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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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives UN Humanitarian Chief and party

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Under Secretary-General for UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes and party at the hall of the Government Office, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin and Deputy Director-General U Thant Kyaw of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives the delegation led by Under Secretary-General for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes.—MNA

The Under Secretary-General for UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and party were accompanied by UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow Parajuli, UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Danial B Baker, Resident Head of OCHA Mr Thierry Delbreuve and officials.—*MNA*

Fishing nets stockpiled in Ohnbin Village of Pyapon Township.
MNA

Medical teams leave for Bogale, Labutta Townships

YANGON, 24 July—Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, health care services are being provided to storm victims. Two medical teams comprising specialists, assistant surgeons, house surgeons and nurses left Yangon General Hospital for Bogale and Labutta townships in Ayeyawady division this morning.

Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint of Department of Health and officials provided them with medicines and medical equipment and gave necessary instructions.

The 14-member medical team, led by physician Dr That Ngwe Oo of Yangon General Hospital, bound for Bogale Township, included pediatricans, gynaecologists, surgeons, anesthesiologists, assistant surgeons, house surgeons and nurses. Another 11-member medical team, led by physician Dr Aye Aye San of North Okklapa General Hospital, bound for Labutta township, included surgeons, pediatricans, anesthesiologists, assistant surgeons, house surgeons and nurses.—*MNA*

PERSPECTIVES

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Grow rubber on a wider scale

Rubber is a raw material widely used in industries. Now, production and sale of personal goods made from rubber and chemicals in combination is on the increase, so rubber is in demand in the international market.

Being blessed with a temperate climate and fertile soil, Myanmar is a land where various crops thrive. Mon State has engaged in rubber farming for many years. With the favourable climate and soil and high rainfall, it stands as the largest rubber producing region in Myanmar.

Apart from Mon State, rubber grows well in Taninthayi Division, Kachin, Kayin and Shan states. These regions are now working hard to transform the growing of rubber from a small scale to a commercial scale.

In 2007-2008 financial year, states and divisions put 900,000 acres under rubber and produced more than 80,000 tons. The government is pursuing the target of increasing rubber sown acreage to over 200,000 acres in 2008-2009.

The largest rubber markets of Asia are China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and India. Climate changes had adverse effect on the rubber farming of south-east Asia, thus resulting in a growing demand for and increasing price of rubber.

Myanmar's rubber has gained a foothold in neighbouring countries since they are purchasing it at high prices. Therefore, national farmers and entrepreneurs should grow rubber on a larger scale in the interests of the nation and their own.

International Literacy Day commemorative article contest to be held

YANGON, 24 July — An open article contest will be held to mark the International Literacy Day which falls on 8 September, 2008.

Anyone can take part in the article contest entitled" To build Modern and Developed Nation through Education". The article must have at leat 3000 words and no more than 4000 words.

It will be written down clearly on the one page of A4 size paper. The two copies of manuscripts, CV and three licence size coloured photos must be sent to Daw Khin Myo Myint Kyu, Director of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, No 426, Pyay Road in Kamayut Township not later than 22 August.

For more information, dial 503975 and 537798.— *MNA*

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**

***ROBES DONATED:** President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and party offer Waso robes to Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ratthasara of Mingalayama Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Botahtaung and members of the Sangha at UMFCCI Building in Lanmadaw Township on 24 July.*—UMFCCI

Preventive measures against DHF taken in Hline Tsp

YANGON, 23 July – Under the cooperative programme of the Department of Health and Yangon City Development Committee, a mass activity on preventive measures against Dengue Haermorrahgic Fever took place in Hline Township this morning.

Vice-Chairman of YCDC Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected preventive measures against DHF in Hline Township. At the office of Township Development Affairs Committee, officials briefed the Vice-Mayor on monthly and yearly outbreaks of DHF and progress in taking preventive measures against DHF. After hearing the reports, the Vice-Mayor gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Vice-Mayor inspected progress in taking preventive measures against DHF, and demonstration and educative talks on DHF. Similar activities were undertaken at the same time in Thingangyun, Hlinethaya, Pazundaung and Mayangon Townships.

MNA

Level "O" Cricket Coaching Course closing ceremony organized

YANGON, 24 July— Under the supervision of Myanmar Olympic Committee, Level. O.Cricket Coaching Course, jointly conduted by Myanmar Cricket Federation and Asian Cricket Council concluded at National Football Training Ground in Thuwunna, here, this morning, attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, Chairperson of Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and committee members, President of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Nyunt Win, Vice-Presidents U Kyaw Kyaw and U Maung Maung and executives and guests. First, on behalf of Minister for Sports, Director-General U Thaung Htaik made a speech on the occasion and ACC Developing Officer Mr. Aminul Islam spoke words of thanks. The ACC Developing Officer presented gift to the directorgeneral.

Next, the director-general presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Afterwards, the ACC Developing Officer presented cricket sport gear to officials.

The president of MCF presented cash awards to Myanmar Cricket selected player Htoo Naung Thaw Zin.

MNA

Fibre fishing boats seen before being handed over to local fishermen in Kangyipaing Ward of Kungyangon Township.—MNA

Bhutan king to be crowned

King Jigme Khesar Namgyel.
INTERNET

THIMPHU, 24 July—A date has been announced in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan for the long awaited coronation of King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

He took over after his father abdicated in 2006 as part of moves towards a constitutional monarchy.

But officials say his formal coronation was postponed until elections to Parliament were completed.

It will be held on 6 November which falls in what is known in Bhutan as the month of the earth male rat.

The coronation will be the culmination of an eventful year.

In 2008 the country formally became a constitutional monarchy and the king relinquished his absolute powers.

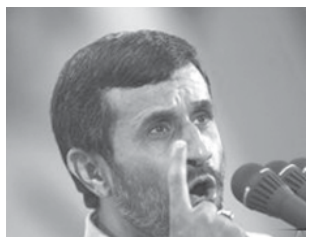
Announcing the date for the "historic occasion", Prime Minister Lyonchhen Jigmi Y Thinley said three enlightened astrologers had jointly proposed 6 November as the most auspicious date for the coronation.

He said that the king had also agreed to the date.

Internet

Iran vows no nuclear concessions

YASOUJ (Iran), 24 July—Iran will not "retreat one iota" in its nuclear activities, its president says, in his first reaction to a new call for Tehran to end uranium enrichment.



President Ahmadinejad.
INTERNET

Envoys from the US, EU and UN asked Iran to give an answer within two weeks or face possible new sanctions.

"The Iranian people are steadfast," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said.

They "will not retreat one iota in the face of oppressing powers," he said in the televised speech made to thousands of supporters in the southern town of Yasouj.

He also praised US participation in the Geneva talks, describing it as a "positive step forward" towards recognizing Iran's right to acquire nuclear technology. Iran says its nuclear programme is for entirely peaceful purposes, while the US and its allies believe it could be used to develop a nuclear weapon.

Internet

Protester glues himself to British PM

LONDON, 24 July — A protester who wanted his message to stick managed to superglue himself to the British prime minister Tuesday evening.

Dan Glass was at 10 Downing Street to receive a charity's award for his work on transportation issues when he staged the unusual protest.

Just before Prime Minister Gordon Brown presented him with the award, Glass squirted superglue in the palm of his left hand. He shook Brown's right hand and then grabbed the prime minister's sleeve.

"I've just superglued myself to your arm," Glass said he told Brown. "Don't panic. This is a non-violent protest." Glass is affiliated with the group Plane Stupid, which campaigns against airport expansion and climate change. He said he acted to protest Brown's "hypocrisy" on the issues.

"He can shake off my arm, but he cannot shake away climate change," he added.—*Internet*

Mexican soldiers make last-minute rescues as Hurricane Dolly hits coast

A man rides his bicycle as Hurricane Dolly makes landfall in Matamoros, Mexico.
INTERNET

MATAMOROS (Mexico), 24 July— Mexican soldiers made a last-minute attempt to rescue people at the mouth of the Rio Grande early Wednesday as Hurricane Dolly's leading edge hit the Gulf coast.

Matamoros spokeswoman Leticia Montalvo said soldiers battled storm-charged waves in an inflatable raft to rescue at least one family trapped in a home at the mouth of the Rio Grande, while others further inland were still refusing to go to government shelters.

"These are people who did not want to leave, and now they are in trouble. We don't have much information," Montalvo said. Officials also cut electricity to the city of Matamoros, fearing downed power lines could electrocute people. Trees were already being blown down by the storm's winds.

Dolly became a Category 2 hurricane as it neared land. Forecasters warned it could dump up to 15 inches of rain, causing flooding and possibly breaching levees along the Rio Grande.

