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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Swiss Confederation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Swiss Confederation which falls on 1 August 2008. — **MNA**

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet attend ceremony to mark 81st Founding Anniversary of Chinese PLA

YANGON, 31 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet attended the ceremony to mark the 81st Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army at Traders Hotel, here, at 7 pm today.

The General and wife were welcomed by Military Attaché of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Fan Lianfeng and wife and the Deputy Military Attaché.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint

Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Charge d'Affaires *ai* of the PRC Embassy Mr Wang Zongying and wife, embassy staff and officials, Ambassadors of foreign missions and their wives, Military Attachés and their wives, officials and guests.

During the ceremony, the cultural performances of the People's Republic of China were presented to those present.

MNA

Weather Forecast for 1-8-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:

Isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area:

Some rain.

Degree of certainty is (100%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area:

Isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (80%).



General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet attend ceremony to mark the 81st Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 August, 2008

Per acre yields of paddy to meet targets

Now, the paddy season has set in. So, paddy is being grown in the states and divisions. Some of the regions have completed the planting of monsoon paddy for this season. They are striving for double cropping of paddy in the rainy season, and triple cropping in a year—black gram or green gram; monsoon paddy and beans and pulses; and summer paddy.

In pursuance of the goal of production of crops, the government is taking such measures as supply of adequate irrigation water, use of high-yield strains of crops, and advanced agricultural methods. It is also providing effective encouragement to farmers to use modern agricultural machines such as power-tillers, combine-harvesters, paddy sowers, paddy dryers, and winnowers on a wider scale.

Farmers, on their part, have to use high-yield crop strains, fertilizers and other necessary things to achieve the targeted per acre yields of crops. Fertilizers need to be used two times in a paddy season: soon after paddy is planted, and when the plants are growing. So, organic and inorganic fertilizers are to be provided sufficiently for farmers.

Now, paddy fields are being put under monsoon paddy, and ceremonies are being held to mark completion of ploughing paddy fields and paddy transplanting competitions across the nation.

So far, Yangon Division has grown more than 1.1 million of targeted 1.2 million acres this monsoon paddy season. On 30 July, it marked the completion of ploughing all the paddy fields in it. In conjunction with the ceremony, it held division level paddy transplanting contest, and awarding ceremonies for 2007-2008. Outstanding townships and farmers were awarded for their excellent performances on the occasion.

Local farmers are now working hard to complete the ploughing of all paddy fields for cultivation of monsoon paddy in time in the rainy season, while local organizations and agricultural committees are providing them with agricultural requirements including fertilizers. Therefore, per acre yields of respective crops will hit the targets.

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

Waiponla Sayadaw's birthday, reordination to be held

YANGON, 31 July — The 65th birthday and the 88th reordination ceremony of Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Waiponla Monastery in Pyay in Bago Division (West) Chairman of Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Veponla will take place on 16 August at 5.30 am and 120 members of the Sangha will be served with a dawn meal.

All lay persons, far and near, are invited to attend the occasion.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs sends felicitations to Swiss counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Madam Micheline Calmy Rey, Chief of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Swiss Confederation which falls on 1 August 2008. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers a speech at the coordination meeting on Development of Information and Communication Technology.—MNA

ICT Coordination Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Ministry of Finance and Revenue conducted a meeting on Development of Information and Communication Technology at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Directors-General and Managing Directors of Departments and Enterprises, chairman and members of Work Efficiency Committee for ICT.

First, the minister gave instructions on efforts to be made for effectively applying information and communication technologies while carrying out functions for finance, monetary and revenue managements, conducting training to have basis knowledge on information technologies and emphasis to be placed on innovation, research and training programmes.

Chairman of Work Efficiency Committee for ICT, Director-General Dr Lin Aung of Budget Department briefed on objectives of information technology to effectively be applied and accomplishment of the tasks, arrangements to be carried

out. Next, officials briefed on work objectives of respective departments and progress of work and future tasks to be carried out.

Afterwards, directors-general and managing directors gave supplementary reports and the coordinating meeting ended with concluding remarks.

MNA

KNU insurgent-planted mine damages pylon in Hpa-an

YANGON, 31 July — Lawpita-Toungoo (230 KVA) pylon No. 206 near Yado village in Leiktho, Hpa-an District, Kayin State was damaged and collapsed in the explosion on mines planted by KNU insurgents at 10.40 pm yesterday.

Myanma Electric Power Enterprise is regularly supplying power through Lawpita-Kalaw-Thazi power line in order not to disrupt the supply of power.

The insurgents are committing subversive acts such as bomb explosion, planting of mine with the aim of undermining the stability of the State, peace and tranquility, rule of law, and killing the innocent people and causing public panic. The authorities concerned have urged the people to remain vigilant against the bombers and terrorists, and timely come forward with information about the terrorists to the officials concerned.—MNA

More relief supplies arrive at Yangon Int'l Airport

YANGON, 31 July — A total of 46.633 tons of relief supplies donated by Thailand-based World Food Programme (WFP) to the storm-hit regions arrived at Yangon International Airport, here, today.

MNA

Nonaligned nations back Iran nuke programme

TEHERAN, 31 July—More than 100 nonaligned nations backed Iran's right to peaceful uses of nuclear power on Wednesday, an endorsement sought by Tehran in its standoff with the UN Security Council over its refusal to freeze uranium enrichment.

The decision came as supreme Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

pledged to continue the country's nuclear programme. The conference's backing, which echoes the group's previous declarations, acts to "remove this notion that the international community opposes the nuclear activities of Iran," said Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki.

Ali Ashgar Soltanieh,

Iran's top representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the endorsement from the 115 countries present at the Tehran conference sends a "strong positive signal that the only way is negotiation and dialogue" over the nuclear standoff.

Internet

Live fish caught at record depth

NEW YORK, 31 July—A live deep-sea fish has been caught at a record depth of 2,300m on the hot vents of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Three shrimp species were also pulled to the surface, researchers report in the journal Deep-Sea Research.

Scientists have engineered a new device that allows recovery of live animals under their natural pressure at deeper depths than previously achieved.

Next they hope to be able to transfer the animals into

an experimental lab to study their normal biology. "Pressurised recovery has been around for the past 30 years, but this is the deepest fish-capture under pressure — the previous record was 1,400m. This is also the first time pressurised capture has occurred at a hydrothermal vent," said Dr Bruce Shillito, marine biologist at the Universite Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France.

The shrimp species were caught at 1,700m (5,600ft; *Mirocaris fortunata* and

Chorocaris chacei) and 2,300m (7,500ft; *Rimicaris exoculata*) at two vent fields, Lucky Strike and Rainbow, on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

Dr Shillito explains: "At depths of over 1,000m, it is difficult to recover animals alive. Catching with no pressure is as good as catching dead. Fish are the most fragile — even a fisherman with a 100m line will probably reel in a catch whose gas bladder is in its mouth."

Internet



Performers sit beside their covered props at the Olympic Green on their way to the National Stadium, or Bird's Nest, for the Olympic opening ceremony rehearsal in Beijing on 30 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Wiring warning came months before soldier electrocuted

WASHINGTON, 31 July—An Army sergeant complained about faulty wiring in Iraq months before another soldier was fatally electrocuted in a shower in the same quarters, according to documents released Wednesday by a congressional committee.

Sgt Justin Hummer filled out a work order in

July 2007 that warned, "Pipes have voltage, get shocked in the shower."

Hummer told investigators from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee that at least once, he had to use a wooden stick to turn off the shower "because the electrical current was so strong."

Army records show that

electricians from contractor Kellogg, Brown and Root found "several safety issues concerning the improper grounding of electrical devices" in February 2007. In January 2008, Staff Sgt Ryan Maseth was electrocuted in a shower in the same quarters where Hummer lived the previous summer.

Internet



People flee from the troubled area of the Swat valley in northern Pakistan on 31 July, 2008. A mortar shell hit a house in the valley where Pakistani security forces are battling militants, killing a family of seven, police said on Thursday.

INTERNET

Mortar kills family of seven in Pakistan

PEHSAWAR, (Pakistan) 31 July—A mortar shell hit a house in a northern Pakistani valley killing a family of seven, police said Thursday.

The shell struck overnight in Deolai, a village in the restive Swat valley, said Shakoor Khan, a police official in the nearby town of Kabbal. It was unclear who fired the mortar.

Mohammed Tahir died along with his wife and five children, Khan said.

Internet

US 'wasted' \$560 million on Iraq repairs

WASHINGTON, 31 July—The United States has "wasted" more than half a billion dollars in Iraq repairing facilities that were damaged because of poor security, the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction says in a report released Wednesday.

Stuart Bowen's quarterly report arrived at a price tag of \$560 million by tallying the results of more than 100 audits his office has conducted.

