

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

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win supervises development tasks in Momeik, Mabein

Momeik, granary of Shan State (North), to extend cultivation of crops

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, inspected progress of the hydropower project at 6th-mile Waterfalls in Momeik on 23 August.

On completion, the hydropower project will supply 140,000 watts to Momeik.

Yesterday morning, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with departmental officials in Momeik. Senior



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win views thriving Rubber Farm in Mabein Township. — MNA



ior Engineer U Nyi Nyi of Public Works reported on erosion at Kinchaung Creek on Twinnge-Momeik Road.

At the hall in Momeik, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with local farmers and departmental officials. He heard reports

on progress of the township presented by officials and the commander. Next, he handed over K 5 million donated by North-East Command to officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that Momeik is a granary of Shan State (North). Although Momeik has food sufficiency, it is necessary for the township to extend

cultivation of crops on vacant and virgin lands. The township should take pride in boosting production of paddy and sugarcane. He stressed the need to extend cultivation of sugarcane, rubber and physic nut in the region. Furthermore, departmental personnel are to join hands with the local people for undertaking regional development, he said.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented gifts to social organizations.

At Rubber Farm in Mabein Township, the commander reported on cultivation of rubber at the farm, and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended to the needs.

Kyaukme District has cultivated 929 acres of rubber in 2007-08 and work is under way to (See page 8)



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents gifts to responsible persons of Momeik Township USDA and MCWA. — MNA

Kyaukme District has cultivated 929 acres of rubber in 2007-08 and work is under way to grow 1,000 acres of rubber in 2008-09.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 26 August, 2007

For further development of IT technology

The government has opened computer colleges and universities for youths to cope with and be well-versed in IT technology. With that regard, it has provided basic education schools with multimedia classrooms so that the youths can be familiar with IT technology.

Nowadays, Myanmar youths are working hard in introducing My Myanmar Unicode Systems (second generation) to computers as well as in introducing Myanmar version My Window System to a computer.

My Myanmar Unicode Systems can be used in such electronic appliances as computers, mobile phones, PDAs, electronic dictionaries, TVs, VCDs, DVDs etc. It is a system that all Windows XP Systems being used in most computers can be converted into Myanmar version.

With the advanced IT technology, one will soon be able to use Internet and send e-Mail in Myanmar as well as to use all systems of a computer in Myanmar.

This being the case, all the computer scientists are urged to make continued efforts together with the youths for further development of IT technology.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Sanitation tasks in Kyauktada, Botahtaung, Mayangon Tsps supervised

YANGON, 24 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with committee members and officials inspected dredging of ditches to ensure proper flow of water at the corner of Maha Bandoola and Bo Aung Kyaw Roads in Kyauktada Township and sanitation task on Strand Road, this morning and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Mayor inspected installation of solar system run traffic lights at the junction of Pyay Road and Parami Road in Mayangon Township. He also looked into sanitation works at 7 1/2 mile on Pyay Road and attended to the needs. — MNA

Asia Light Super Market open in Nay Pyi Taw



Head of Department U Saw Lwin of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee and General Manager U Sein Thaung of Asia Light Co Ltd formally open Asia Light Super Market in Thabyegon Market in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — A ceremony to open Asia Light Super Market was held at Thabyegon Market, here, this morning.

Head of the department of Nay Pyi Taw development Committee U Saw Lwin and General Manager

PBANRDA Deputy Minister inspects undertakings of Sagaing and Myinmu DACs

YANGON, 24 Aug — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe gave instructions on upgrading of roads, arrangements for construction of earth roads and supply of water at the office of Myinmu Township Development Affairs Committee in Sagaing Division on 19 August.

Next, the deputy minister looked into water supply station, tanks and gave instructions on maintenance of water pumps and motors and keeping monthly records on water quality. He also inspected tube well, water supply station and tank donated by Korean wellwishers in Sagaing Township.

After hearing reports on development tasks for 2007-08 and supply of water being carried out by the committee, the deputy minister left necessary instructions at the office of Sagaing Township DAC. — MNA



U Sein Thaung of Asia Light Co Ltd formally opened the super market.

Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Tun Kyi and party visited the super market.

It was the ninth of super market of Asia Light Super Market Co Ltd, and various items of cosmetics, personal goods, stationery, household goods, electronic equipment, pharmaceuticals, foodstuff and textiles are available at the super market. — MNA

Myanmar Academy of Medical Science to organize Mid-Year AGM

YANGON, 25 Aug — Myanmar Academy of Medical Science (MAMS) will organize the Mid-Year Annual General Meeting at the Auditorium of the University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township here at 8 am on 2 September.

Guests and members of MAMS are cordially invited to attend the meeting. They may register at the auditorium beginning from 8 am on that day. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report says US policy responsible for failure in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug — Blaming Iraq's government leader rather than the US president for the spectacular failure of American policy that has been the Iraq war is "cynical politics", the *New York Times* said in an editorial Friday.

"It is neither fair nor helpful in figuring out how to end American's biggest foreign policy fiasco since Vietnam," the leading US newspaper said, citing the latest US intelligence report on Iraq in which Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's government was concluded to be unable to govern and will become "more precarious" over the next six months to a year.

"The problem is not

Mr Maliki's narrow-mindedness or incompetence. He is the logical product of the system the United States created, one that deliberately empowered the long-persecuted Shiite majority and deliberately marginalized the long-dominant Sunni Arab minority."

"It was all but sure to

produce someone very like Mr Maliki, a sectarian Shiite far more interested in settling scores than in reconciling all Iraqis to share power in a unified and peaceful democracy."

On fighting al-Qaeda in Iraq, the editorial said Washington and Baghdad are often at cross-purposes.

MNA/Xinhua

US intelligence chief reveals details of spying programme

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — US National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell has revealed some details of a secret domestic eavesdropping programme which sparked an uproar on Capitol Hill after it was disclosed in late 2005.

In an interview last week with *El Paso Times*, a Texas-based newspaper, McConnell disclosed that the programme was monitoring communications of less than 100 people inside the United States and eavesdropping thousands of foreign calls connected via equipment on US soil. Transcripts of the interview were posted on the newspaper's website on Wednesday. "On the US persons side it's 100 or less. And then the foreign side, it's in the thousands," he said.

McConnell said that warrants should not be needed for intelligence agencies to monitor foreign-to-foreign calls transmitted through the United States, but a warrant must be required for surveillance against calls with one party inside

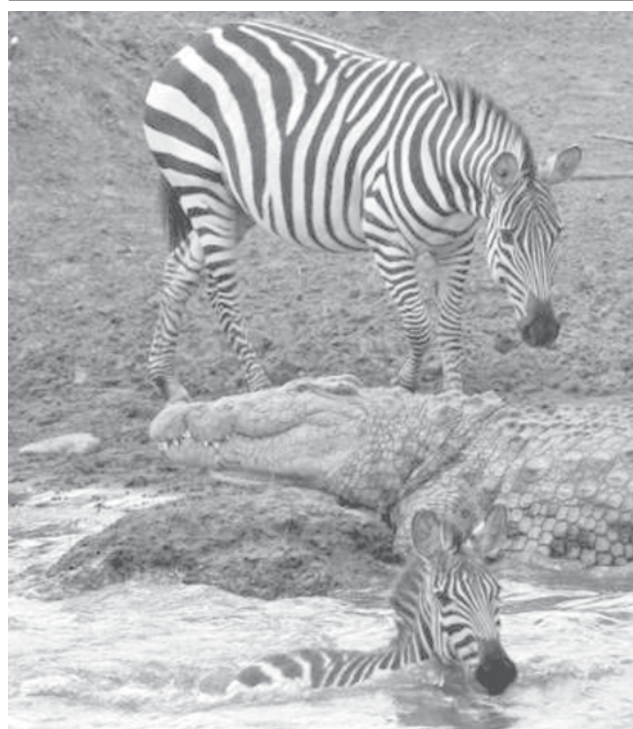
the United States.

He said that it would need 200 hours for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which approves requests to eavesdrop calls inside the country, to assemble a warrant on a single telephone number.

US President George W Bush authorized a domestic eavesdropping programme shortly after the 11 September terror attacks that 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.