Internet

German motorist crashes gate where Obama to speak

BERLIN, 24 July— German police detained a motorist on Wednesday who crashed through barricades set up at monument where Barack Obama will hold a speech on Thursday and dumped red paint from his speeding car.

Police said the 40-year-old man was overpowered by security officials who first tried in vain to used metal rods to bring his car to a halt at the spot where the US Democratic candidate for president will speak on Thursday afternoon.

The man was turned over to police and taken into custody for questioning. The car was searched for explosives. No one was injured.

"We don't yet know what his motives were but it does not appear to have had anything to do with politics," said Berlin police spokesman Bernhard Schodrowski. "That's all under investigation and he is still in detention being questioned."—*Internet*

Somalia militant warns of war

MOGADISHU, 24 July— An Islamist leader in Somalia says he will step up an insurgency against his country's government after taking control of an opposition alliance.

Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys said that he wants to oust the Ethiopian forces protecting Somalia's weak transitional government.

He made the comments after claiming control of the exiled Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia (ARS).

He said he had replaced Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed as leader.

***Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys.—*INTERNET**

Mr Aweys said a ceasefire agreement with the Somali government signed by Mr Ahmed had no effect.

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) has warned that the current fighting threatens to wreck all efforts to resolve a humanitarian emergency that could soon rival Somalia's famine in the early 1990s.

According to one estimate, more than 8,000 civilians have been killed and one million forced from their homes since the start of last year by fighting between the interim government and Islamist insurgents.—*Internet*

Talabani denounces election law

BAGHDAD, 24 July— Iraq's president has denounced a draft law paving the way for provincial elections, after MPs adopted it despite a walkout by the Kurdish bloc.

President Jalal Talabani, who is himself Kurd, says he is confident the three-member presidential council which he chairs will not approve it.

Mr Talabani said he could not agree to a law approved by only 127 out of 275 MPs and he wanted it reconsidered.

Elections were scheduled for 1 October but are now likely to be delayed.

This would be a blow to the outgoing US administration of President George W Bush, which sees the elections as a key step to national reconciliation between Iraq's divided communities.

***Mr Talabani, a Kurd, chairs a council with Shia and Sunni vice-presidents.—*INTERNET**

The parliament's 54-member Kurdish bloc and some Shia MPs boycotted the vote.

Internet

Death-faking Brit's wife guilty of fraud

LONDON, 24 July— A British jury on Wednesday convicted the wife of a man who faked his own death in a 250,000-pound ($500,000) insurance scam.

Anne Darwin was found guilty of six counts of fraud and nine counts of money laundering after a seven-day trial at a court in northern England.

Darwin, 56, acknowledged that she had helped her husband John stage his death in an apparent canoe accident in 2002 to collect pension and insurance payments.

But she insisted she had been coerced.

John Darwin was declared dead in 2003, the year after he was reported missing after going for a paddle in the North Sea near his home in northeast England.

Prosecutors said the couple kept the truth that he was alive secret even from their two adult sons while they planned to start a new life together in Panama. The plot began to unravel last December when Darwin walked into a London police station claiming to have amnesia.

Tracked down in Panama City, Anne confessed her husband had faked his death because he was deeply in debt.

John Darwin, 57, pleaded guilty in March to deception and fraud.

The couple will be sentenced later Wednesday. —*Internet*

Oil prices continue to tumble

VIENNA (Austria), 24 July—Oil prices slipped further Wednesday after tumbling more than $3 a barrel in the previous day's session as a hurricane looked likely to spare key oil installations in the US Gulf of Mexico.

Anne Darwin, wife of the man who turned up very much alive after being presumed dead for five years, leaves the police station at Manchester Airport, Manchester, England, on 7 Dec, 2007, after being arrested on her return to the country from Panama.—INTERNET

Feeding bearish senti-ment were expectations that US oil supply data to be released later in the day would show a rise in gasoline stocks amid weakening demand in the world's largest energy consumer.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery fell $1.56 to $126.86 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange by midday ET.

An overnight sell-off dragged oil prices to their lowest level since early June and was crude's fifth decline in the last six sessions. The drop offered further evidence that investors are now quickly pulling money out of the market, after driving prices to a record above $147 only a week and a half ago. It was also a reminder that, with traders for the moment turning bearish, the absence of major news can push the market down — just as incremental supply concerns previously drove prices sharply higher.

Internet

Nigeria oil giant 'paid rebels'

ABUJA (Nigeria), 24 July—The head of Nigeria's national oil company has said it paid millions of dollars to militants to protect the country's oil infrastructure.

Abubakar Yar'Adua of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) made the comments to a national assembly committee.

He later said he had been misunderstood, and that no money was paid to the rebels. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (Mend) issued a statement claiming they had nothing to do with the alleged deal.

It has long been believed that militants are paid to protect oil infrastructure.—INTERNET

"To prove we were not part of the deal, the Chanomic Creek pipeline and other major pipelines will be destroyed within the next 30 days," the group said in an e-mail sent to journalists.

On Wednesday, public hearings began in a previously scheduled national assembly investigation into corruption in the petroleum sector.

It was the first time the NNPC had appeared to acknowledge paying militants.—*Internet*

Wildfire shuts highway into Athens

ATHENS, 24 July — A forest fire north of Athens sent residents fleeing from their homes and closed a main highway into the Greek capital before it was brought under control on Wednesday, officials said.

Seven aircraft and 25 fire trucks fought the blaze, which reached the gardens of houses in Kryoneri, on the outskirts of Athens, reviving memories of deadly forest fires which swept Greece last year.

Police officials said no houses had been burnt and the fire, which raged unchecked for several hours fanned by strong winds, was finally brought under control in the evening.

State television showed the main national highway into northeast Athens empty of vehicles, as orange flames licked through the brush and grey smoke swept across the road.—*Internet*

A fire fighting helicopter drops water on a forest fire near the village of Markopoulo, northeast of Athens.—INTERNET

Detroit Mayor accused of lying about other affairs

Charges were amended against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick after he reportedly sent texts to other women.—INTERNET

DETROIT (Michigan), 24 July—Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is now charged with exchanging romantic text messages with additional women in the scandal that has him fighting allegations that he lied under oath about an intimate relationship with his former chief of staff.

An investigator"s report says the Wayne County prosecutor's office has determined that Kilpatrick sent and received text messages with "intimate or romantic content" to several women who were not his wife or former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty.

The misconduct-in-office charge alleges that Kilpatrick authorized the city to prevent the release of text messages containing intimate or romantic messages to women other than his wife or Beatty.

The amended perjury charge accuses Kilpatrick of lying under oath about romantic or sexual relationships with Beatty "and or other persons not his wife." The charges against Beatty were not changed.

Internet

Colombian stadium collapse during bullfight injures 80

BOGOTA, 24 July—At least 80 people were injured during a bullfight in Colombia when stands in an overcrowded stadium collapsed underneath the crowd. Some 500 spectators screamed in panic and scrambled for safety as, following the collapse, the bull charged towards crowds at the stadium in Planadas, in the south of the country.

Two men dressed as clowns tried to distract the bull and tempt it away from the mass of people before others joined them in trying to pin it down.

The dramatic events at the annual fiesta were caught live on television and an investigation into how it happened has been launched.

Edna Patricia Guzman, one of the injured spectators, said the venue was packed and over capacity.

"The bullfighting ring was full and the organizers kept letting more people come, so it was a very strong fall," she said.

Internet

*A train leaves the platform at a subway station in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 July, 2008. More citizens and visitors in Beijing have taken the subway since 20 July when the city imposed controls to halve the number of vehicles on the roads for the Olympic Games, to be opened on 8 August. —*XINHUA

Chrysler to cut 1,000 jobs; liquidity unchanged

DETROIT, 24 July—Chrysler LLC said on Wednesday it plans to cut 1,000 white-collar jobs by the end of September to slash costs and survive a deep industry downturn.

The privately held automaker, controlled by Cerberus Capital Management, also said its liquidity position through June was unchanged from December "as a result of aggressive programs to reduce working capital, the sale of non-core assets, and volume-related manufacturing reductions."

Liquidity concerns for Chrysler have been rising as evidence grows that the downturn in US auto sales that began earlier this year has accelerated in the face of record gas prices and a consumer defection from trucks and SUVs.

Chrysler, which lost $1.6 billion in 2007, has said it ended the year with $9 billion in cash.

Chrysler employees were informed of the latest job cuts through a staff memo sent by Nancy Rae, Chrysler's chief spokeswoman and head of human resources.

"To respond to the current market conditions, an incremental manpower reduction of 1,000 salaried employees by 30September , 2008, will be required," Rae said in the memo, according to a company spokesman.—*Internet*

US says Arctic holds 90 billion barrels of oil

WASHINGTON, 24 July —The area north of the Arctic Circle has an estimated 90 billion barrels of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil, according to a new assessment posted Wednesday at the official website of The US Geological Survey (USGS).

