life. Bago Region is believed to maintain its image of being second granary of the nation forever.

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The 10-acre rice field of U Thaung Nyunt in Plot No. 410-B/7 of Economic Holdings No. 27/1 in Dayei-mee Village, DaikU Township.

baskets. As part of the drive, it is organizing local farmers to choose quality rice seeds. So far, its sown acreage of rice with quality seeds is over 255,000.

For horizontal expansion with quality rice seeds, DaikU Township in Bago Region is enjoying scientific methods. So far, it has put over 1470 acres under rice with quality seeds of several strains including Hsinthukha.

On our trip to DaikU,

measures for extensive cultivation of high-yield quality rice with the 14 scientific methods; that up to that then they had put 75 acres under Hsinthukha strain rice and 25 acres under Hmawby (2) strain rice with the seed-bed method; and that only that year did they begin use of the seed-bed method to grow rice.

He added that they got Hsinthukha strain rice seeds from Gadok and Paukdabin quality rice farms; that Hsinthukha

yield, and the output of rice grains in the milling process was higher than that of other strains of rice; and that therefore, farmers would make greater profits that year.

Administrator of DaikU Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Swa Aung said that since the early monsoon, the Township Myanmar Agriculture Service in cooperation with agricultural work coordination groups had



Rice plants are nurtured in a systematic way.

Three killed, 17 injured in hospital blast in north China city



An injured man receives medical treatment at the People's Hospital in Changzhi of north China's Shanxi Province, on 20 Aug, 2011. A boiler exploded early Saturday in the Chengqu Hospital in Changzhi, leaving three people dead and 17 others injured.—XINHUA

TAIYUAN, 21 Aug—Three people were killed and 17 others injured, two severely, after a blast ripped

through a boiler room in a hospital in northern Chinese City of Changzhi Friday, local authorities said.

A person was killed instantly when a boiler exploded at about 4 pm at the Chengqu Hospital in Changzhi, Shanxi Province, and two others died while being rushed to the emergency room, the city government announced in a statement.

The injured people are being treated at the hospital and all are described in stable condition.

Online photos show that half of the boiler room was destroyed after the blast. Local authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the accident, the statement said.—Internet

Somali pirates hijack Indian ship with 21 crew off Oman

MUMBAI, 21 Aug—Somali pirates hijacked a chemical-oil tanker with 21 Indian sailors on board Saturday from near an Omani port, although the exact location was unconfirmed.

India's Directorate General of Shipping said the Fairchem Bogey, managed by Mumbai-based Anglo-Eastern Ship Management, was hijacked while anchored in Salalah port. A Salalah-based shipping source said the vessel was being loaded with methanol when it was seized.

The port's operator, APM Terminals, however, said pirates boarded the vessel while it was two miles off the coast of Oman, awaiting a berth, and commandeered it toward Somalia.

Andrew Mwangura, shipping editor of *The Somalia Report*, who is based in the Kenyan port City of Mombasa told *Reuters* the position of the hijacking showed the ship was inside Oman's territorial waters.

"It was captured six nautical miles south of Salalah so it is definitely inside Oman," he said,

adding that a country's territorial waters usually stretch out 12 miles into the sea.

"If it is Somali pirates, it means they have a mother ship they are operating with. The high season for piracy has just started."

The end of the southwest monsoon winds in August marks the end of very turbulent high seas in the Gulf of Aden, making it easier for Somali pirates with small vessels to sail out and attack ships, Mwangura said.

Reuters

Workshop successfully...

(from page 1)

the President Office U Hset Aung, who chaired Session (4), the five papers on investment opportunities; and Chairman of Myanmar Orient Bank U Mya Than, who chaired Session (5), the four papers on finance and monetary policy.

U Tun Aung Kyaw from the Modern People's Party, Director-General of the Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department Dr Aung Myo,

Secretary of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Ko Ko, U Soe Maung from the Democracy and Peace Party, and Dr Phone Win from the Mingalar Myanmar Association raised queries. Professor (Retd) Daw Yee Yee Myint from Yangon Institute of Economics, Director Dr Daw Wah Wah Maung of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, Chairman Dr Sein Maung of the First Private Bank

Ltd, Chairman Dr Sein Myint of the Myanmar Engineering Society, Chairman (Retd) Dr Than Nyunt of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung held round discussions.

Union Ministers U Soe Thein and U Hla Tun made further clarification. The workshop ended at 3 pm.

The resolutions passed at the workshop

will be adopted as future programmes. The government and the entire people will have to work together in stepping up the macroeconomic policy for economic and social development.—MNA

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun participates in National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development.—MNA



Dr Phone Win of Mingala Myanmar Association.—MNA



Adviser at President Office

Dr U Myint.

MNA



Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Society Dr Sein Myint.

MNA



Chairman of First Private Bank Ltd Dr Sein Maung.

MNA

Tractors, agricultural loans handed over to farmers

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung yesterday viewed loading bags of rice onto MV Putri Asia vessel to be exported to the Philippines at Wedaunt Port in Patheingyi.

At Kyontongale

agricultural farm in Pantanaw Township, the Region Chief Minister attended the ceremony to hand over power-tillers to agricultural production societies and disburse capital loans to six micro-credit societies and handed over four tractors

and 32 power-tillers to the agricultural production society chairman. Entrepreneurs presented K 16 million for 10 societies to chairmen. The Shwe Pyi Sone Private Credit Society Chairman shared K 3 million to 50 vendors, 40

shop owners and two tri-shawl owners.

The Region Chief Minister viewed thriving Hsinthukha paddy farm, disbursement of loans to micro-credit society members and sales of tractors and power-tillers through installment system.—MNA

Apply appropriate techniques, urges Dy Construction Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint instructed officials to ensure top quality and use proper techniques on his inspection tour of roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Region on 19 August.