The programme, first revealed in December 2005, has been criticized by Democrats and some Republicans who believe that Bush may have

overstepped his constitutional authority and violated a 1978 law. Early this month, Congress passed a bill to expand temporarily the government's powers in eavesdropping communications of foreign terror suspects without court warrants. —MNA/Xinhua



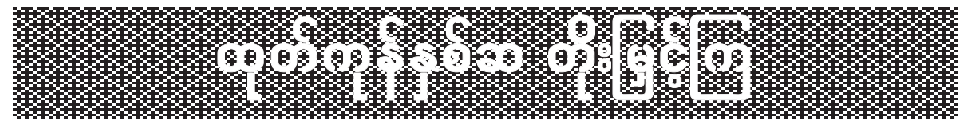
A crocodile lies in front of zebras before they crossed the Mara River during the annual wildebeest migration in Kenya's Masai Mara national reserve, 270 km (165 miles) southwest of capital Nairobi on 4 Aug, 2007. Over 1.4 million wildebeest and 200,000 zebra and gazelle migrate each year in search of rain ripened grass. — INTERNET

Ten injured in Thai southern ambush

BANGKOK, 24 Aug — Ten people, including three children, were injured when an unknown number of insurgents opened fire at a pick-up truck in Thailand's southern province of Yala on Wednesday.

The ambush took place on a village road in Yala's Bannang Sata District. Police said three people were severely injured and rushed to the Yala provincial hospital and the seven other injured received treatment at the Bannang Sata Hospital.

The injured children aged between eight and 13, local news network *The Nation* said. — MNA/Xinhua



Visitors play at an exhibition stand at the Games Convention 2007 fair in the eastern German city of Leipzig on 23 Aug, 2007. Sprawling virtual worlds in which electronic avatars do battle with mythical beasts may offer game publishers a unique chance to combat piracy. —INTERNET

Sunni militants battle al-Qaeda in Iraq, 25 killed

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug — At least 25 people were killed in a battle between Sunni Arab militants and Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda northeast of Baghdad on Thursday, police said.

Police and residents of the Sheikh Tamim and Ibrahim Yehia villages said about 200 gunmen stormed into their villages early on Thursday and

executed three young men and the imam of a mosque. This triggered a confrontation with local militants who killed 10 of the attackers. Police said they arrested 22 of the attackers. The two villages are in Diyala Province, where US troops are cracking down on al-Qaeda and other Sunni Arab militants who are using the region as launch pad for attacks in Baghdad. Baquba police chief Brigadier-General Ali Delayan said the attackers shelled the two villages with mortars before storming them. They also used rocket-propelled grenades and reduced some houses to rubble. — MNA/Reuters

A screen grab of Monster.com. The names and contact information of some 1.3 million job seekers were stolen from Monster Worldwide Inc, the US online employment Web site said on Thursday. —INTERNET



Australian Adrian Theuma jumps before parachuting down from Kuala Lumpur Tower in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur on 24 Aug, 2007. Theuma is among about 100 BASE (Building, Antenna, Span and Earth) jumpers who are in Kuala Lumpur to participate in a jump in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the country's independence on 31 August. — INTERNET

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Malaysia's Anwar supports close ties with Singapore

SINGAPORE, 24 Aug— Malaysian former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim stressed here on Wednesday that Malaysia and Singapore should have close ties.

According to Channel NewsAsia reports, the ex-Malaysian deputy premier said this at a business seminar, which was organized by the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore.

Abwar strongly believed that Malaysia should encourage close relations with neighbouring Singapore as the city state is an important neighbour and any sentiments against the country will not be to Malaysia's advantage.

“From a national perspective, the closer Malaysians are to Singapore, the better for Malaysia,” he said.

Singapore and Malaysia have endured a n uneasy relationship since they formally separated in 1965, but ties have been on the mend since Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi took power in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier charged in NY with taking bribe in Iraq

NEW YORK, 14 Aug — A US Army captain was charged on Thursday with accepting a 50,000-US-dollar bribe to steer military contracts in Iraq, prosecutors said.

Austin Key, 27, of Watertown, New York, was stationed in Baghdad as a field ordering officer and oversaw the administration of service and supply contracts awarded by the US Army worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Prosecutors accuse Key of demanding 125,000 US dollars from the owner of a business in order to protect the company's ability to win future contracts. But the unidentified business owner contacted law enforcement authorities and agreed to meet with Key again so that their conversation could be recorded.

“During a subsequent meeting on 11 August, 2007, Key told the (business owner) that in exchange for 50,000 dollars, he would give the (business owner) advance, confidential information on contracts so that he would be more successful in bidding on US Army contracts,” prosecutors said.

In addition to that, Key — who was brought back to the United States on Wednesday — is accused of demanding 5 per cent of any contracts he steered to the company.

He was ordered released on Thursday in Manhattan federal court on 500,000-US-dollar bail.

If convicted Key faces a maximum 15 years in prison for one count of bribery.

MNA/Reuters

China, S Korea mark anniversary of dip ties

BEIJING, 25 Aug — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his South Korean counterpart Roh Moo-hyun on Friday exchanged messages of congratulation on the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Thanks to the joint efforts of both countries, Chinese-S Korean relations have witnessed rapid development and scored notable achievements since the establishment of the ties 15 years ago, Hu said in his message.

Bilateral cooperation in various fields has been deepened and close coordination in international and regional affairs has been enhanced, Hu said.

The development of bilateral ties has brought the two peoples tangible benefits and contributed to regional and international peace and development, he said.

The establishment of the China-South Korea all-round partnership of cooperation in 2003 provides broad prospects for the development of bilateral ties and marks a new stage for the ties between the two countries, Hu said.

Taking the 15th anniversary of bilateral ties as an opportunity, China is ready to work with South Korea to strengthen exchanges, expand cooperation and constantly enrich bilateral ties with new content in order to upgrade the all-round partnership of cooperation to a higher level, Hu concluded.

MNA/Xinhua

Four Iraqi soldiers killed in suicide bombing in Baghdad north

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug — Two suicide car bombers struck a joint US and Iraqi military outpost in northern Baghdad, killing four Iraqi soldiers and wounding 11 US troops, the US military said on Thursday.

The attacks took place on Wednesday when the two suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices hit the outpost, a military statement said.

Four other Iraqi soldiers were also wounded in the attacks, it added.

The statement did not say where exactly the incident occurred, but said that eight of the US wounded were transported to Camp Taji, some 20 kilometres north of the capital.

The remaining three US and the four Iraqi wounded soldiers were evacuated to a medical facility.

It said that eight local Iraqis were detained for suspect of having information about the attacks. Earlier on Wednesday, 14 US soldiers were killed when their helicopter crashed in northern Iraq, the US military said.

MNA/Xinhua



Malaysian astronaut Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor prepares for zero-gravity conditions in a rotating chair in Star City near Moscow on 23 Aug, 2007. INTERNET



A woman stands outside her house damaged by Hurricane Dean in the coastal town of Tecolutla, in the Mexican state of Veracruz, Mexico on 23 Aug, 2007. Heavy rains from Hurricane Dean pounded western Mexico on Thursday after the storm killed at least five people in a three-day rampage across the breadth of the country. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

China to become US third largest export market by year end

BEIJING, 24 Aug — China has been serving as the fastest growing export destination of the United States for five consecutive years, Chinese Vice-Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng said here Thursday. China is expected to overtake Japan as the third largest export market of the United States at the end of this year or early next year, he said.

China's foreign trade volume reached 1.17 trillion US dollars in the first seven months of 2007, an increase of 24.4 per cent over the same period last year, according to Customs sources.

The European Union remained its largest partner with a trade value of 190.1 billion dollars, a growth of 28.5 per cent over the same period of last year,

followed by the United States with 167 billion dollars, up 17.5 per cent, and Japan with 130 billion dollars, up 15.2 per cent.

Trade between China and the United States surged to 262.7 billion dollars in 2006 from 2.5 billion dollars in 1979 with farm products and machinery registering fast growth, according to Gao. MNA/Xinhua



A still from "The Forbidden Kingdom" is released recently, featuring the monk played by Kung Fu star Jet Li (R). —INTERNET

Latin America, Asia urge world trade talks accord

BRASILIA, 24 Aug — More than 30 Latin American and Asian countries on Thursday called for a fast but balanced accord to bring struggling world trade talks to a successful conclusion.