Further billions had to be diverted from reconstruction to security because the Bush administration did not adequately foresee how volatile Iraq would be when it began rebuilding the country, the report says. "The US government did not fully anticipate or plan for the unstable working environment that faced US managers when reconstruction began in Iraq," it says.—Internet

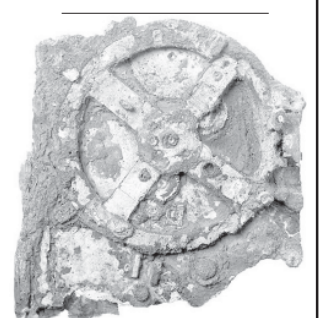
Discovering how Greeks computed in 100 BC

NEW YORK, 31 July—After a closer examination of a surviving marvel of ancient Greek technology known as the Antikythera Mechanism, scientists have found that the device not only predicted solar eclipses but also organized the calendar in the four-year cycles of the Olympiad, forerunner of the modern Olympic Games.

The new findings, reported Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, also suggested that the mechanism's concept originated in the colonies of Corinth, possibly Syracuse, on Sicily. The scientists said this implied a likely connection with Archimedes. Archimedes, who lived in Syracuse and died in 212 BC, invented a planetarium calculating motions of the Moon and the known planets and wrote a lost manuscript

on astronomical mechanisms. Some evidence had previously linked the complex device of gears and dials to the island of Rhodes and the astronomer Hipparchos, who had made a study of irregularities in the Moon's orbital course.

Internet



Fragments of the Antikythera Mechanism, an ancient astronomical computer built by the Greeks around 80 BC. It was found on a shipwreck by sponge divers in 1900, and its exact function still eludes scholars to this day.

INTERNET

Violence in Iraq takes on new face

KABUL, 31 July—In Iraq's volatile mix of race, religion and tribal rivalry, police say there's a common denominator in the continuing violence — gender.

According to the US military in Iraq, women have carried the bombs in at least 27 attacks so far this year — more than triple the number of female suicide bombers in all of 2007, reports CBS News correspondent Richard Roth. A joint assessment by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security says the statistics reflect a growing combat role for females, aided by the fact that bombs are easy to hide under traditional women's clothing.—Internet



A journalist works on a laptop computer during a Beijing 2008 Olympics Press conference. Olympic host China lashed out Thursday at the United States for interfering in its affairs and insisted it would maintain restrictions on Internet use by reporters covering the Games.—INTERNET

GM to cut 15 pct of US, Canadian salaried workers

DETROIT, 31 July—General Motors Corp plans to cut 15 percent of its US and Canadian salaried work force — or around 5,100 jobs — by 1 Nov as part of a plan to slash billions of dollars in costs and help the automaker ride out a slump in US sales.

F-15 crashes in Nevada desert; 1 dead

LAS VEGAS, 31 July—The two-seater F-15D Eagle went down in the vast Nevada Test and Training Range north of Las Vegas Wednesday, according to a statement released by Nellis Air Force Base officials.

One pilot was declared dead shortly after the crash. The second was in stable condition at the base hospital, base spokesman Andrew Dumboski said.

Internet

A GM official declined to confirm the specific numbers Wednesday but indicated they were generally accurate.

The official asked not to be named because the company had not planned to release the numbers until later.

Word of the cuts came two days before GM plans to release its second-quarter earnings.

Analysts surveyed by

Thomson Financial are predicting a loss of \$2.63 per share on revenues of \$44.6 billion amid plummeting US truck and sport utility vehicle sales and restructuring costs.

GM's sales outside North America grew 10 percent in the first half of this year thanks to strong growth in Russia, Brazil and other emerging markets.

Internet

Body of woman, 61, found in plane bathroom

ATLANTA, 31 July—Flight attendants discovered the body of a 61-year-old woman in the restroom of a plane shortly before the flight landed in Atlanta Wednesday morning, a spokeswoman for the airline said.

It was unclear how Michael O'Neil Carnahan died, and how long

she was in the restroom.

The crew on the Los Angeles-to-Atlanta flight noticed the restroom was occupied on final approach, just before Flight 950 touched down at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport at 5:51 am, spokeswoman Keyra Johnson said. Atlanta police were

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,125

WASHINGTON, 31 July—At least 4,125 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least

3,361 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is three fewer than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18;

Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Korea, one death each.—Internet

Missing DNA chunks tied to schizophrenia risk

NEW YORK, 31 July—Two huge international studies show that people who lack certain chunks of DNA run a dramatically higher risk of getting schizophrenia, a finding that could help open new doors to understanding and diagnosing the disease.

These deletions are rare, each found in less than 1 percent of schizophrenia patients. But each one boosts the risk of disease by as much as 15-fold, by one estimate.

Scientists said studying such abnormalities may help them find new medications by

shedding light on what causes the disease. And if enough rare aberrations can be found eventually, they may be combined into a test to help in diagnosis, said Kari Stefansson, chief executive officer of

deCode Genetics of Reykjavik, Iceland, and an author of one of the studies.

Schizophrenia is currently diagnosed by its symptoms.

Internet

One dead in crane dismantling Texas bridge collapses

SMITHVILLE, 31 July—A crane that was removing steel beams to dismantle an old river bridge became overloaded and toppled Wednesday, killing one worker and injuring another.

The crane smashed into a raised basket where the two men were working, knocking one off and killing him, said Smithville police Lt Lonny Richardson. The man fell about 60 feet from the top of the old bridge and landed on construction equipment, Richardson said.

The bridge is about 75 feet above the Colorado River in Smithville in central Texas.

The workers were trying to loosen the joints of one beam, or girder, when another beam also became loose and caused the crane to topple, said Marcus Cooper, Texas Department of Transportation spokesman.

The operator of the crane managed to get out of the way “when things started going bad” and wasn't injured, Richardson said.

Internet



A toppled mobile crane, the base for which rests almost upside down on a man-made support in the Colorado River is shown after the accident on 30 July, 2008, in Smithville, Texas. Workers were attempting to remove parts of the old bridge, the support for which is shown in the center. —INTERNET



Destroyed buildings in Kabul —INTERNET

Brazil, Costa Rica call for Latin American unity to face global crises

BRASILIA, 31 July—Brazil and Costa Rica have urged Latin American countries to unite in the face of the global financial and food crisis.

“Latin American unity is now essential to face the financial crisis in the developed countries,” Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said here Wednesday

following a meeting with visiting Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

He said he will meet in September with experts from the Common Market of the South (Mercosur) and the Central American Integration System (Sica) to reach a trade agreement.

Arias said “there is no better moment” to advance negotiations on

the Latin American blocs, which began more than five years ago but have not made any concrete achievements yet. “Latin American challenges unite us in the fight against poverty, inequality and insecurity,” he added.

A bilateral agreement on bio-fuel cooperation was signed at the meeting.

Xinhua



Juan Antonio Samaranch, former president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), gets on his car to head for the hotel upon his arrival at the Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 July, 2008. Samaranch arrived in Beijing at about 9 am Thursday. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Photo taken on 29 July, 2008 shows the night view of Wangfujing snack street in Beijing, capital of China. In the past, the popular Beijing snacks used to be hawked at temple fairs or roadside bazaars. —XINHUA

Hainan to construct nuclear power plant

BEIJING, 31 July—A nuclear power plant will be built in Hainan Province, which suffers from power shortages and relies heavily on coal, officials said on Tuesday.

The plant in Changjiang county, west Hainan, will consist of two pressurized water reactors, each with a capacity of 650 megawatts. More than 70 percent of the plant’s equipment will be manufactured in China, vice-governor Fang Xiaoyu said.

It will be built by China

National Nuclear Corp (CNNC). “The National Developmental and Reform Commission approved preliminary work on the Changjiang nuclear project on 18 July,” Fang said.

Developing nuclear power is the best choice for Hainan’s sustainable development, he said.

“The Changjiang nuclear project will boost

Hainan’s efforts to become an ecological province and boost its need for more power supply,” Fang said.

Hainan has been suffering from power shortages since 2006, mainly due to its slow expansion of coal and gas-fired power plants.

The province was hit by power shortages totaling 390 megawatts last year.—Xinhua

“Fung Wong” hurts livelihoods of 450,000 in E China

FUZHOU, 31 July—More than 450,000 people have suffered economic losses and 107 flights have been cancelled in eastern China since typhoon Fung Wong, the eighth tropical storm to hit China this year, made landfall late on Monday.

The typhoon, which was downgraded to a tropical storm on Tuesday, destroyed 110 houses and forced the evacuations of

390,000 people in Fujian Province.

Crops were destroyed on 16,840 hectares of farmland, according to a preliminary estimates of the provincial flood control office on Tuesday.

Sixty-six industries and enterprises suspended operation, causing economic losses of 503 million yuan (74 million US dollars).

As of 10 pm on Tuesday, 97 domestic and 10 international flights had been cancelled, according to an official with Changle International Airport in Fuzhou, the provincial capital.

Eight other flights were delayed and only 12 aircraft took off at the airport as scheduled. The source said all the 430 international air passengers, who were stranded at the airport, would leave on rescheduled flights.

