

Vietnamese Prime Minister to pay a goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — At the invitation of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein, His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, will pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — *MNA*

Lt-Gen Maung Bo goes on inspection tour of Taninthayi Division

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Col Than Soe of Dawei Station and Heads of SPDC Office met with officers and other ranks and their families at the local battalion of Kaleinaung Station and presented exercise books and stationery for their children through Col Thein Zaw on 8 August.

Upon arrival at Heinze Station, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met with officers and other ranks and families of Heinze and Kanbawk Stations and presented exercise books and stationery for their children through Commodore Maung Oo Lwin of Heinze Station.

Next, Brig-Gen Maung Oo Lwin briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on thriving 750 acres of

physic nut plants grown in the station, extraction of biodiesel from the physic nut seeds and trial run of stove with the use of biodiesel.

On arrival at Yepone bridge construction project, Senior Engineer U Soe Min of Bridge Construction Project Special Group-13 of Public Works briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on progress in building 200 feet long and 28 feet wide bridge which can withstand 36 tons of load.

Afterwards, Superintending Engineer U Hla Soe and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo gave supplementary reports and then Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs.

So far, 80 per cent of the bridge construction has been complete. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party looked into thriving monsoon paddy fields in Yebyu and Dawei Townships in a motorcade on their way back to Dawei. — *MNA*

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Significant Rainfall recorded on 10-8-2007

Shwegyin (5.75) inches,
Kawkareik (4.72) inches,
Thaton (3.39) inches,
Myeik (3.11) inches,

Mawlamyine (2.99) inches,
Hpa-an (2.87) inches,
Bago (2.52) inches and
Aunglan (1.26) inches



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects progress in construction of Yepone Bridge in Yebyu Township. —MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 11 August, 2007

Strive for emergence of healthy and fit youths

The activities to mark the School Health Week will be held at all the basic education schools across the nation from 13 to 18 August so that all the education facilities and their environs can be clean and pleasant.

Starting from the age of five, children pursue education at basic education schools. Their home and school are their only environment. So, the sanitation of schools and their environs is indispensable for school children. Moreover, the sanitation of schools and their environs plays a pivotal role in enabling school children to keep themselves healthy, fit and bright and become new generation youths on whom the State can rely.

The campaigns for the School Health Week include five major tasks, namely, medical check-up, medical treatment, prevention against infectious diseases, educative activities on health and nutrition development.

At the same time, other sanitation measures including systematic disposal of litter and waste are to be widely carried out for school children to be free from Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever.

In the meantime, teachers and parents are to make concerted efforts for each and every school child to meet the recommended height and weight according to their age and to practise personal hygiene.

This being so, efforts are to be made for the emergence of schools that meet the health standard and producing healthy, fit and educated youths. Only then, will they be able to take part in nation-building endeavours all the more.



U Sein Maung and Daw Khin Khin Gyi of Sydney, Australia, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Member of the Executive Board of the Home U Chit Myaing accepts the donation. — H

People's Desire

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

Wellwishers from Indonesia
donated US \$ 1,500 to
Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in
Yangon recently. Dr U Hla
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the donation.

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Myanmar Traditional Costume Show organized

YANGON, 9 Aug — Jointly organized by Yangon South District Women's Affair Organization and Yangon Cooperative Degree College, Myanmar Traditional Costume Show took place at Uttara Hall of the college this afternoon.

First, Principal of the college Dr Thein Tun

made a speech on the occasion and Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted a total of 200 membership applications presented by member Daw Khin Oo Yi.

After the contest, the principal and the patron presented prizes to winners. — MNA



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai views Myanmar Traditional Costume Show. — MNA

Educative courses for mobile community

YANGON, 10 Aug — CEC member of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (MANA) Police Col Ye Thurein Khin Maung Tun (Retd) and Project Coordinator and International Affairs Daw Tin Tin and Assistant Resident Representative Daw Khin Ma Ma Aye, Project Manager Dr Nay Win and office staff paid a visit to Tachilek of Shan State (East) on 1 August with the purpose of conducting educative courses regarding prevention of HIV spread, eradication of narcotic drugs abuse and reproductive health for Mobile Community to be jointly organized by MANA and UNFPA.

The following day they met with Chairman U Khin Thant of District Peace and Development Council and local authorities, members of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Township Writers and Journalists Association and the Medical Superintendent, and discussed project tasks to be carried out. The project will be launched soon in Tachilek. — MNA

Four members of Myaung, Pathein Township NLDs quit

They no longer support acts of NLD

YANGON, 10 Aug — Member U Myint Oo of Myaung Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division on 25 July, two NLD members including U Thein Lwin and U Kyaw Ohn of Pathein Township NLD of Ayeyawady Division on 26 July resigned from the party of their own accord, sending letters of resignation to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Myaung Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they disclosed that they no longer supported acts of the NLD and they resigned from the party of their own volition. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Poll shows majority of Iranians view sanctions as inefficient

TEHERAN, 10 Aug—A recent opinion poll showed that a majority of Iranians believed that the West's sanctions against Iran over its nuclear programme could not be efficient, local *Fars* news agency reported on Wednesday.

The poll was sponsored by the *Fars* news agency and conducted by one of the creditable polling centres in Iran over 8,000 Iranians in 60 different

cities last month.

According to the report, the results showed that 69.5 per cent of the people believed that sanctions against Iran could not hurt their national solidarity.

Meanwhile, 18 per cent of the people believed that sanctions would leave a negative impact on the country's national solidarity to some extent, while 12.5 per cent said that sanctions would surely have such a

negative effect.

The poll results also showed that 62.4 per cent of the subjects said that sanctions would not deteriorate the country's economic conditions while the remainders believed the economy would deteriorate.

Also, 86.7 per cent said that sanctions would not push Iran into a status of international isolation, while the remainders said it would isolate Iran.

The United States and Western countries accused Iran of developing atomic weapons under a civilian cover, but Teheran said that it only wants to generate electricity by nuclear power. The UN Security Council has imposed two sanction resolutions against Teheran's nuclear programme since last December, demanding a halt to the uranium enrichment programme.

MNA/Xinhua

A general view of the atomic bomb dome during the 62nd Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima, on 6 Aug, 2007. Japan vowed never to seek atomic weapons and urged nuclear powers to give up their own arsenals 62 years after the world's first nuclear attack on Hiroshima.—INTERNET

Singapore vows to develop eco to cope with widening gaps

SINGAPORE, 9 Aug—Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong Wednesday vowed to develop economy to cope with widening income gaps brought by globalization.

In his National Day message broadcast on television in the eve of the nation's 42nd birthday, Lee said Singaporean economy has had four good years of growth.

Economy in the first half of this year got a better-than — expected growth of 7.6 per cent, which helped create 111,000 jobs and lower unemployment rate to 2.4 per cent in the same period

of time. Meanwhile, the government has raised its growth forecast for the whole year to between 7 and 8 per cent, he added.

Noting the favourable regional conditions ahead, especially the rising of China and India, as well

as Japan's revivification, Lee said that the medium term fundamentals for Asia remain strong and Singapore is at the heart of this rising Asia.

However, he stressed that one major challenge to the city-state's social

harmony and national cohesion is widening income gaps, which is one of the results of globalization. To cope with it, Singapore's basic approach is to grow the economic pie, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese military delegation visits Bangladesh

DHAKA, 9 Aug—Bangladesh and China has very good relationship, especially in the field of military, Bangladesh Naval Chief Lieutenant-General Sarwar Jahan Nizam said here Wednesday.

While receiving at the Zia International Airport a high-profile Chinese

military delegation led by Chen Bingde, member of the Chinese Central Military Commission and director of the General Armament Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Nizam said the Bangladeshi people always regard China as a good friend.

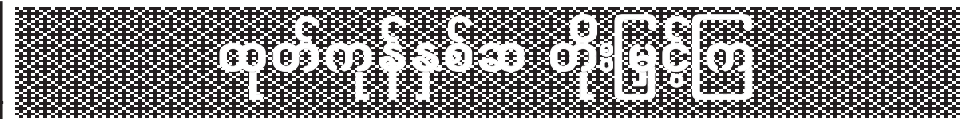
He said China has given

the Bangladeshi Armed Forces a lot of assistance and they are very grateful to that.

Chen Bingde said he is very happy to visit Bangladesh.

He hoped his visit can promote the relations between the two countries and the two Armed Forces.

MNA/Xinhua



An actress performs Beijing Opera as people enjoy snacks at Wangfujing walking street in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Aug, 2007. Wangfujing walking street is one of the most famous tourist attraction in Beijing with various Chinese traditional snacks. —XINHUA

UNSG welcomes announcement of DPRK-ROK summit

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Aug—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed on Wednesday the announcement of a planned summit meeting later this month between the leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the

Republic of Korea (ROK).

"The Secretary-General believes that such a meeting offers a significant opportunity for the promotion of peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and inter-Korean reconciliation," Ban's Press office said in a statement.

"He wishes to commend the two leaders for their initiative and hopes that this positive development

will give further impetus to the progress made recently within the framework of the six-party talks," it added.