Ministers and officials, after two days of informal talks in Brasilia, said they wanted to cooperate in the quest for an agreement in the so-called Doha Round of talks. They gave no timetable, however.

"We express our full support for the timely, balanced and successful conclusion of the Doha Round," they said in a closing statement.

The World Trade Organization talks were

launched in 2001 after the 11 September attacks on the United States to boost the world economy through trade and to help developing countries grow out of poverty. But they have frequently broken down and are due to resume in Geneva next month.

Developing countries and rich nations have struggled to find common ground on the issue of the former giving greater access to industrial goods and the latter opening their markets to more farm goods. WTO chief Pascal Lamy has warned that without a breakthrough soon, the Doha drive could be stalled for years.

MNA/Reuters



Sukhoi Su-27 jet fighters of the Russkiye Vityazi (Russian Knights) aerobatic team perform during the MAKS-2007 international air show in Zhukovsky, outside Moscow, on 23 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

EU allows Britain to resume nearly all meat exports

BRUSSELS, 24 Aug — European Union veterinary experts agreed on Thursday to let all of Britain, except part of the county of Surrey, resume exports of live animals, meat and dairy products to other EU countries, the EU executive said.

The vets, representing the EU's 27-member countries, backed a European Commission proposal to limit export restrictions to a surveillance zone in

Surrey, 10 kilometres around the area where two outbreaks of foot and mouth disease were confirmed this month.

"This means that exports of live animals, meat and dairy products will be able to resume from the territory of Great Britain, apart from the 10-kilometre zone in the county of Surrey," the Commission said. The decision enters into force on 25 August.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam's pepper output to decrease in 2007

HANOI, 24 Aug — Vietnam's pepper output is estimated at 80,000-90,000 tons in 2007, down 10-20 per cent over 2006, mainly due to unfavourable weather conditions and pests, local newspaper Vietnam Agriculture reported Thursday.

The country has in recent years intensified investment in applying advanced techniques in growing, harvesting and processing pepper to turn out high-grade products.

Vietnam now houses 52,500 hectares of pepper, with an average output of 2.3 tons per hectare. Southern Binh Phuoc Province alone has nearly 13,500 hectares.

Vietnam, the world's biggest pepper exporter, shipped abroad 51,000 tons of the product worth 153 million US dollars in the first seven months of this year, down 42.3

per cent in volume but up 17.6 per cent in value over the same period last year, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua



Artists and magicians from the United States stage the program "Disney Live! Mickey Magic Show" in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province on 23 Aug, 2007. The performance especially for local Chinese Children would last four days till 26 Aug. — XINHUA

Two women stand besides a huge hand-made shoe bearing the mascots of the Beijing Olympic Games in Yichang, Hubei Province on 23 Aug, 2007. INTERNET



New airline to be launched in UAE in October

ABU DHABI, 24 Aug — Kang Pacific Airlines, a new airline based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will launch its commercial service out of the country’s northern emirate of Fujairah in October, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Thursday.

Established by an Indian businessman named Paul Kang to meet the growing demand for air services, Kang Pacific Airlines will be the fifth airline of the UAE, following Emirates Airline, Etihad Airways, Air Arabia, and RAK Airways, said the report.

Initially intending to serve the Philippines, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, the airline also plans to operate flights to Britain. Kang said that the airline will fly under an Air Operator Certificate issued by the Philippine Government and expects to receive its UAE certificate in six to eight months.

The airline has been capitalized with 10 million US dollars to procure two McDonnell Douglas *DC-10s*, a *Boeing 747* and one *Boeing 737* over the next six months.— *MNA/Xinhua*



The first snow of winter falls on traffic in the Norwegian Arctic research station of Ny Alesund, which calls itself the world’s most northerly permanent settlement, on 20 Aug, 2007.

INTERNET

Venezuela to change time zone by 30 min in Sept

CARACAS, 24 Aug — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has changed his country’s name, redesigned its flag and rejigged its coat of arms in his drive for a socialist state.

Now the leftist reformer, highly popular for redistributing oil income, is seeking to move the country’s time zone to offer a more equitable distribution of sunlight. Venezuela in September will turn clocks back by 30 minutes as it switches time zones to boost the amount of natural light to residents, a government official said on Thursday.

Next month Venezuelan clocks will be set at Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) minus 4-1/2 hours, compared to the previous GMT minus four hours, Science and Technology Minister Hector Navarro told reporters at a news conference.

He said the measure sought “a more fair distribution of the sunrise,” which would particularly help poor children who wake up before dawn to go to school.— *MNA/Reuters*

Canadian study shows female tutors best for boy’s reading

CALGARY(Alberta), 24 Aug — The reading skills of young male students may improve more when boys are tutored by women, a Canadian study shows, contradicting some school policies to hire male teachers to improve boys’ literacy.

Herb Katz, an education professor at the University of Alberta, took 175 boys in the third and fourth grades, identified as

struggling readers, and paired them with a research assistant who worked on their reading skills for 30 minutes a week over 10 weeks. On average, the boys paired with female

tutors felt better about their reading skills after the 10 weeks than those who were coached by a male research assistant, the study found.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia sets to attract seven mln tourists in 2008

JAKARTA, 24 Aug — The Indonesian Government has set a target of attracting seven million foreign tourists next year, Culture and Tourism Minister Jero Wacik said here on Wednesday.

The number of foreign tourist arrivals to Indonesia showed signs of increasing in the past two years, *Antara* news agency quoted the minister as saying during a coordination meeting. Last year, more than five million foreign tourists visited Indonesia. The government’s target in 2007 is about six million foreign tourists.

The resort island of Bali has so far served as a barometer of tourist arrivals to the country, he said, adding “on average Bali receives 5,200 foreign tourists per day, well above the normal level of 4,500”. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A baby snow leopard with its mother at a zoo. US troops deployed in war-torn Afghanistan have recently undergone training to stem the poaching of the country’s wildlife, particularly snow leopards, the military said on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Vietnam calls for more S-E Asian investors

HANOI, 24 Aug — Vietnam pledges to improve its business environment to lure more Southeast Asian investors, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said here Thursday.

Vietnam will well implement its commitments to the international community, and accelerate the institution improvement and administrative reform, he said at a business forum for 100 firms in Southeast Asia.

The forum also discussed issues related to Vietnam’s investment and export strategy and plan on equalizing state-owned enterprises. Firms from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which comprises of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, now have nearly 1,000 operational projects with investment of over 13 billion US dollars in Vietnam. Trade between Vietnam and other ASEAN members reached 20 billion dollars in 2006, up 40 per cent over 2005. — *MNA/Xinhua*

A woman performs yoga with her child at a hospital in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 22 Aug, 2007. The Yoga exercise is believed to develop potential intellective and physical abilities in babies. — INTERNET



English woman dies after attack by gang of youths

LONDON, 25 Aug — A “kind” young woman who was attacked by a gang of youths in a Lancashire park almost two weeks ago has died of her injuries, police said on Friday.

Sophie Lancaster, 20, and her boyfriend Robert Maltby, 21, were set upon in Stubby Lee Park in Bacup near Burnley in the early hours of Saturday, 11 August. Both were beaten unconscious.

The *Lancashire Telegraph* newspaper said they were so badly injured

that police had difficulty establishing their sex. The paper added that detectives thought they might have been attacked because they were wearing “Goth” clothing.

Police said despite attempts to treat Lancaster’s injuries, she had now died in hospital. They have renewed appeals for information about the assault.

“We were proud to know our daughter,” Lancaster’s parents Sylvia and John said in a statement.

“She was funny, kind, loving and brave. Not being able to see her blossom into her full potential, or even to see her smile again, is a tragedy beyond words.”

Five youths, aged between 15 and 17, have been charged with the assault on Lancaster and Maltby.

Lancashire Police’s Acting Assistant Chief Constable Jerry Graham described the death as a “senseless loss”.

MNA/Reuters



Study says 43 million Americans take aspirin daily

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug — An estimated 43 million US adults take an aspirin every day or almost every day, according to a US Government survey, a figure that accounts for a fifth of the adult population.

Most are taking the pills for their health —

The battery casing is made of a vegetable-based plastic, it operates on sugar and can generate enough electricity to power a music player and a pair of speakers, according to Sony.

XINHUA

such as to prevent heart attacks or strokes — the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality found.

Aspirin relieves pain and reduces fever. But it also can lower the risk of heart attacks and strokes caused by blood clots, because it makes the blood clot less efficiently.

