

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

Health care services and aids provided to flood victims in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, accompanied by departmental officials, on 1 August morning inspected swelling Ayeyawady River from the corner of 22nd Street and Strand Road to Bawga Jetty.

Next, the commander and party looked into No 2 Water Treatment Plant of Mandalay City Development Committee. Head of Water/Sanitation Department of MCDC U Tun Kyi reported on functions of the plant and future tasks.

Secretary of MCDC U Maung Pu gave a supplementary report.

After that, the commander inspected the setting up of water sentry posts, stockpiling of sand bags and preventive measures against floods.

Next, the commander and party met with teachers and students of Kadiba Village in Amarapura Township who were evacuated to safety as the village was hit by floods, and spoke words of encouragement and attended to the needs.

Later, the commander and party met with local people of Pattamy and Ywathit Villages that were in flood and heard reports presented by chairmen



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects swelling Ayeyawady River along Strand Raod. — MNA

of the Township and District PDCs on providing accommodation and health care services to flood victims.

On arrival at Yadanabon University, the commander heard reports on inundation in the campus and fulfilled the requirements.

In meeting with 24 households of Nathagon Ward, Tagundaing Village, Pyigy Tagun Township, who were evacuated, the commander attended the needs.

Next, he inspected health care services of flood victims and fulfilled the requirements.— MNA

Commander inspects Coal Factory in Kalaw, Cement Plant in Naungtaya

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye on 3 August heard reports on the brief history of coal factory and matters related to coal mines at the Coal Factory of Shan Yoma Dragon Co Ltd in Nan-om Village in Kalaw Township and inspected sample coals displayed at the factory.

The commander viewed production process of the factory and instructed officials to take care of work site safety.

At the hall of the construction site of Dragon Cement Plant Project in Tikyit Village in Naungtaya, the commander inspected samples of limestone, sandstone, gypsum, coal and the small scale of cement plant. Project in-charge U Myint Thein reported on production of cement and collection of raw materials from Kalaw, Naungtaya and Pinlaung Townships.

At the Settlement and Land Records Department in Naungtaya, the commander gave instructions on cultivation of seasonal and perennial crops.

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Grow paddy for boosting production

Monsoon paddy is being grown in states and divisions as now is the cultivation season. Paddy transplanting contests are being held and prizes are awarded to outstanding farmers. Ploughing of monsoon paddy has completed in Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions.

In other states and divisions also, efforts are being made for reaching the targets of monsoon paddy cultivation acreage. Only when the harvesting of monsoon paddy starts earlier, can cold season crops such as beans and pulses, edible oil crops and summer paddy be grown in time. Farmers should make endeavours to extend cultivation of paddy from double to triple cropping.

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It is sure that use of modern farming equipment and applying scientific methods will lead to increase of per acre yield.



To mark birthday of Daw Su Su of No 39 (A), Tawwin Street in Dagon Township, her family presents K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi recently. — 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

Minister offers Waso robes, alms to monks in Kengtawng



Minister Col Zaw Min and party receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at Waso robes offering ceremony in Kengtawng. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, accompanied by Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of Hydropower Projects Implementation Department and Managing Director U Kyi Tha of Hydropower Generation Enterprise, offered Waso robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Soçanna of Tonghon Pariyatti Monastery in Kengtawng on 5 August.

The minister donated Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw, and officials also presented Waso robes

and provisions to 32 members of the Sangha of the monastery.

On 6 August, the minister met with departmental officials and social organization members in Kengtawng and attended to the needs. Next, the minister presented K 100,000 each for the education sector to Headmaster U Khin Maung Tint and for health sector to Dr Zaw Htaik.

After the meeting, the minister cordially conversed with local people. — MNA

Officials, volunteers organize Health Communication Forum

YANGON, 11 Aug — Health Department of the Ministry of Health and local and foreign organizations and media persons jointly conducted the Health Communication Forum at the National Health Museum in Sangyoung Township yesterday.

Dr Saw Lwin, Director (disease control), gave educative talks on global warming and contiguous diseases, Dr Than Win, Deputy Director (malaria), on dengue fever and Dr Khin Maung Lwin, Deputy Director (Health Education), on dengue fever and health knowledge at the forum and answered the questions raised by those present. — MNA

Ye in Mon State nearly under water

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Due to incessant rains the water level of Ye Township, Mon State rose by nearly the danger level yesterday. Some wards such as Danitaw, Yan Myo Aung, Aung Mingalar, Aung Mitta-2 and Aungthukha were in flood, and a total of 131 households from those wards were evacuated.

Officials and social organizations provided all the necessary assistance to the flood victims.—MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — According to the 6:30 hr MST observation today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Minbu (1770) cm, Magway (1764) cm and Hinthada (1454) cm are exceeded (70) cm at Minbu, 64 cm at Magway and (112) cm at Hinthada above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above the danger levels of Minbu and Magway (1700) cm and Hinthada (1342) cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today. — MNA

Ministry of Electric Power No 1, Liebherr Singapore Pte Ltd sign contract

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — A ceremony to sign contract on buying Liebherr Brand (Travelling Type) Tower Crane Model-630 EC-H40 (20) Litronic (1) Unit from Liebherr Singapore Pte Ltd to be used in building power station of Yeywa Hydropower Project was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1, hence, on 8 August.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads, General Manager Mr Franz Huber of Liebherr Singapore Pte Ltd and officials.

Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of Hydropower Projects Implementation Department and General Manager Mr Franz Huber signed the contract and exchanged the notes. — MNA



Nun Sucitta Velativas and wellwishers of Malaysia recently present US \$ 400 to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital through member U Tin Maung Win of Administration Committee. — H

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

62nd anniversary of N-bombing in Nagasaki marked

NAGASAKI (Japan), 10 Aug — Southern Japan's Nagasaki City held its regular annual ceremony at Peace Park on Thursday to mark the 62nd anniversary of the US atomic bombing in 1945, with participating officials reiterating Japan's pledge to observe the three non-nuclear principles and continued efforts for world peace.

In front of about 5,700 peace activists, foreign guests, Japanese officials and representatives of the

bereaved families, books with 3,069 additional names were placed into the memorial, bringing the official death toll from the bombing to 143,124.

At 11:02 am, the exact time of the atomic explosion here 62 years ago, people on the ceremony observed a minute's silence.

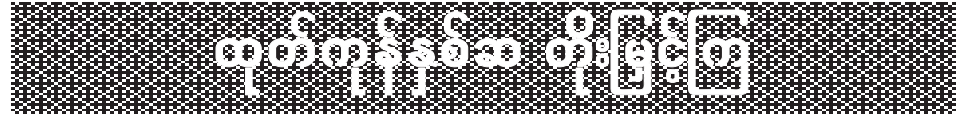
In his address, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged to abide by the pacific Constitution and to stick to the three non-nuclear

principles, which states that Japan will not produce, possess or allow the entry into its territory of nuclear weapons.

Japan will try to be a leading power in building a peaceful world without nuclear weapons, he added.

Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue read out the annual Peace Declaration, which called on the central government to write the three non-nuclear principles into law.

MNA/Xinhua



Doves flutter around the Peace Statue during a ceremony commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the atomic bombing in Nagasaki, on 9 Aug, 2007.— INTERNET

Malaysian FM says 40th anniversary is a milestone for ASEAN

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Aug — ASEAN at 40 was a milestone for the grouping and an important point in its history, Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said on Thursday.

Syed Hamid made this remark at a flag hoisting ceremony held at his ministry in Putrajaya, administrative centre of

the country, to mark the 40th anniversary of ASEAN.

"In retrospect, we are able to see how crucial the role and guidance the founding fathers of ASEAN had played and their foresight to chart our destiny for further generations to enjoy the peace and stability that enabled our region to develop and prosper," he said.

The geopolitical and economic landscape in the world had changed dramatically since 40 years ago with the advent

of globalization, technological advancements, he said. ASEAN and other parts of the world had become more interdependent.

However, he said, ASEAN have faced these challenges with confidence as it have emerged stronger and more united.

"This confidence can be translated as well as demonstrated by the fact that ASEAN is able to accelerate its plans to realize the birth of the ASEAN Community by 2015 instead of 2020," he said. — MNA/Xinhua



An engineer walks past a control module on the bridge of the Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel "Mondo" at the Keppel shipyards in Singapore, on 11 Aug, 2007.

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Four British troops killed in Iraq in 48 hours

BASRA (Iraq), 11 Aug — Two British soldiers were killed in Iraq early on Thursday, taking the death toll to four in about 48 hours.

The Irish Guards soldiers killed shortly after midnight were in a

convoy hit by a roadside bomb near the Rumaila oil fields, west of Basra. Two other soldiers were seriously injured.

British-patrolled southern Iraq has become more dangerous for

British troops since the government announced in February that London would cut back its force during the course of 2007.

In the April-July period, 30 British soldiers died in Iraq, making it the deadliest period since the 2003 invasion when Britain had nine times as many troops as the 5,500-strong contingent it has deployed now.

One soldier was killed during a foot patrol on Tuesday and another was shot while driving an armoured warrior vehicle on Monday night.

The British have withdrawn from three of the four provinces they once patrolled, leaving troops only in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city.