Xinhua

Death toll in highway crash rises to 14 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 31 July—The death toll in a highway crash increased to 14 and 18 others were injured on Wednesday when a bus and a cargo truck crashed in the department of Santander, northeast of Colombia.

The accident occurred at 11:30 local time (1630 GMT) in the highway that connects the cities of Barrancabermeja and Bucaramanga, 270 km north from Bogota, police said. The bus, with teachers and students from La Paz university aboard, collided with a truck which was obstructing the road after falling in a gap.

Union leaders together with the government of Barrancabermeja announced two days of mourning and the suspension of classes.

Xinhua

Britain’s Northern Rock bank to cut 1,300 staff

LONDON, 31 July—Britain’s embattled bank Northern Rock is to cut 1,300 of its staff, Sky News reported on Wednesday. Talks with trade unions will result in 800 compulsory redundancies while another 500 will go voluntarily, bringing the total of those remaining in the bank at some 4,000.

With the majority of job cuts to take place this year, the Newcastle-based bank is still planning for an extra redundancy of 700 by the year 2011, said the report.

The move is part of the restructuring plan aims to

downsize the bank’s mortgage business while strengthening savings deposits.

The bank was nationalized at the start of this year following a funding crisis in the wake of the credit crunch. The bank had borrowed some 27 billion pounds (about

42.09 billion US dollars) from the Bank of England to keep afloat.

By the end of May, Northern Rock owed taxpayers close to 24 billion pounds (48 billion dollars) which it aims to pay back by 2010. (1 US dollar = 0.6415 pound).

Xinhua

Boys perform at the National Beijing Opera Theatre of China during a summer camp featuring Beijing Opera in Beijing, China, on 29 July, 2008.
XINHUA



GM to continue to offer leasing incentives

NEW YORK, 31 July— General Motors Corp has told dealers it will continue to offer leasing incentives in August, while it and other automakers continue to scrutinize their leasing practices in light of steep drops in used car values.

Mark LaNeve, GM’s vice president of North American sales, said in a memo to US dealers late Tuesday that the Detroit-based automaker will continue to offer leasing deals despite the higher costs and risks associated

with them.

“Obviously, current financial pressures will continue to affect our perspective on leasing,” LaNeve said in the memo obtained by *Associated Press*.

“That said, while we obviously can’t make guarantees, we are in the market today with competitive programs to make GMAC leasing more affordable and plan on continuing to offer this financing alternative as part of our August

incentive play on ’08 and ’09 models (with some adjustments and exceptions),” the memo said.

Lease incentives allow a company to offer a lower monthly payment by subsidizing the cost of financing the vehicle, helping to attract business as record-high gas prices and a weak economy have led to a steep drop in auto sales, particularly sales of trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Internet



Soldiers from South Korea’s Special Warfare Command conduct an infiltration operation drill during a photo call in Boryeong, about 190 km (118 miles) southwest of Seoul on 29 July, 2008.—INTERNET

US lawyer goes on trial in Belarus for spying

MINSK, 31 July — A US lawyer went on trial behind closed doors in Belarus on Thursday charged with carrying forged documents, drug offences and industrial espionage — offences that could carry up to seven years in prison.

Emmanuel Zeltser, a New York-based specialist in Russian law and organized crime, was arrested in March at the height of a diplomatic row between ex-Soviet Belarus and the United States.

He was initially charged with using forged documents, and the other accusations were added subsequently. “Under Belarussian law, he faces up to seven years in prison if found guilty,” said his lawyer, Dmitry Goryachko.

He gave no details of the court’s first, hour-long sitting on grounds that the trial was closed. Also standing trial on the documents charge was Zeltser’s secretary, Vladlena Funk. “My client’s physical state can be described as stable but serious,” Goryachko said.

Belarus, accused by Western countries of repressing basic human rights, asked the US ambassador to leave in March following US sanctions against its oil producer, Belneftekhim.

Xinhua



A fisherman sorts fish caught from the Chebayesh marsh in Nassiriya, 300 km (185 miles) southeast of Baghdad on 26 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Afghans must command foreign troops

KABUL, 31 July — To defeat Taleban militants, foreign troops led by NATO and the US military in Afghanistan should come under the command of the Afghan Government, otherwise the war will drag on, a government-owned newspaper said on Tuesday.

More than 71,000 foreign troops are currently stationed in Afghanistan fighting Taleban militants who have made a come back in the past two years, the bloodiest period since the militants’ removal from power in 2001. The lack of a unified command amongst the troops and failure to coordinate operations with the government has been a factor in the escalation of violence and the rebirth of the insurgents, the English-language *Kabul Times* newspaper said.

“If a united command is established and led by Afghan authorities, very soon we will win the war. Afghanistan is the land of the Afghans,” the *Kabul Times* said in an editorial. —MNA/Reuters

NYPD nabs man accused of killing woman in Mass

NEW YORK, 31 July— A man accused of fatally stabbing a woman in a Massachusetts apartment and then fleeing with his four children and their mother was arrested Wednesday by police, who said the siblings and their mother were in good health and apparently had not been taken against their will.

Rodlyn Petitbois was arrested as he walked down a Brooklyn street, while his children and their mother were found safe sitting under a tree in that borough’s Prospect Park, police said.

Earlier, Massachusetts State police had said the siblings and their mother had been taken against their will.

On Wednesday night, New York City police said they believed the family had not been abducted, but they said the details of the situation weren’t available.

The children’s mother was not believed to be an accomplice, they said.

A spokesman for prosecutors in Massachusetts said they were investigating the circumstances under which the family left with Petitbois.

Internet



An American Airlines employee arranges baggage after a software glitch, that controls a baggage conveyer failed at the American Airlines terminal at JFK in New York on 30 July, 2008 causing heavy delays and some planes taking off without passenger luggage.—INTERNET

Mongolian President urges to continue new Parlt

ULAN BATOR, 31 July— Mongolian President Nambaryn Enkhbayar Tuesday urged the main parties to perform the duties of the new Parliament in an official letter, the President’s Press office said.

The first session of the new Parliament failed to swear in legislators on 23 July after members of the main opposition Democratic Party walked out, the letter said.

The Mongolian People’s Revolutionary Party (MPRP) and the Democratic Party, the two biggest parties in the new Parliament, had consulted with each other twice. But the Democratic Party insisted there were fraudulent practices in the Mongolian General Committee of Election (MGCE) and refused to be sworn in.

Xinhua

World Breastfeeding Week Going for the Gold

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World Breastfeeding Week

(1-8-2008 to 7-8-2008)

Mother Support: Going for the Gold!

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World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated every year from 1 to 7 August on the anniversary of the adoption of “Innocenti Declaration” at the WHO/ UNICEF Policy makers’ meeting held at Spedale degli Innocenti, Florence, Italy in 1990.

In order to act on the “Innocenti Declaration on the Protection, Promotion and Support of Breastfeeding”, the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was formed with a global network of individuals and organizations world-wide. As part of its action plan to facilitate and strengthen social mobilization for breastfeeding, WABA envisioned a global unifying strategy by suggesting a day to be dedicated to breastfeeding in the calendar of international events. The idea of a day’s celebration was later turned into a week.

This has become to be known as “World Breastfeeding Week” to commemorate “Innocenti Declaration”. First observed in 1992, World Breastfeeding Week has since become the “greatest vehicle” for the breastfeeding movement around the world, with its major aim to globally spread information about the importance of breastfeeding for maternal and child health and to facilitate and strengthen social mobilization therefor.

Breastfeeding is universally accepted as the best way of feeding infants, with a vast array of benefits not only to infants but also to mothers and society. Breastmilk, nutrient-rich, energy-rich and easy to digest, is “a high quality food”, ideal for infants and young children over six months of age. UNICEF also stated that in a developing country, a child who is breastfed is almost three times more likely to survive infancy than a child who is not.

In 1997, breastfeeding —particularly breastfeeding babies exclusively for the first six months, and continuing breastfeeding together with feeding other appropriate complementary foods, up to two

years and beyond—was declared the Gold Standard of Infant Feeding, against which all other feeding methods must be measured.

Despite encouraging trends in breastfeeding rates in some countries, global data reveal that less than 40 per cent of infants under six months of age are exclusively breastfed today. This underachievement, according to WHO, in turn contributes to the unnecessary deaths of over a million children every year—lives that could be saved if mothers and families were adequately encouraged and supported to breastfeed.

World Breastfeeding Week offers the opportunity to advocate and increase breastfeeding practices throughout the world. A theme is usually selected every year and over 120 countries observe the Special Week with a variety of activities.

This year’s theme is:

“Mother Support: Going for the Gold!”

With this theme, the call is made worldwide for increased support for mothers striving to achieve the gold standard of infant feeding. By mother support, they mean “any support provided to mothers for the purpose of improving breastfeeding practices...”