Also among the Artic bonanza are 1,670 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas and 44 billion barrels of technically recoverable natural gas liquids, says the USGS assessment.

There natural resources are distributed in 25 geologically defined areas thought to have potential for petroleum, according to the assessment, which is the first publicly available petroleum resource estimate of the entire area north of the Arctic Circle.

These resources account for about 22 percent of the undiscovered, technically recoverable resources in the world.

The Arctic accounts for about 13 percent of the undiscovered oil, 30 percent of the undiscovered natural gas, and 20 percent of the undiscovered natural gas liquids in the world.

About 84 percent of the estimated resources are expected to occur offshore.

"Before we can make decisions about our future use of oil and gas and related decisions about protecting endangered species, native communities and the health of our planet, we need to know what's out there,' said USGS Director Mark Myers.

Internet

Toyota outsells GM worldwide in first half

DETROIT, 24 July—General Motors Corp, pummeled by falling US sales and high gas prices, lost the global sales lead to Toyota Motor Corp in the first half of this year, but the churning market makes it difficult to predict which automaker will end the year on top.

Toyota sold 4,817,941 vehicles globally during the first six months of the year, company spokesman Hideaki Homma said Wednesday, beating GM by 277,532 vehicles. Toyota said its global sales rose 2 percent from the same period the year before, while GM's sales fell 3 percent.

It's the second time Toyota has beaten GM in sales in the first half of the year. In 2007, Toyota outsold GM by about 50,000 vehicles, although GM eked out a win for the full year, retaining its 77-year position as the world's largest automaker by sales.

*Visitors look at Toyota 'Lexus' displayed at the Toyota Motor Corp's showroom Toyota Mega Web in Tokyo on 23 July, 2008. Toyota sold more than 4.8 million vehicles worldwide in the first half, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier, the Japanese automaker said.—*INTERNET

Toyota didn't release regional sales totals, but the weakened US market appeared to be the biggest battleground. With its reputation for small, fuel-efficient cars and less exposure to the plummeting truck and SUV market, Toyota's US sales fell 6 percent, compared with a 16 percent drop for GM. Industrywide sales fell 10 percent.

Internet

Latin America's NII Holdings 2Q profit up 85%

BEIJING, 24 July —Latin American business wireless service provider NII Holdings Inc said Wednesday its profit grew 85 percent in the second quarter because of subscription growth, beating *Wall Street* expectations.

NII reported net income of 155.2 million US dollars, or 88 cents per share, compared with 84.1 million dollars, or 47 cents per share, in the year-ago period. Revenue rose 40 percent to 1.1 billion dollars, from 787 million dollars in the second quarter of 2007.

Revenue from digital handsets and accessories more than doubled during the period to 61 million dollars.

Internet

CIRC allows 2 more commercial banks to sell insurance policies

BEIJING, 24 July—The Bank of China and China Minsheng Banking Corp have been given go-ahead to sell insurance policies, the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) confirmed on Thursday.

The two commercial banks join the mainland's Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and China Construction Bank, and Hong Kong's Hangseng Bank and Bank of East Asia on the list of banks providing insurance.

Insurance premiums through bancassurance channels grew 153 percent in the first half, accounting for more than half of the total premiums from life insurance.

Internet

China Export-Import Bank to finance three Indonesian power plant projects

JAKARTA, 24 July — The China Import-Export Bank is financing three projects of steam power plant in several provincial areas in Java Island, Indonesia.

"Negotiation with the bank will be in the final phase of the projects. Contract is expected to be signed next month," the *Indonesian Business* daily Thursday quoted the commissioner of the state owned power company (PLN) Alhilal Hamdi, as saying.

The three projects will be located, one in East Java and two in West Java, with a capacity of 2x330 MW and 2x315 MW respectively.

Term and condition of the loan, obtained from the bank is similar with the previous power plant in Indramayu West Java (170 km from Jakarta).

Internet

China's evening TV news program has received an unexpected spectator recently — a tortoise who seems to be crazy about the anchorman's voice.
INTERNET

Restoration of Myanmar's fishery industry

Ko San (Set Hmu)

Being located in a strategic area of south-east Asia with a coast stretching more than 1300 miles, Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Conserving the environment and waters, the nation had led a peaceful life for hundreds of years without any severe natural disasters.

Towards the end of April 2008, the low pressure area in the Andaman Sea intensified into a weak storm, then a cyclone, and then a severe cyclone. In the past, such a storm used to move towards the northwards or northwestwards to neighbouring countreis and weaken slowly. However, due to the consequences of the world's environmental deterioration such as greenhouse effect and global warming, the storm 'Nargis' occurred, ravaging Hainggyigyun in Ayeyawady Division, then southern Ayeyawady delta, and Yangon Division on 2 May and Bago Division and Mon and Kayin states on 3 May. Only on 4 May afternoon, did the catastrophe enter Thailand and abate.

The natural disaster devastated Myanmar that had never faced such a severe storm before. According to the statistics stated in the news, the disaster left 84,537 people dead, 53,836 missing, and caused heavy damage to a large number of religious buildings, schools, hospitals, water crafts, crop plantations, forests and foodstuff and killed animals.

The majority of local people of the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions were farmers and fishermen. In addition, thousands of trawlers with fishing nets and engineless fishing boats were sunk. A large number of fish and prawn breeding ponds were also destroyed.

Ayeyawady Division satisfied local demand of fish, prawn and crab and earned a lot of foreign exchange through its abundant supply. Being the maritime port with a large number of cold storages, Yangon plays a major role in the trade of marine products. The two regions were hit hard by the storm. The value of Myanmar's trade of marine products was 466 million US dollars in 2006-2007 and 560 million US dollars in 2007-2008. The target for 2008-2009 fiscal year is 850 million US dollars. It was in the early May, Myanmar came under the strike of the storm. Therefore, all the attempts to achieve the target were disrupted in the first step. Myanmar's fishery industry has a long way to go in various fields in order to return to normal.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee held an emergency meeting under the leadership of Prime Minister General Thein Sein at 8.30 am on 3 May. Duties were assigned to respective subcommittees for relief and resettlement of the storm-hit areas and survivors. At that time, the natural disaster was still raging. The meeting reflected the genuine goodwill of the State leaders for the people. Soon after that, rescue tasks were launched with the supplies of the government, the people, the Tatmadaw, NGOs and international donors.

Under the motto **"Every survivor must continue to survive"** of the Prime Minister, respective departments and organizations began to take emergency rescue measures immediately, and opened relief camps in various storm-affected areas. Now, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee is building durable houses with the contribution of the government and local donors for enabling the victims in temporary shelters and in the relief camps to resettle down in their home places. At the same time, they are providing draught cattle, paddy seeds, power-tillers and fuel for farmers and fishing nets, fishing boats under the guidance of the Head of State for them to restore their businesses.

The most important things for fishermen are fishing boats and fishing nets. Victim fishermen said that they would restore their businesses the same day on which they were provided with fishing gear. Local fishermen would not like to do anything except fishery business to earn money. They can earn incomes through fishing as long as there exist the rivers and creeks. If so, they can buy all what they need. The problem was that they had not got fishing equipment yet. They welcomed the news that the government would give them fishing boats and nets on credit. They pledged they would settle the loans as soon as the time was ripe. There is a bright future for them. The government laid down that programme with the aim of improving the living conditions of fishermen. The Head of State gave guidance to provide motorized fishing boats instead of engineless ones. Fishermen were happy with that. In the past, they caught fish, rowing their boats.

A survey was conducted with the contribution of young volunteers to identify the exact number of fishermen of storm-ravaged areas and their requirements. Many groups made trips to Pyapon, Bogale, Dedaye, Labutta, Ngapudaw, Hainggyigyun and Mawlamyinegyun in Ayeyawady Division and Twantay, Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Kyauktan and Kayan in Yangon Division to find out approximate number.

Under the arrangements of the government, the Ministry of Forestry provided timber, which was then sawn at the State-owned and private-owned sawmills to build fishing boats. Some of the sawmills provided free services.

Experts and carpenters from various states and divisions were then mobilized and boat yards were opened. Each boat yard was under the supervision of the state/division Fisheries Department concerned. The number and measurement of fishing boats were fixed. A fishing boat is 21 feet long with a 6.5-HP petrol engine. The work has been launched in Yangon, Pyapon, Einme, Labutta, Mawlamyine, Bogale, Myaungmya and Pathein since 15 June. In the programme, modern equipment was used to complete the building of fishing boats on schedule. So far, thousands of fishing boats have been built. Officials concerned are supervising the tasks day in, day out for timely completion.