The DPRK and South Korea have agreed to hold the second Inter-Korean Summit in Pyongyang from 28-30 August. The first summit was held in June, 2000, by then ROK president Kim Dae-jung and DPRK top leader Kim Jong Il.—MNA/Xinhua



Airborne commando lands during a rehearsal in Russia's Chelyabinsk, on 6 Aug, 2007. A joint anti-terrorism military exercise, sponsored by the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), is slated for on 9-17 Aug. The drill, dubbed "Peace Mission 2007," will be carried out first in Urumqi, capital of China's Xinjiang, and later move to Chelyabinsk.—XINHUA

Iran tells Maliki it is helping secure Iraq

TEHERAN, 9 Aug—Iran told Iraq’s Prime Minister on Wednesday it was helping establish security in Iraq, where the US military accuses Teheran of fomenting instability by training and supplying militants.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, in Iran for talks with senior officials, is facing mounting pressure to secure a power sharing deal among Iraq’s warring sects before a US report in September on strategy there.

But his government is

crumbling, with almost half the Cabinet ministers quitting or boycotting meetings, and the death toll from sectarian killings steadily climbing.

Iran, with a majority of Shiite Muslims like Iraq, has been an important political player there since the 2003 US invasion. Teheran denies Washington’s accusations that it is stoking violence, and instead blames the US occupation.

Baghdad has urged both countries to negotiate and not fight out their

differences on Iraqi soil.

“The Islamic Republic of Iran has always made a special effort to help provide and strengthen security in Iraq,” Iranian First Vice-President Parviz Davoudi said in talks with Maliki, the official IRNA news agency reported. Iran has in the past made expressions of support that have been followed by US charges it is still backing militants.

Maliki’s visit comes two days after Iraqi, Iranian and US officials held the first meeting of a committee aimed at improving cooperation on stabilizing Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

14 killed in Peru head-on bus crash

LIMA, 9 Aug—At least 14 people were killed and 35 others injured Tuesday when two buses crashed head-on in Acari, southern Peru, traffic police said.

One bus, said to have been speeding, invaded the opposite lane, and crashed into another bus on the Panamerican Highway, leaving 14 people dead on the spot, according to police.

The injured were taken to nearby hospitals. Road accidents killed 30 Peruvians last week. Annually, an average of 4,000 people are killed and another 40,000 are injured on the nation’s highways.

Poor road conditions, mechanical failures and bad driving habits are the main causes of Peru’s traffic accidents, experts say.—MNA/Xinhua

A model displays a creation by South African designer Thula Sindi during the opening session of the Cape Town Fashion Week on 8 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA



Pollution closes record number of US beaches

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The number of US beaches declared unsafe for swimming reached a record last year, with more than 25,000 cases where shorelines were closed or prompted health advi-

sories, an environmental group reported on Tuesday. The Natural Resources Defence Council, which compiled the report from US Environmental Protection Agency data, said the likely culprit was

sewage and contaminated runoff from water treatment systems.

“Aging and poorly designed sewage and storm water systems hold much of the blame for beach water pollution,” the

group said in a statement. “The problem was compounded by record rainfall, which added to the strain on already overloaded infrastructure.” Other factors include urban sprawl in coastal areas, which destroys wetlands and other natural buffers like dunes and beach grass that could otherwise filter out pollution, the group said.

MNA/Reuters



International Space Station flight engineer Clayton Anderson takes photos inside the orbiting laboratory’s Destiny module as he prepares for the arrival of the space shuttle Endeavour in this view from NASA TV on 9 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA

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Iraq’s Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki (L) and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wave to journalists as they attend an official meeting in Tehran on 8 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA

Typhoon “Pabuk” closes schools in Manila

MANILA, 9 Aug—Landslides and floods triggered by typhoon Pabuk killed a boy in northern Philippines and injured five people, disaster officials said on Wednesday, as schools in the capital were shut down.

The boy was killed when landslides buried his home in a mountain resort city north of Manila while five people were injured when a concrete wall collapsed on their makeshift house in a suburb of the capital.— MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Aug—A US soldier was killed and four others were wounded in a roadside bomb near their patrol in the Iraqi capital, the US military said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on Tuesday during combat operations in western Baghdad, a military statement said.—MNA/Xinhua

17 die in Bolivian bus crash

LIMA, 9 Aug—Seventeen people died and 31 more were injured on Tuesday when an inter-city bus fell off a cliff in the western Bolivia department of La Paz, the Bolivian police’s Transit Operations Body told media. According to news reaching here on Tuesday, a driver who fell asleep at the wheel, lost control of the vehicle letting it fall off the 80-metre cliff. The accident took place close to the Urujara border control post, while the bus was heading for Coripata, in Nor Yungas Province, before heading to La Paz. — MNA/Xinhua

Palestinian rocket kills two Gaza children

GAZA, 9 Aug—A rocket fired at Israel by Palestinian militants on Tuesday fell short and killed two Palestinian children in the Gaza Strip, ambulance crews said. No group claimed responsibility for launching the rocket, which the medical workers said landed near the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahiya, killing a seven-year-old boy and his sister, aged nine.— MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

Indonesia offers joint oil block operation to Malaysia, Vietnam

JAKARTA, 9 Aug — Indonesia's state-oil firm Pertamina is slated to sign a joint venture agreement with its Malaysian and Vietnamese counterparts to jointly explore hydrocarbon resources in East Java of Indonesia on Thursday.

The tripartite project, estimated to cost 150 million US dollars, will involve Pertamina, Malaysia's Petronas and

PetroVietnam.

"Malaysia and Vietnam have shared their blocks with us, we become the last to do so," Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yusgiantoro was quoted on Wednesday by leading news website Detikcom as saying. The Indonesian Government has insisted the revenue split at 85:15 in favour of the government. The project is

located in Randu Gunting block in East Java Province. The three companies signed a Tripartite Co-operation Arrangement on joint oil and gas explorations in their respective countries in 2002. In addition to the Randu Gunting block, the three jointly operated in Vietnam's offshore block 10 and 11.1 and Malaysia's Sarawak.

MNA/Xinhua



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 9 Aug, 2007.

US stocks tumbled on Thursday, with the Dow and S&P down nearly 3 percent, after a French bank froze three funds that invested in US subprime mortgages, prompting central banks to take steps to calm investors.—XINHUA

China promises to tighten control on exported drugs

BEIJING, 9 Aug — China's drug watchdog on Wednesday promised to tighten supervision over exported drugs and medical devices.

"We can see that weaknesses exist in the supervision of exports of drugs and medical devices," said Yan Jiangying, spokeswoman of the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) at a regular Press conference here Wednesday.

China mostly depends on importing countries to examine Chinese medicine and medical devices according to their own standards.

But things will change, Yan said, adding that the SFDA is working hard on detailed rules to ensure high quality of drug exports after the State Council issued special

regulations on the safety supervision and administration of food and other products.

The regulation, issued on 26 July, is aimed at intensifying the control over producers and

distributors of food, drug, medical devices and other products related to human health.

The SFDA's set of rules will be a follow-up to the regulation, Yan said.

MNA/Xinhua

Belarus clears gas debt to Russia

MOSCOW, 9 Aug— Belarus has paid off its debt for gas to Russian gas giant Gazprom, Russian news agencies reported on Wednesday.

Belarussian gas pipeline company Beltransgaz paid Gazprom 56.5 million US dollars on Wednesday as the last installment of its 456.16-million-dollar debt for gas supplies in the first half of 2007, a source in the Belarussian Energy Ministry was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

"Beltransgaz paid Gazprom 56.5 million dollars this morning and has thus completely paid off its debt for gas supplies to Belarus in the first half of the year," the source said.

Gazprom confirmed that Beltransgaz has paid its debt in full for gas supplies in the first half of 2007. "Gazprom hopes that the situation with the Belarus' gas debt will not recur," the Russian company's Press secretary Sergei Kupriyanov was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

Earlier, Belarussian officials said the country had paid in full its gas debt to Gazprom and pledged to pay 100 per cent for Russian gas exports as of August. "Today the republic's Finance Ministry made the last payment for gas and Gazprom should receive the money," Andrei Zhukov, an aide of the Belarussian energy minister, was quoted by *ITAR-TASS* as saying.

"We had to transfer the payments before August 10 and we did this," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Shi Yongxin (Right at the background), the top monk of Shaolin Temple, and Jacques Rogge (C), President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), watch the martial arts performance at Shaolin Temple in Central China's Henan Province, on 9 Aug, 2007.

XINHUA



GM considers to set up factory in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 Aug — US automaker General Motors (GM) may establish a factory in Indonesia to serve as its second industrial base for the Southeast Asian region, Indonesian Press said on Wednesday.

GM president for Southeast Asian operations, Stephen K Carlisle, was quoted by English daily *The Jakarta Post* as saying that the company was carrying out a feasibility study on the setting up of a second regional production base in Indonesia.

GM already has an assembly plant in Thailand, which boasts an annual production of some 130,000 vehicles for distribution 10 countries in the region.

Carlisle, who was in Jakarta on Tuesday, said GM would turn to Malaysia if it was decided setting up a plant in Indonesia was unfeasible.