It is fully recognized that mothers deserve and need

- Empathetic Listening
- Basic, accurate, and timely information
- Skilled and practical help
- Encouragement

A breastfeeding mother tends to face challenges regarding those needs. Support is definitely needed to provide a “Golden Start for her child!” Support can come from professional or lay sources—family, friends, community, etc. “If you did anything to support a woman planning to breastfeed or a mother already breastfeeding her child,” WABA said, “you deserve a Gold Medal”. Accordingly we are urged to go for the

gold by supporting mothers to breastfeed since with breastfeeding, everyone wins!

For Myanmar society, breastfeeding is a common practice followed in both urban and rural areas. Except for a very few cases, most mothers breastfeed their children, a worthy tradition handed down for generations.

However, for systematic breastfeeding to be followed, mothers need the basic, accurate and timely information plus skilled and practical help regarding the gold standard of infant feeding. Moral support and encouragement from family and friends plus facilities in the work place for working mothers can also go a long way for breastfeeding mothers. Working mothers do need support to succeed at working and breastfeeding, too.

All in all, for systematic breastfeeding to permeate all levels, consistent support for mothers must come from all parts of society.

So let’s all join in scaling-up support for mothers to improve systematic breastfeeding practices!

Re: The Gold Standard of Infant Feeding

- * Everyone accepts
For survival and health
Infants to be exclusively breastfed
An intervention regarded as best
- * Challenges everywhere
At home, at work and out there
For mothers to breastfeed
To overcome and meet variety of needs
- * Support of many kinds
Breastfeeding’s why, when, how—to know in time
Skilled and practical help—they wouldn’t mind
Even a smile or an encouraging word, just fine
- * Support Circles—formal or informal
Support Sources—professional or lay
Family, friends, and community—all play
A vital role in keeping breastfeeding practice to stay
- * A Golden start to the baby
With benefits to moms, family and society
Many advantages breastfeeding brings
And Everyone Wins!
- * Let’s all go for the gold
By supporting mothers to breastfeed and score!

Aye Phyu

Cash and kind
supervisory
committee
meets

YANGON, 31 July — A financial meeting of cash and kind supervisory committee for storm victims was held at the head office of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township here on 29 July.

Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered an address.

At the meeting, Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department reported on receipt of cash and kind for storm victims and financial matters.

Next, Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win also reported on matters related to provisions.

After that, the participants briefed on their respective tasks and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.— MNA

OIL LIGHTS PUJA HELD: Myanmar Hindu Prophets Organization (Ahlon Township) led by Chairman U Maung Myint, Secretary U Tin Maung Win and U Bo Ni Yan, held the Mingaladipa Oil Lights Festival at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Street, here, on 27 July. A total of 532 Hindu women taking part in the festival. — NLM



General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet being welcomed by PRC Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lianfeng and wife at the ceremony to mark the 81st Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese PLA. (News on page 1)—MNA



37 exchange arms for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—The State Peace and Development Council has focused on national reconsolidation, upholding Our Three Main National Causes. In the meantime, it is making all-out efforts to achieve equitable development of all parts of the nation. National race armed groups are exchanging arms for peace individually or in group to join hands with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, due to the fact that they have understood the government’s prudent drives and benevolent attitude towards them, and made a correct view that their subversive acts do not yield any fruitful results.

From January to

April in 2008, major Aik Tun bringing together with him two M-16s, captain Win Kyaw with two Carbines, lieutenant Tun Aung with one AK-47, corporal Aik Dok with two launchers, Lance corporal Aik Tan with one barrel gun and 133 assorted rounds of ammunition, and privates Aik Zan Pan, Aik Lu, Aik Lwin, Aik Khwok, Sai Ki and Aik Myint from WNA armed group; private Aik Lu with one AK-47, two magazines, 73 ammunition rounds and three mines, Lance corporal Sitta with one M-22, one magazine and 30 ammunition rounds, and private Aye Kyaw from SSA (Ywet Sit); private Kayah Phe with one pistol, private Ti No with a BA-63, three

magazines and 56 ammunition rounds from Ya-La-La-Pha (Split) exchanged arms for peace at the Eastern Command area.

Similarly, private Moe Aung with one AK-47, one magazine and 39 ammunition rounds, and private Chit Soe with one Point-22, 10 ammunition rounds and one hand grenade from Battalion 16, Brigade (6) of KNU; sergeant Myint Wai with one AK-47, two magazines and 10 ammunition rounds from battalion (1) of Brigade (1) at the area of the South-East Command; private Saw San Tun with one M-16 and 25 ammunition rounds from Brigade (2) of KNU, corporal Saw Soe Moe and private

Saw Ar Di with two AK-47s, four magazines and 27 ammunition rounds, and privates Saw Gamu, Saw Shwe Ge, Saw Kyaw Thein, Saw Po Po and Saw Hayglo from battalion (5) of Brigade (2) at the area of Southern Command; private Saw Lay Lo of battalion (11) of Brigade (4) of KNU and his three family members with one AK-47, one magazine and 15 ammunition rounds at the area of Coastal Region Command; corporal Yar Sein with one M-22, one magazine and 35 ammunition rounds and private Nwe Oun of battalion (678)

and privates Aik Shan and Aik San Naw battalion (768) from SSA (Ywet Sit) at the area of Triangle Region Command; and private Kyaw Win and three family members of Rakhine Army (AA), and corporal Sein Po Tha and private Aung Tha Zan and three family members of BCP (Rakhine) at Western Command exchanged arms for peace.

The 37 received warm welcome and assistance at the camps of the commands. Many other insurgents are planning to exchange arms for peace.

MNA

Mingaladon Airbase clinches Champion

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July— The prize presentation ceremony for the Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Chess Tournament 2008 was held at Toungoo Station Hall on 25 July morning.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Col Hsan Oo Hlaing of Toungoo Station attended the ceremony together with officers and other ranks of Defence Services (Air) and guests.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the class, individual and team events. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Col Hsan Oo Hlaing of Toungoo Station awarded Championship Trophy to Mingaladon Airbase Team.

MNA

Ministry of PBANRDA holds coord meeting



Minister Col Thein Nyunt delivers a speech at coordination meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held the coordination meeting at the ministry, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Col Thein Nyunt gave instructions to officials of the Development Affairs Department on upgrading of rural roads and bridges, carrying out of urban development task, timely completion of district-to-district roads, undertaking of water supply and rural housing. He also gave instructions to Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department on maintenance of heavy machinery of the department, better transport in border areas, and acceleration of education, health, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. In addition, he left instructions for Education and Training Department on training and academic matters for youth training schools, Women's Vocational Training Schools and

Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges.

Acting Director-General U Khin Kyu of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department, Director-General U Than Win of Education and Training Department and Managing Director U Khin Latt of Development Bank Ltd submitted their respective reports.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage in engineering works and systematic keeping of accounts.

Officials reported on their respective sectors.

Development Affairs Committees have upgraded 32,018 miles of rural and urban roads from 1988 to April 2008 and undertaken supply of water in 8,029 villages out of 8,042 villages in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions. — MNA

Information Ministry, Rail Transportation Ministry ease through opponents

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — The first round matches of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008 continued at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Paunglaung Sports Ground this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun and members, directors-general and managing directors of the Ministry of Information and CSSTB, staff and

their families.

The Ministry of Information team whitewashed CSSTB with a 10-0 result.

At Nay Pyi Taw Football Ground No. 2, the Ministry of Rail Transportation beat the Ministry of Construction team 4-2.

Tomorrow's fixtures:

Cooperatives Ministry vs. NPED Ministry

Sports Ministry vs. PBANRDA Ministry. —MNA

Bomb blasts off at auto-exchange office in Mudon

YANGON, 31 July — Auto-exchange Office in the village of Kyonphite in Mudon Township, Mon State, was damaged by a bomb attack by insurgents yesterday.

Two panes of the door to the office building and three windowpanes were smashed due to the explosion at about 11.30 pm yesterday. There were no fatality and no damage to the telephone connection.

Insurgents have committed bomb attacks and sabotage to cause panic among the people and to disrupt the stability of the State, community peace and prevalence of law and order. Authority concerned urged the people to have their eyes on suspected insurgents and terrorists and inform local authority.

MNA

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal in circulation

YANGON, 31 July — No. 6, Volume VII of Shwe Naing Ngan Journal came out today.

The journal has covered local and foreign news including opening of Sittaung Bridge (Moapplin) and workshop on development of Myanmar society, works of 12 investment companies in Yadanabon Myothit and reconstruction of embankment in Ayeyawady Delta to take shelter from flood and storm.

The journal is available at Book Shop of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Pan Shwe Pyi Book Shop on Theinbyu Street. Any one can send manuscripts and features to be featured in on the journal to the office of the Journal, No. 228, on Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township, Ph: 01-382070.