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Boats and engines to be distributed to storm survivors in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Restoration of Myanmar's fishery industry

Ko San (Set Hmu)

(from page 6)

Progress of building fishing boats from 15-6-2008 to 10-7-2008

Sr	Township	Target	Progress
1.	Ngapudaw (Pathein)	1000	302
2.	Labutta	3000	239
3.	Mawlamyinegyun	1000	94
4.	Pyapon	1000	368
5.	Bogale	1000	270
6.	Myaungmya	1000	510
7.	Einme	500	155
8.	Yangon	1000	90
	Total	9500	2028

In the meantime, necessary fishing equipment was bought at home and imported. The brands of fishing gear were various because of different geographical features. Now, all the purchased equipment has been transported to the township concerned.

The newly-built fishing boats and fishing nets have been handed over to officials of the storm-hit townships at the ceremonies. The ceremonies took place at Kyaukhmaw Village in Labutta Township on 30 June, in Ngapudaw Township, Pyin District, and Ohnpin Village in Pyapon Township on 1 July, in Mawlamyinegyun and Bogale on 7 July, and in Kungyangon and Dedaye on 8 July.

Progress of handing over fishing boats up to 8-7-2008

Sr	Date	Township	Number
1.	30-6-2008	Labutta	226
2.	1-7-2008	Ngapudaw	137
3.	1-7-2008	Pyapon	205
4.	7-7-2008	Bogale	180
5.	7-7-2008	Mawlamyinegyun	150
6.	8-7-2008	Kungyangon	65
7.	8-7-2008	Dedaye	144
		Total	1107

In the past, the related ministry gave permission to entrepreneurs to run the lakes in Pyapon, Bogale, Dedaye, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Ngapudaw and Kungyangon townships only after they had paid all the fees. However, now they can pay through three instalments: the first in July, the second in October, and the third in December. Moreover, Taxes on fishing have been cut by 50 per cent on entrepreneurs who have got permits through tender system.

Fishing gear for fishermen of storm-hit regions.

Fishermen have been allowed to fish in the common waters from June to August without paying taxes for equipment. They will have to pay taxes commencing September. Lakes and places where fish abound were not destroyed, but fishing gear, buildings and skilled fishermen were lost in the storm. The Myanmar Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank is planning to provide loans for the fishery entrepreneurs to buy necessary fishing gear to restore their businesses. During the natural disaster, some of the fish and prawn breeding ponds were flooded and some had their embankments destroyed. Loans were also provided to reconstruct the destroyed ponds based on the size of damage.

The storm 'Nargis' was very destructive. During the disaster, some vessels being moored at the pontoons in Yangon River were sunk, hitting each other. Some were washed ashore. The cost will be between 5 million and 10 million kyats to salvage and repair the sunken vessels. The Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank provided loans in that regard. Besides, plans are under way to operate the sunken vessels at sea. Now, the salvaged trawlers can be moored in Yangon and Pyapon ports. It is also planned to spend from 2000 million to about 4000 million kyats on rehabilitation of the fishery industry.

When the storm just abated, electricity was unavailable. So, necessary assistance was rendered to restore the cold storages and to provide oil to trawlers. As a result, export of marine products and supply of fish and prawn have been restored to prevent prices of marine products going up.

Thanks to the guidance of the Head of State and supervision of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, regeneration of the Myanma fishery industry has revived remarkably in two months.

At the ceremony to provide fishing boats and fishing gear in Dedaye, the Prime Minister in his speech suggested fishermen work harder, taking full advantage of the assistance rendered by the government and contribution made by national entrepreneurs, volunteers and well-wishers to ensure better living conditions than before the natural disaster. He also urged officials concerned to motivate the victims to give up the bad habits of not taking things seriously and to inculcate them with a good habit of working hard, saving money to improve their living conditions. The instructions were invaluable for the victims. They can achieve nothing if they do nothing. It is required of those who have been provided with fishing boats and fishing equipment to raise their living standard by effectively using the provided materials.

Having a look at the demonstrated fishing boats, I remember a paragraph of the poem 'Our country' by Zawgyi.

'Oh, Myanmars, rise form the crises
Don't be downhearted or give up efforts
We are duty-bound to do our bit
Use all brawn and brains
In order to achieve our goal'

Translation: MS

Monsoon tree planting ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development held a monsoon tree planting ceremony, here, today.

A total of 550 shady and perennial trees including star trees, mahogany trees, Pyinma trees, neem trees and tamarind trees.—*MNA*

NPED Minister receives UN Humanitarian Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received the delegation led by Under Secretary-General for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes at the ministry this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for NPED, Directors-General and Deputy Directors-General, representatives of United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Coordinator Mr Bishow Parajuli and representatives of United Nations Population Fund Mr Danial B Baker.—*MNA*

***Minister U Soe Tha receives Under Secretary-General for UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes.* —MNA**

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets Under Secretary-General for UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes.* (News on page 1)—MNA**

Yarzarlin family offers medical scholarship

YANGON, 24 July— The needy students who passed the matriculation exam for 2008 and are eligible for the medical university may apply for Yarzarlin Scholarship for Medical University.

The donor who grants the scholarship is Yarzarlin family- U Aye Kyaw-Daw Aye Aye Myint in Yangon.

The applicants must be eligible to attend the first year course in the University of Medicine-1, University of Medicine-2 in Yangon, Universities of Medicine in Mandalay and Magway.

Four students will be given the scholarship every year as from 2008-2009 academic year to the completion of their study.

Those wishing to apply for the scholarship may apply to No. 50, Finger Lake, FMI City in Hlinethayar Township not later than 30 September 2008 with complete applications.

MNA

WFP donates supplies to storm victims

YANGON, 24 July — The 114.217 tons of relief supplies donated by the Thailand-based World Food Programme (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport, here today.

International communities have been donating the relief aids to the storm-hit regions.

MNA

Wellwishers present cash donations for storm survivors

YANGON, 24 July—Wellwishers from abroad and at home have donated cash to storm victims continuously.

On behalf of Chairman of Financial Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win accepted K 238,465,000 and US$ 300 donated by wellwishers yesterday and today. —*MNA*

All this needs to be known

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

***Fishing nets and engines for fishing boats seen during a ceremony to hand over them to fishermen in Dedaye Township.*— MNA**

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. **Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character**
2. **Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation**
3. **Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic**
4. **Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character**

Cash and kind donation for storm survivors

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Departments concerned, social organizations and wellwishers from States and Divisions and Tatmadaw families are providing cash and kind to storm survivors.

Financial Sub-committee accepted cash and kind worth K 15,028,874,145 including K 173,336,000 donated by wellwishers from Magway Division until 24 July.

MNA

Manuscripts invited for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literature Award

YANGON, 24 July — Manuscripts are invited for the 16th Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literature Award for 2008.

The manuscript award competition is divided into five genres – poem collection, novel, collection of short stories, treatise and research literature and first, second and third prizes will be awarded.

The closing date for applying for the contest is 30 September and application forms are available at 100 kyats at the editorial section of Sarpay Beikman. Participants from other towns can order the applications at a cost of K 200. Manuscripts are to be sent to the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman No. 529, Merchant Street in Yangon. —*MNA*

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepts K 171.6 million from Ms Levi Sap Nei Thang and family of I Love Myanmar on 23 July, 2008. Donors handed over the cash through the deputy minister to be spent on construction of 286 houses for storm survivors in Daukkyi and Thechaung villages in Bogale Township. — SWRR

Minister attends coordination meeting of GAD

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers address at coordination meeting of General Administration Department.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Ministry of Home Affairs held the coordination meeting of General Administration Department at the ministry, here, today.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo gave a speech on the prevailing situation and future programmes of the department.

The Commissioners of State and Division GADs reported on tasks carried out in their respective regions, and measures taken for the agriculture sector. Likewise, the District Commissioners gave reports on the tasks undertaken in their districts and requirements.

The Director-General, the Deputy Director-General and directors of the department gave supplementary reports.

The meeting ended with concluding remark, by the minister.

The coordination meeting continues tomorrow.

MNA

Fishing boats seen in Dedaye at a ceremony before being handed over to local fishermen in Dedaye. — MNA

SWRR Minister meets UN Humanitarian Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe received the delegation led by Under Secretary-General for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes at the ministry, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were officials of SWRR.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe receives UN Humanitarian Chief Mr John Holmes.*—MNA**

The wise outstrips the intoxicated

Not intoxicated among the intoxicated and wide-awake among the sleeping, the wise one outstrips them as a swift horse outstrips a weak one.

Dhammapada-29

Environmental Conservation Committee holds meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The Environmental Conservation Committee held the meeting (7/2008) at the Ministry of Forestry, here, this morning with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department submitted reports on work done and future tasks.