Newer drugs such as acetaminophen and

ibuprofen have largely replaced aspirin in treating fevers and everyday aches and pains because aspirin can also cause sometimes deadly stomach and intestinal bleeding.

However, low-dose aspirin can be a safe way to reduce the effects of heart disease.

More than half of the estimated 26 million US adults who were told by a doctor that they had heart

disease said they took an aspirin regularly, the survey found. And 48.5 per cent aged 65 and older said they took aspirin regularly.

The researchers used data from the 2005 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, which is based on detailed questionnaires sent to more than 32,000 people every year.

MNA/Reuters

Penicillin allergy more common in women than men

NEW YORK, 25 Aug — Penicillin allergy is more likely to develop in women than in men, even after factoring in the effects of other allergy risk factors, according to study findings published in the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology*.

The rate of individuals reporting they are allergic to penicillin ranges from 1 per cent to 10 per cent, and the rate of life-threatening reactions to this antibiotic is estimated to be 0.01 per cent to 0.05 per cent, note Dr Miguel A. Park, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and colleagues.

In a chart review study, the researchers determined the rates of positive penicillin skin test (PST) results, according to sex, in patients with a history of penicillin allergy who were undergoing a medical evaluation.

A total of 1,921 patients were included in the study. Of these, 1759 underwent PST and 157 did not. Five medical records were not available for review. The average patient age was 60 years old.—MNA/Reuters

Two British teenagers arrested over 11-year-old's shooting

LONDON, 24 Aug — Two teenagers were arrested in connection with the shooting of an 11-year-old boy who was killed as he played football with friends in a Liverpool carpark, police said on Thursday.

The male teenagers, aged 14 and 18, are being questioned by police on suspicion of murder, a spokeswoman for Merseyside Police said.

Rhys Jones died after being shot on Wednesday night as he played football with two friends in the carpark of the Fir Tree pub in the Croxteth area of the city.

Media reports said he was shot by a young

killer who rode past on a BMX bicycle, with his face covered by a hood.

Three shots were fired by a youth, one of which hit Jones in the neck and another hit a car, the reports said.

Chief Constable Bernard Hogan-Howe said Jones, who lived locally with his parents and 17-year-old brother, was an innocent victim.

“Both he and his

family are upstanding members of the community,” Hogan-Howe told Sky News television.

“We are all determined to make sure that we sort this particular crime out and prevent it happening again,” he added.

He called on the community to help find Jones' killer.

MNA/Reuters



Boys are comforted after laying flowers at the scene where an 11-year-old boy was shot dead in the Croxteth area of Liverpool, northern England, on 23 Aug, 2007. Rhys Jones died after being shot in a car park outside a pub on Wednesday night, according to local media. Two teenagers are being questioned by police on suspicion of murder, a spokeswoman for Merseyside Police said. — INTERNET

US bomb British soldiers in Afghanistan

LONDON, 25 Aug — Three British soldiers were killed in southern Afghanistan when a US aircraft supporting them in a battle against the Taliban dropped a bomb, the Ministry of Defence said on Friday.

The incident on Thursday takes the number of British deaths in Afghanistan since the Taliban was toppled in 2001 to 73.

Two other soldiers were injured.

The soldiers were on a mission to disrupt Taliban activity north west of Kajaki, in the lawless Helmand Province. — MNA/Reuters

Two Ploish mountain climbers killed in Austria

WARSAW, 25 Aug — Two Polish climbers were killed Friday morning in a mountaineering accident on the Grossglockner, southern Austria, the Polish PAP news agency reported.

Two other climbers were seriously injured and were sent to hospital, local police said.

The injured and the bodies of the victims were recovered with the help of helicopters, PAP reported.

The victims were part of a group of five Poles who fell into a glacier crevasse on the Grossglockner, Austria's highest mountain. — MNA/Xinhua

At least 6 Nepalis killed in landslide

KATHMANDU, 25 Aug — At least six people were killed in a landslide in western Nepal Gulmi District, local leading media group's website THT Online reported Friday.

In Neta, Gulmi District, some 205 kilometres west of capital Kathmandu, on early Friday morning, at least six locals met the accident.

Four members of Sop Bahadur BK's family — mother, wife and two sons — were killed, while Sop Bahadur was not at home when the incident occurred.

Two other deceased belonged to the family of Khim Bahadur BK.

District Police Office Gulmi confirmed the incident and said it has sent a relief and rescue team to the incident site. According to reports, 12 families have also been rendered homeless after the landslide.

MNA/Xinhua

Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing looks into Hsinshweli paddy fields in Meiktila Station

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials concerned arrived at a model 50-acre Hsinshweli paddy plantation in Meiktila Station on 22 August.

Upon arrival, Plantation In-charge Lt-Col Kyaw Myo Win briefed Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing on cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy; Manager U Aung Myint Swe of Diamond Star Company on tasks to be carried out for cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy and U Thaung Nay Oo on purpose of donation of bio-composer which helps cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy and arrangements for growing of summer paddy.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party

presented gifts to servicemen and their families who are engaged in the agricultural tasks.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing gave instructions on organizing the farmers to boost eith the per acre yield and change agricultural methods for enabling them to earn more income and their life styles to make progress.

He urged the farmers to make efforts to achieve 200 baskets per acre yield.

After that, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party inspected thriving 50-acre paddy plantation and gave encouragement to those who were transplanting paddy.

Hsinshweli paddy plantation can be harvested within a total of 110 days and it can produce average 200 baskets per acre. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win supervises...

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grow 1,000 acres of rubber in 2008-09. After viewing Hsinshweli paddy plantation in Konkha Ward, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected development of Mabein Township by car.

At Mabein Township hall, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met local people and departmental personnel. After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented K 200,000 to the educational fund to Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Thein. Next, he gave necessary instructions. At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented gifts to social organizations.

On the way to Momeik, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win viewed forest plantations along Mabein-Momeik road. — MNA

Ayeyawady Division Inter-Township Sepak Takraw Tournament concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — The final matches of the Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman's Cup Inter-Township Sepak Takraw Tournament were held at Koethein Gymnasium in Pathein on 16 August afternoon.

In the men's event, Wakema Township team clinched title with a 2-1 win over Maubin Township team.

After the competition, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the commander, presented championship trophy to Ngaputaw Township Women's team.

Chairman of

Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents championship trophy to Wakema Township men's team in Ayeyawady Division Sepak Takraw Tournament.

MNA



Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung awarded championship trophy to Wakema Township Men's team.

Town-ship Women's Team secured champions for four successive times in the tournament.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Division Sports and

Physical Education Committee Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, staff officers, Secretary of Ayeyawady Division PDC U Kyaw San and officials. — MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister inspects power system supervisory task

YANGON, 25 Aug —Minster for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint accompanied by officals inspected task of Power System Supervisory Division under the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise at the head office of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board this afternoon.

After hearing reports on distribution of electric power presented by Superintending Engineer Daw Pwint Than, the minister urged officials to distribute the power systematically and make field trip and supervise the tasks.

Next, the minister looked into control boards, telecommunication panel and supervisory task of the division. — MNA

BSC, MBA hold 92nd meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug —The 92nd meeting of the Banks Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this afternoon, with and address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

It was also attended by Chairman of BSC Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, the directors-general and the managing directors, chairmen, directors and executives of State-owned and private-owned banks.

In his address, the minister stressed the need for those present to to try their utmost for the sustainable development of banking sector based on the previous experiences. Next, the deputy minister and the governor gave speeches and officials of MBA presented the reports. — MNA

Innocent villager in Bokpyin Township killed by mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Insurgent destructive elements are committing a series of atrocities in their attempts to undermine stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order.

On 20 August morning, Maung Tun Lin, son of U Tun Maung of Aungmingala Ward, Bokpyin Township, stepped on a mine planted by insurgent destructive elements near Nanta Phayaung Village when he collected vegetables together with his companion Maung Kyaw Than Lwin of Chaunghashu Village. Consequently, his right leg was blown off from the upper knee by the blast and died instantly due to excessive bleeding.—MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at 92nd Meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and Myanmar Banks Association. — F&R



Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division organized at basic education level



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai present flower basket to students who sang songs at opening of Yangon Division Performing Arts Competitions at basic education level. — MNA

YANGON, 25 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai attended the opening ceremony of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division at basic education level at BEHS No 6 in Botahtaung Township this morning.