MNA

Cash donated to Vipassana Pagoda

YANGON, 31 July — The 12th cash donation ceremony for construction of Vipassana Pagoda near Mumbai of India was held at Dhammazawti Vipassana Yeiktha on Ngadatgyi Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Adviser U Arnt Maung explained the purpose of donation and U Thein Aung of International Dhammagiri Vipassana Group and Silversmith U San Kyi, matters related to the pagoda.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Patron U Maung Shwe handed K 10 million donated by Daw Sein Ti and family, jewellery worth K 8,800,032 by U Win Zaw-Daw Saw Yu Maw and U Aung Soe-Daw Hsin Hsin Phyo, K 45,203,188 by 250 wellwishers including 6 ticals of gold, jewellery worth K 38,963,940, US\$ 2,369, FEC 332, 100 Yuan, 320 baht, Ausi-D 130 and S\$ 6 to Adviser U Arnt Maung.

Later, they shared merits gained for the donations.

MNA

Seinlè Shwepyi journal, Vol 5, No. 17 comes out

YANGON, 31 July — Seinlè Shwepyi journal was in circulation, carrying features on permission for installation of water pipelines from Nganmoeyeik Dam, active participation of USDA members in rehabilitation tasks at storm-hit areas, leaving of 329 youth for respective areas for second time, 200,000 acres being under rubber in Ayeyawady Division, application for border trade import licences through on-line and re-running of rice mills that were damaged in the storm.

The journal is available at the book stall of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street and Pan Shwe Pyi Book Shop. Manuscripts are invited to the journal of PPE Office at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Tel: 01-382070.

MNA

National Steering Committee for HPAI Prevention and Control Programme meets

YANGON, 31 July — The first meeting of National Steering Committee for HPAI Prevention and Control Programme was held at Micasa Hotel, here, yesterday, attended by officials of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Livestock Breeding Veterinary Department, FAO, Health Department, University of Veterinary Science, Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise, Yangon City Development Committee and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation.

Chairman of the committee Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and FAO Resident Representative Dr Shin Imai delivered opening addresses. National Project Director Dr Than Tun, Director of LBVD Dr Kyaw Hsan and Coordinator for FAO Regional HPAI Projects in Asia Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh explained preventive measures against HPAI and work to be done in Myanmar.

World Bank will contribute US\$ 1315353 to three-year HPAI prevention and control programme.

MNA

Biochemical, physiological, public health aspects of environmental change and its impact on physical and mental health refresher course to be held

YANGON, 31 July — Myanmar Medical Association will conduct biochemical, physiological, public health aspects of environmental change and its impact on physical and mental health refresher course on 9 August from 9 am to 12 noon and any interested persons may take the course.

Those interested can enroll on the course at Biochemistry and Physiology Departments of Yangon University of Medicine-1, Yangon University of Medicine-2 and Defence Services Medical Academy, Yangon Medical Science Department of Yangon University of Medicine-2 and Mental Health Department of Yangon University of Medicine-1 as from 4 August. The enrollment fee is K 2000. — 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

Talks of computer professionals for IT enthusiast youth

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

With the aim of enhancing information and communications technology for the youth who are studying in IT field, a talk, organized by the Myanmar Computer Professionals Association (MCPA) and sponsored by the Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC), was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township at 9 am on 27 July.



To become a programmer, in today's talks, I learned how to prepare to become a professional developer. It is a fruitful talk. Zeyar Myo Oo Trainee of Software & Hardware Course.

Computer professionals participated in the talks with a topic "How to prepare to become a Professional Developer" and replied to queries raised by the youth.

The talks reflected the growing interest of today's youth in information technology. The meeting room of Myanmar Info-Tech was packed with the youth who are interested in IT.

At the talks, computer professional U Nay Lin Than discussed definition of professional and the life of a professional, doing of quality jobs in time, focusing on gaining good results from the jobs, continuous learning and sharing and disseminating of knowledge and techniques.

U Win Htein Win, another computer professional, explained studying computer science without giving priority to obtaining completion certificate only and the importance of practically applying computer knowledge and offering good service to the customers or users.

Computer professional U Tun Khaing also gave clarifications. He said that those who had set the goal to become IT professionals should not concentrate on earning of income only. He continued to explain that they had to analyze their interest in information technology and strong and weak points in their works. He noted that any programmer should have to study technology to be able to solve the programme problems, but not rely too much on the technology.

In his discussions, computer professional U Ye Yint Win said that the programmer had to gain IT experiences and knowledge. They needed to have capability of creating suitable software for the customers. In so doing, he added, they would encounter difficulty in software field. Myanmar youth have ability to create software quickly. However, they usually spend more time in creating good software. In this regard, the speed of Myanmar youth in creating software is three times that of Japanese youth and two times that of Singaporean youth.

After the discussions of computer professionals, the youth present asked questions about their interested fields. The computer professionals clearly replied to the questions of the youth. The computer professionals shared their knowledge with the youth to solve problems of computer science.

I had an interview with a youth who attended the talks. He said, "I am Zeyar Myo Oo. I am attending the Software & Hardware Course being conducted by Department of Human Resources Development of the National Management College in Yangon. As I have an ambition to become a computer programmer,

As I come to realize the knowledge needed for those wishing to become a software engineer, it is a beneficial talk. Ma Phyto Pyae Pyae Soe, who has ambition to become a software engineer.



I attended today's talks. After the talks, I learned how to prepare to become a professional developer, what I have to seek the knowledge and requirements. Today's talks encouraged me to set firm ambition."

In an interview, a young lady said, "I am Ma Phyto Pyae Pyae Soe. I am trying to the best of my ability to sit for examinations related to software. I am desirous to become a software engineer. After attending the talks, I realized the preparations and observation to be made by those wishing to become software engineers."

The talks were an effective initiative for the youth who are interested in IT technology and desirous to become IT professionals.

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The meeting room of Myanmar Info-Tech being packed with attendees at the talks of computer professionals from MCPA.

Total eclipse stirs hearts in Russia



The promise of a solar eclipse, like this one in 2006, is drawing people to west Russia.—INTERNET

Moscow, 31 July— A rare total solar eclipse will pass just west of Russia’s third-largest city Friday, but crowds of tourists in Novosibirsk to witness the event may find their view of the event obscured by clouds and rain.

The eclipse — the moon passing in front of the sun — will begin in Arctic Canada around 0945 GMT, sweep across Greenland, pass through western Siberia, Mongolia and end in central China more than an hour and a half later.

Officials in Novosibirsk, Siberia’s cultural and scientific

capital, have set up 16 viewing sites, including special equipment for safely viewing the event.

More than 5,000 foreign tourists were expected to show up in the city of 1.5 million for the event, said Olesya Varnavido, manager of the Olympia Reisen-Sibir travel agency.

If skies are clear, witnesses in the Russian city will see the sun vanish for two minutes and 20 seconds at 5:45 pm local time (1045 GMT.)

But the weather may not cooperate. Intermittent showers were forecast for the region late Friday afternoon.—*Internet*

Japan raid over ‘nuclear exports’

TOKYO, 31 July—Police in Japan have raided the premises of a company suspected of illegally exporting machinery that could be used to make nuclear weapons.

Officers targeted the headquarters of Horkos Corp and several related sites in the southern city of Fukuyama.

The company is accused of exporting tools that could be used in enriching uranium without government permission.

The tools are normally used to manufacture automotive components, but they can be modified to produce the centrifuges used to enrich uranium.

Export of these items requires approval from the government, but Horkos is accused of falsely labelling items to avoid the need for permission.—*Internet*

Golden retriever adopts 3 abandoned tiger cubs at Kansas Zoo

CANEY (Kan), 31 July — A dog at a southeast Kansas zoo has adopted three tiger cubs abandoned by their mother.

Safari Zoological Park owner Tom Harvey said the tiger cubs were born Sunday, but the mother had problems with them.

A day later, the mother stopped caring for them. Harvey said the cubs were wandering around, trying to find their birth mother, who wouldn’t pay attention to them. That’s when the cubs were put in the care of a golden retriever, Harvey said.

Harvey said it’s unusual for dogs to care for tiger cubs, but it does

happen. He said he has seen reports of pigs nursing cubs in China, and he actually got the golden retriever after his wife saw television accounts of dogs caring for tiger cubs.

Puppies take about the same amount of time as tiger cubs to develop, and Harvey said the adoptive mother just recently weaned her own puppies.

Internet



Isabella, a golden retriever at the Safari Zoological Park, near Caney, Kan, nurses three white tiger cubs she adopted.

INTERNET

Netanyahu calls for early elections

JERUSALEM, 31 July—

A day after Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced he would depart political life, top rival Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday that Israel should get rid of its current governing coalition and go straight to early elections.

Polls show the Likud Party’s Netanyahu — a former prime minister who takes a hard line on territorial concessions to the Arabs — would most likely win such a race if it were held today.

Olmert threw Israel’s political system into turmoil on Wednesday by abruptly announcing he would step down after his



Benjamin Netanyahu was Prime Minister of Israel from 1996 until 1999. INTERNET

Kadima Party’s leadership race in September, called because of a series of corruption allegations swirling around him.

Israel’s political system allows Olmert’s replacement as Kadima head to carry out his term, which was to have ended in November 2010.