The instructions came after the deputy minister had heard reports on progress of construction works and collection of machinery and equipment submitted by officials.—MNA

Murder and robbery exposed

YANGON, 21 Aug — Daw Ohnma Khin, a teacher living on Aung Mingala Street, No. 3 Ward of Kayan Township, Yangon South District, on 22 June 2011, on her return from school, found her elder sister Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khin, aged 52, who lives the same house with her, dead with red rubber band used for tying things to bicycle carrier around her neck in a chair in her bedroom. She then found that cash and gold jewellery including the victim's gold necklace worth about K 5.9 million stolen and asked the Kayan Police Station for investigation.

The authorities concerned then investigated Aung Kyaw Phyto, aged 21, living on Bo Myat Tun Street in No. 3 Ward of Kayan Township and Zaw Lwin Oo (a) Zaw Lwin, aged 23, from Shwebosu Village, who were under suspicion of the murder and robbery, and found that Aung Kyaw Phyto was a pupil of the victim and often slept for nights at her house from 8-grade to matric. On the day the murder happened, he went to the victim's house for two times by motorbike. Zaw Lwin Oo was in need of money to repair his motorbike and Aung Kyaw

Phyo took him to the victim's house. Aung Kyaw Phyto first got into the house ahead of Zaw Lwin Oo shouting to the victim as "Teacher". Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khin who was in the bedroom shouted "thief, thief" as she saw him all of a sudden. Zaw Lwin Oo ran into her, covered her mouth and she fell down and died. They then moved her into the chair, wrapped her neck with red rubber band, made the victim appear to commit suicide by hanging.

The Kayan Police Station brought the two to trial at Yangon South District Court.—MNA



Acting Director-General of Forestry Department U Aye Myint Maung addressed concluding ceremony of refresher course No (2) for officers of Forestry Department at Yezin Forest Research Station in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 August. Altogether 30 trainees completed the course.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Admonishment sought for world largest steel Buddhist scriptures pagoda



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung donates offertories to Chairman of SSMNC Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara.

MNA

YANGON, 21 Aug — Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa of Mandalay gave sermons for construction of world largest stainless steel Pitakattaya Dhamma Pagoda in the precinct of

Shwedagon replica Pagoda on Taman Alam Lumbini Brastagi Hill in Sumatra of Indonesia in Yangon today.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung donated offertories to Sangha members of whom the Shwethuwun Sayadaw asked to the construction of pagoda in accord with the scriptures.—MNA



Assistant Director U Htay Aung Kyaw of Hinthada District Immigration and National Registration Department explained issuance of citizenship scrutiny card at Kyangin Township BEHS on 10 August.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Drugs, marijuana seized

YANGON, 21 Aug — Kunlong Special Anti-Drug Squad arrested Zhaung Zhone Phiynt (a) Zhone Phiynt, 32, with 1960 WY tablets, one steel pistol, one magazine and seven bullets as they looked into a Chinshwehaw-bound passenger van at Laukkai toll gate on 9 August. Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad seized passenger Kyaw Kyaw Tun, 32, with 485 WY tablets on Muse-Mandalay Express at restricted goods investigation station in Hsenwi on 11 August. Squad of Zayetyi

Police Station detained Pho Tint, 50, with 3.4293-kilo marijuana on Toungoo-Mopalin motor road between Zayetyi village-tract and Kyobintha village-tract in Htantabin Township.

Respective police stations are on the way to take actions against the detainees in accord with drug law.—MNA

Magnitude 7.5 quake hits Vanuatu in Pacific

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug — A powerful magnitude 7.5 earthquake struck off the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, the US Geological Survey reported Saturday.

It said the quake, which struck at 3:55 am local time on Sunday (12:55 pm EDT on Saturday), was centred 38 miles southwest of the town of Port-Vila and was quite shallow, at a depth of 25.2 miles.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said the major quake had not triggered a Pacific-wide tsunami but said: "Earthquakes of this size sometimes generate local tsunamis that can be destructive along coasts located within a hundred kilometres (80 miles) of the earthquake epicentre." There was no immediate information of any damage

or casualties, but when on land quakes of this magnitude can cause widespread and heavy damage.

The quake was followed by a weaker aftershock of magnitude 5.9 some 20 minutes later. The Vanuatu archipelago is located on the so-called "Ring of Fire," one of the most seismically active regions in the world.

Reuters

Union Health Minister meets Ygn staff

YANGON, 21 Aug — Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin yesterday asked the staff at Central Medicine Storage Centre in Dagon Township here to supply medicines and medical equipment in time.

In meeting with officials and staff of Public Health Laboratory, he

underscored the role of disease diagnosis and the need to improve the proficiency of staff. The minister coordinated matters related to conducting training courses.

The Union Minister also visited Food and Drug Administration Division (Yangon) of Health Department.

MNA



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin inspects tasks of Food and Drug Administration Division (Yangon).—MNA

Prevention against overflow of canals undertaken in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint inspected proper flow of water at drains in Chanayethazan, Maha-aungmye and Aungmyethazan townships yesterday morning.

Local people participated in prevention against flood with the use of bags of sand along Shwetachaung Canal.

The Region Chief Minister visited the relief camps at the Dhammayons of Sutaungpyae Chanthaya Pagoda on 91st

Street between 29th and 30th streets in Chanayethazan Township and in the precinct of Phayangasu Pagoda in Aungmyethazan Township and inspected providing health care services to the people.

Over 100 servicemen led by Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of the local station undertook prevention against floods with the use of bags of sand along Shwetachaung Canal along southern part of 35th Street.—MNA

Ethnic clothes of Lawwo made of orchid fibre to be showcased at World Orchid Conference

YANGON, 20 Aug — As the 20th World Orchid Conference will be held in the Republic of Singapore from 13 to 20 November, Myanmar Floral Fanatics Association is preparing to run a booth there.