MNA/Reuters

Two pilots found alive after plane crashes in C Thailand

BANGKOK, 11 Aug — Two pilot trainees were found alive a day after their training light plane crashed in a forest near a water fall in Thailand's central province of Saraburi, a rescue official said here on Friday.

Prawatsart Chanthep, chief of Khao Yai Park rangers, was quoted by Thai local news network *The Nation* as saying that the two helicopters of the Agriculture Ministry and Air Force circled around the Jet Kot Waterfall in Kaeng Kkoy District and spotted the two pilot trainees at around 11:30 am (0430 GMT) on Friday.

Prawatsart said Cessna 172 training plane which the two used for flight training took off from Nakhon Ratchaisima Province heading to Bangkok and disappeared from the radar screen in Saraburi's Kaeng Koi District on Thursday.

Prawatsart said the two lighted up a fire so the rescue officials on the two helicopters spotted the smoke and found them. — MNA/Xinhua



Police cars from the 10th PCT in Manhattan, New York stand guard as cars approach the Lincoln Tunnel in Midtown Manhattan on their way to New Jersey, on 10 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET



Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong (R) visits farmers of an agricultural demonstration garden in Wuhai, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 10 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA

Two killed in British mily chopper crash

LONDON, 10 Aug — Two people have been killed and 10 injured, some seriously, after a military helicopter crashed in northern England, police said on Thursday.

The Royal Air Force (RAF) helicopter was carrying three RAF crew and nine Army personnel as passengers when it crashed in a wooded area west of the Catterick

Garrison military base in North Yorkshire late on Wednesday.

“Two fatalities have been confirmed at the scene,” a North Yorkshire Police spokesman said.

The Ministry of Defence said next of kin were still being informed and declined to give further details. An investigation would be launched into the cause of the crash, said a spokeswoman for the ministry.— MNA/Reuters



Actress Jennifer Lopez poses for photographers as she arrives at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's annual Installation luncheon in Beverly Hills, California, on 9 Aug, 2007. XINHUA

IAEA experts end checkup of N-plant in Japan's quake-hit area

TOKYO, 10 Aug — A team of experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) concluded on Thursday their four-day checkup of a nuclear power plant in central Japan's quake-hit Niigata Prefecture, according to local media.

The six-member delegation is scheduled to present the results of its examination of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power station to plant operator Tokyo

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US Democrats demand documents from White House about spying

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Chairman of the US Senate Judiciary Committee, Democratic Senator Patrick Leahy, asked the White House on Wednesday to provide documents relating a secret eavesdropping programme by 20 August.

In a letter to White House counsel Fred Fielding, Leahy postpone the deadline from 18 July to 20 August for some administration officials to provide the documents about the legal justification of the programme.

The Justice Department, the National Security Council, and offices of the president and vice-president were subpoenaed on 27 June to provide documents and testimony about the programme, which was authorized by the president shortly after the 11 September attacks

and run by the National Security Agency.

The White House had requested the Senate committee to postpone the subpoena's deadline of 18 July.

“You have rejected every proposal, produced none of the responsive documents, provided no basis for any claim of privilege and no

accompanying log of withheld documents,” Leahy said in the letter.

The domestic eavesdropping programme allows the National Security Agency to monitor, without court warrants, international telephone calls and e-mails of people inside the United States with suspected ties to al-Qaeda.— MNA/Xinhua

Two killed in Ohio workplace shooting

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Two people were killed on Wednesday afternoon in a shooting incident at a business in Walbridge, in the US Midwestern state of Ohio, US media reported.

The suspect was described as a Black male with an afro, and police said he was wearing a Hawaiian shirt.

Police were searching for the suspect, who left in a red semi cab after the shooting incident.

Details of the shooting incident were not immediately known.— MNA/Xinhua

Israeli strike destroys Gaza Airport control tower

GAZA, 10 Aug — An Israeli aircraft destroyed a control tower at Rafah Airport in the southern Gaza Strip on Thursday, residents and security officials said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Witnesses said an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at the abandoned control tower.

An Army spokeswoman said the military carried out an airstrike against three armed militants in the airport. The Islamic Jihad militant group said three of its gunmen were in the area, but left shortly before the strike. — MNA/Reuters

An Italian firefighter works outside Rome's famed Cinecitta film studios early on 10 Aug, 2007 shortly after a large fire broke out. Officials say a short circuit may have been the cause for the blaze. — INTERNET



Russia hails release of six Russian hostages in Nigeria

MOSCOW, 10 Aug — The Russian Foreign Ministry on Wednesday hailed the release of Russian aluminium-smelter workers kidnapped more than two months ago in southern Nigeria.

“This is the result of

joint goal-oriented efforts of our embassy in Lagos, the Russian Foreign Ministry and the RusAL company,” the deputy head of the ministry's information department, Andrei Krivtsov, was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

“We are glad that our joint and effort-taking work is crowned with success,” he said.

The Russian Embassy in Nigeria confirmed on Wednesday the release of six Russian workers abducted in Nigeria on 3 June.— MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

More Russian, German investors come to Zambia

LUSAKA, 10 Aug — The Kitwe Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has said that Zambia has in the recent past witnessed an increase in the inflow of investors from Russia and Germany to Zambia, especially in the mining sector.

Zambia News and Information Services on Wednesday quoted the KCCI as saying that the foreign investors are particularly industrialists and other businessmen who are frequenting the country to explore business opportunities.

Association president Eddie Kapungulya attributed the trend to the creation of good economic

policies of the Zambian Government aimed at attracting foreign investment especially in the mining sector.

Kapungulya who was speaking on Tuesday after a delegation of businessmen from Germany toured Mopani Copper Mines in

Kitwe of Copperbelt Province prodded the government to grasp such opportunities and ensure that such visits are translated into actual investments to boost Zambia's economic growth.

MNA/Xinhua

Gasoline price sets record high in Japan

TOKYO, 10 Aug — The average retail price of regular gasoline in Japan increased by 3.80 yen per litre from a week earlier as of Monday, reaching a record high of 145.10 yen (about 1.22 US dollars) per litre, local media reported on

Wednesday, quoting industry group.

The Japan Oil Information Centre attributed the price hike to major oil distributors' lifting of wholesale prices of gasoline for August shipments due to recent surges

in crude oil prices.

The centre started compiling such data in 1987. The average retail price of regular gasoline in Japan used to reach 144.10 yen, the previous record high, in September 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE company announces gas discovery in Egypt

ABU DHABI, 10 Aug — Dana Gas of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the largest private-sector natural gas company in the Middle East, announced Wednesday a new gas and condensate discovery from its exploration well in Egypt.

The discovery was made at the Dabayaa-1

exploration well in the West Manzala Exploration Concession in the Nile Delta, according to a Press release by the company.

The company's subsidiary, Centurion Petroleum Corporation, drilled the Dabayaa-1 well to a depth of 3,001 metres and encountered a

hydrocarbon-bearing interval that extends over a 10-square-kilometre area.

Estimates of recoverable reserves from this new discovery are being evaluated.

"We are very excited about this gas discovery which confirms our high expectations for the

hydrocarbon potential of the Abu Madi Formation in our concession," said Rashid Saif Al-Jarwan, general manager of Dana Gas. The company expects to commence production from the new discovery at the Dabayaa-1 well in November.

Dana Gas is currently the sixth largest natural gas producer in Egypt that has doubled its total gas reserves in the last five years to over 70 trillion cubic feet.

The company is expected to drill a total of 12 exploration wells in Egypt before the end of 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

Trucks and cars appear together in slow moving traffic on Interstate Route 95, in Newton, Mass, on 10 Aug, 2007. In the decade from 1995 to 2005, the weight load on urban highways increased 54 percent.

INTERNET

An acrobat performs at the 1st Philippine International Motor Show at the World Trade Centre in Manila on 10 Aug, 2007. The motor show introduced 18 new car models to the general motoring public and also exhibited six state-of-the-art concept cars.

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Nepal's trade deficit continues to widen

KATHMANDU, 10 Aug — Nepal's trade deficit continues to widen, as it crossed 117.41 billion Nepali rupees (some 1.8 billion US dollars) during the first 11 months of the fiscal year 2006-07 ended in mid-July.

However, the pace of trade deficit slowed down from 25.6 per cent during the same period in 2005-06 to 16.6 per cent. The total trade deficit had crossed 100.67 billion rupees (1.5 billion dollars) in 2005-06 fiscal year.

According to the current macroeconomic report released here Friday by Nepal Rastra Bank, central bank of the country, total exports rose by a mere 0.8 per cent during the period, while imports registered a growth of 11 per cent.

