

Tapo ca, ascetic practices; this is the way to auspiciousness

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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

World Breastfeeding Week 2008 launched



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint makes a speech at opening ceremony of World Breastfeeding Week-2008.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — The opening ceremony of World Breastfeeding Week 2008 organized by the Ministry of Health was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, responsible persons of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child

Welfare Association, the directors-general and deputy directors-general and officials, Dr Osamu Kunii of UNICEF, officials of UN agencies. Medical superintendents, nurses, prize winners, members of social organizations in townships of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana district and guests.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Dr Osamu Kunii delivered addresses on the occasion.

Next, the minister, the deputy ministers and Dr Osamu Kunii presented prizes to officials of the Township People's Hospitals, the Station Hospitals and townships in States and Divisions. The directors-general also awarded health staff of townships in states and divisions.

This year's theme is "Mother Support: Going for the Gold!"—MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint awards officials at opening ceremony of World Breastfeeding Week-2008.— MNA

Two selected Myanmar rowers honoured

YANGON, 1 Aug — A ceremony to honour two selected Myanmar rowers who will take part in the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 was held at Myanmar Rowing Federation at Inya Lake, here, this morning.

President of the federation U Chit Khaing delivered an address. Vice-President U Maung Win presented K 1 million to Phone Myint Teza (Transport) and Patron of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Khin Mar Aye, K 1 million to Ma

Shwe Zin Latt (Ministry of Industry-2). Vice-President U Tun Oo of MRF gave away K 300,000 to rowing coach U Kyaw Win and Secretary U Pe Win, K 300,000 to Canoe/Kayak coach U Win Pe.

Dr Daw Pandora Aung Gyi of MWSF

handed medicines and medical equipment to leader of the rowing team U Kyaw Win and President U Chit Khaing, certificates of honour to athletes Phone Myint Teza and Ma Shwe Zin Latt who spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Weather Forecast for (2-8-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:

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

Yangon and neighbouring area:

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area:

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Breastfeeding, ideal for infants

Breastfeeding is imperative in taking care of children. There are protein, carbohydrate, vitamin, water and other important items for children in breastmilk. And children can therefore be more healthy and fit and can much develop through breastfeeding.

UNICEF has 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. Moreover, WHO stated that the child mortality rate can be reduced yearly by over 1.5 million by means of breastfeeding.

With a view to widely introducing the habit of breastfeeding and imparting knowledge on breastfeeding, activities to mark World Breastfeeding Week are globally launched every year from 1 to 7 August with the aim of ensuring the success in the breastfeeding.

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 practice handed down for generations.

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.

Therefore, health staff, social organizations and well-wishers are urged to make concerted efforts for ensuring systematic breastfeeding, and only then, will the healthy and fit children on whom the country can rely emerge.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung grows a tree at monsoon tree planting ceremony.

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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

Treatises invited for Bhaddanta Vepulla Buddhist Literature Award

YANGON, 1 Aug —With the aims of enhancing Pariyatti literature of new generation monks and promoting education of Myanmar students, missionary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vepulla of Maha Sasana Waiponla Monastery of Gyartawya Street in Myoma Ward of Bahan Township on 14 December 2001 had set up the funds worth over K 10 million for the Bhaddanta Vepulla Buddhist Literature Award and to present prizes to the monks who passed the religious examinations.

As such, the treatises on Theravada Buddhism (first printed) published from 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2008 will be selected for the Buddhist Literature Awards.

Two copies each for every Buddhism treatise may be submitted to Persiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammatinna of Maha Sasana Waiponla Monastery, (Tel: 01-380863), not later than 30 November 2008.

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Ambassador of Republic of Korea donates tarpaulins

YANGON, 1 Aug —Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong and party called on Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Chairman of cash and kind accepting and supervisory committee for storm victims Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.

The Korean Ambassador donated 870 rolls of tarpaulins

worth US\$ 100,000 for storm survivors through the minister and deputy

minister. The minister presented certificate of honour to the

ambassador and expressed gratitude.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts tarpaulins worth US\$ 100,000 donated by Ambassador Mr Park Key-Chong.—MNA

Attorney-General's Office holds monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug —The monsoon tree planting ceremony of Attorney-General's Office was held at the office, here, this morning.

Altogether 300 service personnel led by Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorney-Generals Dr Tun Shin, U Myint Naing and U Tun Tun Oo planted 1,500 perennial tress in the compound and along the road to the office.

MNA

Talks on Buddha's Economic Ethics on 2 August

YANGON, 1 Aug — Under the supervision of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, KMD Co Ltd organizes the monthly subject-wise talks.

Associate Professor Dr Daw Moe Moe Khaing of Management Department of Institute of Economics will give lectures on Buddha's Economic Ethics at the hall of UMFCCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township at 2 pm tomorrow.

Executives and members of UMFCCI and its brother associations and interested persons may attend the talks.

MNA

More supplies arrive

YANGON, 1 Aug — International community continues sending donations for storm-hit areas.

A total of supplies weighing 44.029 tons donated by Thailand-based World Food Program (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport today. — MNA

McCain camp says Obama is playing 'race card'

ORLANDO (Fla), 1 Aug — Senator John McCain's campaign accused Senator Barack Obama on Thursday of playing "the race card," citing his remarks that Republicans would try to scare voters by pointing out that he "doesn't look like all those other presidents on the dollar bills."

The exchange injected racial politics front and center into the general election campaign for the first time, after it became a subtext in the primary between Mr Obama and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It came as the McCain campaign was intensifying its attacks, trying to throw its Democratic opponent off course before the conventions.

"Barack Obama has played the race card, and he played it from the bottom of the deck," Mr McCain's campaign manager, Rick Davis, charged in a statement with which Mr McCain later said he agreed. "It's divisive, negative, shameful and wrong."

"So nobody really thinks that Bush or McCain have a real answer for the



Audience members watch Republican presidential candidate US Sen John McCain (R-AZ) speaking at a town hall meeting at Reed High School on 29 July, 2008 in Sparks, Nevada.

INTERNET

challenges we face, so what they're going to try to do is make you scared of me," Mr Obama said in Springfield, Mo, echoing earlier remarks. "You know, he's not patriotic enough. He's got a funny name. You know, he doesn't look like all those other presidents on those dollar bills, you know. He's risky. That's essentially the argument they're making."

Internet

Suspect in 2001 anthrax attacks kills himself

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—One of the nation's top biodefense researchers has died in Maryland from an apparent suicide, just as the Justice Department was to file criminal charges against him in the anthrax mailing assaults of 2001 that killed five.

Bruce E Ivins, 62, who for the past 18 years worked at the government's elite biodefense research laboratories at Fort Detrick, Md, had been informed of the impending prosecution, people familiar with Ivins, his suspicious death and with the FBI investigation said.

Ivins' name had not been disclosed publicly as a suspect in the case that disrupted mail service and Senate business three weeks after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Maryland scientist had for years played a pivotal role in research to improve anthrax vaccines, preparing anthrax formulations used in experiments on animals.—Internet

A male passenger in his 20s was stabbed repeatedly and later decapitated by another male in his 40s while traveling on a bus in Canada's Manitoba province, police and witnesses said on Thursday.—XINHUA



Afghan al-Qaeda leader 'killed'

KABUL, 1 Aug—Al-Qaeda says one of its commanders in Afghanistan, Abu Abdullah al-Shami, has been killed in a US air strike.

Al-Shami was one of four al-Qaeda men who escaped from the US prison at Bagram, north of Kabul, in 2005.

A statement posted on an Islamist website did not give any details of when or where he was killed.

Internet



Gharials hatch from their eggs inside an enclosure at a Gharial rehabilitation centre in the northern Indian city of Lucknow on 31 July, 2008.—XINHUA

Nuclear takeover bid called off

PARIS, 1 Aug—A deal that would have involved the sale of most of the UK's nuclear power stations to a French state-owned energy firm now appears uncertain.

EDF had been expected to announce it was buying British Energy which owns eight reactors in the UK. However, EDF put out a statement saying conditions were not right for it to proceed with the £12bn deal.

British Energy's nuclear power stations are seen as some of the best sites for new reactors in the UK.

The French company said: "After in depth



British Energy owns eight nuclear power stations in the UK.

discussions, EDF considers that the conditions for a major development in Great Britain are not met to date." EDF will hold its half-year results meeting on Friday

morning as planned.

The firm, which is 85% owned by the French government, is the biggest nuclear power generator in the world.

Internet

Hamas arrests more Fatah leaders in Gaza

GAZA CITY (Gaza Strip), 1 Aug—Hamas forces seized the leaders of Fatah in Gaza early Friday, Fatah officials said, upping the stakes in a week of tit-for-tat arrests between the bitter Palestinian rivals.