The association is preparing to showcase Lawwo-ethnic female

traditional costumes woven with fibre made from stalks of orchids growing in Kachin State, Myanmar orchids, mixed orchids, handicrafts adorned with orchids. Moreover, Central Executive Committee Member of the association Dr Saw Lwin will read a paper on "Current trends

of Myanmar Orchids and Prospects" at the conference.

The World Orchid Conference is held every three years in different nations across the world. The previous conference was held in USA and Africa will host the conference in 2014.

MNA

Turkish jets strike at PKK in Iraq

ANKARA, 21 Aug — Turkey's military says its warplanes have bombed 20 suspected Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq in a third day of cross-border strikes. The military says on its website Saturday that 85 other rebel targets were also hit with artillery fire in Friday's assault.

It said all planes returned to their base safely and that work is under way to assess the damage and losses caused. Turkey launched its latest cross-border offensive on Wednesday, hours after eight soldiers and a village guard were killed in an ambush near the Iraqi border.

Some 40 soldiers have been killed in attacks since July by rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

The group is fighting for autonomy in southeast Turkey. Tens of thousands of people have been killed in the conflict since 1984.

Internet



Survivors and their relatives of the 22 July attack visit the island of Utoya in Norway on 20 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Norway massacre survivors return to scene of crime

UTVIKA (Norway), 21 Aug—Survivors of a massacre which claimed the lives of 69 people in Norway last month carried flowers to the site of the killings Saturday, laughter blending with tears as they remembered the joys of an island youth camp that turned into a scene of horror.

Stine Renate Haaheim, who survived

the shooting spree on Utoya island, said her feelings ranged from emptiness and extreme grief to joy when she returned to the place she had visited each summer for more than 10 years before the 22 July massacre.

"There was an extreme mix of feelings because it was very difficult and we are still in grief, but at the same

time I was looking forward to seeing Utoya. I was hoping that in some kind of way it will still be the same island as it used to be," the 27-year-old lawmaker told *The Associated Press* after returning from Utoya. "For me it was really important, I wanted to go back as soon as possible."

Internet

Irene moves over Caribbean, seen becoming hurricane

MIAMI, 21 Aug—Tropical Storm Irene formed east of the Leeward Islands on Saturday and was expected to become a hurricane in the next two days heading on a northwestward track through the Caribbean that may threaten Florida.

At 11 pm (0300 GMT), Irene, the ninth named storm of the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season, was packing winds of 50 miles per hour and was about 95 miles east of Dominica, approaching the Leeward Islands, the US-based National Hurricane Centre said.

Tropical storm warnings were issued for many of the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the south coast of Dominican Republic, the centre said after a US Air Force Reserve "hurricane hunter" aircraft investigated the storm.

"Some strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours and Irene could become a hurricane on Monday," the NHC said.—Reuters

Three generations of NY family die in I-95 wreck in NC

WILSON, 21 Aug—A New York family returning from Disney World was devastated Saturday evening when women representing three generations were killed in a wreck on Interstate 95 in eastern North Carolina.

Trooper GG Barnes of the North Carolina Highway Patrol said early Sunday that a 22-year-old woman, her mother and grandmother were killed when the family's SUV blew a tire on northbound I-95 in Wilson County, the driver lost control and the vehicle overturned. Barnes identified the victims as Rosanny Marte, 22; Angela Marte, 46; and Rosa Marte, 71. Five other family members in the vehicle—including the husbands of Angela and Rosa Marte, and Angela's two other children and nephew—remained hospitalized early Sunday with non-life-threatening injuries. Barnes said the family is from New York City.—Internet

Photo taken on 21 Aug, 2011 shows rocks and debris of the landslide in Yingxiu Township of Wenchuan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province. Landslide swept over the township Sunday morning. The rocks and debris have blocked the Minjiang River.

XINHUA



German mounted police are seen in front of a police helicopter near the Brandenburg Gate during the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the Bundespolizei (German federal police), in Berlin, Germany, on 20 Aug, 2011. XINHUA

Four high school athletes killed in NJ crash

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, 21 Aug—A sport utility vehicle carrying eight members of a southern New Jersey high school football team crashed Saturday on the Garden State Parkway, killing four players and injuring four, authorities said.

It wasn't immediately clear where the teenagers were coming from or where they were going when the SUV crashed at about 11:45 am. The crash, which occurred in the southbound lanes of the parkway near exit 38A in Egg Harbour Township, created lengthy traffic jams in the area for most of Saturday afternoon.

The driver apparently

lost control of the SUV as it went around a crest in the road and came upon heavy traffic, said Sgt Julian Castellanos, a state police spokesman. The SUV overturned several times, ejecting two passengers, one of whom was struck by a passing car, Castellanos said.

The driver and two passengers were pronounced dead at the scene; a third passenger died at a hospital. Four others were taken to hospitals for treatment

of injuries believed to be non-life-threatening.

State police confirmed that all eight were players on the Mainland Regional High School football team in Linwood and ranged in age from 15 to 17. Their names weren't immediately released.

The crash comes just weeks before the school year begins.

Internet

Four killed in light plane crash in Russia's St Petersburg

MOSCOW, 21 Aug—A light plane crashed near Russia's second largest city St Petersburg Saturday, killing all four onboard, according to the local rescue service.

The crash happened 50 km from the city near the town of Ropsha, the source told Russia's *Interfax* news agency.

The cause was still unclear and an investigation was underway, the source said.

It was the second light plane crash near St Petersburg in four days. On 16 Aug, three people were killed when a private light plane crashed in an area south of St Petersburg.

Xinhua

Last bodies pulled from Venezuela helicopter crash

CARACAS, 21 Aug—Venezuelan authorities have pulled the final four bodies from the wreckage of a military helicopter that crashed into the Caribbean Sea this week with 10 people on board.

Communication Minister Andres Izarra tweets that the helicopter has been brought to the surface and the four remaining bodies were recovered on Saturday.

One sergeant was rescued alive after Wednesday's accident and the other nine died, including Vice Admiral Luis Berrios Pardo. Searchers earlier found the other five bodies.