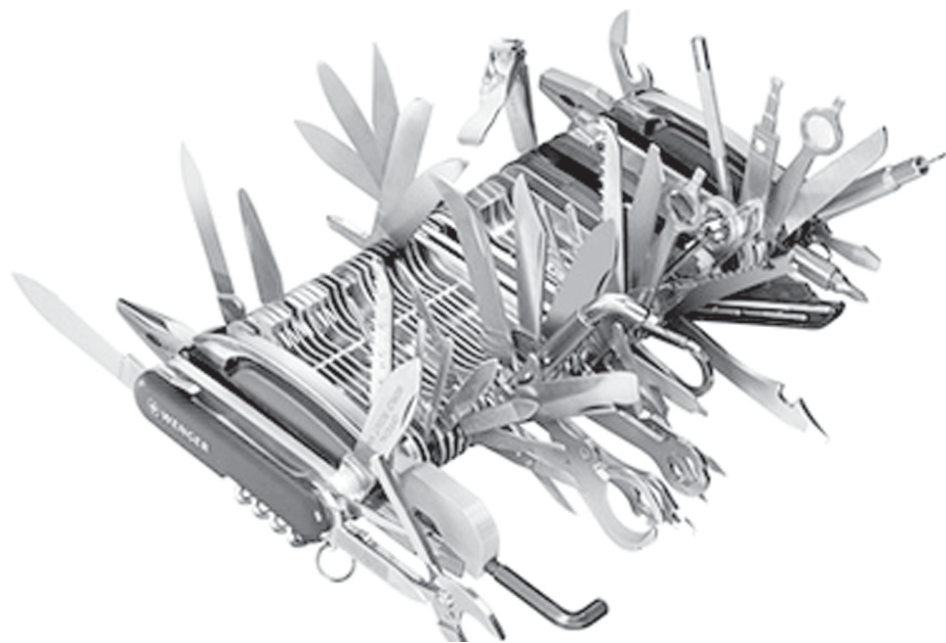
Total exports in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year had risen by 2.9 per cent while imports rose by 16.6 per cent.

According to the report, Nepal exported various goods worth over 55.45 billion rupees (853 million dollars) during the period, whereas total imports stood at 172.86 billion rupees (2.6 billion dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



A Lenovo notebook is shown at a computer shop in Hong Kong. China's Lenovo Group, the world's third-largest personal computer maker, has said it was in discussions to buy Packard Bell, one of the biggest players in the European computer industry. — INTERNET



Handout image released by the manufacturers, on 9 Aug, 2007 of the Wenger company’s Swiss Army Knife version XXL, which was selected by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world’s ‘Most Multifunctional Penknife’. The knife features 87 tools and 141 functions.—INTERNET

Britain takes action against 13 airlines over ads

LONDON, 10 Aug — Britain said on Thursday it had taken action against 13 airlines that had not included full details of compulsory costs, such as taxes, in the prices they advertised for flights.

In February, the Office of Fair Trading warned the travel industry that it would take steps against airlines, tour operators and travel agents if they advertised misleading

prices on the cost of holidays.

Under the Association of British Travel Agents’ code of conduct, members are obliged to include all fixed non-optional costs in the basic advertised prices of their holidays.

However, the OFT said certain costs — fuel supplements, for example, which can add up to 65 pounds per person to the price of a flight — were

frequently excluded.

ABTA handed out fines and reprimands to several of its members for failing to meet its requirements in June.

The OFT said 11 of the 13 airlines against which action had been taken had now changed their advertisements and websites to include all non-optional costs.

The other two other airlines, Aer Lingus and Ryanair, had changed their homepages, but said technical issues had stopped them from changing their entire website booking processes immediately.

MNA/Reuters

Senegalese onion producers urge imports ban

DAKAR, 10 Aug — Senegalese onion producers have called on the government to continue enforcing the ban on the importation of onions from Holland following a record production of 30,000 tons, official sources said on Thursday.

While addressing the Press Wednesday, farmers, who are convinced that their current production is capable of meeting the local demand for more than three months, appealed to the government to ensure that the ban targeting the importation of onions remained in place in order to allow them to clear the stock.

By producing more than 30,000 tons of onions this year compared to 18,000 in 2006, the Potou

zone, northern Senegal, has in effect met the commitment it made to the Senegalese Agency for the Regulations of Markets (ARM) with regard to making efforts to meet the local demand for the product, Mamadou Djiamyodi Ba, president of the rural community, said.

According to him, “the return of some skepticism on the future of the local onion in the face of strong competition from the imported one, provision of sufficient seedlings and fertilizers by the government as well as the United Nations Millenium Villages Project are some of the factors that helped propel this year’s bumper harvest”.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran says end to violence in Iraq depends on US

TEHERAN, 10 Aug — An end to violence in Iraq depends on the United States withdrawing its troops, Iran told Iraq’s Prime Minister on Thursday, seeking to deflect accusations from Washington that it is responsible for bloodshed there. Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, facing deepening political woes at home and US criticism for lack of progress in bridging sectarian divisions, won pledges of support from Shiite Iran

during a visit to the neighbouring country.

With Shiite Muslims now in power also in Baghdad, ties have strengthened between the two oil-rich states since 2003, when US-led forces toppled Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, a Sunni Arab who waged an eight-year war against Iran in the 1980s. But the US military accuses the Islamic Republic of arming and training militias behind some of the violence threatening to tear

Iraq apart. Iran rejects the charge and blames the presence of US forces, numbering about 162,000, for the mayhem.

Baghdad has urged both countries to negotiate and not fight out their differences on Iraqi soil.

“We regard Iraq’s security as our own security and that of the region,” Iranian First Vice-President Parviz Davoudi told Maliki as he was leaving Teheran, the IRNA news agency said.

MNA/Reuters



A boat passes the construction site of the Marina Bay Sands casino in Singapore, on 10 Aug, 2007. Singapore’s economy expanded at a forecast-beating annualised 14.4 percent in the second quarter, its fastest pace in two years, but the government warned that the turmoil in international credit markets could hurt growth.—INTERNET

Glaciers wasting away on Mexico’s legendary peaks

MEXICO CITY, 10 Aug — Glaciers that crown Mexico’s tallest mountains

and inspired Aztec legends of lost love and a snake god could disappear within a few decades, with scientists pointing to global warming as a cause of their demise.

“We estimate the glaciers could last another 20 or 30 years,” Hugo Delgado, a glaciologist at Mexico City’s UNAM university, said this week.

Mexico’s two remaining glacial fields hold some of the world’s few tropical glaciers,

which are also found in South America, Africa and Papua New Guinea but are melting fast as world temperatures rise.

The rise in temperatures has accelerated in recent decades and most scientists believe the use of fossil fuels is to blame.

Glaciers are massive, slow-moving rivers of ice and in the tropics can only exist on the cold peaks of tall mountains. Most tropical glaciers, like those in Mexico, are much smaller than their cousins closer to the poles.

Scientists say glacial melt in the tropics could hit farmers and cities across Latin America by reducing water availability and hydropower generation.

MNA/Reuters



Residents flee from their apartments in central Jakarta after a powerful earthquake struck a coastal area in Indonesia’s West Java, on 9 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

Karzai calls for joint fight with Pakistan against terrorism

KABUL, 11 Aug — Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai on Thursday described terrorism as common enemies of both his nation and Pakistan, and called for joint fight against the menace.

"Terrorists are the common enemies of all of us. They, the terrorists, are defaming Islam, Afghanistan and Pakistan," the Afghan leader told an audience of more than 600 people from the two countries who were attending a tribal Peace Jirga or Grand Assembly here in the Afghan capital.

The enemies, he said, not only targeted Afghans but also attacked Pakistanis and that is why the schools in Pakistan's North and South Waziristan have been closed and the children cannot attend their classes.

Hundreds of Pakistani soldiers and militants, according to Pakistani officials, have been killed in the volatile tribal region where Pakistan has deployed more than 80,000 troops to check terrorists' movement.

"Who have kidnapped Chinese nationals in Islamabad? Who are behind the abduction of S Korean citizens in Ghazni?" Karzai questioned and said such heinous crimes should be checked.

"Who is behind murdering Afghan Mullahs, engineers, doctors and who set on fire our schools?"

Karzai said while referring to Taleban's attacks on religious leaders and educational institutions that have barred more than 250,000 boys and girls to go to schools in Afghanistan's southern provinces.

Seven hundred delegates from Pakistan and Afghanistan, 350 from each, were supposed to attend the four-day Jirga, but more than 60 delegates from Pakistan including the influential religious leader Mawlana Fazal Rahman refused to attend it.

Those who killed Afghans, Karzai said, are not Afghans, rather they are the enemies of Afghans and the enemies of Islam.

"I am confident if we, the two nations, decide jointly today to eliminate the terrorists tomorrow, they will be annihilated," the Afghan leader said.

In response, Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said that Islamabad wants to see a peaceful and stable Afghanistan.

The historic Jirga aimed at checking the activities of Taleban and al-Qaeda operatives was agreed between President Karzai and his Pakistani counterpart Musharraf last September.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at garments on display at an adult products exhibition in Shanghai, on 10 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

UN says extreme floods hit 500 mln people a year

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Aug — Homes and farmland drowned in increasingly severe floods are affecting some 500 million people a year and straining relief efforts, a senior UN official said on Thursday.

Deaths have been reduced because of early warning systems and other factors but the economic toll on a community's housing, health and infrastructure still is devastating, said UN deputy humanitarian coordinator Margareta Wahlstrom.

"The great risk is that large numbers of people are living in the most vulnerable areas in the world," Wahlstrom told a news conference, noting

serious flooding was not restricted to South Asia, the heaviest hit, but had struck all continents.

Wahlstrom said that between 2004 and 2006, the number of natural disasters had increased from an average of 200 to 400 a year, including heat waves, droughts, wildfires and storms.