But it is possible that the next Kadima leader

would not be able to form a coalition government, given the fractious and freewheeling nature of Israeli politics. In that event, new elections would be called, and held early next year. It’s possible that Olmert could remain as a caretaker prime minister during this time.

Internet

Bomb wounds 3 at Pakistan consulate in Afghanistan

HERAT (Afghanistan), 31 July— A bicycle bomb outside the Pakistani consulate in the western Afghan city of Herat wounded a police guard and two civilians on

Thursday.

Afghanistan has suffered scores of Taliban suicide and roadside bombs that have killed more than 200 civilians already this year, but

Herat is relatively peaceful and most violence there analysts say is carried out by armed gangs and criminals.

The explosives were attached to a bicycle near a police kiosk outside the consulate, wounding a police guard and a woman and a child. There was no damage to the consulate.

Pakistan condemned the bombing. Pakistan had requested greater security at its diplomatic missions in Afghanistan, an embassy official in Kabul said.—*Internet*



Afghan officials inspect the site of an explosion outside the gates of the Pakistani consulate in the city of Herat province south west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 31 July, 2008. INTERNET

Alligator bites off arm of 11-year-old Louisiana boy

SLIDELL (La), 31 July—An alligator has bitten off an 11-year-old boy’s arm in Louisiana.

Devin Funck was playing in a neighborhood pond in a subdivision about 20 miles northeast of New Orleans when the alligator pulled him under. The alligator was described as between 10 and 12 feet long.

Relatives said that he managed to free himself. He was airlifted to a hospital, where his condition was not available.

Wildlife officials say they shot the alligator and recovered the boy’s arm largely intact from its belly. The arm was taken to the hospital, but relatives say they’re not sure whether it can be successfully reattached.

Last month, a teen lost his arm when an alligator attacked him in a Florida canal.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (8035)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (8035) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.8.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAY-SIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (RKN 021)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (RKN 021) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.8.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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Libya frees two Swiss nationals
ZURICH, 31 July—Libya has released two Swiss nationals who were detained after a son of leader Moammar Kadaffi was arrested in Geneva, the Swiss Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.
The men, who were arrested and charged in Tripoli on 19 July, were released on bail on Tuesday by the judge in charge of the case and were said to be in good health, the ministry said in a statement.
They are currently at the Swiss Embassy in Tripoli and have not yet been given permission to leave Libyan territory.
A row erupted between Switzerland and Libya after the arrest on 15 July of Hannibal Kadaffi, who together with his wife was charged with ill-treatment of two domestic employees.
“Talks between Switzerland and Libya are continuing at a diplomatic level to resolve the

Workers evacuated at troubled French nuclear site
PARIS, 31 July—More than 120 workers evacuated a nuclear power plant in southern France on Tuesday after an alarm was set off, the nuclear safety authority said.
Plant owner EDF said the alarm was triggered accidentally but the safety authority ASN said it would await an independent examination before making any conclusions.
It was the latest scare to hit the Tricastin site after around 100 staff were contaminated with a low dose of radiation last week and a uranium spillage occurred.
ASN Deputy director in Lyon Marc Champion played down the incident.— *MNA/Reuters*

Corrigendum
Please read 2,049.500 ±10% Metric Ton instead of 2,049, 500±10% in the Invitation For Tender of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise in New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 27-7-2008.
Workers build a greenhouse at a farm in Yanqing, north of Beijing, on 30 July, 2008. —INTERNET



Vietnam attracts more foreign visitors in seven months
HANOI, 31 July — Vietnam is estimated to welcome 2.6 million international arrivals in the first seven months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 6.6 per cent, the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) said Tuesday.
In the seven-month period, the number of foreign tourists rose by 3.1 per cent to more than 1.6 million, and that of foreigners coming to Vietnam for business purposes surged 38.4 per cent to 505, 500. Many foreign visitors come from China, the United States, South Korea, Japan, Thailand and Australia.
Vietnam plans to host 4.8-5 million international arrivals, mainly from China, Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, North America, Western Europe and Eastern Europe this year, up from over 4.2 million last year.
Vietnam will host the 28th ASEAN Tourism Forum in Hanoi capital next January, during which tourism ministers from the 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are scheduled to meet to discuss projects and programmes on regional tourism integration, and traveling conferences and exhibitions will be held, said the VNAT.
Xinhua

tensions in the bilateral relationship,” the Swiss Foreign Ministry said.
The move came after Libya’s Foreign Ministry advised its citizens not to travel to Switzerland as it feared “repressive measures” following the arrest.
Last week, Tripoli said it had halted oil shipments to energy-importing Switzerland and had suspended the issuing of visas to Swiss nationals.
MNA/Reuters

Separated Nepali twin dies of chest infection
KATHMANDU, 31 July—One of a pair of Nepali twins once joined at the head died on Tuesday, seven years after surgeons in Singapore separated their fused skulls, a doctor said. The twin girls, Ganga and Jamuna, 7, had been living in Nepal with their parents since their surgery hit international headlines in 2001. But Basanta Pant, a neurosurgeon at Kathmandu Model Hospital, where the girls undergo regular medical check ups, said Ganga died in hospital while being treated for a chest infection.
“We ventilated the girl for two days. But eventually she passed away because of a chest problem,” Pant told *Reuters*. Pant said Ganga had been the weaker of the two since the surgery but Jamuna was doing well.
MNA/Reuters

Alcohol poisoning kills 16 in Indonesia’s Papua
JAKARTA, 31 July—Sixteen fishermen have died in Indonesia’s Papua Province since the weekend and 93 have been hospitalized after drinking a traditional liquor, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.
Some of the victims were believed to be Thai and survivors were being treated at a hospital in Merauke district, 675 kilometres (420 miles) from Papua’s capital Jayapura, the deputy national police spokesman said.
“They drank the alcohol while sailing and fishing,” Sulistyo Ishak said, adding that police could not yet confirm the number of Thai victims.
In August last year, 13 people were killed in Papua after drinking a concoction containing 70 per cent alcohol combined with an energy drink and condensed milk.—*MNA/Reuters*

Survey says Filipinos “worse off” amid high prices
MANILA, 31 July—Most Filipinos believed their quality of life have worsened due to high prices of food and oil in the past year and are “pessimistic” for the future, a survey released on Wednesday said.
Amid the “continuing oil and food crises,” 75 per cent of Filipinos said they are worse off now than a year ago while 84 per cent believed most of their countrymen are “in the same boat” as they are, Pulse Asia, Inc. said in its latest survey “Quality of Life and State of the National Economy”.
Pulse Asia is a public opinion polling body in the Philippines, monitoring salient socio-economic, political and cultural issues in the minds of the Filipino public. The survey was conducted from 1 July to 14 July, asking 1,200 respondents from around the country.
The survey said only 7 per cent of the respondents said their situation have improved in the past 12 months and 3 per cent felt the national quality of life is better now than last year.
Based on the same survey, Pulse Asia said two in three Filipinos or 64 per cent are pessimistic about their situation in the next 12 months and 79 per cent said they are pessimistic about the national situation.
Meanwhile, 12 per cent of Filipinos are looking at a brighter year in 2009. The survey also showed that 86 per cent of Filipinos believed their country has become poorer in the last three years while only 4 per cent of Filipinos believed the country’s economy has improved and 10 per cent believed the economy’s state has not changed between 2005 and 2008.— *Xinhua*



French company Alstom's AGV speed train is seen on a testing track in Cerhenice near the town of Velim, Czech Republic, some 35 miles (56 km) east of Prague, on 29 July, 2008.—XINHUA

Pre-pregnancy diabetes tied to more birth defects

ATLANTA, 31 July—Diabetic women who get pregnant are three to four times more likely to have a child with birth defects than other women, according to new government research.

The study is the largest of its kind, and provides the most detailed information to date on types of birth defects that befall the infants of diabetic mothers, including heart defects, missing kidneys and spine deformities.

The study lists nearly 40 types of birth defects found to be significantly more common in the infants of diabetic mothers than in those who weren't diabetic or who were diagnosed



A type 1 diabetic patient fills her syringe with insulin at the JWCH safety-net clinic in the center of skid row in downtown Los Angeles, on 30 July, 2007.

INTERNET

with diabetes after they became pregnant.

The study's list of diabetes-associated birth defects is surprising — it's

much longer than was previously understood, said Janis Biermann, senior vice president for education and health promotion at the March of Dimes.

"It adds more information about the specific types of birth defects associated with pregestational diabetes and gestational diabetes," said Biermann, who was not involved in the research.

Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention led the study, which is being published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. CDC officials released the study Wednesday.

Internet

Scientists recreate hidden Van Gogh portrait

AMSTERDAM, 31 July—A team of European scientists unveiled on Wednesday a new method for extracting images hidden under old masters' paintings, recreating a color portrait of a woman's face unseen since Vincent van Gogh painted over it in 1887.