Next, the deputy ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation, Hotels and tourism, Transport, Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and Electric Power No-1 reported on environmental conservation work in states and divisions.

The minister and those present watched video documentary on relief and rehabilitation work for storm victims in Bogale Township being undertaken by the Ministry of Forestry and conservation of mangroves.

Next, the minister made concluding remarks.—*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses Environmental Conservation Committee meeting (7/2008).*—MNA**

Offertories donated to nunnery in PyinOoLwin

PYINOOLWIN, 20 July — Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated offertories to Shwesinmin Nunnary at Ward 1 in Pyin Oo Lwin on 18 July.

The ceremony to donate offertories was attended by Chairperson of Mandalay Division MCWSC Dr Daw Khin Thida and members, Chairperson of PyinOoLwin Town MCWA Daw Thuzar Wai and Chairperson of District MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Lwin and members of the township MCWA.

Chairperson Dr Daw Khin Thidar and members presented soon, rice and offertories through Presiding Nun Daw Thiri Marla and Joint Presiding Nun Daw Nanda Theingi.—*H*

Responsible personnel of MMCWA donate cash to nuns of Shwesinmin Nunnery in PyinOoLwin. — H

Traffic rules enforcement meeting held

YANGON, 24 July—The 128th meeting of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee was held at Wireless and Traffic Police Force office in Pazundaung Township this afternoon. Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun made a speech and the discussion focused on traffic rules enforcement.—*MNA*

Myanmar Wushu team leaves for PRC

YANGON, 24 July — A four-member Myanmar Wushu team comprising Aung Sithu of the Ministry of Forestry, Ma Sanda Oo of Kamayut Township Basic Education High School No. 5 and Chinese Wushu trainer Mr Su Tong Yu led by Secretary of Myanmar Wushu Federation Staff Officer of Sports and Physical Education Department U Kun Ja Aung this afternoon left for Beijing, the People's Republic of China, to make joint practice and to take part in Beijing Wushu Competition from 21 to 24 July.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports, executives of MWF and their relatives.

MNA

A harp seal pup lies on an ice floe in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence in Charlotte town, Canada in March 2008. The European Commission has proposed to ban products made from seals killed in inhumane ways in a measure fuelling tensions with major seal skin exporter Canada.—INTERNET

Farm labour contractor fined in worker's death

FRESNO (Calif), 24 July—The employer of a pregnant teenager who died of heat stroke after pruning grapevines for nine hours in hot weather was hit Wednesday with the highest fine ever issued to a California farming operation.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health fined Merced Farm Labour $262,700 for violating eight workplace safety rules. The agency said some of the violations were intentional. A criminal investigation also is under way.

State authorities believe 17-year-old Maria Isabel Vasquez Jimenez died on May 14 because her supervisors denied her access to shade and water as she pruned white wine grapevines for more than nine hours in nearly triple-digit heat at a Central Valley vineyard.

"There was virtually a complete absence of shade or water, two of the very few tools that employers and employees have to fight the heat," said Len Welsh, chief of the division known as Cal-OSHA. "It's just too bad we can't undo the consequences of those violations."

"I feel good because at least they're being fined for not doing anything when all that happened," said her fiance, 19-year-old Florentino Bautista, who is back working in the grape vines for a different employer. "Now we'll have to see if they keep acting the same way."—*Internet*

Suicide bomber kills eight guards in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 July —Iraqi police say at least eight people have been killed in a suicide bombing at a checkpoint manned by US-allied Sunni guards northeast of Baghdad.

A police officer says the woman bomber blew herself up about 8:30 pm Thursday near a checkpoint in central Baqouba.

The officer says at least eight guards were killed and 24 other people were wounded.—*Internet*

At least three killed in bus explosion in S Philippines

MANILA, 24 July— At least three people were killed in an explosion ripped through a passenger bus to enter a terminal in a southern Philippine city at Thursday noon, the military said.

Maj Armand Rico, spokesman of the military's Eastern Mindanao Command, said that the improvised explosive device exploded inside the bus at around 11:50 am local time when the bus parked at the Digos bus terminal.

The victims were inside the bus at the time of the blast, he said, adding that there an undetermined number of other passengers were injured.

He said that bomb experts were still conducting investigation as to the composition of the bomb that was used.

Rico said authorities were investigating as to the persons or groups who may be responsible for the attack.

Internet

Landslide kills four Vietnamese masons

HANOI, 24 July— A landslide triggered by heavy rain killed four bricklayers, including a couple in Vietnam's northern Ha Giang Province, local newspaper *Young People* reported Thursday.

The four victims, including local man Nguyen Van Viet and his wife Pham Thi Tam, were covered with a lot of rock and soil when they were sleeping in a newly-built house in Hoang Su Phi district. Their bodies were found after three hours of excavation.

Internet

Drive with care

***European visitors pose under an Ariane 5 rocket at the Spaceport of Kourou. The Guiana Space Centre (CSG) is girding for a new era when it will host Russian rockets and Russian engineers who just a short while ago were Europe's space rivals.*—INTERNET**

Three Hong Kong children jailed for armed holdup

BEIJING, 24 July— Three Hong Kong children have jailed for more than three years for the armed hold-up of a jewelry shop, a newspaper said on Thursday, with the court saying the stiff sentence was in the public interest.

Disguised with masks and caps, the two boys and one girl, all aged 14, threatened staff at the shop with knives in September last year, grabbing gold necklaces, bracelets and pendants valued at more than HK$1 million ($128,200).

Sentencing the three, now aged 15, the judge said the offence was too serious to warrant a training centre term despite the age of the three, the *South China Morning Post* said.—*Internet*

Couples rush for Olympic weddings

BEIJING, 24 July— Shenzhen city has seen a surge in the number of applications for marriage registration 8 Aug, the opening date of the Beijing Olympics, though it is still two weeks away.

In Chinese, the Arabic number 8 sounds like "to make a fortune" and many believe the Olympics will make the weddings more meaningful.

The surge of registrations had forced the marriage registration office in Luohu to increase the quota from 60 couples a day to 90. The online service allows couples to apply two months before their registration dates.

"By June, the quota of 90 couples a day had been reached and we will extend service hours and add more staff to handle the increase of applications for 8 Aug," Li Huanyuan, chief of the marriage registration office of Luohu District, said yesterday.

A woman surnamed Dai was the first to apply for registration in Luohu for 8 Aug.

"We chose 8 Aug, the opening of Beijing Olympics, because it is a commemorative day for both of us and China," said Dai.

Dai and her fiance waited by the computer at midnight of 7 June and successfully registered in the early morning of 8 June.—*Internet*

***Workers place containment booms to contain fuel oil after a ship hit a oil barge spilling 9,000 barrels of fuel oil in the Mississippi River at the French Quarter area of New Orleans on 23 July, 2008.*—INTERNET**

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
Civil Service Selection and Training Board

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

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၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၁၄-၈-၂၀၀၈ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာပေးပို့ရာတွင် လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ အမြန်ချောပို့ (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်စာဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ပေးပို့နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၁၈-၅-၂၀၀၇ ရက်စွဲပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ဖဂဖ/ရွေးချယ်ရေး (အဓိက)/ ၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ** သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကို **နေပြည်တော်**တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် **ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၁၄-၈-၂၀၀၈ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ခါတ်ပုံအပိုတစ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံး နေပြည်တော်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၆-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့နှင့် ၇-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၄-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့မှစ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ ကြော်ငြာပါရာထူးများတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ **သတ္တုတွင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ သီးခြားစည်းကမ်းချက်များရှိပါသဖြင့်** "သတ္တုတွင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ဆားနှင့် အဏ္ဏဝါဓာတုဗေဒပစ္စည်း ထုတ်လုပ်ရေးနှင့် ရောင်းဝယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းရုံးအမှတ်(၁၉)နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၂၃)" သို့လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုချက်ရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၄၃၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website များဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

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UNSG details Hizbollah letter on prisoner swap

UNITED NATIONS, 23 July—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday released details of a letter he received from Hizbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah outlining his group's conditions for further prisoner deals with Israel.

Last week the leader of the Lebanese guerilla group made a rare public appearance in Beirut to welcome five Lebanese released from captivity in Israel after Hizbollah returned the bodies of two captured Israeli soldiers.