Floods increased from 60 to 100 per year in that time span and in 2007 some 70 serious floods

have been registered, including in Sudan, Ethiopia, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, China, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Colombia.

Changes in weather patterns were documented on Wednesday by the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organization, which noted natural disasters hit the poor hardest.

MNA/Reuters



Spanish singer Abelardo Navarro, dressed up as Elvis Presley, performs during a concert tribute in Almeria, southeast Spain on 19 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

Belgium to be in shortage of "IT" workers

BRUSSELS, 11 Aug — Belgium will soon meet with shortage of IT workers as a result of significant drop in the number of information science students, a trade organization said on Thursday.

In five years' time, the number of students registering for degree programmes of information science was estimated to decrease by 25 per cent in Belgium, which will result in 14,000 job vacancies unfilled, Agoria, the federation for the technology industry, said.

Take the well-known

Catholic University in Leuven as an example, 443 students enrolled in information science there in 2003, but the number dropped to 279 last year. The University of Ghent is under a similar situation.

Information science is also less popular in adult education, with the registration number down from 2,431 in 2004 to 2,136 in 2006.

In a situation that less people are learning information science, it is not difficult for IT students to find a well-paying job in Belgium.

MNA/Xinhua

Little-known wine named Australia's best

CANBERRA, 11 Aug — A family-owned and little-known winery set up by an Italian immigrant has won Australia's premier wine trophy.

Scarpantoni Estate's 2006 "Brothers Block"

cabernet sauvignon was awarded the Jimmy Watson Trophy at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show late on Thursday.

"Everyone is telling us we should triple the price," winemaker Filippo Scar-

pantoni told *Australian Associated Press*.

Brothers Block, a full-bodied red grown on Ironstone soil and aged in French oak, sells for around 25 Australian dollars (21 US dollars) a bottle.

The Scarpantoni vineyard was established by Filippo's father, Domenico, who emigrated to Australia in 1952 from the Abruzzi region in central Italy.

The family chose the McLaren Vale, a wine region south of Adelaide in South Australia state, to plant their cabernet sauvignon vines in 1979 near the township of McLaren Flat.

"That same block of fruit has been getting better and better every year," Scarpantoni said.

The 2006 Brothers Block cabernet is likely to be released in six months. — MNA/Reuters



New York Police Department officer Robert Hall signals for a truck to stop and be inspected at the exit from the Lincoln Tunnel following a 'dirty bomb' threat in New York on 10 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

USDA Secretary-General on tour of Hinthada District



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers a speech in meeting with departmental personnel, local people, members of social organizations and trainees in Hinthada. —A&I

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Accompanied by departmental officials, Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary-General U Htay Oo met service personnel, townsenders and members of social organizations at the stadium of Hinthada on 5 August afternoon. Officials reported on agricultural undertakings, preventive measures against flood, regional development work and upgrading of schools in Hinthada Township.

Speaking on the occasion, U Htay Oo stressed the need of cooperative efforts for the success of the National Convention and the seven-step Road Map of the State.

The Secretary-General and party next paid homage and offered alms to the Sayadaw of Alesu Monastery in Alesu Village, Neikban village-tract. He then met with the villagers and USDA members and donated exercise books and pencils and pens for the village school.

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Vice-Mayor visits tax-free markets

YANGON, 11 Aug — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa together with officials inspected tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South) and Thakayta Townships this morning.

The vice-mayor and party looked into sales of rice shop, edible oil shop, fish shop, Win Thuza shop and groceries at the tax-free markets and gave necessary instructions.

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Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspects tax-free market in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. — YCDC

Course on Home Care Services for the Aged opens

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation opened the Course on Home Care Services for the Aged at Basic Education High School No 1 in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 9 August morning.

Leader of the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group Daw Tin Tin Nwe gave a speech.

Responsible persons of the MAAF presented medicines, clothes and cash assistance for the aged through officials.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department, responsible persons of MAAF, the medical superintendent of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana General Hospital and social organization members.

A total of 17 trainees are attending the course.
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Daw Tin Tin Nwe speaking at the opening ceremony of Course on Home Care Services for the Aged. — MAAF

CEC member inspects preventive and educative measures against DHF in South Okkalapa Tsp



The CEC member looked into preventive measures against the disease and holding educative talks carried out by members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and staff of the Health Department at the Baho Dhammayon of the ward and attended to the needs.

Next, the CEC member and party viewed sanitation and dredging of ditches at the compound of No 1 Basic Education High School and in the ward and greeted the local people. — MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looks into preventive measures against DHF.

YCDC

YANGON, 11 Aug — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In-charge) Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected mass activity for preventive and educative measures against DHF organized by Yangon Division USDA at Ward-7 in South

Okkalapa Township this morning.

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- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Industry-1 Minister visits factories in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited the Match Factory (Mandalay) this morning and inspected domestically produced machine parts and match production process. Next, the minister and party went to No 2 Gas Plant (Mandalay) and spoke of the need to meet the target production of oxygen and oxytaline.

Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aung Thaung accompanied by officials visited Phyto Mandalay Public Access Centre and attended a car donation ceremony for Mandalay Division and District USDA and school desk donation ceremony



USDA Secretariat member Minister U Aung Thaung and U Thant Zin of TS Co hand over documents to an official of Mandalay District USDA.— INDUSTRY-1

for schools in the seven townships of Mandalay District. After the ceremonies, U Thant Zin and wife of Aung

Automobile Industry also donated 500 dozens of exercise books for the schools.

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Minister for Health attends Myanmar-Thai Health Ministers' Meeting, Regional Forum on Environment and Health

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — The 5th Ministerial Level Myanmar-Thai Health Cooperation Meeting took place at the hall of the Ministry of Public Health in Bangkok, Thailand, on 6 August.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Thai Public Health Minister Dr Mongkol Na Songkhla delivered addresses. Those present at the meeting participated in discussions on cooperation in control of HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria,

tackling of disqualified pharmaceuticals, research works, development of public health and use of mobile laboratories.

Both ministers discussed acceleration of cooperation in preventive measures against diarrhoea in Tak District of Thailand and Myawady Township.

On 7 August, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and party together with Thai officials viewed health care services being provided to the local people at the rural health care unit

in Nakhornpathom Province.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and party attended the Ministerial Regional Forum on Environment and Health in Southeast and East Asian Countries and the high level officials meeting at Plaza Athenee Hotel in Bangkok on 8 and 9 August.

On 8 August, the high level officials meeting was opened at Plaza Athenee Hotel. High-ranking officials focused

on environmental health issues of the region. On 9 August, Princess Chulabhorn opened the Ministerial Regional Forum on Environment and Health in Southeast and East Asian Countries at Plaza Athenee Hotel in Bangkok.

Respective ministers submitted country papers to the meeting. They approved the Charter of the Regional Forum on Environment and Health.

Also present at the meeting were Health Ministers and high level officials from Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Laos, Mongolia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint

and prize winning students.

Director-General U Sann Win of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department extended greetings. Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department presented prizes to winners in the ASEAN-Japan Kindness Art Competition.

Rector of University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe presented gifts to members of the panel of

judges. Afterwards, a DVD document on Treasure of National Museum in Myanmar was presented to those present.

After the ceremony, Minister U Nyan Win, CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and ambassadors viewed the exhibition to mark the 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day and 10th Anniversary of Myanmar joining ASEAN.

The exhibition is being kept open up to 16 August from 10 am to 4 pm daily. — MNA



Minister U Nyan Win and party view displays at exhibition to mark 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day and 10th Anniversary of Myanmar joining ASEAN. — MNA

was accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Ye Win, Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of the Ministry of Forestry and officials of the Ministry of Health.

The minister and party arrived back here by air this morning. They were

welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe and departmental heads. — MNA

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint attends 5th Ministerial Level Myanmar-Thai Health Cooperation Meeting. — HEALTH

Japan emissions to rise, reaching Kyoto goals hard

TOKYO, 11 Aug — Japan’s greenhouse gas emissions are set to rise over the next few years and officials say meeting Kyoto protocol targets may be difficult without new policy steps.

Among measures being debated are

mandatory carbon trading targets for companies — similar to European Union cap-and-trade style laws, but some business groups are strongly opposed.

Japan, home of the ancient city that gave its name to the Kyoto Protocol, has proposed

halving global emissions by 2050.

But Tokyo is struggling to meet its own target of cutting emissions by 6 per cent over the 2008-2012 period. Its emissions were 14 per cent above the goal as of March 2006.

Japan’s emissions are forecast to rise by 0.9 per cent in the fiscal year ending in March 2011 and are likely to increase 0.9-2.1 per cent from 1990, according to an interim report issued on Friday by a government advisory panel.

That means Japan would have to cut emissions by more than an additional 20 million tons, perhaps as much as 34 million tons, to meet its goals.

“These numbers are quite tough, so we need to have a real sense of urgency,” a Trade Ministry official told reporters before the report was released.

Of particular concern are sectors such as households, whose emissions are likely to rise 13-16 per cent, and offices, with emissions seen up 29-31 per cent, the report said.