"GM will make a decision on where it will establish the factory within one year," he said.

Carlisle said construction of the factory would take 18 to 36 months and would start soon after the company reached its decision on the location.

GM already has a relatively small assembly plant in Bekasi, east of Jakarta, which previously produced mainly Chevrolet Blazers before it went idle until now.

MNA/Xinhua

A passenger is evacuated after a chunk of an Arctic glacier broke into the sea and triggered a huge wave that injured 18 people on board the cruise vessel Alexey Maryshev on 9 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA





Passengers seated in custom-designed leather chairs try out Virgin America airlines in-flight entertainment system which includes on-demand movies, television, video games, music and onboard chat rooms during the first flight of Virgin America from Los Angeles to its base of operations in San Francisco, California, on 8 August, 2007. —INTERNET

OECD takes Marshall Islands off tax blacklist

PARIS, 9 Aug — The OECD has removed the Marshall Islands from its blacklist of uncooperative tax havens after the Pacific Ocean nation pledged to improve its tax and regulatory systems, the Paris-based body said on Tuesday.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said the Marshall Islands had joined 34 other jurisdictions that had committed themselves to high standards of transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes.

The decision leaves just Andorra, Liechtenstein and Monaco on the OECD’s uncooperative tax havens list.

“The OECD is pleased to announce that that the Republic of the Marshall Islands has made a commitment to implement a programme to improve transparency and to establish effective exchange of information in tax matters,” the OECD said.

Finance Minister Brenson Wase said in a letter to OECD chief Angel Gurría that the Marshall Islands wanted to be seen as a responsible international finance centre.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh flood kills 164 as situation improves slightly

DHAKA, 9 Aug — Rescue officials counted eight more bodies putting the death toll at 164 Tuesday morning from the current flood that caused havoc over half the country since mid-July, private news agency UNB reported.

The officials said eight more deaths have been reported from different districts in 24 hours since 11:00 am Monday.

A statistics released on Tuesday said the floodwaters kept marooned over 9.1 million people of nearly two million families in 39 districts, causing substantial damages to both life and property.

The Flood Forecast and Warning Centre (FFWC) said although the situation has improved slightly in northern districts, but three rivers surrounding capital Dhaka registered further rise in 24 hours till Tuesday morning.

And the Buriganga River at Dhaka have already crossed danger level.

Officials of FFWC said the flood situation in and around Dhaka might aggravate if there is further rainfall.

Although the overall flood situation showed a trend of slight improvement but millions marooned or homeless remained in misery for dearth of foodstuff and pure drinking water.

Over 350,000 flood-hit victims have so far taken shelter in 1,515 flood centres in the affected districts. — MNA/Xinhua

British primary school results improve but miss targets

LONDON, 9 Aug — Children who left primary schools this summer achieved the highest ever results in national tests, but are still below the government’s target, official figures showed on Tuesday.

The Key Stage 2 exams, taken by children typically aged 11 in their final term at primary schools in England, test their ability in English, reading, writing, maths and science.

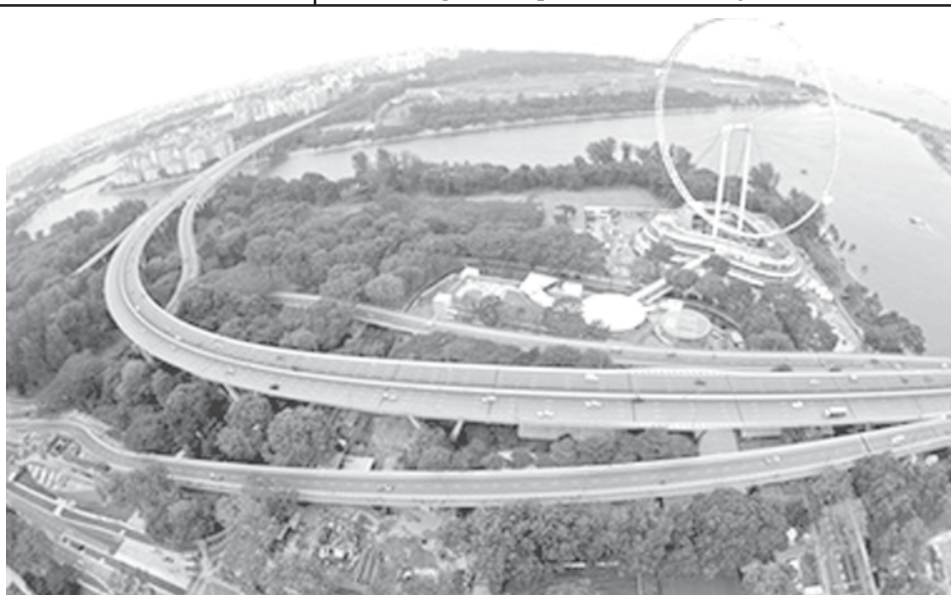
Those achieving the expected standard — Level 4 — rose by one percentage point in four of the subjects, to 80 per cent in English, 84 per cent in reading, 77 per cent in maths and 88 per cent in science. The percentage reaching Level 4 in writing was 67 per cent, the same as last year.

But these results remain below the 85 per cent target for English and maths which the government had hoped to achieve by last year.

The tests, first introduced by the Conservatives in 1994, have become a backbone of the government’s education policy since Labour came to power in 1997.

However, improvements in the results have slowed over recent years after a strong increase in children’s performances in the late 90s. Schools Minister Andrew Adonis acknowledged there was more to do, but noted that compared with 1997 there were 100,000 more 11-year-olds reaching the target level for English and 90,000 more in maths.

MNA/Reuters



A fisheye aerial view of Singapore’s major expressway passing through private property, left, and the construction of the London Eye, right, is seen on 9 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

France to establish biometrical data for air passengers

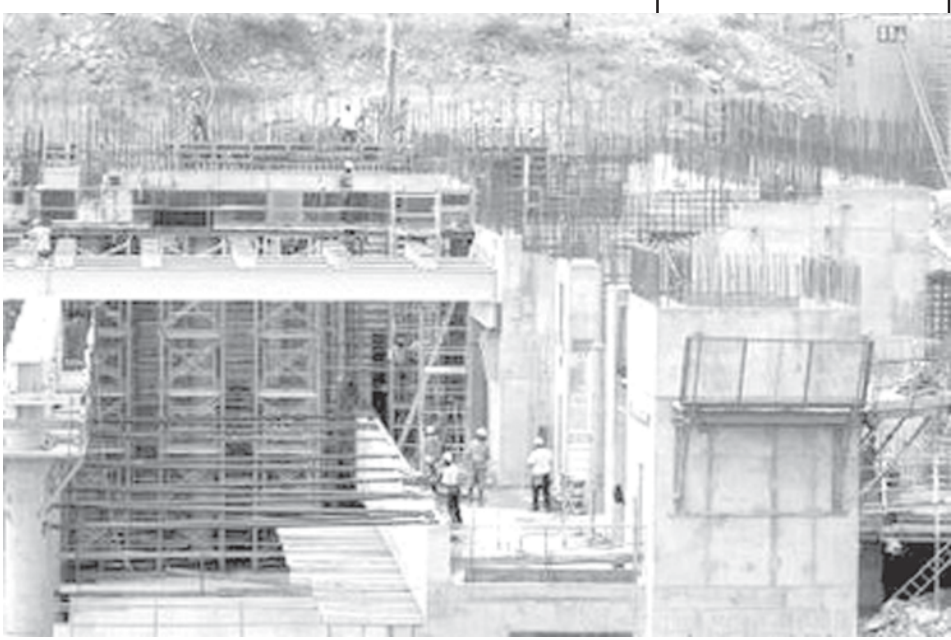
PARIS, 10 Aug — French Interior Ministry will establish a data base containing biometrical data from air passengers, who will voluntarily agree to participate in the programme, according to notice appearing in the French official gazette.

The form, which will be known as “parafes”, “is aimed at improving clearance by border police and facilitating rapid entry into foreign countries” belonging to the Schengen visa zone, the gazette reported on Tuesday.

The form, which will comprise personal data from passengers using French airports, will include eight fingerprints as well as marital status, place of birth, nationality and address.

The data “will be kept for a period of five years counting from the date of registration. Nevertheless, passengers wishing to withdraw from the programme will be able to have their data erased without delay”, according to the decree. — MNA/Xinhua

General view of the construction site for the Soyuz launch site at the Kourou Space Centre in French Guiana on 9 Aug, 2007. Construction should be complete at the end of 2008 with the first launch of a Soyuz-ST medium launch vehicle from the Kourou Space Centre in 2009. INTERNET



A developing Fishery Producers Coop Society of Toungoo Township

Article: *Than Than Nu and Tin Mar Win*

Photos: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

Ketumady Fishery Producers Cooperative Society Ltd was established in Kanyoe Village of Toungoo Township

outlets.