Israel is also due to release Palestinian prisoners in the future as a gesture to the UN Secretary-General. Nasrallah said he had written to Ban asking him to use his good offices. In a letter to the current president of the UN Security Council, Vietnamese Ambassador Le Lunong Minh, Ban said that Nasrallah "declared his readiness for participation in the remaining humanitarian cases of Israeli MIA (missing in action) of the 1980s." But Ban said Nasrallah was "conditioning his positive attitude to the nature and extent of Israeli humanitarian moves on behalf of Palestinian and Arab victims".—*MNA/Reuters*

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၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
(ခ) ၁၄-၈-၂၀၀၈ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်၊
(ဂ) အစိုးရဌာနတစ်ခုခုရှိ ဘဏ္ဍာရေးဌာနတွင် လုပ်သက်(၃)နှစ်နှင့် (၅)နှစ်အထက်အတွေ့အကြုံရှိရန် လိုအပ်သော လျှောက်ထားသူများသည် သက်ဆိုင်ရာဌာနအကြီးအကဲ၏ ထောက်ခံချက်ကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ပူးတွဲတင်ပြရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၁၄-၈-၂၀၀၈ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာပေးပို့ရာတွင် လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ အမြန်ချောပို့ (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်စာဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ပေးပို့နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၁၈-၅-၂၀၀၇ ရက်စွဲပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ဖဂဖ/ရွေးချယ်ရေး (အဓိက)/ ၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန် ထားသော **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ** သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကို **နေပြည်တော်**တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် **ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၁၄-၈-၂၀၀၈ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ခါတ်ပုံအပိုတစ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံး နေပြည်တော်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၆-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့နှင့် ၇-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၄-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့မှစ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ ကြော်ငြာပါ ရာထူးတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ **အမှတ်(၂)လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ သီးခြားစည်းကမ်းချက်များရှိပါသဖြင့်** "အမှတ် (၂)လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားပေးရေးအဖွဲ့(တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၁-၂၂၉၁၄၄ နှင့် ၀၁-၂၁၄၆၄၂)" သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုချက်ရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၄၃၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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Indian PM wins confidence vote

NEW DELHI, 23 July—Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Tuesday won a vote of confidence in the Lok Sabha with a comfortable margin belying predictions of a close contest on a day marred by unseemly scenes over allegations of bribery.

The Prime Minister's motion expressing confidence of the House in the Council of Ministers was carried with 275 votes in favour and 256 against.

In a House with an effective strength of 541, it was not immediately clear how many abstained. The results were announced after nearly an hour when officials corrected the initial figures which showed 253 votes in favour of the motion, 232 against and two abstentions in a total vote of 487.

In the din caused by Bharatiya Janata Party members demanding Prime Minister's resignation and shouting down his speech, Singh laid his reply to the debate on the table of the House.

As opposition members pressed for a division, Speaker Somnath Chatterjee ordered voting by electronic voting machine.

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Dengue cases in Philippines rise

MANILA, 24 July—Global warming may have contributed to a 43 percent rise in the number of dengue cases in the Philippines for the first half of the year, the health secretary said Wednesday.

The biggest increase in the country was seen in Metropolitan Manila, where there was an almost 200 percent increase.

According to govern-ment figures 15,061 cases of the disease in the Philippines were reported in the first six months of the year.

"The increase in the number of dengue cases may be attributed to the constantly changing climate brought by global warming as well as congestion in urban areas," health secretary Francisco Duque said.

Deaths due to dengue rose to 172 compared with 115 for the first half of 2007, he said.

The highly urbanised capital of Metropolitan Manila had the highest number of cases, an increase of 191 percent over the same period in 2007. World Health Organization officials earlier this year warned climate change was increasing the incidence of dengue fever and other infectious diseases in the country.

There is no known cure or vaccine for dengue fever, which is transmitted by the white-spotted mosquito.

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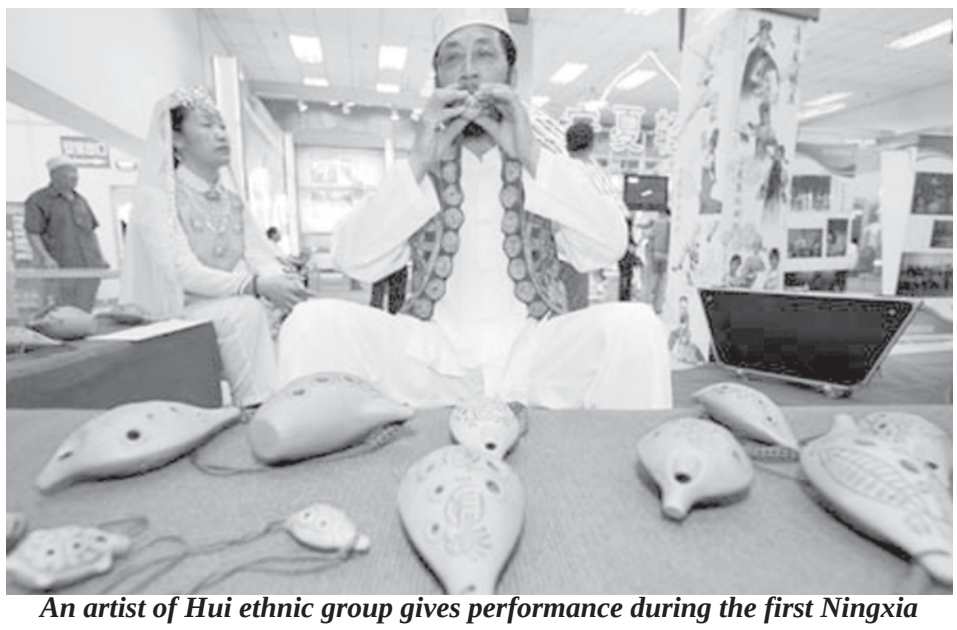


***An artist of Hui ethnic group gives performance during the first Ningxia Culture Travel Products Show in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 July, 2008.—*XINHUA**

Lower belly fat could be excellent source of stem cells

WASHINGTON, 23 July—Fat removed from the lower abdomen and inner thigh through liposuction was found to be an excellent source of stem cells, with higher stem cell concentrations than other areas of the body, according to US journal of *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* on Wednesday.

This is the first study of its kind to examine whether fat tissues from different areas of the body vary in stem cell concentration.

In the study, 23 female patients having liposuction in at least four different body areas agreed their fat isolated for adult stem cells and analyzed to determine stem cell concentrations. The body areas that were involved are: lower abdomen, upper abdomen, inner knee, inner thigh, flank and hips.

Researchers found a significant difference in stem cell concentrations in different areas. A major finding was that the concentration of stem cells was greatest in the lower abdomen and inner thighs. Interestingly, stem cell concentration in the lower abdomen was five times greater than in the upper abdomen.

Stem cells are unspecialized cells that have not yet developed a specific function. Not only are they capable of self renewal, stem cells can divide and produce others that become specialized cells.—*Internet*

Birth weight 'sets future health'

***Low birth weight has been linked to later problems.—*INTERNET**

LONDON, 24 July—Blood vessel changes linked to poor health later in life can be spotted within a few years in boys born small, say scientists.

Eight-year-olds who were smaller at birth were more likely to have "vascular resistance", reported the *European Heart Journal.*

The Southampton University team said this could contribute to high blood pressure decades later.

However, no such problem was seen in low birth weight girls.

Previous work has linked birth size to later heart disease and diabetes.

None of the 140 eight or nine year olds tested in this study would showed any actual signs of heart disease, a condition which normally emerges far later in life.—*Internet*

Heritage center opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 24 July—The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research-Asia and Pacific was set up Wednesday in Beijing to promote the country's work of conserving cultural and natural heritage.

The center plans to launch a series of programmes that combine Chinese cultural heritage with modern computing technology.

The e-Heritage programme, for example, applies the latest computing technologies to conservation, interpretation and dissemination of cultural and natural heritage.

The center also listed two major world heritages on its top working agenda, namely the Wolong Giant Panda Reserve area and the Qinchen Mountain-Dujiangyan. Both were severely damaged by the 12 May earthquake.

Internet

Pittsburgh cancer center warns of cell phone risks

PITTSBURGH, 24 July—The head of a prominent cancer research institute issued an unprecedented warning to his faculty and staff Wednesday: Limit cell phone use because of the possible risk of cancer.

The warning from Dr Ronald B Herberman, director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, is contrary to numerous studies that don't find a link between cancer and cell phone use, and a public lack of worry by the US Food and Drug Administration.

Herberman is basing his alarm on early unpublished data. He says it takes too long to get answers from science and he believes people should take action now especially when it comes to children.

"Really at the heart of my concern is that we shouldn't wait for a definitive study to come out, but err on the side of being safe rather than sorry later," Herberman said. No other major academic cancer research institutions have sounded such an alarm about cell phone use. But Herberman's advice is sure to raise concern among many cell phone users and especially parents.