For years, art historians have been using X-rays to probe artworks hidden underneath other paintings, a technique resulting in a fuzzy, black-and-white image. But Joris Dik, a materials scientist from Delft University, and Koen Janssens, a chemist from the University of Antwerp in Belgium, combined science and art to engineer

a new method of visualizing hidden paintings, using high-intensity X-rays and an intimate knowledge of old pigments.

The pair used the new approach on "Patch of Grass," a small oil study of a field that Van Gogh painted in Paris while living with his brother Theo, who supported him.

While not exact in every detail, the image produced is a woman's head that may be the same model Van Gogh painted in a series of portraits leading up to the 1885 masterpiece "The Potato Eaters."

The new method will allow art historians to obtain higher quality and

more detailed images underlying old masterpieces.

Internet



Finland's Roma face threat of losing children

HELSINKI, 31 July—Aurelia no longer brings her four-year-old daughter with her to beg on the streets of Finland's capital Helsinki.

The 35-year-old Roma is too scared the little girl will be taken from her and put in foster care.

Finland is cracking down on Roma, or gypsies, who beg with their children, threatening to send mothers and children back to their country of origin or to take the children into foster care. The aim, authorities say, is

to protect the children. But human rights groups say the move, introduced at the end of 2007, is one of Europe's toughest anti-Roma measures to date, and constitutes a form of blackmail that divides families rather than protecting them.

Finland is not alone in introducing measures which critics say discriminate against Roma. The European Union executive has urged member states to offer better opportunities to Roma, who are often not given equal chances to

advance socially. Eastern Europe's estimated 9-12 million Roma are the poorest sector in society in the region, and many have fled to richer, western states in search of a better life.

But, often, they have only found neglect, discrimination and crushing poverty.

In Italy, the government was harshly criticized over a draft plan to fingerprint Roma people, including children, as part of a crackdown on crime, which many Italians blame on immigrants.—Internet



Coloured paving stones display a replica of a work of art by Russian painter Vassily Kandinsky on the main square of the Bavarian town of Weilheim, southern Germany, on 31 July, 2008. Kandinsky painted this square in 1909.—INTERNET

Saturn's moon Titan has liquid lake, confirms NASA

WASHINGTON, 31 July 30—At least one of the large lakes observed on Saturn's moon Titan

contains liquid hydrocarbons, NASA scientists have concluded. They have also positively identified the presence of ethane.

This makes Titan the only body in our solar system beyond Earth known to have liquid on its surface, NASA reported Wednesday.

Scientists made the discovery using data from an instrument aboard the Cassini spacecraft. Earlier, scientists had

thought Titan would have global oceans of methane, ethane and other light hydrocarbons.

More than 40 close flybys of Titan by Cassini showed no such global oceans existed but revealed the presence of hundreds of dark lake-like features. Until this new study, it was not known whether these features were liquid or simply dark, solid material.—Internet

Undated handout picture shows a painting underneath Van Gogh's famous work 'Patch of grass' in Hamburg. Scientists have made a coloured view of an early rejected painting underneath Vincent van Gogh's 'Patch of Grass' painting, using advanced X-ray techniques, a Dutch university said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Rafa rolls over Serra in Cincinnati tennis beat-down

CINCINNATI, 31 July — Rafael Nadal steamrolled to another overwhelming victory this season, crushing Florent Serra 6-0, 6-1 on Thursday in the second round of the ATP Cincinnati Masters tournament.

The lop-sided victory took just 46 minutes and was the second runaway win for the world number two in less than three months. He also lost just one game in a dominating victory over German Denis Gremelmayr in the Barcelona semi-finals. Nadal also lost only four games when he beat number 84 Serra, of France, at the Australian Open in January.

It was the 30th consecutive match victory for Nadal who also laid down another marker for top ranked Roger Federer, who Nadal nows trails in the rankings by a razor-thin 300 points.—Internet



FC Barcelona's Argentinian player Lionel Messi, seen here on 18 July, 2008, will head to China early Thursday to join the Argentina squad for the Olympics which get underway next week, the Spanish club said.—INTERNET

Barca's Messi heads to China after FIFA ruling

MADRID, 31 July — Barcelona striker Lionel Messi will head to China early Thursday to join the Argentina squad for the Olympics which get underway next week, the Spanish club said.

The 21-year-old will fly from Italy, where he took part in a 3-1 friendly win over Fiorentina in Florence on Wednesday night, in the company of Pepe Costa, a member of Barcelona's technical staff, the club said in a statement.

The Argentina international has been at the centre of a tug of war between club and country with Barcelona trying to retain him for their Champions League qualifier tie in August.

Earlier Wednesday FIFA confirmed clubs are obliged to release players aged 23 and under for the Olympics but Barcelona, which wants to retain Messi for their Champions League qualifier tie in August, said they would take the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Speaking before a FIFA judge declared that clubs were under an obligation to release their under-23 players for Beijing, Messi said: "If FIFA say I should be there then I'll go without waiting for the CAS ruling."

Messi added: "If CAS say that I have to return then I'll come back but for the moment I want to be with my country and my teammates."

Internet

Bayern's Ribery set for second ankle operation

BERLIN, 31 July — Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery



is set to have a second ankle operation on Friday, according to reports here.

German sports agency SID report the 25-year-old, who damaged ankle ligaments in last month's Euro 2008, will have a metal screw removed from his left ankle in a scheduled operation in Munich on Friday.

Ribery, who is on crutches and in a plaster cast, is expected to be fit for the middle of September and will miss the defending champions' start

to the season on August 15 at home to Hamburg.

Bayern flew out to Japan on Tuesday for a friendly game against Urawa Red Diamonds minus injury concerns Italian Luca Toni and German duo Tim Borowski and Hans Jorg Butt.

The trio, who stayed behind for treatment, is doubtful for Bayern's German Cup tie at Erfurt on 10 August, the club's website said Wednesday.

Internet

Torres and Keane pairing excites Liverpool manager



Liverpool manager Rafael Benítez speaks at a Press conference to unveil new signing Robbie Keane at the club's Melwood training complex, in Liverpool, north-west England, on 29 July, 2008.—INTERNET

VILLARREAL, 31 JULY — Rafael Benitez believes he has already seen signs that his new strike force of Robbie Keane and Fernando Torres will gel ahead of the start of Liverpool's coming campaign.

Keane made his Liverpool debut following his 20 million pound (40 million dollar) move from Tottenham Hotspur as Benitez's side played out a scoreless friendly draw with La Liga outfit Villarreal here Wednesday. The Irishman played just 45 minutes and was withdrawn before Torres came on as a second-half substitute.

But with his side's first competitive game — a Champions League qualifier — looming in less than two weeks' time on August 12, Liverpool manager Benitez knows the duo will have to bed in before the serious business of the season gets underway.

Their first taste of joint action could come when Liverpool continue their pre-season preparations with a friendly against Scottish giants Rangers on 2 August. "You could see Robbie was working hard against Villarreal and trying to impress and that was the key," said Benitez. "We'll have enough games left now to play him with Torres.—Internet

Beijing pollution better, more measures considered

BEIJING, 31 July — Chinese officials said Thursday that they would shut down more factories and take additional cars off the roads if current pollution curbs do not clear the city's air enough before next week's Olympic Games.

The polluted air, one of the biggest worries for Olympic organizers, prompted Beijing to take drastic measures, includ-

ing pulling half the city's 3.3 million vehicles off the roads and closing some factories in the capital region.

The new emergency measures include shutting another 200-plus factories and further restricting vehicles across Beijing, Tianjin city and surrounding Hebei province, according to a notice posted Thursday on the government's Web site.

In Beijing, besides current restrictions banning odd/even license plates on alternate days, automobiles whose last digit matches the last digit of the date would be banned.

Internet

Third seed Sharapova wins then pulls out of Montreal tennis

MONTREAL, 31 July — Russia's Maria Sharapova withdrew from the WTA Rogers Cup Wednesday just moments after winning a marathon second-round match over Marta Domachowska.

The third-seeded Sharapova needed two hours, 56 minutes to beat the unseeded Domachowska of Poland 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 and then pulled out of the tournament with an injured right shoulder.

"Coming into this tournament I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to compete," Sharapova said.

"In the last few weeks I've been trying to find a solution to the aggravation I did to the shoulder back at Indian Wells in one of my matches. I haven't found the solution yet.

"I just spoke to a couple of doctors and they advised me to try to find the cause of the problem, what's causing my bursitis, because they think there's something else behind it rather than just that."

Sharapova was scheduled to play a third round match against Japan's Ai Sugiyama who was victory the win in a walkover. This was Sharapova's first match since her disappointing performance at Wimbledon.

After splitting the first two sets, Sharapova stepped it up and dominated the third set against Domachowska.

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Maria Sharapova of Russia serves against Marta Domachowska of Poland during Day 3 of Rogers Cup Tennis on 30 July, 2008 at Stade Uniprix in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Sharapova defeated Domachowska 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.—INTERNET

Russian pole vaulter breaks own world mark

BEIJING, 31 July — Russian Yelena Isinbayeva broke her own women's world pole vault record on Tuesday when she cleared 5.04m at her third attempt at the Monaco Grand Prix.