In an interview, Chairman U Saw Wonderful Phaw explained fish breeding and sales outlets of the

fingerlings through the vaccination and hatching system. Furthermore, it distributes its surplus fingerlings to fish breeders of the district

service costs but also to make the increasing profit yearly. In addition, the society is trying hard to meet fish demand of the local people in accord with



One hundred fish ponds of Ketumady Fisheries Producers Cooperative Society Ltd seen in Kanyoe Village of Toungoo Township.

more than 26 years ago on 7 July 1981. Since the birth of the cooperative

cooperative society to our media team of the Myanma Alin daily.

One Village, One Product



Chairman U Saw Wonderful Phaw explains fish breeding work of the society.

society U Saw Wonderful Phaw has been taking responsibilities as Chairman of the Cooperative Society Ltd as well as Chairman of the Board of Directors together with 12 society members. At present, the cooperative society is operating with the concerted efforts of 52 members.

The Cooperative Society Ltd controls its work committees in carrying out fish breeding, livestock breeding, fishery work at lakes, cultivation of crops and running of sale

To supply the demand of fish breeding task, the Cooperative Society Ltd produces rohu, butter fish and dace

and township. Moreover, the society imports pomfret and Tilapia fish larvae. After nurturing the fish larvae to become fingerlings, the society sells them to the local breeders. At the same time, the Cooperative Society Ltd is conducting research to produce the marketable size of fish in a short time with rapid growth and low costs of feedstuff.

Due to harmonious efforts of the members, the cooperative society is able not only to cover production and

A worker shows a full-grown fish.



society net fish at the ponds daily. In breeding fish at 20 ponds on 100 acres of land, the society produces an average of 2,400 viss of fish per pond during the fish catching period.

Moreover, the society purchased books and VCDs on fish breeding methods from Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

To fulfill fish demand of the local market, the society provides services for the consumers by opening a fish shop in the township for distribution of primary fish to cooperative societies and small-scale vendors and for direct sales to local consumers.

Furthermore, responsible persons of the cooperative society provide entertainment programme for the members with modern electronic devices. Hence, employees of the society can enjoy VCD features and TV programmes through satellite dish during their free time.

and the Myanmar Fisheries Federation for enabling the members to study advanced technologies of fisheries. In addition, a paramedic was appointed to provide the members with health care.

While nurturing new generation members and handing down valuable experiences to them at the society for maintaining the progress of its fish breeding industry, Ketumady Fishery Producers Cooperative Society Ltd is supplying fish to the local people.

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Members of the cooperative society netting fish in the pond.

MWAF holds Waso robes offering ceremony



A Sayadaw delivers a sermon to the congregation.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Aug — The third Waso robes offering ceremony of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the meeting hall of the federation in Bahan Township this morning, attended by member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta

Pandittabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, members of the panel of patrons of MWAF, the president, vice-president and CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and members and guests.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw. Next, they offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon and those present shared the merits gained. After the ceremony, they offered "soon" to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.



The president of MMCWA offers Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay of MWAF receive Daw Ohnma Ei Ei Chaw, National Project Coordinator of UNIAP Myanmar.—MNA

MWAF Vice-Presidents meet Coordinator of UNIAP Myanmar

YANGON, 10 Aug — Vice-Presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay received Daw Ohnma Ei Ei Chaw, National Project Coordinator of UNIAP Myanmar, and party at the office of the federation on 8 August.

Present also at the call were General Secretary of MWAF Dr Daw Myint Myint Kyi and Joint-General Secretary Daw Khin Htar May.

MWJA to award prizes

YANGON, 10 Aug — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will award prizes to the outstanding students of members of MWJA who passed the matriculation examination for 2006-2007 Academic Year with distinctions.

Related documents and testimonial are to be sent to MWJA, No 529 on Merchant Street, Yangon not later than 28 September 2007.—MNA

Myanmar delegation returns

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint returned by air this morning after paying an official visit to Yunnan Province from 5 to 9 August.

The Myanmar delegation made a study tour to the Dali Autonomous Prefecture,

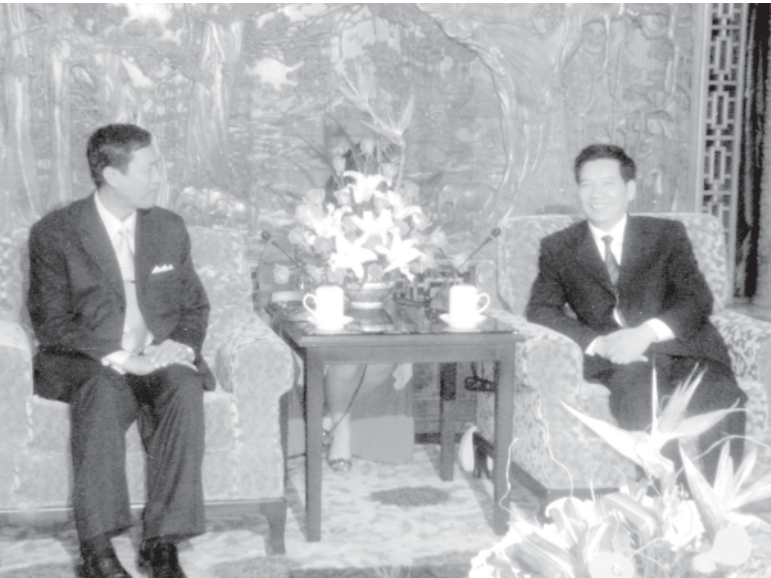
Yunnan Province. They were briefed by Mr Zhu Fei, Vice Governor, on the regional development activities on 6 and 7 August.

On 8 August, the Myanmar delegation called on Governor of the Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong and frankly discussed mutual interests between the two countries.

The deputy minister

was accompanied by Director-General U Than Tun of Department of Consular and Legal Affairs, Assistant Director U Kyaw Thi Wa of Consular Division and Head of Branch-1 of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Maung Maung Aye. — MNA

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint meets Mr Qin Guangrong, Governor of the Yunnan Province. FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Commander urges traffic rules enforcement supervisory committees to educate people



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin addresses 25/2007 meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin called for township traffic rules enforcement supervisory committees in Nay Pyi Taw to heighten public awareness of traffic accidents and to educate the people on traffic rules.

At the 25/2007 meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held at Nay Pyi Taw Command on 3 August, Patron of the committee Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin also attended to the needs after hearing reports on road safety research work.

Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw TREC reported on enforcement of traffic rules and traffic accidents within a week in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was also attended by Police Chief of Staff Police Col Khin Maung Si, members of the Pyinmana District and Township TRESCs, departmental officials and responsible persons of bus lines here. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect runway of Sittway Airport.—MNA

Designation of forest areas, greening of government offices discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — A coordination meeting on designation of forest areas and greening task for environs of government offices in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the hall of the Ministry of Forestry yesterday afternoon.

Minister for Agri-

culture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered speeches.

Deputy Director-

General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department reported on designation of the forest areas for the government offices and departments. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at meeting on designation of forest areas and greening task for environs of government offices. —FOREST

Commander, minister inspect construction of Sittway airport

YANGON, 9 Aug — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe heard reports on repaving of the runway, the apron and the taxiway and work to be done in the open season presented by Director-General U Tun Hlaing of Department of Civil Aviation at the briefing hall of Sittway Airport on 5 August.

After hearing reports, the minister stressed the need for meeting the set standards, security of the airport, upgrading installation of aviation signal and communication equipment.

Next, the commander and the minister inspected the apron, the taxiway and the runway. — MNA

40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding ...

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40th anniversary throughout the year. The celebrations of the grouping's 40th anniversary this year aim to focus more on enhancing people to people ties and community building. He added that in commemoration of ASEAN 40th Anniversary and to commemorate 10th Anniversary of Myanmar joining ASEAN, Myanmar has also participated with other ASEAN member

countries in the ASEAN's 40th Anniversary Logo competition and an ASEAN Cultural Show organized by Myanmar - ASEAN Women's Friendship Association (MAWFA). Essay competition and seminars on ASEAN held at the universities and high schools respectively throughout the country, ASEAN photo exhibition as well as publishing ASEAN related articles in the newspapers.

In conclusion, the

minister said that the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN would be a historic milestone for the regional organization and that he is confident that ASEAN would continue to play a significant role in the region and be able to overcome its new challenges. Afterwards, Minister U Nyan Win presented prizes to winners in the essay competition. The ceremony ended with entertainment of artistes of the Department of Fine Arts. — MNA

Minister receives guests, inspects factory

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Business Development Manager Mr Fried Helm Zirl of Stork Turbo Service GmbH of Germany and party at the ministry here yesterday.

On 8 August, the minister arrived at Switchgear Factory on the Strand Road in Ahlon Township run by Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board. He heard reports on progress of construction

tasks at the factory, stockpiling of raw materials, production of Switchgears and parts presented by Assistant Chief Engineer U Sein Aung and U Zeya Thura Mon of Gunkul Engineering Supply Co Ltd.

The minister inspected control panel, switchgears and circuit breakers manufactured at the factory.

Chief Engineer U Aung Khaing and Superintending Engineer U Nyunt Than briefed the minister on production

process and functions of the products.