Hamas security officers seized around 15 senior Fatah members from their homes in the roundup, the Fatah officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they fear for their safety in Hamas-controlled Gaza.

The men arrested Friday included three Fatah-affiliated district governors and the two highest Gaza representatives of the Palestinian President, Fatah's Mahmoud Abbas, the officials said.—Internet

Bombing in Kirkuk kills 2 Iraqi soldiers

BAGHDAD, 1 Aug —An army spokesman says a roadside bomb attack has killed two Iraqi soldiers and wounded two others in northern city of Kirkuk.

Col Salam al-Zobaei, the spokesman of the Iraqi army in Kirkuk, says the bomb struck an army patrol near the city on Friday.

A suicide bombing killed 25 people in the oil-rich city during a Kurdish demonstration on Monday. Tensions are running high in the multi-ethnic city where Kurds want the annexation of the regional capital Kirkuk and other areas to the self-ruled Kurdish region over the opposition of Arab and Turkomen residents.

Internet

Mexico catches alleged Colombian drug dealer

MEXICO CITY, 1 Aug—Mexican police say they have captured a Colombian cartel operative who served as a liaison to a Mexican drug gang.

Police say Ever Villafane Martinez represented Colombia's Norte del Valle drug cartel in dealings with Mexico's Beltran Leyva gang.

Assistant Secretary of Public Safety Facundo Rosas said on Thursday that Villafane Martinez was detained on Wednesday, and that police found an assault rifle in his truck.

Rosas says the suspect is also known as Marco Antonio Espinoza Tovali. He is wanted on drug charges in the United States, and escaped from a Colombian prison in 2001. Police say he is related by marriage to Norte del Valle leader Diego Leon Montoya.

Mexican cartels smuggle Colombian cocaine into the United States.—Internet

Solar eclipse draws crowd of thousands in Siberia



A woman watches a solar eclipse through special filters in Kiev 1 August, 2008. INTERNET

NOVOSIBIRSK (Russia), 1 Aug—Thousands of people watched in awe today as a total eclipse of the sun cast part of Siberia into complete darkness.

Some 15,000 amateur and professional astronomers gathered in

Russia's third largest city, Novosibirsk, which was directly in the path of the spectacle caused by the moon passing between the sun and Earth.

The total eclipse began in Canada, tracked across Greenland and crept into

Siberia shortly after 5pm (11am BST). An eerie silence descended on Novosibirsk as gusts of wind passed through the crowds. Birds stopped chirping and the temperature suddenly dropped, said a Reuters reporter.

In Moscow, which saw a partial eclipse, passers-by stood trying to catch a glimpse of the phenomenon. People used special sunglasses, computer discs and even beer bottles to watch it in the second city of St Petersburg.—INTERNET



Chinese and foreign volunteers pose like the sculptures on display during a photo shoot at the Olympic Green in Beijing on 31 July, 2008. The Beijing Olympic Games will start on 8 Aug.—INTERNET

Jobless claims jump, special factors blamed

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—The number of US workers filing claims for new jobless benefits leapt 44,000 last week, Labor Department data on Thursday showed, but an official said the increase was at least partly due to special factors.

Initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits rose to a seasonally adjusted 448,000 last week from a revised 404,000 the prior week, the Labor Department said. It was the highest reading since April 2003.

Analysts polled by Reuters had forecast 395,000 new claims versus a previously reported count of 406,000 the week before.

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California cuts 20,000 jobs over budget stalemate

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Aug — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday axed 20,000 temporary state employees and slashed the pay of 200,000 more workers in the latest twist to a budget stand-off.

Schwarzenegger told a news conference he had signed an executive order to implement the personnel and pay cuts amid ongoing wrangling over how to reduce California's 15.2-billion-dollar budget deficit.

"Today I am exercising my executive authority to avoid a full-



Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger. INTERNET

blown crisis and keep our state moving forward," the actor turned Republican politician said in a statement.

"This is not an action I take lightly, but we do

not have a budget, and as governor, I have a responsibility to make sure our state has enough money to pay its bills."

It was not clear how Schwarzenegger's executive order would work in practice. State financial controller John Chiang, a Democrat, has already vowed not to implement the pay cuts, saying to do so would likely risk legal action.

Schwarzenegger's move comes after lawmakers failed to approve a budget at the start of the state's new fiscal year on 1 July.—INTERNET

Dormitory collapse in Turkey kills 13

ANKARA (Turkey), 1 Aug—A three-story girl's dormitory collapsed in central Turkey early Friday, killing 13 students and injuring at least 20, a local emergency services official said. An estimated six other students were still under the rubble.

A large gas canister explosion is believed to have caused the collapse in the village of Balcilar

in Central Konya Province, said Mayor Mehmet Demirgul.

Besides the fatalities, at least 20 students were brought out of the debris with injuries, said Galip Sef, an official with the local emergency services. Three of the students sustained severe burns, he

said. Demirgul said an estimated six more students were waiting to be rescued.

An estimated 40 girls, aged between 8 and 16, were staying at the dormitory. The students were attending Quran courses during the school summer break.—INTERNET

Nine charged in death of disabled Philly teen

PHILADELPHIA, 1 Aug—Four social workers were among nine people charged on Thursday in the death of a disabled 14-year-old girl who authorities say wasted away from neglect before dying at 42 pounds.

Danieal Kelly's mother was charged with murder; counts against other defendants range from involuntary manslaughter to perjury. District Attorney Lynne Abraham said any of the nine could have foreseen the horrific fate of Danieal, whose emaciated body was found in her mother's squalid house covered with bone-deep, maggot-infested bedsores in August 2006.

Abraham had scathing words for the city's Department of Human Services, calling its handling of the case "callous, indifferent, unconscionable" — and all too familiar.—INTERNET



Danieal Kelly is seen in this undated photo released by the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, on 31 July, 2008. Kelly's parents were charged Thursday in her starvation death, as were two city employees assigned to monitor the girl's well-being.—INTERNET

Bollywood actors Abhishek Bachchan (R) and Sonali Bendre (3rd R) pose for a picture with members of the Indian contingent, participating in the Beijing Olympic Games 2008, in New Delhi on 31 July, 2008.—INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China ranks first in US business climate survey

NEW YORK, 1 Aug — China was ranked as the best country outside the United States for business investment, according to a latest survey of top US corporate executives released here this week.

The “Winning Strategies in Economic Development Marketing” survey has been conducted every three years by a leading US marketing organization Develop-

ment Counsellors International (DCI) since 1996.

This is the first year respondents were asked to rank the business favorability of the world’s 25 largest countries, based on their GDP, outside the United States.

More than half of the 281 corporate executives who responded to the survey named China as the most favorable country.

India was second with 45.1 percent, followed by Mexico, the United Kingdom and Canada.

The corporate decision-makers who named China as the best for investment most frequently cited its “growing economy/business opportunities,” “labor cost” and “low overall/operating costs” as reasons for their positive perceptions.

Xinhua

Syrian President to visit Teheran for talks over Iran’s nuclear issue

TEHERAN, 1 Aug — Syrian President Bashar al-Assad will pay a two-day visit to Teheran over the weekend for talks with Iranian officials about the country’s nuclear standoff with the West, Iran’s English-language satellite channel Press TV reported Thursday.

During his stay in Teheran, which begins on Saturday, Assad is scheduled to meet with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki as well as several senior Iranian officials.

Amongst other topics up for discussion are the latest regional and inter-

national developments in Tehran-Syria relations, Press TV reported.

During Mottaki’s 17 July visit to Syria, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem said his country and Iran would continue exchanging ideas over the latter’s nuclear issue.

Xinhua

Dollar falls as US economic growth weaker-than-expected

NEW YORK, 1 Aug — The dollar fell against most major currencies on Thursday after a report showed that US economic growth was weaker-than-expected in the second quarter.

The dollar was also hurt by a Labor Department report that showed

the number of new applications for jobless benefits increased by 44,000 to 448,000, its highest level in more than 5 years. Eurostat, the statistics office of European Union, reported that inflation in the euro-zone reached 4.1 percent in July, its highest point

since record keeping began in 1996.

The euro bought 1.5593 dollars in late New York trading compared with 1.5574 dollars it bought late Wednesday.

The British pound rose to 1.9829 dollars from 1.9814 dollars.

Xinhua



Parachuters perform during a celebration for the opening of the forum on Pan-Beibu Gulf economic cooperation, in the coastal city of Beihai, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 30 July, 2008. The two-day forum kicked off here on Wednesday.

XINHUA



A large-scale sand sculpture is shown in this picture taken in the Haiyang International Sand Sculpture Park, east China’s Shandong Province, on 27 July, 2008. Several large-scale sand sculptures with the Olympic theme completed by more than 10 national and international artists are displayed in the park to greet the upcoming Beijing Olympics.—XINHUA

European inflation accelerates to 16-year high

BEIJING, 1 Aug — Inflation in Europe accelerated to the fastest pace in more than 16 years in July after oil prices reached a record.