Patron of the competitions Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint of No 3 Basic Education Department formally opened the competitions.

The commander delivered an address. The commander and wife presented K 200,000 and a flower basket to the students who sang the songs at the opening ceremony.

A total of 250 students participated in the competitions. — MNA

Vice-Mayor visits tax-free markets



Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa visits Hlinethaya Tax-free Market. — YCDC

YANGON, 25 Aug—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials visited the Tax-free Market in Shwepyitha Township, the Tax-free market in Hlinethaya Township and Hanthawady Tax-free Market in Kamayut

Township this morning.

They viewed sales of rice at the shop of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Merchants Association in Seikkan Township. The vice-mayor gave necessary instructions to the chairman and responsible persons of the association. — MNA

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Myanmar Traditional Boxing Golden Belt Championships commence

YANGON, 25 Aug — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Fourth Myanmar Traditional Boxing Golden Belt Championships at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, here, this afternoon.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and President of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation U Win Myint greeted the boxers.

A total of 62 boxers from 15 teams are taking part in the championships. The competitions will be held on 25 and 26 August and 1, 2, and 9 September. — MNA



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint greets boxers at opening of 4th Myanmar Traditional Boxing Golden Belt Championships. — NLM

Four members resign from Pathein, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana NLDs

YANGON, 25 Aug — Members U Nyan Win and U Win Myat of Pathein Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division on 17 August and members Tun Tun Win (a) Tun Tun Win Aung and Kyaw Kyaw Tun (a) Kyaw Soe of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township NLD on 20 August resigned from the party of their own accord, sending letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Pathein and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that they lost interest in acts of the NLD and they had no longer relied on the party and its leaders. That is why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said. — MNA



CASH DONATED: Myanmar Distribution Group donated 600 packets of Calsome kid cereal worth K 1.4 million to Yangon Children's Hospital on 24 August. Managing Director U Aung Maw Thein and party present packets of Calsome kid cereal to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win. — NLM

India, Japan to enhance defence cooperation

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug— Indian Defence Minister Shri Antony and his Japanese counterpart Yuriko Koike reaffirmed their commitment to further enhance bilateral defence cooperation during their meeting here on Friday.

According to the Press release of the Indian Government, the two ministers have also expressed happiness on the enhanced defence cooperation between India and Japan in the recent years.

During their meeting, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further enhance this cooperation in various fields like maritime security, research and development and exchange of information on technology aspects.

Japan, whose forces will take part in a multi-nation naval exercise to be hosted by India next month, has announced that its military personnel would for the first time attend defence courses in India.

MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian ship runs aground on Australian beach

SYDNEY, 25 Aug — An Indonesian naval training ship, with 18 sailors onboard, ran aground on an Australian beach on Thursday after being battered by a severe storm with 100 kilometres per hour (62 miles per hour) winds, police said.

The three-masted *KRI Arung Samudera*, which was headed for Sydney to take part in a parade of tall ships at next month's APEC leaders summit, ran aground on Rainbow Beach in Queensland State around 3.00 a.m. (1700GMT). When dawn broke the crew abandoned ship and waded ashore.

The 35-metre (114-feet) ship, its sails ripped and rudder broken, remained wedged on Rainbow Beach on Thursday night as waves washed its hull.

Australian Navy Commander Forbes Peters said the crew apparently threw out two anchors and had two engines running, but could not stop the vessel being swept ashore. — MNA/Reuters



New products of Daewoo. — MNA

Commander attends concluding of Auxiliary Mid-wifery Course

YANGON, 25 Aug — The 3rd Auxiliary Mid-wifery Course, jointly organized by Yangon Division Health Committee and Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, concluded at University

of Nursing in Lanmadaw Township here this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai,

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC attended the ceremony.

The commander gave a speech. Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presented first-aid kits to the trainees.

Next, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint reported on the purpose of conducting the training course.

A total of 149 trainees attended the six-month course. — MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looks into a traffic lights run with the use of solar power at the junction of Pyay and Parami Roads Friday.

MNA

Daewoo showroom opens

YANGON, 25 Aug — An opening ceremony of Daewoo Showroom of OK Myanmar Co Ltd

was held in front of the showroom on Bo Aung Kyaw Road this morning. Executive Director

opening ceremony was held in conjunction with a ceremony to introduce new products of Daewoo

and OK Myanmar Co Ltd presented prizes to sales agents.

Special sales period



Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing speaks at the new products introduction ceremony of Daewoo. — MNA

Mr Yaung Suk Jun of Daewoo Electronic Corporation, Mr In Hee Lee and Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing of OK Myanmar Co Ltd cut the ribbon to open the showroom. Next, those present viewed products of Daewoo Electronic Corporation displayed at the showroom.

In the evening, a dinner to mark the

at Myanmar Convention Centre.

Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing explained the quality of new products.

U Win Myint Hlaing of the company gave an account on programme planned for the sales agent's convenience.

Later, responsible persons of Daewoo Electronic Cooperation

is launched at Daewoo Showroom on Bo Aung Kyaw Road, HQ (I) Electronic Showroom on Maha Bandoola Road, HQ (II) Electronic Showroom on Pansodan Street, OK Myanmar Sales and Service Centre in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Daewoo Showroom in Mandalay up to 31 August.

MNA

Better phone networks will improve rural living standards

PHPNOM PENH, 25 Aug — Prime Minister Hun Sen has claimed an improved mobile phone network would play an important role in bettering the living standards of rural citizens, local media said on Friday.

A more extensive mobile phone network would help farmers communicate with city businessmen on the price of products, he said on Thursday at the 7th ASEAN ministerial meeting on the telecommunications industry in Siem Reap Province, reported Cambodian-language newspaper the *Koh Santepheap*.

“The number of telephone users in Cambodia is presently

around 12 per cent in total. However, this rate is up to 45 per cent in the city, compared to one per cent in rural areas,” he continued.

Hun Sen used Bangladesh as an example, citing that revenues of Bangladeshi farmers have increased by 20 per cent following the introduction of the mobile phone network to rural areas.

So Khun, Cambodian Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, said

at the meeting that the telephone users at the present amounts to over 1.5 million people, of which more than 90 per cent are cell phone users.

“Our great wish is to turn the Kingdom of Cambodia into an information technology society (with the aim) to develop our society,” he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Gaping hole found in Universe

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug — A giant hole in the Universe is devoid of galaxies, stars and even lacks dark matter, astronomers said on Thursday.

The team at the University of Minnesota said the void is nearly a billion light-years across and they have no idea why it is there.

“Not only has no one ever found a void this big, but we never even expected to find one this size,” said astronomy professor Lawrence Rudnick.

Writing in the *Astrophysical Journal*, Rudnick and colleagues Shea Brown and Liliya Williams said they were examining a cold spot using the *Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe* satellite, and found the giant hole.

“We already knew there was something different about this spot in the sky,” Rudnick said. The region stood out as being colder in a survey of the Cosmic Microwave Background — the faint radio buzz left over from the Big Bang that gave birth to the Universe.

“What we’ve found is not normal, based on either observational studies or on computer simulations of the large-scale evolution of the Universe,” Williams said in a statement.

The astronomers said the region even appeared to lack dark matter, which cannot be seen directly but is usually detected by measuring gravitational forces.

The void is in a region of sky in the constellation Eridanus, southwest of Orion. — *MNA/Reuters*

Smoke rises from the Nahr al-Bared refugee camp during shelling of the camp by a Lebanese army helicopter in north Lebanon on 23 Aug, 2007. Two Lebanese soldiers were killed in fighting with Islamist militants who have been battling the army in north Lebanon for more than three months, a security source said on Thursday. — INTERNET

UAE telecom company to bid for stake in Kuwait mobile firm

ABU DHABI, 25 Aug — Etisalat, the biggest telecom company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), may join a bidding contest for a stake in Kuwait’s third mobile operator, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Friday.

The Kuwaiti Government has invited companies to express an interest in bidding for a 26-per-cent stake in the operator by a September 7 deadline.

“We are very interested in bidding,” the company’s general manager of international business Jamal Al Jarwan was quoted as saying.