The wreckage of the Bell 412 helicopter was found off the coast of eastern Anzoategui state.

Internet



Photo taken on 20 Aug, 2011 shows the Yichun Bridge before demolition in Yichun City, east China's Jiangxi Province. The 284-meter-long bridge, built in 1970, will be replaced by a newly-built 1,760-meter-long one, which is scheduled to come on stream in June 2013.—XINHUA

Over 1,000 sailors attend 3rd Qingdao International Sailing Week

QINGDAO, 21 Aug—The third Qingdao International Sailing Week kicked off Saturday evening, and over 1,000 sailors around the world will compete here in five events in two weeks.

A dialogue among world's celebrities on sailing events will be held alongside three international sailing events, namely the Mayor's Cup International Sailing Rally, the Qingdao International Sailing Regatta and the 2011 International Optimist Sailing Regatta, from 20 Aug to 4 Sept, according to local sports administration.

Besides, Over 400 sailors will attend the 2011 National Funboard Championship and the National Laser, Laser Radial Elite Regatta in the sailing weeks, said Lin Zhiwei, head of local sports administration.

Attracting 15 teams from Singapore, South Korea and China's coastal cities, the Mayor's Cup International Sailing Rally will start from Weihai, east China's Shandong Province, on 29 Aug and conclude in Qingdao on 4 Sept, according to Lin.

Lin told Xinhua that

50 teams from Australia, Russia, South Korea and dozens of domestic cities will take part in the Qingdao International Sailing Regatta.

About 450 teenage athletes from 12 countries and regions will take part in the 2011 International Optimist Sailing Regatta during the coming two weeks.

Xinhua



Photo taken on Aug 19, 2011 shows the view of Pamukkale. Pamukkale, meaning "cotton castle" in Turkish, is a natural site in Denizli Province in southwestern Turkey and contains hot springs and travertines, terraces of carbonate minerals left by the flowing water.—XINHUA

L American project for dengue control launched in Cuba

HAVANA, 21 Aug—Experts from several Latin American nations Saturday launched a project to monitor and control dengue in the region.

The scheme resulted from "the exchange of experiences among specialists from more than eight American countries," said Guadalupe Guzman Tirado, director of the Dengue Collaborating Centre of the Pan American Health Organization, who was attending a regional dengue seminar here this week.

Tirado added that the project was "designed according to the peculiarities of every respective countries, as well as according to their gaps and strengths, that were identified while confronting the disease at continental level."

Xinhua

China becomes South Africa's biggest export destination

BEIJING, 21 Aug—China became South Africa's top export destination at the end of 2010 due to strengthened bilateral trade links, according to South African ambassador Bheki Langa.

Investment between the two countries surged to nearly seven billion US dollars at the end of last year, the ambassador told Xinhua in a recent interview.

China Customs statistics show that trade between China and South Africa totaled 25.6 billion US dollars throughout 2010. Imports from South Africa reached 14.8 billion US dollars during the same period.

Langa said what South Africa exported to China were mainly primary products and they hope to export products with more added-value to the Chinese market in future.

South Africa's abundant mineral resources will provide good opportunities for potential investors in China, he added.

Xinhua

Two shot in SF parking lot after Raiders-49ers game

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Aug—A man wearing a shirt slamming the San Francisco 49ers was seriously wounded as gunfire erupted in the parking lot after the team's NFL preseason game, while another man sustained lesser injuries in an earlier shooting, police said.

The violence occurred after the 49ers' 17-3 victory Saturday night over the Oakland Raiders at Candlestick Park, police Sgt Michael Andraychak said. A 24-year-old man was treated at San Francisco General Hospital for life-threatening injuries, and a 20-year-old man was hospitalized with less serious wounds, Andraychak told *The Associated Press*. Their names were not released.

Police Sgt Frank Harrell that the 24-year-old man, who was wearing a T-shirt referring to the 49ers with an obscenity, was shot two to four times in the stomach, according to reports in the Oakland Tribune and the San Francisco Chronicle. He drove his truck to a gate and stumbled to security, Harrell said.

The other man was shot before that in the parking lot and had superficial face injuries, Harrell said.

Internet



People wearing masks participate in a parade of the Agonia Festival in Viana do Castelo in Portugal, on 19 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

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First lawsuits filed over deadly Indiana fair collapse

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 Aug—The first wrongful death lawsuits have been filed as a result of the stage collapse at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis last week which killed six and injured more than 40 others, lawyers said on Saturday. Suits were filed on behalf of Tammy VanDam of Wanatah, Indiana, 42, the mother

of a 17-year-old daughter, and her partner Beth Urschel, 49.

VanDam was killed by the collapse of the stage after a high blast of wind whipped through the grandstand area just minutes before the country duo Sugarland was scheduled to perform. Urschel was severely injured.

Although Indiana law

does not recognize the rights of same-sex couples, "this is an inequity we also intend to address in this lawsuit," Kenneth J Allen, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said in a statement.

"Tammy's death is not only devastating for Beth, it also leaves her daughter without a mother's love and guidance during the most



vulnerable stage of her life," Allen said.

Internet

Concertgoers and emergency personnel hold up the stage roof and rigging after it collapsed minutes before a concert by Sugarland at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis on 13 August, 2011.

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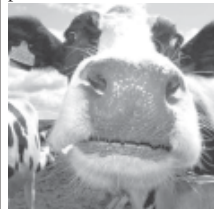
Runaway cow captures German hearts

MUNICH, 21 Aug — A runaway cow named Yvonne is on the loose in Germany and the manhunt — or moohunt — for the Bavarian bovine has captivated the country. The freedom-loving cow ran away from a small farm in

May and has managed to hide successfully in the forests of southern Germany ever since.

Locals have reported a few sightings of the brown dairy cow with a white head, but every time search teams arrived to try to capture her, Yvonne had already hoofed it from the area and disappeared.