At Yangon East District Electric Power Supply Board in Tamway Township, Deputy Director U San Htay reported on supply of electric power in the district. The minister instructed service personnel to try hard for uplift of efficiency and officials to supervise minimizing waste and loss of electricity. Later, the minister inspected the office of the District Electric Power Supply Board. — MNA

Japanese oppsn party says no to prolonging refuelling US ships

TOKYO, 10 Aug — Japan’s largest opposition party has rejected a request by the United States to prolong Japan’s assistance to the US-led anti-terrorism operations in the Indian Ocean, the *Daily Yomiuri* reported on Thursday.

During an open-door meeting with US Ambassador to Japan Thomas Schieffer later Wednesday, President of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) Ichiro Ozawa said his party would insist on concluding the Maritime Self-Defence Force’s refuelling

operations for the US military by 1 November.

The declaration has doomed the prospect of a bill to be submitted by the Japanese Government to extend the special anti-terrorism law, analysts say.

Ozawa told the US Ambassador that his party

believes Japan could implement self-defence only when being attacked. The DPJ controls the majority in the Upper House of Parliament after defeating the ruling coalition in the 29 July election.

“If I am in the position of decision-making, unfortunately I don’t think we’ll be able to participate in the operations led by the United States,” he was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Three metro stations in Washington closed due to suspicious package

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Three metro stations in Washington, DC, the US capital, was closed Wednesday afternoon after a suspicious package was found in a train, media reports said.

A passenger called authorities that a suspicious box was found in a six-car train on the Red Line, and later the Dupont Circle Station was closed. Authorities

then closed another two stations on the line for other trains to turn around.

Police checked the package, which was wrapped in dark paper, and disrupted it on the train, and determined that it was harmless.

An all clear signal was given and all three stations were reopened late in the afternoon.

MNA/Xinhua

France seizes 900 kilos of cocaine

PARIS, 10 Aug — About 900 kilogrammes of cocaine were seized in a sail boat by Martinique Custom authorities, French Budget Ministry announced on Wednesday.

In a statement, the ministry said that the street value of the seized drug haul was estimated at 35 million euros (about 48.3 million US dollars).

The announcement of this latest seizure is coming after the national marine seized 600 kilos of cocaine from a Caribbean boat at Manche on Monday in an international operation.

According to the ministry, a patrol boat from the Fort-de-France Custom authorities traced the boat Friday and forced it to dock at the port of Marin, where a preliminary search led to the discovery of the cocaine.

On Saturday an in-depth search that was

carried out at the Fort-de-France led to the discovery of 868 kilos of cocaine hidden in 39 sports bags.

The two occupants of the boat, who are Portuguese, were handed over to the Caribbean Central Office for the Fight Against Drug Trafficking (OCCRTIS) for further investigations.

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A total of 2008 Zheng-lovers dressed in traditional Chinese clothes play the famous Chinese melody "Jasmine" in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 8 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET



Models of China's New Silk Road Model Company wave to the audience after their performance in Mexico City, Mexico, on 3 Aug, 2007. XINHUA

Bangladesh flood claims 210 lives as swelling rivers receding

DHAKA, 10 Aug — Although the swelling rivers started receding in Bangladesh, casualty from the flooding-related deaths shot up to 210 Thursday morning with 18 fresh deaths reported from affected areas.

A release from the Food and Disaster Management Ministry said nearly 9.9 million people of more than two million families have been hit by the floodwaters in 38 districts.

Some 334,085 people have taken shelter in 1,317 flood shelter centres.

The flood has caused damages to over 830,000 houses, standing crops on nearly 590,000 hectares either completely or partially.

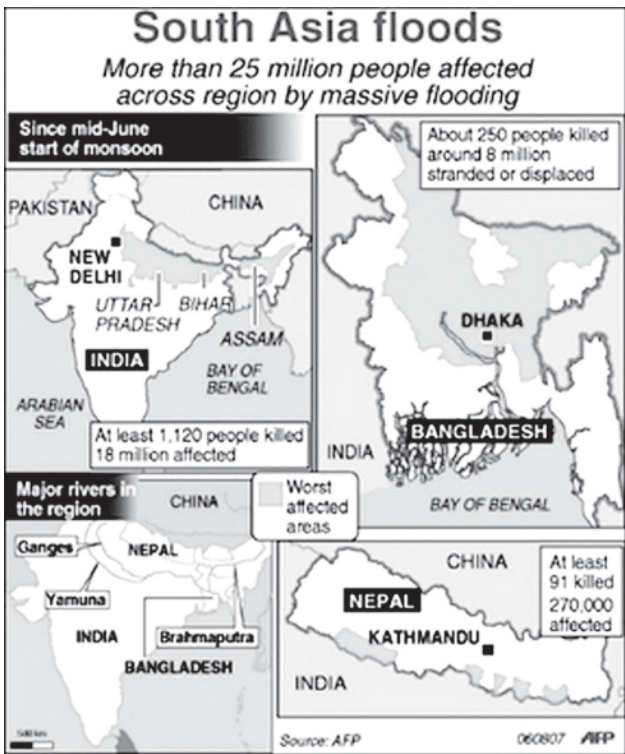
Meanwhile, the Flood Forecasting and

Warning Centre said major rivers across the country like Jamuna, Padma and Meghna receded but were still flowing above their danger marks Thursday morning.

With the recession of floodwater, diarrhoea broke out at many places due to lack of pure drinking water.

A total of 3,648 people across the country were affected in diarrhoea and other diseases in 24 hours ended at 12:00 noon Wednesday raising the total number of affected people to 18,972 with diarrhoea, 2543 with cold and fever, 2574 with skin diseases and 704 with eye infections, according to reports by local media.

MNA/Xinhua



Graphic showing the situation in India, Bangladesh and Nepal after heavy flooding. Many of the millions of people forced from their homes by floods across South Asia were desperate for food and drinking water, with aid workers battling to reach them in tough conditions. — INTERNET

Plane crashes in French Polynesia, at least 14 dead

PAPEETE (France), 10 Aug — A passenger aircraft crashed in French Polynesia on Thursday, killing at least 14 people, with another six still missing, French authorities in Papeete said.

An Air Moorea Twin Otter aircraft with 19 passengers and a pilot on board crashed after taking off from Temae Airport in Moorea Island, en route to the local capital Papeete, a short flight away.

Earlier reports said the plane had been coming from Papeete.

Police said 14 bodies had been recovered including that of the pilot

but no survivors had been found as yet. The search for the remaining passengers was continuing. All but two of the victims were French.

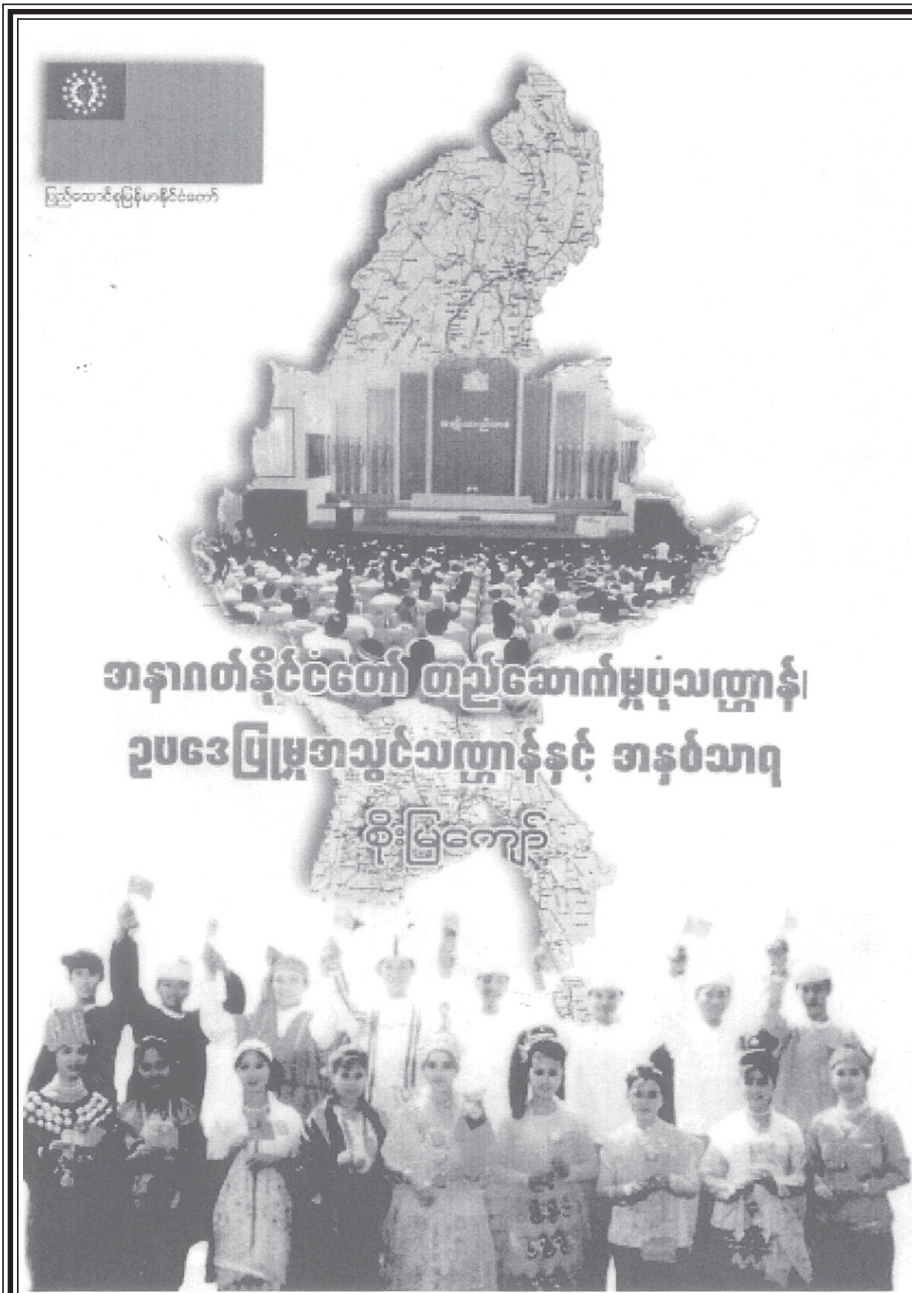
A spokeswoman for Air Moorea said all 20 people aboard the aircraft were feared killed.