It was reported that Oman

Telecommunications Co, National Bank of Kuwait, Kuwait Finance House, Kuwait’s Global Investment House, Bahrain Telecommunications Co and Commercial Bank of Kuwait may also join the bidding contest.

Etisalat announced earlier this month that it would bid for Qatar’s new mobile and fixed line licences.

As the third largest Arab telecom provider by market value, Etisalat now manages 14 service providers in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Its services currently reach more than 32 million subscribers. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Bird flu feared in southern Israel

JERUSALEM, 25 Aug — Initial sample tests revealed that chickens in a kibbutz of southern Israel may have been infected with the deadly bird flu virus, local *Yedioth Ahronoth* reported on Thursday.

According to the report, sample tests conducted by Israeli Health Ministry, Agriculture Ministry and

National Veterinary Services indicated that the bird flu virus may have infected the chicken coops of Kibbutz Grofit in the Arava Region.

As a result, additional tests were carried out and the henhouses were quarantined until the final results arrive on Friday morning.

“We are currently conducting peripheral tests that are part of sample tests in a bid to map the country, in compliance with international requirements,” Dr Moshe Haimovitch, head of the Veterinary Services, was quoted as saying.

The bird flu epidemic, which broke out in many countries across the world in recent years, reached Israel in March 2006. Millions of hens have been culled so far in order to stop the epidemic from spreading.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain worst for stroke victims in western Europe

LONDON, 25 Aug — Britain has the worst outcome for stroke victims in Western Europe and needs to take urgent action to address the situation, a senior British doctor said on Thursday citing recent studies.

Professor Hugh Markus, from St George’s University of London, said although Britain spent as much or more than other European countries, three comparative studies had shown stroke victims in Britain fared the worst.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, Markus argued that Britain urgently needed to reorganize its stroke services, particularly the emphasis on acute care.

As an example, he cited how providing one anti-clotting drug, thrombolysis with alteplase, to victims within three hours of a stroke greatly improved their outcome.

While 20-30 per cent of eligible patients in many countries in Europe, North America and Australia received the treatment, less than one per cent of those in Britain got the therapy.

“In many European countries stroke care is an integral part of neurology,” Markus wrote.

“In contrast, in the UK it has, until recently, been a ‘Cinderella’ subject, often falling between neurology and general and geriatric medicine.”

Strokes are the third most common cause of death in England and Wales, according to figures from the Stroke Association.

About 150,000 people have a stroke every year in Britain, leading to more than 67,000 deaths, and costing the publicly-funded National Health Service 2.8 billion pounds.

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A car is driven next to trees felled by Hurricane Dean in Poza Rica, Mexican state of Veracruz, on 22 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

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Britain, Germany launch third World Health scheme

LONDON, 24 Aug — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel announced on Wednesday a global health campaign to target aid more effectively at the basic needs of poor countries.

The International Health Partnership, to be officially launched on 5 September, aims to reduce child and maternal mortality and tackle diseases such as HIV/AIDS by building long-term health infrastructures in developing countries.

The scheme will bring together donor countries like Britain, Germany, Canada and Norway as well as the World Bank and World Health Organization. Rich nations would submit long-term health plans and international agencies would commit to better coordinate funding and efforts on the ground.

International aid group Oxfam said the initiative deserved widespread support from around the world.

"This partnership could literally save lives, by coordinating investment in healthcare that is free, public and well-staffed," said Alison Woodhead, head of Oxfam's international campaign for health and education.

MNA/Reuters

"No hope" of survivors in China mine disaster

BEIJING, 24 Aug — There is "no hope" of finding survivors from a flood in a Chinese coal mine which has trapped 181 workers, a senior official said on Thursday, adding those responsible for the disaster will be handed over to the law.

The miners have been trapped since Friday, when a river dyke burst during torrential rain, sending water surging into adjacent mine shafts. Most of the miners are trapped in one main shaft. Nine others were in a smaller shaft nearby.

"The rain where the mine is massively exceeded our expectations and exceeded historical records," Shandong Province deputy governor Huang Sheng told reporters on the sidelines of a news conference. "We could not hold it back with manpower alone."

"Because of the large amount of water, we think there is no hope of survivors," he added. "We've been speeding up the pumping of water every day. Experts say it will still take a few days."

MNA/Reuters

Gates foundation provides grants to flood victims of South Asia

KATHMANDU, 24 Aug — Save the Children has received 500,000-US-dollar grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help flood victims of Nepal and Bangladesh, reported the local media house's website THT online on Wednesday.

The Westport-based humanitarian organization is reaching out to tens of thousands of children and their families in South Asia with critical supplies.

"Besides providing badly needed resources, we hope that this decision by the Gates Foundation draws more public attention to a humanitarian crisis that is getting far too little attention in the United States but continues to imperil the lives of hundreds of thousands of families in South Asia," said Rudy Von Bernuth, who heads emergency response operations for Save the Children.

The grant will support Save the Children's emergency response efforts in Nepal and Bangladesh, with a focus on reestablishing health services.

MNA/Xinhua

The New Light of Myanmar သတင်းစာတိုက် အငယ်တန်းသတင်းထောက်ရာထူး နေရာ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ ကျင်းပမည့် ရက်နှင့်နေရာ ပြင်ဆင်သတ်မှတ်ခြင်း

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ဖြေဆိုရမည့်အစီအစဉ်မှာ ၉-၉-၂၀၀၇ ရက် နံနက် ၉ နာရီမှ ၁၁ နာရီအထိ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ၊ မွန်းတည့် ၁၂ နာရီမှ မွန်းလွဲ ၂ နာရီအထိ မြန်မာစာနှင့် အထွေထွေဗဟုသုတ (ပြည်တွင်း၊ ပြည်ပ) ဘာသာရပ်များဖြစ်သည်။

လျှောက်ထားသူများထံသို့ စာတိုက်မှတစ်ဆင့် အကြောင်းကြားစာများ ပေးပို့ထားပြီးဖြစ်၍ သိရှိလိုသည်များကို နယူးလိုက်အော့ဖ်မြန်မာသတင်းစာတိုက်၊ စီမံရေးရာဌာန ဖုန်း ၀၁-၃၉၂၂၂၅၊ ၀၁-၃၉၂၂၂၆ တို့သို့ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်း မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း။



ပညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီမှုပြုဖို့တိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်သွား



Dancers of the Trisha Brown Dance Company from the US perform during a dress rehearsal for their forthcoming show in the Edinburgh Festival, at the Playhouse in Edinburgh, Scotland on 24 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

No yawning, snacking for Shanghai cabbies

BEIJING, 24 Aug — Shanghai has banned taxi drivers from yawning and snacking on the job in a new drive to smarten up the city's cabs, just months after suggesting portable spittoons for cabbies, a Chinese newspaper reported on Friday.

But the *Beijing News* did not say what punishment the drivers would face for a careless yawn or a noisy nibble on a snack, and quoted a taxi company boss saying the rule would be hard to enforce.

Chinese taxi drivers, for instance, are already banned from smoking behind the wheel, but a casual observer would be hard pressed to tell.

Shanghai residents told the paper they thought the no-yawning rule was harsh on drivers who work shifts that can last up to 24 hours for relatively little pay.

Shanghai authorities said in January they planned to distribute 45,000 "spit sacks" to cabbies to curb the common habit of rolling down the cab window and expectorating on to the street.—MNA/Reuters



Spanish rejoneador Pablo Hermoso de Mendoza touches the head of a bull during a bullfight at the bullring of Almeria, in southern Spain late on 23 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

China to install glacier monitoring network in Antarctica

DAMXUNG (TIBET), 24 Aug — Chinese scientists are planning to install a wireless sensor network in the South Pole that will enable them to monitor Antarctic glacier changes with a click of mouse from Beijing, polar researchers said on Thursday.

The network will be installed during China's 24th Antarctic expedition scheduled for October, said Dr Cheng Xiao, a remote sensing specialist of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Cheng and 16 other potential Antarctic explorers are currently receiving a two-week field training programme

in Tibet that will equip them with survival skills on high altitudes.

He said the planned network consists of many single chip devices that will collect data from the Dome-A, 4,093 metres above the sea level and the highest point on the continent. "These white boxes, about the size of cell phones, also process and transmit data so that we can receive them from our offices in Beijing," he said.