The six-year-old animal would have probably never made the national headlines if it hadn't been for a near-accident only days after she broke away. She trundled across a country road and almost collided with a police car.— Internet

**Eleven die in food poisoning in N-W China's Xinjiang**

URUMQI, 21 Aug—Eleven people have died in a food poisoning in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, local authorities said Sunday.

As of 6 pm Saturday, more than 150 people have shown symptoms of poisoning and were sent to hospitals, the Hotan City Committee of the Communist Party of China said in a statement. Villagers from the township of Sangzhu in Pishan County, Hotan, have shown symptoms of vomiting and convulsions after their suppers on Friday, according to the statement.

The poisoned villagers were then rushed to local hospitals. Those who were in serious

conditions are still receiving treatments in hospitals, said the statement, without elaborating the number of them. An investigation into the cause of the poisoning is underway.

MNA/Xinhua

Billy goat gives grief to tourists

VIENNA, 21 Aug —A German tourist couple visiting Austria had their hands full when a goat wouldn't stop attacking them. To stop the butting, Steffen Prill was forced to grab the beast by the horns — and hold on.

Mr Prill said he literally dragged it down the mountain slope they were hiking on toward the Tyrolean village of Ausservillgraten, near the Italian border. He and Anja Buder, his wife, said that every time Mr Prill let go, the horned assaults continued.



A goat took an instant dislike to a German couple in Austria.—INTERNET

Police called to the scene finally soothed the animal. There were no serious injuries — and police said the goat's owner will have to pay for Ms Buder's ripped trousers.— Internet

All bets off for luckless thief

LEOBEN, 21 Aug — An Austrian man is in jail after stealing lottery tickets worth 70,000 euro (£61,000) — without ever winning the jackpot. The national prosecutor's office in Leoben said the unidentified 51-year-old man has confessed to the heist. They said he pocketed instant tickets valued at about 70,000 euro over several years from a local shop.

Each ticket costs one euro (87p). The maximum payout is 100,000 euro (£87,000). The prosecutor's office said none of the



An Austrian man is in jail after stealing lottery tickets worth 70,000 euro.— INTERNET

stolen tickets resulted in a large win. The theft was discovered after the shop owner noticed bookkeeping discrepancies between the number of tickets sold and the profits from their sale.—Internet

Slump-hit Burger King drops mascot

The King mascot of Burger King is 'retiring' so the burger chain can refocus its marketing to reach new customers.— INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug — Fast food giant Burger King has said it is retiring its mascot, The King, in an effort to turn around falling sales. The chain is focusing its marketing on the freshness of its food rather than the funny-factor of its ads, which feature a man with an over-

sized plastic head. The company is rolling out a new campaign without The King to tout its fresh ingredients and new products like its California Whopper, which has fresh guacamole. "We won't be seeing The King for a while," Burger King spokesman BJ Monzon said.

The new focus is a departure for Burger King, which long has targeted its ads to young male teens. The economic downturn has battered its core customer — young males have been particularly hard hit by unemployment — and Burger King is looking to boost declining sales by appealing to the mothers, families and others that rivals like McDonald's have successfully courted. "I think it's great they are doing something as opposed to just withering away," said Joel Cohen, a restaurant marketing consultant. "They are taking an approach that is like not that much different from what McDonald's is doing and growing up."

Internet

Trees get autumn colours early

DUBLIN, 21 Aug — Autumn colours are beginning to appear on trees several weeks early as a result of the hot dry spring, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has said.

While the onset of autumn is controlled by temperature and day length, the unusually early colour being seen on trees such as maples, hazels liquidambar and laburnum is a response to the dry soils left over from the spring, the RHS said.

The society has seen yellowing, and some red and brown tints, on leaves at its gardens at Wisley, Surrey, particularly on leaves in the middle of trees which they can afford to lose without stopping much photosynthesis.

The brown foliage on chestnuts, however, is caused by damage from the leaf miner moth — which like other insects will have benefited from the warm weather.

Fruits are also ripening several weeks

early on apple and pear trees, while autumn raspberries and wild fruits such as hawthorn are ahead of schedule. Guy Barter, chief horticultural adviser at the RHS, said: "We are certainly beginning to see plants beginning to show colour because of the unusual weather we have had." —Internet



An autumnal scene in Kielder Water, Northumberland.— INTERNET



Freddy Nock from Switzerland balances on the ropeway of a cable car leading on Germany's highest mountain, the 2,962 metre (9,718 feet) Zugspitze, near the southern Bavarian resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen 20 Aug, 2011. Nock balanced on the 995 metres long rope to break his own world record, as part of a charity event.

It's not a bird, it's not a plane ...

Divers plunged 80 feet from the roof of an art museum into Boston Harbor — and it was just practice for the main event.

A dozen divers soared through the air Thursday into the harbor's waters from the cantilever roof of the Institute of Contemporary Art building to

prepare for the sixth stop of the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series 2011, *The Boston Globe* reported.

The competition Saturday in Boston marks the first East Coast stop and the only urban stop this year for the diving event.

Spectators on a wooden deck took in the

practice dives from eight stories above the waters as diver Steven LoBue twisted and somersaulted through the air, *the Globe* said.

"You wouldn't be able to pay me to do that," Gail Horlock, a 60-year-old from Wales, said as men jumped from the rooftop.

"They're mad. But it's brilliant — I've never seen anything like it."

Divers compete throughout the world.

'Smelly Taxi' app rates cab odors

A Chicago man said he created an iPhone app to allow taxicab passengers in major cities to warn others about bad odors in the vehicles.

Adam Saffro, 32, said he was inspired to create the "Smelly Taxi" app when he entered a rather pungent cab near his home in the River North neighbourhood, *the Chicago Sun-Times* reported Friday.

"It was literally the worst-smelling thing I've smelled in my life," Saffro said. "It was probably a combination of terrible body odor and urine."