MNA/Reuters

16 bodies recovered from French Polynesia plane crash site

WELLINGTON, 11 Aug — The bodies of 16 passengers have been recovered after a plane crash in French Polynesia, the French High Commission and emergency services in French Polynesia confirmed.

According to Oceania Flash, a local media, among the passengers were three foreign tourists, whose nationality and identity have not been established, as well as two officials from the European Commission’s Pacific delegation.

They are Fiji based Michel Gauche, and Jean-Pierre Pierard from Noumea. Officials said the plane crashed into the sea soon after it take-off from Moorea, French Polynesia. The flight was bound for Tahiti, 17 kilometres away, at around 12:15 pm local time (2215 GMT) on Thursday. About 20 people (including the pilot) were believed to be aboard the Air Moorea *Twin Otter* turboprop aircraft.

A spokesman for Air Traffic Services in Tahiti said the plane went down in good weather and the cause of the crash is not known. The domestic Air Moorea *Twin Otter*, a twin-engine turboprop with 20 people onboard (including the pilot), was operating on the Pape’ete-Moorea domestic route.

Emergency services deployed on the crash site, including several vessels from the French Navy and two helicopters, are continuing the underwater search for bodies of passengers who have not yet been accounted.

MNA/Xinhua



Manfred Rais & family of Berlin, Germany donate K 100,000 for Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi recently. — H

Philippines, Vietnam boost relations

MANILA, 11 Aug — The Philippines and Vietnam signed three agreements involving programmes to improve political, cultural, and trade relations between the two countries, local newspaper reported on Friday.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung arrived in the Philippines on Thursday for a two-day official visit highlighted by the signing of the three bilateral agreements, said a report by *The Philippine Star* daily.

The three documents, the Philippines-Vietnam Plan of Action 2007-2010, Protocol on Cultural Cooperation, and Agreement on Trade Promotion, were signed during a meeting between Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen.

Based on documents provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Philippines-Vietnam Plan of Action 2007-2010 aims to realize

the goals and strategies set out in the Framework of Bilateral Cooperation between the two countries.

The Plan of Action covers various areas of cooperation including political matters, security and defence, and technology. The Protocol on Cultural Cooperation, on the other hand, is intended to help the two countries implement their cultural agreement signed in Hanoi on 28 March,

1994.

Apart from the signing of the three documents, the two leaders also discussed the possible expansion of the two-way trade between the Philippines and Vietnam. Energy security cooperation was also discussed, as the Philippines is interested in learning from Vietnam’s experience in natural gas and renewable energy resources.

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Putri Raemawasti the winner of the Miss Indonesia beauty contest during the pageant’s final in Jakarta on 4 Aug, 2007. Thirty-six contestants from 33 provinces in Indonesia took part in the pageant.

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Villagers use boats to cross a flooded area in Mehar district, 480 km (300 miles) from Karachi on 5 Aug, 2007. Every year monsoon rains leave a trail of death and destruction across South Asia, but much of the economy of a largely agricultural region depends on the downpours. — INTERNET

Australia PM tells Maliki to speed reform

CANBERRA, 11 Aug — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has been told by his Australian counterpart John Howard to pick up the pace of political reform or face a possible troop withdrawal by Australia and other US-led coalition members.

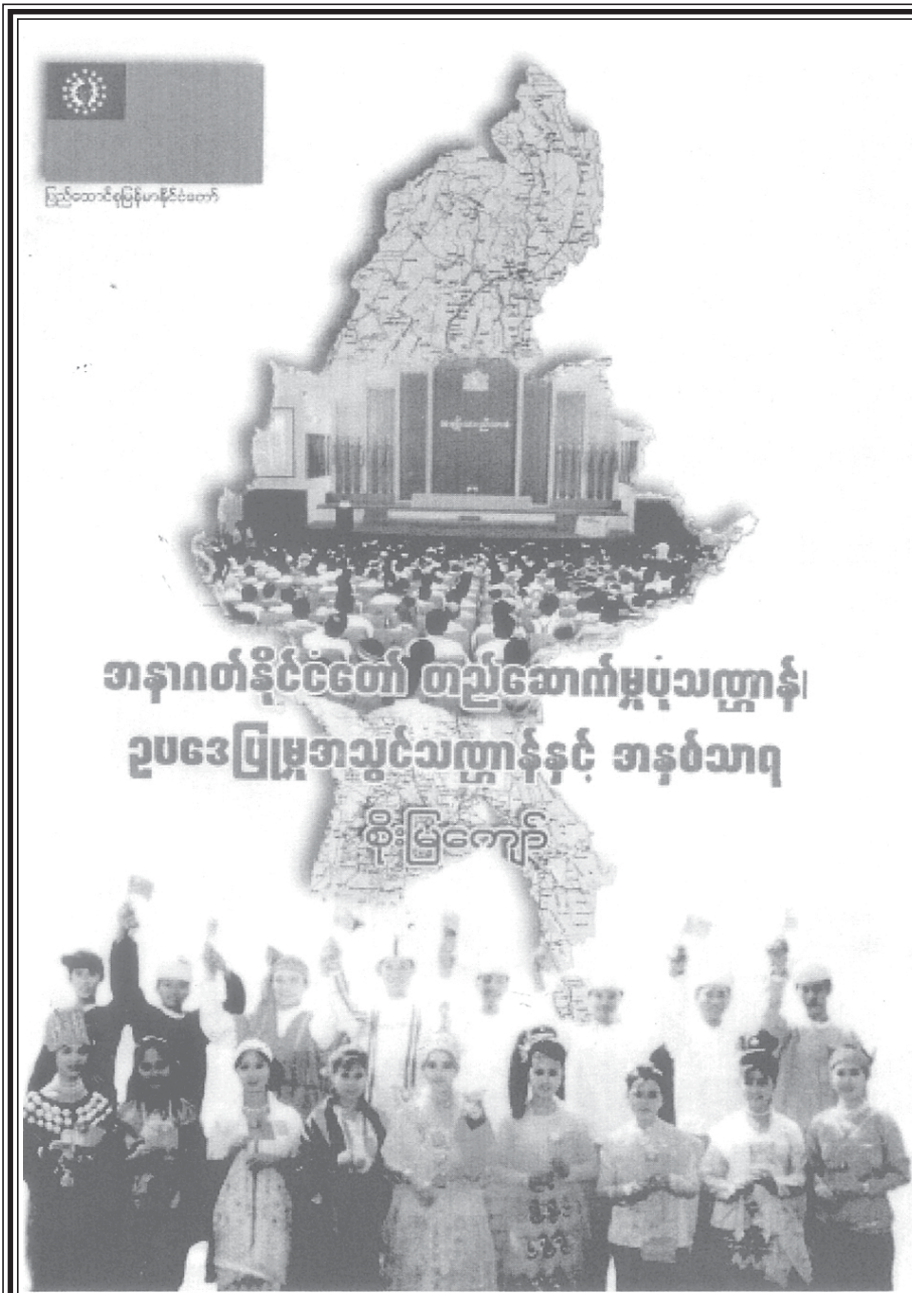
Howard, who faces re-election within months with voter opposition building to the Iraq war, wrote to Maliki last week warning that without faster progress, support for Australia’s 1,500-strong deployment may not be sustainable, according to a report in the

Weekend Australian newspaper.

Howard told Maliki “prompt, concrete measures are needed not only to secure Iraq’s future, but also to ensure regional stability and continued constructive international engagement”.

Australia, a close US ally, was an original member of the coalition during the 2003 invasion, sending around 2,000 troops in a decision that sparked the biggest anti-war protests in the country since the Vietnam conflict.

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Media invited to Utah mine rescue site as Bush expresses concern

LOS ANGELES, 11 Aug — US media were invited Wednesday to the rescue site of the collapsed coal mine in Utah where six miners have been trapped underground for two days, as President George Bush expressed his concern over the disaster for the first time.

Representatives of news organizations would be transported to the rescue site, as officials at the Genwal mine, under overwhelming public concern, felt that they should let reporters to see how the rescue is underway first-hand, local media reports said.

Meanwhile, President Bush in Washington Wednesday called Utah Governor Jon Huntsman to express his concern for the six trapped miners, according to White House Press secretary Tony Snow.

Bush asked Huntsman to "continue to offer support from the federal government and to tell him that he was

keeping the miners in his thoughts and prayers".

The federal government has sent field supervisors and inspectors from the Department of Labour's Mine Safety and Health Administration to the mine site, and the US Air Force is also reportedly providing transportation help for the rescue effort.

According to a website report by the *Salt Lake Tribune* newspaper, mine owner Robert Murray said rescuers resumed efforts Wednesday morning to reach the six miners now in their third day trapped under over 500 metres of coal and rock in central Utah.

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US helicopter forced down south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Aug — A US helicopter made a forced landing during an operation south of Baghdad early on Friday, wounding two soldiers aboard, a US military said.

The helicopter made its forced landing in the town of Yousifiyah, some 20 kilometres south of Baghdad, while supporting a planned mission in the area, the military said in a statement.

"Two US soldiers sustained non-life threatening injuries when the aircraft landed," the statement said.

The cause of the landing was not clear, it said, adding that the incident is currently under investigation.

"Security forces and close-air support immediately responded to the site, providing security for the forces and the downed aircraft," the military said.