In the memo he sent to about 3,000 faculty and staff Wednesday, he says children should use cell phones only for emergencies because their brains are still developing.—*Internet*

Manned spaceship design unveiled

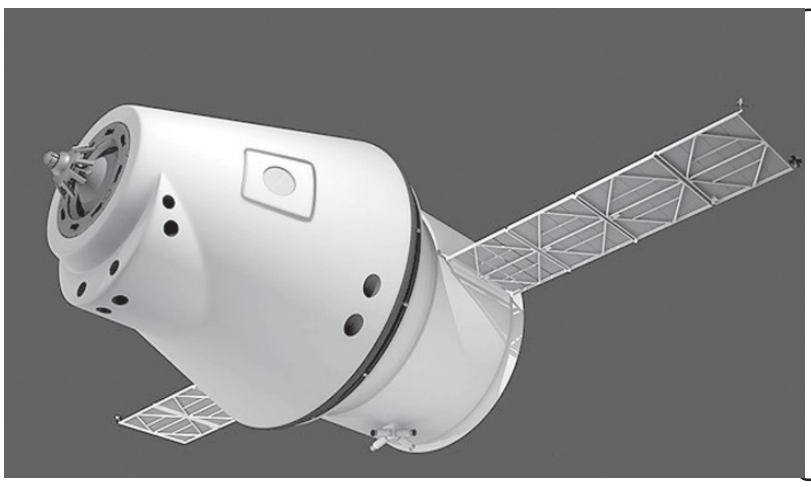
LONDON, 24 July—The first official image of a Russian-European manned spacecraft has been unveiled. It is designed to replace the Soyuz vehicle currently in use by Russia and will allow Europe to participate directly in crew transportation.

The reusable ship was conceived to carry four people towards the Moon, rivalling the US Ares/Orion system.

Unlike previous crewed vehicles, it will use thrusters to make a soft landing when it returns to Earth.

Russian aerospace writer and graphic designer Anatoly Zak has produced artist's renderings of the new craft based on a design released by Russian manufacturer RKK Energia at the Farnborough Air Show in the UK last week.

In some respects, the capsule resembles America's next-generation spacecraft Orion. The 18-to-20-tonne Russian-European vehicle is designed to carry six crew into low-Earth orbit and four on missions to lunar orbit.—*Internet*



***Russian-European manned spacecraft.* INTERNET**

SPORTS

NASCAR squeezes horsepower down on Toyota motors

CHARLOTTE (NC), 24 July— NASCAR tried to even out the competition in the Nationwide Series on Wednesday by ordering all teams using Toyota motors to squeeze down their horsepower before this weekend's race in Indianapolis.

Toyota has won 14 of 21 races this season in the Nationwide Series, and all but one came in a Camry fielded by Joe Gibbs Racing. The exception was JGR driver Kyle Busch's victory at Charlotte in May in a car fielded by Braun Racing.

NASCAR ordered all the Toyota motors to use a smaller spacer that will knock down 15 horsepower in the motors.—*Internet*

NASCAR drivers, from top, Carl Edwards, Reed Sorenson, and Jamie McMurray are seen early in the Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250 Nationwide Series race at Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Ill on 19 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Beijing Olympics broadcasting centre evacuated

BEIJING 24 July—Hundreds were evacuated Wednesday from the massive building that will house broadcasting facilities for the Beijing Olympics, fearing there was a gas leak after people smelled a strong odor.

But authorities later said it was a false alarm and the smell came from paint fumes in the ventilation system.

Authorities told workers it was safe to go back in and there were no reports of injuries.

Firefighters went in along with at least one emergency worker dressed head-to-toe in an orange hazardous materials suit to investigate the odor, which was initially mistaken for a gas leak.

John Barton, the director of sport for the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, said he was in his office at the International Broadcast Center when people began running down the halls and telling occupants to clear out. He said no alarm sounded.

"Ladies were running up and down the corridors saying 'Get out of the building,'" he added. "I stepped out of my office and I thought it was some kind of joke no sirens, no speakers, nothing." Barton and others at the scene reported what seemed to be a strong gas smell in the building before it was evacuated.

Internet

Lampard's staying, says Chelsea coach Scolari

GUANGZHOU, 24 July— Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari insisted Frank Lampard was staying with Chelsea as reports broke that the club was set to make the midfielder Britain's highest paid footballer.

"Frank is staying with us. Finished," Scolari said.

The Brazilian said speculation was to be expected during the summer transfer window, but attempted to lay the matter to rest.

"I said two days ago that Frank is here with us, training and playing very well as part of our group," he said.

"There's lots of speculation over this player and that player and until 31 August we'll have more speculation."

Lampard has reportedly been offered 150,000 pounds (300,000 dollars) a week in a blockbuster five-year deal worth 39 million pounds.

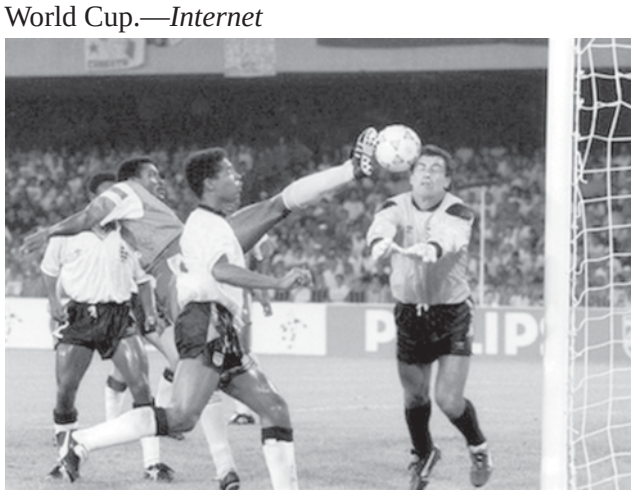
The 30-year-old is in the last year of his contract and has been the subject of feverish transfer speculation, with repeated overtures from Jose Mourinho's Inter Milan—*Internet*

Beckham won't break my record and must be eased out, says Shilton

LONDON, 24 July—Peter Shilton has told David Beckham he will never beat his England appearance record and believes Fabio Capello's side are doomed to failure in their bid to win the 2010 World Cup if the midfielder is in the side.

Goalkeeper Shilton won 125 caps during a 20-year international career, 23 more than Beckham's current total.

It appeared that former Manchester United and Real Madrid star Beckham's Three Lions career was all but over after Steve McClaren dropped him having succeeded Sven Goran-Eriksson after the 2006 World Cup.—*Internet*



Peter Shilton (right) has told David Beckham he will never beat his England appearance record and believes Fabio Capello's side are doomed to failure in their bid to win the 2010 World Cup if the midfielder is in the side.—INTERNET

Brazil lack airport facilities for 2014 World Cup

SAO PAULO, 24 July—Brazil lacks the necessary airport facilities to host the 500,000-plus tourists expected to head to the country for the 2014 World Cup of football, a grouping of private aircraft owners said Wednesday.

"Our airport infrastructure can't handle the 2014 World Cup," the vice president of the Brazilian General Aviation Association, Adalberto Febeliano, told a media conference.

He explained that the 500,000 figure was based on tourist projections for the 2010 World Cup to be held in South Africa. —*Internet*

Chelsea's Scolari rebuffs Fergie mind games

GUANGZHOU, 24 July— Luiz Felipe Scolari refused to be drawn into a war of words with Manchester United's Alex Ferguson over the age of his squad, but insisted Chelsea's experience could win them the Premiership.

Scolari sidestepped Ferguson's verbal salvo after seeing both youngsters and veterans star in the 4-0 win over Guangzhou Pharmaceutical, his first match in charge.

"I don't answer this question," he said. "Sorry, but this is not a question for me."

But Scolari said Chelsea had both youth and experience with Michael Ballack, Frank Lampard and Deco lining up alongside John Mikel Obi and Salomon Kalou."I think that I have players with experience and I have some young boys in my team," he said.

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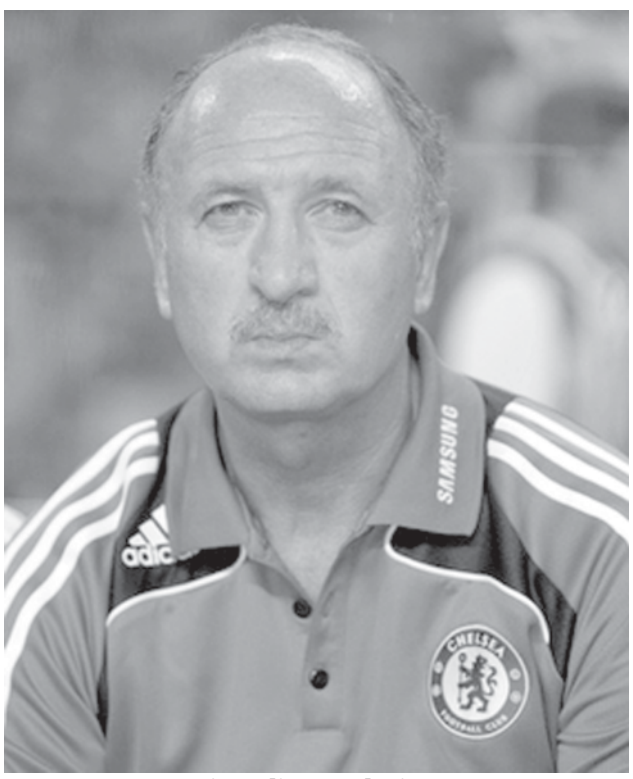

Luiz Felipe Scolari.—INTERNET

Federer in tennis ranking crisis after opening Toronto defeat

TORONTO, 24 July— Roger Federer's number one ranking slid into the danger zone as the Swiss suffered an opening-match loss to Gilles Simon 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the second round of the ATP Masters Series event.