The plane, a De Havilland Twin Otter aircraft, veered to the right after take off for the short flight to the main island of Tahiti

and crashed into the ocean at around 12:15 pm local time (2215 GMT) on Thursday.

Aviation authorities said weather conditions were clear. The plane came down one mile from the coast near fishermen, who tried to help those on board, Air Moorea said in a statement. It gave no further details.

MNA/Reuters



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More victims found in US bridge collapse

MINNEAPOLIS, 10 Aug — Authorities said on Thursday that searchers have found the remains of more victims in the wreckage of the bridge collapse in Minneapolis, raising the total death toll so far to at least eight.

One of the victims was identified as 47-year-old Peter Hausmann of Rosemount, Minnesota, who had been among the eight listed as missing and presumed dead following the 1 August collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge into the Mississippi River.

Remains of other victims besides Hausmann were also found, Minnesota Department of Public Safety spokesman Christine Krueger said, without being more specific.

The initial death toll within a day of the collapse was five, with eight missing.

Given the agonizing

wait by relatives of the missing, officials have been careful about releasing identities and have sought to keep onlookers away from the site.

The bodies were removed and taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner.

Another eight injured people remain in hospitals.

MNA/Reuters

Heavy rainfall causes precarious situation in Switzerland

GENEVA, 10 Aug — The water levels of many Swiss lakes and rivers rose to critical levels Thursday after torrential rains hit many parts of the country.

Thousands of policemen, firemen and civil defence workers are in action to pump flooded cellars and clear roads as the rain continues, Swiss Radio International (SRI) reported.

The situation has also caused chaos on the roads, with many closed as a result of flooding or landslides. Rail traffic was also affected.

Sirens sounded the alarm in several parts of the country on both Wednesday evening and Thursday, and more than 100 people were evacuated from their homes. But quite a few people have been injured by accidents caused by the heavy rains around the country.

The worst affected regions for rail transport because of the flooding

included northwest Switzerland, the central plateau and Winterthur, north of Zurich.

The Swiss Federal Railways has urged people to seek information about the situation in their region before travelling.

MeteoSchweiz, the national weather service, has reported that persistent rain will continue to fall across much of the country throughout Thursday, although it believed the worst was now over.

MNA/Xinhua

Israel's missile interception system to be operational in 18 months

JERUSALEM, 10 Aug — Israel's short-range rocket-based missile interception system will become operational in 18 months, local daily *Ha'aretz* reported Thursday.

Officials at Rafael, or the national authority for the development of weapons and military technology, were quoted as saying that the system, named *Iron Dome*, will use the Israel Defence Forces' early warning radar system to identify short-range missiles and rockets in flight.

It will not only have

the ability to intercept *Qassam* rockets that usually fired by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, but is also meant to protect against the Lebanese Hizbollah and Syria's *Katyusha* rockets, they added.

According to the report, after the launch is confirmed, *Iron Dome* will locate the speeding rocket through a dedicated radar. Once the system acquires the rocket as a target, it will launch a rocket of its own to intercept the hostile missile mid-flight.

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People walk through a flooded road after heavy rains in Mumbai on 3 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

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"Casablanca" to be remade on Indian shores

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug — An Indian filmmaker is remaking "Casablanca", swapping the Rick's Cafe of the Oscar-winning classic for a restaurant in south India, and the World War II backdrop for the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka. In the 1942 film, Humphrey Bogart played a club owner who romances a married Ingrid Bergman and helps her escape the Nazis with her husband, a resistance leader. "My film will be a tribute to the original," said Rajeev Nath, the director who plans to premiere his Malayalam-language remake, "Ezham Mudra" (The Seventh Seal), in the coastal Moroccan city where the original was set. "As a student of films, I had watched this great classic 20 times." Nath's protagonist is an Indian diplomat-turned restaurateur who helps his lover and her husband, both Tamil separatist rebels fighting the Sri Lankan Government, escape from India. — *MNA/Reuters*

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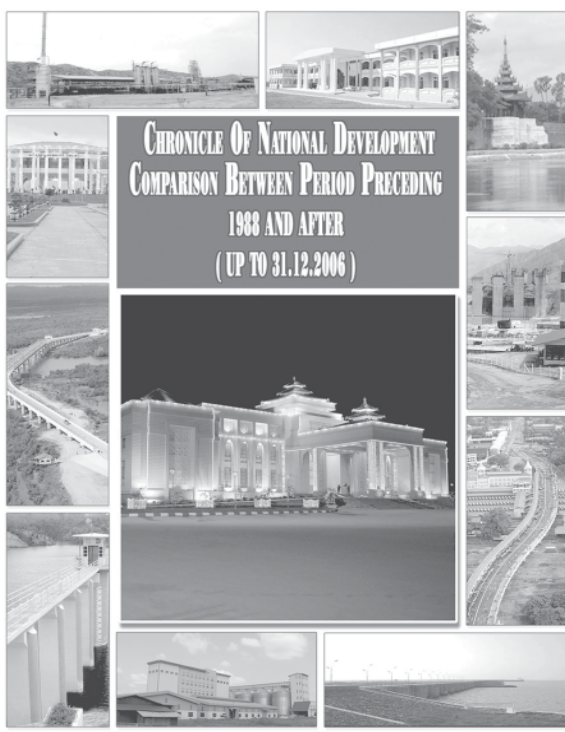
Three killed in separate attacks in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 9 Aug — Two health officials and a former village head were shot dead in two insurgent incidents, and two others were wounded in a third assault in Thailand's southernmost provinces on Wednesday.

An unknown number of gunmen gunned down two public health officials at a public health office in Pattani Province.

Two women, Atchara Sakhonthanawut, head of the Prachan subdistrict public health office and Penpat Setin, a public health staff worker, were shot dead inside the health centre.

In Yala Province, Insurgents shot dead a former village headman. The 66-year-old man, identified as Thawat Hama, was gunned down when he was walking in his orchard in Yaha District. — *MNA/Xinhua*



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Police arrest French teen over Harry Potter's translation

PARIS, 9 Aug—Police arrested a teenager suspected of posting his own translation of the latest Harry Potter novel on the Internet weeks before the official French release, the book's publishers said on Wednesday.

The 16-year-old schoolboy, from the Aix-en-Provence region in southern France, was taken into custody by a police anti-counterfeiting unit and later released, said a spokeswoman for the Gallimard publishing house, which handles the French editions of the novels.

"Concerned that such acts of counterfeiting are threats to basic authors' and creators' rights, (author JK Rowling and Gallimard) immediately

agreed to support the investigation as it was launched," spokeswoman Marie Leroy-Lena said in a statement.

"It is not a young person or a fan we are talking about here — these are organised networks that use young people," she told *Reuters* by telephone.

"For the moment there is an ongoing investigation, and neither Galli-

mard nor Ms Rowling has filed an independent lawsuit."

The newspaper *Le Parisien* reported earlier that the book's first three chapters appeared on the Web just days after the English-language edition of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* went on sale in late July. The paper said boy was arrested on Monday. — *MNA/Reuters*

Fire at US airport causes flight delays

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Flights were delayed on Tuesday due to a small electrical fire that forced a power shutdown at an international airport in the US Midwestern state of Wisconsin, local media reported.

The fire occurred at the General Mitchell

International Airport in Milwaukee. The cause remains unknown.

The power cut lasted for over two hours and airport workers had to search passengers' baggage manually, while shops were forced to close, reports said.

It remains unclear

53 killed or left missing by flooding in Vietnam

HANOI, 9 Aug—Floods either killed or left 53 people missing in Vietnam's central and central highlands region as of Wednesday night, local media reported Thursday. The natural disaster, which has happened since last weekend, killed or left 19 missing in Dac Lac, six in Lam Dong, one in Gia Lai, one in Dac Nong (in the central highlands region), 15 in Ha Tinh, seven in Quang Binh, three in Nghe An and one in Phu Yen (in the central region), said *Youth* newspaper.