MNA/Xinhua

Universal to sell songs without copy protection

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — Vivendi's Universal Music Group, the world's largest music label, on Thursday said it will test the sale of songs from artists such as Amy Winehouse, 50 Cent and the Black Eyed Peas, without customary copy-protection technology.

The company said in a statement it will allow the sale of thousands of its albums and tracks available in MP3-form without copy-protection

software, known as digital rights management, over a trial period.

Universal's test-run marks a departure for the music industry's common practice, with most major recording studios insisting that music sellers use DRM technology to curb online piracy.

"The experiment will run from August to January and analyze such factors as consumer demand, price sensitivity and piracy in regards to the availability of open MP3s," Universal said.

Vendors including Google, Wal-Mart, and Amazon.com Inc., will participate in the DRM-free trial, Universal said.

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An Iraqi soldier secures the scene of a suicide bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 10 Aug, 2007.
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Beijing to test effects of less cars

BEIJING, 10 Aug — The Chinese capital will ban the use of about 1.3 million automobiles for four days this month to test the effects of this move on environmental quality, the city's environmental protection bureau announced on Thursday.

The city plans to adopt this practice to ensure clean air during the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

From 17 Aug to 20, the city will have cars with odd-numbered licence plates and those with even-numbered ones hit the roads on alternate days, said Du Shaozhong, deputy director of the Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau.

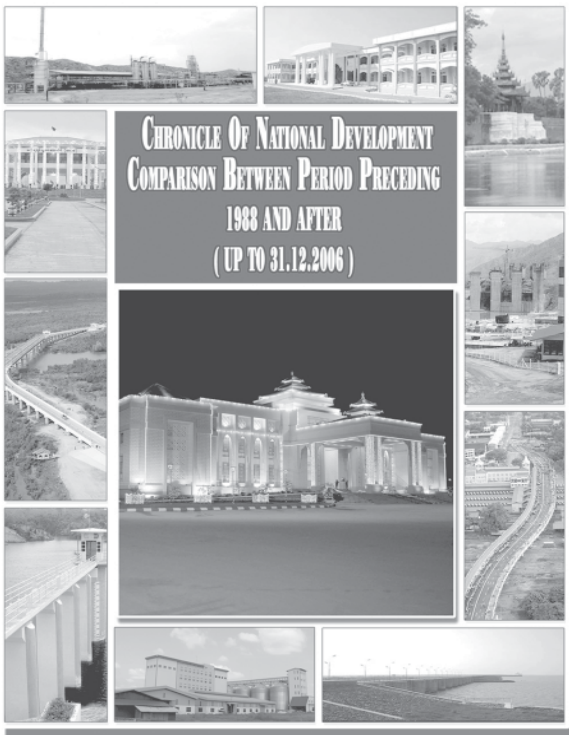
Du said the ban does not apply to taxis, buses, police cars and am-

bulances.

"The traffic control will enable us to take about 1.3 million vehicles off the roads every day," he said, noting that environmental protection experts will collect data to judge effects of the measure.

Exhaust discharged by vehicles is a major source of pollution in the capital. In November last year, Beijing exercised traffic control during the Sino-Africa summit and pollution level dropped, Du said.

Liu Xiaoming, deputy director of the municipal transportation commission, said they will increase public transport to meet commuting demand during the traffic control. — MNA/Xinhua



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Abbas, Jordanian PM discuss preparations for M-E peace

AMMAN, 10 Aug — Visiting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met here Thursday with Jordanian Prime Minister Marouf Bakhit on the ongoing preparations for holding a proposed international conference on Middle East peace.

Bakhit told a Press conference after the meeting that the two sides discussed the future peace conference and a need of good preparations for it.

While emphasizing the importance of pushing the political process forward, the Jordanian Premier called for

alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people through removal of Israeli barriers and release of the largest possible number of Palestinian prisoners and detainees.

On his part, Abbas revealed that "we agree that the international

conference should specify the goals from the outset and those who will attend the conference, affirming importance that all the concerned parties should attend the conference".

He said that he had briefed Bakhit on efforts exerted by all parties to relaunch the peace process between Palesti-nians and Israelis, high-lighting the importance of his meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert last week.

During the summit meeting, the two sides

discussed issues of security, prisoners and the Palestinians in the homeland without identities and the issue of de-portees, said Abbas.

The Arab peace initiative, the roadmap and US President George W Bush's vision about the proposed international conference should be the framework of any conference to be held to discuss the Arab-Israeli peace, he stressed.

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NATO "unaware" of British plea on Afghan civilians

BRUSSELS, 10 Aug — NATO said on Thursday it was not aware of any request by a British NATO commander for the United States to withdraw special forces from his area of operations in southern Afghanistan due to high civilian casualties.

The International Herald Tribune on Thursday quoted an unidentified senior British commander in Afghanistan's Helmand Province as saying he made the request because the casualties had made it difficult to win over local people.

"NATO Headquarters is unaware of such a request," NATO spokeswoman Carmen Romero said in Brussels. "Coordination on the ground is excellent between Operation Enduring Freedom and ISAF forces, also in the way operations are allocated."

Romero said ISAF, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, had taken steps to minimize civilian casualties and understood that the separate US-led force code-named Operation Enduring Freedom had done the same.

British Defence Minister Des Browne told reporters in Kabul that the commander quoted was expressing a personal view.

"It is the reporting of an observation of a British officer on a particular part of the American military," he said.

"It is not the view of the Helmand Task Force commander, it is not the view of our government, it is not the view of the Americans, it is not the view of the alliance," he said. "These things can be said in the heat of battle. These are very difficult circumstances."

MNA/Reuters

Mud-rock flows kill eight, injure seven in S-W China

KUNMING, 10 Aug — Eight miners were confirmed dead and seven others were injured when rainstorm-triggered mud-rock flows destroyed their shanties in southwest China's Yunnan Province, local authorities said on Thursday. Dykes protecting a swollen water pool collapsed in heavy rain at around 1:00 am on Tuesday near a tungsten mine in Lushui County, causing a landslide and mud-rock flows that drowned at least two shanties where the miners lived.

"None of the miners was native of the county," said Wang Shizong, a senior official in the Lisu Autonomous Prefecture of Nujiang. Lushui is one of

the four counties in the prefecture.

Reports of the accident did not reach the prefectural government until Thursday morning, as devastating rain and flood also destroyed communication facilities in some parts of the mountainous Lushui County.

Wang said all the eight dead bodies had been retrieved and the seven injured miners were still being treated. Sources with hospital said "they were out of danger".

The latest round of geological disasters caused by rainstorms killed 20 people in Yunnan and affected 900,000 in four days between 30 July and 2 Aug, the local government said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Britain begins ID card procurement process

LONDON, 10 Aug — Britain launched on Thursday the selection process to choose companies to run its multi-billion pound national identity card scheme, the world's most ambitious biometric project.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown's government described the move as "another milestone" towards the controversial compulsory scheme, which

is expected to cost more than five billion pounds over the next decade.

Ministers say the cards carrying fingerprint, iris and face-recognition technology, are vital to fight terrorism, serious organized crime and illegal immigration.

The scheme, due to be rolled out from 2009, would see Britons issued with ID cards for the first time since they were abolished after

World War II. "This is a groundbreaking project, with the potential for huge benefits for individuals and for the nation," Home Office Minister Meg Hillier said.

"As the Framework Procurement published today makes clear, we are committed to introducing the scheme carefully and securely, minimizing both cost and risk."

MNA/Reuters

Justin Timberlake and Beyonce lead the pop parade of nominees for the MTV Video Music Awards with seven nods apiece, it was announced on 7 Aug, 2007.
INTERNET



Study shows insomnia may lead to toilet visits

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Insomniacs may not only toss and turn all night — their symptoms may be worsened by a constant need to get up and urinate, Danish researchers reported on Wednesday.

Tests on 20 people who were deliberately deprived of sleep produced more urine at night, and it was saltier than usual, the researchers said. The effects were much stronger in men than in women.

Birgitte Mahler and colleagues at Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark found no differences in urine production or quality during the day in their sleep-deprived volunteers.

But things went awry at night, they told a meeting

sponsored by the American Physiological Society in Austin, Texas.

Sleep deprivation reduced the usual dip in blood pressure that is seen at night, they found. This, in turn affected blood pressure-related substances such as rennin, angiotensin

II and aldosterone, which could have in turn kept the kidneys on a daytime schedule, the researchers said.

The urine of the sleep-deprived volunteers also contained higher than usual levels of sodium and potassium. —MNA/Reuters



This photo provided by Apple Inc shows the updated iMac computer. Apple Inc updated its iMac computers on 7 Aug, 2007 with a slimmer design, faster chips and glossy screens, hoping to further propel sales that already outpace the rest of the PC industry. —INTERNET

MNA/Reuters

JK Rowling worried about translation networks

PARIS, 10 Aug — Author J K Rowling and her French publisher said on Thursday they were worried about organized groups of translators, not individuals, after a boy was arrested for posting a translation of the last Harry Potter book online.

Gallimard, whose official French translation of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* is due out on October 26, said on Wednesday police had arrested a teenager suspected of posting his own translation of the new Potter novel on the Internet. The 16-year-old schoolboy, from the Aix-en-Provence area in southern France, was

taken into custody by a police anti-counterfeiting unit but later released.