Isinbayeva, who bettered her previous mark of 5.03m set at the Rome Golden League meeting on 11 July, recorded her 13th outdoor world record and 23rd overall on a warm, still night in the principality.

The Olympic and world champion had come close to vaulting 5.04m last Friday in London, where she cleared the bar with her third attempt but brought it down during her descent.

Internet

Sri Lankan jets bomb rebel base, fighting kills 24

COLOMBO, 31 July— Sri Lankan fighter jets bombed a rebel base in the far north of the island on Wednesday, the military said, as government forces continued their push against the rebels’ northern stronghold.

“It was a Black Tiger (suicide fighter) training centre northwest of Irinamadu tank in Mullitivu,” said air force spokesman Wing Commander Janaka Nanayakkara.

The military said ground troops had also killed 20 Tamil Tiger rebels in day-earlier fighting. Four soldiers were also killed.

The air raids on a

Tamil Tiger rebel base in rebel-held Mullaitivu, and the fighting in several northern districts, came as the military blamed the Tigers for breaching their own unilateral ceasefire by firing artillery in the Army-controlled northern Jaffna Peninsula, which separates the rest of Sri Lanka from the rebel-held north.

“They (rebels) fired about 10 rounds of artillery and two soldiers injured,” said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara. Security in Colombo has been beefed up for the South Asian Association of Regional Corporation (SAARC) summit from 27 July to 3 August.

MNA/Reuters

Ecuador not to renew US base on Manta airbase

QUITO, 31 July — The Ecuadorian Government will not renew the US lease on its Manta air base, which expires next year.

In a statement Wednesday, the Foreign Ministry said the two sides have agreed that the United States will end its operations in the base in August 2009, and the US facilities will subsequently be transferred to the Ecuadorian Air Force.

The air base, located at Manta Bay in western Ecuador, is the only US outpost in South America. The United States signed a 10-year lease agreement with the Ecuadorian Government on November 12, 1999, to conduct anti-drug operations from the base.

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa has repeatedly said that the lease agreement will not be renewed.

Xinhua

Dr U Myint Soe (Bogale/Pyapon) Public Water Transport, Chief Medical Officer (Retd) Aged 86

Son of late U Paik and Daw Khin Nyut of Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division, younger brother of Daw Khin Myint of Kandawlay, Yangon Division, elder brother of Daw Sein Yi of Pyapon, husband of late Daw Than Yi, father of U Maung Maung Yi (Fred) and Daw Tin Myint Soe (Dawn) of Sydney, Australia and grandfather of Alpha Yi and Beta Yi, passed away in Sydney, Australia at 8 am on 8-7-2008 and funeral service was held at 10 am on 12-7-2008.

Bereaved families



Pakistani police stand guard in a bunker at a checkpoint in Kabal, a troubled area of Swat on 30 July, 2008. —INTERNET

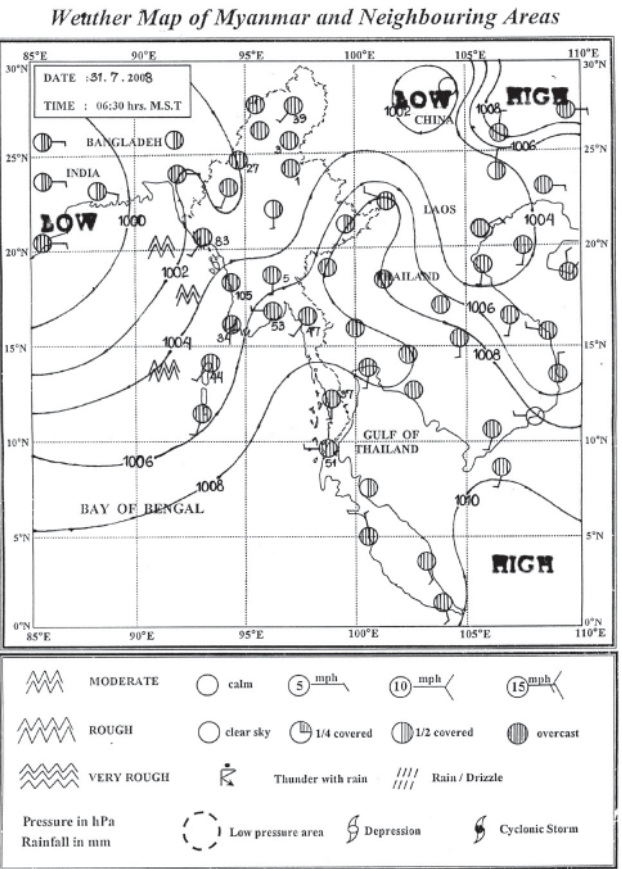
Pakistan clash kills 25 Taliban and five soldiers

MINGORA, 31 July—Twenty-five Taliban militants and five Pakistani soldiers were killed in a fierce clash in the troubled Swat valley in Pakistan’s northwest on Wednesday, the military said.

The fighting broke out after about 70 militants attacked a security post in the Ucharai Sar area near Matta, a known stronghold of militants in the region.

“The attack was successfully repulsed, resulting in the death of 25 miscreants,” the military said in a statement. It said one officer was among the five soldiers killed. Local military officials said a curfew had been imposed across the Swat Valley until further notice.

Internet



WEATHER

Thursday, 31 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weathers has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Kayin State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.51) inch, Thaton (4.29) inches, Thandwe (4.13) inches, Yangon (Central) (4.05) inches, Hpa-an (3.94) inches, Pyapon (3.78) inches, Mawlamyine (3.35) inches, Sittway (3.27) inches, and Gwa (2.87) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-7-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 31-7-2008 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-7-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 30-7-2008 was (2.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-7-2008 was (0.71) inches at Mingaladon, (2.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.05) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (62.56) inches at Mingaladon, (72.12) inches at Kaba-Aye and (87.32) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from West at (17:30) hours MST on 30-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-8-2008: Rain will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with likelihoods of isolated heavy falls in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-8-2008:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-8-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 1 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:20 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. ထုထည်ကြီးမား
ထင်ရှားစေရန်ခမ္မရုံ

7:55 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

6. Song of yesteryears

8:15 am

7. “မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ”
(ဇရာ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊
ချစ်စရာ၊ ကြူကြူသင်း၊
အေးအေးခိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်)

8:25 am

8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. Intenational news

8:40 am

10. Islands of dhamma

8:45 am

11. ဘဒ္ဒန္တကုဏ္ဍလဇောတိ
(အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊
အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓဇ)
ဇောတိကာရုံပါဠိတက္ကသိုလ်
ကျောင်းတိုက်ပြည်မြို့၊
ပဲခူးတိုင်း(အနောက်တိုင်း)
ထိမ္မနဝဂ်ဥပေါသထ
သီလခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:30 pm

3. The mirror images of
the musical oldies

4:40 pm

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm

5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)
အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊
ပဉ္စမအကြိမ်
ဓမ္မစကြာဝင်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ
(တတိယဆု)
(အထက(၁)မှော်ဘီ)
(အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

5:10 pm

6. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား

ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:40 pm

9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:50 pm

10. Musical programme

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥဏ်ရင်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ကော်ဖီချစ်သူ”

(အပိုင်း-၁၆)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား”

(အပိုင်း-၁၆)

19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်

ဘုရားကြီး၏

အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ

ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း

တရားတော်

Make donations to the storm victims

- ☐ Everybody may make donations freely.
- ☐ Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.
- Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

- ☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ☆ BBC lying
- ☆ VOA deceiving
- ☆ RFA setting up hostilities
- ☆ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Myanmar wins over Nepal in its debut of AFC Challenge Cup

YANGON, 31 July — Myanmar National Team secured win in the 2nd AFC Challenge Cup 2008 at Hyderabad of India at 7.30 pm Indian Standard Time today.

In the group-B match, Myanmar National Football Team routed Nepalese National Team 3-0.

The winning goals for Myanmar team came through Yazar Win Thein at 66th minute, Myo Min Tun at 76th minute and Soe Myat Min at 86th minute.

On 2 August evening, Myanmar National Football Team will play against Sri Lankan team.

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Commander, Minister release fingerlings into dams

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — The Fisheries Department organized ceremony to release fingerlings into dams at Yezin Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this morning, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

At the ceremony, those present

released over 700,000 fingerlings into the dams.

The Fisheries Department yearly released fingerlings into dams, rivers, creeks and lakes for boosting fish production and preventing fish depletion. The department releases 10 million of fingerlings into dams and ponds around Nay Pyi Taw yearly.

MNA



New pontoon built for delta regions seen at the port in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

INSIDE

World Breastfeeding Week Going for the Gold

For systematic breastfeeding to be followed, mothers need the basic, accurate and timely information plus skilled and practical help regarding the gold standard of infant feeding.

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