The inflation rate rose to 4.1 percent from 4 percent in June, the European Union statistics office in Luxembourg said yesterday.

The rate, the highest since April 1992, matched the median estimate of 36 economists.

A separate report yesterday showed unemployment remained at 7.3 percent.—Xinhua

At least 500,000 young people in Latin America HIV carriers

MEXICO CITY, 1 Aug — At least 500,000 Latin American young people aged between 15 and 24 are HIV carriers, five percent more than in 2006, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said Thursday.

Among the 33 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS, 5.5 percent are teenagers and young adults, and about one third of them are Latin Americans, the UNFPA director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Marcela Suazo, told a press conference at the UN country headquarters here.—Xinhua

Ambulance helicopter crashes in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 1 Aug — An air rescue helicopter crashed in central Hungary on Thursday, killing one nurse, injuring three others.

According to reports of Hungarian News Agency MTI, the helicopter with five aboard was en route from Paks to capital Budapest, and was transporting a 2-year-old child who suffered burn injuries. The accident occurred when the helicopter was attempting an emergency landing about 30 kilometers south of Budapest.

The nurse was killed in the crash, the pilot and the doctor were seriously injured, the child’s mother was lightly wounded and the child did not suffer more injury.

The report said the helicopter is a French-made EC 135. —Xinhua

Seven killed in US plane crash

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug — A small plane crashed in Owatonna, Minnesota, Thursday morning, killing at least seven people, said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Details of the crash is still sketchy, but the FAA said in a statement that weather conditions were bad at the time of crash.

The plane was flying from the Atlantic City, NJ and crashed near the city airport of Owatonna.

Xinhua



This image from video shows wreckage from the crash of a small jet in Owatonna, Minn on 31 July, 2008. The crash killed at least seven people who traveling on business from Atlantic City, NJ.—XINHUA

Israel criticizes German firm’s deal with Iran

BERLIN, 1 Aug — Israel said on Thursday it was disappointed by Germany’s decision to allow a German firm to export gas plants to Iran, saying it contravened the spirit of world powers’ sanctions against Iran over its nuclear programme.

Germany’s BAFA Federal Office of Economics and Export Control approved plans by a German company to export three liquefied natural gas plants to Iran in February, the German Economy Ministry said in a statement on Thursday. It said the plants did not fall under any category of goods banned from

export.

Israel’s Foreign Ministry said it was disappointed by the German move. “The German Government’s decision contravenes the spirit of sanctions handed down by members of the UN Security Council on Iran,” the ministry said in a statement.

“The fact that Germany, a member of the leading European group EU3, which includes France, Britain and Germany, is adopting a position that harms the international effort to considerably toughen sanctions against Iran over its continued nuclear

programme, is worrying,” it said. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said it would contact “the most senior officials in the German Government” to seek explanations and express concern about the case.

Germany’s Economy Ministry said: “There was no legal possibility to deny the export.” A German source said the deal concerned engineering firm Steiner Prematechnik Gastec GmbH. Germany is one of six nations leading efforts to rein in Iran’s nuclear programme.

MNA/Reuters



Complete with Apple’s ‘Works With iPhone’ approval, existing TuneCast Auto for iPhone and iPod is now compatible with new iPhone 3G.—INTERNET

Texas executes convicted murderer

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—A 40-year-old convicted of orchestrating and participating in the fatal stabbing and beating of a man during a 1995 robbery was executed by lethal

injection in the state of Texas, officials said.

Larry Davis was put to death at Huntsville Prison at 6:19 pm on Thursday local time (2319 GMT), a representative of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice told AFP.

Davis was accused of entering the Amarillo, Texas home of Michael Barrow with several conspirators and killing Barrow, who was stabbed with a knife and an ice pick and beaten with a pipe.

Davis had proclaimed he was innocent of planning and carrying out the murder.—Internet

Pakistan denies ISI behind Indian Embassy attack

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan), 1 Aug—Pakistan on Friday angrily denied a newspaper report that its intelligence service helped plan a bombing of India’s embassy in Kabul that killed at least 41 people.

The New York Times reported for Friday’s editions that American intelligence agencies have concluded that members of Pakistan’s powerful Inter-Services Intelligence were involved in the 7 July attack in the Afghan capital.

The report cited unnamed US government officials. It said the conclusion was based on intercepted communications between Pakistani intelligence officers and militants who carried out the attack.

Pakistan’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammed Sadiq described the report as “total rubbish.”

Sadiq said there was no evidence of ISI involvement. “The foreign newspapers keep writing such things against ISI, and we reject these allegations,” he said by telephone from a summit of south Asian leaders in Sri Lanka.—Internet

Emergency vehicles are seen near the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis after it collapsed, sending numerous vehicles into the Mississippi River, in this 1 Aug, 2007 file photo.

INTERNET



GM talks with Mahindra, others on Hummer

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—General Motors Corp is in talks with Indian automaker Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd and automakers in Russia and China about selling its Hummer brand, sources familiar with the matter said. One source close to the discussions said Mahindra is not very interested at this time, as it has plans to launch its own trucks and sport utility vehicles in the US market.

Mahindra would like to launch those vehicles under its own brand and has signed up more than 300 dealers to distribute a

pickup truck next year. But talks with GM—still in initial stages—are continuing, the source said on Thursday. GM declined comment. Mahindra was not immediately reachable for comment.

The sources did not name the Russian and Chinese companies talking with GM.

GM, which has said it will try to raise up to \$4 billion through asset sales, has hired consultants and investment bankers to review the Chinese market for potential buyers for GM assets, one of the sources said.

The struggling US automaker, which has lost more than \$51 billion over the past three years, said in June it was reviewing its Hummer brand, which has hurt GM’s image at a time when consumers are demanding more fuel efficiency.—Internet

In this photo released from Tyco R/C, two cycles take flight in a jump competition as X Games fans competed head-to-head during the opening day of X Fest at on 31 July, 2008 in Carson, Calif.

INTERNET

Japanese Prime Minister to reshuffle Cabinet

TOKYO, 1 Aug—Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda of Japan reshuffled his cabinet and his party’s leadership on Friday in a bid to raise his low approval ratings. But the reshuffle was limited to filling most of the key positions with existing members.

Mr. Fukuda kept Masahiko Komura as foreign minister and Nobutaka Machimura as chief cabinet secretary, in which role he is the top government spokesman.

He moved Bunmei Ibuki, the Liberal Democratic Party’s secretary general, to the

post of finance minister, and named Taro Aso, a former foreign minister, as the party’s new secretary general.

The governing party must dissolve the lower house of Parliament and hold a general election by September 2009.

Internet



Tonga crowns new king amid pomp and ceremony

NUKU'ALOFA(Tonga), 1 Aug — Amid pealing bells, booming cannons, balloons and cheering children, Tonga crowned its new king on Friday.

King George Tupou V became the small South Pacific nation's 23rd monarch in a British-styled church ceremony, before a congregation of 1,000 that included Tongan, British, Japanese and Thai royalty, as well as South Pacific chiefs and

heads of state.

Tonga is an archipelago of 170 coral islands, 36 of them inhabited, about 2,000 kilometres (1,250 miles) north of New Zealand.

The 60-year-old bachelor, dressed in a scarlet velvet and ermine trimmed robe, sat on a 2.5-metre (eight-foot) high gilt throne specially built in China, as a massed choir sang Handel's coronation anthem, Zadok The Priest.

The King took his oath

of kingship in Tongan and was anointed with holy oil before receiving the symbols of office — a ring, sceptre, and crown.

The Archbishop of Polynesia James Bryce enjoined the new King to rule "wisely, justly and truly". "Stand firm and hold fast from henceforth the seat and state of royal and imperial dignity, which is this day delivered unto you," he said.

The King had travelled to the century-old church in an open topped limousine along roads covered with traditional mats with hundreds of seated children waving balloons and Tongan flags.

MNA/Reuters



Russian pilot Sergey Rakhmanin of St Petersburg flies in a practice session for the fifth leg of the Red Bull Air Race World Series near to the O2 Arena in London, on 31 July, 2008. The race will take place over 2-3 Aug along the Thames in London.

INTERNET

US jobless rate at four-year high

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—The US unemployment rate climbed to 5.7% in July official figures show, its highest in more than four years.

Firms cut workers for a seventh month in a row, but the losses were fewer than analysts had been expecting.

The economy lost 51,000 non-farm jobs the US Labor Department said, the same as the newly-revised figure for June, when unemployment was at 5.5%.

Economists had been expecting about 75,000 jobs to go, but said July's data still indicated the economy was weak.

US companies have been reluctant to add staff amid higher oil and food prices, and slowing economic growth.