In Ha Tinh alone, the flooding caused by a tropical storm claimed 14 lives, left one missing, injured five others, inundated nearly 16,000 houses and roughly 20,000 hectares of rice and other crops, and swept away 66 bridges, causing a total estimated property loss of 219 billion Vietnamese dong (13.7 billion US dollars), according to *Pioneer* newspaper. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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HKIA voted the world's best airport

HONG KONG, 9 Aug—Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) has been recognized as the world's best airport for the sixth time in seven years in the annual Skytrax survey, announced Airport Authority Hong Kong here Wednesday.

Nearly eight million people participated in the global passenger poll, which was conducted by Skytrax, an independent, London-based air transport research organization.

The Chief Executive Officer of Airport Authority Hong Kong Stanley Hui said that being named the world's best airport

was a source of pride for the people of Hong Kong.

"We will continue to enhance our facilities and provide quality services so that we can deliver an efficient and pleasant airport experience to all of our passengers," he added.

Skytrax Chief Executive Officer Edward Plaisted said, "Hong Kong's return to the top this year is a testament to the quality of service being delivered across their front-line staff areas, together with the more functional aspects of an airport that depend upon delivering efficiency and consistency."

From August 2006 to July 2007, 7.8 million passengers across the globe voted in the Airport of the Year Survey.

Forty aspects of product and service quality were rated, including terminal cleanliness, staff efficiency and courtesy, airport accessibility, shopping and dining options, Internet services, as well as security processing and immigration waiting times.—MNA/Xinhua



Global warming will speed up in the next decade and at least half of the years after 2009 will be warmer than 1998, the warmest year on record, reported a UK team of scientists in their climate predictions. —XINHUA

Uganda says stoves can be makeshift incubators

KAMPALA, 9 Aug—Women who give birth to premature babies in poor rural Uganda should use charcoal stoves to keep them warm if no incubator is available, the government has said. Premature births are common in villages in the east African country, where many mothers suffer from malnutrition and malaria.

Costly incubators are scarce, but most homes have a stove, known locally as a sigiri.

"Charcoal stoves can provide temperatures like those of a mother's womb. So where you don't have incubators, mothers can use sigiri," the Director-General of Health Services, Dr Sam Zaramba, was quoted by local Press as telling Parliament. He did not give further details.

The independent *Daily Monitor* said his comments last week brought a mixed reaction from members of Parliament, with some fearing mothers could accidentally harm their children.

"This is a crude and desperate method," one legislator was quoted saying. "The babies will end up getting burnt." —MNA/Reuters



The above photo shows the sketch of the famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci. After 500 years this sketch, which was believed to be the original work of Leonardo da Vinci around 1504, was unveiled recently at the Louvre in Paris of France.—INTERNET

Bollywood actor Dutt appeals against jail term

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug—Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt, jailed for six years for receiving guns from gangsters involved in India's worst bombing in 1993, challenged his conviction in the Supreme Court on Tuesday and sought bail.

Legal experts said it could still be days before the petition is listed in court for hearing, but in India celebrity cases are often expedited.

Dutt, 48, began serving his six years "rigorous imprisonment" last week in a prison in western India — less than 16 months he served while awaiting trial over the bomb attacks that killed 257 people in India's commercial capital Mumbai in 1993.

He was cleared of conspiracy in the bombings.

"We have filed a petition seeking bail for Sanjay Dutt," the actor's lawyer Satish Maneshinde said. "We are also challenging his conviction."

Dutt's appeal said his conviction by a special anti-terrorism court was based on his confession that he had later retracted.—MNA/Reuters

Private firm gets right to build satellite city in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 9 Aug—The Cambodian Government has approved in principle a local company's proposal to develop two lakes on the outskirts

of Phnom Penh into an eco-friendly satellite city, local newspapers reported Wednesday.

Toumpun Lake and Cheong Ek Lake, which together total 2,572 hectares in area, in Meanchey and Dangkor districts respectively, have been granted to ING Holding for development

in accordance with a Council of Ministers directive dated 24 May, 2006, according to the *Rasmei Kampuchea* newspaper.

The government has agreed in principle to develop Toumpun Lake and Choeng Ek Lake to become a green satellite city, said the directive, reports the *Cambodia Daily*.

Stressing that the government had agreed "only in principle", Phnom Penh Governor Kep Chuktema said that the firm must carry out a study on the development's potential impacts before it can begin construction.

"The company must study the social and environmental impacts on those areas," said Kep Chuktema, adding that Choeng Ek Lake and Toumpun Lake are essential for Phnom Penh's drainage system.

According to ING Holding General Director Lim Bun Suor, the company has conducted studies on the infrastructure with technical assistance from Singapore. The new city will host commercial buildings, residential buildings and recreational facilities all built to an international standard, said Phnom Penh Governor Kep Chuktema.—MNA/Xinhua



Bookstore staff stack copies of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" as fans line up outside the store in Singapore, on 21 July, 2007.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Thai Crown Prince declares open 24th Universiade

BANGKOK, 9 Aug — Thai Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn declared open the 24th World University Games at the Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok on Wednesday night.

The holding of the Universiade is also an integral part of the Thai King's 80th birthday celebration.

About 12,000 athletes and officials from 158 countries and regions took part in the last international multi-sport games before the Beijing Olympic Games. All the athletes are university or college students aged from 18-28. A total of 326 gold medals are up for grab from 15 sports comprising athletics (track and field, 20-km walk, half marathon), aquatic sports (swimming, diving, water polo), basketball, fencing, soccer, gymnastics (artistic and rhythmic), judo, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, golf, softball, badminton, shooting and taekwondo.

The first gold medal will be produced from women's 20-km walk on Thursday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijing starts countdown to 2008 Games

BEIJING, 9 Aug — More than a million Beijingers gathered in city parks on Wednesday morning for the first of more than 60 events around China to mark the start of the one-year countdown to the 2008 Olympic Games.

The most heavily scrutinized preparations for any Games in Olympic history has brought forth a barrage of criticism for China this week on issues

such as human rights abuses, Press freedom, pollution, food safety and Tibet. But, starting with a mass display of morning exercises, the Chinese people, waking up to a sunny but hazy day, finally got their chance to express their enthusiasm for the most important sporting and cultural event ever held in the country.

With no sign of any serious dent in the 95-per-



Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham of England takes a free kick in front of DC United's Jaime Moreno (99) and Fred (7) during their MLS soccer match in Washington on 9 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

Beckham debuts, but LA falls in DC

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — David Beckham made his Major League Soccer debut, making Quavas Kirk the footnote of MLS lore in the 72nd minute. Yet despite Beckham's appearance, the Los An-

geles Galaxy were no match for DC United, mounting very little attack in a 1-0 loss before an expectant sell-out crowd Thursday night at RFK Stadium.

Luciano Emilio scored the game's lone goal from a long-range effort in the 27th minute. It was his 13th goal on the season, tops in Major League Soccer.

Beckham, stationed primarily in the centre of the field after he came on, had very little impact. His entrance was perhaps a surprise, as rain poured down at RFK Stadium for much of the second half and the Galaxy played the final 23 minutes of the match shorthanded after Kyle Martino was ejected for a lunging tackle on United midfielder Fred.

The England international did, however, get to

display one of his trademark free kicks from the left sideline in the 85th minute, finding Carlos Pavon whose header went harmlessly wide. Overall, he made two challenges on the ball, sent one other cross from the flank and made two passes, one of which sent Landon Donovan in behind the United defence to the edge of the area where he was clipped by goalkeeper Troy Perkins and went down, although nothing was called by referee Jair Marrufo.

Pavon, another second-half substitute, did have the Galaxy's best opportunity a few minutes earlier, but his powerful header sailed just wide past a beaten Perkins.

Donovan was tied up all night by a pressur-

ing United defence that refused to give the only attacking threat any space. He, along with wide midfielders Kirk and Martino, pushed higher into the attack as the game progressed with marginal success.

There only other legitimate opportunity for LA came in the 57th minute when Donovan seemed to be taken down from behind by the right arm of Devon McTavish in the penalty area but Marrufo didn't listen to penalty claims on that either.

The Galaxy rarely tested Perkins while goalkeeper Joe Cannon singlehandedly kept the Galaxy in the match, making one stellar save after another throughout the night. — Internet



China's Jiang Xi (L) fights with Megat Azrafiq Termizi of Malaysia during their men's second round preliminary match at "Good Luck Beijing" 2007 International Hockey Tournament in Beijing, capital of China on 9 Aug, 2007. China won 2-1. — XINHUA

Hingis, Bartoli knocked out at LA tennis tourney

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — Marion Bartoli fell in the first round of the 600,000-dollar Los Angeles WTA hardcourt tournament on Tuesday. The sixth seed from France, who received a first-round bye, fell to Russian Maria Kirilenko 7-6, (7-2), 6-3.

Bartoli, who had never made it past the fourth round in a Grand Slam until her Wimbledon run, had lost in the second round at Stanford and third round at San Diego prior to her early exit here.

Bartoli had won her two previous encounters with Kirilenko. Seventh seed

Martina Hingis also suffered early exit with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 loss to Sania Mirza of India. A finalist here in 1998, Hingis was making her first appearance in the tournament since 2001.