After starting 2008 with a lead of 1,445 ranking points over Rafael Nadal, an off-the-boil season which now counts 10 defeats in 53 matches has Federer facing the possibility of losing the top spot he has held for 234 weeks since 2004.

"It's a bad start, no doubt," said Federer. "I wish it could have been different. Now I'm going to get some practise in."

Internet

Roger Federer of Switzerland wipes his forehead during his match against Gilles Simon of France during the Rogers Cup at the Rexall Centre at York University on 23 July in Toronto, Canada. —INTERNET

Portugal's Alan, right, challenges with Uruguay's Martin, during their quarterfinal match of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, in Marseille, southern France, on 24 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Hurricane "Dolly" hits South Texas, flooding feared

BROWNSVILLE (Texas), 24 July — Hurricane Dolly moved inland after tearing into the South Texas coast on Wednesday with 95 miles per hour (150 kilometres per hour) winds, pouring torrential rain on the US-Mexico border area and threatening floods.

Dolly, the second hurricane of the 2008 Atlantic hurricane season, dropped up to 12 inches (30 centimetres) of rain in the first few hours after coming ashore at the barrier island of South Padre Island, where it ripped off roofs, bent palm trees in half and left thousands of residents without power.

"You've got your horizontal rain and things are flying everywhere," said Kevin Hoffman, 52, who rode out the storm in his boarded-up home in nearby Port Isabel. "All you hear is things snapping and hitting."

South of Port Isabel in the border town of Brownsville, the storm knocked down power lines, uprooted trees and dumped rain on flat-lying marshland, raising concerns about potential flooding.

MNA/Reuters

Iran tells British "AFP" journalist to leave

PARIS,24 July — The Iranian authorities have told a British journalist working for *AFP* in Iran to leave without giving an explanation, the French news agency said in a report.

Stuart Williams, *AFP's* deputy bureau chief in Teheran, had worked in the country for two years and held a renewable resident's permit which was valid until 28 August, *AFP* reported. *AFP* said he was told on Monday that he must leave within days.

In Teheran, an Iranian official confirmed Williams had been asked to leave but did not give further details.

"This is clearly an unjustified expulsion, which we deeply regret," *AFP* director of information Denis Hiault said, adding that the agency wanted to "continue covering Iranian news with the same objectivity".

Another British journalist, working for the British daily the *Guardian*, was forced to leave Iran when his residence permit was not renewed, his newspaper said at the start of the year.

The Iranian authorities said at the time he was not expelled.

MNA/Reuters

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 24 July — A British soldier was killed and two others were wounded when their patrol came under attack in southern Afghanistan, Britain's Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

The soldier from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, attached to the Parachute Regiment, died when his military vehicle was hit by an explosion on Tuesday, it said in a statement.

Two other soldiers from the same battalion were injured, one by a mine and one by an improvised explosive device. Their lives were not in danger.

The soldier's death brings to 111 the number of British troops killed since US-led forces invaded Afghanistan to drive out the Taleban government and al-Qaeda militants after the 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States.

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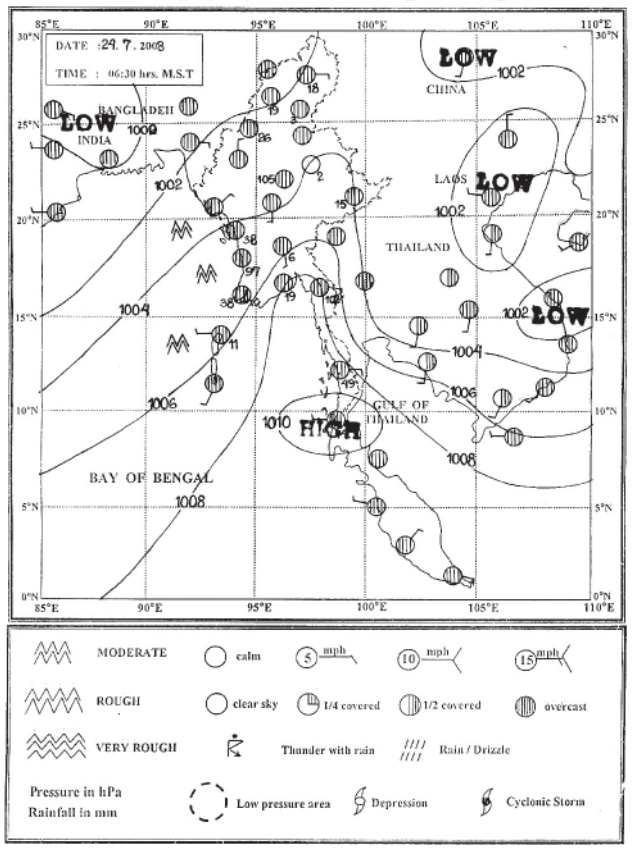
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday 24 July 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Magway and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.19) inch, TadaU (4.72) inches, Thandwe (4.41) inches, Mandalay (4.41) inches, Mawlamyine (4.01) inches, Shwegyin (3.18) inches, Nyaunglebin (2.68) inches, Myiek (2.25) inches, Pathein (2.01) inches, Maungtaw (1.81) inches, Hpa-an and Dawei (1.77) inches each and Magway (1.65) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-7-2008 was 85˚F. Minimum temperature on 24-7-2008 was 70ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-7-2008 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 23-7-2008 was (1.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-7-2008 was (0.78) inch at Mingaladon, (0.74) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (57.40) inches at Mingaladon, (64.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (76.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 23-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-7-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-7-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-7-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-7-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Friday, 25 July

View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. စစ်ကိုင်းဂုဏ်တင် ဆွမ်းဦးပုညရှင်

7:55 am
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:25 am
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
8. International news

8:40 am
9. Islands of Dhamma

8:45 am
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4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ

4:25 pm
3. Dance of national races

4:30 pm
4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ်ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက(၆)ဗိုလ်တထောင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:50 pm
5. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm
6. Musical programme

5:15 pm
7. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:25 pm
8. "မနိုင်သောအရှုံး" (ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ အရိုင်း၊ ဖိုးဖြူကင်းကောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ– အေဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)

5:45 pm
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. သုတစုံလင်ရွေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:05 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကာဖီချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း–၁၆)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား" (အပိုင်း–၁၄)
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2nd Inter-ministry football tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The second inter-ministry football tournament of Group-E was held at Nay Pyi Taw football ground No. 1 and Paunglaung sports ground, here, this evening.

At Nay Pyi Taw football ground No. 1, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, deputy ministers of the respective ministries, service personnel, their families and football fans enjoyed the match.

Ministry of Religious Affairs won over Ministry of Finance and Revenue with 2-1.

At Paunglaung sports ground, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, service personnel of the respective ministries, their families and football fans enjoyed the match.

Ministry of Health beat Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation 2-0.

Tomorrow, Ministry of Defence will play against Attorney-General's office team at Nay Pyi Taw football ground and Ministry of Mines meet Ministry of Immigration and Population in Group-F Paunglaung sports ground.

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Health care services provided to storm survivors

YANGON, 24 July — Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, clinics were opened to give health care services to storm survivors with momentum at Kadonkani Village in Pyapon Township from 15 to 17 July.

A medical team comprising Dr Aye Naing of Kadonkani Station Hospital, health assistants of Ingapu Township and health staff of Pyapon Township led by Ayeyawady Division Infectious Diseases Inspection Officer Dr Khin Nan Lon gave medical treatments and vaccines to patients, children and pregnant women at Kadonkani Station Hospital and relief camp, distributed health pamphlets, performed medical check-ups to school children and gave talks on school health at village BEHS, inspected construction of fly-proof latrines and carried out preventive measures against DHF.

On 18 July, the team performed health care services to storm survivors in cooperation with the medical team led by Dr Nyan Min at Amar Township Hospital.

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INSIDE

Restoration of Myanmar's fishery industry

Now, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee is building durable houses with the contribution of the government and local donors for enabling the victims in temporary shelters and in the relief camps to resettle down in their home places.

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