About 22,000 jobs went in the construction sector while factories cut 35,000 jobs.—Internet

At least 32 dead after train catches fire in India

HYDERABAD, 1 Aug — A government press statement says at least 32 people have died after several coaches of a train caught fire in southern India.

The statement from the federal railway ministry says eight others were injured and have been taken to a local hospital. There were no details about the cause of the fire.

Local police official VC Sajjanar had said earlier that the Gautami Express caught fire early Friday morning while it was roughly 124 miles north of Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh state.

Sajjanar said the fire appeared to have been caused by a short circuit in the train's wiring.

He said the passengers pulled the chain to stop the train as soon as the fire broke out and passengers jumped out of the car.—Internet

Study finds sleep apnoea boosts death risk

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—People with the severe form of apnoea, which interferes with sleep, are several times more likely to die from any cause than are folks without the disorder, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal *Sleep*.

The findings in the 18-year study confirm smaller studies that have indicated an increased risk of death for people with apnea, also known as sleep-disordered breathing.

"This is not a condition that kills you acutely. It is a condition that erodes your health over time," Dr Michael J Twery, director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, said in a telephone interview.

People with such disorders "have been sleep deprived for perhaps very long periods of time, they are struggling to sleep. If this is happening night after night, week after week, on top of all our other schedules, this is a dangerous recipe," said Twery, whose center is part of the National Heart, Lung and



People with mild and moderate apnoea had death rates of 5.54 and 5.42 per 1,000, respectively, researchers said—INTERNET

Blood Institute.

For people with apnea, their upper airway becomes narrowed or blocked periodically during sleep. That keeps air from reaching the lungs. In some cases, breathing stops for seconds to a minute or so; the pauses in breathing disrupt sleep and prevent adequate amounts of oxygen from entering the bloodstream.

Internet

Afghan blasts kill NATO soldiers

KABUL, 1 Aug—NATO says four soldiers and one civilian have been killed in a roadside blast in Kunar, eastern Afghanistan.

In a separate attack, another soldier from NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in an explosion in Khost.

The nationality of the soldiers has not been released.

The blasts came as aid agencies said they may become unable to operate in parts of the country once seen as safe, because of the intensifying conflict.

"This is a very difficult time right now, and our sincere condolences and sympathies are with the family and friends of the brave soldiers and civilian who died," ISAF said in a statement.

ISAF has around 53,000 troops in Afghanistan to help the government in its struggle against insurgents. It has lost nearly 140 soldiers in Afghanistan this year.

A statement by 100 aid agencies pointed to a 50% increase in insurgent attacks compared to last year.

Internet

Elephant hurts girl who snuck into zoo

TEL AVIV, 1 Aug—Israeli officials say a 17-year-old girl who sneaked into a zoo near Tel Aviv with a friend was attacked by an elephant and hospitalized.

An employee of Safari nature park says the couple entered the park before dawn Friday by climbing over a wall and then entering the elephants' enclosure.

Mori Hertenstein told Army Radio the girl then approached the pen of one of the male elephants, who grabbed her with his trunk.

Hertenstein said "the elephant, which is a giant animal, hurt her."

Israeli rescue services say the girl was found outside the elephant's pen with injuries to her chest, stomach and pelvis and was rushed to hospital. Her friend was questioned by police.

Internet

Spanish police seize 700 lbs of heroin, arrest five

MADRID, 1 Aug—Spanish police say they have seized 700 pounds (315 kilograms) of heroin and arrested five people.

A police statement Friday said four Turks and one Romanian were arrested in an operation at a sports marina in the northeastern port of Sitges, close to Barcelona.

Police say the drugs seized Thursday had an estimated street value of euro54 million (\$84 million). Police say it is the biggest heroin haul in Spain and one of the biggest in Europe.

Internet



Police officers stand guard in Warangal near the coaches of Gautami Express train which caught fire early Friday morning about 200 kilometres (125 miles) north of Hyderabad, India, on 1 Aug, 2008. At least 32 people were killed, including a pregnant woman, and eight others were injured in the accident, police said.—INTERNET



Minister U Nyan Win delivers an address at 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement.— MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back from 15th Ministerial Conference of NAM

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — The Myanmar Delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back from the Islamic Republic of Iran via Bangkok by air this morning after attending the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Teheran from 27 to 30 July 2008.

The Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement was inaugurated at the OIC Convention Centre in Tehran on 29 July 2008 with an opening address by Dr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Conference was attended by representatives from 115 member countries, 15 observers and 8 international and regional organizations including Ministerial delegations from about 70 member States.

At the Ministerial Conference, the leader of the Myanmar Delegation Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win was elected as one of the seven Vice-Chairmen of the Conference for the Asian Group. Minister U Nyan Win delivered a statement in the general debate at the plenary meeting of the Conference held on 29 July.

In his statement, Minister U Nyan Win reaffirmed Myanmar's adherence to the

fundamental principles of the Non-Aligned Movement, particularly principles of respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, peaceful settlement of disputes, refraining from acts or threats of aggression or use of force against a country. He also expressed Myanmar's support for the Movement's principled position that any decision by the UN Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussions on situation in any member State or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to Article 24 of the UN Charter. He also condemned the use of unilateral trade and economic sanctions imposed on some members of the Movement for the purpose of exerting political pressures and urged the Movement to work together towards early lifting of those unilateral sanctions. Furthermore, the Minister briefly explained Myanmar's view on selected issues that are of vital interests to the Movement and also apprised the meeting of the recent political developments in Myanmar and the progress of the government's response to the Cyclone Nargis. Minister U Nyan

Win also expressed his support for the Movement's rejection of politicization of humanitarian assistance, particularly the so-called "right of humanitarian intervention", which has no basis either in the UN Charter or in international law.

While in Tehran, Minister U Nyan Win, accompanied by U Kyi Thein, Ambassador of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Iran, called on Mr Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the latter's office in Tehran on 28 July and discussed expanding ties between the two countries. Minister U Nyan Win also met with Mr OH Joon, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the same day at the latter's request. The Minister attended the official dinner hosted by the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the evening of 29 July.

Minister U Nyan Win also met separately with Mr Pranab Mukharjee, Minister for External Affairs of India. Dr N Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and Mr Ali Babaeen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey on the sideline of the Conference. Myanmar

delegation led by Minister U Nyan Win also attended the general debate at the plenary session of the Conference and the luncheon hosted by Mr Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 30 July 2008.

The Conference adopted the Final Document which contains the negotiated common position of the Movement on wide-ranging global and regional political issues. Furthermore, the Conference also adopted separate statements on three issues, namely Palestine, Zimbabwe and Iran's nuclear issue. In the statement on Iran's nuclear issue, the Ministers reaffirmed the basic and inalienable right of all state to develop research, production and use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, without discrimination and in conformity with their respective legal obligations.

Members of the Myanmar delegation, U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Director-General of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director U Hau Do Suan and Assistant Director Dr Zaw Minn Aung of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also arrived back from Tehran together with the Minister.—MNA

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World Breastfeeding Week

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

Mother Support: Going for the Gold!

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With protein, vitamins and minerals in it
Plus protective factors and fatty acid
- * Coming straight from mom's breast
For infants, easy to digest
Helps them to fight many illnesses
And raises their level of intelligence
- * Breastfeeding mothers
From childbirth and pregnancy, quickly recover
Get lifelong health advantages
With savings in time, labour and expenses
- * Breastfeeding's best part
Holding baby close to mom's heart
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To get a special love string knotted fast
- * Breastmilk Substitutes
As a last resort to be used
None is proved as an equal drink
To a mother's breastmilk

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Minister U Nyan Win meets Iranian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Manouchehr Mottaki.

MNA

Energy Minister supervises reconstruction of storm-hit villages in Kungyangon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 27 July donated Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala of Maha Thumanayama Monastery in Pegon Village of Kungyangon Township.

The minister attended the ceremony to present rice, edible oil, salt, clothes, foodstuff and household goods donated by SBM Co of Malaysia and U Ko Ko Aung, U Aung Zeya and friends of Yangon to 233 households in the village.

Next, the minister met with local people and

explained reconstruction tasks.

On 28 July, the minister viewed construction of houses for storm victims contributed by Malaysia-based Ruinbunan Petrogas Co and UNOG Co of Singapore in Thayetthonbin Village.

After inspecting the site for construction of Basic Education Primary School, the minister gave instructions on construction of cyclone shelter.

Responsible persons of UNOG Co reported on progress in

construction of houses, clinic and schools. The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks.

Afterwards, the minister attended the ceremony to donate food and household goods to the people of Thayetthonbin Village sponsored by SBN Co, Ruinbunan Petrogas and UNOG Co of Malaysia.

Next, the minister viewed learning of students at the temporary BEPS tent. After looking into vegetable plantations, he left necessary instructions.