Saffro said the app lets users rate the smell of their cab on a scale of one to five, with one being the worst, in the categories of odor, professionalism and cleanliness.

Police: Woman faked baby torture

Police in St Petersburg, Fla, said they arrested a woman who told them text messages and photos indicating she was torturing her baby were a joke.

Investigators said Donald Callaway, 21, called 911 Wednesday and said his ex-girlfriend, Brittany Lester, 20, was sending him pictures and messages implying she was torturing their 1-month-old son, *the St. Petersburg Times* reported on Friday. Messages said Lester was going to "squeeze him until he's gasping for air," "urinate in a bottle and feed it to him" and "put him in the dresser and slam it," investigators said.

She also made several references to the baby dying, they said.

The photos Lester sent Callaway showed her appearing to choke the child, placing a plastic bag over his head, placing him upside-down in a trash can and lying down with a cellphone charger in his mouth, police said.

Officers said they found Lester in her motel room with the infant unharmed. Lester, who told police the pictures and text messages were meant as a joke, was arrested on a charge of aggravated child abuse.

News Album



Performer Huo Bingbing performs with a shark in an aquarium in Beihai City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 19 Aug, 2011.



Miss Malaysia world 2011 Chen Tien Nee (C), first runner-up Tan Mei Yun (L) and second runner-up Chua Yee See pose for photos after the Miss Malaysia world 2011 pageant in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

Airline delayed due to film star urinating

BEIJING, 21 Aug —A Paris-to-Dublin flight was delayed two hours after French actor Gerard Depardieu urinated in the plane during its takeoff Tuesday evening.

The 62-year-old was apparently drunken and tried to stand up after asked to wear seatbelt during takeoff, according to a passenger who witnessed this scene. The passenger said in an interview on French radio that the star announced "I need to piss, I need to piss" when he stood up. Then "he stood up and did it on the ground," said the passenger.

Depardieu sat back and the plane returned to the parking area to be cleaned, said a stewardess of the plane. The cleanup delayed the flight for two hours.



French film star Gerard Depardieu.

XINHUA

A spokeswoman from the airplane company confirmed that Depardieu urinated in the plane, but no charges had been brought and no fine had been imposed.

Xinhua

Street boy-turned-singer ends reality show journey as runner-up

SEOUL, 21 Aug — Sung-Bong Choi, South Korea's manual worker-turned-international singing sensation, ended his months-long reality show journey on Sunday with a second-place finish to a female dancing competitor in the final round of the "Korea's Got Talent" TV audition show.

Dubbed Korea's

"Susan Boyle," who shot to fame on a British TV talent show, Choi's episode has hit the headlines of news media at home and abroad, pulling at the heart strings of millions around the world.

Choi, 22, who ascended to the top-two position with his powerful baritone, was defeated by a 17-year-old high school



Sung-bong Choi, 22, sings during a final round of "Korea's Got Talent" in Seoul 21 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

girl student, Ju Min-jeong, who has already been branded "Poppin' Dance Empress" among her fan groups here.

Reuters

Disney reveals two new movie projects

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug —Walt Disney Studios Saturday disclosed the ongoing production of two new movies, included one directed by Academy Award winner Pete Docter.

The studio made the revelation at the "D23 Expo," the Disney version of Comic-Con, to 4,200 fans gathered in Anaheim Convention Centre.

For the first of the two movies, Docter and his team has just started designs and sets and is anticipating castings, according to the studio. It will take a look inside people's minds and is set for release on 30 May, 2014.

The story will take the audience inside the head, "how we forget, why

certain songs get stuck in our heads," Docter said.

"It's a place that we've all been to but have never seen," he added.

The second is an untitled feature about dinosaurs to be directed by Disney veteran Bob Peterson and is set to hit the theaters on 27th November, 2013.

It is set in a world where an asteroid missed the Earth, thus allowing the creatures including humans and dinosaurs to keep living and evolving side-by-side. Peterson got the inspiration from a World's Fair he attended as a child where he saw animatronic dinos created by Disney, he told *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Xinhua

Wieber wins 1st US gymnastics title in a rout



Jordyn Wieber competes during the floor exercise at the US gymnastics championships, on 20 Aug, 2011, in St Paul, Minn.

INTERNET

ST PAUL, 21 Aug—The rest of the world should consider this a warning from Jordyn Wieber. The 16-year-old Wieber won her first title at the US gymnastics championships in a rout Saturday night, sending a message to Russia, China and Romania in the process. Her final score of 121.300 points was 6.15 points ahead of McKayla Maroney, and will only solidify her status as a favorite for the world championships in Tokyo in October.

"I definitely wanted to send a message that I'm capable of getting good scores," Wieber said. "But I wanted to

do well here first, so I definitely had both things going through my head. It feels really good. It's a definite confidence booster." Wieber's victory was the biggest at nationals since USA Gymnastics began using the open-ended scoring system in 2006. — Internet

Couples leads by 1 at Senior Players Championship

HARRISON, 21 Aug—Fred Couples shot a 3-under 68 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Senior Players Championship, the Champions Tour's final major of the season.

Couples is at 11-under 202 for the tournament and is trying for his first Champions Tour title since a seven-stroke victory last October at the Adminstaff Small Business Classic in Texas.

Since his fourth victory on the senior tour, Couples has struggled with his back, but the injury has healed following a non-traditional procedure in Germany six weeks ago.—Internet

SPORTS

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Wolves 2-0 Fulham

Kevin Doyle & Matt Jarvis strike before half-time as Mick McCarthy's men maintain 100% start to Premier League

LONDON, 21 Aug—Wolverhampton Wanderers' impressive start to the season continued as goals from Kevin Doyle and Matt Jarvis earned them victory over Fulham at Molineux.

Doyle, who had already missed a good opportunity, opened the scoring in the 42nd minute when he collected Jarvis' pass and smashed a shot past Mark Schwarzer.