MNA/Xinhua

Fifth seed Roddick makes solid start in Montreal

MONTREAL, 9 Aug — Fifth seed Andy Roddick made a solid start to the Montreal Masters as he beat Frenchman Arnaud Clement 6-3, 7-6 in the second round on Wednesday. Roddick, who won the title in Washington last weekend, trailed 5-3 in the second-set tiebreak before winning four consecutive points to clinch victory. The American will now play Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus or Dutchman Robin Haase in the third round. Lleyton Hewitt was awarded a path through to the third round when opponent James Blake withdrew before their match with an abdominal strain. — MNA/Reuters

Red Star set up Rangers meeting in Champion League

PARIS, 9 Aug — Former European champions Red Star Belgrade set up a Champions League third round qualifying third clash with Rangers despite a 2-1 defeat at Estonian champions Levadia Tallin on Wednesday.

Red Star, who won the European Cup in 1991, advanced on the away

goals rule after winning the first leg 1-0 at home.

Playmaker Igor Burzanovic netted the decisive goal in the 37th minute for the Serbian champions.

Steaua Bucharest, European Cup winners in 1986, also advanced with a 3-1 aggregate win over Poland's Zaglebie Lubin.

Following a 1-0 home defeat in the first leg, the Polish side levelled the tie when Michal Stasiak opened the scoring in the 29th minute. Steaua, however, equalized through Banel Nicolita seven minutes from the interval and wrapped up victory when Dorel Zaharia made it 2-1 in the 82nd minute.

MNA/Reuters

More “bandit” taxis, drivers nabbed in Los Angeles crackdowns

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug — Los Angeles police have impounded a record number of “bandit” taxis and arrested their drivers in the first half of the year in a campaign to improve public safety, city officials said Wednesday.

Between January and June, 537 people were arrested for operating

unlicensed taxis during crackdowns carried out by police according to the Bandit Taxi Enforcement Programme approved by the City Council last year.

The figure signifies a marked increase over the average 315 “bandit” drivers arrested each year between 1997 and 2006, according to the City

Department of Transportation (DOT).

Also in the first half of this year, police issued 578 citations and impounded 246 illegal vehicles.

DoT estimates that 2,300 licensed and 2,000 unlicensed taxis operate in Los Angeles. The department expected officers to make 1,000

arrests by the end of the year.

“By making it possible for legal taxi cab drivers to do business without this unfair competition, it (the campaign) enables them to have more legitimate runs, and their ability to earn a fair livelihood is also improved,” said DoT general manager Gloria Jeff.

City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel said cracking down on illegal cabs is a public safety issue.

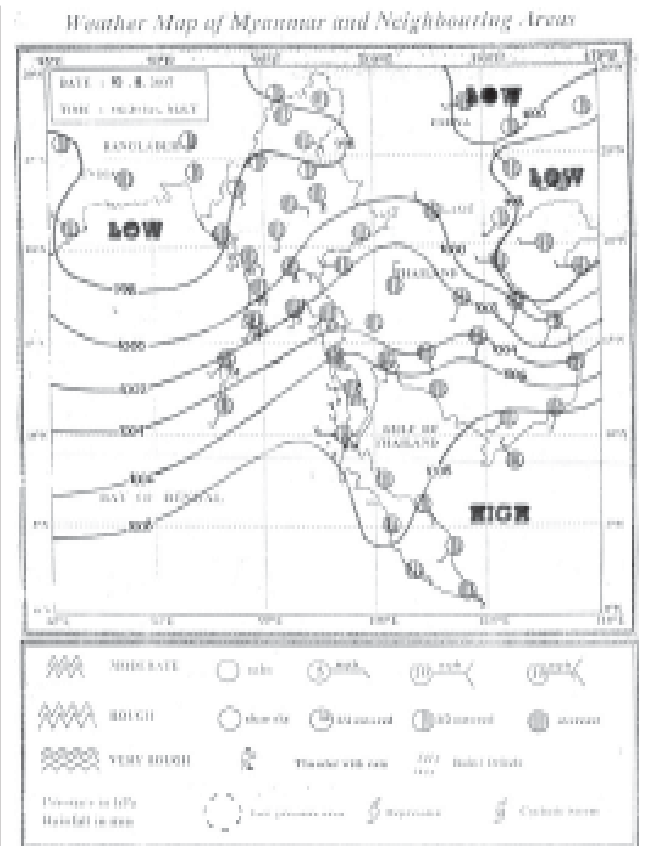
“You are risking a lot by stepping into a cab that does not have the protection of the individual having insurance, a driver’s licence and a background check,” said Greuel, who heads the City Council’s Transportation Committee.

MNA/Xinhua



Forty of the 52 workers trapped in a flooded rail tunnel under construction in central China’s Hubei Province have so far been rescued on 5 Aug, 2007.

XINHUA



WEATHER

Friday, 10 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (5.57) inches, Kawkareik (4.72) inches, Thaton (3.39) inches, Myeik (3.11) inches, Mawlamyine (2.99) inches, Hpa-an (2.87) inches, Bago (2.52) inches and Aungmye (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-8-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 10-8-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-8-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 9-8-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 10-8-2007 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (88.11) inches at Mingaladon, (89.88) inches at Kaba-Aye and (91.18) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (07:30) hours MST on 10-8-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-8-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of August 2007: During the coming weekend, widespread rain in Yangon Division, isolated rain in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 10-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1057) cm. It may exceed above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 10-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at NyaungU (2194) cm and is exceeded (74) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (2120) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 11 August
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-The reflex
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Misery
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-You are best thing
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Cross the room
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request + music
-Say you say me
-Crazy for you
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news
Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture ...
Dr K h i n Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
-Moon River
-Rose, Rose I love you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Saturday, 11 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 - 2. To be healthy exerciese
- 7:30 am
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 - 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 - 6. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
 - 7. International news
- 8:45 am
 - 8. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am
 - 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
 - 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 - 3. News
- 11:40 am
 - 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 - 5. Round up of the week’s TV local news
- 12:35 pm
 - 6. “တစ်သက်စာ” (ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez), သခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)
- 1:00 pm
 - 7. စွမ်းဆောင်မှုမှာစံတင်ထားသူရဲ့အမည်ချင်းတွင်းသား
- 1:15 pm
 - 8. Dance of national races
- 1:30 pm
 - 9. ရွှေလင်းပန်းတံတား
- 1:35 pm
 - 10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:00 pm
 - 11. သက်တံ့ရောင်သံစဉ်
- 2:15 pm
 - 12. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm
 - 13. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါး- - - တို့မစား”(ရှော၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိန်၊ မြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရဲဝင်းနီ)
- 2:45 pm
 - 14. International news
- 4:00 pm
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - 3. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:45 pm
 - 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:00 pm
 - 5. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ
- 5:05 pm
 - 6. Musical programme
- 5:10 pm
 - 7. Games for children
- 5:35 pm
 - 8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
 - 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 - 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 - 11. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:05 pm
 - 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်”(အပိုင်း-၅၀)
- 8:00 pm
 - 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာနောင်ကြိုး” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 17. The next day’s programme

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Minister supervises water sentry posts in Hinthada

YANGON, 10 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected construction of a building of Basic Education High School in Duya Village of Hinthada Township on 5 August.

In the afternoon, the minister oversaw rising of water level in Ayeyawady River, water sentry posts along the embankment, construction of embankments near Phaungseik Village in the township.

Due to rising of water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada Township, departmental personnel, social organizations and local people are taking emergency measures such as watching water level at water sentry posts, maintenance of embankments and collection of necessary materials to be used in prevention against flood. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects construction of school building at BEHS in Duya Village in Hinthada Township.

A&I

40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day, 10th Anniversary of Myanmar joining ASEAN marked

Although Myanmar joins ASEAN 30 years after its existence, she fulfills all obligations and responsibilities

YANGON, 10 Aug — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day as well as the 10th Anniversary of Myanmar joining ASEAN at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun and members U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, departmental heads, ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany and wife and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that ASEAN is harmonious and have a key role in the progress and development of a dynamic Asia and that ASEAN have always been seen in the political, security and economic integrating dimensions. Although Myanmar joined ASEAN 30 years after its existence, she fulfills all the obligations and has undertaken her share of responsibilities.

He continued to say that ASEAN has reached its fortieth year, and with its theme "One ASEAN at the Heart of Dynamic Asia" member countries have been organizing events and activities to commemorate the (See page 9)

New stamps hailing the National Convention 2007 to be sold

YANGON, 10 Aug — The three new



New stamps.

stamps hailing the National Convention 2007 will be sold by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs at the post offices in townships, districts, states and divisions as from 13 August.

Special seals will be borne on the new stamps bought on 13 August at Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office, Yangon GPO and Mandalay GPO.

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Minister U Nyan Win making a speech at a ceremony to mark 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day and 10th Anniversary of Myanmar Joining ASEAN.—MNA

INSIDE

A developing Fishery Producers Coop Society of Toungoo Township



In breeding fish at 20 ponds on 100 acres of land, the society produces an average of 2,400 viss of fish per pond during the fish catching period.

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