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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

Applied pharmaceutical management courses in August second week

YANGON, 1 Aug — Applied pharmaceutical management course No. 5 and advanced applied pharmaceutical management course No. 3 will be opened in the second week of August 2008 under the sponsorship of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association.

Those wishing to take the courses may contact MPMEEA of No 29, UMFCCI Office Tower, Level (5) (ph: 214834 or 216205)

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Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects progress of building houses in Thayetthonbin Village of Kungyangon Township. — MNA

USDA CEC member meets members in Kungyangon, Kawhmu

YANGON, 1 Aug — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In-charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa met USDA members in the office of the township USDA on Bogyoke Street, Kungyangon on 30 July.

The CEC member donated K 0.7 million for repair of the USDA office of Kungyangon through the secretary of the township USDA. Next, he went to War veterans Organization where he met with war veterans and donated Waso robes to the Sayadaw of Dhammikayon monastery.

The CEC member met members of Kawhmu USDA and presented

K 100,000 for the township USDA office. Afterwards, he paid homage to the Sayadaw of Naymikarama monastery and donated Waso robes to the Sayadaw. Yangon Division USDA donated 100 dozens of exercise books and soap to Myoma Ward BEPS through the headmistress.

The CEC member proceeded to Kawhmu Township People's Hospital where he consoled the patients and donated cash to them. Next, he met with war veterans at the township War Veterans Organization and looked into cultivation of paddy. It has been targeted to grow 88,265 acres of monsoon paddy of which 85,608 acres, 97 percentage have been cultivated so far. — MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.8) Richter scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (Sichuan-Gansu Border Region, China) about (1100) miles of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hour (06) min (43) sec MST on 1st August 2008, said Metrology and Hydrology Department. — MNA



Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa presents cash assistance to Kungyangon Township USDA through an official. — CITY NEWS

Minkan Dam of Myaing Township built for contributing to greening and irrigating dry regions

Article: Kyaw Sein
Photos: Aung Than
(Mingala Taungnyunt)

The Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is undertaking construction and maintenance of small dams and ponds, greening tasks and supply of water for agricultural purpose in Pakokku District by utilizing water resources for water sufficiency of the district in line with the guidance of the Head of State.

Priority is being given to

In Pakokku District, efforts are being made for supply of water from 71 dams to five townships. So far, a total of 53 dams out of 71 have been built in the region. The news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily had an interview with Assistant Director (Civil) U Maung Maung Lwin of the Irrigation Department.

With regard to undertaking the greening task in Pakokku District, U

Township three dams, Pauk Township 10 dams, Myaing Township five dams and Yezagyo Township six dams.

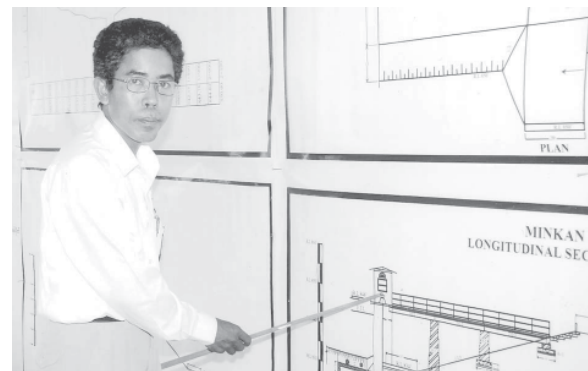
He continued to say that a total of 24 dams built by the local authorities will benefit 1,036 acres of land. The Irrigation Department has realized 28 facilities out of 47 to benefit 4,422 acres of land. The department is striving for completion of 10 remaining projects out of 19 in 2007-08 fiscal year. Moreover, Magway Division Maintenance Branch of the department will undertake four irrigation facilities, the Construction-2 (Pyay) two facilities, the Construction-3 (Magway) one facility and the Construction-3 (Magway) three facilities to be able to benefit 1,395 acres of farmland. Furthermore, nine remaining dams will be built in 2008-09. Of them, the Construction-1 will carry out one irrigation facility, the Construction-3 (Magway) six facilities and the Construction-8 (Magway) two facilities.

He also clarified that the townships in Pakokku District get the least amount of rainfalls. As a result, efforts are being made for storing the rain water in the small-scale dams to contribute to greening the region,



"A total of 71 small-scale dams and ponds were constructed as part of the greening task in Pakokku District."

**U Maung Maung Lwin,
Assistant Director (Civil)
Maintenance Branch,
Pakokku**



"The construction of dam started in 2006 with the participation of 250 officers, staff and workers."

**U Tun Tun Oo
(Staff Officer), Office of
Assistant Director-3,
Taungdwingyi**

implementation of small- and medium-scale dam projects by spending fair amount of funds for undertaking cultivation of crops, regional development and greening of arid areas.

In doing so, Minkan Dam was recently inaugurated on Padaukpin Creek near Minkan Village, 14 miles southwest of Myaing in Pakokku District of Magway Division.

The Irrigation Department set the plans to build 13 dams in Myaing Township of Pakokku District. A total of nine dams including Minkan Dam have been inaugurated in the township. Five more dams are under construction, and plans are under way to construct three more dams.

The already-completed dams can irrigate over 2,000 acres of monsoon paddy. The dams under construction would supply water to over 200 acres of farmlands for cultivation of monsoon paddy. In addition, it is planned to supply water to over 400 acres of farmlands from three small dams that will be built.

Maung Maung Lwin said that as water is scarce in Pakokku District of Magway Division, the region becomes a barren plain. With the aim of greening the district and irrigating the farmlands, a total of 71 small-scale dams and ponds were built. In doing so, the Irrigation Department constructed 47 dams, the local authorities 24 dams, Pakokku



The photo shows a canal of Minkan Dam to irrigate 200 acres of land of Minkan and Myenu villages of Myaing Township.

irrigating the farmlands for ensuring local food sufficiency, supplying the drinking water to the local people and draught cattle and taking preventive measures against bank erosion, he added.

In an interview, Staff Officer U Tun Tun Oo of the Construction-3 said that Minkan Dam was built in line with the greening plan of Pakokku District and its construction tasks started in 2006 with the participation of 250 officers, staff and workers. After the rains, the water supply task will commence. In July and August, the rain water enters the dam, he added. He said that he was pleased with supply of water to farmlands, local people and farming animals. Later, he noted that the local people are to safeguard the dam for its durability and use the water systematically.

**Translation: TTA
Myanma Alin: 31-7-2008**

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The 40-foot-wide spillway of Minkan Dam.

Electric Power No. 2 Minister meets electrical engineers of Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, together with officials concerned, looked into Electrical Engineers office of Aung Myay Tharzan Township in Mandalay Division on 29 July.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to 33/

11KV (20) MVA northern sub power station where he gave instruction to staff of the station and inspected the Switch Yard.

On arrival at Electrical Engineer's office of Maha Aung Myay township, the minister and party met the staff and gave necessary instructions. Next, the minister looked into

33/11 KV (20) MVA Shwe Kyaunggyi sub power station and gave instructions.

Afterwards, the minister and party went to Mandalay Division Electrical Engineer's office and met district and township electrical engineers and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

CEC member meets USDA members in Sagaing Div

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met USDA secretaries and joint-secretaries from eight districts and 37 townships in Sagaing Division at the office of

the USDA in Monywa on 28 July and gave instructions on rural development tasks.

Next, the CEC member proceeded to Monywa Institute of Economics where he met pro-rector U Aung Myint, professors, instructors and students and presented one tennis

table, table tennis sport equipment and 20 footballs.

On arrival at Monywa University, the CEC member met rector Dr Maung Htoo, teachers and students and presented one tennis table, table tennis sport equipment and 20 footballs.

MNA

Saudi rice arrives Ygn Int'l Sea Port

YANGON, 1 Aug—According to the order of the Custodian of two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, the King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to help the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar for cyclone Nargis, the first vessel from the Saudi Sea Bridge has arrived. The vessel

carried 12 containers containing 259 M/tons (5184 bags of rice). The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr Turki Bin Naji A Al Ali, the Representatives from the Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr Saud Saho Hamed Al Otaibi and Mr Abdullah Abdulrahman Sal

Muhaysin and Mr Muhammed S A Al Farhan, in charge of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, here, on 11 July handed over the aids to the Government of the Union of Myanmar. The rest of the vessels will be arriving soon at the Yangon International Sea Port.

MNA



Saudi Arabian officials seen after handing over 5184 bags of rice donated by the King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. — MNA



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and wife being welcomed by Charge d'Affaires at the ceremony to mark the 717th National Day of the Swiss Confederation. —MNA

Financial Sub-committee chairman accepts cash donations for storm victims

YANGON, 1 Aug—Chairman of Financial Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted K 600,000 donated by May Myat Kyaw (The The) of ward-3 in South Okkalapa Township in memory of late Dr Marlar Aung, K

600,000 by Lt-Col Kyaw Lin and wife Daw Thi Thi Nwe and daughter May Myat Kyaw of ward-3 in South Okkalapa Township, US\$ 4500.04 donated by wellwishers from Hong Kong through Consulate General of the Union of Myanmar, Hong Kong,

and FEC 138,000 donated by Ms Levi Sap Nei Thang, Executive Director of I love Myanmar, USA, for storm-hit regions at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) in Yankin Township here today.