Britain's Rowling and Gallimard Jeunesse filed an official complaint, but on Thursday Gallimard spokeswoman Marie Leroy-Lena stressed that their concern was organized networks of translators seeking to profit from the huge interest generated by the books.

"This complaint in no way concerns isolated translations published on the Internet ... by disinterested fans not fully aware of the illegal nature of their action," she said in a statement. Leroy-Lena said neither Gallimard nor Rowling were involved in the case and had not filed for damages.

Sexually suspect panda gives birth to twins

BEIJING, 11 Aug — A panda once believed to be male and sent to Japan to breed with a female without success gave birth to twin cubs this week, state media reported on Thursday.

The panda, "Jinzhū", gave birth to two female cubs on Monday at the Wolong Nature Reserve in the mountainous southwestern province of Sichuan, 11 years after being declared male at birth in 1996, Xinhua news

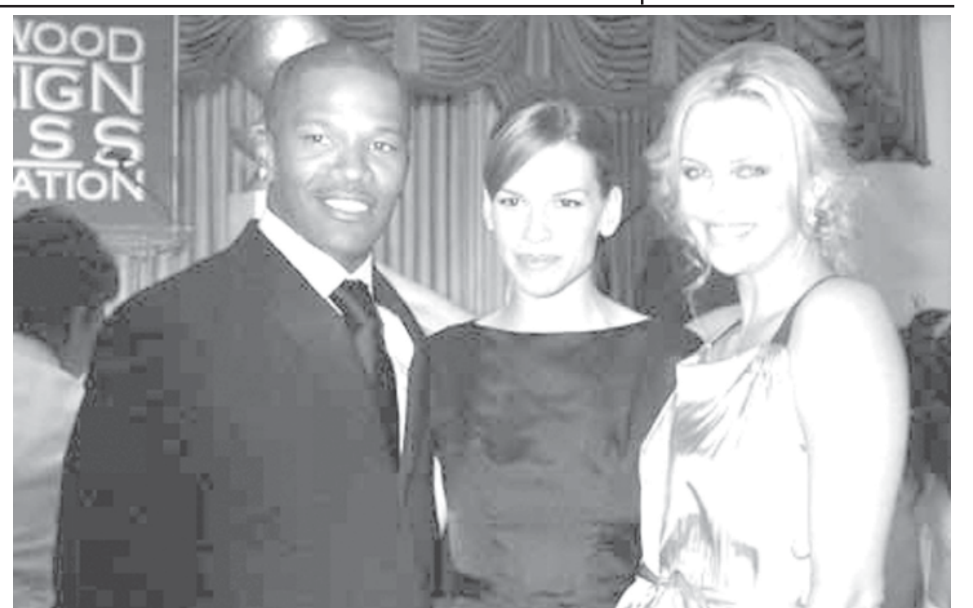
agency said.

"Jinzhū was believed to be male owing to her inconspicuous secondary sex characteristic and behaviour," the agency quoted Wei Rongping, assistant director of the reserve's research centre, as saying. Jinzhū was sent to Japan in 2000 to mate with a female, the report said.

"When the pandas showed complete disinterest, experts decided to turn to artificial insemination, leading to

the discovery that Jinzhū had no penis," it added.

Jinzhū was sent back to China in 2002, with experts arguing the panda was either a hermaphrodite or had "undeveloped" sexual organs. It was not until 2005 that scientists discovered nine-year-old Jinzhū's ovaries were positioned in the wrong place, and gave her a two-hour operation to make her a "normal girl", Xinhua said. —MNA/Reuters



Academy Award winning actors (L-R) Jamie Foxx, Hilary Swank and Charlize Theron pose together at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's annual Installation luncheon in Beverly Hills, California on 9 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

SPORTS

Real agree to sign Drenthe from Feyenoord

MADRID, 10 Aug — Real Madrid have agreed to sign Dutch wing-back Royston Drenthe from Feyenoord on a five-year contract, the Spanish champions said on Thursday.

The Dutch Under-21 international, who can play at left-back or in midfield, becomes Real's fifth signing of the close season under new coach Bernd Schuster.

Spanish media reported the deal had been closed for around 14 million euros (19.29 million US dollars).

Drenthe was one of the outstanding players on show at the European Under-21 Championship in the Netherlands in June, as he helped the Dutch retain their title.

MNA/Reuters



Stuttgart's Ivorian defender Arthur Boka (R) and Schalke's striker Gerald Asamoah vie for the ball in Stuttgart during the first of the 2007-08 Bundesliga season.—INTERNET

Westwood shoots 69 despite late lapse

TULSA (Oklahoma), 10 Aug — A double-bogey on his penultimate hole slowed down Lee Westwood but the Briton was still happy with his first round at the US PGA Championship on Thursday.

The 34-year-old Englishman, who had four birdies at steamy Southern Hills, posted a one-under-par 69 to move within two shots of early leader John Daly.

The double-bogey came at the 245-yard, par-three eighth where Westwood pushed his tee

Daly sets early pace, Woods four adrift

TULSA (Oklahoma), 10 Aug — Former winner John Daly grabbed an early one-shot lead in the opening round of the US PGA Championship on Thursday.

The long-hitting American birdied four of his first 13 holes in sweltering heat

at Southern Hills Country Club before carding a three-under-par 67.

Compatriot Arron Oberholser was alone in second after shooting a four-birdie 68, three ahead of title holder Tiger Woods, who bogeyed two of his last three holes for a 71.

Colombia's Camilo Villegas opened with a 69 to share third place with Austrian Markus Brier, 2006 US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy of Australia and American Mark Wilson.

"I thought I hit the ball better than I scored," three-times champion Woods told reporters after racking up four birdies and five bogeys. "The greens were softer this morning and the wind was blowing a little bit but at least it was from the same direction. But I had a tough time on the back nine with the wind."— MNA/Reuters

Furyk heads USPGA casualty list

LONDON, 11 Aug — World number two Jim Furyk was the highest profile casualty at the USPGA Championship as he



Furyk was not at his best in Oklahoma

missed the cut by one shot at Southern Hills in Tulsa.

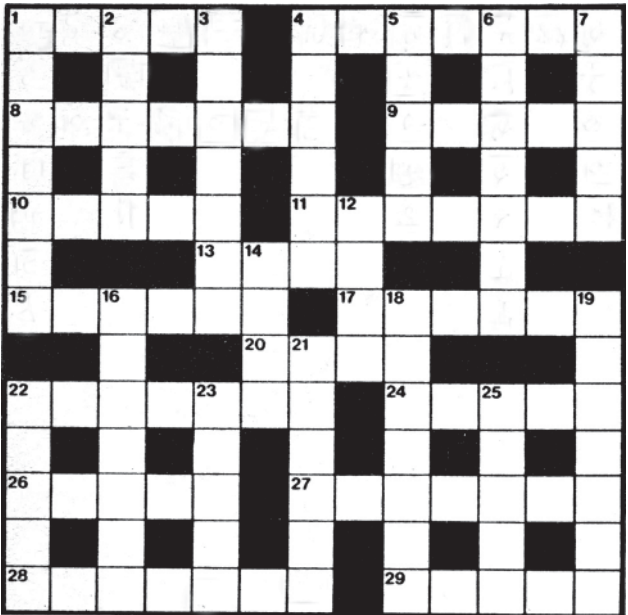
Furyk, returning after a back injury, carded a respectable second round of 71 but paid the price for his first-round 75 as he finished on six over.

He was in illustrious company, with the likes of Vijay Singh and David Howell also getting the weekend off.

US Open champion Angel Cabrera was another of the big names to miss out.

Argentine Cabrera carded a level-par 70 on Friday, but was undone by his opening 81. —Internet

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Lampard puts Chelsea contract renewal talks on hold

LONDON, 10 Aug — Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard has put his contract negotiations on ice until the end of the season to avoid them affecting his performances on the pitch.

"My desire is to stay at the club but I have told the club I want to put the negotiations on hold," the England international said on Thursday.

"I don't want anything to distract from my performances on the field," he said three days before Chelsea's opening Premier League match at home to promoted Birmingham City.

MNA/Reuters



Maria Sharapova, of Russia, returns a shot to Elena Dementieva also of Russia, during their match in the East West Bank Classic tennis tournament at the Home Depot Centre in Carson, Calif, on 10 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Federer, Nadal on collision course in Montreal

MONTREAL, 10 Aug — Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal remained on a collision course at the Montreal Masters but only after coming through their third-round matches in vastly different fashion.

World number one Federer demolished Italian qualifier Fabio Fognini 6-1, 6-1 in 45 minutes to reach the last eight but Nadal had to battle back from a set down to beat Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

World number 139 Fognini had upset 13th seed Andy Murray in the previous round but the 20-year-old was outclassed by Federer on Centre Court. "I thought the first match (against Ivo Karlovic) was already very good," Federer said.

"Playing in perfect conditions today, playing a solid match against a youngster, that was an excellent match."