The research programme is aimed at a continuous, and more reliable, measurement of the Antarctic glacial changes. Satellite remote sensing technol-

ogies have helped scientists create high-resolution maps of Antarctica, measure movements of the icecap, and track the melting of ice and snow on its surface.

"But the satellite data are still not reliable enough without evidences from the ground, which are difficult to get given the tough Antarctic environment for human and machines," said Cheng. Altogether 219 explorers are expected to join the forthcoming Antarctic expedition to conduct 37 scientific research projects and 10 logistic renovation projects. — MNA/Xinhua

German ministers agree to cut CO2 emissions 36% by 2020

BERLIN, 24 Aug — Germany's economy and environment ministers have agreed that Germany should reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 36 per cent by 2020 compared with the level of emissions in 1990, the environment minister said on Wednesday.

Further targets will follow, Sigmar Gabriel told reporters.

Gabriel and Economy Minister Michael Glos have found it difficult to reach an agreement on what an appropriate target for Germany's emissions reduction should be.

European Union leaders agreed earlier this

year to cut EU emissions by 20 per cent versus 1990 by 2020, or by 30 per cent if other nations followed suit. Germany is proposing a much tougher target, arousing anxieties about the impact on

economic growth.

This target to reduce greenhouse gases, blamed for global warming, is one of the items to be discussed at a German Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Actress Lohan ordered to serve one day in jail

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug — Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan was ordered to spend one day in jail and serve three years probation after pleading no contest to charges of cocaine possession and drunken driving on Thursday.

A California judge also said the 21-year-old actress, who shot to fame as a teenager in Disney movies like "Freaky Friday", must perform 10 days of community service and attend 18 months of an alcohol education programme for charges stemming from two arrests in recent months.

"It is clear to me that my life has become completely unmanageable because I am addicted to alcohol and drugs," Lohan said in a statement

after the plea deal was announced.

"Recently, I relapsed and did things for which I am ashamed.

I broke the law, and today I took responsibility."

Lohan, who is in a rehab clinic in Utah, was arrested in May after wrecking her car in Beverly Hills, and in July following a car chase in the Los Angeles area community of Santa Monica.

In both cases, Lohan possessed cocaine, but because the amounts were below .05 grammes, she faced misdemeanor charges instead of more serious felony charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office said.

MNA/Reuters



Fire fighters attempt to extinguish a forest fire in Sintra Natural Park, 40 km (25 miles) north of Lisbon, on 23 Aug, 2007. More than 379 fire fighters and 4 planes are fighting the forest fire in Sintra, National Civil Protection Authority reported. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Bochum end Hamburg’s perfect start to Bundesliga season

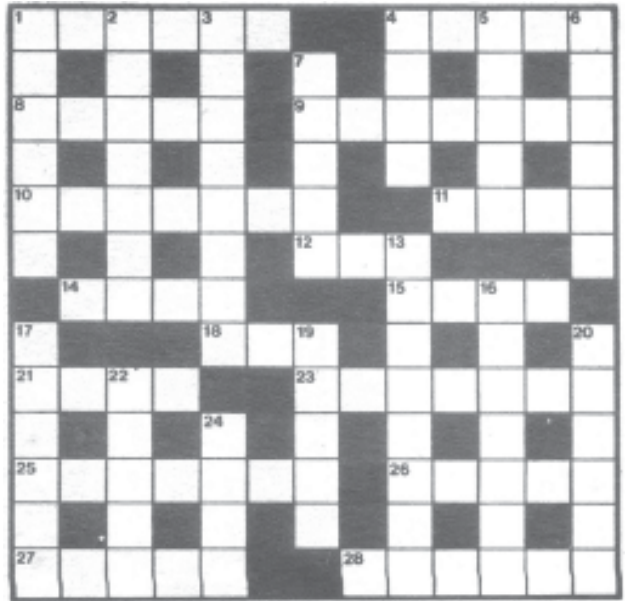
BERLIN, 25 Aug — VfL Bochum survived a late fightback from Hamburg SV to claim a 2-1 home win on Friday and maintain their unbeaten start to the Bundesliga season. Stanislav Sestak put Bochum ahead at the end of the first half and Hamburg hopes of a third straight win were further hit when Vincent Kompany was sent off with half an hour to go.

Daniel Imhof doubled the Bochum lead with a long-range blast in the 83rd minute before a Rafael van der Vaart penalty three minutes later gave Hamburg brief hope of a rescue act. Victory for Bochum took them into provisional top spot with seven points from three games. Bayern Munich are second with six points from two.— MNA/Reuters



Athletes compete during the men’s K2 500m heats at Good Luck Beijing 2007 Canoe/Kayak Open in the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park of Beijing, on 23 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS
- 1 Pudding courses
- 4 South African antelope
- 8 Wild West show
- 9 Captivate
- 10 African stork
- 11 Unemployed
- 12 Steal
- 14 Average
- 15 Inland body of water
- 18 Consume
- 21 Source of light
- 23 Disease caused by deficiency of vitamin B
- 25 Devilish
- 26 Bowed instrument
- 27 Giant
- 28 Harpsichord-like instrument
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- 1 Edible crustacean
- 2 Write on the back of
- 3 Modern sackbut
- 4 Simple
- 5 Prize
- 6 More profound
- 7 Thigh-bone
- 13 Warbler
- 16 Russian government building
- 17 Small private room
- 19 Lorry
- 20 Lady’s attendant
- 22 Choral work
- 24 Soon

Agent says Manchester United target Berbatov

SOFIA, 25 Aug — Premier League champions Manchester United are interested in signing Tottenham Hotspur striker Dimitar Berbatov, the player’s agent said on Friday. “We had a 90-minute meeting with Tottenham’s chairman Daniel Levy and with sporting director Damien Comolli over Dimitar’s future,” Emil Danchev told Bulgarian Darik radio.

“They informed us that there’s a query from Manchester United about the possibility of Berbatov joining them.”

The 26-year-old Bulgaria captain scored 12 league goals during the 2006-07 season after joining Spurs from Bayer Leverkusen.

“They (Tottenham bosses) let us believe that they want Dimitar to stay for another season because they have ambitions to finish among top four teams in the Premiership but... they told us they’ll have a meeting in the next day or two to decide his future.”

MNA/Reuters

Kenyan Kibet wins first Osaka gold in marathon

OSAKA (Japan), 25 Aug — Luke Kibet ended Kenya’s 20-year wait for a men’s world marathon title with a comfortable victory in the first event of the 11th world championships on Saturday.

The 24-year-old prison guard overcame searing heat and high humidity to clinch gold in two hours, 15 minutes and 59 seconds. Kenyan-born Qatari Mubarak Hassan Shami was second, more than a minute behind, and Swiss Viktor Rothlin finished third.

Kibet made his move after 90 minutes on the road, breaking free of compatriot William Kiplagat, Shami and Eritrean Yared Asmarom in the leading group.

MNA/Reuters



Princess Alexandra, daughter of Luxembourg’s Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa, aims a sport rifle during a visit to the ‘International Paralympic Day 2007’ (IPD) in Berlin on 23 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Robben determined to prove worth at Real Madrid

MADRID, 25 Aug — Dutch winger Arjen Robben said he felt honoured to be one of the most expensive players to join Real Madrid after completing a 36-million-euro (48.80-million-US-dollar) move from Chelsea to the Spanish champions.

“Firstly, I know it is a lot of money they have paid, but it shows the interest they had in getting me here,” Robben told a news conference on Thursday after signing a five-year contract.

“They showed they were ready to do everything to get me here.”

Robben, the fourth most expensive signing in the club’s history behind “Galacticos” Zinedine Zidane, Luis Figo and Ronaldo, was welcomed by some 3,000 fans at the Bernabeu.— MNA/Reuters



Tennis player Jelena Jankovic, of Serbia, signs autographs after giving tips to students at the Reebok Urban Youth Tennis Academy, on 24 Aug, 2007, in New York’s Central Park, which is a free program run by the City Parks Foundation. Jankovic will be playing at the US Open starting on 27 Aug in New York.—INTERNET

Son inspires Carter to Dutch Open lead

ZANDVOORT (Netherlands), 25 Aug — Britain’s David Carter attributed the influence of his four-year-old son for helping him to a two-shot lead at the halfway stage of the Dutch Open on Friday.

A second successive five-under 65 put Carter on 10-under 130, two ahead of New Zealand’s Steve Alker, Dutchman Joost Luiten and Swede Alex Noren.