MNA

Nikon offers exchange of SLR cameras with digital cameras

YANGON, 1 Aug—Nikon Corporation has provided an opportunity to exchange Nikon brand old SLR cameras with the new digital cameras.

Special Style Photo & Electronics, the sale representative of Nikon Corporation in Yangon invited photographers and journalists and explained the programme in details at the Thiripyitsayar Sky Lounge at Sakura Tower today.

According to the programme, anyone can exchange old SLR cameras with Nikon Digital SLR D40Kit at reasonable prices from 3 to 20 August and the prices for old cameras are fixed ranging from K10,000 to

K 35,000. The corporation provides 1 year warranty for digital SLR D40Kit.

Nikon Service Centre is located at No. W-1,

Gyobu Road, western wing of Aung San Stadium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph 386935, 4412609.—MNA



A ceremony to provide opportunity to exchange SLR cameras with digital in progress. — MNA

Russian lake mission put off after accident

Moscow, 1 Aug— Russian scientists suspended a mission to explore the world’s biggest lake on Wednesday after one of their submarines collided with a floating platform, media reported.

The accident took place after a day of confusion surrounding the Lake Baikal mission, with organizers withdrawing their initial claim of having set a world record for depth in freshwater diving.

News agency RIA said a storm sent one of

the two submarines used in the mission crashing into a floating platform used as the mission’s control centre. “The *Mir-2* collided with the Metropolia platform ... during its descent into the water today at 12:00,” RIA quoted Vladimir Strugatsky, one of the mission’s organizers, as saying.

Strugatsky said the submarine’s engine was damaged and the mission would be suspended for at least one day. Mission organizers could not be immediately reached for

comment.

Tuesday’s dive, the focus of national media attention and regular live reports on state television, was originally hailed by Russian officials as a world record for depth in freshwater diving.

The scientists said they discovered a point in Baikal deeper than the one visited by another Russian expedition several years earlier and thought to be the bottom of the lake.

MNA/Reuters

New Zealand to provide more food aid for DPRK

WELLINGTON, 1 Aug— New Zealand said on Tuesday it will contribute an additional 500,000 New Zealand dollars (370,000 US dollars) toward United Nations efforts to address food shortages in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK). Foreign Minister Winston Peters said in a statement “North Korea (DPRK) is facing the most severe food shortages since the famine years of the 1990s. There are fears that large numbers of families are being pushed further into hunger and

famine and it is important New Zealand does what it can to assist.”

“The contribution announced today is a practical way New Zealand can ensure that the most vulnerable people in the global community have access to food,” said Peters.

This contribution followed the 500,000 New Zealand dollars New Zealand provided via the International Federation of the Red Cross immediately following last year’s floods.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor looks at a model replica of an ancient astronomical calculator, known as the Antikythera Mechanism, at the National Archaeological Museum of Athens, on 30 July, 2008. Experts from Britain, Greece and the United States say they have found evidence that the ancient device was also used to track dates of the ancient Olympic Games.

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Snow-capped mountains can be seen behind performers dressed in warrior outfits as they patrol the Jiayuguan Fort located at the start of the Great Wall of China in Jiayugun, Gansu Province on 31 July, 2008. This section of the wall was originally built in 1372 and was the only place where the famous Silk Road used to pass through.—INTERNET

BBC fined 400,000 pounds for fake quizzes

LONDON, 1 Aug— Media watchdog Ofcom fined the BBC 400,000 pounds on Wednesday, the largest financial penalty it has ever issued against the public broadcaster, for misleading the public through fake quizzes and competitions.

Ofcom said eight BBC shows, four on TV and four on the radio, were guilty of “very serious” failings.

“The investigations found that in some cases the production team had taken pre-mediated

decisions to broadcast competitions and encourage listeners to enter in the full knowledge that the audience stood no chance of winning,” Ofcom said.

“In other cases, programmes faced with technical problems made up the names of winners.”

The most serious case, which attracted a fine of 115,000 pounds, related to editions of the Liz Kershaw Show on BBC radio 6 Music from May 2005 to January 2006.

Although some

editions of the programme were pre-recorded, they were broadcast as live and included quizzes where listeners were encouraged to participate.

Fictitious names were then presented as the “winners” of these competitions, with about 10 members of the BBC’s production staff posing as callers.

“This is by far the most serious case in relation to the BBC that Ofcom has considered to date,” the watchdog said.

MNA/Reuters

China’s earthquake relief photo exhibition staged in Jordan

AMMAN, 1 Aug— A photo exhibition on China’s relief efforts after a devastating earthquake on 12 May made its display at the Chinese Embassy in Jordan on Wednesday.

The exhibition, organized by the Chinese Embassy, consists of nearly a hundred of photos depicting the massive destruction of the quake, huge resources poured from the rest of China, and love and unity among the Chinese. “That was terrible. My families couldn’t help crying when watching that on TV,” said a local lawyer. —MNA/Xinhua



An Indian model wears traditional gold jewellery as she poses for a photo session during a promotional campaign in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata on 31 July, 2008.

INTERNET

Bomb kills Ugandan peacekeeper in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 1 Aug— A roadside bomb killed a Ugandan peacekeeper in the Somali capital Friday, witnesses and an official said, breaking a brief period of relative quiet following a peace agreement between some of the fighting factions.

The explosion occurred near the Ugandan base at Mogadishu’s international airport, said Ugandan commander Col Godfrey Golooba.

The bomb was hidden in a pile of garbage and exploded as the soldiers were making routine checks on the road. The blast knocked Ali back several yards.

Internet

NASA says Mars craft “touched and tasted” water

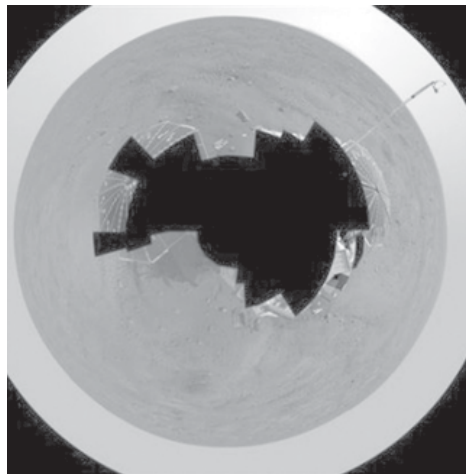
LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug — NASA scientists said on Thursday they had definitive proof that water exists on Mars after further tests on ice found on the planet in June by the Phoenix Mars Lander.

“We have water,” said William Boynton, lead scientist for the Thermal and Evolved-Gas Analyzer instrument on Phoenix.

“We’ve seen evidence for this water ice before in observations by the Mars Odyssey orbiter and in disappearing chunks observed by Phoenix last month, but this is the first time Martian water has been touched and tasted,” he said, referring to the craft’s instruments.

NASA on Thursday also extended the mission of the Phoenix Mars Lander by five weeks, saying its work was moving beyond the search for water to exploring whether the red planet was ever capable of sustaining life.

“We are extending the mission through 30 September,” Michael Meyer, chief



A full circle panoramic view of Mars taken by NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander released to Reuters on 31 July, 2008.—INTERNET

scientist for NASA's Mars exploration programme, told a televised news conference. The extension will add about \$2 million to the \$420 million cost of landing Phoenix on 25 May for what was a scheduled three-month mission, Meyer said.—Internet

Wall Street slides on GDP, jobless data

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—Wall Street sank Thursday, after weak readings on economic growth and the job market touched off renewed concerns about the financial health of businesses and consumers. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 200 points.

The Commerce Department's report that gross domestic product grew at a 1.9 percent pace in the second quarter disappointed investors. Economists polled by Thomson Financial/IFR had expected growth of 2.4 percent in the broad measure of the

economy's health. Investors were also concerned about Labor Department data saying that the number of people seeking jobless benefits jumped to the highest level in five years. Economists warned the weekly figures can be volatile, however, and some dismissed them as an aberration.

A \$4.5 billion cash offer from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co for its cancer drug partner ImClone Systems Inc kept the Nasdaq composite index from falling as sharply as other indexes. In other positive news, oil prices

declined, and an index of Midwestern business activity indicated growth.

But Wall Street could not shake off its worries about the economy — particularly after sobering remarks from Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on CNBC late in the afternoon.

Greenspan said he would be more surprised if the United States did not enter recession than if it did.