"I was happy it all went my way and I didn't have to struggle too much out there. (When it's a short match), people like to say, 'I couldn't get into the rhythm' and stuff. It's not true. I got a perfect rhythm out there today."—MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates matchpoint against Lleyton Hewitt of Australia at the Montreal Masters. Federer won 6-3, 6-4.—INTERNET

Mexico not allowing US agents to run its anti-drug operations

MEXICO CITY, 11 Aug — Mexico will not allow American agents to run anti-drugs operations south of the border under a new plan for US aid worth hundreds of millions of dollars, Mexico's Attorney General said on Thursday.

Mexico, historically sensitive about US interference in its affairs, is in talks with Washington about an aid package to help it fight increasingly violent

drug gangs.

Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said he welcomed aid in the form of cash and surveillance equipment

but that Mexicans would run all crime fighting functions. "There will be no intervention in operations by external institutions," he told Mexican radio.

Mexican drug gangs fighting for control of trafficking routes to the United States, have killed around 1,500 people this year.

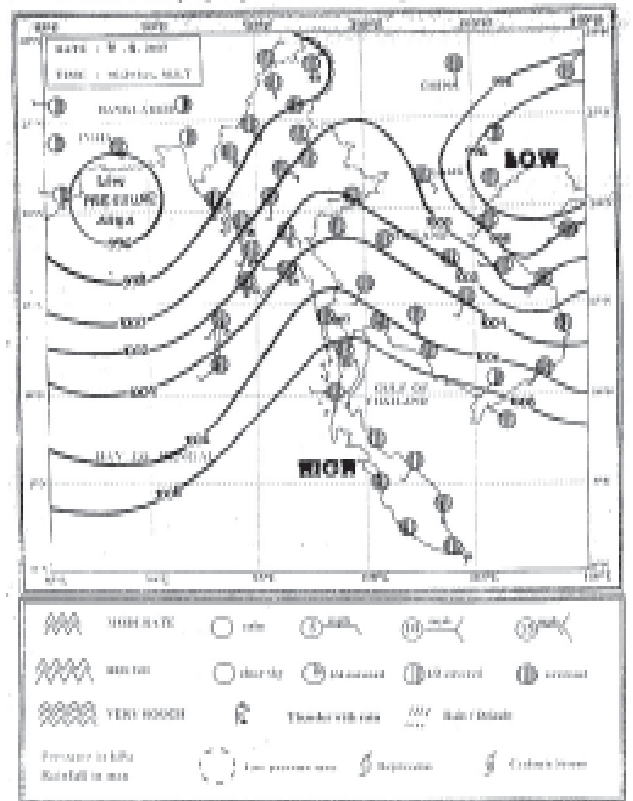
President Felipe Calderon wants more help from the United States, the main market for the South American cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines that pour across the border.

"The level of co-operation we've had in the last few years doesn't come close to matching the scale of the problem," Medina Mora said.

Calderon has deployed some 25,000 soldiers to try to regain control of lawless areas of Mexico where cartels have had an almost free rein.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 11 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah and Shan States, lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (6.42) inches, Thandwe (5.19) inches, Dawei (4.22) inches, Hpa-an (3.11) inches, Thaton (2.67) inches and Kayan (2.05) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-8-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 11-8-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-8-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 10-8-2007 was (1.0) hour approx.

Rainfall on 11-8-2007 was (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (1.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.98) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (89.25) inches at Mingaladon, (90.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southwest at (11:10) hours MST on 10-8-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hr MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

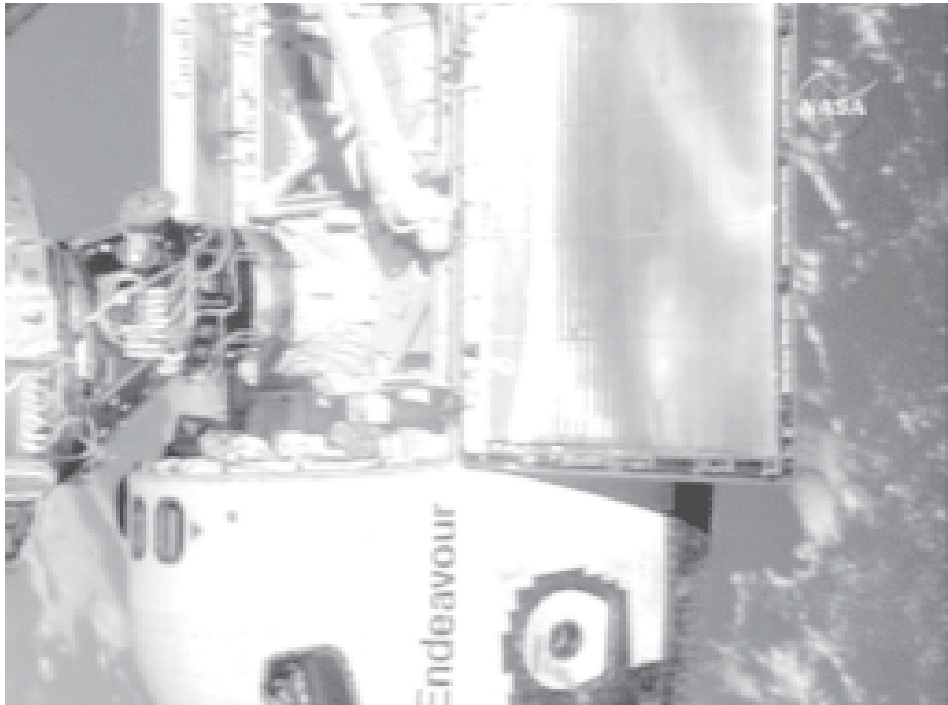
State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-8-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



The US space shuttle Endeavour docks with the International Space Station at 2:02 pm EDT (1802 GMT) on 10 Aug, 2007 ending a nearly-two-day chase, according to NASA TV. —INTERNET

 Sunday, 12 August View on today		
7:00 am	1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာ ရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်	11:00 am 1. Martial song 11:10 am 2. Musical programme 11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news 11:40 am 4. Teleplay: “ရဟန်းစားရသော ဆွမ်းတစ်နပ်” (ဇော်လင်း၊ အံ့ကျော်၊ မြတ်သစ်၊ နေမျိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နှင်းမိုး)
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7:30 am	3. Morning news	1:15 pm 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
7:40 am	4. Nice and sweet song	1:30 pm 7. မျှဝေဖူးကူးအလင်းအလှူ နှိုင်းတုမရိတ်ဒါန
7:55 am	5. ယဉ်ကျေးမှု (၃၈)မြောက်လား	1:45 pm 8. Musical programme
8:10 am	6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ	2:00 pm 9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
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8:45 am	10. Say it in English	4:00 pm 1. Martial song
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9:05 am	International news
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9:20 am	Music: -Dream
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1:40 pm	Children's delight (story) -“The brave dog”
1:50 pm	Songs for children
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Commander supervises measures taken to prevent flood in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 11 Aug — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung on 9 August inspected maintenance of Bo Myat Tun Bridge, preventive measure against erosion at Pantanaw bank and water flow of Ayeyawady River.

U Saw Aung Lwin, Head of Ayeyawady Division Water Resources and Improvement of River System Department reported on control of waterway and measures being taken for prevention of erosion at Pier-17.

On the inspection tour, the commander viewed thriving physic nut plantations and cultivation of monsoon paddy along Danubyu-Zalun-Hinthada road.

At No 2 water sentry post in Hsandan Ward of Zalun, the commander supervised maintenance of embankment and functions of water sentry posts.

Chairman of the Township PDC U Yin Htwe reported on participation of local people and departmental personnel in watching water level at water sentry posts.

Afterwards, the commander inspected maintenance of 600-foot-long U Pho Lay embankment, collection of sand bags and participation of Tatmadawmen, police members and local people in watching water level along Ayeyawady River and round the clock discharging of duties for emergency measures on prevention against flood.

At the hall of Irrigation Department in Hinthada, the commander heard reports on rising of



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung inspects maintenance of embankments in Hinthada Township. — MNA

water level, water sentry posts, maintenance of embankments, cultivation of monsoon paddy, temporary closure of schools, health care services, inundation of Myogwin-Kwinkauk railroad and waterway safety measures presented by departmental officials, and gave necessary instructions. —MNA

Progress of Mongton Township in Shan State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected Monghsat-Mongton road on 1

August.

At the local battalion in Mongton Station, the commander met servicemen and family members and presented TV sets, journals and refreshments to the family members. Next, he inspected thriving physic nut plantation.

The commander viewed edible oil crop plantation along the road to Mongton and gave instructions to officials on extended cultivation of groundnut, sesame and sunflower in the region.

While in Mongton, the commander met servicemen and family members of the station and urged them to extend cultivation of crops and participate in regional development task.

At the Township PDC Office, the commander met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. He heard reports on progress of the township presented the chairman of Township PDC and gave necessary instructions.

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Weather forecast for (12-8-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

64 members quit Labutta Township NLD

YANGON, 11Aug — Sixty-four members including U Tun Tun, U Myint Aye, U Than Tun, U Htay Win, U Myint Tun and U Kyaw Aye of Labutta Township National League for Democracy in Ayeyawady Division resigned from the party of their own accord and sent letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 27 July.

In the letter sent to Labutta Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission they said that they quit the NLD of their own volition as they no longer put their trust in the party and its leaders and do not support the party. —MNA

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