“My career has spiralled downwards and you need to be inspired to succeed,” Carter told reporters. “Last week my four-year-old son Leo watched me for three rounds with his mum (at the Scandinavian Masters) and that gave me inspiration.

MNA/Reuters

Beckham unable to lift Galaxy in 3-0 defeat

CARSON (California), 25 Aug — The globe-trotting David Beckham was unable to prevent Los Angeles Galaxy from losing their Major League Soccer (MLS) match 3-0 to Chivas USA on Thursday.

A day after playing the full 90 minutes for England in a 2-1 friendly defeat by Germany in London, Beckham was on the pitch throughout as the Galaxy slipped to their ninth defeat in 17 MLS games. Chivas striker Maykel Galindo opened the scoring in the 59th minute, sliding the ball past Galaxy goalkeeper Joe Cannon after pouncing on a defensive blunder by Kyle Veris.

Ten minutes later, defender Francisco Mendoza set up Galindo for his second goal, and 10th of the season, with a pinpoint pass that split the Galaxy defence from the right.

Mendoza made it 3-0 with a perfectly weighted left-footed shot in the 88th minute, with Cannon stranded, to put the gloss on Chivas’ 10th win of their MLS campaign.

MNA/Reuters



Formula 2 driver Andy Soucek of Spain protects himself from the sun as he arrives at the pit stop for the free practise session at Istanbul Park race track in Istanbul on 24 Aug, 2007. Turkish F1 Grand Prix will be held in Istanbul on Sunday.—INTERNET

Reacting to Bush speech, Vietnam focuses on present

HANOI, 25 Aug — Vietnamese fought for “a righteous cause” during the US war but preferred to focus on the present, a government spokesman said on Thursday in reaction to President George W Bush’s speech comparing the Iraq and Vietnam conflicts.

“The war leaves consequences that are still visible today, and so are our memories,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Le Dung said at one of his twice-monthly media briefings. “But as a nation

with a tradition that treasures peace, we are determined to not forget the past but value the present and look forward to a better future with other countries including the United States.”

Dung was asked to comment on a speech by Bush on Wednesday in which he argued for American perseverance in Iraq by placing the unpopular war in the historical context of US

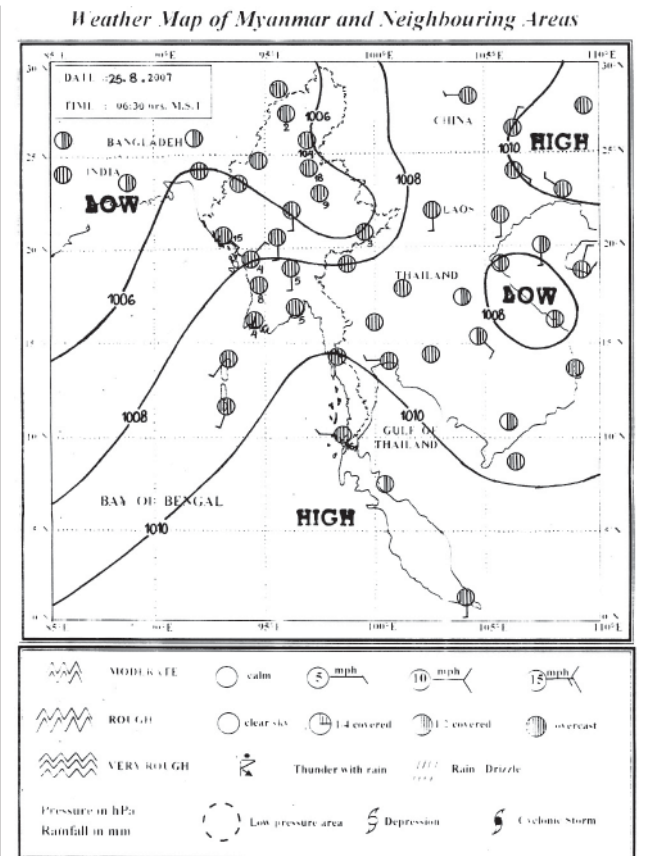
experiences in Japan, South Korea and Vietnam. Bush delivered the speech on Wednesday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kansas City, Missouri.

Some historians, analysts and Bush Administration critics said Bush missed the mark by suggesting that if US forces had stayed longer in Vietnam in the 1970s, there would have been less killing or a different outcome.

MNA/Reuters



Men from Lucerne in traditional uniform stand in a row during the opening ceremony of the Federal Alpine Wrestling Festival (Eidgenössisches Schwing- und Aelplerfest) in Aarau Switzerland on 24 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 25 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayin State, Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States and Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Myitkyina (4.18) inches, Kyauktaw (3.46) inches, Phamo (2.44) inches, Taungtwingyi (1.93) inches and Moekok (1.82) inches and Mindat (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-8-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 25-8-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-8-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 24-8-2007 was (0.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-8-2007 was (0.23) inch at Mingaladon, (0.19) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (93.38) inches at Mingaladon, (96.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (96.26) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South-west at (17:20) hours MST on 24-8-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Rakhine, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-8-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 26 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာ ရှင်ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:20 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. Say it in English

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. Myanmar Movie: “ကြည်ဖြာ” (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေဝင်းမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြီးမြင့်)

1:35 pm

5. သတိပြုစရာ သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ (အပိုင်း-၂)

1:50 pm

6. သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်

2:05 pm

7. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

2:15 pm

8. Musical programme

2:30 pm

9. စွမ်းဆောင်မှုမှတ်တင်ထား သူရဲအမည်ချင်းတွင်းသား

2:45 pm

10. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

4:50 pm

4. Song of national races

5:00 pm

5. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာ နိုင်ကြ ရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာ-၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)

5:10 pm

6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပြဇာတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲဆွေးနွေးခန်း) (အပိုင်း-၂)

5:25 pm

7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. သီရိဇောဟာ

7:00 pm

11. ကြံတောင်သူတွေ ဝင်ငွေသုံးဆုတိုးဖို့ ဆင်းရွှေလီကြံစိုက်ကြဖို့ (အပိုင်း-၁)

7:10 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်” (အပိုင်း-၅၅)

8:00 pm

11. News
12. International news
13. Weather report
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာနောင်ကြိုး” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
15. The next day's programme

Commander attends concluding of monsoon paddy cultivation, releasing of fish, broadcasting of fertilizers and weeding

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the concluding of monsoon paddy cultivation, releasing of fish into paddy fields, broadcasting of fertilizers and weeding at Mwayyoelay Agricultural Farm in Khayankaing Village-tract in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township this morning.

The commander instructed officials to cultivate quality strains of paddy and release fish into the paddy fields. Next, the commander and those present put fish into the paddy field of farmer U Tin Aye. Afterwards, departmental personnel and local farmers broadcast fertilizer into the paddy fields.

At the ceremony, they set 40,000 fingerlings free into the paddy fields.

The commander viewed preparations for growing paddy at the farm near Yanaungmyin Village-tract.

Five acres each of sample quality paddy strain are being cultivated in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin puts fingerlings into a paddy field at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township. — MNA

23rd Gems and Jade sales 2007 conclude

YANGON, 25 Aug — The final day of the 23rd Gems and Jade Sales 2007 organized by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited was held at the Gems Emporium Hall on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning, attended by Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than UMEHL and members of the board of directors, local and foreign gem merchants.

First, inspection teams examined the bargain forms of the merchants. A total of 404 jade lots were sold out today. Members of the



Maj-Gen Win Than and members of the board of directors view sales of gems and jade lots at 23rd Gems and Jade Sales 2007.

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board of directors presented gifts to those who bought the jade lots at maximum prices.— MNA

Flood Bulletin

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According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1098) cm is exceeded (28) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

39TH MERDEKA TOURNAMENT

Yan Paing's single goal sends Defending Champion Myanmar into semifinal

YANGON, 25 Aug — The 39th Merdeka Football Tournament continued in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at 7.30 pm Malaysian Standard Time today.

In playing the last match of the Group (A), Defending Champion Myanmar National Football Team hammered Laos Team with the single winning goal of Yan Paing in the first half.

Myanmar cruised to the semifinal with nine points in three wins staying at the first position of the group.

On 27 August, Myanmar will compete against Zimbabwe in the first semifinal at 5 pm MST. — MNA