Internet

Nearly 75% UK motorists would drive electric car

LONDON, 1 Aug—Nearly three-quarters of British motorists would consider driving an electric car, a survey has found.

Whether for "green" reasons or to escape congestion charges and the ever-rising cost of fuel, 71 per cent of drivers would consider making the switch, it said on Friday.

Amongst under-25s that figure rises as high as 81 per cent, the survey for esure car insurance found, although only 66 per cent of 55s were in favour.

Among the sample of 1,082 motorists, 65 per cent had changed their attitude towards driving because of the credit crunch and a general tightening of the nation's purse strings. — MNA/Reuters

S Korea's electronic securities transactions fall 17.9% in Q1

SEOUL, 1 Aug—South Korea's electronic securities transactions dipped 17.9 percent in the first quarter from the previous three months as stumbling stock markets led to less trade, the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) said on Friday.

According to the FSS, the volume of online securities transactions reached 1,427 trillion won (1.41 trillion US dollars)

in the January-March period, compared with 1,739 trillion won from three months earlier.

“The country's online securities trading fell as the stock market suffered losses, dented by a global credit crunch,” the South Korean financial watchdog said.

“Brokerage houses' commission income sharply decreased as customers shifted their money to banks with

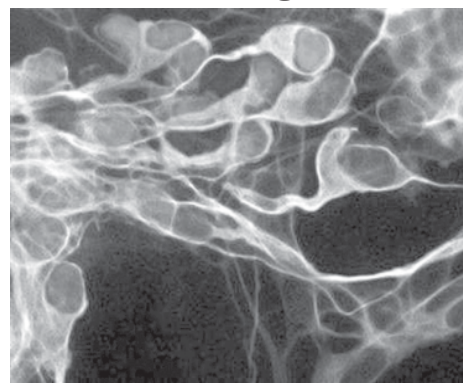
cheaper commission.”

The FSS said its commission income declined by 25.5 percent on-quarter to 396.1 billion won in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, the volume of online financial transactions at 18 local and foreign lenders, including Internet and mobile phone banking, reached 2,792 trillion won, up 0.4 percent from the previous quarter, the FSS added.

Internet

Nerve cells grown from new-style stem cells



Motor neurons transformed from skin cells of a patient suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) are seen in this undated handout image. Ordinary skin cells taken from patients with ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease, a fatal and incurable nerve disease, have been transformed into nerve cells in a first step toward treating them, US researchers reported on 31 July, 2008.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—Ordinary skin cells taken from patients with a fatal and incurable nerve disease have been transformed into nerve cells in a first step toward treating them, US researchers reported on Thursday.

They transformed the cells from two patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, into motor neurons — the cells that waste away and die in ALS.

There is no immediate medical use for the cells, taken from two sisters aged 82 and 89, the researchers reported in the journal *Science*.

“Now we can make limitless supplies of the cells that die in this awful disease. This will allow us to study these neurons, and ALS, in a lab dish, and figure out what's happening in the disease process,” said Dr. Kevin Eggan

of Harvard Medical School in Boston, who helped lead the study.

“We can generate hundreds of millions of motor neurons that are genetically identical to a patient's own neurons,” added Chris Henderson of Columbia University in New York, who also worked on the study. “This will be an immense help as we try to uncover the mechanisms behind this disease and screen for drugs that can prolong life.”

There is no cure for ALS, also called motor neuron disease or Lou Gehrig's disease after the New York Yankees baseball player who died of it in 1941. The causes are not clear and it kills by gradually paralyzing patients.

About 120,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, according to the International Alliance of ALS.

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Some Afghan media outlets under foreign influence

KABUL, 1 Aug—The Afghan Government said on Tuesday that some media outlets receive fund from foreign countries and expressed concern over it. “Regrettably, some

media outlets are financially backed by some countries and it is a matter of concerns,” Afghan presidential spokesman Hamayon Hamidzada told newsmen at his weekly press briefing here. However, he did not point the finger at any country to influence media outlets in Afghanistan.

Nevertheless, he stressed that expenditure of some media entities are higher than their income.

MNA/Xinhua



A man waits for customers at his booth of ceramics during the annual national Handicraft Fair held at the ATLAPA Convention Centre in Panama city, capital of Panama, on 30 July, 2008. XINHUA

SPORTS



Tunisia's players celebrate after their win over Egypt in the finals game of the King Abdullah Cup basketball tournament in Amman on 31 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Nadal advances to threaten Federer's top ranking

CINCINNATI (Ohio), 1 Aug—Rafael Nadal shifted into position to seize the No 1 ranking with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/0) defeat of Tommy Haas only hours after Roger Federer opened the door with a Cincinnati Masters defeat.

In the wake of his Thursday third-round win over the German, Nadal stands three victories away from taking the ATP top spot from Federer. If he claims the title on Sunday, the deal is sealed.

Croatia's Ivo Karlovic defeated Federer 7-6 (8/6), 4-6, 7-6 (5/7) to open the door to the change at the top after four and a half years of Federer's reign.

"Roger today was very unlucky in the third set," Nadal said. "He only lost two points on the last set, that's terrible for the tennis."

"Right now I know I'm in a good position, because Roger has to win everything from here, from Olympics to US Open. "But I don't think too much right now. I only think about trying to improve my game for tomorrow."—*Internet*



Dinara Safina of Russia salutes the crowd after she defeated Patty Schnyder of Switzerland during on 4 Day of Rogers Cup Tennis at Stade Uniprix in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Safina defeated Schnyder 6-2, 6-2.—INTERNET

Top seed Ivanovic ousted from Rogers Cup tennis

MONTREAL, 1 Aug—Reigning French Open champ Ana Ivanovic was sent crashing out of the WTA Rogers Cup, losing her third-round match to unseeded Austrian Tamira Paszek 6-2, 1-6, 6-2.

Top seed Ivanovic dropped her first two service games against Paszek to fall behind 4-0 in the final set. She also lost three service games in the opening set before winning the second.

"It was very frustrating because I didn't know how it was going to pull up; I was in pain through the whole match," Ivanovic said.

"The pain wasn't so sharp but I couldn't hold my racquet on my forehand."

"I tried to fight as much as I could. I really wanted to win this match. But obviously she's a very good player. She figured it out."—*Internet*

Wie 1 over at Reno, Overton early leader at 65

RENO (Nev), 1 Aug—Michelle Wie put herself in contention to make her first cut in eight tries on the PGA Tour, shooting a 1-over 73 in Thursday's opening round of the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open that left her eight strokes behind leader Jeff Overton.

Playing on the men's tour for the first time since January 2007, Wie had three birdies, four bogeys and rallied to save par on several holes at the 7,472-yard mountain course at Montreux Golf & Country Club on the edge of the Sierra Nevada.

"I shot a pretty decent round today," she said. "I felt like I grinded really well. I've just got to shoot low tomorrow."

Wie, playing on a sponsor's exemption, has failed to make it to the weekend in her seven previous bids on the PGA Tour. The cut has averaged even par in the nine previous years of the Reno tournament, which runs opposite the Bridgestone Invitational — where the top 50 men are playing in Ohio this week.

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Michelle Wie hits out of a bunker on the seventh hole during the first round of the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open at Montreux Golf and Country Club in Reno, Nev, on 31 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Sharapova pulls out of Olympics

MONTREAL, 1 Aug—Maria Sharapova will miss the Beijing Olympics because of a right shoulder injury.

The three-time Grand Slam singles champion said on her Web site Thursday that an MRI exam and other medical tests showed she has two small tears in tendons in her shoulder.

The right-handed Sharapova pulled out of the WTA tournament in Mon-



Maria Sharapova, of Russia, gets medical treatment to her shoulder in her winning match against Poland's Marta Domachowska during second round action at the Rogers Cup tennis match, on 30 July, 2008 in Montreal.—INTERNET

treah because of the shoulder on Wednesday night — after winning a nearly three-hour match in which she double-faulted a whopping 17 times.

She was examined by a trainer midway through the three-set victory.—*Internet*

"After yesterday's match, I knew there was something seriously wrong with my shoulder," Sharapova said in a posting on her Web site under the headline: "No chance of me competing in Beijing."

The 11-17 Aug Olympic tennis tournament lost another top player earlier Thursday, when 2006 Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus withdrew because of a wrist injury.

Others who won't play in Beijing for various reasons include past Grand Slam singles champions Andy Roddick, Amelie Mauresmo and Mary Pierce.—*Internet*

Capello backs Ronaldinho-Milan partnership

ROME, 1 Aug—England coach Fabio Capello said the acquisition of Ronaldinho has made AC Milan favourites for the Serie A title.

Milan have not been champions of their country since 2004 and last season they finished a dismal fifth - missing out on Champions League qualification - despite winning the World Club Cup.