Jarvis doubled the hosts' advantage moments later, pouncing



after Roger Johnson's header had come back off the woodwork. The result means Wolves, who triumphed 2-1 at Blackburn Rovers last weekend, have recorded back-to-back league wins at the start of a campaign for the first time since the 1998-99 season.

Manager Mick McCarthy stuck with the same starting line-up from the game at Ewood Park, with Steven Fletcher and Doyle leading the attack. Fulham boss Martin Jol made four adjustments from Thursday night's 3-0 Europa League win against Dnipro, recalling Andrew Johnson, Dickson Etuhu, Philippe Senderos and John Arne Riise to the team in place of Bobby Zamora - who was not included in the squad - Steve Sidwell, Matthew Briggs and Stephen Kelly.—Internet

Andy Murray of Britain



Djokovic looks for super six in final

against Murray

MASON, 21 Aug — already claimed nine tournaments in what has been a remarkable year of dominance in the sport and he is the clear favorite for the US Open, starting in New York on 29 August.

Murray beat American Mardy Fish in his semi-final on Saturday but said he was hampered by fitness problems "I was struggling physically. That's frustrating for me, because that's something I haven't struggled with for quite a long time," said the Scot. The pair met in the final of the Australian Open in January



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

with Djokovic winning in straight sets and the Serb came out on top again in the Rome semi-finals four months later. But Djokovic also recalled that Murray beat him here in the 2008 final — one of seven Masters triumphs for Murray.

Internet

Cardinals, Fitzgerald agree to \$120 million deal



Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald

TEMPE, 21 Aug —The Arizona Cardinals and Larry Fitzgerald have agreed to an eight-year deal that could pay the star receiver as much as \$120 million, making it one of the richest deals in the NFL. Fitzgerald and team president Michael Bidwill appeared at a hastily called news conference Saturday night to announce the agreement.

Fitzgerald insisted he "hates this part of sports,"

but he certainly has made a boatload of money. This is the third major contract he has signed, and he doesn't turn 28 until 31 Aug. "Growing up, since I was 7 years old, this has been the game I love and something I have been so passionate about," Fitzgerald said, "and to have to talk about it on the business side is a little bit uncomfortable.—Internet

Simpson leads by 2 shots after 3 rounds at Wyndham



Webb Simpson

GREENSBORO, 21 Aug—Even during a rough start, Webb Simpson never lost his cool. He was rewarded with one of the hottest stretches of his young career. It put the local favorite in position for his first PGA Tour win. Simpson shot a 6-under 64 on Saturday to move to 15-under 195 and take a two-stroke lead after three rounds at the Wyndham Championship.

Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE		
Sunday, 21 August		
Norwich	1-1	Stoke
Bolton	2-3	ManCity
Wolves	2-0	Fulham

LONDON, 21 Aug—Ten-man Norwich City were denied a first Barclays Premier League win when Kenwyne Jones headed in a stoppage-time equaliser for Stoke City at Carrow Road.

Ritchie de Laet had scored against his old club to put the Canaries in front at the break. After Jon Walters saw his penalty saved following Leon Barnett's red card on the hour, it looked as if Norwich would hold on - only for Stoke's pressure eventually to tell with Jones nodding in from close range.

Despite the partisan atmosphere in the

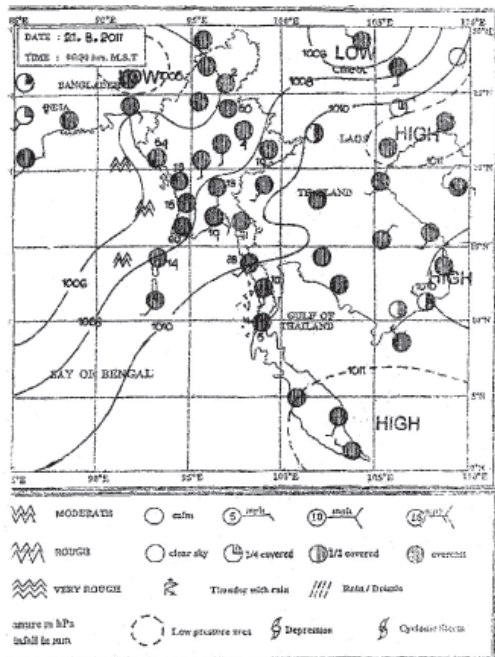
Norwich City 1-1 Stoke City

An injury time equalizer from Kenwyne Jones helps Stoke to claim a point after Ritchie De Laet had scored Norwich's first home goal back in the Premier League.



27,000-strong crowd, it was Stoke - coming on the back of their midweek Europa League tie, who made the early running, as Walters got in on the overlap to fire an angled shot at John Ruddy.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 22nd August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower with isolated heavy fall	80%
2	Kayah	26/79	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershower with isolated heavy fall	80%
4	Chin	21/70	13/35	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
7	Tatintgyi	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
8	Bago	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	29/84	26/95	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower with isolated heavy fall	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	22/72	18/64	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	25/77	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	29/84	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Kayah and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Shan State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (6.46) inches, Thuton (4.45) inches, Hpa-on (3.74) inches, Kyaukse (3.70) inches, Taunggyi (3.31) inches, Kawkeyik (2.23) inches and Madaya (1.19) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Coastal Myanmar Areas.

More than 50 rockets fired from Gaza, Israeli killed

GAZA, 21 Aug—An Israeli man was killed on Saturday in a rocket strike launched from Gaza, medics said, the latest death in a three-day spasm of violence that has killed more than 30 people.

Israeli security officials said seven other people were wounded, including two children, by more than 50 rockets fired from the Hamas-ruled territory Saturday. In Gaza, an Israeli air strike wounded a Palestinian man seriously, medics said.

A militant group called the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) claimed responsibility for the deadly rocket strike at a house in the southern City of Beersheba. Hamas's armed wing claimed responsibility for another attack that destroyed a home in the town of Ofakim.

It was the first time in months that Hamas had declared its involvement in rocket attacks against Israel, after largely observing a de facto truce since the end of a three-week offensive in January 2009.

An Israeli woman is evacuated from the scene of a rocket attack in the southern City of Beersheba on 20 August, 2011.



Police Minister Yitzhak Aharonvitch said Israel's response would be "tough."—Reuters

Turkish jets strike at PKK in Iraq

ANKARA, 21 Aug—Turkey's military says its warplanes have bombed 20 suspected Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq in a third day of cross-border strikes. The military says on its website Saturday that 85 other rebel targets were also hit with artillery fire in Friday's assault.

It said all planes returned to their base safely and that work is under way to assess the damage and losses caused.—Internet

Myanmar

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Monday, 22 August View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 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. Documentary

- 8:00 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
7. Health Programme
- 8:15 am
8. Cute Little Dancer
- 8:25 am
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Men and Women)
- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Islands Of Dhamma
- 8:50 am
12. The Nine Precepts
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
3. Songs of National Races

- 4:25 pm
4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 4:35 pm
5. Dhammacakkha Sutta Recitating Competition (2nd Prize Winner) (Dagon B.E.H.S(2))
- 4:55 pm
6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Fourth Year (Myanmar)
- 5:05 pm
7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
8. Myanmar Language
- 5:20 pm
9. Musical Programme
- 5:30 pm
10. Documentary

- 5:45 pm
11. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur(first) Division) (Level Men)
- 6:00 pm
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
14. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:10 pm
15. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. World's Stars
20. Metta By Mingun Sayadaw Bhavana

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (22-8-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(22-8-11 09:30 am ~ 23-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The Light of World Peace
- * News
- * Business Matching between Myanmar and Thai

- Entrepreneurs
- * Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-4)
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youths
- * Increase Production of High Yield Seeds of Crops
- * News
- * National Herbal Park (Part II)
- * Music Gallery

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
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- * National Herbal Park (Part II)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mile of Road... Piles of Hope "Pyin Oo Lwin-Mogok Road"
- * News
- * Miss Enat 2011 & Miss Enat Working Lady 2011
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie Impact "Parental Love"
- * News
- * Record Album
- * The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
- * Myanmar Movies "Essence of Devotion"

Production of oil and gas inspected at well No. 166

YANGON, 21 Aug—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday looked into test-production of oil well No. 166 in Pyay Taungtan oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

The General Manager of the oil field reported on production of initial production. Managing Director U Aung Htoo and officials of MOGE gave supplementary reports.

The Union Minister gave instructions on drilling more wells at sand layers that stores oil and natural gas and efforts to be made for drilling more deep wells in Pyay region. He presented cash rewards to the crew that successfully drilled the well No. 166 and then inspected the well.

Well No. 166 was drilled into 8200 feet deep underground. At the depth of 7550 feet,

test-production of oil and gas could be launched. In the initial production, the well produced 33 barrels of oil and 9.735 million cubic-feet of natural gas per day. At present, about 4.5 million cubic-feet of gas is produced by controlling the pressure at the well, and natural gas is being supplied to Kyangin Cement Plant under the Ministry of Industry-1.

MNA

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay looks into test-production of oil well No. 166 in Pyay Taungtan oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.—MNA



Mali Creek Suspension Bridge damaged in blast of nine bombs

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Mali Creek Suspension Bridge in Talawgyi Village of Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, was totally damaged due to explosion of nine bombs at 4 pm yesterday.

While the government is striving for development of various regions by making internal peace, the terrorist

destructive acts undermine development of the nation as well as economic, education, social and transport sectors of the local people. Thus, officials concerned place emphasis on security measures for prevention against human causality, and loss and damage of property of the people, it is learnt.—MNA

KIA destroys 32 houses, school in Khayan Hti-dam Village, Khaunglanphu Township, Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—KIA set fire to 22 houses to the ground on 13 August and 10 houses and one basic education primary school on 19 August in Khayan Hti-dam Village, Khaunglanphu Township, Kachin State.

Due to the insurgent group's atrocities, 66 villagers fled for Lagya Village. Officials concerned are taking arrangements for addressing their basic needs and education of their kids in the village.—MNA

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Sharapova and Jankovic into Cincinnati final



MASON, 21 Aug — Russia's Maria Sharapova will face Serbian Jelena Jankovic in the Cincinnati Open final after the pair enjoyed solid victories in their semi-finals on Saturday. Sharapova recovered from a poor start to beat fellow Russian and world number two Vera Zvonareva 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 to reach her fourth final of the season while Jankovic beat Germany's Andrea Petkovic 7-6, 6-1.

Sharapova, ranked seventh in the world, will play for her 24th career title and second of the season following her victory in Rome but she had to come back from dropping the opening set against Zvonareva. Jankovic, who won the title two years ago, had a struggle in the first set against Petkovic, who looked hampered by heavy strapping on her leg.

Internet

Brazil claim impressive fifth title

BOGOTA, 21 Aug—Brazil claimed their fifth FIFA U-20 World Cup crown on Saturday, beating Portugal after extra time in Bogota, the first time they have won the competition since 2003.

The FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011 ended as it began, with rain teeming down in prelude to the match for third place at El Campin in Bogota.

And for the second time in the competition, following on from their fightback in the Round of 16 against Cameroon, Mexico came from behind to beat France and take third place on the

podium, El Tri's best finish in the competition since 1977, when they ended runners-up. Les Bleus did not go away too disappointed, however, having completed their best ever campaign in the competition, despite conceding 12 goals, the joint-worst defensive record alongside Costa Rica and Guatemala.

The battle for the bronze medal was followed by the tournament showpiece, in which Brazil claimed their fifth title in the category, avenging the penalty shoot-out defeat they suffered against Portugal 20 years ago and erasing the memory of their loss on penalties to Ghana in the Egypt 2009 final.

Internet