However, they have bought well over the summer, bringing in Italy international defender Gianluca Zambrotta from Barcelona and box-to-box French midfielder Mathieu Flamini from Arsenal.

But the piece de la resistance was surely the capture of Ronaldinho, whom Capello believes can return to his top form.

"It is lucky for Milan that he is going to the Olympics," Capello said in an interview published in Thursday's Gazzetta dello Sport.—*Internet*

AC Milan's Brazilian forward Ronaldinho gives thumbs-up during his presentation to supporters at San Siro Stadium on 17 July. England coach Fabio Capello said the acquisition of Ronaldinho has made AC Milan favourites for the Serie A title.

INTERNET



City see off plucky part-timers

BARNSELEY (England), 1 Aug — Manchester City reached the second qualifying round of this season's UEFA Cup with a 2-0 win over part-timers EB/Streymsur from the Faroe Islands that gave the Premier League side a 4-0 aggregate victory.

Thursday's win at Barnsley's Oakwell ground ensured City, under new manager Mark Hughes, kept their European campaign going ahead of the start later this month of the English league season.

But it was the part-timers of Streymsur who took most of the plaudits in a match where they didn't let in a goal until after half-time.—*Internet*



Nadia Petrova of Russia returns a ball to Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia in her match on 31 July, 2008 in Montreal.—INTERNET

Real sell Soldado to Getafe

MADRID, 1 Aug — Striker Roberto Soldado has left Real Madrid for top flight Madrid suburbs side Getafe, who unveiled him officially on Thursday.

Soldado, 22, has signed a four-year deal with Getafe paying out four million euros for his services.

Soldado failed to break through in the Real first team last season after returning from a loan period with Osasuna.—*Internet*

Spain, Ecuador sign defence cooperation protocol

MADRID, 1 Aug— Spain and Ecuador signed a defence cooperation protocol here, on Thursday in a bid to boost bilateral ties.

The agreement was signed by Spanish Defence Minister Carme Chacon and her visiting Ecuadorian counterpart Javier Ponce, a Spanish Defence Ministry communique said.

According to the agreement, the two countries will cooperate on a variety of defence issues, including increased exchange of views on defense policy and scientific technology, frequent meetings between weapons and equipment experts, and joint participation in investigation programmes.

The Armed Forces of either country will also exchange information and experience on areas like legal framework, democratic control and organization of the military forces.

The two sides pledged to work for peacekeeping, search and rescue, and humanitarian operations, as well as crisis management and promotion of scientific contacts, the communique said. — MNA/Xinhua

US fires captain of Japan-bound nuclear warship

TOKYO, 1 Aug— The US Navy said it had replaced the captain of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier scheduled for a controversial berth in Japan after blaming him for a fire on board on the warship.

The United States has been trying to allay fears over the planned stationing of the *George Washington* in Japan, the only country to have suffered nuclear attacks.

Doubts about the ship's safety were renewed when a fire broke out on board in May, and the plan has sparked two demonstrations in recent weeks.

US Naval Air Forces said in a statement it had fired commanding officer David C Dykhoff and another officer over the incident and installed Captain JR Haley as the ship's new commander.

MNA/Reuters

Two Canada tobacco Cos fined over contraband sales

OTTAWA, 1 Aug— Canada's two biggest tobacco companies were fined a total of 1.15 billion Canadian dollars (some 1.123 billion US dollars) Thursday for aiding with contraband tobacco sales, government officials said.

This has been the largest amount of such fines in Canadian history, Revenue Minister Gordon O' Connor said at a Press conference in Levis, Quebec.

Imperial Tobacco was issued a fine of 200 million Canadian dollars and will pay up to an additional 400 million of civil payments over the next 15 years, while Rothmans Benson & Hedges was fined 100 million and will pay up to 450 million more in civil payments over the next 10 years.

The companies pleaded guilty to "aiding persons to sell and be in possession of tobacco manufactured in Canada that was not packed and was not stamped in conformity with the Excise Act."

The fines sent a "clear message" to companies that the government is committed to fighting illegal tobacco in Canada. "These represent the largest criminal fines and civil settlements in Canadian history," O'Connor told reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia wipes its California from map

MOSCOW, 1 Aug— California will no longer exist on the Russian map. Russia's north-western region of Nizhny Novgorod has decided to eliminate the tiny village of California due to the lack of inhabitants, ITAR-TASS news agency reported on Thursday.

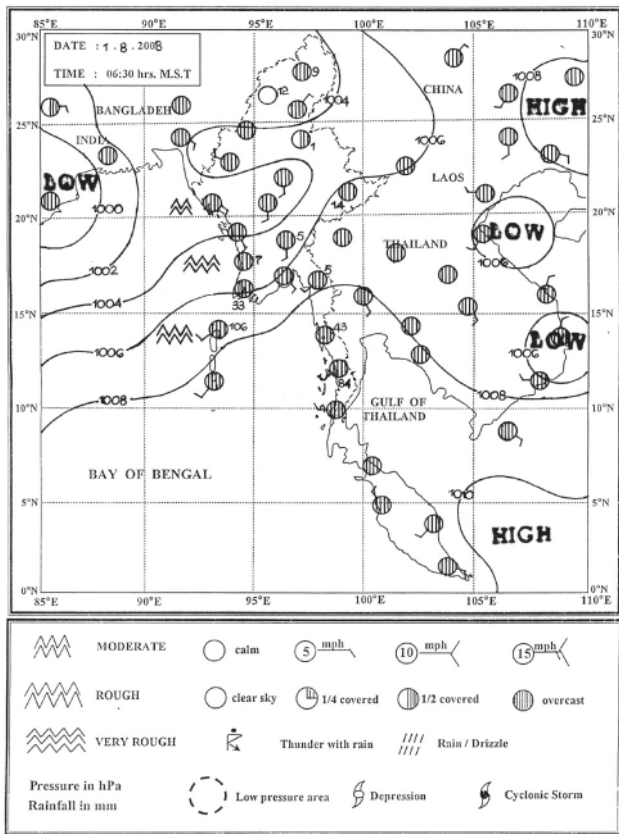
The village was set up in the 19th Century by a Russian landowner as a snub to the government for selling Alaska to the United States in 1867, TASS said.

The once vibrant village has been in decline since the Soviet collapse, with the last of its residents leaving in 2000 to seek better lives elsewhere.

It will now officially cease to exist as a geographical unit but it was unclear if its buildings, including a school, would also be destroyed.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 1 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Shan States and isolated heavy falls in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Naungcho (4.37) inches, Coco Island and Monghsat (4.17) inches each, Myeik (3.38) inches, Thipaw (1.81) inches, Dawei (1.73) inches, Pathein (1.30) inches, Kanbalu (1.02) inches, Moekok (0.75) inch and Chauk (0.71) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-7-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-8-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-8-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 31-7-2008 was (3.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-8-2008 was (Tr) inches at Mingaladon, (Nil) inches at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) 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 (03:30) hours MST on 1-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and scattered in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihoods of increase of rain in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-8-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Saturday, 2 August

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:45 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:05 am

6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am

7. Musical programme

8:30 am

8. Intenational news

8:45 am

9. “ကောင်းခြင်းစေခြာ” (ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ ပိုင်စေရဲထွန်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ ခင်မိုး၊ မိုးအေး၊ ချစ်စန်းဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုအောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်))

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Games for Children

11:50 am

4. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:20 pm

5. Orchard families

1:00 pm

6. “ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ” (Telenatch)

1:40 pm

7. Musical programme

1:55 pm

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:05 pm

9. Dance of national races

2:20 am

10. Musical programme

2:35 pm

11. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:45 pm

12. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:35 pm

4. Song for uphold National Spirit

4:45 pm

5. Musical programme

5:00 pm

6. Games for Children

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

5:35 pm

8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ အလှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:55 pm

12. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးရဲ့ချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၉)

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.

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office Ph: 09 860 1002

2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Matches of Group-D in the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008 continued at the designated venues this afternoon.

At Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Cooperatives Ministry thrashed Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development 5-0. Sports Ministry edged out

Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs 3-0 at Paunglaung Sports Ground. Tomorrow afternoon, Ministry of Finance and Revenue will play against Ministry of Health at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, while Ministry of Religious Affairs will meet Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at Paunglaung Sports Ground.—MNA



USDA members carry out removal of fallen trees and branches at Saluseik village in Labutta Township.— MNA

INSIDE

Minkan Dam of Myaing Township built for contributing to greening and irrigating dry regions

In Pakokku District, efforts are being made for supply of water from 71 dams to five townships. So far, a total of 53 dams out of 71 have been built in the region.

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Agricultural loans disbursed for cultivation of monsoon crops

YANGON, 1 Aug — Myanma Agricultural Development Bank under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has disbursed K 7,397.488 million agricultural loans for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2008 to 109,826 farmers at 12 bank branches in townships of Yangon Division recently. — MNA